

original may be translated, brought about by unity. Now, because this unity may possess secrecy, surely it must be allowed that no mystery can be the cause of any material defect to the unity. May it not rather add to its perfection and excellence? Look to the eternal Godhead! Incomprehensible is the mystery of the unity of the three Persons. We cannot understand—it is beyond us, far beyond. One might as well try to hold in the merest shell the waters of the ocean as understand the mystery of the Godhead. But because incomprehensible the cause, are we to condemn the unity? Surely not. Turn to nature; mystery of unity of design, and working arrests us at every step, and we condemn not. So does not the secrecy of our union in any respect authorize those ignorant of the mystery to condemn the brotherhood. This idea of brotherhood! Oh, how vast is the lesson taught us! A lesson not to Masons alone, but to one and all, brethren of one family, bound together by the ties of Sonship—children of God, purchased by the One Blood—members of Christ, guided by the directing power of the One Spirit, whereby we realize our worship and cry Abba Father! But, brethren of the Order, we who at mature age, of our free will, bound ourselves by solemn oaths and obligations at our initiation, know sincerely how deeply should we feel the necessity of loving the brotherhood. If, after this as Masons we are not brethren, as men we are worse than the worst of men. Let me plead with your souls this morning that you show yourselves worthy the name of our Order by a life of good works—for remember we may become Masons, we may boast of its secrecy; its science and its morals; we may put on its regalia with its various colors, we may ornament ourselves with its jewelry—all in vain, all worthless trash if our religion is destitute of love to God and charity to our fellow creatures. If there be not this love of the brethren,

away with Masonic pretensions! They are as tinkling cymbals. And who can wonder that those outside ridicule, condemn sometimes, when it can be said that the Fraternity does not always teach such brotherly love; when instead of being compacted firmly together we are to some extent distant and estranged, there being some who care not much for the progress of Masonry, and who will not exert themselves to aid its onward course, so that it may become a society deeply respected in this our Colony. "Deeply respected!" I fancy I hear, some saying. How can this be as long as Masons blaspheme, as long as Masons are immoral, as long as they are drunkards. Yes! I will still repeat, "deeply respected." Brother Masons, it rests with you, one and all. Each has his work to do. Take the erring brother and lead him gently into a nobler, a purer life, having a care first to cleanse your own souls from sin that with clearness of vision you may behold the speck in your brother's eye. And if, after repeated trials they still are unworthy, away with them from the Order! They do it harm and bring reproach. Ere we part this morning, I call upon you all before the Eternal God, at whose word the foundations of the world were laid, to remember the solemn obligations that are binding upon you as members of the Order, and putting your trust in God through Christ earnestly to strive to obey them even until the solemn hour of death.

Welland Lodge, No. 36, G. R. C., Font Hill, installed by W. Bro. J. O. Emmett; I. P. M., W. Bro. J. O. Emmett; W. M., W. Bro. Joshua Brasford; S. W., Bro. Edward Morris; J. W., Bro. Amos O. Phillips; Treas., Bro. Josiah Ward; Sec., Bro. D. J. McAlpir; Chap. Bro. Rev. Jno. Reynolds; S. D., Bro. Wm. Reece; J. D., Bro. Jacob Clemens; Stewards, Bros. Christopher A. Clarke, Christopher A. Klagger; I. G., Bro. John A. Cryslar; Tyler, Bro. Rich. W. Page; D. of C., Bro. Avery B. Kinsman.