

them rejoicing in the Lord. If men's hearts and minds, in vain may we hope for practical illustrations of the apostolic exhortation in the text, "Be ye perfect, as your Father in heaven is perfect," and this world will continue to be what sin and Satan have made it, the scene of envy, hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness.

I need dwell no longer on the advantages that accrue from the practice of this cardinal grace of love. Reason and Revelation combine in declaring "how good and pleasant a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." It is a fulfilling of the new commandment—the royal law of love. It unites God to His intelligent creatures, and His people to Him; and confederates together minds of kindred character. To promote the exercise of this Divine quality, and its cognate virtues, as well as the pursuit of scientific knowledge, your ancient and honorable Order has been instituted; and we best commend its principles to the world, when we exhibit, in our intercourse with each other, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Let the high moral character of your time-honored fraternity, whose landmarks to the initiated are neither obscure nor doubtful, be maintained in its fullest integrity. Follow your illustrious Patrons, S. S. John, as they followed Christ, and you shall walk the round of life's pilgrimage supported by the Friend who is more than a Brother, until you are brought into the presence chamber of the King of Kings; where, in the light of the glorious temple not made with hands, we shall have explained to us the way in which we were led, and learn from the Master Himself those mysteries, which are now hidden in the impenetrable depths of futurity. Let love to God and man mark your daily lives. Then you will have the evidence that you have passed from death unto life, encouraged in the exercise