

my unjust words, and when at last having exhausted by vocabulary, having ceased my cruel tirades, I fell overcome at his feet, he gently raised me and carried me to his bed and waited beside me until I had somewhat recovered. 'Poor boy! Poor child!' he said. 'I may well pardon your unseemly talk, for it was after all but a proof of how you loved your friend. He was gone where all must go; he is taken with his; let us leave him to God for He is just. He alone knows all and can judge and does judge as man will never do—justly. Poor boy! poor boy! Still you too, my Prince; you must be just.' And then in gentle words he told me, nay, reminded me of the many things that I, in the hot-headed haste of youth, had overlooked, explained to me what I then I had forgotten being told; that the first law of success in these studies was, purity of heart, purity of motive, love of God and of one's fellows. It was then whilst sorrowing over the tragic end of my friend that I learnt that the only true use of wealth, of rank, of station was to do good and, will you believe me, when I say that the beggar, the pariah, the scum of the earth as he may be called, is sometimes and can always be, richer and more truly king than the monarch on his earthly throne? Aye, the man who rules his own spirit is mightier than the warrior who takes a city."

Turning to my brother, the Prince said: "Tom, you remember when we first met. You will be surprised to hear that my old teacher, my old master, told me I should meet you and mapped out the course of research we have followed so successfully; he likewise warned me of the danger that would threaten you the same that destroyed the man I have just told you of. You have escaped, and I hope our joint work may every day be more of a help to men."

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When one comes to realize that at the age of 25, a Pythian who is otherwise eligible may obtain insurance in the Endowment Rank to the amount of \$3,000, for \$36 per annum, there is no excuse for any member of the Order to be without it; or if he does not feel that he can afford to pay that amount, then, upon paying \$2 per month, or \$24 per annum, he can protect his wife and family against want, to the extent of \$2,000.

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THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Preparations in Train for the Triumph at Detroit.—The Carnival.

After weeks of hard work on the part of the Convention Club, the "Convention Carnival," one of a series of entertainments to be given by the club as a means of increasing the entertainment fund for the National Convention, was successfully closed with \$4,000 to the credit of the Club. The Carnival was the biggest thing of the kind ever attempted in Detroit, and made a hit. The scheme of offering coupon tickets for sale as an inducement for an advance guarantee of financial returns, proved a winner and several thousand tickets were disposed of all over the country. The Carnival opened Monday, February 12th, and closed at midnight, February 24th. Every kind of entertainment had been provided for and the 18,000 visitors who passed through the gates failed to find

anything lacking in the way of material for a good time. The grand prize-drawing distributed 920 prizes donated by the business men of Detroit to as many holders of lucky coupons. The capital prize, a \$500 lion, presented by the proprietors of the Wonderland theatre-museum, was won by Hector McDonald, a travelling man, residing in Detroit. Many of the prizes were won by Pythians residing hundreds of miles from Detroit.

Preparations for the entertainment of the hosts who will arrive from every State in the Union next August are still actively making, and those contemplating the trip can rest assured that there will be more in the way of a good time than any convention city has ever offered.

The camp-grounds selected are in one of the most beautiful scenic portions of the city, with plenty of shade, excellent water and the best possible transportation facilities. The fleets of all river lines will be reinforced for the week of the Convention and side trips to St. Clair Flats, the "Venice of America," and a dozen other places equally attractive up and down the river at a trifling expense.

Brigadier-General Loomis, commanding Michigan Division Uniform Rank, states that of the 36 active companies in the State, most of them have begun to prepare for Detroit. Kalamazoo, No. 9, has already entered for the competitive drills and Albion and Traverse City are both getting in shape to do so. Reports from other states indicate a growing interest in the encampment. The First Regiment of Tennessee, one of the finest uniformed bodies in the state, will come intact. A company from St. Augustine, Florida, is getting in shape to make the pilgrimage. The Capital Company, of St. Paul, one of the crack companies of the West, is already entered in the competitive list. Ravenswood, Va., Rutland, Vermont, a number of California companies and loyal knights from every remote corner have announced their intention of being in Detroit. The Grand Lodge of Ontario will be the guests of the Supreme Lodge for the week, and the Uniform Rank of Ontario will have quarters in camp as guests of their American brothers. This visit of the Canadians promises to be a pleasant feature of the encampment.

The big white city which will be erected for the reception of the army of Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, in Detroit next August, will be one of the most perfect military camps ever prepared for a body of men. The 1900 Convention Club, which has charge of the arrangements (business) for the Convention and Encampment, has just closed a contract with the Wagner Manufacturing Company, of Cleveland, for 4,000 tents for the encampment. The Wagner Company erected the big camp at Indianapolis, and will take entire charge of the work in Detroit. The Company is now preparing plans for the camp grounds and arrangements of the local Committee with the Company include the most perfect of sanitary arrangements, and water mains connecting all company streets. The camp will be located in one of the most beautiful spots in this city, which is noted for its scenic pictures. There will be a grand parade ground, an artillery park, broad boulevards, etc., and hundreds of electric lights will make the