

and party; you have seen it binding in fraternal union those who were estranged by political and religious tenets. It takes men of the most discordant opinions in politics and religion, and brings them together, instructs them in the good qualities of heart they possess—leads them to see they are brethren—to labor and fraternize together as such. This has been one tendency of our institution,—where party spirit, strife and animosity raged, severing friends and relations, it has calmed the elements of strife—brought men of all parties together, and consolidated them into an union that has been efficient in banishing discord and contention from the community, and establishing the reign of friendship and good will. We have witnessed its effects where christian sects have been arrayed against each other; when they have associated in Lodge, they have discarded the spirit of hatred and come to respect and love each other.—Odd-Fellowship raises above and controls party, and therefore is it designed to make men one in purpose, one in affection. Its power has been felt among men of different sects, different parties, different nations and governments. It unites them together upon principle, and never, no, never, let the relative positions of their governments be what they may—can these Odd-Fellows forget that they are Brothers. The links of that symbolic chain that encircles them cannot be sundered by the waters that separate, or the lines that bound the nations. Odd-Fellowship is doing its part to prepare the way for the coming of that glorious era foretold by the old seers of God, when the spirit of the Supreme Majesty shall walk forth in power, and say to the raging winds of human passion—"Peace! be still"—and a holy calm shall ensue—a calm in which the spirit of war shall be forgotten, and

"To ploughshares men shall beat their swords,
To pruning hooks their spears,"

and man shall be redeemed from every antagonistic principle, and united in Friendship, Love and Truth.

Methinks I see *this day*, reasons that strengthen my hopes in this great triumph. Bright and prosperous be the career of Odd-Fellowship, and when men are thus redeemed and united, when they shall "learn war no more," but there shall be universal peace and good will that shall ever prevail—may it be seen that Odd-Fellowship—the hand-maid of Christianity, has faithfully performed its mission.

BRETHREN, a year has passed away since your Lodge was organized. You hail its anniversary with delightful emotions. You have cause to rejoice at the triumphal arches you have erected, and with becoming solemnity to acknowledge your gratitude to the God in whom you trust.

BRETHREN—I congratulate you, on your success and prospects. Ye have done well. Bright and inviting are the prospects before you. I rejoice with you on your first anniversary; at peace among yourselves and with the fraternity, respected by all around whose respect can do you good; if you go on in the practice of the benign principles, you shall remain a firm pillar of the Grand Lodge of Canada—you shall aid in cementing the whole fraternity throughout the world in one form and spirit and family; having one desire, one purpose, and a uniformity of practice; one Word, and Grip, and Sign. Brethren, let us hope, while we labor, that Odd-Fellowship may yet possess a universal language. Then shall we realize the bright visions of Glory that now appear to beam on