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We now have in store by far the most magnificent stock of DRY GOODS it has ever been our pleasure to show. OVER ELEVEN HUNDRED BOLTS of New Goods embracing all the Staple as well as Fine and Fancy Dress Goods. We mention especially the All-Wool Albatross at 40c. yard. Beautiful Imported Organdies at 30c., and sold nowhere under 35c. Also a cheaper, but very attractive Organdie at 16c. yard. Beautiful Trimming Silks, Hamburg and Swiss Embroideries, Laces, Braids and Bindings. Have taken advantage of the extremely low price of Cotton Goods to lay in an immense stock and guarantee satisfaction to all customers.

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### THE K. OF P. BANQUET.

On Thursday night, Feb. 10th, Piedmont Lodge, No 96, Knight of Pythias gave a banquet which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

The Lodge met at 7 o'clock for work, which was finished by 8 o'clock, and then the members adjourned in a body to the Elk Inn where quite a number of invited guests had assembled; the Knights were robed in full Regalia, and presented quite a handsome appearance, and made the gentlemen present who were not Knights determine at once to become members of K of P. just as soon as possible.

After listening for some time to some excellent music, rendered by the Elkin Cornet Band, which furnished music for the occasion, the company repaired to the dining room and partook of a repast which did credit to the proprietor of the Elk Inn, Mr. C. H. Gwyn, who knows so well how to prepare nice things for such an occasion. The repast was the more enjoyed because of the presence of three beautiful young ladies, Miss Margaret Carson, and Misses Grace and Kate Gwyn, who waited upon the tables so gracefully and efficiently, while the band discoursed sweet music out upon the veranda.

The supper was followed by addresses from the following gentlemen:

Messrs. Walter B. Bell, J. F. Hendren, J. S. Bell and Rev. F. L. Townsend.

ADDRESS BY J. S. BELL, D. G. C.

LADIES, GENTLEMEN AND BROTHERS—I am no orator and public speaking is not my calling, but the Committee of Arrangements saw proper to place me on the list, and I have made it one of the rules of my life to try to perform every duty to which I was called to the best of my ability. It is a pleasure to me to greet you all around this festive board as a Pythian Knight. As you all well know, there are many secret orders and organizations throughout the world, whose members are bonded to each other in various ways and manners.

As far back as 880 B. C., most of the best and noblest Greeks held what was called the Pythagorean philosophy. This was one of the many systems framed by the great men of heathenism, when they were, as St. Paul says, "Seeking after God, if haply they might feel after Him, like men groping in darkness." Pythagoras, an eminent Greek teacher and scholar, lived before the time of history, and almost nothing is known of him, though his teaching and name were never lost.

From his teachings were formed what was known as the Pythagorean Sect, an order who were bound together in a brotherhood, the members of which had rules that are not understood outside that are not understood outside. Two friends of this Pythagorean sect lived at Syracuse in the end of the Fourth Century before the Christian Era. Syracuse was a great Greek city built in Sicily, and full of all kinds of Greek Art and learning, but it was a place of danger in their time, for it had fallen under the tyranny and dominion of a man named Dyonisius.

Those two friends, Damon and Pythias by name, were so closely allied to each other by the bond of friendship, that they stood ready to defend each other even unto death.

Pythias by some means incurred the displeasure of the tyrant Dyonisius, who lost no time in condemning him to death according to the usual fate of those who fell under his suspicion. Pythias had lands and relatives in Greece and he entreated as a favor to be allowed to return thither and arrange his affairs, engaging to return in a specified time to suffer death. The tyrant laughed his request to scorn. Once safe out of Sicily, who would answer for his return?

Damon came forward and offered to become surety for his friend, engaging that if Pythias did not return according to prom-

ise he would suffer death in his stead.

Dyonisius much astonished consented to let Pythias go, marveling what would be the issue of the affair. Time went on and Pythias did not appear. The Syracusians watched Damon, but he showed no uneasiness. He said he was secure of his friends truth and honor, and that if any accident had caused the delay of his return, he should rejoice to die, to save the life of his dear to him. Even to the last day, Damon continued serene and content, nay, even when the very hour drew nigh, and still no Pythias. His trust was so perfect that he did not even grieve at having to die for a faithless friend who had left him to the fate to which he had unwarily pledged himself. It was not Pythias' own will, but the winds and waves, he declared, when the decree was brought and the instruments of death made ready. The hour had come, and a few minutes more would have ended Damon's life, when Pythias duly presented himself, embraced his friend, and stood forward himself to receive his sentence, calm, resolute, and rejoiced that he had come in time. Even the dim hope they owned of a future state, was enough to make these two brave men keep their word and confront death without quailing. Dyonisius looked on more struck than ever. He felt that neither of such men must die. He reversed the sentence of Pythias, and calling the two to his judgment seat; he entreated them to admit him as a third in their friendship. The order of Knights of Pythias received its inspiration from these two illustrious Syracusians, and while it is yet a young order, being founded in 1863 in the city of Washington, yet it today has its councils in every state in the Union, also in the Hawaiian Islands, Canada and Mexico, numbering upwards of five hundred and members.

Friendship is the seal that binds this vast body of men into one grand and glorious Brotherhood, and like the little rill that has its source high on the mountain top, small and weak at first, yet as it flows along it gathers strength by the way, and becomes after awhile a vast river and mingles its waters with the great ocean, so may we go on with the great work we have undertaken; using the talismanic words of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence, as our guide and watchword until the Great Grand Chancellor above shall call us to our Eternal Home.

ADDRESS BY REV. F. L. TOWNSEND.

BROTHER PYTHIAS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—Far away in the east, is the island of Sicily, lying in the midst of the Mediterranean Sea, about midway between rocky Gibraltar and the island of Cyprus. In this island underneath such skies as overarch the lovely peninsula of Italy is the city of Syracuse. Here many centuries ago, was displayed the love of Damon and Pythias for each other in a beautiful episode upon which is founded our beloved order. What a striking exhibition of brotherly love was this! It was willing to make a sacrifice of life itself for the good of another. Such love merits being set to music in the sweetest strains of the poet.

The human race has produced other examples of strong friendship and of self sacrificing love. What a sublime example of such mutual devotion is given in the case of David and Jonathan! It is proverbial to speak of strong attachments as being like that of David and Jonathan. Saul, Jonathan's father, was David's sworn enemy. Yet Jonathan was David's strongest and best friend. In all Saul's efforts to destroy the life of David, it is refreshing to see the affectionate fidelity of Jonathan to his old friend. And when David hears of the untimely death of Jonathan, it is a noble tribute he pays to the strength, purity, and constancy of his friend's love, when he pronounces the following eulogy:

"The beauty of Israel is slain upon thy high places. How are the mighty fallen! How are the mighty fallen in the midst of battle! O Jonathan, thou wast slain in thine high places! I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan; very pleasant hast thou

been unto me; thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women. How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war are perished!"

This is the spirit of Pythianism. It is the spirit of unselfishness. The true Pythian seeks to do good to others. He belongs to the order, not so much for the sake of the good he may derive therefrom, but for the good he may do his fellows. Here is opened a field for the exercises of his heaven-given faculty of helpfulness. The Master taught this truth, set forth by this order, both by example and by precept. Aye, he went beyond this, teaching a greater and deeper truth, that we should not only love and bless and help our brethren, but that we should love our enemies, doing good to those who persecute us and abuse us.

This spirit of unselfishness is opposed to the spirit of selfishness so prevalent amongst men of coarser mould. Unselfishness stands with outstretched arms and openhanded liberality administering to the necessities of our fellow-when in distress.

Selfishness has no eyes to see the wants of another, no ear to hear the cry of another, no heart to be moved with pity at another's woes. There he stands with blinded eyes, deaf ears, feelingless heart, and hooked hands trying to draw all the world toward himself. Look at him!

"Look at the selfish man, see how he looks tight in his arms his mortgages and stocks! White seals and titles in his hand he grasps, and gold and silver close around him clasps; but not content with this, behind he drags a cart well laden with the ponderous bags, The orphan's and the widow's woe From mercy's fountain cause no tears to flow He pours no cordial on the wounds of pain; He locks no prison, and unloads no chain; His heart is like the rock where sun nor dew Can roar a plant or flower of heavy sky hue. No thought of mercy there may have its birth For helpless misery or suffering woe. The end of all his life is petty self, And all his thoughts are centered on himself The wretch of both worlds, for so keen a sum First starved in this, then damned in that to come!"

The spirit of unselfishness which prompts sacrifice for the good of others is the highest form of life. All life is sustained at the expense of life. This is seen in all nature around us. The grass dies that the worm may live. The bird dies that the eagle may live.

Last year's weeds die, and are reproduced in the harvests of grain for this year. The grain dies that the ox, or the lamb may live. The lamb is slain that human life may be sustained.

These are involuntary sacrifices ours must be voluntary sacrifices. Bishop Marvin was once dining at a hotel. Amongst those around the table was a young man who had been educated abroad and who had imbibed some very skeptical notions. In a pompous way he said to the Bishop: "I cannot accept your religion, I do not believe in it because it teaches that the innocent must die in the stead of the guilty." Just at this moment he was about to take some mutton in his mouth. The Bishop said, "Hold a minute. What are you eating?" He replied, "It is lamb, and excellent, too." "There" said the Bishop, "the innocent lamb dies that you may live. Is it any more unreasonable that the Lamb of God should die that guilty sinners might be saved?" It is useless to add that the youngster was put to silence.

Now from what has been said let us draw some practical lesson.

1. The spirit of Pythianism shows itself in a practical way in looking after a brother's physical wants. Here we weep with those who weep and mourn with those who mourn. Is he hungry? We must feed him. Is he destitute of clothing? We must give him raiment to put on. Is he sick or in prison? We must visit and minister unto him.

2. This spirit shows itself in attending to a brother's intellectual wants. Few men know their powers of mind until these powers are discovered to them by others. Many among us are like the angel hiding away in the sculptor's unchiseled rock. Many are like the flower "born to blush unseen And waste its sweetness on the desert air."

To discover to a fellow-man his mental possibilities and inspire in him an ambition to be his best and do his best, is a praiseworthy deed, and he who does it, is his neighbor's benefactor.

3. Again, this spirit is seen in its practical workings in looking after a brother's moral wants.

Every man feels the great tide of moral influences as they bear hard upon him, threatening to engulf in the whirl pool of dissipation. Right manfully many a man has fought alone and single handed against these foes of darkness. Many a time the surges have pressed him hard and having almost despaired of victory he has said "No man cares for my soul." Then he needs a brother's sympathy, a brother's strong arm about him, while a brother's cheerful hopeful voice rings out above the deafening roar of the threatening waves: "Courage brother, one more strong, steady effort and you are safe!"

This being the spirit of Pythianism as seen in its practical workings, let us sing as we add to our ranks:

Give us men! Men from every rank, Fresh, free and frank; Men of thought and reading, Men of light and leading, Men of loyal breeding, Pythian's warfare sustaining, Men of faith and hot of passion, Men of lofty aim and action; Give us men— I say again, Give us men!

Give us men! Strong and stalwart ones; Men whom highest hope inspires, Men whom purest honor fires, Men who trample self beneath them, Men who make this country wreathe them At her noble sons; Give us men! Worthy of her aims; Men who never shame their mothers, Men who never fail their brothers True, however false are others; Give us men— I say again, Give us men!

Give us men! Men who when the tempest gathers, Grop the standards of their brothers In the thickest of the fight; Men who strive for home and altar (Let the coward cringe and cower); God defend the right! True as truth though torn and lonely, Tender as the brave are only; Men who bend where sinners have trod, Men for country, home and God; Give us men— I say again, Give us men!

Then may all true Pythians rank at the last with good Dr. McClure when the Master shall say, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

ADDRESS BY WALTER B. BELL.

The assembling here tonight of all these gallant Knights and beautiful ladies gives evidence of the popularity and activity of Piedmont Lodge and is a fitting tribute to its past, its present and its future usefulness. This evening we assembled around the festive board in this our first banquet of Piedmont Lodge, No. 96 Knights of Pythias. Our lodge was organized last July and in this our first public meeting let us strive to make it a pleasant and profitable one for all. No thoughtful man will question at this day the importance and future of the Knights of Pythias. Born, Feb'y 19, 1864, on the banks of the grand old Potomac, at the very seat of government, while the clash of resounding arms was striking terror to brave hearts, while civil war was disturbing our country from centre to circumference, while the entire land was shrouded in gloom and darkness the banner of Pythianism was unfurled to the breeze and the unparalleled friendship of Damon and Pythias was to be commemorated and honored until the end of time. In this dark hour just after hostilities had ceased

Men were hidden to nobler strife, Not to destroy but to rescue human life, No added drop in misery's cup to press, But minister relief to wretchedness.

Our Pythianism is a great and growing brotherhood dispensing mutual relief and it has been most beautifully said "The jewels that we garner are the tears we wipe away and the sorrows we assuage". The order is now in its thirty-fourth year and marvelous to say has upwards of a half-million members dotting the Pythian world over with 7000 lodges. We do not pretend to say that we are the only "pebble on the beach" or that there are no other orders as good as the Knights of Pythias. There are others. But the Knights of Pythias is a good thing. There is no doubt about that. F. C. B. Fresh country butter or fresh corn bread as some wag has called it is our motto or watchword. Friendship, Charity and Benevolence. What a meaning is wrapped up in these three words. If we would build on a sure foundation in friendship we must love our friends for their sakes rather than our own. This is exactly what Pythianism teaches. Go in to a home where the black angel death has craped the door knob and shrouded the home in a mantle of despair, where the grim destroyer whom no man's hand can stay places his seal upon the lips of those we love, those in the cradle of infancy, the bloom of youth, the flush of manhood or the maturer old age, administer to the relief of the wretched soothe the bed of the dying, and perform the last sad rights of the dead. This is one of the few missions of true friendship of a Pythian Knight. Charity and Benevolence go hand in hand looking after the widows and orphans of deceased brethren, rescuing fallen humanity, scattering seeds of kindness along the pathway of the heartbroken and oppressed, bearing one another burdens and at all times doing everything in our power as far as our means will permit for sweet Charity's sake. To sum it all up, Be Friendly. Be Charitable. Be Benevolent. And now a word to the young men present who are not members of our order. You are ascending the uplands of life and the sunlight is in your faces. Some here tonight are journeying into the shadows and the roar of the ultimate river is daily growing more and more distinct to their ears. As the gladiators of old passed before the imperial benches and cried: "Hail Cesar we who are about to die salute you", so this generation which is passing from the scene of human action gives to you young Americans its loyal greeting. We give to you the honor, the prosperity, the happiness of the mightiest of earth's nations. In your hands are placed the greatest heritage of the ages. Guard it, honor it, protect it, preserve it and as you value the happiness of your children and your children's children oh! see that you dissipate it not. Do the young men and young ladies of today appreciate the advantages they possess? Do they realize the vast facilities and opportunities of this era over those of their parents

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