

brown, re-elected: M. at A., G. D. Brown; I. G., J. Ladner; O. G., J. N. Moore. It is a long time since such keen interest was taken in the election of officers as was displayed at this election, which, I think, is a step in the right direction.

On Wednesday, Dec. 14th, we had a hot debate on "married life vs. single blessedness." Bro. Ladner captained the single men, whilst Bro. Mallery acted in the same capacity for the married men. I need not tell you the married men won with honors.

Bro. McCrum, wife and family have returned home from Minneapolis, Minn.—Joe looks quite "citified" and parts his hair in the middle now.

I have had a letter from Bro. Davis, Revelstoke, and the brothers there expect to be ready to organize about the first of the New Year.

Wishing the True Knight and all its readers a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

I am yours fraternally.

J. L. BROWN.

FROM RATHBONE.

This is the season of festivities, and we hope Rathbone members will have their share of enjoyments, etc.

We will soon be entering upon another year, and we know not what joys or sorrows will be our lot during its period; yet we hope the joys will be many and the sorrows few.

During the month, which has been quite a lively one for Rathbone, we have added another member to our list. We hope the brother will enter into the work and be one of us socially as well.

The joint session for initiation of the candidates, one for the Westminster Boys, the other for our own Lodge, was conducted in good style, and a good time was afterwards indulged in. Quite a number of the brethren came over from New Westminster, and our brotherly friendship was renewed.

Rathbone expects to take the lead in '99, so the other lodges had better look out she doesn't rival them, both in members, finances, etc. Let us all work with a will. A little rivalry is good to stir us up.

ARTHUR F. COOK.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLANCE.

At the regular meeting of Primrose Lodge, No. 20, K. of P., Kamloops, B. C., held December 21, a resolution of condolence with Bro. James Douglas, of New Westminster, who is a member of Primrose Lodge, in his sad bereavement in the death of his wife, was passed. The following is the resolution:

"Whereas Almighty God, Supreme Chancellor of the Universe, has seen fit, in His all-wise dispensation to remove by the hand of death the beloved wife of Bro. James Douglas, and whereas, by the death of his wife, Bro. Douglas loses a faithful companion and his dear children a most kind and loving mother, therefore be it resolved by Primrose Lodge, No. 20, K. of P., that the heartfelt sympathy of each of the members of this Lodge be extended to Bro. Douglas and his motherless children in this their sad hour of distress, and that we

devoutly commend them to the keeping of Him who looks with pitying eye upon the orphans; and further be it resolved that while we deeply sympathize with those who are bound to the deceased by the nearest and dearest ties, we share with them the hope of a re-union in that better land where partings are unknown; and further be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Primrose Lodge, and a copy sent to the family of the deceased, a copy sent to the True Knight, Vancouver, and a copy to the "Inland Sentinel," for publication. Fraternally submitted, D. C. Mackenzie, G. T. Mallery, J. L. Brown, Committee.

How dear to the heart is the old yellow pumpkin, when orchards are barren for stuffing for pies; when peaches and apples have both been a failure and berries abundant have greeted the eyes; how fondly we turn to the corn field, and the fruit our children despise—the old yellow pumpkin, the mud-covered pumpkin, the big-bellied pumpkin that made such good pies."

The editor riseth in the morning and knoweth not what the day may bring forth. If he telleth all the news he runneth a great risk of having a tin ear put on him, and if he telleth not the news the people say he is n. g., and there is no joy in it. The crafty man cajoleth him into giving him a 50-cent puff for a 5-cent cigar, and all fond mothers frown on him if he fails to flatter their necked-face broods. And all his ways are ways of woe, and his days are full of sorrow. The insurance man setteth snares for him, and on the whole he—he has a deuce of a time. Now is the time to subscribe.

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