

Young man, you are standing at the base of the mountain which thousands with less favorable surroundings have ascended and rendered their names immortal. If you desire to follow in their footsteps and write your name on the roll of fame by the side of theirs, you must "get up and get."

The man who leads a life of inglorious ease will never achieve success. Idleness is the parent of vice and crime, the fomentor of all corruption in the human heart. Industry is the queen of every virtue, the philosopher's stone that turns everything it touches into gold.

Young man, set your mark high, then "get up and get," and you will reach the goal of your ambition. In this busy, bustling age loafers are a nuisance.

Improve your time by strengthening and developing all the noble powers with which God has endowed you.—"Pythian Banner."

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EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEES.

Many members apparently consider that their duty to a brother in distress begins and ends when they have donated a few dollars and added a word or two of sympathy. The brother may desire the money less than the means of earning it; may have been out of work for weeks and months and have no prospect whatever of finding employment. He has made it known to the lodge that he is willing to work at almost anything and for any compensation that may be offered, and the officer has requested the brethren to take due notice thereof, and there the matter has ended. Some of the brethren may remember the latter the day following, but the average man has to struggle so hard to keep his own head above water that he has neither time nor opportunity to help other people in danger of drowning.

It is not creditable to the Order that a worthy brother should not be able to work and receive master's wages. Every brother willing to work should be employed; and if he cannot find work to do, it is the duty of the Order to help him get it.

Strangely enough, while Lodges have committees of various kinds—Relief, Finance, Entertainment, Lecture, Burial Plot, etc.—an Employment Committee is scarcely ever heard of. Perhaps it is not because of any conviction that such a committee would not be desirable and useful, but rather because it is exceedingly difficult to get men to serve on that particular kind of a committee. As has been already stated, in the everyday struggle for a living, most men have about all they can attend to, yet there are others more fortunate in almost every lodge, men of means and influence in business and trade circles, who, if urged to do so, would doubtless be willing to serve on the committee. It will certainly never be known whether they would be willing until they are asked. Why not ask them? The Lodge that takes the initiative in this matter will have many imitators within a short time, and presently the good effect will be seen in the steadily decreasing drain upon Lodge treasuries.

It is, of course, assumed that the committee

would not defeat the object of its appointment by going about its work blindly; that it would first of all ascertain that all cases referred to it were worthy. It would be a waste of time and effort to obtain employment for a brother who would not appreciate what was done for him by rendering faithful service. The committee, in a measure, being responsible for the conduct of those for whom it obtains employment, should be particularly careful not to recommend anyone known to be shiftless and generally unreliable. It will make it all the more difficult to help the really deserving if they do, and possibly dampen their enthusiasm as well.—"The Knight."

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HONOR THE DEAR OLD MOTHER.

Time has scattered the snowy flakes on her brow, plowed deep furrows on her cheek—but is she not sweet and beautiful now? The lips which have kissed many a hot tear from the childish cheek are the sweetest lips in all the world.

The eye is dim, yet it glows with rapt radiance of a holy love which can never fade.

Oh yes, she is a dear old mother.

Her sands of time are nearly run out, but feeble as she is they will go further, reach down lower for you than any other on earth.

You cannot walk into midnight where she cannot see you; you cannot enter into a prison whose bars shall keep her out; you can never mount a scaffold too high for her to reach that she may kiss and bless you.

In evidence of her deathless love, when the world shall despise and forsake you—when it leaves you by the wayside to die unnoticed, the dear old mother will gather you up in her feeble arms, carry you home and tell you of all your virtues, until you almost forget that your soul is disfigured by vices.

Love her tenderly, and cheer her declining years with holy devotion.—"Lodge News."

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DONE BY THE TENNESSEE KNIGHTS.

The Knights of Chattanooga, Tenn., have established a Pythian ward in the Erlanger Hospital. The committee that visited the hospital selected ward No. 27, on the third floor. The Pythian shield has been put on the door, and the ward properly furnished for the reception of Pythians who may be sent there for treatment.

Referring to this work, the Chattanooga "News" says: "The Pythian ward in the Erlanger hospital has been designated by the trustees of the hospital. A committee from the local Knights of Pythias visited the hospital for the purpose of arranging for the equipment of the ward. The building was looked over, and finally ward 27, on the third floor, one of the best rooms in the hospital, was selected for the purpose. The Pythians at once put G. W. Boulden, the painter, at work on the artistic designing of the room, and will proceed immediately to fully equip it with furniture. The Knights of Pythias shield will be put on