

to a close, bidding Bro. Maxwell farewell, and a wish that we wish soon again be able to hear his pleasing strains.

Upon the departure of Brother J. J. Inkster, Bro. Jas. Reith was unanimously appointed to resume the duties of Keeper of Records and Seal. As Bro. Reith possesses in the neighborhood of 250 pounds of natural growth, we all feel assured that he will experience little or no difficulty in holding down his records and seal. Thereby wearing fittingly the title for the position placed.

Bro. Fred. Kommer, who one time so intelligently manipulated the long carving knife, in other words, Master of Arms, was a Trail visitor last week. Bro. Kommer's stay was probably somewhat limited, as we did not have the pleasure of greeting him in the Lodge room, much to the regret of us all.

Vice-Chancellor. Bro. J. M. Worth has somewhat broadened his field of business operations, having acquired a half interest in the home paper, one of the most complete newspaper plants in the Province. We bespeak of his success in the highest terms, he being possessed of splendid business capabilities and a hard worker.

The most surprising feature of the past month was the able manner in which our new officers performed their duties in degree work. To speak, our boys have had practically no time to study their respective offices, and the initiation work was exemplified in a very effective manner. Prelate, Bro. Widmer, surprised the boys beyond comparison for the splendid manner in which he propounded the "Midnight" obligations. Other officers fared equally as well, but are of an altogether different and unequal character.

Trail Lodge was pained to learn of the calamity which befel our brothers at New Westminster, in which they lost nearly all their paraphernalia by the terrible conflagration which devastated that beautiful city some two weeks since. We extend our greatest sympathy and hope to see our New Westminster boys spring up in a Herculean and Phoenix-like way, that will make themselves feel as though the occurrence never occurred.

Queer, as it is a fact, it seems that so far our several lodges throughout the province are not taking the proper interest in our new journal. We have noted that the pages of the last two issues of "True Knight" contain very little correspondence, at least not enough to show that appreciative interest was being taken toward its publication. Now brethren, take your pens and write a few lines of the happenings that have transpired and what is in store the coming month, and let us all know what you are doing. We cannot expect to keep our paper floating without the necessary support, that is, by keeping its pages continually dotted with local Lodge items, which are bound to make it interesting and educating to all members of the Order, thereby placing material and activity among us, which is one of the foundations to our success.

For this issue of "True Knight," I believe I have done my share in assisting this journal to make it for which it was partially intended. Possibly I am occupying a little too much space for a single issue, but the actions of our Lodge prompts it. So if the writer's name fails to materialize for the next issue, it will not tend to show that Trail Lodge lacks any appreciation toward its appearance.

No doubt some of our brethren's minds will

soon be imbued with the idea that I am a little bit "stuck-up" in having my name appear in every issue of "True Knight," but as anonymous correspondence will not be accepted, I am obliged to sign myself,

Yours in F., C. and B.,

THOMAS E. ABBOTT.

Trail, B. C.

Trail, B. C., August 26th, 1898.

J. E. Evans, Vancouver, B. C. :—

Dear Sir and Brother,—I inclose you herewith express order for \$8.50 in payment of subscription to Pythian monthly for 17 members. The Lodge has not taken action regarding the insertion of the Lodge card. This may be done later. Times have been so quiet here that we have not been doing much, but the prospect is improving, and we have a victim to put through at our next meeting. I regret to say that I am going to leave Trail in a few days to reside at Davenport, Wash. I shall still retain my membership here, where I have many friends, and with whom I have taken an active part in our Lodge work. My successor has not yet been appointed. In closing this, my last letter to you as an officer of Trail Lodge, No. 23, I can but say that our relations have been of the pleasantest through our correspondence, and I wish you every success in the future.

Yours in F., C. & B.,

J. J. INKSTER,

K. of R. & S.

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Don't forget that Bro. Clark, of Clark & Stuart, is at the same old stand and is always glad to welcome his many friends.

The Vancouver lodges have been well attended during September. Considerable interest has been manifested by members who have been more conspicuous for their absence than their attendance. A new dawn is breaking and Pythianism is bound to make a record for itself the coming winter months.

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