

doors ; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is the King of glory?—*Psalm xxiv*—2 *Chron* ch. vi.

### Scripture.

86.—*Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices ; and the glory of the Lord filled the house. And the priests could not enter into the house of the Lord, because the glory of the Lord had filled the Lord's house. And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and praised the Lord, saying, For he is good ; for his mercy endureth for ever*—2 *Chron.* vii, 1-3.

### Masonic.

87.—To most men the end of life is anticipated with horror ; insomuch that thousands of mankind would relinquish the opportunity of gaining an inheritance "incorruptible," in a "better country, even a heavenly," if this life could be immortal. Not so with the truly *good man*. He anticipates, with pleasure, a season of *rest and relief* from mortal labours, when the grosser *implements* of sublunary arts shall be *suspended* in the desolated halls of mortality, that the harp of angels may employ his hands for ever. Then, will there be "no more occasion for Level or Plumb-line, for Trowel or Gavel, for Compass or Square." On the *perfect Level* of eternity, neither *weakness* nor *envy* will jeopardise the good man's bright career ; nor will he need an *emblem of rectitude*, while the example of sister-spirits is ever before him.