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MYSTIC CHORD,

A COLLECTION OF

Masonic Odes and Melodies

FOR THE

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OF THE

FRATERNITY,

TO WHICH IS ADDED A

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11:3 1897 We have carefully examined the MYSTIO CHORD, published by Bro. CHESTER W. MABIE, and take pleasure in recommending it to the favorable notice of the Craft, as a valuable addition to the various text books in use in Masonic bodies. We are pleased with the judgment, taste, and skill evinced in the arrangement of the various melodies contained in his book, and believe that it will supply a want that has long been felt, by members of the Fraternity, because the book has been prepared especially to accommodate mixed voices—in large assemblies. The melodies are flowing and grace. ful, are written within the compass of any voice, and are easily learned.

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PREFACE.

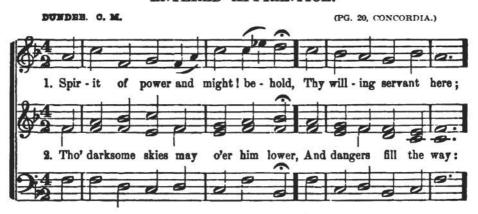
Contemplating the general associations of man, it is remarkable how few of their gatherings are brought to a successful issue without the accompaniment of Music; on almost all the occasions that invite him from the busy world of Art, Commerce or Industry, or from the home of his family to join in other than the most ordinary of his pursuits. Music forms a part, at least, and in many instances a principal feature of his social enjoyments; there is nothing that arouses the passions, elevates the soul, and exalts man, stimulating him to greater moral attainments than this force—Music—the science of harmonious sounds appealing alike to the better nature of humanity whereever it be, the magnificent echoes of the thunder of the Great Architect rolling thro' space, or the plaintive air, for aid from those dependent, the power of Music over the mind for good has never been defined, for it is of itself immeasurable; divested of it, a Nation or a Church, have nothing but the very nakedness of a people, or crude religion, without beauty or grace. Masonry whose ideal empire is founded on the good of man, to his fellow cannot hide the formality of its ritual but by bringing to its aid this poetic outpouring of the soul.

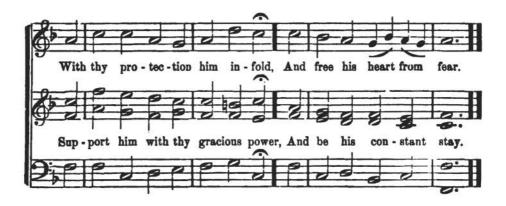
In presenting the Mysrc Chord, to the fraternity, the Author feels that it is no novelty, no innovation, but a time honored custom in most if not all Lodges having facilities, and from a close observation of the wants, has taken pains to cull from many flowers those only having fragrance and adaptability to the special use intended. As a creative of that moral which all admit is so essential a feature in our rites and ceremonies the memory of which still rings in the ears of those devotees who proudly rejoice in the name of Mason, to the craft, this work is humbly dedicated, in the faith that it will meet the wants of many, and be received in a fraternal spirit by all who believe that the strength and support of the Masonic Institution is Peace and Harmony.

The favor with which the Mysric Chone has been received, and the recognition by the Craft of its general adaptability to the use of Lodges has emboldened the author to issue the second edition; in presenting which it is confidently hoped that the same generous patronage awarded to the work, will be merited, and extended to the present carefully revised and enlarged edition

The Myskir Chord.

ENTERED APPRENTICE.





2.

Master Mason,

- Teach me the measure of my days, Thou maker of my frame;
 I would survey life's narrow space, And learn how frail I am.
- 2 A span is all that we can boast, How short the fleeting time! Man is but vanity and dust, In all his flower and prime.

ENTERED APPRENTICEL



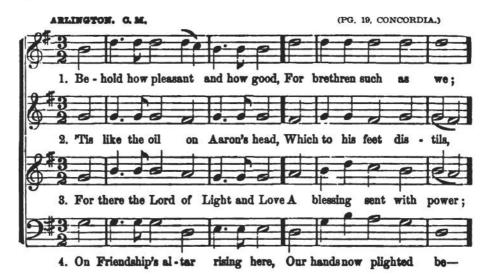
ENTERED APPRENTICE.



5

Fellow Oraft.

- O, welcome, brother, to our band, Though strong its numbers now, And high its lofty pillars stand, And noble arches bow.
- 2 O, welcome if thy heart be true, Thou'lt find with us a home;
- We're daily adding columns new Unto our glorious dome.
- 8 Now let our heartfelt prayers arise, For blessings on his brow, And bear our offerings to the skies, For him who joins us now.





Closing.

(PG. 8, CONCORDIA.)

- Now we must close our labors here,
 Though sad it is to part;
 May Love, Relief, and Truth sincere,
 Unite each brother's heart
- 2 Now to our homes let's haste away, Still filled with love and light; And may each heart, in kindness say. Good night, brother, good night.



Olosing.

- 1 As from this place we go once more, Thy blessing, Father, we implore; Still may we keep the heavenly way, And try to serve thee day by day.
- 2 And 'till again we gather here, Help us to labor in thy fear; Thy Truth impart, thy love distil, That we may know and do thy will.



Entered Apprentice.

(PG. 20, CONCORDIA.)

- 1 While journeying on our homeward way, By love fraternal gently led, Supreme Conductor! Thee we pray To smooth the dangerous path we tread.
- No fear shall cross the trusting heart, Our faith reposed on him above;
- No dearer joy can life impart
 Than gently breathes in words of love.
- When earthly ties shall fade and die, When earthly joys shall come no more, Supreme Conductor! then supply Thy holy aid, when time is o'er.



Master Mason.

(PG. 24, CONCORDIA.)

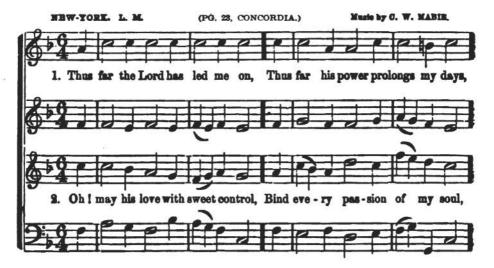
- 1 Few are thy days and full of woe, Oh, man, of woman born! Thy doom is written, "Dust thou art, And shalt to dust return"
- 2 Determined are the days that fly, Successive o'er thy head; The numbered hour is on the wing, Which lays thee with the dead.

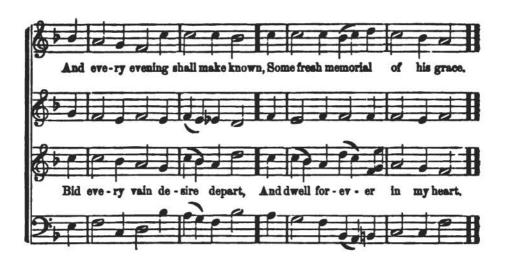




Opening.

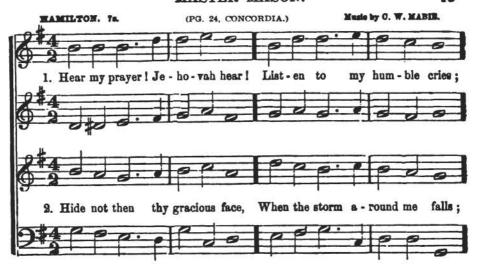
- Heavenly Father, deign to bless us, Lead our every thought above,
 Let no earthly care oppress us,
 May we all be fill'd with love.
- 2 Let no jarring thought divide us, Sweetest harmony be ours: Wisdom's richest feast provide us, As we pass these happy hours.

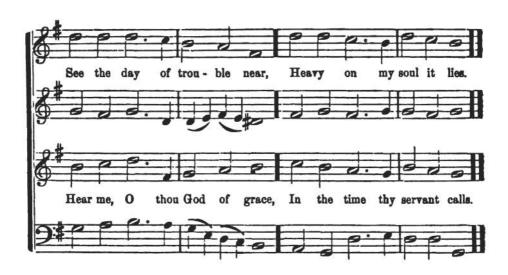




Closing.

- Come, brothers, ere to-night we part, Join every voice and every heart;
 One solemn hymn to God we'll raise,
 One closing song of grateful praise.
- 2 Here, brothers, we may meet no more, But there is yet a happier shore; And there, released from toil and pain Dear brothers, we shall meet again.

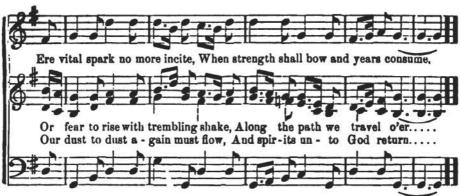




Closing.

- 1 Heavenly Parent! ere we part, Send thy blessing to each heart; Make us loving, true, and kind; Make us one in heart and mind.
- 2 May we for each other care; Each his Brother's burden bear: Fill our souls with love divine; Keep us, Lord, forever thine.

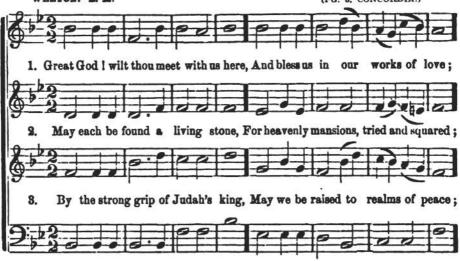


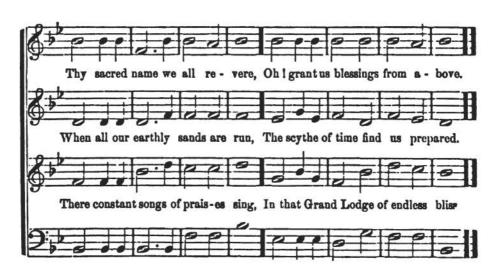




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(PG. 8, CONCORDIA.)





25.

Opening.

1 Great God, behold before thy throne,
A band of brothers lowly bend;
Thy sacred Name we humbly own,
And pray that thou wilt be our friend.

2 A band of brothers may we live, A band of brothers may we die; To each may God, our Father, give A home of peace above the sky.



Installation.

(PG. 27, CONCORDIA.)

- 1 Let Mason's ever live in love; Let harmony their blessings prove; And be the sacred Lodge—the place, Where freedom smiles in every face.
- 2 Behold the world all in amaze, Each curious eye with transport gaze;

They look, they like, they wish to be, What none can gain, except he's free

Let Mason's then, with watchful eye, Regard the works of Charity; Let Union, Love, and Friendship meet, And show that Wisdom's ways are sweet.

MASTER MASON.



29

Anniversary Ode.

(PG. 81, CONCORDIA.)

- 1 Hail! Masonry, thou craft divine! Come, brethren, let us cheerful join, To celebrate this happy day, And homage to our Master pay.
- 2 Next sing, my muse, our Warden's praise, With chorus loud. in tuneful lays;
- Oh! may these columns ne'er decay, Until the world, dissolves away.
- 3 Come, Brethren, cheerful join with me To sing the praise of Masonry; The noble, faithful, and the brave, Whose Art shall live beyond the grav

LORD WE COME BEFORE THEE NOW.





32 Opening.

- 1 Softly now the light of day Fades upon our sight away; Free from care, from labor free, Lord, we would commune with thee.
- Soon for us the light of day Shall forever pass away; Then from care and sorrow free, Take us, Lord, to dwell with thee.

33 Opening or Closing.

- 1 Holy Spirit, from on high, Bend o'er us a pitying eye; Life and peace to us impart; Dwell thyself in every heart.
- 2 May we constant grow in grace, And with vigor run the race, Trained in wisdom, led by love, Till we reach our rest above.



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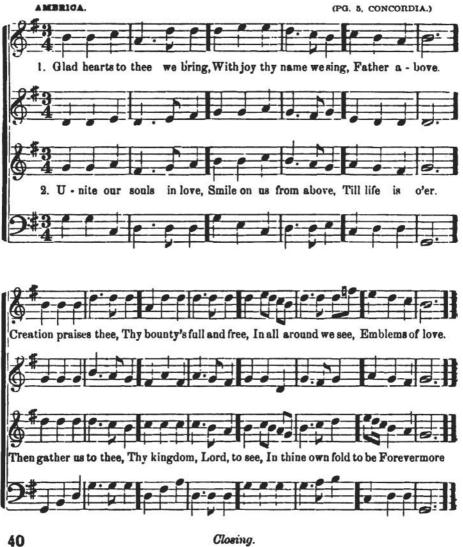


NOW WHILE EVENING SHADES ARE FALLING.





OPENING HYMN.



1 Spirit of truth and love, Descending from above, Our hearts inflame; Till Masonry's control, Shall build in one the whole, A Temple of the soul To thy great Name.

2 When our last labor's o'er. And scenes of life no more Charm our frail sight; Then in God's holy care, May each protection share, Bliss find unending there, In perfect light.

Words by G. W. CHASE. Music by C. W. MABIE. 1. How sweet when shades of e - ven Steal o'er the hill and plain; When the up - on the le - vel, What e'er the name we bear; 8. Here Love, like sun of summer, Im - parts both light and heat; There's moon lights up the heaven; To meet in peace a - gain; To meet in peace again, A when complete our labor, We part upon the square, We part upon the square, Like not where'er we wander, An - other place so sweet, An - other place so sweet, Nor mong th'Accepted free: Oh, the happiness, dear brother, To meet with such as thee. brothers true and free: Oh, the happiness, dear brother, To meet with such as thee. hearts so true and free: Oh, the happiness, dear bother, To meet with such as thee.



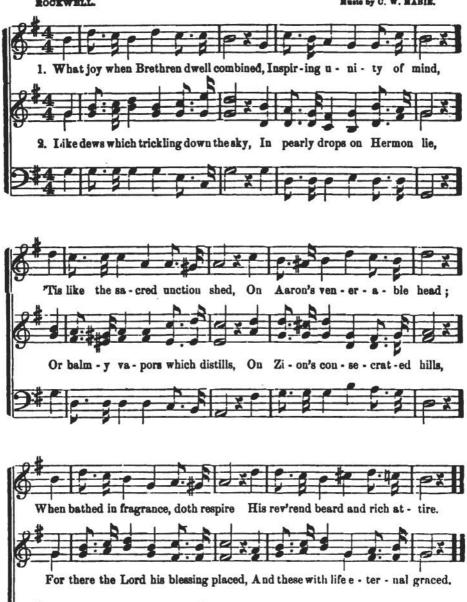
\$2 COME BROTHERS OF THE PLUMB AND SQUARE.



WHAT JOY WHEN BRETHREN DWELL COMBINED. \$\$

ROCEWELL

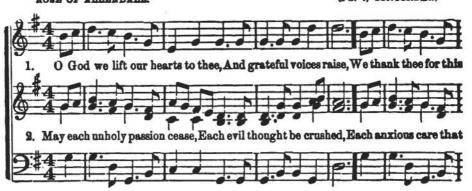
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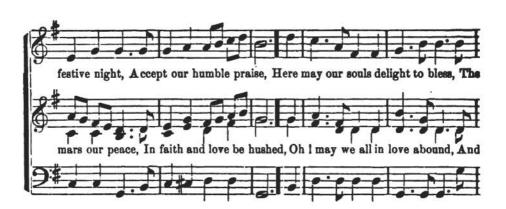


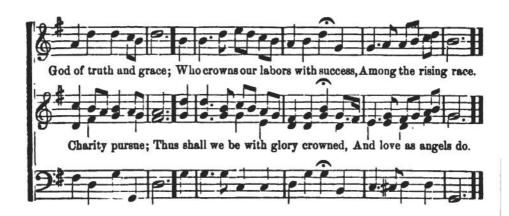
34 O GOD WE LIFT OUR HEARTS TO THEE.

ROSE OF ALLENDALE.

(PG. 7, CONCORDIA.)











Closing.

- 1 Lo! the day of rest declineth,
 Gather fast the shades of night;
 Yet the sun that ever shineth,
 Fills our souls with heavenly light.
- While thine ear of love addressing, Thus our parting hymn we sing, Father, with thine evening blessing, Rest we safe beneath thy wing.



Human hearts to heavenly rest.

Rest we safe beneath thy wing.

Music by C. W. MABIE.



FAREWELL.

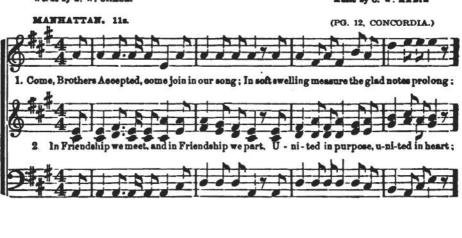


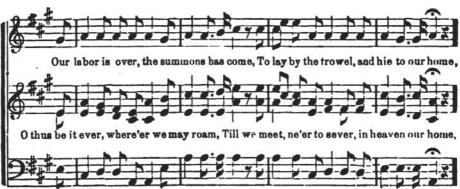


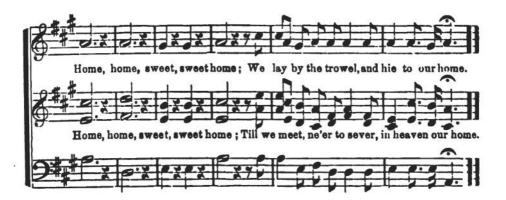
COME, BROTHERS ACCEPTED.

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Music by C. W. MABIE





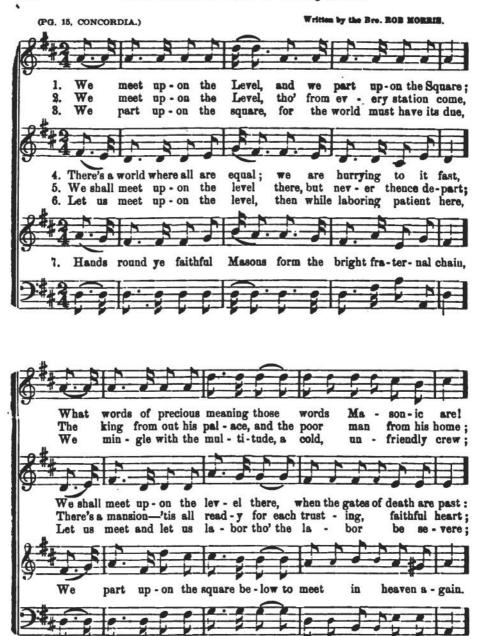


AS THE EVENING SHADES DESCENDING.











SCOTS WHA HAR.

(PG. 18, CONCORDIA.)

Words by G. W. CHASE.



Far above you asure skies.

Music by C. W. MABIE. OASE. 80 & 76. Now our festive joys are ending, And we all again must part; Ere we go our voices
 Let us each the lessons heeding, Of this holy festal time; Strive by earnest prayer and Let us here in union strong; Vow we will not live de-8. Now farewell! but ere retreating, Give the tribute of the heart; Offer thanks with grateful feeling, For our To possess the truth sublime; Truth that kindles like the shining Of the All that prompts to turn from wrong; Then at last on high ascending, Shall our father's love and grace, For the truths like plants of healing. For the wounds of all our race. stars when eve sets in, Truth far better for di - vining, Than the rods and charts of men.

anthems joyous rise. With an - gelic voices blending,



58

Closing.

- 1 Softly now the light of day
 Fades upon our sight away;
 Free from care, from labor free,
 Lord, we would commune with thee.
- 2 Soon for us the light of day Shall forever pass away; Then, from care and sorrow free, Take us. Lord, to dwell with thee.

59

Closing.

- 1 Brothers, ere to-night we part,
 Join each voice and every heart;
 Grateful songs to God we'll raise,
 Hymning forth our songs of praise
- 2 Brothers, we may meet no more, Yet there is a happier shore; Where released from toil and pain, Brothers we shall meet again.







60.

Hymn for Installation.

(PG. 28, CONCORDIA.)

- 1 Unto thee, Great God, belong Mystic rites, and sacred song; Lowly bending at thy shrine, Hall, thou Majesty divine!
- 2 Glorious Architect, above, Source of Light, and source of Love; Here thy light and love prevail, Hail! Almighty Master, hail!
- 3 Still to us, O God! dispense Thy divine benevolence;

- Teach the tender tear to flow, Melting at a brother's woe.
- 4 Heavenly Father, grant that we, Blest with boundless charity To th' admiring world may prove, Happy they who dwell in Love.
- 5 Join, oh earth; and as you roll, East to West, from pole to pole, Lift to him your grateful lays, Join the universal praise





1 What sounds of grief, in sadness, tell A Brother's earthly doom, No more in life's fair scenes to dwell, A tenant of the tomb.

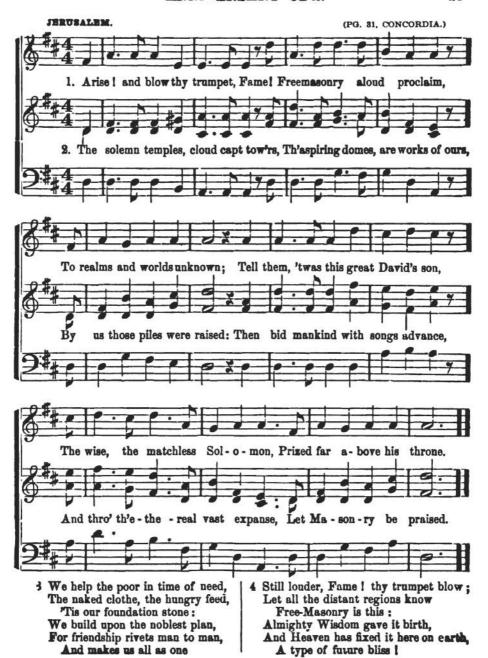
No more the friendly hand now pressed; 4 Then bring to Him, whose only care No gently whispered word: He finds a long, unbroken rest, Where rules his Heavenly Lord

- 3 All earthly joys and sorrows o'er, Each changing hope or fear ; He sees the light of that fair shore Without a sigh or tear.
- That better temple forms, Our wish that all may gather there. Beyond life's coming storms.

CORNER STONE.



- 8 Round the spot may Plenty reign,—
 Peace, with spirit all benign;
 Unity, the golden three—
 Here their influence ever be,
 Lord, these jewels of Thy store,
 Send them bounteous, flowing o'er.
- 4 Round the spot where now we stand, Soon will stand another band; We to other worlds must go, Called by Him we trust below. Lord, thy spirit grant, that they, All thy counsel may obey.







68.

Hymn for Consecration.

(PG. 38, CONCORDIA.)

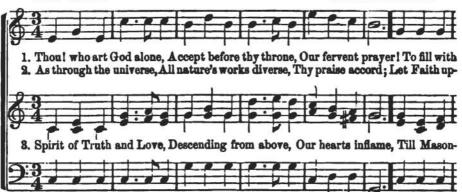
- Master Supreme! scoept our praise; Still bless this consecrated band; Parent of Light! illume our ways, And guide us by thy sovereign hand.
- May Faith, Hopo, Charity, divine, Here hold their undivided reign.
 Friendship and Harmony combine
 To southe our cares, and banish pain.
- 8 May Wisdom here disciples find, Beauty unfold her thousand charms; Science invigorate the mind, Expand the soul that virtue warms.
- 4 May Pity dwell within each breast Relief attend the suffering poor; Thousands by this, our Lodge, be blest, Till worth, distrest, shall want no more

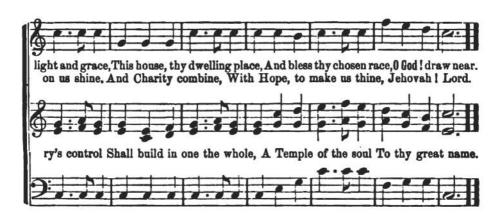
DEDICATION.



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(PG. 85, CONCORDIA.)





71.

Laying Foundation Stone.

(PG. 86, CONCORDIA.)

- 1 Let Msson's fame resound
 Through all the nations round,
 From pole to pole;
 See what felicity,
 Harmless simplicity,
 Like electricity,
 Runs through the whole.
- When in the Lodge we're met, And in due order set, Happy are we:

Faith, Hope, and Charity, Love and Sincerity, Friendship and Unity, Are ever free.

8 Long may our Craft be free,
And may they ever be
Great, as of yore:
For many ages past
Masonry has stood fast,
And may its glory last
Till time's no more.

Opening Ode. Amirman



Installation Ode.



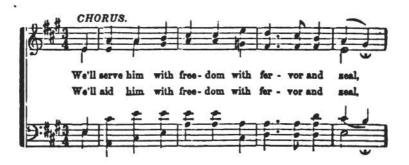
- 1. Be hold! in the East our new mas-ter ap pear, Come
- 2. In the West see the war den with le vel in hand, The
- 8. In the South see the war den by plumb stand up right, Whe

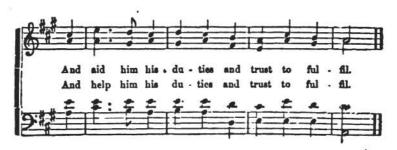


broth - ere, we'll greet him with hearts all sin - eere.

mas - ter to aid and o - bey his com - mand.

watch - es the sun and takes note of his flight.







COME LET US JOIN IN CHEERFUL SONG. CONCLUDED. 68

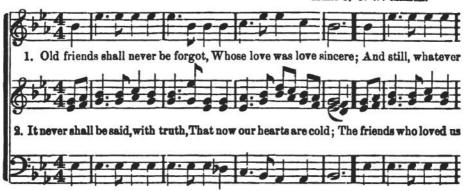


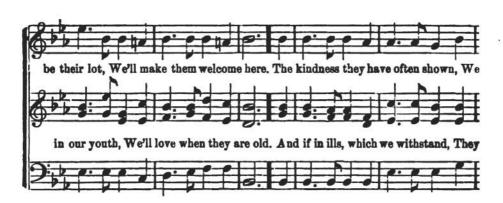


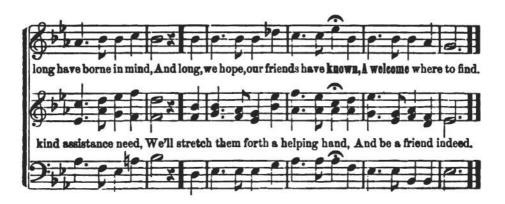




Music by C. W. MABIE.









72 Entered Apprentice.

- 1 While thee I seek, protecting Power!

 Be my vain wishes stilled;

 And may this consecrated hour

 With better hopes be filled.
- 2 In every joy that crowns my days, In every pain I bear, My heart shall find delight in praise, Or seek relief in prayer.

3 Fellow Craft.

- Happy is he who trusts the Lord, And follows his commands;
 Who lends the poor without reward, Or gives with liberal hands.
- 2 As pity dwells within his breast, To all the sons of need, So God shall answer his request, With blessings on his seed.



74 Fellow Craft.

- 1 Our vows, our prayers, we now present, Before thy throne of grace: God of our fathers! be the God Of their succeeding race.
- S Oh! spread thy covering wings around, Till all our wanderings cease, And, at our Father's loved abode, Our souls arrive in peace.

5 Master Mason.

- 1 Few are thy days, and full of woe,
 O man, of woman born;
 Thy doom is written, "Dust thou art,
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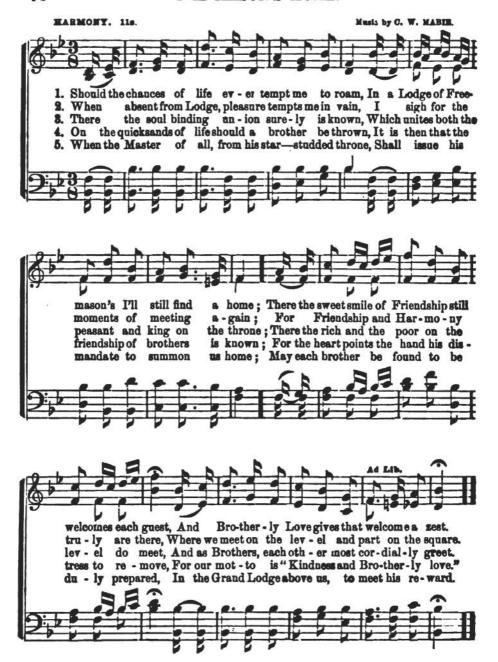


Words by Bro. C. MOORE. Music by C W. MABIE. All hail! the twenty-fourth of June, A - noth -er year has flown, And on our al-tar On this, anoth -er festive day, We meet as oft of yore, And tell of mystic On this, anoth-er festive day, How sad the thought on memory's page, That some who once were here, Have no place now but
 Then hall the twenty-fourth of June, Its memories all are dear; And oft on festive glimmers yet, The Light which long has shone, Our brethren! ye are welcome here, A la - bors done, On mountain vale and shore, Of future work we yet may do, Ere in our hearts, They've reached a higher sphere; But Hope points on to future years, When, days like this, Through many a passing year, We'll meet and grasp each other's hands, Ere truth-ful, noble band; We're one in mystic bonds to day, We're one in heart and hand. we are gathered home. To hear from our Great Master's lips, The welcome words-" well done." all our works complete, The true, and tried and loved of earth. To - geth -er all shall meet. yet our work is done, And, round our alters, clo-ser draw, The bonds which make us one.

72 FRIENDS AND BROTHERS SWELL THE SONG.











Opening.

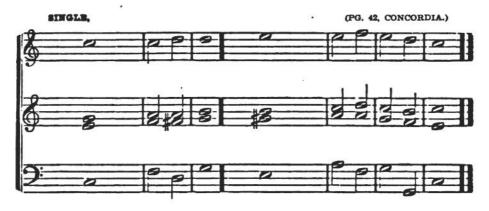
Kind Father! hear our prayer,—we bow be-| fore thy | throne; || O may we find acceptance there, And | peace be-| fore un-|known, || Within these walls may Peace and | Harmony be | found; || May Faith and Charity increase, and | Hope and | Love a-| bound. ||

Opening.

Let songs of grateful praise, from every | Lodge a-| rise;||
Let every heart its tribute raise to | God who | rules the |skies,||
His mercy and his love are boundless | as His | name;||
And all eternity shall prove his | truth re-| mains the | same.||

Opening.

Blest are the sons of peace, whose hearts and | hopes are | one; || Whose kind designs to serve and please, thro' | all their | actions | run, || Blest is this happy place, where zeal and | friendship | meet; || Where Truth, & Love, & heav'nly grace, make | our com-|munion| sweet. || Thus on the heavenly hills may we be | blest a-| bove; Where joy, like morning dew distills, and | all the | air is | love. ||



Entered Apprentice.

Behold; how good and how | pleasant it | is,||

For brethren to | dwell to-| gether in | unity;||

Tis like the precious ointment up- on the | head |

That ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard that went down to the | skirts of | his-| garment.||

As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountain's of | Zion; |

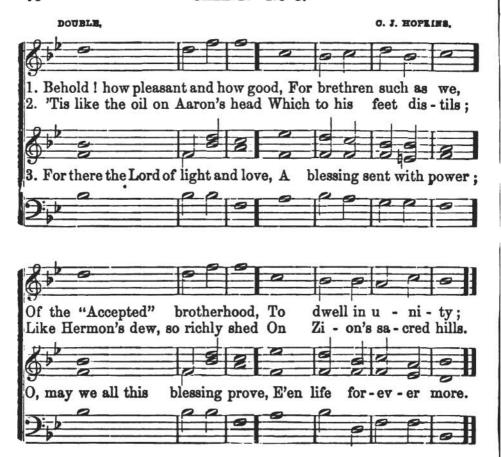
For there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for-ever more.

Entered Apprentice.

Spirit of power and might! behold thy willing | servant | here; || With thy protection him infold, and | free his | heart from | fear. || Tho' darksome skies may o'er him lower, and dangers | fill the | way; || Support him with thy gracious power, and | be his | constant | stay. ||

Opening.

Great God, behold before thy throne, a band of brothers | lowly | bend; | |
Thy sacred name we humbly own and pray that | thou wilt | be our | friend | |
A band of brothers may we live, a band of brothers | may we | die; | |
To each may God, our Father, give a home of | peace a-| bove the | sky. | |



Entered Apprentice.

O, welcome, brother to our band, though strong its | numbers | now, ||
And high its lofty pillars stand, and | noble | arches | bow. ||
Oh welcome—if thy heart be true, thou'lt find with | us a | home; ||
We're daily adding columns new un-| to our | glorious | dome. ||
Now let our ardent prayers arise for blessings | on his | brow ||
And bear our offering to the skies, for | him who | joins us | now. ||
Oh welcome—if thy heart be true, thou'lt find with | us a | home, ||
We're daily adding columns new, un-| to our | glorious | dome. ||



Fellow Craft.

Thus he shewed me: | and be-| hold, ||

The Lord stood upon a wall, made by a plumb line, with a | plumb line | in his | hand ; |

And the Lord said unto me, Amos, | what seest | thou?||

And I—| said a | plumb—| line.

Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumb line in the midst of my | people | Israel, ||

I will not again | pass by | them any | more.||

Fellow Craft.

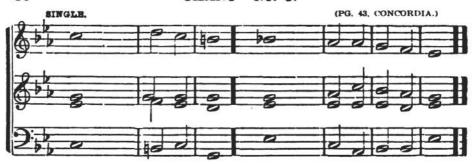
Thus far the Lord has led me on; thus far his power pro-| longs my | days;||

And every ev'ning shall make known some fresh me-| morial | of his | grace.||

O! may his love with sweet control, Bind every passion | of my | soul; || Bid every vain desire depart, and dwell for | ever | in my | heart.

Fellow Craft.

Brothers, faithful and deserving, now the second | rank you | fill,||
Purchased by your faultless serving, leading | to a | higher | still.||
Thus from rank to rank ascending, mounts the Mason's path of love;||
Bright its earthly course, and ending in the glorious | Lodge a-| bove.||



Master Mason.

Remember, now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil | days come | not, ||

Nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I | have no | pleasure | in them.||

While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars be not darken'd, | Nor the clouds re-| turn | after the | rain.

In the days when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall | bow them-| selves,||

And the grinders cease, because they are few, and those that look | out of the | windows be | darkened, ||

And the doors shall be shut in the streets when the sound of the | grinding is | low.||

And he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of | music | shall be brought | low; |

And when they shall be afraid of that | which is | high, ||

And | fears shall | be in the | way, |

And the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and de-| sire shall | fail.||

Because, man goeth to his long home, and the mourners | go a-|bout the | streets,||

Or ever the silver chord be loosed, or the golden | bowl be | broken ;||
Or, the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel | broken | at
the | cistern ;||

Then shall the dust return to the | earth, as it | was, |

And the spirit shall re- turn unto | God who | gave it. |



1. Let us remember, in our youth, before the evil | days draw | nigh, ||
Our Great Creator, and his truth! ere memory | fail, & | pleasure | fly; ||
Or sun, or moon, or planet's light grow dark, or clouds re-|turn in |
gloom: ||

Ere vital spark no more incite, when strength shall | bow, and | years con-| sume.||

2. Let us in youth remember Him; who formed our frame and | spirits | gave, ||

Ere windows of the mind grow dim, or door of | speech ob-| structed | wave ;||

When voice of bird fresh terrors wake, and music's daughters | charm no | more, ||

Or fear to rise with trembling shake, along the | path we | travel | o'er.||

8. In youth, to God let memory cling, before desire shall | fail, or | wane, ||

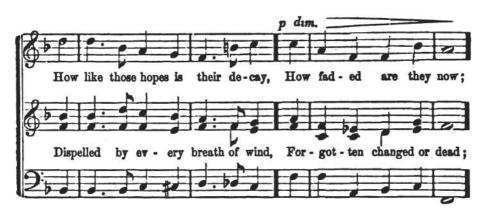
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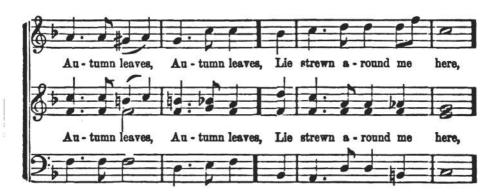
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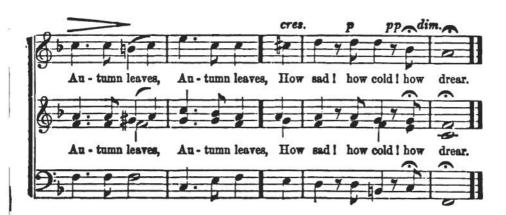
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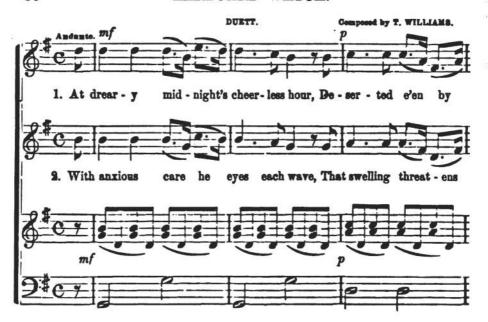
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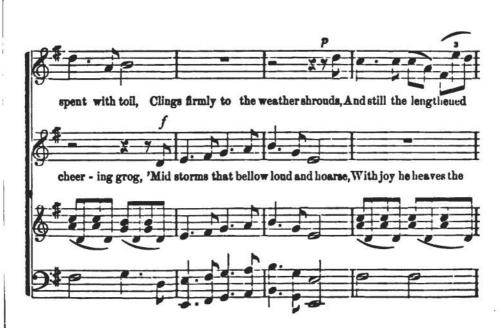


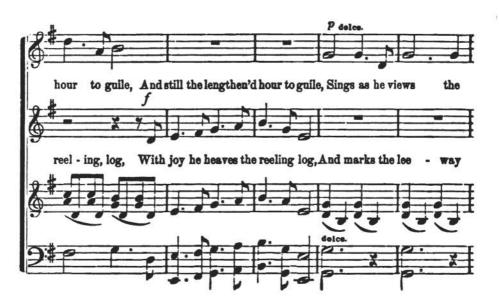








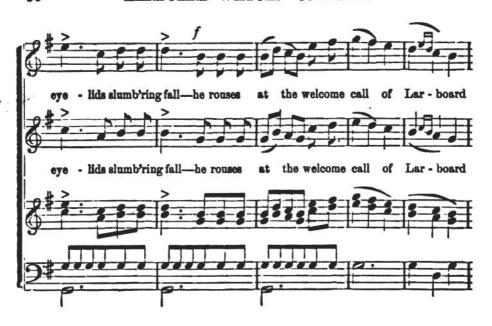








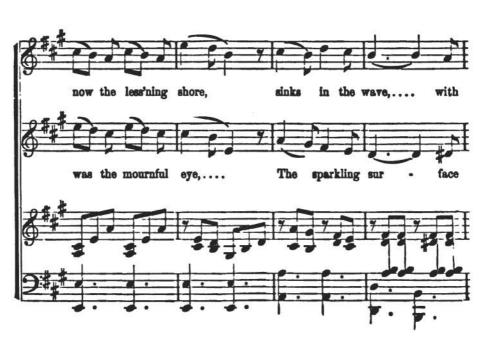






















3.

See where you star its Diamond light displays

Now seen, now hid behind the swelling sail,

Hope rides in gladness on its streaming rays,

And bids us on, and bribes the fav'ring gale.

Then hope, we bend

In joy to thee;

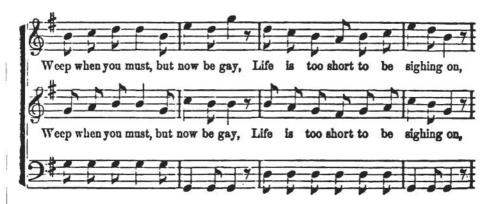
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Our way across the sea.

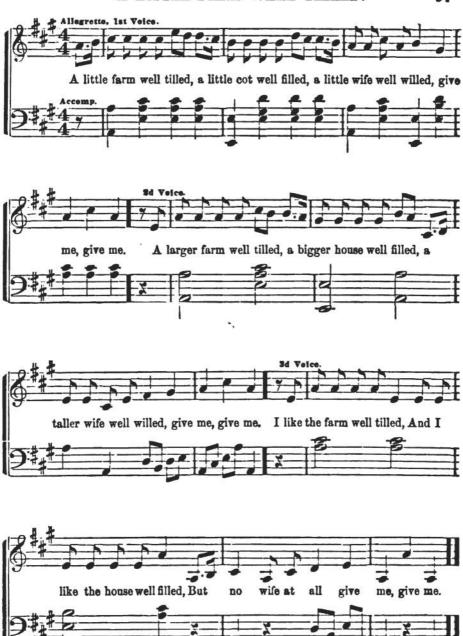


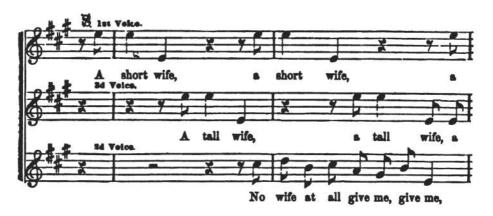




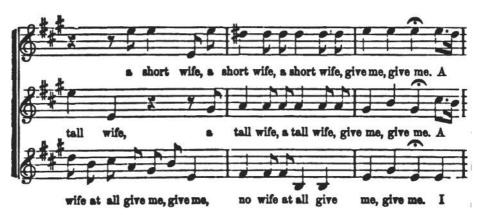


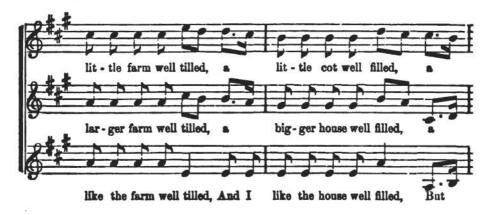


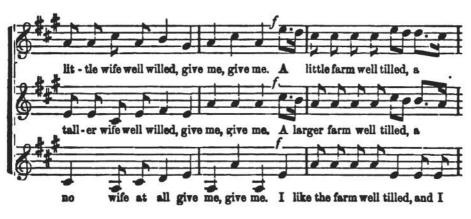






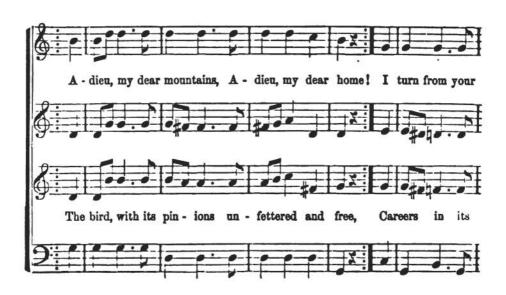


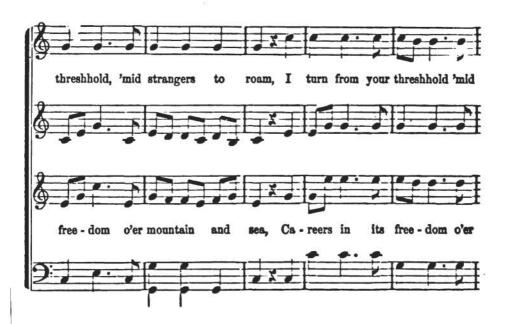








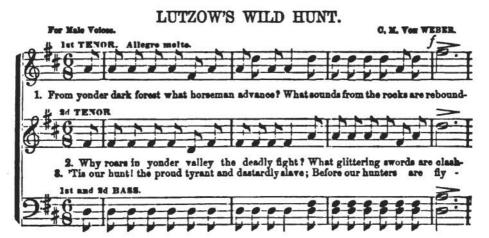
















The ceremonies which are observed on the occasion of funerals are highly appropriate; they are performed as a melancholy Masonic duty, and as a token of respect and affection to the memery of a departed brother. No mason can be interred with the formalities on the Order, unless he has been advanced to the third degree. Fellow Crafts and Apprentices are not entitled to funeral obsequies. All the brethren who walk in procession, should observe, as much as possible, an uniformity in their dress; black clothes, with white gloves and aprons, are most suitable.

The brethren being assembled at the Lodge room, (or some other convenient place,) the presiding officer opens the lodge in the third degree; and having stated the purpose of the meetings a procession is then formed, which moves to the house of the deceased, and from thence to the place of interment.

ORDER OF PROCESSION AT A FUNERAL

Tyler, with drawn Sword; Stewards, with White Rods;

Musicians, (if they are Masons,) otherwise they follow the Tyler;

Master Masons:

Senior and Junior Descons: MARKEAL

Secretary and Treasurers

Senior and Junior Wardens;

Mark Masters :

Past Masters;

Royal Arch Masons;

Select Masters: Knights Templars:

The Hely Writings, on a cushion, covered with black cloth, carried by the oldest (or some suita ble) member of the Lodge;

The Master:

Olergy;

The with the insignia Pall Bearers.

Body placed thereon. Pall Bearers.

When the procession arrives at the place of interment, the members of the lodge form a circle round the grave; the officers take their position at the head of the grave and the mourners at the foot. The following exhortation is then given:

FUNERAL SERVICE AT THE GRAVE.

BRETHREN:-

The solemn notes that betoken the dissolution of this earthly tabernacle, have again alarmed our outer door, and another spirit has been summoned to the land where our fathers have gone before us. Again we are called to assemble among the habitations of the dead, to behold the " marrow house appointed for all living." Here, around us, in that peace which the world cannot

Mers.—If a past or present Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Warden, should join the procession of a private lodge, proper attention is to be paid to them. They take place after the Master of the lodge. Two Deacess, with black rode, are appointed by the Master to attend a Grand Warden; and when the Grand Master or Beputy Grand Master is present, the Book of Constitutions is borne before him, a Sword Bearer follows him, and the Deacens, with black reds, on his right and left.

give, sleep the unnumbered dead. The gentle breeze fans their verdant covering, they heed it not; the sunshine and the storm pass over them, and they are not disturbed; stones and lettered monuments symbolize the affection of surviving friends, yet no sound proceeds from them, save that silent but thrilling admonition, "seek ye the narrow path and the straight gate that lead unto eternal life."

We are again called upon to consider the uncertainty of human life; the immutable certainty of death, and the vanity of all human purcuits. Decrepitude and decay are written upon every tiving thing. The cradle and the coffin stand in juxtaposition to each other; and it is a melan choly truth, that so soon as we begin to live, that moment also we begin to die. It is passing strange, that notwithstanding the daily mementoes of mortality that cross our path; notwithstanding the funeral bell so often tolls in our ears, and the "mournful procession" go about our streets, that we will not more seriously consider our approaching fate. We go on from design to design, add hope to hope, and lay out plans for the employment of many years, until we are suddenly alarmed at the approach of the Messenger of Death, at a moment when we least expect him, and which we probably conclude to be the meridian of our existence.

What, then, are all the externals of human dignity, the power of wealth, the dreams of ambition, the pride of intellect, or the charms of beauty, when Nature has paid her just debt? Fix your eyes on the last sad scene, and view life stript of its ornaments, and exposed in its natural meanness, and you must be persuaded of the utter emptiness of these delusions. In the grave all fallacies are detected, all ranks are leveled, and all distinctions are done away.

While we drop the sympathetic tear over the grave of our deceased brother, let us cast around his foibles, what ever they may have been, the broad manile of masonic charity, nor withhold from his memory the commendation that his virtues claim at our hands. Perfection on earth has never yet been attained; the wisest, as well as the best of men, have gone astray. Suffer, then, the apologies of human nature to plead for him who can no longer extenuate for himself.

Our present meeting and proceedings will have been vain and useless, if they fail to excite our serious reflections, and strengthen our resolutions of amendment. Be then persuaded, my brethren, by the uncertainity of human life, and the unsubstanial nature of all its pursuits, and no longer postpone the all-important concern of preparing for eternity. Let us each embrace the present moment, and while time and opportunity offer, prepare for that great change, when the pleasures of the world shall be as poison to our lips, and happy reflections of a well spent life afford the only consolation. Thus shall our hopes be not frustrated, nor we hurried unprepared into the presence of that all wise and powerful Judge, to whom the secrets of every heart are known. Let us resolve to maintain with greater assiduity the dignified character of our profession. May our faith be evinced in a correct moral walk and deportment; may our hope be bright as the glorious mysteries that will be revealed hereafter; and our charity boundless as the wants of our fellow creatures. And having faithfully discharged the great duties which we owe to Goo, to our neighbor and ourselves; when at last it shall please the Grand Master of the universe to summon us into his eternal presence, may the trestle-board of our whole lives pass such inspection that it may be given anto each of us to "ent of the hidden manna," and to receive the "white stone with a newname written" that will ensure perpetual and unspeakable happiness at his right hand.

The Master then presenting the apron continues.

"The lamb-skin or white apron, is the emblem of innocence, and the badge of a Mason. It is more ancient than the golden fleece or Roman eagle; more honerable than the star and garter, when worthily won."

The Master then deposits it in the grave.

This emblem I now deposit in the grave of our deceased brother. By it we are reminded of the universal dominion of Death. The arm of Friendship cannot interpose to prevent his coming; the wealth of the world cannot purchase our release; nor will the innocence of youth, or the charms of beauty propitiate his purpose. The mattock, the coffin, and the melancholy grave, admonish us of our mortality, and that, sooner or later, these frail bodies must moulder in their parent dust.

The Master, holding the evergreen, continues.

This evergreen, which once marked the temporary resting place of the illustrious dead, is an emblem of our faith in the immortality of the soul. By this we are reminded that we have an immortal part within us, that shall survive the grave, and which shall never, never, never die. By it we are admonished, that, though like our brother, whose remains lie before us, we shall soon be clothed in the habiliments of Death and deposited in the silent tomb, yet, through the merits of a divine and ascended Savious, we may confidently hope that our souls will bloom in eternal spring.

The brethren then move in procession round the place of interment, and severally drop the sprig of evergreen into the grave; after which, the public grand honors are given. The Master then continues the ceremony at the grave, in the following words:

From time immemorial, it has been the custom among the fraternity of free and accepted Masons, at the request of a brother, to accompany his corpse to the place of interment, and there to deposit his remains with the usual formalities.

In conformity to this usage, and at the request of our deceased brother, whose memory we revere, and whose loss we now deplore, we have assembled in the character of Masons, to offer up to his memory, before the world, the last tribute of our affection; thereby demonstrating the sincerity of our past esteem for him, and our steady attachment to the principles of the order.

The Great Creator having been pleased, out of his infinite mercy, to remove our brother from the cares and troubles of this transitory existence, to a state of endless duration, thus severing another link from the fraternal chain that binds us together; may we, who survive him, be more strongly cemented in the ties of union and friendship; that, during the short space alloted us here, we may wisely and usefully employ our time; and, in the reciprocal intercourse of kind and friendly acts, mutually promote the welfare and happiness of each other. Unto the grave we have consigned the body of our deceased brother; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; there to remain till the trump shall sound on the resurrection morn. We can cheerfully leave him in the hands of a Being, who has done all things well; who is glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing won, ders.

To those of his immediate relatives and friends, who are most heart stricken at the loss we have all sustained, we have but little of this world's consolation to offer. We can only sincerely, deeply and most affectionately sympathize with them in their afflictive bereavement. But in the beautiful spirit of the Christian's theology we dare to say, that Hz, who "tempers the wind to the shorn lamb," locks down with infinite compassion upon the widow and the fatherless, in the hour of their desolation; and that the same benevolent Saviour, who wept while on earth will fold the arms of his love and protection around those who put their trust in Him.

Then let us improve this solemn warning that at last, when the "sheeted dead" are stirring, when the "great white throne" is set, we shall receive from the Omniscient Judge, the thrilling invitation, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."





The service is here concluded with the following, or some suitable prayer:

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we adore thee as the God of time and of eternity. As it has pleased thee to take from the light of our abode, one dear to our hearts, we beseech thee to bless and sanctify unto us this dispensation of thy Providence. Inspire our hearts with wisdom from on high, that we may glorify thee in all our ways. May we realize that thine All-seeing Eye is upon us, and be influenced by the spirit of truth and love to perfect obedience,—that we may enjoy the divine approbation here below. And when our toils on earth shall have ceased, may we be raised to the enjoyment of fadeless light and immortal life in that kingdom where faith and hope shall end—and love and joy prevail through eternal ages.

And thine, O righteous Father, shall be the glory forever. Amen.

Thus the service ends, and the procession returns in form to the place whence it set out, when the necessary duties are complied with, and the business of Masonry is renewed. The insignia and ornaments of the decessed, if an officer of a lodge, are returned to the Master, with the usual erremonies.

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