

Dismissal Charge.

Brethren, you are now about to quit this sacred retreat of peace and friendship, and soon to mix again with the busy world. Amidst all its cares, its trials and employments, forget not these sacred duties which have been so frequently inculcated and so strongly recommended in this Lodge. Be ye therefore discreet, prudent and temperate. Remember that on the V. of the S.L. you have solemnly and voluntarily vowed to relieve and befriend with unhesitating cordiality every friend or brother who may solicit your assistance, to reprove him in the most gentle manner of his failings, to aid and vindicate his character whenever unjustly attacked, and to suggest the most comfortable circumstances for him, even though his conduct may justly be liable to reprehension and blame. Thus shall the world know how Freemasons esteem each other.

But, Brethren, you are expected to extend these noble and generous principles still further. Let me impress upon your minds, and may it be instilled into your hearts, that every human creature has a just claim on your kind offices, be ye therefore good to all, as Scripture commands, particularly to the household of the faithful. And by diligence and fidelity in the discharge of the duties of your respective vocations, liberal beneficence and diffusive charity, by constancy and sincerity in all your friendships, and by an uniformly kind, just, amiable and virtuous deportment, you may prove to the whole world the happy and beneficial effects of our ancient and honourable institution. Let it not be said that you laboured in vain, or wasted your strength for nought, for your work is before the Lord, your recompense with - God.

Finally, Brethren, be of one mind and live in peace.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord left up his countenance upon you, and give you peace, and may He, the God of love and mercy, delight to dwell among you and bless and preserve you now and for evermore.

for poor Mr. W. Salts use