

We love society, and happy is it for us we do ; for without this instinct, the welfare of the public, and of individuals could no more be secured, than the inanimate world could be kept together without the great principle of attraction.

As Brethren, then, in one of the first and most honorable communities in the world, let it be said of you, with all truth, as it was once said of the primitive Christians, *See how these Masons love.*—Let, therefore, all malice and envy, and evil speaking, and wrath, and contentions, be, for ever, done away from amongst you ; and be ye kindly affectionate one towards another, with brotherly love, in honor preferring one another.—

As labourers and workmen under the great and grand Architect of the universe, let it be said of you as of the good Nehemiah and his laborious companions, that they worked day and night to rebuild the walls of the holy city :—so work ye, my brethren, not only with scientific skill, but with never-ceasing diligence ; until the grand Temple of your spiritual and eternal Masonry is fully raised to its topmost stone, with shouting of everlasting adoration upon its completion—for its walls shall be adoration, and its gates praise.

Finally, let it be impressed on your minds, let it sink deep into your very hearts, that to love the Brotherhood—to fear God—and to honor the King—are each and all of them such essential

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