

OUR FOUNDER.

The following poem was read at the dedication of the monument erected to the memory of Justus H. Rathbone, founder of the Order of Knights of Pythias, on Wednesday, July 26th, 1899, by Charles A. Lee, Supreme Representative, Pawtucket, R. I.:

RATHBONE.

Founder and friend!
Who from the ancient story wove
The modern version bright and treasure trove;
When war the country filled with fratricidal
strife,
And youth and manhood met in conflict rife,
Thou didst within thy heart its precepts grasp,
And taught thy countrymen their hands to
clasp,
In reconciliation sweet, and thenceforth strove,
To span the gulf of hate with bridge of love.
Strong be our Order, remembered be thy name
Who lit the torch of Friendship's everlasting
flame.

FRIENDSHIP.

True friendship is a bond divine,
Ordained our natures to refine;
Our bosoms to expand by love,
Responsive to the throne above.
Much like the blooming of the rose
That with pure fragrance overflows.

Our friendships form the golden chain
To link us to the angel train,
Receiving and imparting good,
As members of a brotherhood.
Like stars, that deck the arch of night,
Diffusing life-inspiring light.

Without a friend, how dark and lone!
What all earth's music but a moan!
A direful exile that would be,
Cut off from all men's sympathy!

But, with true friends, re-doubled life
With priceless consolations rife.

In friendship's circle what delight—
Heart beats to heart, though hid from sight.
Soul blends with soul as only one,
And joys through every service run,
So in their purpose friends agree
To live as in one family.

The Saviour calls His followers friends—
A fellowship that never ends;
An education here below,
For other worlds to which we go,
Where all true friendship sure will meet,
To make felicities complete.

DEDICATION.

So let us dedicate this shrine
As holding somewhat the divine;
A fit memorial of a friend,
Who toiled pure friendship to extend;
And on its face this legend bind—
He lived to love and serve mankind.

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QUEST FOR FRIEND'S BODY.

Two New Orleans Men Bid Defiance to Colombian Law.

To recover the body of Charlton K. Browning, who was buried in Colombia, where disinterment is not allowed for 18 months, Joseph B. Derbes, a New Orleans attorney, and J. E. Jolet, a travelling man in the employ of a Chicago firm, braved all kinds of dangers, narrowly escaped death by shipwreck, spent money lavishly, and with their own hands opened the grave into which the body had been placed two months ago, and brought the casket to this country, arriving home the other day.

It was on June 1st that a naphtha launch, on which Mr. Browning, who was the confidential agent of a New Orleans firm, was a passenger, exploded off Bocas del Toro. He died on June

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