

HE TALKED

He asked the same old question,
Which we always try to dodge—
Why it is that certain members
Are never seen at lodge?
He told how at an uptown lodge
The candidate was shocked;
Dropped down into our office chair,
And talked, and talked, and talked.

He told us how, in eighty-four,
The grand lodge ring was broke,
Refreshed up all the doings
Of Breckenridge and Hoke;
The question of reserve fund
He into Hades knocked,
Placed both his feet upon our desk,
And talked, and talked, and talked.

We hope that when he migrates
To that land of bliss above,
Where there is no editor's office,
And all is peace and love,
They'll put him in a vacant lot
Where angels never walk,
Let him stay there for a thousand years,
And talk, and talk, and talk.—Reporter

MEET OFTEN

One of the sources of pleasure and success in a society like ours lies in the frequent meeting and interchange of services and amenities on the part of its members. This is no vast business where one man manipulates its agencies and servants as he pleases; nor is it a huge monopoly controlled by an unfeeling and selfish board of managers, but a mutual association in which each member commits himself and his interests to each and every other member, believing that what is best for one is best for another and for the whole. Thus a common feeling and interest make it natural and right that there should be frequent meetings of the members. The Subordinate Circle provides for this in an eminently practical degree, and an opportunity is had for conversation and discussion on all the phases of our life and work. The profit likely to arise from such meetings will depend greatly on the officers of the Circle. If they are prepared to conduct matters along a definite line with a worthy object in view, the members will take a delight in coming together regularly. Let the singer bring the sweetest song and the reader his most interesting reading, the reciter and orator likewise can come, and each contributing to the work of the hour can make it an attractive season. A man was heard a few days ago to ask another, "What do you think of the Home Circle?" Is it likely to be successful?" And the answer was most decidedly in the affirmative. Now if the questioner had kept as closely allied with the regular meeting as he might have done, it would not have been necessary to ask such a question.

The publication of this paper will help to make the meetings more interesting, for we hope it may be made a medium of communication among the members. If official and other members will send in practical correspondence on the many subjects that may occur to them, a more lively interest will be created thereby.

Anyone who will take the trouble to do something for the great benefit he is reaping will not only have a full reward for his effort in the pleasure which it will give him to do good, but he will be brought so much closer to the real work of the Order, and feel the enthusiasm which our growth and go-a-head movements will inspire. Mutual benefits demand mutual sacrifices and mutual service, and herein lies the secret of the cheap rates and small outlay for the unquestionable benefits and liberal provisions which this Society is enabled to make. Thousands of dollars are paid out monthly to the afflicted and mourning, and our five thousand members find in this a worthy object for their ceaseless activities.

NO MAN who puts his hand to the plough and then turns back should be trusted with leadership in any enterprise.

"You make me tired," said the wheel to the blacksmith.

THERE'S many a slipper betwixt the bad boy and his mamma.

A BROOKLYN real estate agent advertises for sale "three houses with swell fronts." Probably this is the effect of the late heavy rains.

IT is quite right for women to reform their dress. Dress, with the aid of cotton wadding, has been re-forming women for many years.

QUESTIONABLE men—school teachers.

THE blacksmith welds iron with sealing whacks.

A YOUNG man who was arrested for attempted suicide by jumping into the river has been "baled out by his friends."

Gus (pathetically): How I do suffer with hay fever! I'm almost dead. Jack (heartlessly): Never mind. Sneezey death.

OUR Double-action language.—Mr. Fleschman: Hello, Cholly, what's up? Training for a race? Cholly: No; racing for a train.

IT is to be deeply regretted that the Prohibitionists have so far ignored their principles as to nominate a full State ticket.

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