

He little knew such charity—
Such love, could e'er be taught.

But when the veil was lifted,
And his wicked life was shown,
He took the goddess FRIENDSHIP,
And sat her on his throne.

Tho' men decay, and nations
May crumble into dust,
This tale shall live exalted
With the brave, the true, the just.

'Tis taught in every schoolhouse,
In every tongue and clime;
It gains new strength and potency,
With the ravages of time.

It leaped across the continent
To our beloved shore,
And built a home in Washington,
In eighteen sixty-four.

It is building countless cas les
Among our hills and vales,
While half a million freemen
Now emulate this tale.

Speed on! thou white-winged messenger,
Thy power and truth unfurl,
Till every home shall know thee,
And love shall rule the world!
—"Northwest Magazine."

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THE GREAT CONVENTION.

Detroit to Be Invaded—How it is Preparing to
Receive the Knightly Visitors.

Detroit, June 30.—It is within eight weeks of the great 1900 Convention and Encampment, and if indications count for anything there will be no lonely Knights in Detroit during the week of the International event. Every mail increases the number of requests for hotel and boarding house accommodation and every State in the Union seems to be getting ready to send its quota to Detroit. The citizens of Detroit have begun to realize fully the stupendous labor necessary to taking proper care of the hosts who will come here for entertainment, and are combining with the Pythian Committee in the work of preparation.

A mass meeting of Knights of Pythias was held a few nights ago and the entire membership of the Order in Detroit, numbering about 1,200 active Pythians, can be counted on to hustle from this hour until after the tents are struck in the great camp. Fully 300 volunteers will serve on the various committees assigned to duty in the bureaus of information, as guides, special police duty and looking after the mental and physical comfort of the Pythians while in Detroit.

The Entertainment Committee has closed a contract with the management of the Detroit Opera House, which is one of the finest theatres in the United States, for full control of the theatre for the week of the Encampment, and Richard Golden and his excellent company will open the season, both for the company and the

theatre, in an elaborate production of "Old Jed Prouty," which will be rehearsed the week previous in Boston. One of the novel features of the week will be an old fashioned Kentucky barbeque, which will be conducted by a company of Kentucky people in real Southern style. The barbeque will be continued all week, and will furnish amusement for the visitors.

Detroit has the best street railway service in the United States, and with more than 300 miles of track furnishes transportation to every point of interest in the city at a five cent fare, the universal system of transfers enabling people to travel in almost every direction at one fare. This fact will make it easy for visitors to room far from the noisy town district during the Encampment, and still reach the camp, headquarters, lodge room or business districts without annoyance or expense. The street railway company is preparing to handle the crowds, and from past experience there will be nothing to complain of in this service.

A rousing meeting of the D. O. K. K. was held in Detroit this week and a class of 52 Nomads wandered through the mysterious labyrinth and washed their feet at the shrine of the Royal Personage. Great was the enthusiasm which was expressed by the visitors who came from nearly every big city in the State, and staunch support was pledged to anything the Entertainment Committee might propose. More than \$1,000 was subscribed on the spot for the use of the Executive Committee for convention purposes. The Khorassaners will make their special day interesting with a carnival parade, which will put in the shade all previous attempts of this kind. There will be fire works and other pyrotechnics in quantities which will color the atmosphere, and the city will be officially turned over to the masked gentlemen, who from all reports will number several thousands.

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Enthusiasm is the word from Maine to California and to the Gulf in the South. General Carnahan is assured by the Brigade commanders that the camp this year is attracting widespread attention, and in accordance with the directions to prepare for a great crowd the General Committee is carefully planning every detail necessary for the accommodation and entertainment of the 20,000 Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias, should they come. From present indications it is expected that the actual attendance will crowd that number closely. Several brigade commanders and a few of the Supreme officers and representatives have visited Detroit in the past few days, and all have expressed delight over the selection of the campgrounds. Supreme Keeper of Records and Seals White, has spent two days in Detroit looking over the City and deciding upon the headquarters for the Supreme delegation and the place of meeting for the Supreme body. All sessions of all supreme bodies of the Order will be held in the beautiful Masonic Temple, the floors being lined so that nobody will interfere with the work of the other, and all will find ample room for business sessions or exemplifying the secret work. The Masonic Temple is a nine story