

**BROTHER.**

BY UNCLE DAN.

Of all the titles sought by men,  
I would not ask another,  
Than that, when spoken from the heart,  
Gives me the name of Brother.

This talisman unlocks the soul!  
And holier instincts glow;  
The hand's warm grasp, the speaking eye,  
Show whence these feelings flow

Let hollow courtiers play their part,  
And Fashion's votaries bow,  
Or soldiers brave their banners wave,  
'Tis but a heartless show.

Were I a King or Emperor,  
With wealth and titles other,  
I would deem myself still poor indeed,  
Were I without a Brother.

For kingdoms have their limits set,  
Each empire has its bound;  
But the holy bonds of Brotherhood  
Clasp the whole world around.

The love that each true Brother bears  
Sheds sunshine in the storm,  
And 'midst the wintry chills of life  
Keeps our affections warm.

Then write this epitaph for me,  
When life has closed its span:  
"Beneath this stone a Brother sleeps  
Who loved his fellow-man."

**The Mystic Masonic Tie.**

In the wilderness of Elom the hand of the children of Ishmael is still raised as of old against every stranger, but if some Mason of this city were to meet these marauding sons of the desert, at the sign of fellow-craft, every matchlock would be instantly lowered, and he would be welcomed to their tents and received as a brother.

A friend of ours—an officer of our Navy long since deceased—was once wandering about in the narrow lanes of an Eastern city, having lost his way in their inextricable labyrinths. Suddenly he was startled by the frightful words, "Christian dog! Christian dog!" He turned, and beheld approaching him a crowd of enraged Mahometans, each with a large stone in his uplifted hand. The Lieutenant saw no escape from the most terrible of deaths; for, with the exception of the mob now almost upon him, he could see no human being, save an old man sitting in his door, and apparently looking out for the fun to begin of stoning a Christian to death. Luckily the thought crossed the officer's mind that the old man might be a Mason—he made a sign, and instantly the Arab rushed out, and placed himself by the side of the "Christian dog," drove off his would-be-murderers, and conducted him safely to his ship.

We can cite another instance of the fidelity of an Eastern Mason to his duty. About nine years ago an American vessel was wrecked off the shores of one of the Asiatic islands. None were saved from the waves but the captain, who, being a very expert swimmer, reached the land. The barbarous natives carried him to their Sultan. When ushered into the presence of the despot, the captain made himself known as a Mason. The Sultan immediately met him on the square, received him as a brother, treated him with great distinction, and promised to send him to Calcutta by the first opportunity. The climate was however, so pestilential that our captain soon fell sick with the jungle fever. The Sultan nursed him through all his illness, entertained him like a prince till he recovered, furnished him with an abundance of money, and sent him to Calcutta, whence he returned to America.

We will give yet another example, for which we are indebted to an officer of the British Navy. He had been stationed in

Australia, and while there he was informed of the following facts, which he communicated to us. A party of white men attempted to cross that great continent, but they all perished by thirst and starvation but one man. This man's strength at last gave out, and he laid himself down in the parched desert to die. He had not been lying there long before a tribe of Australian savages came up, and would in a few seconds have killed him, had he not made *that sign* which is never made in vain. The chief was a Mason; he threw himself alongside of the Englishman and restrained his followers from murdering him. He gave him food and drink, kept him till restored to strength, and then escorted him to the nearest white settlement.—*Norfolk Landmark.*

**Lodge Dues.**

Masons should pay Lodge dues with the same punctuality as they would pay a promissory note or an accepted draft. It is a bond, a contract, due at a certain time, and if not attended to, or paid when due, should be renewed or canceled by proper action of the Lodge. More attention should be paid to Lodge dues. It is the capital of the Lodge—if not guarded, protected, preserved, the Lodge might as well go into liquidation as a worthless bank, and cease operation. The funds of a Lodge belong to destitute worthy Masons, their wives, widows, or orphans. It is a fund also that should be spent in making your bank building respectable, convenient, comfortable, and supplying it with furniture, books, and tools to perform the labor and work assigned it to do in an intelligent and creditable manner. A Mason knows very well when he should pay his dues—the by-laws of his Lodge, that he has solemnly promised to "stand and abide by," state the time that he should pay them. There is no more apology for ignorance or neglect in paying Lodge dues, than for breaking any other monied contract without a cause. Unlike a bank, or individual, a Lodge will never force a brother to pay dues when he is destitute or unable. It extends the time, or cancels the note, and it is this very fact that causes brothers to presume that they can neglect their obligations, and make their Lodge a convenience to their own neglect or laziness. Pay your Lodge dues, brother—it may be but fifty cents, or one dollar per quarter, but pay it; you owe it—it is just—it is due. Be a man—an honest man as well as a Mason, and pay your honest debts. As a rule, a Lodge that is negligent about collecting dues, generally does poor work; has slim attendance at Lodge meetings; gives little or nothing for charity, and grows up ignorant of Masonry, and their duties as Masons.—Money is one of the foundation stones of all benevolent and good societies; other things are essential besides money to make a good Masonic Lodge; but a prompt payment of dues begets many other elements that naturally are presented to Masons who see the necessity of paying promptly their Lodge dues.—*Masonic Jewel.*

**Masonry.**

The universality of Masonry is well illustrated in the First Masonic Lodge of Jerusalem, the Master of which is an American, the past master an Englishman, the senior warden a German, the junior warden a native, the treasurer a Turk, the Secretary a Frenchman, the junior deacon a Turk. There are Christians, Jews and Mohamedans in the Lodge.

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"Good-night!" calls the highest herdsman again through his horn. "Good-night" again resounds from all the mountains through the horns of the huntsmen and rocky cliffs. The mountaineers then retire to their homes and to rest.

If your girl, or her big brother, comes along and points a pistol at you, and tells you to walk down to the minister's and be married, go right along and do it; the marriage will be bogus. That has recently been decided by the supreme court of New York.

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