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GOOD ADVICE.

To the members of the Order of the Knights of Pythias:—

By a great many of the hardest workers, and consequently those who have the best interests of our order at heart, the lack of a Pythian journal has been keenly felt and deplored. If the press is mightier than the sword, then it must be apparent to every Knight that we have been lucky so far in not using that instrument which is so essential to success. We believe that is conceded. Let us not waste words. An effort is now being made to supply the brethren with what is believed to be a necessity if your order is to grow to that dimension which we believe every brother desires it to reach. We launch our new venture, and commit its future largely to your fidelity and care. If you take it up and work for it, our journal will be a credit to Pythianism, if not, its

life will be premature. The committee who have this matter under consideration, have placed your humble servant in the editorial chair. While thanking them both for the honor conferred upon me and the confidence reposed in me, I am quite sensible of the responsibility attached to the office. My duty will be to provide something readable, and above all, instructive. The great work of Pythianism is to evolve a true Knight, and it will be my aims to supply such matter as will aid each brother to attain to the rank and dignity of a true Knight, and thus people British Columbia with a class of men that will in all respects be worthy of it. Let me, in conclusion, ask you in all kindness to do what e'er within you lies to make our journal a success, and thus in this way promote the well being and prosperity of our noble order. Pythianism expects that every Pythian will do his duty.

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PYTHIANISM.

How better can a Pythian newspaper start on its joyful and inspiring mission than by calling the attention of its numerous readers to the incident on which our noble order is founded. Some men are strangely compounded; they are both a curious and bewildering mixture; the elements of their being are so arranged or disarranged that they become a startling mixture of good and evil. Dionysius was one of this class. The wonderful little country over which he ruled owed much to him. He was a pattern to all rulers in the encouragement which he gave to literature, refinement and learning, but he was what a great many have been, and what a great many would like to be—viz: a tyrant. His rule consequently caused a great deal of dissatisfaction among the nobler of his subjects. One among these, Damon, would fain become the William Tell, the William Wallace, the Oliver Cromwell of his country. Brooding over the wrongs which they were all suffering, he heroically determined to get rid of the tyrant. By some pretext he got admission into the Palace, stood face to face with the author of his country's woes, but just as he had drawn his dagger, and before crime had stained his fingers, he was seized and sentenced to death. It is at this moment, the lowest ebb of fortune's tide, that the friend Pythian appears. How great was Pythias' love for his friend! what he is prepared to do for him time alone can reveal. Possessed of that courageousness of soul which is ascribed to Esther, the beautiful Jewish maiden, he resolves to do something for his unfortunate friend, or perish in the attempt. He pleads with the tyrant that Damon might have the privilege of bidding farewell to his wife and children before he dies, and offers to take his place in the prison. In other