

powerful wind Rhamsin chasing and driving him deep into Hades, till at last the serpent Python slays him and lays him low. The exemplification of fidelity to death would have thus been complete, but those ancient Egyptian philosophers intended to show something more sublime than that virtue, which even the brute creation has in common with men, that tragical ceremony formed only a part of which they intended to show allegorically; they had a clear conception of a future life, and of a just reward and punishment hereafter, and it was that which they intended to exemplify, which they did by causing the powerful Lion with his mighty paw to raise the Sun to the Zenith, to glory, to life everlasting, as a reward for his fidelity.

No, thrice no, we say, our ancient brother is *not* the legend of the third degree, but, thanks, yea, thrice thanks, we say to those of our ancient brethren who invented and composed that beautiful allegory of fidelity to death, of a resurrection from the dead to a just reward and to life everlasting, as exemplified in the grand and sublime degree of a Master Mason. So mote it be.

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THE Philadelphia *Keystone* proposes a Masonic Jubilee in connection with the Centennial Exhibition of next year, to be held in Philadelphia. The suggestion is based on the probability of there being a large attendance of Masons at the exhibition. The idea is a good one, and, no doubt, it will be acted upon.

THE Memphis *Jewel*, for February, gave a portrait of the "Lady Freemason"—Mrs. Aldworth. It is a poor specimen, and by no means so good as one in the Grand Secretary's Office here. The *Keystone* says: "We have always doubted whether she in fact was made a Mason. If she clandestinely saw what she was not entitled to see, she was probably bound not to reveal it, and this was likely the extent of her being a Mason." That is precisely as we understand it; Mrs. Aldworth was made a Mason because she saw more than any other woman ever did, consequently she is the only woman who was ever made a Mason.

PHILADELPHIA is out with another claim to Masonic priority. It has claimed to be the Mother City of Masonry in America, and now boasts that it built the first Masonic Hall in America and the world. We expect its next claim will be to the origin of Masonry.

THE Kentucky *Freemason* and *Masonic Review* have not reached us for months, for what reason we cannot divine, as the CRAFTSMAN has been regularly mailed to them in exchange. The New York *Square*, too, has failed to reach us since the first number. What is the matter?

A MEMBER of an Alabama lodge has been expelled for violating his solemn pledge to a brother. It appears that he was a member of the State Senate and paired off with another member, but voted, notwithstanding. The matter was brought before Grand Lodge, and the erring member expelled, as he certainly ought to be. A brother having the proper respect for the rights and obligations imposed upon every Mason says:

"Taking one view of this case, the action of the Grand Lodge was correct. Any Mason who is so ignorant of what Masonry is as to pledge his 'Masonic word' in a *political* matter, ought to be expelled, whether he violates his word or not. Masonry was never intended to be used for 'political or pecuniary purposes.' Politics are politics; business is business; Masonry is Masonry. We have too much pledging of Masonic faith; too much communicating 'on the square,' and too much mixing Masonry with