

for his dress and furs. An indenture dated 1st April, 1395, is still extant which contains Yeveley's contract for erecting the "tomb of fine marble" still remaining in Westminster Abbey, which was then undertaken to commemorate the reigning Sovereign and his Queen, Anne daughter of the Emperor of Germany, then recently deceased. The indenture is made between the King on the one part and Henri Yeveley, and Stephen Lote, citizens and Masons, on the other. Yeveley's will is dated 25th May, 1 Henry IV., and Stephen Lote was an executor. Yeveley died in 1400. William of Wykeham was "magister operum" at Windsor Castel in the reign of Edward III. In the compotus of payments, in 1429, of the Cathedral of Canterbury, the names of the Masters, wardens, and Masons are all recited. In 1444 John Wastell and Henry Semerk were Master-Masons of Kings College. In 1480 and in 1499 Edward Seamer or Semerk was Master-Mason of St. George's Chapel, Windsor; wages one shilling a day. From 1500 to 1506 John Cole is Master-Mason at the tower and spire of Louth, Lincolnshire. These instances, collected from authentic records, could be multiplied to a considerable extent if space could be allowed for the detail.

As there is but one Masonry, it is asked, why have it divided and sub-divided into so many degrees. Freemasonry is a moral science. It introduces the mind to the sublime lessons of symbols. And as it is a life long study, there must be the first lesson or design. And but few, comparatively speaking, go into a thorough investigation of the first degree.

Men are initiated, and step by step they need to have communicated to them lessons of truth. And as the degrees are illustrative of the stages of life, it requires time, experience, patience and perseverance to learn the true meaning of the sublime wisdom displayed in the designs upon the tracing-board. The successive steps, are so many degrees which bring additional rays of moral light. These degrees are given to the neophyte, and as he makes proficiency, he is allowed to go on at due periods.

There is much haste manifested by most who are introduced to the mysteries of the Fraternity. There is a great anxiety to get through. It would be much better for the Institution if more time was spent, not only to learn the esoteric lessons of Masonry, but to know what the esoteric means in the exoteric. There is not anything but has its symbolic meaning, and that is the most beneficial and needful to the student.

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