

MEMORIAL SERVICE OF ODD FELLOWS

Rev. William H. Neil, Pastor of Trinity M. E. Church, Delivers Fine Address on Meaning of Three Links.

FOUR LODGES ATTENDED

Enter Church in Body to Pay Tribute to Deceased Members— Graves Are Decorated.

Keokuk lodge No. 13, Puckechetuck lodge No. 43, and Herman lodge No. 116, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, together with Colfax lodge No. 4, Degree of Rebekahs, observed the memorial day of the order yesterday. Special services were held last evening at the Trinity Methodist Episcopal church commemorative of the day, and the Rev. William H. Neil, pastor of the church delivered the memorial address.

Rev. Neil took the story of David and Jonathan, and the incident of the Good Samaritan embodying these in his very eloquent address on the three links of Odd Fellowship.

In the morning the various lodges decorated the graves of the deceased members of the order.

Rev. Neil's Address.

Following a program of special music for the occasion, Rev. Neil spoke on the beauties and meaning of the order. He said in part:

"I congratulate you upon the motive that has prompted you to assemble on this occasion, to pay tribute to the memory of your departed dead, and trust you may be able to gather inspiration from this service, that will better fit you to win a victory in life's battles.

"The three links which so strongly bind you together in these ties of fellowship, and fraternal brotherhood, are forged out of the raw material which makes noble manhood; and are worthy of your best endeavors. Turning to God's sacred word, we find examples of friendship written on many of its pages, and manifest in the life of many of the saints, but among the strongest illustrations of this affectionate link, the lives of David and Jonathan teach us the most useful lesson.

"Jonathan was the oldest son of Saul, king of Israel, and was the one to whom the scepter of power would rightfully fall, when his father should cease to rule as king. Saul by disobedience had laid himself in open rebellion against God's commands, and had through selfishness and greed, been condemned by the prophet, and told of his short comings.

"David, the shepherd lad, while tending to his father's sheep, learned many lessons of courage and faithfulness, and when asked by his father to go down to see how his brethren fared in the army that was pitched against their enemy the Philistines, did not hesitate to go, and upon arriving at the edge of the camp discovered the source of their troubles.

Fear Fastens on Army.

"Fear had taken hold of the king and his whole army, because there was in the camp of the enemy a giant who had dared Saul to come, or send anyone out to meet him in open conflict, and while the challenge was renewed from day to day the fears of Saul's army greatly increased, and the enemy rejoiced over the fact that they had one man who could put the army of the living God to fears, and almost to flight. But as David saw the giant and heard his threats, he told some of the men he would go and slay the giant in the name of the God of Israel; for he knew God's promises.

"At first the boldness of David was but little credited, but finally as he kept repeating his convictions, it reached the ear of the king, and he

sent for David to come to his tent, and began to question David as to why he dared to say he could kill the giant; and David said while he kept his father's flocks alone in the wilderness, there came out a lion to kill the sheep and he slew the lion, and on another occasion he slew a bear, and he knew God would help him to slay the giant.

"Saul saw the faith of this lad stamped on the determination of his face and that the conviction was born of a pure motive, and he suggested that David put on his armor and practice a little while before he announce to the enemy his purpose to meet the giant. But the armor was too large for David, and he was not accustomed to any such protection, and asked if he could not go up to meet the giant in the name of the God of Israel.

The Crisis is Reached.

"All the army is drawn up in order as for battle and the enemy is aware that this is to be a great day in history, for if the giant should fall the whole army of the Philistines are to be servants of Israel, but if David falls, the Israelites are to be their servants, and with great eagerness every step of advancement of these two single combatants are watched.

"As they approach, the giant is defying the God of Israel, and calling upon David to know what he has ventured to come out against him for, and as David climbs up the hill he is looking for some unprotected spot, under the shields of the giant where he may direct his fatal blow. In the hand of the giant is a mighty sword, and he is waiting to get close enough to David to strike him to the ground with one stroke. In David's hand is his accustomed sling, which he has used so successfully, and in which he has the utmost confidence, and in his heart is a prayer that God will give him steady nerve, and strong courage for the great hour is on.

"David casts the stone and smites the giant in the forehead, and he falls to the ground, in the presence of both armies, and David rushes up and takes the sword of the giant and brings it back as a trophy of victory.

"Scarcely had the news of David's courage and victory been announced, when the women took up the strain of triumph, and sang through the whole land 'Saul has slain his thousands, but David his tens of thousands' with such earnestness that it created a flame of jealousy in Saul's heart that time could not heal, and he allowed it to grow as a canker in his life.

"Jonathan so admired David for his boldness to save the nation, at a time of great need, that their hearts were soon knit together in the bond of true friendship, and they learned to know each other, and even suffer for each other.

Jonathan Helps David.

"Saul tried on several occasions to take the life of David, by casting at him his javelin, but David dodged and fled and when he found out his father Jonathan took it upon himself to help David to avoid the wrath of his father and save his life. Once when Saul would have killed David, Jonathan told David to hide behind a rock in a field and when he found out his father's intention he would come out with his bow and arrows and shoot in the direction of the rock, and say to a lad that he should have with him: 'run make haste to bring me those arrows.' David would know he must flee for his life, and if he should not urge the lad to make haste he might know there was some chance for David to remain at court. But in the morning the lad was urged to make haste and David knew he must flee, but the lad was sent back to the city while David and Jonathan wept on each other's shoulder and poured out tears of true affection and friendship, and pledged to each other their earnest devotion while life did last, and when death did part them their friendship should extend to their children, and children's children. History proves that it did, and gives to you the right to confidently trust each other with the same true friendship. It is this link that binds together this, the largest of all fraternal brotherhoods, assuring them the heartiest co-operation in each other's friendship, and giving unto them a desire to protect the fatherless and the widow, of those who have taken the same vows of friendship.

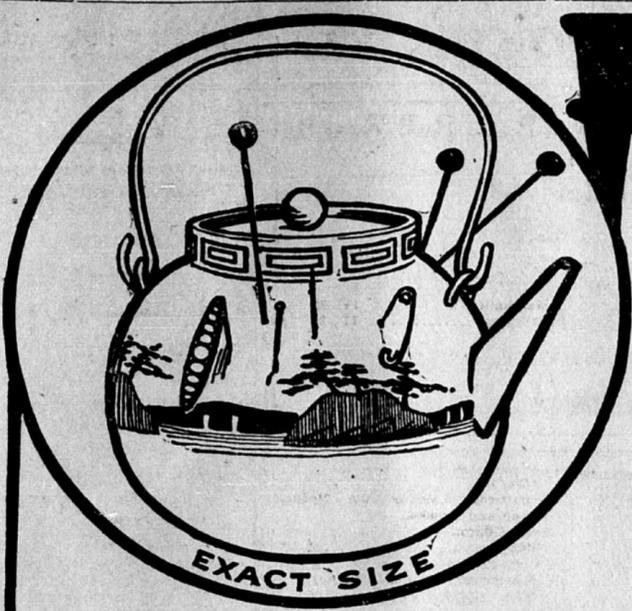
The Link of Love.

"In the center of the chain of Odd Fellowship is the link of love, and in this link we find the principles that hold together the great order.

"Love is that divine force which not only links man to man, but links man to God, and enables him to catch a glimpse of God's tender devotion to man. His last work of creation.

"Through all the ages past, man has been trying to make himself right with God, and in his many acts of devotion, and works of sacrifice he has ever been hopeful that he might see God. When Jesus, the Great Master, was here there once came to him an inquiring soul asking what he must do to please God, and Jesus told him to love God with his whole heart, and his neighbor as himself; which caused him to ask the question, 'Who is my neighbor?' To this question Jesus made answer in the words of the parable of the good Samaritan, in which He taught not only the man of that hour, but every one who should raise the question how we can best serve our fellow man.

"Why the certain man journeyed down from Jerusalem to Jericho is still a question, but we well know that



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man kind is constantly making a journey, and many are going down the road of life, which Christ taught is the broad way.

"The traveler fell, among thieves, and he was robbed and wounded, and left bleeding on the roadside, helpless and alone. In this condition he lay while the priest, whose duty it was to help men to God, passed by on the other side, and heeded not the earnest entreaties for help. Then came the Levite whose duty it was to wait on the priest, and he passed by, not even giving a friendly look at the man in great need, only bent upon doing the duties of his office; having no time to devote to needy mankind.

Good Samaritan Comes.

"Then came the good Samaritan, who thought not of his cast or clan, was touched by a cord of love to offer assistance, and immediately gets down off of his beast of burden and takes hold of the wounded fellow man, and in words of comfort, and acts of mercy shows his tenderness of heart, and lends of his means to assist, in pouring oil into the wounds and takes the man to a place to comfort and safety, paying for his lodging, and saying for all the care that was possible to be taken of him, and upon his return he would pay all the bill, and for it not to worry the sick and wounded man.

"The Great Master then asks the

question, 'Who was neighbor to the wounded man?' and the answer came just as you and I would have given it, and as we should give it today: 'Him that showed mercy.' So are we to ever be showing mercy to those in need and in distress. Remembering this great lesson from the Great Teacher, you are here to renew the tender love you have cherished for those that are no more, and whose loved ones are to be cared for by other loving hands and tender hearts.

Cry of Heart for Truth.

"The constant cry of the human heart is after the truth, and that is the third link in the chain of Odd Fellowship. Among the many questions that arise in the human breast there is none greater than the one uttered by the saint of God many ages ago, when his heart cried out: 'If a man die, shall he live again?' The complete and satisfying answer to this important question can only be found in the life and death, and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is with a faith in this truth that you have assembled on this occasion, in memory of your departed brothers and sisters, not only to recall the kind and affectionate acts, words and deeds performed during their life, but manifest your hope of immortality.

"These three links of friendship, love and truth, form the strong chain

of fraternity that binds you together as brethren in all parts of the world, and enables you to give to each other the grip of brotherhood, and feel the strong ties of affection that cement together this, the strongest of all fraternal orders in the world. Your sisters, the Rebekahs, also enjoy to a great degree the same feeling of earnestness in this service, as they too, have passed through the sorrow of parting with many of their company who have enjoyed with them the pleasure of the order, and have one by one answered to the final roll call, and entered into the realities of the Great Beyond. May it be yours to enjoy many like occasions, and when the summons shall call you hence may all as Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, answer as faithful as you have been to your obligations."

Candidate for Governor.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LINCOLN, Neb., June 8.—Richard L. Metcalfe, former governor of the Panama canal zone, and now in charge of the festivities connected with the formal opening of the canal, has tossed his hat into the ring. He desires to be the next governor of Nebraska. He has filed his acceptance of petitions filed by his friends entering him in the race for the democratic nomination. Metcalfe's candidacy comes as no surprise to his friends and came following a week's

investigation of the political situation in Nebraska. In a statement given out, Metcalfe does not indicate that he is for peace in party ranks. He declares he will fight to uphold the plans of the Wilson administration. There are five out for democratic gubernatorial nomination.

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NOTICE.

In the District Court of Iowa, in and for Lee County, At Keokuk. In the matter of the estate of Julia A. Shuler, deceased. To all whom it may concern and to Esther E. Whitehead, Alice M. Williamson, Ida F. Garabrant, Ruth S. Bishop, Thomas Carey, Joseph Carey, William Carey, Elizabeth Carey, and Lettice Carey, and the unknown heirs or legal representatives of any of the above named parties who may be dead, also to William C. Brown, Treasurer of the State of Iowa: You are hereby notified that a petition is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of Lee County, Iowa, at Keokuk by I. N.

Tichenor, executor of the Last Will and Testament of Julia A. Shuler, deceased, asking said Court to determine who are the beneficiaries under the will of said Julia A. Shuler and the amounts due the several parties entitled thereto and that the Court order a distribution of the assets of said estate as provided by law; that the Court determine the balance due the State of Iowa for the collateral inheritance tax and that the real estate be released from the lien of said tax and the Executor retain so much of the proceeds of the sales of said estate as may be necessary to secure the payment of said tax; that the Court fix the compensation of said I. N. Tichenor for his legal services and also for his services as Executor, and that the Court make such further order or orders as may be necessary to entirely settle and close up said estate.

And unless you appear and defend or make objections thereto on or before noon of the second day of the September term 1914, of said Court to be begun and holden at the City of Keokuk in said County, on the 21st day of September 1914, default will be entered against you and the prayer of said petition will be granted and said orders will be made and entered on record.

I. N. TICHENOR, Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Julia A. Shuler, deceased.