

Masons' Playground, Shrine Has Noble Function

Organization Spreads It's Own Happiness to Others by Means Of Helping Children to Health

Man of Egypt's Group Was Inspired For Great Body On This Continent

According to a legend, the distinguished American William J. Florence, on tour abroad, met the man of Egypt who was head of the order of the Shrine of the East. Charmed by the geniality of the American, the Sultan arranged for Florence's introduction into the Order at Cairo. Afterward, the

fun was the Shrine's order of the day. There were no complaints. Nevertheless, there was a feeling largely subconscious, that, in order to continue to grow and to attract the right kind of men, the Shrine must inevitably undertake a worthwhile and constructive activity that would benefit communities and nations and also give that great inner satisfaction which all men seek.

It was at this psychological moment, at the annual convention at Indianapolis in 1919, that a resolution was introduced to undertake some kind of philanthropy. But it was not until the following year at Portland, Oregon, that W. Freeland Kendrick, then the Imperial Potentate, introduced a specific resolution that the Shrine build, equip and operate hospitals for the rehabilitation of crippled children whose parents could not afford top medical care necessary to make them walk, and that these children be admitted without regard to race, creed or color.

This resolution was dramatically supported by Noble Forrest Adair of Atlanta, Georgia. "Our noble order," said Freeland Kendrick, "will never find its soul until it unites on some great humanitarian project and erects a living monument as evidence of the worthwhile existence of the Shrine." Naturally, there were objections at first. Of course, no one doubted the worthiness of the proposal. The question—could the Shrine undertake so serious

anese, Indian, Mexican, Negro, Italian, Greek, Spanish and many other races and nationalities. They have been of virtually every religious faith, some of no faith at all. It makes no difference. For in applying to a Shrine's Hospital for Crippled Children, there are but four questions: Is the child of poor parents? Can he be helped? Is he mentally sound? Is he under fourteen?

That's all. The rest doesn't matter.

NILE TEMPLE TO KETCHIKAN

Prince Rupert is not the only north coast town that is host to a Shrine ceremonial this year. Ketchikan will be having a similar experience in July when Nile Temple of Seattle comes north for a ceremonial and many southeastern Alaska novices will tread the burning sands in allegorical rite.



PRACTICAL HAPPINESS—Here is an illustration of the practical work of bringing happiness which the Shriners practice. The picture was taken in one of the many crippled children's hospitals.

a task and carry it through to success?

Seven years later, 15 hospitals, staffed by the finest doctors and nurses in North America, equipped beyond anything so far known in orthopedics, were making each year over 17,000 dreams come true—dreams of little children, dreams of being able to walk like all the other children.



ARE UTTERLY UNLIKE HOSPITALS

One thing that most impresses visitors to the hospitals is how utterly unlike hospitals they are. They have tried to make each of them like a large nursery and playroom with Mother Goose and story book figures in murals, and on bibs, napkins and towels. There are libraries and plenty of toys. The windows are large and there are spacious sun porches and terraces. This all contributes, plus the skill and understanding of the exceptional men and women on each staff, to the surprisingly high morale of the children.

Thus, for 24 years, the Shrine of North America, has not just stood for tolerance among men, but demonstrated it, forcefully, through these 15 hospitals. There have been Chinese, Jap-

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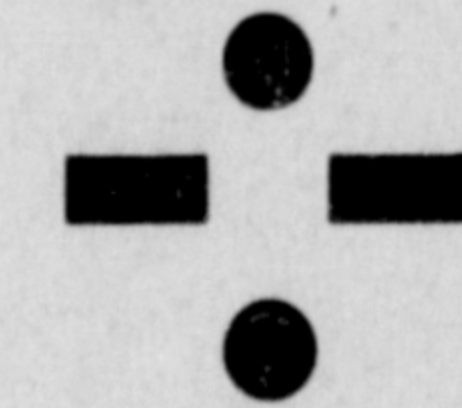
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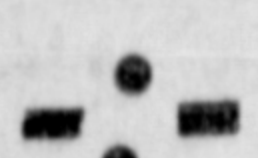
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