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## ATTENTION, PLEASE

### To Official Brethren

Lest it should escape the notice of the officers of Subordinate Circles, we call attention to Law vii. of the Constitution, on "Reports and Remittances," pages 40-41. The matters of per "capita tax" and the "Semi-annual Reports" are important. Every member of the Order will at once see the necessity of calling attention to these items. If the specific directions of Law vii. are faithfully adhered to, much time and labor will be saved and great confusion prevented. Each official having work of this kind to do will confer a great favor upon the Supreme Officers, especially the Supreme Secretary, if these returns, statistical and financial, are sent in promptly. Delay or carelessness here may cause much trouble at the head office and necessitate much letter-writing and expense of postage. The latter may not amount to much for any one of the Circles concerned, but for the Supreme Secretary's office it means much work and many dollars of expense, besides the annoyance of having to correct mistakes and to wait for the tardy ones.

Let every Subordinate Officer, whose eye may fall upon these lines, read carefully Law vii. on page 40, and carry out to the letter, at once, the rules there laid down, and it will be a great comfort to the Supreme Secretary.

Good laws faithfully kept make smooth sailing and a prosperous voyage.

JOHN KAY,  
Supreme Leader.

## IN THE FIELD

The Supreme Organizer writes to say that he has just completed the organization of three new Circles, and these have a very hopeful start, for, we trust, a long and successful career in the beneficiary brotherhood field. We congratulate them upon entering the Circle where they may be useful to their fellow-men, and this is one of the best objects a man can have to live for. The great founder of Christianity exemplified this in the highest degree possible, and He was interested in all that concerns the welfare of mortals. Whilst He supplied food for the body and salvation for the soul, there was not an interest in human nature, even to the hairs of men's heads, and the falling sparrows, but engaged His attention.

To do good, to make sad homes bright, and to alleviate the sufferings and woes of men—these are noble objects, and we extend the hand of welcome, and the earnest God bless you to those new Circles and members, which, during the past month, have entered upon their new life in our Order!

Our work teaches the young people to save their small sums of money, and the man with a family to lay by that which he would often spend unwisely, and in the provision which these small sums may enable them to make for life's casualties they will reap the benefit of an invaluable habit. Economy and frugality for ourselves will put in our way the possibility of service which will lighten life's labor and beautify its pathways.

The indefatigable organizer wishes to say that he will have another Circle ready for organization this week, and more to follow. A wide-awake organizer is a power for good in such a work as we have to do. We wish him all success.

Bro. P. M. Pattison writes to say that a society for which he did organizing work has only added 39 Beneficiary Lodges in Ontario for the past four years, while in that time all of our 125 have been formed. They raise \$2,814 at one assessment, we raise \$6,400. This increase speaks well for our principles and the way they are acted upon.

## BENEFICIARY ORDERS AND SOCIAL PROGRESS

In these days when experience and ingenuity have shown how to take care of every interest and make the most of every opportunity, when we provide against the possibility of fire at the store, and of accident during travel, in which we save time and labor by every conceivable appliance, it would be strange if the most valuable of all our interests were forgotten. How much more necessary are we, ourselves, than any interests we may have if we take care of things! How much more important that we should provide for the preservation and comfort of persons! How sacredly essential are we to those depending upon us, and how unwise, and even unkind, to run the risk of their being left without means of comfort in the event of our being seized by disease and incapacitated for the remunerative activities of life! Can we know that health may be so unexpectedly lost, and those for whom we provide left without our support, and yet not take advantage of the facilities which providence and experience have provided for such emergencies? Is it not reasonable that, while there is mechanical and material progress, there should be progress also in regard to social life, lifting it at least above many of the calamities to which it has been too long subjected? And what more rational and beautiful than this rallying of all to the support of each, helping those who are overtaken by misfortune, and then being helped if we should be overtaken ourselves?—*Rev. Enock Stubbs, Pastor Thirteenth Street M. E. Church, Philadelphia.*

## A DESERVING BROTHER HONORED

Learning a few days ago that Mr. Alonzo Denton was about to leave town, the members of Circle No. 47 of the O. C. H. C. decided to express to him in some tangible way their appreciation of his careful and thorough performance of the duties of the financial secretaryship of the lodge, a position he has held since its organization. He was invited to participate in an oyster-supper held in Hillman's restaurant rooms on Monday evening, and was presented with an address expressing the regret felt by his many friends at his loss from their midst, and an elegant past leader's badge. The bivalves being disposed of, the company was called to order by the chairman, Mr. Geo. Colborne, and the following address read by Mr. E. Lewis:—

Dear Bro. Alonzo Denton,

With mingled feelings of regret and pleasure we have in an informal way convened this gathering with a view to securing a suitable opportunity for expressing to you as members of C. H. C., No. 47, our sincere regret at your removal from our town, by which the Order with which you have been allied since its organization will have created in its ranks a vacancy which will be felt and mourned over by every member. Time, as it rolls along, may to some slight extent heal over the wound caused by your departure from among us, but time can never efface from our memories the many pleasant gatherings we have enjoyed with your presence, and the ever gentlemanly and brotherly greetings we have each so often received from you. Although we may not have indicated in any demonstrative way our thorough appreciation of your untiring and unflinching energy in the discharge of your duties as an officer of our Order, nevertheless that appreciation exists, and we would in kindness and brotherly love ask you to accept this impromptu address as a token of this feeling.

Mr. Denton replied briefly, thanking the friends for these unexpected marks of esteem, and expressing the hope that as he was not going very far away he might often be enabled to attend their meetings. Short speeches were made by other members of the company, and "God Save the Queen" was sung before the guests dispersed.—*Tilsenburg Observer, Nov. 1, 1889.*