

Duty of epitomising the Capitular transactions

"Among the many joys brought to us by succeeding years, not the least is that of again joining hands with those thoughtful Companions to whom has been committed the duty of epitomising the Capitular transactions of the twelve-month past, and presenting them to their constituents in a form best adapted to their profitable comprehension. This task, properly performed, although pleasant, is not a particularly easy one, requiring as it does, in him by whom it is undertaken, a superior faculty of observation, of deliberate and impartial judgment, and of conscientious and considerate criticism. The nearest approach to these ideals to which we can pretend will be found in our present modest offering, attended as it is with the sincerest hope that some word may be found therein to heighten our conception of the dignity and importance of Royal Arch Masonry, and to incite its votaries to a more diligent observance of its ennobling precepts."

"Freemasonry still moves on its upward march, more and more revered by thoughtful and contemplative minds, and less and less misled by the trivial lead of those who see in its sacred symbols naught but sign-boards pointing to the Tall Cedars or the Shrine. With truth as its foundation and with service as its watchword, it must and surely will keep pace with the noblest and most potential agencies for the social and moral elevation of mankind. Every application for membership, when accepted, should be regarded as an enlistment in this worthy cause, imposing obligations to war against selfishness and vice, and to labour to extend the mystic tie of sympathy until it embraces all mankind, when universal peace shall prevail and virtue be established upon the throne of the world."

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