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## MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN A DREAM

At the age of three, when life is beauteous and fairy-like to the fancy, Lydia Oracion was admitted August 10, 1940, at the Masonic Ward of the Mary Johnston Hospital. Her chief complaint was swelling on the right thigh, buttocks and also on the left hand joint above the wrist. The illness started a month before admission as fever was treated as a case of gastroenteritis. The fever did not abate, and the child was taken to a "hilot" who massaged the patient. Since then, Lydia could no longer walk.

The dejected parents upon the instance of some Masonic friends brought the child to the Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children where she was treated and managed. After nine months of hospitalization and treatment, she began to have high hopes and bright outlook in life. Finally, she was able to manage herself, walk alone, on and on—until she was completely healed and discharged as fully cured.

"It is more beautiful than a dream!" she said, when she was crowned the Beauty Queen of Lucban, Quezon, in 1955, at the sweet age of 18.

From a cripple to a Beauty Queen is only a story which our Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children has in its annals. The Brethren, silently, with their help and cooperation, have not only enhanced the prestige of Freemasonry but have contributed somehow to the happiness of mankind.