

has so long remained in the hands of the stranger.— Though new superstructures have been raised, still the Ancient Foundation has not been shaken. The Ancient Spirit of Masonry has been revived in this our Country, and these our latter days, and now bids fair under the Auspices of our Illustrious Master Builder, His Royal Highness Prince Edward, its most zealous Defender and Protector, to stand the monument of Strength and Beauty to after Ages.

And let me call upon the Brethren whose high privilege it is to enjoy the benefits of Masonry under such a Patron, to preserve and defend it against all its enemies. Let us exhibit the great fundamental of Masonry, as well as of all civil Society, our Love of Order. And above all, let us expose and repel the unfounded and malicious attacks of those from without, who would confound the peaceful innocence of our mysteries with those Clubs and Societies, which in other Countries have been the teeming nurseries of Misrule and Anarchy. Let it be shewn a thing impossible that a Mason can entertain one factious thought, whilst under the happy dependance on English Liberty he enjoys in this country, and would contribute his ALL to the support; (of what even Enemies have proclaimed) the best of Laws, the best Constitution, the best King, and the best Religion in the World.

I must still beg leave to add a few words by way of
exhortation,