

13 Abbott Street, Detroit, Michigan, concerning the securing of horse for parade and inspection and review. Do not delay in the matter of securing your horses. Each mounted officer should take with him his horse equipment. The price for use of horses, as arranged by the Executive Committee, is \$3.00 per day where the officer furnishes his own equipment, and where horse is furnished with equipment, \$4.00 per day. In sending your order for horse forward with it \$1.00 as a retainer, to be applied upon the payment for use of horse.

VI. The camp will be formally opened at 5 p. m., on Monday, August 27th, 1900, and it is desired that all will be thoroughly located in camp at that time, ready to participate in the ceremony of the dedication of the camp. To the end that everything shall be fully prepared for the establishment of the troops in camp on arrival, the Assistant Quartermaster-General and Assistant Commissary-General of Subsistence of each brigade, and the Quartermaster of each regiment will report to the Quartermaster-General and the Commissary-General of Subsistence at Headquarter in camp, not later than Saturday, August 25th, 1900, for assignment of quarters and to make provision for the subsistence of their men in camp. Immediately on receiving assignment of quarters, these officers will make proper preparation for the reception of their troops. There are no more important officers connected with the camping arrangements than the Quartermaster and Commissary and they should report at the camp at the time herein named and do their full duty.

VII. Especially important is it that every company or battalion that expects to enter the competitive drills, that has not yet made its entry, should at once send its entry to the Major-General. In making entries state which class it is desired to enter. Do not delay. The drill schedules will be sent to all competing companies so that they may be in possession of them on July 25th.

By command of Major-General Carnahan.

GEO. W. POWELL,
Adjutant-General.

INNOVATIONS.

Most pertinent to the subject, under the head of "Innovations," Grand Chancellor Geyer, of Ohio, combs down the innovator in the following way:—

"In all my visits in the various districts, I have seen many innovations in the work, and have not hesitated to speak in condemnation of the same. However, I am pleased to report that the crudities, the illiteracy, the grotesqueness of earlier attempts to improve upon the Ritual are passing away, and the innovations of to-day do not shock literary taste as they once did."

On one occasion, before Bro. Geyer was Grand Chancellor, we witnessed one of these awful exhibitions of rant—and he was in the audience too—we will never forget it—Brother Richie sat beside us, and how he did squirm as the barnstorming proceeded.

In this connection, in a recent issue of the "Ohio Pythian," Past Supreme Chancellor Walter B. Richie, the author of the ritual, says:—

"So far as the spoken part in the conferring of ranks is concerned, it was always intended that the Ritual should be followed, and followed strictly. There is no objection to illustration by stereopticon views or living statuary of this work as it progresses, but it is not intended that there should be separate theatrical entertainment, or a changing of the wording of the Ritual in the slightest, or the substitution of anything else for it. It is intended that he work may be beautiful as it proceeds by illustrated views, but this does not embrace license for innovation."

There is no earthly excuse or justification for these innovations—they mar whatever they touch, and are quite as much a violation of propriety as they are of law—they have not even a redeeming feature and ought not to be tolerated—those who know of their perpetration owe it to the Order and its good government to bring it at once to the notice of the authorities. The Ritual, as it came from the pen of Richie is sufficiently prolific of opportunity for the best talent—it needs no alleged elaborations—these incongruous and stilted innovations are unsightly and ridiculous.

A SURE TEST OF FRIENDSHIP.

It is difficult to define the only sure test of friendship. Adversity probably comes as near to it as anything else. While a man is prosperous, and makes no demands upon anyone for sacrifices, he can command troops of so-called friends, but he will never know who were his true friends until he has been obliged to call upon them for help of some kind. The money test is not the surest of best, but that alone when applied will prove the hollowness of much professed friendship, but it is not infallible, because some men set little value upon money; they give it away more freely than they would their time or their comfort. The true test comes when one is asked to make a real sacrifice for the sake of a friend—to act unselfishly. Friendship is love in a restricted sense—love between persons not bound together by ties of blood or affection, whose fruition is marriage, and it should have the qualities of true love—constancy, devotion, an unselfish desire to serve. It is when the subject of such love is in distress that true friendship exhibits itself at its best, and it is just at this time that false friends fall away. Their friendship has been a sham, and the mask falls from them when they are called upon for something more than mere lip service. The things that make for true friendship are the things that are to be commended and upheld.—"Lodge Record."

Supreme Representatives Anstie and Ackerman will leave next month to attend the session of the Supreme Lodge to be held in Detroit, Michigan. We have no doubt but that the two worthy brothers will do honor to this Grand Domain, and will carry out the wishes expressed by those who voted them into office. Their absence will be greatly felt by their respective mother lodges. We hope, however, the lodge self-denial in this respect will be amply repaid by the good reports they will bring back with them.