

"THE LAMBSKIN."

"The lambskin or white leather apron," says the Monitor, "is the badge of a Mason, and the first gift bestowed by the Master upon the newly initiated Apprentice. The apron is worn by operative Masons, to preserve their garments from spot or stain. But we, as speculative Masons, use it for a more noble purpose. *By the whiteness of its color, and the innocence of the animal from which it is obtained, we are admonished to preserve that blameless purity of life and conduct, which will alone enable us hereafter to present ourselves before the Grand Master of the Universe, unstained with sin and unsullied with vice.*"

We reproduce this eloquent and instructive lesson of the "lambskin," especially to call attention to and emphasize what above is printed in italics!

We witnessed, not long ago, the presentation to an initiate of what purported to be a "lambskin or white leather apron," but from its actual color, no one would ever have imagined it to be such.

From the unavoidable smile which appeared on the face of the intelligent initiate, it was quite evident that something quite different from the lesson which is intended to be inculcated, was impressed upon his memory!

Brethren, such things should not be in a lodge of Freemasons. Let a necessary number of pure white lambskin aprons be at once procured and carefully preserved for proper use!

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

It is a remarkable fact that while Grand Lodges generally have efficient Finance Committees, so few have like Library Committees, whose important duties would be annually or semi-annually, carefully to examine the state of the Library, its care, management, &c., &c.—and whose duty it would also be to inspect the Grand Secretary's office, the condition of the books, records, papers and the like,—the manner of keeping and preserving the same, and to confer and advise with the Grand Secretary—Librarian, and make due report thereof annually to Grand Lodge.

The duties of few other Grand Lodge Committees are more necessary or more important, or would contribute more to the present and future benefit of the Grand Lodge, or other Grand Bodies.

We sincerely trust that having thus fraternally and emphatically called thereto the attention of Grand Masters, Grand First Principals, the Sovereign Great Prior, the Sovereign Grand Commander, &c., that not another Annual Assembly will pass by without their submitting this very important matter for the consideration of the brethren, in order that the necessary action may forthwith be taken.

Few matters pertaining to the internal economy and management of Grand Bodies of Freemasons, are of greater importance than the foregoing.

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