

discharge of their official duties, and under no circumstances must they be interfered with in setting forth the claims of the Endowment Rank to the membership—said claims at all times to be presented by said organizers in a proper fraternal spirit and manner.

The Endowment Rank is carrying practically \$100,000,000 life insurance, with a membership of 54,000, scattered throughout all portions of the supreme domain, and it is deserving of and should receive the earnest support and hearty endorsement of every member of the Knights of Pythias. We should remember the good that it has done in the past, and we have every right to expect that the good it should do in the future will add to the glory and good name of Pythianism.

Grand Chancellors and grand lodge officers are especially charged with the duty of having the supreme statutes relative to the Endowment Rank as well as all other subjects strictly obeyed in their respective grand domains. The Supreme Chancellor believes that all that is necessary is to call the attention of the fraternity to what is expected of each member to ensure a ready, cheerful and loyal obedience to the laws which govern us all.

Given under my hand and seal, this twentieth day of December, A. D. 1938, P. P. XXXV.

THOS. G. SAMPLE.

Supreme Chancellor.

—:0:— VISITATIONS.

The following article, copied from that able exponent of Pythian law, The Pythian Tribune, of Chicago, edited by Bro. W. D. Kennedy, P. S. R., commends itself to every lodge, and every member of the order, in this domain. Welcome the day when the suggestions so ably advanced are carried into effect. Among the Pythian news that appeared in the columns of the Sunday Telegram, of Providence, Rhode Island, November 6th, 1938, was the following item:

"As the result of the official visitation of the Grand officers to Redwood Lodge at Newport, the Lodge has received five applications for membership, and more interest is being manifested by the members than there has been for several years past."

This is the Lodge to which belongs that good veteran Pythian, James B. Brayton, whose name is honored by all who know him.

But it was not about Bro. Brayton that we started out to write—it was to the significance of the quoted item that we desired to call the attention of our readers, believing as we do that to the isolation of lodges that generally prevails, is due much of the apathy so often and so justly complained of.

Frequent and well-timed visitations either by Grand officers or neighboring lodges, will do more to keep up the life and success of individual lodge communities than any other one thing. Visitations revive, strengthen and invigorate the visitor as well as the visited, add pith and vim to Pythian life, strengthen and draw more closely the bonds of fellowship, and make us feel the more akin.

Down in the New England States particularly, where visiting is part of the lodge creed and

practice, we find a broader condition of fraternity and fellowship than in any portion of the Supreme Domain—of this we have a personal knowledge not only from the records and the press, but through personal experience. Down in that portion of the Pythian vineyard there is a cohesion among the membership and lodges that nowhere else exists to the same extent—there is a unity of purpose and aim, all hands joined, and hearts bound together in a common purpose—the good of the Order. Down there they have their "outings" together, their evening assemblies together, and they are always neighbors. And they seem to understand how to do it so as to produce the right effect—they get there.

By all this we do not desire it to be understood that we think our eastern brethren better men or Pythians than we in the great, broad and generous west—by no means—but we do mean to say that if Pythians in our cities here and in adjacent lodges in the rural districts were to visit each other in bodies and cultivate a more close relation and acquaintance, they would be better, broader men and Pythians, the Order would grow stronger, increase and fructify, and become a greater factor in the affairs of every community.

Let there be an awakening time—let the old habits and customs of isolation be broken up, and let the brethren, with the coming year start a crusade of good fellowship. To those who read this article let it be a suggestion—let them take it to their lodge and read it to their brethren; then, let an evening be set and a place of assembly be arranged, and all agree to be there and go, unannounced, and visit their Pythian neighbor—it will warm both hearts, it will cure lethargy and dispel sloth—it will put new life into all, and prove indeed a season of refreshing—try it.

