

of her various earthly and away and prospective pension. There have been a number of associations which have entered into an agreement to pay their members a fixed sum of money if they do marry, but one which sets a premium on celibacy by giving them if they don't, is something new in our complex and somewhat incomprehensible civilization.

"The great singers of any age are great women," says Lillian Sabine, in *Making Your the Pilgrim*. Her meaning is not that all great singers are distinguished by nobility of character, for of some the reverse is true, but that to be a great singer requires indomitable courage, unswearable application, the tenacity reaching of the whole woman toward an artistic ideal. "I would rather not sing at all," says Melba, "than always to sing the same. Each time I try to do better than before, and in this way my work is made interesting." Here is a suggestion not simply for the greatly gifted but for us common mortals who desire to emphasize in our lives the difference between work and drudgery, between being hired and being hirelings. "Whether he be rich or poor," says James M. Ludlow, "the man who makes his income secondary to some helpful service belongs to the guild of masters." Every aspiration and aim beyond the daily task lets in a window illuminating the task and bettering its performance.

To be cheerful when the world is going well with you is no great virtue. The thing is to be cheerful under disadvantageous circumstances. If one has lost money, if business prospects fail, if enemies appear triumphant, if there is sickness of self or those dear to one, then it is indeed a virtue to be cheerful. When poverty pinches day after day, month after month or through the years as they pass, and one has ever to deny self of every little longed-for luxury, and the puzzle of how to make one dollar do the work for two has to be solved, then the man who can still be cheerful is a hero. He is a greater hero than the soldier who faces the cannon's mouth. Such cheerfulness is the kind that we need to cultivate. To acquire this self-command, says the Milwaukee Journal, we need to think of many things. We need to guard against every way to irritation about little things. If we can maintain self-control in small matters, we shall have less difficulty in maintaining it when great matters are to be met.

**Honduras Wants Settlers.**

The government of Honduras contemplates a departure from former methods of its colonial service, owing to a desire to increase its commerce and industries, as well as to improve the interior conditions of the republic, by augmenting the number of inhabitants and landholders from foreign countries.

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M. BLASER, Joseph G. WALLACE,  
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**PRTESTANT EPISCOPAL**, St. Andrew's Church—Rev. H. E. Chase, Rector. Service Sunday at 10:30 a. m.; Sunday School at 2:30 p. m.; Jas. Priddyman, Sept.

**GERMAN**—Rev. J. W. Weber. Services every other Sunday at 2 p. m. in the Congregational church. Sunday School twice a week.

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**SOCIETIES**, GROVE LODGE 624 A. F. & A. M. Meets every Friday evening at 8:00 p. m.; Friday evening in each month. Visiting brethren cordially invited. J. H. Griffiths, W. M. Bert C. White, Secretary.

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**WATERLOO LODGE** 243 A. F. & A. M. Meets the second Thursday evening in each month. Visiting comrades always welcome. T. B. Stevens, Commander. Geo. T. Hughes, Adjutant.

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**OWNERS GROVE LODGE** 729 I. O. O. F. Meets every Friday evening at 8:00 p. m. in Central hall. Visiting brothers cordially invited. John Browning, N. G. H. F. Leghausen, Rec. Sec.

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**MAPLE CAMP** 696 M. W. A. Meets in Carpenter hall on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Visiting members always welcome. Fred Isala, V. C. W. H. Barnhart, Clerk.

**MAPLE GROVE LODGE** 529 K. Of P. Meets first and third Wednesdays of each month. Visiting Knights cordially invited. Daniel Latimer, C. T. G. Vernon, E. R. and S.

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**THE MAIL**, From the east—7:07; 9:57 a. m.; 12:11; 5:11 p. m. From the west—7:07; 9:57 a. m.; 1:37; 5:28 p. m.

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