

in unison, whose life was blameless, and whose memory is still fondly regarded by Freemasons, wherever the English language is spoken, and as long as Freemasonry itself endures.—*Keuning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

### PHYSICAL PERFECTION.

If there is such a thing as physical perfection it is rare; and then if it is essential for candidates, a medical examination ought to precede initiation.

If a man can fully receive and fully communicate the mysteries and ceremonies of Masonry in the dark as well as in the light, he has all the qualifications, physical, that Masonry requires.

The loss of a toe, or of fingers, or even an eye or the nose, may not render him ineligible, but of all this the Lodge is the sole judge.

The Ancient Charges (iv) say he must have "no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art and serving his Master's Lord."

Let us exercise a little common sense in such matters, if we have it, and not run wild with sentimentality.—*Masonic Home Journal.*

### MASONIC HOMES.

The most prominent and characteristic present general features of Masonry in this country is its movement to provide homes for the widow, orphan and infirm. It appears everywhere. Some have heard and heeded the demand, and hundreds are already provided for. Others, apparently better able, seem to turn a deaf ear, but there is no escape. The demand comes back every time with greater volume and power. The era of temple-building, which a few years ago was so general and brought so many failures, burdens and bitter disappointments, is about over. It was the poorest kind of speculative Masonry. The era of practical charity, the true work of Masonry, has come and taken its place.

We bid it welcome with all our heart. The temples upon which we are to exercise our skill and lavish our wealth are those of flesh and blood. These words of inspiration, 'inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me,' are the summons that we cannot disobey excepting at our everlasting peril.—*Bro. Cornelius Hedges.*

WOMAN IN THE LODGE.—Some poet, with both rhyme and reason, has perpetrated the following epic:

"Though woman from our Craft we strict  
exclude,  
Let not the beauteous sex rashly conclude  
We love them not, or think that they'd  
reveal  
Those secrets that we ever close conceal.  
We love them fondly, and would e'en  
impart  
(Sure of their faith) our secrets to their  
heart:  
But we are fearful lest, if once the fair  
Were to our happy Lodges to repair,  
Both *love* and *jealousy* would quick be  
there,  
Then *rials* turned—our social bonds des-  
troyed—  
Farewell the pleasures now so much en-  
joyed."

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