

the sublime nature of its teachings, the elevating tendency of our rituals and not be a student of those things through the literature of the Order. With few exceptions our members are composed of men of intelligence, and those who realize but a faint idea of the real object of our ceremonies acknowledge that in each rank there are lessons taught us for our advancement in moral and intellectual spheres. Then why do we not do so? The majority of Knights apparently make no study of the aims, objects, and principles of our institution, being content with the mere routine work of the lodge. How can we obtain a knowledge of those things without study?

The study of Pythianism is worthy of the attention of our best minds; it tends to elevate the moral and spiritual attributes of man, calling forth all the better traits of human nature. Then, to be thoroughly acquainted with the teachings of Pythianism, we must read and study the literature written by our best authors. There are many publications in connection with the Order, but how few of our members think it worth their time to read and study Pythian magazines. If you ask a brother why he does not subscribe for one, the usual excuse is that he cannot afford it. But can he afford to lose the principles taught in the several ranks. And how can he hope to retain those principles if he does not constantly refresh his mind with the best thoughts of our leading men in the Order. In reading we are sure to meet with passages that will retain us in deep meditation and repeatedly bring before us the obligations we voluntarily took, and also remind us of the beautiful teachings of the several ranks, and admonish us to refrain from even the appearance of conduct unbecoming a Pythian Knight. The question is often asked: "How can we make our meetings more attractive so as to draw our membership?" Brother Knight, I believe if we spent more time in the promulgation of Pythian thought and teaching it would solve the whole question. I do not see why we could not have a reading room in connection with our lodges, where our members could spend an hour or two occasionally in the study of Pythian literature. I believe if this was only carried out our lodge meetings would be far better attended, our work more thoroughly done,

and our members become better men and better Knights. We must educate them up to it. The mere routine work of the lodge will not do it, and you have gone a long way in this direction with the issue of the "True Knight." May success attend you.

Fraternally yours,

J. IRVINE.

RATHBONE ITEMS.

During the past month, Rathbone Lodge has been putting her right foot first, and intends to make things hum before the term is out. Although there has been no candidate to ride the goat, which being well fed is getting a little frisky, and is even inclined to get a little balky of late.

Since the "True Knight" have shown its face it has stirred up new life in the lodge, and the future looks very promising.

A few incidents worthy of note, was the nomination and election of Prelate, by which we can claim distinction by having an M. P. and Editor of this paper, Bro. Maxwell. The kindly remarks and address by our brother was appreciated by all present.

Bro. J. E. Evans, Past Grand Chancellor, and members of Crusader, No. 19, stated that he had met with good success in getting "ad's" from the merchants of the city. If they knew the amount of trade these "ad's" will fetch, our brothers would not have to solicit from them, but business men would be only too anxious to have their "ad's" appear, even at an advance price.

Bro. B. Nunemaker, C. C., of Crusader Lodge, made a visit to Rathbone one evening. We hope other brothers will follow his example.

Supreme Representative, H. J. Anstie, left for Indianapolis on Sunday, the 14th inst., to attend Supreme Lodge session in that city. Bro. Anstie has the confidence of all British Columbia Knights, and we can rely on him doing justice to our province.

At our last meeting, quite a few of Crusader's members gave us a call, among whom was Bro.

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