

godly but the godlike. God is the judge of the widow and the fatherless, and he only is godlike who stands to widows in the room of the dead, and in whom orphans find both a father and a friend." Hence the poet hits the mark in these lines:

For sure in nothing we approach so nigh
The great example of Divinity
As in benevolence.

Brethren, we write these words to bring to your remembrance one of the cardinal principles of our organization. Well we know how largely you have striven to carry out the teachings of our Order, and to follow the example of our long-dead leader. Still, we may forget. The best of us have short memories. Life is a battle, and a battle for daily bread, and there are few of us who have a superabundance of this world's goods. All the same, remember for what we are banded together. We have no room for such men as the following lines portray:

The other day says Ned to Joe,
Near Bedlem's confines groping,
When'er I hear the voice of woe
My hand is always open.
I own, says Joe, that to the poor
(You prove it every minute)
Your hand is open to be sure,
But then there's nothing in it.

If such a man were a part of us, he would dishonor us. Be not unkind. Do not try how little you can do, but how much, for remember—

Freely give, for while bestowing,
Angel eyes thy bounty mark,
And their seraph forms all glowing,
Shall dispel the gloomy dark;
While the midnight, forth is straying
They shall guard thee in thy rest,
And shall whisper low in praying
That in blessing thou art blest.

Canst thou dry the tear of sorrow?
Canst thou make the sad one sing?
O! the spirit of each morrow
Will a brighter blessing bring;
Tho the purse be all the poorer,
Thou art richer in the breast,
For on earth there's nothing truer
Than in blessing thou art blessed.

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Have I watched the path my brother treade
Along life's rugged road?
Or have I seen the tears he sheds
The while he bears his load?
Have I my brother tried to shield
From misery alway?
Or watched his wanderings far afield
Along the crooked way?

Have I his loved ones tried to save
From fear and grief and pain,
And bidden him be strong and brave
To bear his cross again?
Or have I stretched the helping hand
To break my brother's fall
To urge him on to action grand—
To answer duty's call?

When other lips my brother's name
Would wantonly assail,
Have I, with mingled fear and shame
Beheld the wrong prevail?
Or have I, with the light of love
That troubles never dim
Petitions sent to God above,
And mercy asked from Him?

When my brother's heart was yearning
For the sympathetic voice,
Did mine, with "friendship" burning,
Bid his stricken soul rejoice?
And have I pointed out the star
That's gleaming bright above—
The star of hope, that shines afar,
With fulness of His love?

Oh! When the Judge that rules alone,
The question asks of me,
As humbly I approach His throne:
"Thy brother, where is he?"
Then may I proudly raise my head
And answer full and clear:
"Oh Lord, I have my duty done,
My brother, he is here."

—F. B. KING.

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