

SOLICITING NEW MEMBERS.

Many members of fraternal organizations think it beneath their dignity to solicit a person to become a member, and there are those outside of such societies who are repelled by injudicious advances toward that end, says an exchange. Both of these extremes embody incorrect principles. In all fraternal orders the principal benefit of membership is received by the beneficiaries of the member. The other benefits are twofold: to the member himself during life, in fraternal surroundings, in assistance when sick or in trouble, and in the pleasant results of brotherly unity; secondly to the organization itself, because the addition of every worthy member brings strength and added security for its solidity and perpetuity.

These facts suggest three reasons why members of a fraternal Order, should feel it a pleasure, pride and duty in working for new members. If he has a friend in whom he or his family has much interest, he is doing him a decided favor in every way in securing his admission to the Order. Then where is the lack of dignity in soliciting a friend to do something of lasting benefit to himself and family?

Where is there in such soliciting any element that should repel the one approached? Again, if a brother knows a man who would make a desirable member, and with whom he has some influence, it is his duty to try to strengthen the Order by securing such a member. There certainly is nothing in this contrary to the spirit of true fraternal organization. But the other extreme is also to be avoided. The work with friend or acquaintance must be done with him alone, and unostentatiously; not carrying the idea that the Order cannot get along without him, that he must join because you want him to, but upon the broad principle of mutual benefit. Never approach a man in a crowd, or at any time except when you have a reasonable length of time to explain things to him, and he has time to listen to you without being bored or kept from business. Be careful with whom you labor. Be careful he is in every way desirable. Be sure that you know what you are talking about, and then do not be afraid or ashamed to labor with him.—*Amicitia Advocate.*

Be Wise In Time

No day is so bright that the clouds of trial, death and disappointment do not settle over some household; no land is so fertile but that gaunt and hungry

want may invade some home; no life is secure but that the inexorable law of death may reach and doom its possessor to take its place in the "silent halls of death." No family is secure from such calamities, and so we say, blessed are they above measure who have made provision for the trial when it comes, as come it must, sooner or later. There is no means by which we may avert the calamity of accident or death. But a wise forethought and the means offered by life insurance may provide comfort for the stricken loved ones. And we do not hesitate to say that the man in moderate circumstances who fails to take advantage of this practical means of protection to his family, has failed in one of his most essential Christian duties.

The Grandeur of it.

Mutual aid has a grandeur and nobility about it that its own people do not fully comprehend, and, what is more, they do not realize its bigness.

There is floating around in the press an enumeration table that gives the names and membership of the oldest and strongest societies, the total footing of which exceeds one million. What mission are these people bent upon? Are they not guarding their dependents against the arch enemies of the human family, misery and want? This table tells that the United Workmen, Knights of Honor, Knights of the Maccabees, American Legion of Honor, Knights and Ladies of Honor, Chosen Friends and all the rest of the galaxy, are names of roads that lead to the latter day mistress of the world—Cooperation. It means that one million of people are engaged in a new kind of missionary work, that of trying by example and persuasion to induce a million more people to provide that kind of protection for their dependents that will feed, clothe and educate helpless little children, strengthen the hands of widowed mothers, and close the avenues that lead down to Avernus. It means that one million people are looking forward, not backward. It means that one million people are doing what neither Church nor State ever did; they are placing five millions of dependants above want; they are protecting their bodies and guarding their souls. If this is not a work full of grandeur and nobility, one whose measure is greatness then let us be anathema.—*Intelligencer.*

Work with a will this year.

Prosperity or Adversity?

Like the rainbow, true friendship is brightest in the darkest storm. The friends who have been attracted by prosperity, almost invariably fall away on the approach of adversity; but where friendship is pure, disinterested and founded on genuine esteem, affliction serves to bring it out more prominently than ever. Or, as the old adage renders it, "Prosperity gains friends, but adversity tries them."

The question arises here, however, whether prosperity to the individual whom it visits may not prove a far more trying ordeal than adversity and require on his or her part, the exercise of even higher and more sterling traits of character as well as far greater judgment and discretion.

question has puzzled all the great orders working in Canada, and the Chosen Friends have happily solved the problem. Dr. R. B. Aylesworth, a distinguished physician of Toronto, has been appointed Provincial Medical Examiner, and he will commission Division Medical Examiners in every city and village. An effort will be made to organize 100 councils in as many places during 1892.

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