

and love of humanity, to such a crown upon the efforts of his life? What good man desires to be forgotten? Believe me, my brothers, this is the unseen logic of our mystic Brotherhood, and is the silent counsellor of all that is good and fraternal in our actions. The Mason who is thoroughly imbued with the teachings of our Order loves not only his brother, but mankind. His designs are not alone for self and fellow-craftsmen, but for all who worship in God's temple. And in the successful structure of his work he looks beyond its present beauty into the far off coming time, with confident hope that through the continued works of faith and charity one universal Brotherhood shall prevail, acknowledging with one acclaim the wisdom, beauty and strength of the designs of the Supreme Architect. To that end is his labor, and so when his prescribed work is done he is ready to meet his Master, contented to leave with his brethren the merit of his craft and the measure of his work. Such a Mason fears not death. What is death? He is the messenger who comes to check life in its pride, to stay its joys, to bridle its ambition, to mark the progress of its ages, and to number its sacrifices to neglect and crime. He is the herald who proclaims that whilst pleasure and affection have an end, yet there are limits beyond which wrong and oppression cannot go. He is the monitor who teaches that whilst all earth is full of sorrow, yet under his yoke those who would know the realms of eternal happiness must pass. We, as individuals, recognize in this messenger one who comes to rob us of parent, child, loved ones and friends, who comes to clothe the living in sable and bathe them in tears, to create the widow and orphans, and to swell the ranks of the needy and the helpless, with grief and sorrow following in its train, and weeping and mourning in his footsteps. Let but his mark appear upon the lintel of our doors, and it doth give dreadful pause to all the resolves and purposes of life. And yet he comes and removes our dear ones, and we number them with the dead. But should we sorrow as if this were all those we had loved? as if his coming was dissolution? as if there was no more of life? Such, brethren, is not our faith; it is rather the faith of him who sang:

There is no death! The stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore,
And bright in Heaven's jeweled crown
They shine forevermore.

It is said that every word spoken and every deed done is recorded. Without now speaking of the volume to be opened in the great hereafter, when eternal life is given to see and hear it, yet may we not ask if the record is not here in this life seen and read? Do not the

Lives of great men all remind us:
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time?

Our last honors are now paid to the dead, but the life he left us is here to admonish us by its speech that want and suffering have not died; that the widow and the orphan remain; that man hath yet need for charity; that oppression and wrong doth yet hold their carnivals; that the vigils of liberty and right doth yet demand the constancy of their watchman.

JURISPRUDENCE.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

J. N. A., Ont.—(1.) Is a Brother who is only an Entered Apprentice, a member of the Lodge in which he has been initiated? (2.) Is he entitled to vote on questions before the Lodge when it is opened in first degree?

(1.) The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, Sec. 197, declares that "Every candidate initiated in a private Lodge becomes a member thereof from the date of his initiation and is liable for the regular lodge dues." Section 126 provides that "Every brother shall also sign them (the By-Laws) when he becomes a member of the Lodge, as a declaration of his submission to them." Sec. 228 affirms that "Every candidate shall, on his initiation, solemnly promise to submit to the constitution and" * * * "he must sign the By-Laws of the Lodge," &c. Sec. 30 says "An affiliated Mason shall mean a brother who is a member of a private Lodge." In the appendix, page 4, the last paragraph of Sec. 1 reads: "Newly initiated candidates are required to sign the By-Laws on the night of initiation as an evidence of their membership and willingness of obedience to same." Other provi-