

has not lived in vain, for the spirit of this departed hero has been inbreathed into other souls so that modern life clasps hands with the ancients and each repeats: "Tis sweet to die for those we love." Men talk about the selfishness of the age. The Eleventh Commandment: Man mind thyself, man's inhumanity to man, but we rejoice that Pythians can show, and are even endeavoring to show that they are friends even to death. On the shores of the Adriatic Sea, it is customary for the wives of the fishermen who have gone far off upon the deep, to go down to the seashore at eventide, and sing the first verse of a beautiful hymn. After they have sung the verse, they will listen intently till they hear borne by the wind across the pathless ocean, the second verse sung by their husbands, and both rejoice. Now we sing our songs of toil and conflict, but as we strive to be knightly men—true friends at whatever cost—there will come to us snatches from the far away, that will not only comfort and cheer us, but will inspire us to walk in the footsteps of such heroes as Samuel Holden Hines and H. S. Reynolds.

Let this be the banner year of Pythianism in British Columbia.

We will be pleased to have for our next issue a complete list of the officers elected for the present term from all the lodges.

For the next issue of this paper we expect to have valuable and interesting correspondence from all the lodges (through their correspondents) in the Province.

While the various lodges are studying the best means to avoid the suspension of members for non-payment of dues, would it not be a good plan for each individual member who is more fortunate, and who desires to see the order prosper, to take upon himself the task of seeking out his unfortunate or careless brother and try by Knightly words to win him back to the fold. By this means we are satisfied many good and worthy brothers may be retained on our rosters.

We are just in receipt of very kind, interesting and encouraging letters from Bro. C. F. Nelson, of New Denver Lodge, No. 22, and Bro. W. Binns, of Trail Lodge, No. 23. May the good work continue.

When the presiding officer of a lodge is disposed to talk on every subject introduced, to the exclusion and disgust of everybody else, the lodge should "cork him"; and if he effervesces too much, take him into some out-of-the-way place where he won't annoy everybody and "tap him."

Letters of encouragement have been received from the following lodges for which they have our warmest thanks: Coldstream, Vernon; Primrose, Kamloops; Sandon; Sandon; Langley, Langley; Far West, Victoria; Rathbone, Vancouver; Crusader, Vancouver; Granville, Vancouver; Granite, New Westminster.

Members who fail to read the small print in the rituals and profit by it, will never be as effective in degree and lodge work as those who do. That small type is replete with information. It may have been written by "back numbers," but it is an encyclopedia of admonitions and instructions, notwithstanding.

The office of Master of Finance is one of the most important in a subordinate lodge category. On the ability and faithfulness of the incumbent of this office to collect dues largely depends the number of suspensions in a lodge. Put only Knights peculiarly adapted to the place in this office, and when you once find one, keep him there.

Grand Chancellor Haddow is a true Knight, and is deserving of the hearty support of the entire membership. See to it that his efforts are appreciated by every member assisting to increase the membership. In the selection by the Grand Lodge of W. D. Mearns as Grand Vice-Chancellor, Bro. Haddow has secured an able assistant, one who has the best interests of the order at heart, and is willing at all times to advance the cause of Pythianism.

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