

blackened ruins, a few walls, etc., only left to mark the place of what they formerly consisted. men and women in the excitement rush madly to and fro, rescuing articles that are almost valueless, at times leaving the more valuable article to be destroyed, others whom you would hardly credit for their coolness of mind oftentimes rendering valuable assistance. The most heart-rending scenes are sometimes seen the morning after a fire. Old women crouching over some partially destroyed assure, mothers wringing their hands in the agonizing uncertainty of the welfare of husband and children, men cursing their luck, others looking among the ruins for some lost treasure. Fire, the great purifier and refiner.

We hope that our sister city will spring with leaps and bounds from her smouldering ashes to a beautiful and busy Metropolis.

A. T. C.

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 "TIS TRUE, 'TIS PITY: AND PITY 'TIS,
 'TIS TRUE."

We are sorry to record that we are not receiving the support and encouragement from the members of the Order living on the Island that we expected. Why this is so we are at a loss to say. We cannot believe that sectionalism has anything to do with it.

We hope that our brothers living on the Island are not ashamed of our efforts, and are withholding their support on that score. The "True Knight" is a Pythian enterprise, conducted wholly by the lodges in Vancouver, through its committee, which should be a sufficient guarantee that the paper will be devoted entirely in the interest of the Order throughout this Domain, and not for the benefit of any one individual or section. We are anxious that we should have Pythian news throughout the entire Domain. We believe that this paper was needed to arouse and awaken the interest that our Noble Order deserves, and we depended upon our Brother Knights in this Domain to assist us in making it a success, so that each and every Knight in British Columbia would equally share the credit.

We hope our Brother Knights will accept our assurance in the same Knightly spirit in which it is given, and aid us in carrying out an enterprise which cannot help but be an important factor in building up our Order, and increasing its membership in this Domain.

Since the first issue of the "True Knight" we have mailed copies of the paper to every lodge in this Domain, whether they had subscribed or not. This we will continue to do with the October edition, but after that date we will only mail copies to the lodges and members that have subscribed. We hope that those lodges that are able, and who have not already ordered the "True Knight" may see their way clear to have copies of the paper come to them regularly. We would be pleased to have every lodge (Knights of Pythias) in this Domain to consider itself agents for the "True Knight" and to secure advertisements and subscriptions. Surely we may expect from each lodge a letter of interest for each monthly edition. Let us all work in the spirit of fraternity.

COMMITTEE.

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 The City lodges beg to thank the Tram Company for their kindness and courtesy to the Relief Committee.

LACK OF INTEREST.

Editor "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother.—On page 12 of your No. 2 issue of the "True Knight," I note a letter from the correspondent of Far West Lodge, No. 1. Grieved as we all are at the lack of interest shown by the facts as stated in Bro. Pferdner's letter, we still must congratulate ourselves on having a brother in our midst who has the good of the Order so much at heart as not to be afraid to speak out. Would there were more like him. This lack of interest, apathy or whatever you like to call it, does more harm to our Order than anything else. Be in earnest, be either hot or cold. Don't dream good deeds all day long, do them. If the Lodge is not what you like, come and say what you think it ought to be, we are all human and can and ought to learn something even from a stay-away.

We generally do, or let things alone according as we like: we do as we like: we please ourselves: we look after No. 1: we are fools enough to believe in that theory of "Look after No. 1," when in truth we best serve ourselves by aiding others, because in so doing we use the greatest force-power in Earth or Heaven.

Let us try to learn the grand object our Order has in view at all times: "The Betterment of Mankind." How can we learn this work? By idly staying at home and taking things easy? Such a question seems foolish I know, but far more foolish is it to let your actions answer yes to such a foolish question. You are judged by your deeds are you not? Many years ago someone asked a foolish question: "Do we gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles?" People have not forgotten the saying. Let me call it by its true name: "Neglect of duty." That sounds harsh I know, yet many a true saying sounds harsh. Are not Knights, men different from people in general in that they have assumed certain obligations? Are we carrying out those obligations when we neglect what is manifestly our duty? If we live to ourselves regardless of everything, we are but rotten trees—good for nothing. Useless, nay dangerous, for dead trees can and often do work harm: even so we, when we grow thus listless, work evil in many ways, unknowingly perhaps, yet is that an excuse?

Look at it in another light! Don't you think it's mean to get all the benefits and not do any work? "You pay your dues and are therefore entitled to certain rights!" Quite true! But don't forget the workers pay theirs too, and if they did not work, if they let things slide like you do there would not be any lodge at all for you to draw benefits from. Remember if a man work not he has not any right to eat. It would be far more manly to draw out than to continue standing idly by while others work, or to belong to an order for what you can get out of it.

Yours in F., C. & B.

ROBT. BROOKE.

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 On Wednesday, October 19th next, the first of a series of joint sessions of the three Vancouver lodges will be held, when, it is hoped all members will be present. Brothers from outside parts are to be with us and business of the highest importance will be under discussion. We look for an exceptionally good attendance.