

# From THE DAILY COLONIST, May 25. "GOD'S ACRE"

Visited by Knights of Pythias Who  
Decorate the Graves of De-  
parted Brothers.

Tributes of Respect to Those Who  
Sleep in the Ross Bay  
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Sunday was the occasion on which the Knights of Pythias resident in Victoria, in person or through their lodges, honored the memories of those belonging to their membership who have been laid to rest in the city of the dead which has been established at Ross Bay. The idea of the fraternity is to keep the memories green of those with whom they were connected by the bonds of membership, and in many cases by ties even more close and intimate. The fact of their having entered "that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns," does not sever the sacred relationship entered upon in lodge room, and it is impossible to repeat the same deed of practical friendship as that which the order continually celebrates, the members not unworshipfully show by their acts that such a sentiment still exists.

About half past one o'clock on Sunday afternoon the members met at Castle hill, and to the number of upwards of a hundred started for the cemetery under the marshaling of Stroud L. DeGruy, representative of Victoria, Sunset and Far West lodges, preceding the chancellor commanders, grand lodge officers, and supreme representatives. Arriving at the cemetery Chancellor Commander Frank LeRoy, of Far West lodge, delivered the opening address which was a very beautiful tribute to the departed. It concluded as follows:

"Life at best is brief. Step by step we journey towards that bourne where care and tribulations will bring a golden harvest. The world is full of farewells to the dying and mourning for the dead. As we place our offerings of flowers on the graves of the departed, let us again vow that the noble actions and kind words of our deceased brethren will ever remain fresh in memory's storehouse, and let us pray that the Supreme Ruler of the Universe may grant that our fairer shore we will be permitted to meet our loved ones and enjoy forever the blessings of life eternal."

The work of devotion was then proceeded with as follows: Graves of Richard Hunter, address by J. M. Hughes; J. Engelhart, by E. Pierdner; Frederick Randolph, by E. Dickerson; William Byers, by J. L. Smith; William Slater, by W. S. Stamer; D. F. and J. F. Fea, by W. M. Conlin; Frank Campbell, by E. P. Nathan; J. B. Carmichael, by W. J. Dwyer; Peter Wilson, by J. Cameron; George Erye, by H. F. W. Baines; M. Hooper, E. Hines; and A. A. Green, by G. K. Gilbert.

The following is the tribute which was paid to the late Mr. A. A. Green: "And the hall of the departed, A. A. Green has taken his final rank. In life he was the comforter of the poor and distressed. Charitable, the corner stone of our order, was exemplified in his many noble deeds. His grave is a discipline of pain; but with the consolation that the Lord has promised a heavenly harvest to those who labored in His vineyard, the deceased will be comforted in the charity to the end. The organ and the widow owe a debt of gratitude to the late A. A. Green. As the years roll by and those who accepted his generosity breathe guard to his memory, let us open our eyes before, the memory of a life well spent in the cause of humanity will remain a light eternal reward in heaven."

The proceedings were brought to a conclusion with the subjoined address by Deputy Grand Chancellor Thomas Deasy: "BROTHERS AND FRIENDS:—Our day yet need duty is complete. We return to the busy world conscious that night shall melt into noon and the mystery shall be clothed in glory. In other lands rest the mortal remains of three of our brothers. The hand of death has been laid heavily on our members during the past year. In this cemetery, three buried by brother Knights in foreign lands, and one sleeping beneath the waves, mark the ravages of the grim reaper and the organizations of our order in this city. We can do no more for the departed. Our duty now is to the living, and when friends assemble around our deathbeds with consolation it will be to know that we made every effort to assist our fellowman in times of sorrow and distress. It is our mission on this earth to place confidence in mankind. Remember brothers, that every man, no matter how high or how low his station in life may be, is cast in the same mold, bears the same likeness to that Saviour who died between the thieves for our salvation. Let us rise above human prejudices. Here, among the resting places of the dead, all are alike, unconsoling. The hand that greeted the highest in the land is still as the hand that folded a fathered that over pale limbs. Who cares when we are dead and gone whether we ever lived? Only those who can realize the many trials and tribulations we suffered to lead us in the hour of distress. When we die the world will ask the value of property left behind; an angel will bend over our beds and ask what good deeds we have sent before. There are many dead here seeking solace which we can give. In this world how consoling it is to find some friend as faithful in the days of adversity as in the time of prosperity. God leads with us with sons, but the blow of affliction fall not to punish, but to correct. There is a vacant chair in every home; there are few hearts that have not known the discipline of sorrow, not in our spiritual poverty is in our hearts, not in our surroundings, and he who cannot find the treasures of life here will discover no treasures elsewhere. We are animated by the moving pictures of enjoyments every industry passing before us; we are excited by some short lived success or depressed and made miserable by some disappointments, but the stream of life flows on, and our griefs and joys are alike laid behind us. We do not want to go through the dark valley, but the flat of nature is inexorable. We are born for a higher destiny than earth. There is a realm where the rainbow never fades, where the stars will spread out before us like the islands that slumber in the ocean, and where the beautiful beings that here pass before us their visions will stay in our presence forever."

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Boys and Girls of South Park School Have Got Their Vacation.

North Ward and Victoria West Children Will Now Take a Holiday.

Yesterday some five hundred boys and girls were turned loose from their studies and for the next few weeks the youngsters who during the rest of the year find it hard to waken in time for nine o'clock school, will be up with the lark, so as not to waste any precious play hours. The South Park school closed yesterday, but "Mary and the little lamb" did not have a part in the proceedings, and there was not a boy to stand on the burning deck. In fact there were no "show pieces"; the children were simply put through some of their ordinary work and specimens of the writing and examination papers were on view for any parents to inspect so that they might see for themselves how their children had progressed during the year. The boys were beaten under the impression that they had made a record, and the girls were complimented on their little speeches made by trustees and Mr. Burns, the inspector, at the close of the reading of the examination papers.

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THE pupils of the South Park school were heard last evening in an excellent concert programme at a concert given in the school hall in aid of the piano fund. The various songs, recitations, and instrumental pieces, were all well rendered, and the concert was a success. The piano fund, which was started by the school, is now well advanced, and it is hoped that the fund will be completed in time for the purchase of a new piano for the school.

Agent E. B. Blackwood, of the Northern Pacific company, expressed himself as well pleased yesterday morning at the extent of patronage which had been given the steamer Sohomo on her first trip to Victoria under the company's flag. She arrived from the Sound at 7 o'clock and brought for Victoria sixteen tons of freight and twelve passengers, those having the pleasure of making the first voyage on the steamer being Miss Lloyd, J. A. McPherson, W. Cushman, F. Laro, J. B. Goff, C. H. Black, P. Evans, F. Belanger, A. G. Franklin, J. F. Mearns and wife, and E. P. M. The steamer was an hour late in leaving port, but a future will sail on schedule time, at 9 o'clock. The Sohomo has been placed in good running shape, a gang of mechanics having just completed her repairs. The passengers for the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamer City of Topeka came in from the Sound yesterday afternoon and left again at 5 o'clock for Alaska, with a large freight and passenger list. The passengers for Victoria were J. F. Quinn and wife, G. B. Thors and W. H. Hinkley. Eleven tons of freight, including a quantity of stores for the British naval station in Behring sea, were taken on here.

STEAMER Maude arrived from Nanaimo yesterday with coal.

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SUPERINTENDENT F. S. HOSSEY returned home Sunday evening having taken to Westminister the prisoner John Smith, charged with the murder of Chris. A. Benson in October last. The case against him is a strong one.

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ABOUT two weeks ago a resident of Spanish complained to the police that he had lost a \$50 and a \$1 bill in the Royal saloon, but no trace could be found of the missing money. A couple of days ago Mr. S. A. Bantly found the identical bills on Fort street not far from his place of business, where they had evidently been dropped. Mr. Bantly advertised for an owner, found him, and returned the money to the owner.

MESSRS Frank Cornell, Jack Meldrum, Bill Adams, and George Baker, who left here a fortnight ago on a prospecting trip into Alberta, were heard from yesterday at Friendly Cove, Nootka Sound, about thirty miles from their destination. They were under the impression that they had reached the coast, but found it impossible to proceed by trail or to make ordinary terms for transportation with the Indians. After a search for their services \$4 per man, and require the prospectors also to purchase and outfit their canoes at a good still valuation.

A MEETING was held at the Cedar Hill schoolhouse Friday evening to consider the plan for a new road which is to run along the shore from Oak Bay to Gordon Head, and then turn in a straight line to the city via Mount Tolmie. A well made road along this route would furnish a most desirable route for the summer months. The residents of the Gordon Head district it would also be a boon, as the present roads are both hilly and crooked. The subject was thoroughly discussed at the meeting and a committee appointed to circulate a petition for signatures asking that the road be made.

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