

the future, and see yet nobler triumphs of our Order. Then will the links in our chain be bright and well riveted, and our Institution will stand,

"Like some tall cliff that lifts its awful form,  
Swells from the vale, and midway leaves the storm;  
Though round its base the rolling clouds are spread,  
Eternal sunshine settles o'er its head."

The work has been well begun. I beseech you, Brethren, persevere.—The edifice has been reared and adorned with beauty; let its name be embalmed in the heart's best affections—and its pillars be entwined with a wreath of glory. Go on Brethren, and if in after time, the destitute and the homeless come up to where your banner waves, may it be said—

"And he who came of all bereft,  
To whom malignant fate had left  
Nor home, nor friends, nor country dear,  
Finds home, and friends, and country here."

As members of the Fraternity, high responsibilities rest upon us. The highest blessings which Odd-Fellowship enjoys and conveys, are to be perpetuated, unimpaired and untarnished, by us, to be delivered down to our successors—or as they descend, go with the seeds of decay and death implanted by our neglect or selfishness. The importance of our position cannot be overrated. This Order is to stand, a monument of the benevolence of man and of the blessings of the Supreme.

Throughout our whole jurisdiction our Order is prosperous and respected. I shall carry with me evidence of your prosperity, and your devotion to Odd-Fellowship. I shall assure the Parent Grand Lodge that with all her children Odd-Fellowship is the same. I congratulate you on the fact that you are aiding to enlighten and fraternize humanity, and as others have the happiness to make your acquaintance, may they find it agreeable as I have. I can ask for them nothing more at your hands. I am satisfied that deep in your hearts you cherish a desire that men should be united; and that you will steadily inculcate and practice the principles which tend to make them one. I know you will labor, that Odd-Fellowship shall go out wider, and yet with power, until the vast universe is flooded with its light, and animated with its spirit; until those who now cherish selfishness, enmity and hatred shall come in peace and good-will, and prove men, all united in Friendship, Love and Truth shall go up the song of oneness and joy like the mingled voices of many waters!

From the kindness I experienced on a former visit to the Brethren in Canada—from the known hospitality of the people of your Province, and of the Odd-Fellows in particular, I anticipated a fraternal and happy interview with the members of Oriental Lodge. Great as were my anticipations, they compare not with your kindness and courtesy. I came among you a stranger; I was greeted by warm-hearted brothers—I am surrounded by such! This is Odd-Fellowship—I feel it in the warm grasp, I see it in your generous countenances—I hear it in kindly breathings of affection. I judge not alone by external appearances, when I say, you are Odd-Fellows. I speak in all sincerity, your kindness makes me feel,

"That ties around my heart are spun  
That cannot, will not be undone."