

require some time on the part of those who would participate in its toils and privileges. There is little of good acquired without toil, and patient steadfastness in the pursuit. The Lodge requires as small a portion of time, as any other assembly, or any pursuit which yields as great reward. And it is not for himself alone that the votary at the shrine of Odd-Fellowship, pays his weekly visits. It is to secure the blessings of the institution to others—to his wife and children, and to generations that shall live after him. But what shall we say to the objection that ladies are not suffered to become Odd-Fellows? We say the fact that they cannot be admitted, is a compliment as high as we can pay them. They require not the incentives of Odd-Fellowship to induce them to practice the virtues it enjoins. Where else can the repository of truth, so readily be found as in woman? Temperance which is taught and enjoined in the Lodge, is her habit. Where will you seek prudence, but in the modest refinements of woman? Charity can hardly be personified, but in the character of helpless children clustering round, and hanging on the angelic eyes of woman.

The intelligent Ledyard, who had visited every quarter of the globe, and carefully observed the disposition and habits of both sexes, says:—"In all countries, civil and savage, I have found man rude, cruel and inhospitable; but in no country, savage or civilized, have I ever addressed woman in the language of decency and politeness, but I was responded to with kindness and attention." Odd-Fellowship, although entirely sensible of the advantages it is capable of conferring, would not ask that she should bow at its altar, of whom it is said,—

"Hers is a mild and gentle power
That prospers in affliction's hour;
And when the heartlessness of friends
Falls, like a pestilence, and brings
To Hope's own fair imaginings
Its withering breath; then woman lends
Her words of solace; and her smile
Like moonbeams on a ruined pile,
Comes with an influence to bless
Where all seemed drear and comfortless;
And sheds around such holy light,
As makes e'en desolation bright."

Such are the sentiments of our Institution, in reference to woman, and the regulation which forbids that she should participate in our mysteries, is equally as proper as her exclusion from seats in Parliament, or from the command of navies and armies, or from

— "the tented field,
Where column after column wheel;
Where cannons roar and chargers reel,
Amid destruction's revelry."

Still we ask her influence and her approval, and she can bid Odd-Fellowship "God speed," without sullyng the chastity of her pure spirit. We ask females to witness the effects of our principles, and as they love good order, and moral and benevolent companions and neighbors, to approve our exertions to improve humanity. Cheer on your husbands and brothers and lovers in their exertions to perpetuate and extend the blessings of Odd-Fellowship.

BROTHERS,—you have seen the triumphs of Odd-Fellowship over sect