

THE CENTURY OF HULL.

Hull will celebrate this year the 100th anniversary of its foundation. Laferriere & Page will publish for the occasion a special number of "Le Spectateur," called "The Century of Hull." It will be a complete history of that industrial city, cradle of the lumber trade in the most productive district in Canada. It will be a vivid description of the venturesome life of the pioneer of the Grand River, a complete panorama of the splendors of the most picturesque region in this country. It will be over and above all an accurate study of the great combat engaged about the year 1800, below the Chaudiere Fall, between Philemon Wright and the wilderness, a combat which centred its interest in Hull till the day when Bytown became Ottawa.

Laferriere & Page will spare neither time nor money to give the public a most worthy volume. The illustrations will cover all subjects relating to the political, religious, social and commercial history of Hull. The literary part will be a series of articles, mostly all paid, written by specialists.

The "Century of Hull" will be published in both languages about the month of June.

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"THE PYTHIAN ORDER."

At the Second District Convention at Franklin, Ohio on January 19th, Supreme Representative, John T. Sutphen, gave the following address, entitled "The Pythian Order.":

The Order of Knights of Pythias was organized by man for the benefit of the human family, being the beautiful and realistic exemplification of friendship as shown by Damon and Pythias, as the corner-stone of the Fraternal structure.

No such example of friendship is to be found in history. The story of "David and Jonathan," or the "widow's son," pale before the intense heat of the friendship exhibited by the prototypes of this Order.

The tenets of the Pythian Order teach the elevation of humanity and the protection of the home circle. The Order of Knights of Pythias, for any other fraternity, is a religion, but in many particulars they run in parallel lines as to good to be accomplished in this world of progress. The Order, like the Church, is injured at times, by members whose enthusiasm leads them to promise more than can be accomplished.

The obligations of the Pythian Order instruct and bind the neophyte to assist in the protection and the development of the Knights of Pythias, as a child should be educated to protect and elevate home.

While not a religion, no man can become a member who is not a white male, twenty-one years of age, of good moral character, and a believer in God as the Supreme Ruler of all.

When a man or woman has been taken into the Church with the expectation that from that time on their journey of life will be over a bed of thornless roses, they become easy marks for his Satanic Majesty, who works to-day as of old. For example: In sacred history we learn that

the Philistines, as agents of his Satanic Majesty, made a back-slider of a man who is to-day worshipped as the synonym of strength, by first blinding him, then binding him, and then set him grinding for them. So we drift along a similar stream. A man who has been led into our Order by unwarranted promises is blinded as to the real true worth and objects of our Order of Knights of Pythias.

When selfishness, the Satanic Majesty of the Order, winds his tentacles about the victim he is bound so firmly that he is ready to do the work of selfishness, even to his own destruction. Had he listened to the teachings of the Order, and followed the tenets of this fraternity, the tempter could not have lured him from the path of duty to humanity into the broad road to destruction, where the "sign-board" reads "I am Greater than Thou."

If any science, art, or work, has for its beginning, its objects or its end, the improvement of humanity and the advancement of the race, then that art, work or science, deserves the encouragement of all. Many institutions and organizations are working, each in their way, for the betterment of the human family. We can not take a part in actively promoting all of these, but we at least may help to keep the road clear by placing no obstruction in their way. If you can not help, do not hinder.

The Order of Knights of Pythias teaches Friendship, Charity and Benevolence to a candidate by a mode of initiation, that is given for the specific purpose of fully impressing upon him the lessons embodied in those principles, so that he will be broader-minded in his associations with his fellowmen. Not viewing his neighbor's actions and words with the same selfishness as before; stopping what might have been a false opinion; seeing the act without comment, as he cannot read the motive, where-in lies the sin; always ready to throw the mantle of charity over the infirmities of others; to extend the helping hand to the fallen, or to relieve the distressed; these, with their many branches and offshoots are the things that one who has learned the true lessons of the Order should and does emulate.

The Order, like the Church, sometimes gets a wolf dressed in the clothing of a lamb. We even have back-sliding in the Order. The Satanic Majesty, selfishness, now and then leads one astray, and the needful law is called into force. For no man who violates the home circle, lives by intrigue upon his brother or neighbor, slanders a brother or his family, violates statutory law, being treasonable to his country, passes below the nomenclature of a gentleman or violates the true laws of society, is a suitable person to belong to the Order of Knights of Pythias, and the sooner he is punished in keeping with the laws of the Order the better for all. Spare not the rod when the future of the child or a community is at stake. The pruning knife is better and more matured when the corrupting sprouts are removed.

The same law that rounds a dew-drop, shapes a world. Fate it may be, but a directing hand leads the every act. This leader, or force, which we are pleased to call God, formed the country