

the neighborhood of forty couple were on the floor, visitors being present from Kaslo, Nelson and neighboring points. The only unfortunate occurrence in connection with the affair was the misunderstanding in connection with the pleasure-boat Alert, which failed to make the trip to Silverton, thus depriving a party of fifteen of the pleasure of participating."

Fraternally yours,

C. E. SMITHERINGALE.

New Denver, B. C., November 20th, 1899.

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The lodge, as well as individual members should carefully consider the fact, and keep it well in mind, that the Endowment Rank has, directly, saved the Subordinate Lodges of the Order hundreds of thousands of dollars, that the latter would have had to expend for the aid and support of the widows and orphans of deceased members, who, through the Endowment Rank have been saved from being dependent upon the Lodge—this is a fact that none can gainsay, and should be placed to the credit of that important department of Pythian knight-hood.

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FROM TRAIL LODGE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—Although business in our little town is extremely quiet, we are advancing ahead, step by step, and will soon claim the proud distinction of being entitled to two representatives in the Grand Lodge. During the past six weeks we have had six candidates, the rank work being completed last week. Now comes another application and more expected.

After eight months of continual "rag chewing" over the purchase of an Amplified outfit, the climax was reached two weeks ago, and now No. 23 is in possession of the most elaborate paraphernalia ever seen in these parts. There are no two gowns alike. Each "Senator" is represented in different color, and the scene presented by our "Invincible" (they have named themselves "invincibles") team, is brilliant to behold. The grandeur which confronts a candidate is best told by himself. They are now ready to visit nearby lodges at their solicitation.

A little incident which (almost) happened during the conferring of ranks was the many pleasant (?) remarks by members regarding what they were going to do during the "Second" to a distinguished candidate, now Rev. Bro. John Munro. Well, they didn't do a thing to him, just because he wouldn't take the bait, and a more sorrowful and downcast looking lodge of Knights would have been hard to find. The others by name were J. W. Slack, W. Isley, Thomas Cox, Edward Hayward and J. R. Randall. They were less on the alert, and took everything from "burnt fingers to sore feet."

Another election of officers is rapidly approaching, and ere the appearance of the "True Knight" again, nominations will have been completed and new officers will be further qualifying themselves for their respective offices.

Our esteemed and worthy brother, Fred. Kummer, paid Trail a visit last month, after an absence of nearly half-a-year, and he did not hesitate to call on several Knights who extended

heart and hand in greeting him, and expressing joy in hearing that he is smoothly sailing on the waves of prosperity. He is now engaged in business with Bro. Honold at Nelson.

The estimable wife (and don't let us forget to mention that "sweetest-of-all" little baby) and Bro. John Fluhrer, who has been recuperating in Spokane for two months, returned in the latter part of October, much improved in health and much to the comfort and delightment of Bro. Fluhrer.

Last month we had the pleasure of seeing that most beautiful of all plays, "Damon and Pythias," which was produced by the R. E. French Theatre Company, at the solicitation of Trail Lodge, and a more enthusiastic gathering never assembled in the Opera House. The exemplification was portrayed in elegant style. Tears mingled with occasional cheers, by Bro. Knights, brought to memory the true meaning of Pythianism, to which we are all bound. Several members were asked, and responded, to represent the "Senate" on the stage, their presence adding much to the appearance and beauty of the act.

We see by the papers that our Rossland brethren have consolidated with another fraternity in constructing a new lodge hall, and that it is to be one of the most elaborate edifices in Kootenay. Success, to you, brothers, and may we ask the pleasure of being present upon its dedication.

We have him now! Bro. A. G. Creelman, of Rossland. We are glad to hear that he, together with his partner, have the contract to construct several railroads building for the Canadian Pacific Railway here, so his presence in our Castle Hall is a foregone conclusion.

Somehow or other, a majority of our dear brothers constitute a peculiarly shy lot of mortals. Nearly every meeting we hear of new arrivals, in the form of the younger generation. Only last week a little nine-pound "lootsy-wootsy" came into and brightened the home of Bro. Morin. Talk about smiles! Why, our Keeper of Records and Seal takes a back seat.

Secretary Bro. Lewis, of the Endowment Rank has tendered his resignation of that department, but as yet no worthy brother seems to wish to handle the work. Bro. Widmer is considering the matter.

Grand Master-at-Arms, Bro. Binns, together with P. C., Bro. J. A. Clark, now have their furniture store in operation at Phoenix, and, if reports are true, they have "struck it rich."

Bro. George Gilmore leaves for the United States in a couple of weeks on a recreation and visiting trip. We wish him a most enjoyable time.

Bro. Clay Mauntell, together with his family, has suddenly dropped from our midst, and is

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