

der, in whose birth I was in a measure instrumental, as shortly after the close of the war I went to Richmond, Va., to assist my father, who was appointed as collector of internal revenue in that city.

"I have always felt since that time that incidentally I was the means of benefitting mankind, and naturally felt a strong interest in the welfare of the Order, but a country residence prevented my becoming an active member of the Knights until I was agreeably surprised to learn that a lodge was to be located near to where I lived, and I availed myself of the opportunity by becoming a charter member.

"My impression of the Order since I became a brother Knight is, that while I could appreciate its motives in its crude condition, I now recognise it as the outcome of that beautiful inspiration of the long ago, in its more perfected condition of to-day."

"SAMUEL R. JAMES."

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THE ENDOWMENT RANK.

The Secretary of the Section the Agent of the Board of Control.

In the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit, before Judges Pardee and McCormick, and District Judge Parlange, an appeal came up of the case of the Board of Control vs. Withers, from the Circuit Court of the United States from the Middle District of Alabama. Briefly stated, this is a case where R. H. Withers, a member of Section No. 432, at Greensboro, Ala., paid his assessment for the month of October, 1895, at the proper time, and the dues of the section for that month were forwarded to the Board of Control on the 31st of the month, but did not reach there until the 4th of November. On the 1st of November Withers died, and the Board of Control refused payment on the ground that at the time of his death the Section was under suspension. In the District Court the Judge directed a verdict for the plaintiff, Mrs. Josephine Withers, and from this verdict the Board of Control appealed the case to the Circuit Court of Appeals. The case is fully reported in No. 2, Vol. 89, Federal Reporter. The following is from the decision rendered by the Court, which was unanimous:

Notwithstanding the provisions in Section 10, of the General Laws, that the officers of the Section are the agents of the members, and shall in no wise be considered as the agents or the representatives of the Board of Control of the Endowment Rank, we are of the opinion that the Secretary of the Section was, in fact, the agent of the Board of Control to receive and forward the dues paid by the individual members (Whiteside vs. Supreme Conclave, 32 Federal 275; Knights of Pythias vs. Bridges [Tex. Cir. Appeal] 39 S. W.; and see Insurance Co., V. Wilkinson, 13 Wall, 222, 234), and that when payment has been made by the insured, under Section 4 of the General Laws, to the Secretary of the Section, the money so paid belongs to the Board of Control. Under a fair construction of Section 6 and of Section 10 of the General Laws, when the Secretary of the Section deposited in the post office at Greensboro the moneys collected, as the monthly payments and

dues of the individual members of the Section, and in this followed a long course of business, the said payments were then and there received by the Board of Control (Buell vs. Chapin, 99 Mass., 594; Gurney vs. Howe, 9 Gray, 404), and as in this case the admitted facts show that the payments and dues were deposited by Chadwick, the secretary of the Section, at the post office at Greensboro, on the 31st day of October, 1895, there was no forfeiture under Section 6 of the General Laws. Campbell vs. Supreme Lodge, 168 Mass, 397, 47 N. E., 109, does not conflict with this view of the case. Other questions argued need not be considered. The judgment of the circuit court is affirmed.

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SUPREME LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Office of the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, Nashville, Dec. 17th, 1898.

Brother,—As a matter of justice to myself, I desire to explain the cause of the delay in the issuance of the Official Record of Proceedings for 1898.

Prior to the Indianapolis convention, the statutes devolved on the committee of printing the duty of making a contract for printing the Official Record; and it was practicable to make such contract immediately after the close of the biennial convention. That committee, however, was abolished by legislation of the recent convention, and in its stead was created the committee on printing and supplies, one of whose duties is to make the contract named; but the amendment creating this committee was enacted in such form that it did not go into effect until October 31st. The committee on printing and supplies, having no legal existence before that date, could not of course perform any of its functions. A further delay was caused by allowing additional time to the publisher of one of the Pythian journals, to submit a bid in lieu of one which he had already submitted, but which was not in such shape that it could be intelligently considered by the committee. For the reasons named, it was impracticable to close the contract until November 20th.

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