

sing others, who is yet relentless to the cries of the destitute; who is ever amassing riches, but never bellowing them; whose soul the good of himself entirely engrosses. True benevolence, extensive as the light of the sun, takes in all mankind. It is not indeed in your power to support all the indigent, incurable and aged; or to train up in the paths of virtue many fatherless children, but if from a principle of true godliness, you cherish each generous and liberal movement of the soul, with a head ever studious to contrive, a heart ever willing to promote, and hands ever ready to distribute to the necessities of others, the deeds of charity which you were denied the means of performing shall be placed to your account. To grasp thus the whole system of reasonable beings with an overflowing love, is to possess the greatest of all earthly enjoyments, to make approaches to the happiness of higher natures, and to anticipate the joys of the future world. "Blessed is he who considereth the case of the poor." "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord." The riches which from christian principles we give away, shall abide with us forever. The same habit of love shall accompany us into the world of spirits. The bud which hath opened here, will blow into full expansion above, and beautify the paradise in the Heavens.

In addressing myself to you who are associated together professedly for useful and benevolent purposes, who carry about with you the Bible as the standard to which you appeal and as the source from which you derive your principles of action, who, in fact, openly declare yourselves to be guided by the purest feelings of brotherly kindness and charity, I need not employ many arguments to recommend and enforce the admonition of the text. I feel and acknowledge my inability to do justice to the subject in reference to the occasion on which we are now assembled, from my inadequate information regarding the real principles of the Masonic Order. I have some slight acquaintance with its origin, progress, and present state, in as far as these have come into public view. I am aware that it

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