

BY-LAWS.

I have approved of By-laws submitted by Erie Lodge No. 21, and also of Revision of By-laws by Friendship Lodge No. 16, copies of which are submitted to you.

An addition to By-laws of Charity Lodge No. 20, providing for the election of a Medical Examiner or Lodge Physician, was approved by me.

Art. vi., sec. 1, of their By-laws reads as follows:—Sick Benefits—Every Knight who is a member of this Lodge for six months, and who is in good standing, if tendered incapable of following his usual occupation by sickness or other disability, not caused by intemperance or immoral conduct of any kind, shall receive a benefit of \$4 per week during such sickness or disability, provided always that any brother a resident of this city, or within three miles of it, being sick or disabled, and not reporting the fact to the Lodge during such time, shall receive the sum of \$2 per week, and then only after producing full and sufficient proof of such sickness or disability.

An amendment was submitted to me by the Lodge for approval, providing for the striking out of the words 'during such time,' and inserting the words 'within three days,' to which I refused assent, ruling as follows:

I cannot sanction this amendment. It is not in accordance with the tenets and principles of our Order that an unfortunate sick brother, otherwise beneficial, should be deprived of his just benefits for omitting, perhaps unavoidably on his part, or on account of physical inability, to report his illness to the Lodge in such a limited time. Owing to a sudden accident or severe illness a brother might be rendered unconscious or insensible, and his friends not knowing the necessity of immediately reporting the fact to the Lodge, he would, on a harsh and arbitrary technicality, be deprived of benefits perhaps essential to comfort and support during the whole of his sickness.

P. G. C. KING'S PAMPHLET.

Bro. P. G. C. King, of Toronto, has since our last session furnished additional evidence of his zealous interest in behalf of our beloved Order in Ontario in the voluntary contribution of a second pamphlet from his facile pen. I refer to that published and distributed in November last, entitled "Some of the Duties and Responsibilities of a Knight of Pythias." It is replete with counsel and advice, and should receive the careful and attentive perusal of every Knight in Ontario. It has received the highest commendation of the Pythian journals, several of them having published it in full.

THE ENDOWMENT RANK.

I would strongly urge upon the Representatives to recommend to the membership in the various Lodges in the jurisdiction a better support of this beneficial feature of our Order in availing themselves of the advantages of safe provision for life insurance at a moderate cost.