

amusement are closed, by the more attractive paths that lead to the blessed retreats of Odd-Fellowship. From these retreats profanity, intemperance, dishonesty and hatred are excluded; and temperance, justice, honor, watchfulness and good will are inculcated. Many a fond wife has been blessed by the reforming spirit of Odd-Fellowship, and many a kind sister has lifted her voice in thankfulness, that the father and brother have been rendered better, and even restored, by the influence of the principles inculcated in the Lodge, and the association with those who have become imbued with the principles, and do breathe them.

The beneficial influence of our Institution has to a great extent been acknowledged by the world. It tends to unite men of different nations and communities, and thereby cements the bond of human brotherhood, and prepares them in state policy and in social intercourse to promote human welfare. The sick Brother, at home or abroad, is provided for to a greater extent than in any other human institution—yea, even greater than in the church. The Brother disabled, is strengthened by sympathy and funds; and dying, he receives all the attention that could be paid by his own family circle. Then, again, his companion and his little ones are provided for,—they are protected, and made as comfortable as the sympathy, counsel, care and moneys of brothers can make them. This attention to the Brother is paid, whether he be at his own fire-side, or abroad from his family and his home; for, in the peculiar language of Odd-Fellowship, he reveals himself a Brother, and finds Brothers, as companions and parents at his home. This favor may now be enjoyed in almost any land, for Odd-Fellowship cannot be bounded, and her votaries dwell in every civilized clime. Numerous are the instances which might be cited to assure you of the facts I have stated.

An Odd-Fellow, a citizen of New England, J. J. Rogers by name, was lately wrecked in the South Pacific Ocean, and afterwards carried to New South Wales by a British vessel. On arriving there, he found two Lodges of Odd-Fellows—made known his circumstances, the fact of his shipwreck, &c., and the brethren furnished him with all necessary clothing, paid his passage to England, and gave him forty dollars to support him until by his own labor he could provide for himself. A seaman from New York City was wrecked on a Southern coast—he reached the city, where brethren provided for him, and sent him home with a month's wages to feed his family.

A lady, with her husband, came from England some years since.—When they left their native land they were in comfortable circumstances; but her husband became feeble, and lingered long, till their little all was expended. He died, and left her destitute and needy, far from home, among strangers. The last mite had been expended—she was in want. Her husband had bowed at an Odd-Fellow's altar in the Old World; but the circumstance had not been brought to her mind until, in examining his papers after his death, she found the card he received from his Lodge in England. She did not then think it would become a talisman to administer to her wants. But a short time after, she heard that a Lodge of Odd-Fellows was to be formed on a particular evening, in the town where she dwelt. She wrote a note stating her necessities, enclosed the card, and on the night of Installation of the Lodge, she sent it. The amount was immediately raised for her relief and comfort, and with tears of grati-