

## THE VARIOUS IMPLEMENTS OF MASONRY.

As emblematic of our conduct in life, affords us many useful lessons which we would do well to heed. The Holy Bible is one of the great lights of the craft, one that we cannot fail to follow up if we would be true to our principles, and measure up to the standard required of us. It will guide us in the way of truth, that adorns and strengthens the character of the man. It will guide us in the way of true and abiding happiness, and secure for us an entrance into the Grand Lodge Room on high. "It enriches the memory, it elevates the reason, it enlivens the imagination, it directs the judgment, it moves the affections, it controls the passions, it quickens the conscience, it strengthens the will, it kindles the sacred flame of faith, hope and charity, it purifies, ennobles, sanctifies the whole man, and brings him into a living union with God. It has light for the blind, strength for the weak, food for the hungry, drink for the thirsty; it has a counsel in precept for every sorrow, a balm for every wound; of all the books in the world the bible is the only one of which we never tire, but which we admire and love more and more in proportion as we use it. Like the diamond, it casts its lustre in every direction; like a torch, the more it is shaken the more it shines; like a healing herb, the harder it is pressed the sweeter is its fragrance." The Holy Bible lies open before every member of the Order, and points out the whole duty of man. Walk in this great light that you may reflect honor upon that Order, whose foundation principles are the truths herein revealed.

Then by other emblems we are taught to regulate our actions, our every movement by the principles of morality and virtue; and in our different stations among men and before God, to walk uprightly, circumscribing our desires within proper limits.

We are also directed to move right onward in the way of truth, turning neither to the right nor to the left, and to avoid in our conversation and actions, dissimulation. The earnest student, as he advances in Masonry, may also learn lessons appropriate to the three principle stages in human life, viz:—youth, manhood and age; and if true to these lessons, he may as a Master Mason, "enjoy the happy reflection consequent on a well-spent life, and die in the hope of a glorious immortality." Let all the implements and emblems of Masonry be carefully used and closely studied, and we shall ever and always deserve the title of "good men and true." We will come more fully to understand our duty to God, and to each other; there will indeed be enkindled in our hearts a flame of devotion to God, of brotherly love to each other and charity to all mankind.—*Detroit Freemason.*

## THE FORCE OF EXAMPLE.

It is not necessary to seek far, to trace the benefits arising from a good example. In every phase of life we find instances of success following success, and failure following failure, in such a manner as clearly proves that a man's course in life very materially depends on the groove in which he happens to be placed, or the ruling power he is called upon to obey. So it is with our Lodges. Slovenly members will make a slovenly Lodge, persevering brethren a prosperous one, and enthusiastic Masons a model one. If it is the custom for the rulers of a Lodge to pursue a certain line of Masonic conduct, those who join it will fall into that course, whether it be for good or for the reverse; and if it be the rule for the Lodge to be conducted on a sort of "come what may" principle, its initiates will speedily show that they have no particular interest in Freemasonry. It is almost unreasonable to expect they should have, for they