

with solemn eloquence that great truth which is too little heeded, but which underlies and terminates all the vanities, all the circumstances of life; it tells of the end of all that live—how all the distinctions of life are leveled; how the rich and the poor, the proud and the humble, sleep together. The king with his crown; the warrior with his banner and spear; the wise in his wisdom and the fool in his folly; they are all there, nor have they part or lot in all that is done beneath the skies. In a few more years at most you shall be with them—your voice shall be as silent, your arm powerless as theirs. Then all that shall remain of you on earth will be the good or evil you have done. If you have done your duty, your name shall be embalmed in many hearts, and your examples exert an influence on others yet unborn; but if you prove recreant to your duty, your name shall be despised.

Another thing may require a little explanation. Moses was the voice or agent of God in the olden time, he was the oracle of truth—so should you be—your words, like his, should be true words. Never be swerved from this duty by any temptation. To speak the truth in love is the cardinal distinction of a good Odd Fellow. As to your Brothers of this Order, feel that you are authorized by the high position you now occupy to correct their errors and irregularities. As to your brothers of the human race, be true everywhere and to all.

Thus should you manifest the attention you have