

We regret to announce that Grand Chancellor, Bro. W. D. Mearns, has been confined to his house for the past week. We trust that his illness will be of short duration.

Bro. Hiram Wood, from Tacoma, Wash., has cast in his lot with Vancouver knights, having succeeded in obtaining permanent employment with the C. P. R.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. J. H. Grady is slowly but surely reaching the road to recovery.

Bro. A. M. Tyson did himself the pleasure of sending the Editor of the "True Knight," by the first Imperial Limited, a fine Spring salmon.

Bro. F. D. Tubbs, of Crusader Lodge, No. 19, has had a pleasant surprise, his father having arrived on an unexpected visit. We trust Fred. will introduce him to some of our famous trout streams before he returns.

Bro. George Noonan is to be congratulated on the deep interest he has taken in arranging and caring for the graves of our departed brothers. Too much credit cannot be given to the City lodges for their deep interest in this matter, and for their wise choice in appointing Bro. Noonan to look after this work.

G. P., Bro. G. W. Whiteway, delivered an able and eloquent address at the memorial service, on Sunday, June 25th.

The Committee in charge of the "True Knight" has received a few biographical sketches of Grand Lodge officers, but has received no photos, cuts, or orders for same. As the desire of the Committee is to publish photo and sketch together, we have decided to hold some over until we hear definitely from these officers.

Owing to lack of space in the June issue of this journal, we were unable to mention the many acts of kindness extended to the brother knights by Bro. Steven Jones, of the Dominion Hotel, who left nothing undone to make the representatives comfortable, and their stay in Victoria pleasant. We bespeak for Bro. Jones the patronage of the travelling public. His large and commodious hotel is second to none in Canada, and you will always find Steve to greet you upon your arrival and extend the glad hand.

Did it ever occur to the readers of this journal what a mean, contemptible thing it is to receive a letter or communication of any kind

and allow it to remain unanswered? Generally speaking when a communication is addressed to a person it calls for a reply. The writer has some object in view when addressing the same, and is entitled to consideration. If the purport of the communication does not coincide with your views, answer it and say so manfully, but do not throw it aside and allow it to remain unanswered. This is cowardly. One cannot conceive of a more contemptible proceeding than that of allowing a letter or communication received to be treated in silence.

Anyone having the instincts of a gentleman would not permit the same being done, and no true Knight of Pythias would tolerate it for an instant.

EVIL REPORTS.

"The longer I live," says a writer, "the more I feel the importance of adhering to the rules which I have laid down for myself in relation to such matters.

First, to hear as little as possible whatever is to the prejudice of others.

Second, to believe nothing of the kind until I am absolutely forced to it.

Third, never to drink into the spirit of one who circulates an ill report.

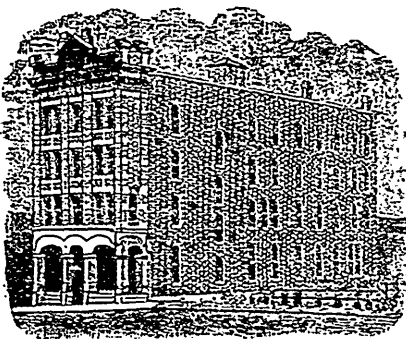
Fourth, always to moderate, as far as I can, the unkindness which is expressed towards others.

Fifth, always to believe that, if the other side were heard, a very different account would be given of the matter.

If the above rules were carried out by the members of our Order what a stride Pythianism would make."

A SMILE.

Who can tell the value of a smile? It costs the giver nothing, but is beyond price to the erring and repenting, the sad and cheerless, the lost and forsaken. It disarms malice, subdues temper, turns hatred to love, revenge to kindness, and paves the darkened path with gems and sunlight. A smile on the brow betrays a kind heart, a pleasant friend, an affectionate brother, a dutiful son, and a happy husband. It adds a charm to beauty, decorates the face of the deformed, and makes lovely woman resemble an angel of paradise.



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