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Foreign Country

The lecture of the third degree begins by declaring that the recipient was induced to seek that sublime degree “that he might perfect himself in Masonry, so as to travel into *foreign countries*, and work and receive wages as a Master Mason.”

Thousands have often heard this ritualistic expression at the opening and closing of a Master’s Lodge, without dreaming for a moment of its hidden and spiritual meaning, or, if they think of any meaning at all, they content themselves by interpreting it as referring to the actual travels of the Masons, after the completion of the Temple, into the surrounding countries in search of employment, whose wages were to be the gold and silver which they could earn by the exercise of their skill in the operative art.

But the true symbolic meaning of the *foreign country* into which the Master Mason travels in search of wages is far different.

The symbolism of this life terminates with the Master’s degree. The completion of that degree is the lesson of death and the resurrection to a future life, where the TRUE WORD, or Divine Truth, not given in this, is to be received as the reward of a life worthily *spent* in its search. Heaven, the future life, the higher state of existence after death, is the *foreign country* in which the Master Mason is to enter, and there he is to receive his-wages in the reception of that TRUTH which can be imparted only in that better land.