

happened. My heart still aches with pain and I am afraid will continue to do so to my last day.

We were both Englishmen, and had met occasionally before leaving home, but it was only after coming out to the Colonies that we formed the friendship which was to end so abruptly.

Our leaving home was from very different motives; he, poor chap, had to get out and try pastures new; his father's failure on "Change at the time of the "African Slump", followed by the latter's sudden death from shock, had made the old sod too sad a place for him; whilst I, one of those wild scamps, bloods or whatever names they go by, had been shipped out by my own folks who were both tired and ashamed of me.

I don't remember how we met out here, but from the first he influenced me and as we grew to closer friendship his love for me weaned me from my evil habits, and bit by bit I grew to be a man again. All went well for a year or two, but in an evil hour, during a severe illness of my friend, an old college chum came to town, and whilst Harry was sick in bed we went out and I, like a fool, had just one drink, which with some people you know means a night of it. Somebody told Harry early next morning. The poor old fellow watched his chance, and, ill as he was, sallied forth, located me and brought me home. This I was afterwards told. When I came to myself I was lying dressed on top of the bed, Harry stretched across my feet—dead; the white bed-cover all over blood. The effort of bringing me home had been too much for him in his weakened state; he had broken a blood-vessel. He had been dead for some hours. A life of remorse. Yes indeed, can you wonder at some of my notions as you call them? My idea of friendship high! Would it were as high as Harry's was. One can easily understand why I hate to see a man the worse for drink and why I try to get him home. What does it remind me of but of that corpse? I was guilty of my friend's death, after all he did for me; was not my gratitude to him nicely shown? Wealth is now mine, position, everything but peace of mind. Yes, Harry's was the greater love. A life for a life. Oh, Harry!

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Married or single, eh?—well, no matter which—the investment is a good one even if you are single—take out a certificate in the Endowment Rank. If you are married, then the duty is plainer—we will not stop to argue that—simply make the one undeniable assertion: No married man should be without some life insurance—the latter can buy it at cost, at about a third of the price paid into the institutions that have to go around building sky-scrapers in every large city so as to get away with a vast fortune they take from the policy holders.

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U. R. ENCAMPMENT.

Official Prize List for Drill and Lodge Work.

The official prize list has just been issued from Detroit for the coming Encampment, and the largest list of prizes ever offered is the result. The prizes for the Uniform Rank com-

petitive drills are larger than heretofore, and are divided into classes somewhat different from those offered in the past. A new class, called C, has been added for the companies organised within the past two years, giving them a chance to enter into competitive drills.

It will be noticed that a prize and a second prize are offered for the best exemplification of the ritualistic work of the U. R., and this will tend to give those companies that cannot enter for the drill prizes a chance to win for lodge work.

The prizes offered by the Detroit Committee for Subordinate Lodges are varied and handsome, and it is evidently the object of Detroit Pythians to excel all previous attempts and attract as many uniform bodies as possible from Subordinate Lodges.

Distance Prize.—To the Subordinate Lodges having 30 or more uniform members in line and coming from the greatest distance, the K. of R. S. to give assurance that only bona fide members are in line, prize, \$300.

Best Appearance.—To the Subordinate Lodge outside of the State of Michigan, having 30 or more members in line of parade, in uniform, making the best appearance, prize \$300.

Percentage Prize.—To Subordinate Lodge of State of Michigan, having 30 or more members in line of parade (outside of Wayne County) in uniform, prize \$300.

Wayne County Prize.—To Subordinate Lodge from Wayne County making the best appearance in line of parade, prize \$300.

Khorassan Prize.—To the Khorassan Temple (outside of Detroit) having largest percentage of its membership in line of parade at night and in costume, prize \$300.

All prizes will be paid in cash immediately after the decisions are given.

Major-General Carnahan has visited Detroit and was royally entertained by the Executive Committee. He expresses himself as highly pleased and satisfied with the progress shown by the Pythians of Detroit in making preparations for the Encampment of next August.

Headquarters Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias,

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 18, 1899.

General Orders No. 7.

I. The Major-General announces that he has visited Detroit, Mich., for consultation with the Executive Committee having in charge the preparations for the Encampment of 1900, and as one of the results of said visitation the list of prizes offered to companies of the Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias who enter the competition is herewith announced: As a condition precedent to the award of prizes it is understood that each company of infantry, each troop of cavalry and each battery of artillery must participate in the general parade, must take part in the "Field Inspection and Review," and must drill in the competition with not less than twenty-four knights loyal, a right and left guide and three commissioned officers, being a total of not less than twenty-nine, and all bona fide members of the company, troop or battery, and must be fully equipped in the regulation uniform of their special branch of the Uniform Rank