

er applications in view for the month of November, so you see that we are not asleep, although a little slow sometimes. We expect to have a good Winter in Pythianism in Vancouver for both Rathbone and Crusader Lodges have also several applications for membership, with more in view, so let the good work go on. Invitations are out for the Granville Lodge, No. 3, anniversary entertainment, which will be held in our Castle Hall on Wednesday, November 1st, attended by the knights of Vancouver, with their friends, an account of which I will give your readers in the next issue of the "True Knight." I had the pleasure of attending an entertainment of Rathbone Lodge last Friday, and a right royal time we had, too. The work of conferring the First Rank was done in excellent style. Our meetings during last month were very well attended and we expect to keep up the interest in our meetings in future.

Yours in F. C. and B.

C. L. BEHNSEN.

Vancouver, October 29th, 1899.

FROM CRUSADER.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother.—Things are progressing "all serenely" with Crusader Lodge. Since I last addressed you we have had the pleasure of conferring the Ranks of Page and Esquire for Granite Lodge, No. 16. I might here remark, en passant,—please excuse my French—that too much praise cannot be awarded to the members of the sister lodges, Granville, No. 3 and Rathbone, No. 7, for the very able way in which they assisted us in the work.

At our Convention, held on October 5th, we were very much pained to hear of the alarming illness of Bro. George R. Maxwell, M. P. The information cast a gloom over the Lodge, as at that time the life of the Brother was almost despaired of. Several brothers spoke feelingly of the great service done to the Order, and also the "True Knight," by Bro. Maxwell. However, we are now rejoiced to learn that the brother

is out of danger, and Rathbone Lodge, No. 7, and the "True Knight" are to be heartily congratulated. We hope that our esteemed brother will meet us in the Castle Hall ere long.

Bro. Buck, of Gold Range Lodge, No. 1, Kelowna, paid Crusader a visit at our Convention of October 5th. He gave us a glowing account of the "Baby Lodge" of the Province and Pythianism in the Upper Country in general.

Bro. Sampk, of Granite Lodge, No. 16, is now a frequent visitor to our Lodge, and as the brother is now residing in Vancouver, we are assured of meeting him in the Castle Hall every lodge night.

We regret very much to learn that Bro. W. L. Mearns, our esteemed Grand Chancellor, about to leave the City, for—well, let us hope a very short period. We will miss him from the Castle Hall in all three of the City lodges.

Bro. H. Hoffmeister, our esteemed D. G. C. can be fully depended upon to keep things in order in Crusader Lodge, however. A most capable expounder of Pythian law it would be hard to find in the Supreme Lodge Domain.

Bro. Whitway, P. G. P., of the Grand Lodge of the Maritime Provinces, paid us a visit at our Convention of October 5th, and entertained us with a long and interesting talk under Gown of the Order, which was highly appreciated by the lodge.

This is about all I have to chronicle for this issue. I might here say, as a parting sentence, that Crusader Lodge is steadily and surely progressing, and is in the business to stay.

With this assurance to the "True Knight" I will say "bye-bye" for the present.

Yours in F. C. and B.

GEORGE NOONAN.

Vancouver, October, 16th, 1899.

"This is a hard wur-ruld," said the janitor philosopher. "Thor's a poor divil across the way that marries two women an' he is sint u for a long term. Thin thor's this sultan of Subwid a dozen wives honored an' given a job that's worth twilve t'ousand dollars ivery year."

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