

it. Do we ever stop to think that in using the present as it is meant to be used we may make it serve as a stepping stone to a "higher and nobler existence" more like unto the one He lives in? Our present life I, for myself, believe is but a small part of the whole, yet it is of such importance as to mean the success or failure of the Divine plan. How many of us have studied chemistry? Those of you who have will bear me out in what I say. To attain a certain result many processes are sometimes necessary. We heat, distil, and heat again many times, yet always to gain a result purposed from the time we started with but one difference: our subject is wholly subservient to our will. We are free, and therefore let or hinder, still the comparison holds good in so far as this life is but a part of a process, and why I have mentioned it is that we who have so much to gain or lose may up and work to obtain the best results. Let us work then and use this life of ours in such a way that every act of ours may become pure enough to bear the scrutiny of the Most High.

Yours in F., C. and B.,
"R. B."

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Editor "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—I have been in receipt of the first journal called the "True Knight" of B. C., and after perusing it, my only hope is that the brothers will give it all the encouragement that it deserves. I am sure it will awaken some dormant energy, and act as a prod to the stay at-homes, causing them to visit their lodges and Company of which they are members.

The Uniform Rank is weak in British Columbia, I am sorry to say, but I hope the day is not far off when this branch of our noble Order will take root, so that at least five live companies can turn out at the conventions of the Grand Lodge when held here in British Columbia, as they do in all the Grand Domains of the U. S. of A., and at which I had the honor of attending in Kentucky. Furthermore, the Uniform Rank would be a fine acquisition on our annual memorial Day to act as escort to the members of the subordinate lodges to flower the graves of our deceased members, and at the conclusion of the decoration sing the closing ode, then re-form and march back to our Castle Hall.

Brothers, arrangements can be made very easily for the organization of new companies at less than

half the cost of eight years ago, when Vancouver City Co., No. 4, was instituted.

Together then let us stand as Pythian Knights for humanity and for the right, knowing that this sentiment of loyalty and fraternity will be echoed from every Pythian heart.

Fraternally yours in F., C. and B.,

JOHN CROW, Sir Knight Captain,

Vancouver City Division, No. 4,

U. R., K. of P.

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THE LODGE KICKER.

What rain and sunshine is to the growing field, so is the "Kicker" to his lodge.

I do not mean the kicker that rarely visits his lodge, and who is continuously finding fault with the workings of the different committees appointed by the lodge, who does all his talking outside of the Castle Hall, and who always has a grievance. No, I do not mean that kicker.

The kicker I have reference to is the good, sound, healthy, honest kicker. One who is always in attendance at the regular and special conventions of his lodge, (rain or shine, and who is always ready to accept any position that may be offered and takes an active part in advancing the interests and welfare of the Order.

Generally speaking, the kicker has at his command a knowledge of the laws of the Order, and is familiar with the by-laws governing his own lodge, and while he is not a kickler at technicalities, he is most vigorous in seeing that the laws are carried out in spirit and letter.

He is one of the most useful members of his lodge, and is as necessary to its healthy working as sleep is to the tired brain. When the brothers at times forget themselves (and who have not) and present some proposition innocent in itself, but in direct conflict with by-laws and constitutions, whose effect would be far reaching if carried out; the kicker is there to make his protest, and it is generally backed up by good, hard, sound sense, that the scheme is abandoned, and the good of the Order maintained. The kicker is forever urging the brethren to commit the ritual to memory; to familiarize themselves with the constitution and by-laws, to subscribe for some good, live Pythian journal; he is ever persistent in this and through his efforts interest in the Order is aroused, and before the brethren are fully aware of the fact, their conventions become interesting and entertaining.

The kicker is not one of those who believe that the majority of the members are not capable of un-

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