

DID IT EVER STRIKE YOU?

That it is not fair to take a part on the floor team and stay away on a night when there is work to be done without giving notice?

That partitions should be thick enough to keep out the sound of pianos in rooms adjacent to the Lodge Room?

That attention to the small points of discipline commences in the Domain of the Outer Guard?

That a revival is a good thing in a lodge, and that it should not be allowed to cool off?

That there are still a few cooled-off members who might stand a little reviving?

That we are more than pleased to see our Westminster friends doing so well?

That Vancouver has the best material on earth for a Third Rank team, and that if they continue improving, we will be able to challenge any team in the Supreme Domain?

That it will only be by strict attention that this result will be attained?

Yours in Eff., See and Bee,
TIDINGS.

MEMORISING THE RITUAL.

My Dear Sir and Brother.—I enclose herewith a copy of a communication which I have forwarded to Supreme Chancellor Thomas G. Sample, Past Supreme Chancellor W. B. Richie, and other Supreme Lodge officers. The letter is self-explanatory.

My experience during the past six months as Grand Chancellor of the the Domain of Ohio has been of such a character as to thoroughly satisfy me of the utter impracticability of our present laws concerning the memorising of the ritual. It is my intention at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ohio to place this matter before the Grand Body and ask that our supreme representatives be instructed to put forth every effort looking to the promulgation of a cipher key to our most beautiful ritual.

I address this communication to you and urge

that if you agree with me in the position I have taken, you will co-operate with me, and bring the matter before your Grand Lodge at the next session in a similar manner. I believe that by a united effort by the various grand lodges, this most necessary innovation can be carried to a successful consummation at the next session of the Supreme Lodge. It will afford me great pleasure to entertain your personal views on the matter.

Awaiting your reply and asking your earnest co-operation, I remain,

Sincerely and Fraternally Yours,
BRIG. S. YOUNG,
Grand Chancellor.

Ada, Ohio, February 9th, 1899.

My Dear Sir and Brother,—I address you at this time concerning a matter to which I have given much thought, and would be pleased to have your opinion concerning the project.

I believe, primarily, that one cause for non-payment of dues is the absolute ignorance, on the part of a great majority of our membership, of the beauties of our ritual. This, coupled with the excessive dues, is in my mind, the direct cause of our enormous loss of membership each year. I believe if we would have enthusiasm extant in our Order we should have intelligence. We should have men thoroughly versed in the lessons we seek to teach. I believe, further, that there is not more than ten per cent. of the members who have been initiated into our Order who can intelligently repeat a single page of the ritual, and so long as the membership are compelled to hunt up some officer to get a key to the lodge room or the combination to the safe wherein the rituals are kept, and to do their studying in a cheerless lodge room before they can become thoroughly instructed, the present condition will remain to confront us. I would overcome this in the following manner:

I would have the Supreme Lodge at its next session, take such action as would create a committee whose duty it would be to promul-

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