

Under present laws and ritual, I cannot see any way in which the two systems can be worked together in a Subordinate Lodge, except as at present. I am certainly not in favor of doing away with sick benefits in any subordinate lodge, as I consider them of inestimable benefit to a very great many of the brothers.

I fear I have trespassed on your space and time in what I have written. My only excuse is a desire to benefit our Order, and cause a discussion on questions affecting its welfare. My only wish is that it should become a power for good in this, our country, and every other country where the blue, gold and red is unfurled to the breeze.

The new officers of Maple Lodge were duly installed by D. G. C. Bro. Henderson. Bro. Henderson is our Grand Representative elect. He has, since his election, passed through one of the bitterest pangs of life, by the loss of his wife, who died on January 26th. The sympathy of his brother Knights is with him and his family in this their loss.

We have received a stranger into our Castle Hall during the last month. He expects to reach the summit of Pythian Knighthood at our next convention.

Yours fraternally in F. C. & B.,

JOHN N. EVANS.

Duncans, February 16th, 1899.

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FROM SANDON.

To the Editor of the True Knight.

Dear Sir and Bro.,—As your Sandon correspondent, I desire to write you a few lines, giving you some little account of the progress which is being made in the Silver City, in connection with the work of our beloved Order. In the first place, on behalf of all the members of our Lodge, I desire to place on record their high sense of appreciation of the True Knight, and the admirable way in which its pages are

conducted. Its advent every month is eagerly and joyfully welcomed by all.

In the pages of this, the provincial organ of the Knights, we have not, I think, made ourselves unduly prominent in the past, although the opportunity was always present to tell a little about ourselves. For this reason, a short account of ourselves may not be out of place.

During the past few months steady progress has been made. In the loyalty and zeal of the members; in the manner in which the work inside the lodge room is performed; in the growth of the spirit represented by F. B. and C., and in the gains which are continually accruing to our membership; in all these, I may truthfully say, the progress has been, and continues to be, most satisfactory. We believe too that the Order is perceptibly growing in the appreciation of the public around us. The organization of the Uniform Rank, which took place in December, marked a decided advance, and the interest which is already being taken in the work of this Rank, augurs well for the future of the Company. A number of brother Knights, whose names are not yet on the roll, are looking in the direction of enlistment, and it is hardly too much to expect that almost all those now belonging to the subordinate Lodge, will in the near future take upon them the uniform and the oath of the Knight Loyal. In Captain Spencer we have an officer who has long been a member of this Rank, and to whose diligence and enthusiasm are owing in a large measure the success with which the organization of our Company was effected.

Let me say a word in appreciation of the visit of Captain Behansen. During his short stay in Sandon, he endeared himself to all the brethren. His work was admirably performed, being marked with thoroughness, and conducted with patience, and it is not too much to say that those who were brought into close contact with him during those few days that he spent among us, saw in his conduct and demeanour the features of the perfect Knight.

One of our number at the last assembly of the division reported that our brethren in Nelson were becoming eager to enter into the knowledge of the mysteries and the enjoyment of the privileges of Knights Royal. This information was most gratifying to all of us, and we shall, with growing expectancy, await tidings from Nelson of decisive steps in this direction.

The work of the Subordinate Lodge proceeds smoothly. The officers recently elected seem to possess the wish to vie with those of last term, in their attention to their respective duties. To mention only one of these, our C. C., Bro. Oscar V. White. In him we have one who, both as an officer and a man, by reason of his sterling character and his unwavering devotion to all the interests of the Lodge, has won the confidence and esteem of every individual member.

Of past C. C.'s, we mourn the loss of Brother Culver, a Knight most noble and true, whose recent departure to Seattle makes a perceptible blank in our ranks; while another, Bro. G. W. Grimmert, is still with us, his interest in everything Pythian never flagging; ready always to give his time and labor for the welfare of the

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