

ENDOWMENT RANK.

The following is a copy of a notice which recently appeared in the Greensboro "Evening Telegram," of Greensboro, North Carolina, on March 9th, and it speaks for itself:—

Ramseur, North Carolina, March 5, 1900.

Board of Control, Endowment Rank,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen,—I beg leave to extend my grateful acknowledgment for check No. 114860, on First National Bank of Chicago, for \$1,000, handed me by G. H. Royster, General Organizer for the Endowment Rank, for policy No. 53,185, on the life of my husband, James A. McMath.

Please allow me to thank you for the prompt payment of this claim, the same being paid in 43 days after proof of death was received by you. I cannot too highly recommend the Endowment Rank to all Pythians who desire to get desirable insurance at moderate cost, and may each and every Knight avail himself of the grand opportunity offered by the Endowment rank for the protection of his loved ones after they are bereft of his care and protection.

Again thanking you, for your promptness, and wishing for your grand and noble Order unbounded success, I am

Gratefully yours,

MARY E. McMATH.

The following from a beneficiary of the Endowment Rank is given as an evidence of the advantage which that department is to the families of deceased Pythians:—

Dickson, Tennessee, March 2, 1900.

Mr. H. B. Stolte, Secretary,

Board of Control, E. R. K. of P.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir,—My husband, Walter W. Beasley, became a member of the Knights of Pythias in October, 1899, and joined the Endowment Rank for \$1,000, holding certificate No. 95,420, for which he paid \$1.00 and two payments of \$1.10 each, making a total cost of \$3.20. My husband was caught under the wheels of a locomotive December 19th, 1899, and crushed to death, leaving me with three small children to support. And the thousand dollar cheque handed me to-day by Dr. Ridings is to me and my orphans a great blessing. While nothing can take away my sorrow or heal a broken heart, this will aid me to care for my children as they should be, and I want to thank you for the promptness you have shown in paying this claim, and can conscientiously say that the Endowment Rank, Knights of Pythias, is a great blessing to the widow and orphans.

Respectfully,

MRS. EMMA BEASLEY.

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THE DETROIT CONVENTION.

Arranging the Programme of Attractions for the Great Gathering.

Detroit, Mich., March 30th, 1900.—Detroit received an official visit from Major-General James R. Carnahan this week. The veteran Commander spent two days with the local Committees looking over the city, discussing the attractions, railroad and steamboat accommoda-

tions, etc., deciding the location of the camp and drill ground. The decision places the encampment adjacent to the beautiful Belle Isle, upon the boulevard which leads to Belle Isle bridge and on the most attractive driveway in the city. Acres of beautiful shade trees will break the monotony of the camp grounds, and although the site is in the best portion of Detroit, the grounds are sufficiently large to accommodate the big white city, and free from the disturbance of inconsiderate civilization.

The boulevard is a 14-mile driveway, which encircles the city, upon which Detroit has lavished money to make it beautiful. The location of the camp here allows the city to furnish water mains, sewerage and electric lighting for the grounds and the best of public service is promised. The proximity to the broad, blue river makes it possible to enjoy the cool breezes which blow over this part of the city from Lake St. Clair and the river, while the arrangements for the comfort of the troops can be more elaborate than if placed upon the island. Five street car lines touch the boulevard within as many blocks of the camp ground, and park carriages running across the bridge or by wheeling or walking over, it will be possible to take the regular excursion steamers from the island to the city.

General Carnahan expressed himself as more than pleased with the grounds, and said that it would be possible to build thereon the most model camp ever erected for the Pythians. He examined the financial statements of the local Committee and expressed pleasure at the plans for the entertainment.

The Bureau of Information established at the headquarters, 1237 Majestic Building, is compiling information as to boarding-houses, rates, classification of hotels and places where the visitors can be accommodated, etc. Already there has been a liberal response from Detroit's best homes for an opportunity to take care of delegates or families of the visiting knights who come to go into camp.

General Carnahan reports great enthusiasm over the entire country. He instructed the Entertainment Committee to secure cots for 15,000 men in camp. Eight regiments are coming from Indiana, 10 from Ohio, 6 from Illinois, and smaller contingents from every one of the 22 brigades. General Hoyt of New Hampshire writes that every one of his 24 companies will be in Detroit, and that he has secured a \$15 rate from rendezvous points in the state, less than one cent per mile. The First Arkansas Regiment is prepared to come intact. Vermont, which has never before been represented, will bring several companies, two of which will go into the competitive drill and one in the ritual competition. The Kokomo, Ind., Company of 60 men is working every week with the intention of wiping the ground with all competitors in the prize drill, and General Carnahan says that fully 30 companies are preparing to do the same thing.

H. V. Belding, of St. Louis, Imperial Secretary of the D. O. K. K., spent a day in Detroit this week, arranging for headquarters for the Khorassan. Mr. Belding says that 5,000 devout worshippers of the Imperial Prince will bow at his