

Company, No. 82, Terre Haute, Ind.; third prize, \$300, Alpha Company, No. 45, Louisville, Ky.; fourth prize, \$200, Jeffersonville, Ind., Company.

The jewel prize, valued at \$100, for the best Company Commander in Class B, was awarded to B. F. Gray, Captain of the Louisville Company.

The prize for the best troop of cavalry was awarded to Burns' Hussars, of St. Joseph, Mo., it having no competitors.

The prize of \$100 offered by Major-General Carnahan for the Company of the Uniform Rank having the largest percentage of its members in the parade, and in the inspection and review, was awarded to Company 43, of the Missouri Brigade.

The report of John A. Hinsey, Treasurer of the Endowment Rank, Knights of Pythias, was referred by the Supreme Lodge Saturday morning to the Committee on Endowment Rank and the election of Hinsey or a successor was postponed until the Committee makes a report on Hinsey's report.

In addition to the officers elected yesterday, the Supreme Lodge elected the following: James Moulson, of St. John, N. B., Supreme Prelate; R. L. C. White, Nashville, Supreme Keeper of Records and Seals; Thomas Mears, Wilmington, N. C., Supreme Master of the Exchequer; H. M. Bigelow, Seattle, Supreme Master at Arms; William Simmons, Wilmington, Del., Supreme Inner Guard; John W. Thompson, Washington, D. C., Supreme Outer Guard.

The Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, is about all that remains of the biennial encampment. All of the Uniform Rank and subordinate lodge companies have left the city and Camp Colgrove is deserted.

Representative W. L. Seism, of Nebraska, who has been fighting the officers of the Supreme Lodge vigorously for several months, and is reported to have made charges of excessive expense accounts, has introduced a number of resolutions and documents at this session, all having a tendency to restrict the officers.

One resolution, aimed at the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seals, says he shall keep an accurate account, showing the exact financial condition of the Supreme Lodge at all times.

Another resolution directed at the Supreme Master of the Exchequer, states that he shall keep an account in detailed form of all receipts and disbursements, and shall, each quarter, prepare a detailed report, showing the date of each remittance from the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seals, and the amounts of money paid out, together with the name of payee.

A fourth resolution asks that the Chairman of the Committee on printing be instructed to advertise for bids on all printing in at least one leading daily paper, in not less than three of the leading cities of the country, and in all Pythian papers, the daily journal of the Supreme Lodge and secret work being omitted.

Sealed bids are to be received and not opened unless the Chairman of the Committee and at least three members of the Committee are present.

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THAT RESOLUTION.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, held in the City of Petersburg, Brother Geo. A. Newham, of No. 18, presented the following reso-

lution, which was referred to the Committee on Laws and Supervision:

No candidate for the rank of Knighthood shall be advanced from any rank to a higher one until he shall have committed to memory the obligation and secret work of the preceeding rank, nor until he shall have passed an examination thereon in open Lodge, except by special dispensation.

We understand that the Committee to whom this was referred reported that they did not deem it expedient to adopt the resolution as a whole, but after striking out the word "obligation" recommended that the same be adopted.

By reference to the journal of proceedings we find that this report was very freely and ably discussed, and finally ended by having the resolution tabled. Oh, that table!

In doing this, to our mind, the Grand Lodge of Virginia has lost the opportunity of its life to demonstrate to its membership that the pre-eminence of the Pythian Order cannot be doubted, and that to be a "real live" Pythian the secret work must be known by every member.

We are fully convinced that something should be done along this line, and the sooner the better. We believe that every up-to-date Pythian will agree with us that a thorough and complete knowledge of the unwritten work is essential from the mere fact that from time to time occasion arises wherein a member needs to test or be tested, and we venture to say that not half the Pythian membership can successfully conduct a test. Above everything else this should certainly be done properly.

Only a few days ago we were told of a brother being "touched" by a person who knew just enough of Pythianism to catch nine-tenths of our membership. Is this not enough to put our "law-makers" to thinking? Brethren, get your heads together, and at the next Grand Lodge dust that old table off and frame Brother Newman's resolution into the laws of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

If you do nothing else do this, and you will have done well and nobly, and will receive the praise of the Pythian Order. Generally, something must be done to protect our membership.—"Pythian Lodge Secret."

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