

during the week just ending. Telegrams of congratulations may be sent to Dr. Garfield—"somewhere in Ohio."

Brother Edw. Gallaway, P.G. of Excelsior Lodge No. 22, has written a novel and spicy pamphlet and issued it in "de looks" form. The CHICAGO ODD FELLOW will endeavor to reprint some of its contents from time to time, carefully giving proper credit, as the author has taken the precaution of having the pamphlet "copyrotted." The readers may preserve these excerpts, if they like, for future use. This puny pamphlet presents plenty of pleasant, perfectly proper and peppery "pep" for -articular -eople, in -ithy -aragra-hs| (Excuse us, we ran short on "p!")

Be sure that you are always plentifully supplied with raffle tickets for some such worthy charity as a "Benefit Raffle and Frolic for the Ancient and Amalgamated Guild of Canal Boat Cooks." If you can't sell any to the miserly tightwads of your own lodge, you may be able to dispose of a few to some visitor who happens to be present.—Edw. Gallaway.

LINCOLN. THE FRATERNALIST

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

Many of the best educated men of this and earlier ages never had any extended experience with the schools. A great number of the most religious men, in the history of the progress of Man, have been obliged, for conscience sake, to remain outside the churches. And we are beginning to learn that one may be a Fraternalist without being a member of a lodge.

In the last analysis it will be found that the Thought, the Life and the Works of the individual count more than the professions. Perhaps no Man of modern times illustrates the principle we present more fully than does Abraham Lincoln. He was educated without the help or the hindrance of the schools. He was intensely religious without being hampered by the limitations of a creed. He was a Fraternalist "in his heart," without having been brought

to the Light through the process of initiation in the lodge.

Lincoln achieved self-control, self-reliance and self-sacrifice—the three great achievements of Man—without any of the "helps" which most of us need, or think we need, for the accomplishment of The Great Work of fitting ourselves for the building of the Temple—that house not made with hands—a perfect Moral Character.

Few, if any, of the Great Masters of Life have been able to evolve within the hampering limits of the institutions of their times. In almost every case they have either developed without the help of institutions or have been ejected from the institutions within which they have begun their struggles for individual perfection. They have usually discovered



that the "aids" of institutions were merely crutches to emphasize the infirmities of those who used them. Strong individuals soon learn that they must "thread the wine press alone."

Before the election of Lincoln to the office of President of the United States, he found himself opposed by all of the institutionalists of his day. Almost all of the products of the institutions of "learning" despised him openly. The ministers of the church were against him almost to a man. In the reference to this last he says: "Here are twenty-three ministers of different denominations, (in Springfield, Ill.) and all of them are against me but three. Mr. Bateman, I am not a Christian: God knows, I would be one; but I have carefully read the Bible, and I do not so understand this book. These men know that I am for Freedom in

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the territories, Freedom everywhere as far as the Constitution and laws will permit; and that my opponents are for slavery. They know this; and yet with this book in their hands, in the light of which human bondage cannot live a moment, they are going to vote against me. I do not understand this."

Later in his experience Lincoln understood. He learned, what all must learn, that Principle in one thing and the institution built up around the principle is another.

So must all of us learn that there is no saving power in Fraternalism, an institution, but that we shall grow and expand only as we understand the Principle and apply to our Life and Conduct that which is taught fraternity, of our own free will by the society, the association, the and accord.—Edgar A. Russell.

Eclipse Rebekah Lodge No. 127

Five candidates were initiated and welcomed to membership at our meeting Feb. 1st.

Our staff received and accepted an invitation to initiate for Schuyler Colfax Rebekah Lodge on Feb. 7th.

The prize offered by Sister Cooksey for largest number of candidates for the term, was left to the pleasure of the lodge, there being two sisters eligible. The lodge decided to divide the prize equally between Sisters Thomson and Bourris.

A correction should be made as to the winners of the prize donated by

Sister Tiefenthal. The issue of Jan. 26 stated Sisters Browning and Thomson were the winners, but Brother Thomson was the lucky one, instead of Sister T.

We were pleased to have with us again Sister Reeziger, and in her role as P.N.G. of our staff.

Sister Eshbach, N.G. of the staff, claimed exemption on a sore throat. The captain asked Sister Perry, N.G. of Central Park Reb. Lodge, to assist which she cheerfully did; a vote of thanks was extended to the sister for helping us in such a time of need.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to our N.G., Sister Splina, upon the death of her uncle.

Visitors were noted from Keystone, Duane, Central Park and Schuyler Colfax Rebekah Lodges. Come again, we were very pleased to have you.

Don't forget our Bunco Party, Feb. 15th; or our P.N.G.'s night, on March 15th; please note the change of dates. E.M.B.

Northern Light Reb. Lodge No. 812

Had a splendid attendance Jan. 25. A Bunco Party was held and all had a good time. Refreshments were served in the spacious dining room.

This lodge will meet until further notice on the second and fourth Monday, at 1920 Irving Park blvd.

Drexel Rebekah Lodge No. 246

Held a very successful masquerade ball in the lodge hall on Jan. 31st. We had a large attendance and the costumes were great. Manzer furnished the music and it could not have been better. There were fourteen prizes, some of which our members carried home and some went to strangers. Everyone had a good time, hoping Drexel would give another dance soon.

Kenwood Social Club gave a Hard Times dance Jan. 25th. They had a large attendance, a number of Drexel members were present and report a very pleasant time.

Our sick members are all improving.

We are giving a miscellaneous shower for our N.G., Sister Anna Bunge, Feb. 7th, after lodge is over. The sister was married Jan. 9th.

We had initiation Jan. 17; we also received two members by card. We expect to have work again in March.

J.A.L.