

Now, I'll have to draw a curtain
On the scenes that followed here,
For Fred and Bobby I am sure
Would not like for us to hear.

So I'll end my little story
By telling what is true—
That all proved to be knights and brothers
E'er the bucking half was through.

—STUDENT.

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FROM NELSON.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—I am going to write the long looked for letter from Nelson, Lodge No. 25. Our lodge has not been able to forward a letter before, I am sorry to inform you, owing to the correspondent who was appointed, being like all the Nelson Lodge boys, a very busy man. I will not promise a letter every month from myself, but will see if I cannot rustle up some other Nelson Knight to do so. First of all we have started in earnest with our new officers or rather old officers in new positions. Some of the Knights in Vancouver may remember Brother Scott, "Great Scott," as Brother Behnsen mentioned in one of his letters to our Master of Finance. Yes to be sure, he is Great. I remember when Mr. Scott was Master at Arms of our Lodge; he used to create a smile when he donned his coat of mail for the martial duties of that office. The coat lacked about fourteen inches of coming together. Some advised corsets and laces. But, Mr. Editor, this will not do, so must get down to business. Though the "True Knight" does not receive many letters, let me assure its readers that the Knights of Nelson are loyal and true. There seems to be quite a revival of Pythianism. We are hard at the amplified work and hope to have as good a team as any in the Kootenay. We certainly have some very good material to work on.

The Uniform Rank is getting into shape again; there were about 23 Knights Loyal present at the last drill. At the meeting on Tuesday we decided to hold our Annual Church Parade on Sunday, February 18th. Brother Rev. R. Frew addressed the congregation. There were 80 knights present, including 22 members of the Uniform Rank in full uniform. The text was: "There is a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother."—Mr. Editor, I forget what chapter and verse, so please excuse me. In the course of his remarks, the preacher said: We meet some people that ask what is the good of fraternal societies? He said he felt sorry for them, as the individual who had lost faith in the friendship of his fellow men was a sorry specimen of humanity.

If you had heard the remarks of the knights after the service you would have wished you had been in Nelson to hear our Rev. Brother. It was also decided to have a banquet at some future date, near the anniversary of Pythianism. We are going to rustle candidates for ranks, and then invite all the members and visiting knights in town to a special meeting and show

them how Nelson Lodge, No. 25, can confer the different ranks. After which we will have the banquet.

At one of our meetings we had three visiting brothers from New Denver, and we did our best to make them feel at home. After getting through the bulk of the business, Brother J. J. Malone exhibited our stereopticon lantern, showing scenes of the different subjects in rank work, among which was "The Friendship of Damon and Pythias." Brother C. C. Scott recited "The Charge" as the different scenes were shown, and, judging by the applause that followed, the knights were well pleased. Brother H. A. Prosser, our Master of Finance, and Brother C. C. Scott are arranging the Endowment Rank and think they will soon have enough candidates to present the petition for same.

And now, Mr. Editor, I must conclude in

F. C. and B.,

R. G. JOY,

K. R. and S.

Nelson, March 3rd, 1900.

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FROM SANDON.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—I wish, through your journal, to thank the officers and members of Sandon Lodge, No. 24, for the enjoyable evenings I have spent in their Castle Hall, during the last three months, especially for the pleasant times I have had at their monthly socials, three of which I had the pleasure of attending.

The K. of P. made a pretty fair attendance last Sunday at the Methodist Church, where the Pastor, Rev. Bro. Sanford, of this lodge, kindly reserved the best seats in the Church for them. To say that his sermon on Pythianism was very good and appropriate for the occasion is drawing it rather mild, and I am sure every brother present thanks him for his knightly courtesy.

The dancing members of No. 24 and a few of the other K. of P. lodges, now residents of Sandon, paid a visit to New Denver on February 22nd, to join the boys in celebrating their third birthday, and on their return they expressed themselves as having had a thorough good time, and also state that the Reception Committee had a peculiar knack of making everything "gibe" O. K., as they termed it.

There was a great commotion at the Castle Hall last Wednesday evening when the Master at Arms reported that "Pluto," the lodge goat, had escaped. It appears that owing to the heavy snow "Pluto" had not seen any "grass" lately, and forced the barn door open with the point of his horns. A Committee of 12 members, equipped with lariats and mounted on bronchos, "traced his little footsteps in the snow, don't you know," and after a hard ride of about 12 miles found him at Whitewater mine. "Pluto," who has a disposition like Cronje, did not surrender until Bro. Oscar V. White, who is an expert with the lariat, had him lassoed and strapped to his saddle. He then telephoned the joyful tidings, when the members, headed by the City Brass Band, turned out to welcome the conquering heroes.