

## The seriousness of our obligation

The address of Comp. Clyde, who presided at the 56th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, held at Albany, Oregon, on the 5th June, 1916, contains these concluding words, which may well be applied beyond the confines of Oregon : "It has been my desire and purpose to confirm strictly to the landmarks of the Craft and to do all in my power to promote the welfare of Capitular Masonry; and I have endeavoured at all times to encourage the study of Masonic principles and the moral lessons taught thereby, to the end that Capitular Masonry might more fully fill its intended sphere by completing the work of the previous degrees, and not, as it has been in so many, many instances, a stepping-stone for the Commandery and Shrine. I desire to impress upon your minds in the strongest possible manner that the seriousness of our obligation must be given more consideration if our institution is to endure. I am inclined to believe that admission into our Order is too easily secured, and that we do not sufficiently impress upon those who enter the serious and sacred purposes of Masonry; and, unless more attention is given to this side of Masonry, it is only a question of time until our organisation has fallen from the highest place to the level of other secret Orders."

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