

ly honorable, a pure and holy man in the truest sense of the word, one full of love and kindness and charity, but in nursing by the bedside of a friend, when administering cooling draughts and bathing his fevered forehead as during the long watches of the night he raved in the wild delirium of small-pox, he unfortunately caught the disease, and God deprived him of his sight in one e e. He partially lost his sight in nursing and sitting by the bedside of a Mason when friends and brothers forsook him, but—how could we admit an *imperfect* Ashlar? Oh! oh! He is not fit to associate with us, the Sons of Light!!! Shame on such a system.

No wonder the Craft are beginning to rebel against such bigotry and narrow-mindedness. We exclude the brave soldier who lost an arm at his post in protecting our hearths and homes, and defending the honor of our wives and virtue of our daughters. We are proud to note that Indiana has no such law,—

“Some Grand Masters, and even such august bodies of Masons as Grand Lodges, are still laboring under the hallucination that the noblest specimen of manhood that God ever made can not lawfully become a Mason if he has been so unfortunate as to lose an eye, and one-half of the second middle finger. Such a decision was recently reported by the Grand Master and approved by the Grand Lodge of Texas. Every Mason in the world has been taught that it is the internal, and not the external, qualifications of a man that render him worthy to be made a Mason. In the face of such instruction, laid down as sound Masonic doctrine, is it not supremely ridiculous to bolt the door of Masonry against a man in every way worthy to become a Mason, be-

cause of a slight physical defect? We are proud to say that such is not Masonic law in Indiana, and in many other Grand Jurisdictions. Speculative Masonry requires nothing of the sort. The designs upon her trestle board are for the head and heart, and not for the hands and feet. If the first are all right, all that need be required of the latter is that they are sufficient to perform the little that will be required of them. If a man can comply literally with all the ceremonies of the Order, and is worthy of admission, he is a fit subject to be made a Mason. Such is the law in Indiana, and such it should be throughout the world.”

A FIRM STAND TAKEN.

We clip the following from the *Masonic Chronicle*, and feel particularly pleased to note that some members of the A. & A. S. Rite are imbued with the true spirit of Masonry, their Deputy, however, will strive desperately to whip them into line. Let them stand out like men and Masons, and prove to the craft that there are some members of the Scotch Rite who still cherish liberal ideas:—

“The ‘Memphian Resolutions’ issued by Ohio Consistory, A. A. S. R., prohibiting the members of the Scottish Rite in Ohio from recognizing, in any way, the members of the ‘Memphian Rite,’ have not been well received by the Columbus bodies of the Scottish Rite. It seems from general report that the Columbus bodies have had their say in the matter, and have point-blank refused to adopt the resolutions of Ohio Consistory, discriminating against the ‘Memphians,’ as unjust and uncalled for in any way. It seems the Cincinnati brethren have made a grievous mistake.”

There are 856 lodges in Germany with a membership of 41,200.