

we are very deeply afflicted to hear of the death of Bro. William B. Gale, of the Supreme Tribunal, and the Grand Domain of Mass., in whom we have lost a true Pythian Knight, and we are sure that his sad loss will be a heavy blow to our noble Order, considering he devoted 21 years of his glorious and manly life to push along the good work. The Lodge Charter was ordered to be draped for 90 days as a token of respect for our beloved brother.

The Nelson Minstrels (Patriotic) paid Sandon a visit on Tuesday, 13th instant, but owing to the gloom that was cast over the city by the sad fate of three of its citizens, they did not have a very large house.

I am happy to inform you of the marriage of our esteemed K. of R. and S., Bro. R. G. Joy, of Nelson Lodge, No. 25, at Nelson, B. C., on Monday, 12th instant. I have not been informed what the young lady's name is (or was), but I sincerely trust he has found a loyal and happy partner, as there is no man in Nelson more worthy than Bro. Joy. Congratulations, Bro. Joy; and long life and happiness.

Yours in F., C. and B.,

LARRY O'NEILL.

Sandon, B. C., March 19th, 1900.

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FROM RATHBONE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—With this April number comes the Spring, with its new life and beauties. We bid good-bye to our dreary Winter months, yet not dreary, unless we make them so ourselves, as the many social gatherings and lodge meetings, even if not otherwise entertaining, are more than enough to break the monotony of Winter.

Rathbone Lodge has not been asleep—even if your correspondent did miss his last month's letter—but has been very much awake. Under the ruling of our worthy C. C., Bro. Simpson, everything has gone on serenely.

We are mourning the loss of one of our worthy members, Bro. Waite, a Charter member of Rathbone Lodge. He was called away by the All-Wise and Supreme Chancellor on High, on Monday, March 5th, after a brief illness. The thanks of the lodge are due to Bro. Whiteway for the kindly way he rendered his services to Rathbone Lodge at the funeral of our departed brother.

Bro. Anderson, P. C. and I. G., surpasses many of the younger members in the enthusiasm he has displayed for the Order, and the good work he has done is appreciated by us all—"By their works ye shall know them."

We have been honored by several visiting brothers during the month from Primrose Lodge, No. 20; Far West Lodge, and Crusader. Bro. J. C. Evans, Past G. C., was with us and gave us, in a very fluent and able address, some excellent advice.

We regret to hear of the illness of Bro. J. Eligh. From last reports he was improving, and we hope to see him with us again shortly.

We expect to hear a very favorable report from our Committee on hall rent.

Bro. Robert Brooke our indefatigable M. of F. is thoroughly up-to-date in keeping his eye on members who are inclined to be negligent with

their dues. Dear brother reader, you who are not perhaps a regular attendant or perhaps may not be a member of our Order, if this should catch your eye, should you see the earnestness and zeal which most of the members of the Order carry to their work, you would indeed say, "Surely this a Pythian spirit which leads them on in such Christian-like acts." If you are not a worker, then get into harness and see what pleasure it is being of service to a sick brother or helping on the good work. If you are not a member, then join us, and see for yourself. There are, of course, black sheep who may now and then get into the fold, but do not judge the majority by one. As water will always find its level, so surely will the black one be found out. We want men who are willing to work co-jointly for the benefit and welfare of mankind.

Yours in F., C. and B.,

ARTHUR T. CROOK.

Vancouver, March 26th, 1900.

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FROM NELSON.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—I am again back in British Columbia and in harness. I arrived in Nelson on the 11th instant, and was agreeably surprised to find the weather so warm and Springlike, for down at Ottawa, the country was snowed up when I left, and it was with great difficulty our train managed to pull through no more than nine hours late. It was also very cold at Winnipeg, and in fact there was no noticeable change in the atmosphere until the Crow's Nest Chinook winds struck us at McLeod, although the severe snowstorms experienced in the East did not appear to have reached any farther than North Bay, Ontario.

Well, I had the pleasure of visiting Nelson Lodge on the 13th inst., and saw three pages put through their paces and elevated to Esquires, and two Esquires advanced to Knighthood. The team work in this Lodge is rather weak, except in the case of Brother Prosser, who, as Pythagorus, would be hard to beat. However, I heard the determination expressed that a good team must and would be soon in evidence, and with the advantages of lantern, etc., at their command, Nelson Lodge are in a position to make their initiation very beautiful and impressive. I met Bro. Gordon Sutherland, of my own Lodge, at Nelson, also visiting brothers from Trail and Rossland.

Bro. Scott, C. C., is a genial, large-hearted, large man, and makes a very imposing Chairman, and all of the members of this Lodge are fine, prosperous looking intelligent men, and, I am glad to say, they are very careful in their selection of candidates.

With all this I would like to impress upon the newer members the fact that levity is not allowed during initiation proceedings. I noticed some who had great difficulty to keep from laughing outright in anticipation of what was to come, and when a candidate sees this, he very naturally "smells a rat," and the proceedings lose their impressiveness, for him at least. School yourselves, my brothers, and you will find how easy it is to control yourselves, even though fear of the goat does make some candidates look woe-begone.