

there, my Brethren, may Almighty God, of His infinite mercy, grant that we may all finally meet, to part no more.

The following invocations are then rehearsed by the Master, and responded to by the Brethren.

MASTER.—May we be true and faithful, and may we live and die in love !

RESPONSE.—So mote it be !

MASTER.—May we profess only that which is good, and may we always act in accordance with our professions !

RESPONSE.—So mote it be !

MASTER.—May the Lord bless us and prosper us, and may all our good intentions be crowned with success !

RESPONSE.—So mote it be !

MASTER.—Glory be to God in the highest ! on earth peace and good will toward men !

RESPONSE.—So mote it be, now, henceforth, and forever more. Amen !

The apron is then taken from the coffin and handed to the Master; the coffin is deposited in the grave; and the Master continues:—

This Lambskin, or White Apron, is an emblem of Innocence, and the peculiar badge of a Mason. It is more ancient than the Golden Fleece or