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"HOMELESS TWENTY-SIX."

Lately Traveling Men's Organization Formed Branch Society at Chicago. "The Homeless Twenty-Six," whose regular habitat, as has been determined, is somewhere within Pittsburgh, Pa., recently sent two wandering delegates to Chicago to organize some of the floating population of that city into a local branch, apparently for no other reason than that misery loves company, says the Chicago Inter Ocean.

Contrary to what might be expected, the society, although labeled "homeless" and identified by a strange, unrecognizable lingo, is not an algebric formula, is not composed of "Wandering Willies" and dusty the pavers, but is made up of traveling, business and professional men.

Twenty-six is the mystic number, unable to reach their homes last Thanksgiving, which was on November 23rd, and together at a hotel in Pittsburgh and became the charter members. From a membership of twenty-six the organization has increased to 6,200, with branches in several large cities. The intention of the members is to add Chicago to the list.

W. S. Williams and Hiram Schoch of Pittsburgh, who are themselves of the original twenty-six, a few nights ago gathered together a hundred or more of the outcasts of Chicago who wear the badge of the homeless and laid plans for regular meetings, with headquarters at the Auditorium. No announcement was made as to who will be the executive head of the nomads, but undoubtedly it will be some prominent Chicago business or professional man.

"We first felt the need of an organization like this to promote sociability among traveling men when the original twenty-six found themselves stranded in Pittsburgh last Thanksgiving," said Mr. Schoch.

"We wanted to enjoy our dinner in congenial company and get together for that purpose. Our stomachs started the movement, but our hearts were back of it and we are now endeavoring to make a success of the organization."

THE TWO MYSTERIES.

A Poem on Death by the Late Mary Mapes Dodge.

The death of the late Mary Mapes Dodge, editor, writer of stories and poet, which occurred recently, gives touching appropriateness to this very human poem by her on death, which, by the way, has been widely attributed to Walt Whitman, says the New York Globe.

In the middle of the room near the coffin, sat Walt Whitman holding a beautiful little girl on his lap. She looked wondrously at the spectacle of death and then inquiringly into the face of the aged poet. "You don't know what it is, do you, my dear?" she asked. "I don't either."

We know not what it is, dear, 'till sleep so deep and still;
The folded hands, the awful calm, the cheek so pale and chill;
The lids that will not lift again, though we may call and cry;
The strange white solitude of peace that settles over all.

We know not what it means, dear, this desolate heart;
This dread to take our daily way and walk in it again;
We know not to what other sphere the loved who leave us go,
Nor why we're left as wanderers still nor why we do not know.

But this we know: Our loved and dead, if they should come this day—
Should come and ask us: "What is life?" not one of us could say.
Life is a mystery as deep as ever death can be.
Yet, oh, how dear it is to us, this life we live and see!

Then might they say—these vanished ones—and blessed is the thought:
"No death is sweet to us, beloved, though we may thro' you
We may not to the quick reveal the mystery of death,
Yet cannot tell you, if you would, the mystery of breath."

The child who enters life comes not with knowledge or intent,
So all who enter death must go as little children sent.
Nothing is known, but, nearing God, what hath the soul to dread?
And as it lies to the living so death is to the dead.

THE TOWER OF BABEL.

History Leaves No Data by Which to Estimate its Height.

The exact date of the building of "Babel's" Tower, the Babylonian city in alluding to the Scriptural tower of Babel, the Armenians speak of it as the Tower of the Confusion of Tongues, or the height to which it penetrated the sacred scriptures of the oriental plains will perhaps never be known. The date of the laying of the foundation of the famous structure is usually set at 2,247 years before Christ, or in the year of the flood.

The expression of the sacred historian that its top was "to reach unto heaven" is now generally set down as a strong Hebrew phrase denoting a very lofty tower, but not necessarily meaning one that would reach to the abiding place of the Lord and his hosts. Proof that this is probable may be found in several places in holy writ. The walls of the cities of Canaan are described by Moses in similar phraseology. The spies sent out by him returned and reported that the cities of that country were great and were "walled up to heaven." See Deuteronomy 1, 28; 1, 1. There is a Jewish legend in the Talmud which tells us that God did not put a stop to the building of the tower until after it had reached a height of 30,000 fathoms, which is equal to nearly twelve English miles.

The sacred historians have not in a single instance left data upon which we can base calculation of its exact height and general dimensions, and it is because of this omission that the imaginative orientals and other ancient writers have given such fabulous and extravagant traditions concerning it. Even St. Jerome alleges from the

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EARLY ANATOMISTS.

Dissection Was Practiced in Egypt in 300 B. C.

Dr. William Williams Keen tells some interesting facts regarding the early history of dissection. The first human anatomists were in Alexandria three centuries before Christ, and they and their successors for 2,000 years were commonly reported to have included in antemortem dissection. Says Dr. Keen: "Vesalius was shipwrecked and died while feeling for his life on a charge. The Edinburgh set of 1656 giving the purpose the body of one criminal annually to make an anatomy of," was guarded by the provision "after he be dead." Even poetry has lent its aid to perpetuate the legend of the "invisible girl" whose ghost was believed to haunt Sir Charles Bell's anatomical rooms, where she had been dissected on the night preceding that appointed for her marriage.

For a long time Alexandria was the only medical center of the world, and the physician Galen (born about 120 A. D.) had to journey from Rome to the African city even to see a skeleton. He sent his students to the German hospitals to study the bodies of the national enemies, while he himself used apes as most resembling human beings. Human dissection was revived in Bologna in the fourteenth century, where Madonna Manzoni later was professor of anatomy, undoubtedly one of the first women doctors, if not the very first. Leonardo da Vinci, pulchre of "The Last Supper," was a great anatomist, but dissection had fallen into disuse when Vesalius finally revived it about the middle of the sixteenth century.

Even in comparatively modern times anatomists have been the objects of attacks by the populace. In 1765 Dr. John Shippen of Philadelphia was mobbed as a grave robber. Doctors' notes in New York occurred twenty-three years later and were due to the belief that the medical students robbed graves continually. It was the lack of respect for the dead to the practice of grave robbing and originated what Dr. Keen calls "a set of the lowest possible villains—the resurrectionists."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

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There is this difference: Lovers make up a quarrel because they enjoy it and married people because they have to.

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"To be sure it does, my love," the poet answered.

"What difference?" she asked.

"Why," said he, "it is such a comfort to know that if I should die you'd be provided for."

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LAKE ZURICH NEWS.

Emma Selig is visiting in Chicago. Geo. Zimmet was visiting here Sunday.

Don't forget the Libertyville fair next week.

Miss Anna Schaffer was on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Koffen was visiting in Chicago this week.

H. Buschling and wife attended the picnic at Palatine Sunday.

The hot weather has put the Quaker onto smile on our ice man.

Mrs. J. C. Mathei has returned to her beautiful home at Lakeside.

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