

bers will enhance our value wonderfully, both mentally and morally.

"Max" presents other points which might be enlarged upon with good effect, but space does not permit.

I admire his frankness and truthfulness. Would that we had scores just like him that had the moral courage to speak the truth. I know from experience that it requires no small amount of moral courage to point out the shortcomings of the Craft, and to those that do so, I say God speed you in your work.

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TRIENNIAL NOTES.

Maryland Commandery of Baltimore, and Columbia Commandery of Washington City, have jointly arranged for the pilgrimage to San Francisco. The time occupied in making the trip will be thirty days, at a cost of \$200 to each Sir Knight, including railroad fare, sleeping car fare, meals en route, and hotel bill at San Francisco. Ladies accompanying Sir Knights will be taken at the same rate.

Apollo Commandery, of Chicago, has concluded to substitute a trip to Europe in place of going to San Francisco. They will leave Chicago 200 strong, on Thursday evening, July 12th, arrive at New York on Saturday morning, July 14th, and sail at noon of that day by the steamer *City of Rome*. Tickets from Chicago to Paris and return, \$250, which cover all the expenses of the trip. Other parts of Europe will be visited.

St. Elmo Commandery, of Meriden, Conn., will go to San Francisco as escort to the officers of the Grand Commandery of that State. They have arranged for a forty days' excursion, leaving Meriden July 24th, stopping at Denver, Col., and other points of interest.

The Drill Corps of Raper Commandery have chartered two Pullman Sleepers, and will pay all expenses

of transportation and hotel bills of such members of the Commandery who become members of the Drill Corps, and comply with the regulations adopted in regard to attendance at drills, proficiency, etc. Other members of the Commandery are granted the privilege of occupying the same cars by paying their own expenses. The only drawback now appears to be in getting enough drilled members of the corps to go to make the requisite number to enter for the competitive drill.

The latest reports from San Francisco are very discouraging in regard to the hotel accommodations. So far, all the hotels have agreed to accommodate only seven hundred and seventy-five Sir Knights.

The Triennial Committee of Arrangements are reported as being very much discouraged, and seriously considering the propriety of recommending that the Encampment be held in some Eastern City. This condition of affairs, unless soon changed, will so largely reduce the number of those who will go, that they can be easily provided for.

The Grand Lodge of Washington has a standing regulation that no Master elect of a lodge in that jurisdiction, shall receive the degree of Past Master, nor be installed into office, until he has proven himself competent and qualified to confer the three degrees of Masonry and deliver the lectures of each degree. The regulation is a good one, and if adopted would be of great benefit to Masonry in other jurisdictions. That he is thus qualified for the position before being elected as Worshipful Master is one of the best recommendations that a Mason can have that he will make a good presiding officer. Of course there are other qualifications necessary to make an efficient officer, but this is one that should be enforced in every instance. A competent Master is pretty sure to make a good working lodge.—*Advocate*.