

## GETTING NEW MEMBERS.

The time was when the intrinsic merits of the Order were sufficient to draw men to it, but although the merits of Oddfellowship have not in the least iota decreased, it has now become a well settled fact that it is necessary to do a little personal work in order to greatly increase our membership and the attendance at Lodge meetings. Within a few years new fraternal organizations have sprung up by scores like mushrooms in the night, and are claiming the attention of thousands who have been drawn to them. These have been secured by personal solicitation, paid agents having scoured the country from one end to the other for recruits.

In fraternal affairs as well as in business life, we are governed by circumstances. The business man who hustles for trade, is the one that succeeds. The mere announcement that he has established an office or store is not sufficient to bring him trade or business, he must go after it. He must advertise his wares, and in every way possible induce people to come to his place of business and tender their patronage; otherwise he will get sadly left and sooner or later disaster and failure will come, and his more energetic rivals will laugh as they contemplate his downfall.

If we desire to increase our membership, we must make a personal effort, go out among our acquaintances and make the merits of our Order better known, and bring into the fold good men and true. Sitting still and making no effort, or even praying that increased prosperity and success will come to the Order, will accomplish nothing. We must be up and doing—go after the turkey—if we desire to keep pace with other organizations in the fraternal world, and maintain the proud position we have heretofore and now successfully hold: that of the largest and best fraternal organization in the world.—*Statesman.*

## ENCAMPMENT ODDFELLOWSHIP.

Whilst we have not one word of condemnation for any fraternal organization which has for its prime object the betterment of the conditions of mankind, we unhesitatingly affirm that no society based upon lines of reciprocal relief and friendly offices in times of misfortune and distress has done so much for its membership and for mankind in general as has the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The encampment might almost be termed a necessary adjunct to the subordinate lodge, adding, as it does, new and interesting chapters to the lesson of humane and kindly benefaction; it is the sequel to the preceding degrees. He who crosses the threshold of Oddfellowship should not rest contented until he has fully acquaint-

ed himself with the objects of every degree of this great brotherhood. Instead of going outside of the Order and uniting with associations which are yet in the experimental stage, and which promise the maximum of benefits for the minimum of dues, it is better to enroll your name on the patriarchal roster, and anchor yourself with the fraternity that has stood the test of time and which we believe will remain firmly entrenched in the hearts of men when thrones, kingdoms and principalities shall have ceased to exist.—*California Odd Fellow.*

## SETTLED, IS IT?

Some of the more zealous than discreet friends of the open-door code for Rebekah lodge are shouting themselves hoarse over the non-repeal of the law at the last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and proclaiming it a grand triumph for their side. For instance, the *Triple Link* the that distinguished body has settled for all time the new code. To this assumption the editor of the *Owosso Odd Fellow*, Hon. George M. Dewey, replies, with much force, in these words: "But it seems to us that Bro. Jewell forgets that one year is not 'all time.' By its own action the Sovereign Grand Lodge proposes to overhaul the entire Rebekah laws, work and usages at its next session, and has appointed a committee to map out the work." These words are well put by Bro. Dewey. There are few things more uncertain in the fraternal world than the Rebekah code. The difference in opinion on the Rebekah laws were never so marked on any other subject before the sovereign body, and we predict that the session at Dallas will show that the Rebekah code is by no means "settled for all time," if settled at all. If settled why did the parent body appoint a committee to report on the subject at the next session? Perhaps our good brother Jewell can tell.—*Bro. Joseph Kidder, New Hampshire.*

## TALK TO YOUR FRIENDS.

Do you ever talk with friends, who are not members, on the subject of Oddfellowship? If not, it is high time you were making a beginning. Some of you have been taught to believe that it is wrong to solicit members, and on this account you remain silent as an oyster. We do not believe in indiscriminate drumming for recruits, but where you have a friend, who has the qualifications to make a good Odd Fellow, it is not only your privilege but your duty to talk freely with him on the subject. The benefits of the Order should not be monopolized by the present membership, but extended to good men wherever found. They cannot be expected to press their way to the threshold without any invitation or encouragement whatever. Be more earnest in your efforts to increase our membership.—*Texas Odd Fellow.*

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