

HE EVIDENTLY WAS THERE.

Grand Chancellor Goodrich, in his report to the Grand Lodge of New York, July 25th, 1899, has the following to say:

"This branch of the organization went through a fiery ordeal last August at the biennial session of the Supreme Lodge, held in Indianapolis, and emerged therefrom entirely unscathed. The chronic and everpresent defiler of hard-earned and well-established reputation, made his appearance there and endeavored to get in some of his nefarious work, but his efforts to ruin character and destroy faith in the rank were futile. His utter failure and discomfiture were made the more noticeable and poignant by the fact that the Supreme Lodge not only endorsed the Management, but put its stamp of approval upon their work by re-electing the Board of Control by practically a unanimous vote."

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FROM CRUSADER.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother.—I most humbly beg leave on behalf of Crusader Lodge No. 19, to extend to you the sincere congratulations of its officers and members, one and all, upon the entry of the "True Knight" upon the second year of its career, and also our most ardent wishes for its future prosperity.

Our Lodge is still keeping well to the fore and we are determined not to lose any ground, but to keep right on with the good work until we make the Pythian Order in Vancouver what it has an indisputable right to be—second to none.

Our Master of Finance, Bro. F. D. Tubbs, has returned to the City after a brief holiday in the Interior.

On Thursday, August 31st, we conferred the rank of Knight in the Amplified Form upon an esquire, the Rank Team carrying on the work in a most excellent manner. The warmest praise is due to Captain Anstie of the Team for the able and painstaking manner in which the rank was conferred. Under Good of the Order, Bros. S. R. Robb, of Rathbone No. 7, and H. J. De Forrest, of Crusader, favored us with comic recitations, which were highly appreciated.

We are pleased to note that Bro. W. D. Mearns, our esteemed Grand Chancellor, has returned from his official visit to the lodges in the Interior. It is needless to say that his trip will be productive of the greatest benefit to our Order throughout the eastern portion of the Province.

We are pleased to again see Bro. James McDonald, one of the charter members of Crusader, and one of our most ardent workers, in our Castle Hall, after a brief absence from the City.

On Thursday, September 7th, at our convention we received an invitation from the Mother Lodge, Granville No. 3, to be present at a social convention on Wednesday, September 13th. It is not necessary to state that our members availed themselves of the opportunity to enjoy the hospitality of the Pioneer Lodge of the Mainland. A most enjoyable time was spent. The programme was very interesting and amus-

ing. Bro. H. J. De Forrest, of Crusader, exhibited some remarkably fine specimens of his artistic skill.

Bro. H. C. Clark, of Granville Lodge No. 3, entertained the brethren with a very pleasing set of repetitions upon the graphophone. Several songs and recitations were also given and refreshments were passed around, and after having enjoyed themselves to their hearts' content, the brethren separated, happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again.

At our convention on September 14th Bro. A. Pride, of Granville No. 3, paid us a visit. Bro. Pride is a Charter member of Granville Lodge, and under Good of the Order he entertained us with a pleasing speech.

Bro. George Williams, P. C. of Granville, also favored us with a visit.

But let us stop for the present.

Yours in F. C. and B.,

GEORGE NOONAN.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 23rd, 1899.

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FROM GRANVILLE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother.—Granville Lodge, No. 3 has had very good meetings during the past month, but on September 13th we had such a gathering in our Castle Hall as, I am sorry to say, we do not see very often. This was caused by Granville Lodge giving an "At Home," to which all the Brother Knights in Vancouver were invited, and they responded in such numbers as to fill the hall to its full capacity, and a happier, jollier crowd than gathered on that evening would not easily be found again. After getting through with the regular routine business Bros. H. J. Anstie, S. R., J. E. Evans, P. G. C., P. C. Whiteway, H. C. Clarke, P. C., and several others favored us with very enthusiastic and eloquent speeches, and the loud applause with which all were received could be heard a block away. These over, the Lodge closed its due form and then the regular entertainment began, consisting of some 30 odd selections of a Columbia phonograph, the finest instrument of its kind, owned by Bro. H. C. Clarke, who had kindly brought this instrument to the hall and who manipulated it during the evening and the attention and interest with which piece after piece was received must have fully repaid Bro. Clarke for his trouble. It was voted the finest instrument of its kind by all who had the pleasure of listening to it. These selections were interspersed with an exhibition of Bro. De Forrest's beautiful paintings, taken from Nature during the last year and consisted of about 50 views from the vicinity of Vancouver: the Kootenays and the far-off Maritime Provinces. Bro. De Forrest's paintings prove him indeed an artist in every sense of the word, and the exclamations of surprise at the wonderful reproductions of nature in said paintings must have been like sweet music in the ears of Bro. De Forrest. During the entertainment the Committee of Arrangements served refreshments in the shape of ice cream, cakes, etc., furnished by Bro. Newton, of the Royal Cafe, and a ample supply of the fragrant "Spanish Blossom" cigars helped to make the evening pass like