

has been introduced and will be in the hands of the G. K. R. & S. in due time. It deals with a crucial question.

Every success to the baby Lodge at Revelstoke, and may it wax strong in numbers and influence, and in the furtherance of the principles of our noble Order!

The advisability of establishing an employment bureau in connection with the Lodge, for the benefit of the members, is being considered. By this means, brethren in need of employment can be assisted in securing a position. The scheme can be inaugurated and carried out with but little difficulty. In the furtherance of the idea of the relief bureau, outlined in the Grand Statutes, could you not, Bro. Editor, see your way clear to publish a "Situations Wanted" and a "Situations Vacant" column in the True Knight? By doing this and making it easy of access for the members of the Order generally, you would not only be enlarging the sphere of your excellent paper, but would render inestimable benefit to many a needy brother. Were brethren in need of laborers to think first of those in their own lodge who might need help, good results would ensue to all concerned.

Times are not likely to be very brisk in this neighborhood this coming season, and it would not be well for any brother to come here for work without first making inquiries of possible openings.

That demon, "La Grippe," is claiming quite a number of victims here, though none are serious as yet.

Bros. J. H. Millward, H. J. Robie and C. F. Nelson have been duly elected Trustees of the Lodge, made necessary by removals and other appointments.

The attendance at the Lodge meetings has greatly improved of late, and the interest in the proceedings has kept equal pace. "Good of the Order" has not had an innings for several weeks, as general routine has simply monopolized everything.

C. E. SMITHERINGALE.

New Denver Lodge, No. 22, February 16th, 1899.

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FROM LANGLEY.

To the Editor of the True Knight.

Dear Sir and Brother,—“Gin we see ourselves as others see us, how changed this world would be.”

There are a number of our members who forget that they are in duty bound to construe all words and actions of a brother in its most favorable light.

“Then gently scan your brother man.”

It is apparently only too true that this forgetfulness or rather thoughtlessness is not only to be seen in the subordinate lodges, but also to a certain extent in the Grand and Supreme lodges. We are expected to set a good example. Now, Mr. Editor, it is only too true that a large number of our members are too ready to find fault with a brother, without taking the trouble to enquire into the case. It is too often the old phrase, “Hang to-day and judge to-morrow.” A late celebrated divine wrote that his first real prayer was, “Lord, show me myself.” Perhaps I am not taking the popular view of this question, but at least it may set some a-thinking,

and it is often the cause of some of the non-attendance. I believe that honest criticism is necessary for good legislation.

Langley Lodge, No. 13, is still in the ring and the officers for the current term are: C. C., W. P. Ogilvie; V. C., P. S. Brown; Prel., G. A. Towle; M. of W., Wm. Holmes; K. of R. & S., John McDonald; M. of E., George Allen; M. of F., S. C. Towle; M. A. H. Edge; I. G., R. M. Towle; O. G., James Allen; Grand Lodge Representative, John McDonald.

Fraternally yours,

IAIN DOMHNULLACH.

Langley, B. C., February 17th, 1899.

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FROM DUNCANS.

To the Editor of the True Knight.

Dear Sir and Bro.,—In regard to correspondence from myself and Bro. Behnsen in the December number of the True Knight, and in the February number, I would say that I am not under any misapprehension in regard to sub-lodges having full control of the sick benefits; I think that they can pay as much or as little benefit as they please, if their by-laws so provide. But that does not cover the case, as I look at it. In nearly every number of the True Knight, some of your correspondents are deploing the fact that the beneficial side of the Order is advanced at the expense of the fraternal. From my standpoint the Supreme Statutes do place a bar in Section 240, Par. 5. An applicant for the rank of Knighthood must be in good health and sound in mind and body. Now this Par. 5 presupposes that sub-lodges will be beneficial lodges, or why else does it put in this as a safe-guard, which is very necessary if we are to be a beneficial Order? My contention is that there are many good and true men who would make the very best of fraternal brothers, but who are debarred by that paragraph from making application for membership, and I plead for the fraternal side of our Order, that it by all means be kept to the front, and not altogether at the expense of the beneficial system. Under the plan I am urging, I am quite sure, after an existence of nearly a quarter of a century, that the beneficial side will also be benefited by the change of making the beneficial a side rank, such as the Uniform Rank. After a brother has been a member of the fraternal or subordinate Lodge, a certain stated time, we would certainly be in a better position to judge of his fitness to become a member of the Beneficial Rank.

I have no doubt Brother Behnsen, like myself and other brother Knights, has heard remarks something in these words: “Bro. A. is a very nice fellow, but it was a great mistake to ever have taken him into the Lodge; he is a very heavy burden on the funds.” Yet Bro. A. is possibly one of the very best of fraternal members in his Subordinate Lodge.

The fraternal or subordinate would have to pay their fees for ranks and monthly dues as at present, only on a lower scale. Their duties in visiting the sick, burying the dead, &c., would remain as at present, except that in paying sick benefits there would be a larger field to work in, to get recruits for our ever-increasing membership.