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We like his remark on Masonic Homes, in his "Conclusion," and quote them in full: —

"There has been such uniformity of work and law that a reviewer has but little to criticise and nothing to condemn. In both Lodges and Chapters (Grand Bodies) there is rapidly crystallising the question of Homes — and how to attain them. Personally I don't like the method generally adopted. It is a form of charity which reminds me of the old-fashioned 'poor farm,' and especially when names of inmates and cost are exploited in the proceedings. If we must, and certainly should, give "help, aid, and assistance" to worthy members, I prefer the Iowa and New Mexico plan — do it quietly, plentifully, and say nothing about it. Some people are forced to accept help, by adversity, but they do not care to have it announced to a gossip world in large print. 'Charity vaunteth not itself.'"

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