

soever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think of these things." In correspondence with these principles, should be the personal qualities of all who aspire to the honor of the Brotherhood; they must possess Religion, Virtue, and Knowledge; these are the pillars which support the fabric of our labours. Every Mason must then acknowledge and worship the Great Supreme; he must build by faith upon the Rock of Eternal Truth: "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." "Honour all men—Love the Brotherhood"—the language of that great Master, St. Peter, beautifully and forcibly expresses a Mason's obligation.

In discharge of his duties to society, the Mason should be diligent and faithful; to be a good citizen, he must obey the laws and respect those put in authority over him; although he knows that all are *free*, yet he is aware that our Heavenly Master has appointed us to different offices and stations in the Great Lodge of the world. He therefore renders "honour to whom honour is due," as all equally fill the places for which they are designed.

As it respects his private relations, he should regulate his conduct by the square, the level and the plumb; then he will be a good son, a good husband, a good parent, a good neighbour, and an honest man. He will abstain from those debilitating vices that disqualify him from performing his work with alacrity and vigour; the calls of Benevolence will find him ready to relieve the indigent, according to his means; for he should recollect that our wise Master, King Solomon, says, "Whosoever stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself and not be heard."

But I have detained you too long in my zeal to vindicate our Order from unjust aspersions; I think, however, although in an imperfect manner, I must have satisfied the unprejudiced inquirer after truth, that the great tendency of Masonry is to "raise the genius and to mend the heart."

Brethren, Ladies, &c.,

I have only remaining to express my best wishes for the prosperity of you all; and in the words of our departed Brother bard say,—

"May freedom, harmony and love,
Unite you in the grand design;
Beneath the Omniscient eye above,
The glorious Architect Divine.

"That you may keep the *unerring line*,
Still rising by the *plummet's* law;
Till order bright completely shine,
Shall be my prayer, tho' far awa."