

and favorably to consider, and now fraternally invites, any communication from the Grand Lodge of Canada, or from any of its Lodges in the jurisdiction of Quebec, which may tend to the restoration of unity.

The proposed motion and the amendment thereto were ordered to be printed as soon as possible, for distribution to members of Grand Lodge.

And at 5.30 P.M., Grand Lodge was called off from labor to refreshment, to re-assemble at 7.30 P.M

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 7.30 P.M., the M. W. the Grand Master on the Throne.

R. W. Bro. H. W. Nye, Grand Chaplain, delivered the following discourse:

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec:

I propose, on the present occasion, to direct your attention to two great branches of Masonic duty, viz., to the duty which a Mason owes to God, and that which he owes to his fellow men, and more especially to his brother Masons.

A true Mason *fears*—that is, *reverences, obeys, worships*—God.

Never was a more baseless calumny invented than that which asserted Masonry is hostile to religion. It is true, historically, that Masonry has always manifested a close affinity with religion, and you, my brethren, who have been initiated into its mysteries, know that the very first step on which your feet were planted in seeking admission to the Masonic Temple was—Faith in God. Our great patron, King Solomon, pronounced the “fear of the Lord” to be “the beginning of wisdom,” and Free Masonry recognizes this fact by decreeing that no atheist shall be made a Mason. While tolerant as to religious creeds, and affording a platform on which all sects and parties may meet for purposes alike useful to all, the candidate for *Masonry* must be able to say his “trust is in God,” and to kneel reverently at the Altar on which lies open before him the Holy Bible as the great light on Masonry. The man who has thus knelt, and who can wantonly assail the Holy Scriptures, or treat with contempt the name of wor-

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