

For THE CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN.

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BY A LADY.

Grand Lodge will meet anon. High noon is here;

To old and fam'd Quebec, from far and near,

Have come a goodly show of Brothers: With laugh and jest, and great good-will they greet,

Happy now each one; full sure some friend he'll meet,

And with him, learn to know the others.

Assembled now in Hall, some thoughtful scene,

Perhaps Ambition whispers, for e'en here I ween,

As all are mortal, a place she'll find, The only female who'd dare to enter there; Ah, Brothers! shun her gaze, she's far from fair, [blind.

To her indeed 'twere well you all were

But hush! the Master in the East appears, The Master now for length of nine long years;

All forward bend, silence reigns supreme, As he with gentle courtesy begins his speech,

His first pure words are for the God of each, Thoughts for those dead, blessings on the Queen.

And then he passes on to speak of things Pertaining to the Craft; to light he brings

Many noble works of the past year; None are forgotten, all are made to feel Their efforts good; tho' they did but heal Some silly strife, a work that Christ holds dear.

His country's fame he longs to see increase, But urges that with all, we live in peace,

Tho' not in any forced humility, For all, their dignity must well maintain; No abject service mar Masonic fame, And thus impair its great utility.

The speech is closing, Brothers, still he stands

The Master; his gavel still in hands That wield it ably. Ah, who so meet?

A few deep words of love, he needs must say

Unto the Brethren, and from his heart will pray

Blessing: on him who'll take his vacant seat.

Now solemnly the ensign is laid by, The Master is no more,—some gently sigh

As tho' they'd say, "Our King is dead!" Not so, my Brothers, he but rests awhile,

His works are living on Time's mighty file, And he can know who follows in his stead.

The ballot now begins, each writes a name, Ambition, silly fool, hopes much for fame, And scarce hides her head, so eager she; But soon she slinks away, and gladly ring The Brothers' voices, they cry, the King, The King, "long live the King."—So mote it be.

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Dwells, within the soul of every artist More than all his efforts can express: And he knows the best remains unuttered, Sighing at what we call his success.

And the more devoutly that he listens, And the holier message that is sent, Still the more his soul must struggle vainly, Bowe a death a noble discontent.

No great thinker ever lived and taught you All the wonder that his soul received; No true painter ever set on canvas All the glorious visions he conceived.

No musician ever held your spirit Charmed and bound in his melodious chains; But be sure he heard, and strove to render Feeble echoes of celestial strains.

No real poet ever wove in numbers All his dream; but the diviner part, Hidden from all the world, spoke to him only In the voiceless silence of his heart.

So with Love; for Love and Art, united, Are twin mysteries, different, yet the same.

Poor indeed would be the love of any Who could find its full and perfect name.

Love may strive, but vain is the endeavor All its boundless riches to unfold— Still the tenderest, truest, secret lingers Even in the deepest depths untold.

Things of Time have voices, speak and perish— Art and Love speak, but their words must be

Like sighings of illimitable forests, And waves of an unfathomable sea.

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