

This is no dream or fancy—it is a solid fact—we know and have seen it. For twenty-six years we have seen the procession go by, have looked out on what has been doing, and have been in and among the lodges in all the states, territories and provinces where Pythian Knighthood has an abiding place.

Let's give an illustration. Only a few years ago the suggestion was made that the members from two or three of the Chicago lodges go down to Indianapolis, to witness the ritualistic work as done by Star Lodge No. 7, of that city.

It had but to be mentioned when over 400 were ready to go. A special train was arranged, and the pilgrimage made; and we can say truthfully, not only that every one of the visitors came back charmed with what they had witnessed, but that to-day were a similar opportunity afforded them there would not be one of them missing. Again, a similar visit was made from here to Dayton, Ohio, to witness the work so magnificently rendered by Iola Lodge of that city. There the common expression among the residents was that "Iola Lodge owns this town"—and so on, through many similar experiences, all evidencing that those lodges of the Order that require that the ritualistic ceremonies shall be performed as they should be, are the bodies that are successful, well attended and progressive.

In this connection the "Tribune" also desires to say that there are adjuncts to the ritual, permitted and recognised by the Supreme body, that every well equipped lodge should have, even though they only work the short form. The stereopticon, intelligently handled, can be made to add materially to the character of the work, do much toward beautifying the ceremonials, and serve to illustrate the legend forming the thread which runs all through the ritual. It is surprising how few lodges realise either how much may be done by the aid of the stereopticon or how much they are losing for

lack of it. This is especially true in the case of lodges in small communities where the membership is limited, the treasury light, and the room contracted. There, especially can this valuable adjunct be put to excellent use, materially increase the general interest in all the ranks, and at but a trifling cost. This is mentioned simply because of the easiness of the application of the stereopticon to the ritual, and the fact that one or two manufacturers have given special attention to its adaptation to our work—indeed one manufacturer removed all difficulty in its adjustment (so that a novice might attend it) by placing the illustrations required all on one disc, by which means each comes in rotation, and thus precludes the possibility of mistakes. This and other aids that might be mentioned, can be used in connection with the ceremonials—they all tend toward beautifying the ritualistic work, and with it increase the interest and advance the prosperity of the lodge.

Here we may be pardoned for introducing another feature of this question, which we consider not only to be germane to the purpose of this article, but proper to bring to the notice of the membership.

Too many times, when poor attendance and flagging interest sap the foundation of a lodge, how common it is for many to fly to that oft sought refuge, the "Entertainment Committee"—"Let us have a series of entertainments," they say, "and get our membership out." Never have we heard this stock cry without a feeling of disgust—if the members will not come out because of the lodge, then, there is something the matter with the direction, management and conduct of the lodge—let the members turn their attention toward curing the disease within and not imagine that "entertainments" will ever prove a permanent cure. Search for the cause—if it is a case of "drones," smoke 'em out; if it is a case of negligent officers, elect others; if it is a case of parrot ritual rendering, end it by organising a team for first class work—above

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