

dark, and the knell of low-twelve is sounding in our ears, though our brother's mangled body is lying covered only by the rubbish of the temple; though our loving hands remove him from the grave where he was "indecently interred," and the evidence of our nostrils gives unmistakable evidence of physical dissolution, we know that all is well with him, for the G. A. O. T. U. has taken him by the hand, and raised him to take his place in another lodge—a real lodge of Perfection—where he is surrounded by the dear ones who have preceded him there, and where he awaits the arrival of those whom he dearly loved and by whom he was dearly loved, with perfect confidence, for he knows the Truth. He has found the Master Mason's Word.

Thus, my brethren, I conclude the task, by your courtesy entrusted to me, and by me ambitiously entitled the "Plan of Freemasonry." I have been compelled, owing to the exigencies of a short lecture, to omit many matters of importance and interest. I have collected proofs of my statements, from our symbolism, but I am forced to leave them out, first from want of time, and, secondly, because their insertion would have interfered with the more or less consecutive thoughts which I have tried to express. I have also refrained from mentioning the obligations, not from disrespect for them, but because they have been, already, so ably dealt with, before this Club, by R. W. Bro. Wm. Burns. What I have said to you is, I am painfully conscious, unworthy of the importance of the subject. But I have done my best under discouraging conditions, and I shall be content if anything I have laid before you has struck a responsive chord in your hearts; or if it should lead any of you to form a loftier idea of the "dignity and high importance" of our beloved Craft.