

Oration

Masonry a means to an end. It commences in the lodge; but masonry that ends there is valueless. It is only when the principles inculcated in our Masonic assemblies are practised in life - not only among our Brethren, but extended to the widest bounds among those with whom we come into daily contact - that masonry fulfills its purpose.

Now what is the purpose of mark masonry in general, and what is to be the purpose of this new Vernon Lodge of mark masons in particular.

There are many purposes to which attention might advantageously be drawn, but for want of time I will only ask your consideration of two of these purposes.

Firstly we have, 'mark' "J. b. to G. S. h. m. w."

Secondly the ideal of work well done, not for the hope of reward, but because it is work set by the inspiration of the G. O. no greater ideal needed at the present time.