

gate a pocket key or cipher ritual, so arranged that none but members who had received the lessons and who had given the ritual some study in the lodge room could interpret.

These ciphers could be sold to the membership would be willing to pay almost any price for them. It would permit them to do their studying at home and in their offices, and would create, as I believe, a new interest and an enthusiasm such as our Order has never known.

The promulgation of these rituals by the Supreme Lodge and being handled as a Supreme or Grand Lodge supply, could be made a source of revenue, and direct taxation upon the membership could be done away with for a time at least.

I have carefully gone into the cost of publication of a book such as would be required, and find that after the plates are made they could be published at less than 25 cents per copy. They could be sold at a price almost equivalent to the price charged for the ritual we are now using in the lodge rooms, and would be hailed with delight by the working members of the Order.

I address you concerning this question only after the most mature thought and deliberation. At the various district meetings which I have attended during my administration as Grand Chancellor the applause with which this suggestion has been received has been such as to convince me that the interest of Pythianism demands some such action on the part of the Supreme Lodge.

I place the matter before you and would be glad to hear from you. If you know of any objection to such a project I would be glad to be enlightened; if you favor the proposition I would be glad to know that it met with your approval, as I would value your opinion in the matter most highly. With kind regards and best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely and Fraternally Yours,

BRIG. S. YOUNG,

Grand Chancellor.

Ada, Ohio, February 1st, 1899.

SUPREME LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.
Office of Supreme Chancellor,

Allegheny, Pa., March 18th, 1899.

To the Order Universal, Greeting:

In the year 1894, at Washington, D. C., a Committee was appointed by order of the Supreme Lodge to raise the necessary funds for the erection of a monument to the memory of the Founder of the Order of the Knights of Pythias, Justus H. Rathbone. At the same time a Committee was appointed on design for said monument. These two committees have worked along carefully, and in December, 1897, the contract was awarded by the Committee to Hoffman & Prockakaza to erect the monument at Utica, N. Y., at a cost of \$11,500. Prior to that, the cemetery authorities had met and donated a lot one hundred feet square, overlooking the beautiful Genesee Valley, and there the memorial stands. It was completed in October, 1898, and in November, 1898, was taken off the contractors' hands and the stipulated price paid and receipted for.

The monument will be dedicated July 27th, 1899, upon the occasion of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of New York. The brethren in New York have already appointed a Committee of Arrangements and hope to make this the greatest Pythian event in the history of the Order. The Supreme Lodge Committee, of which Past Supreme Representative John Young, of New Hampshire, is Chairman, has arranged the following:

PROGRAMME:

Music.

Invocation.

Address,....Presiding Officer, Hon. Charles T. Goodrich, Grand Chancellor of New York.

Music.

Unveiling Monument, Hon. John Young, Chairman Committee on Rathbone Monument Fund.

Acceptance on Part of Supreme Lodge, Thomas G. Sample, Supreme Chancellor.

JONES—"What do you think of my new suit?"

BROWN—"It looks all right. How much did you pay for it?"

JONES—"Twenty dollars."

BROWN—*Examining closely*.—"Oh, yes; you have been buying one of those cheap suits. See here, Jones; here is a suit I bought eight months ago. I have worn it to business every day since, and it looks better than your new suit now. Take my advice, pay more for your clothes and you will be money ahead, if you patronize

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