

upon the thirty-sixth year of its existence. How has prospered and grown, its half-a-million members can best testify. It would be only asking needless space to go further into its history at present.

I cannot close this epistle, Mr. Editor, without saying a few words upon a subject so often well upon by so many of our Grand and Supreme Lodge officials, namely, the Pythian press. My brother, in my humble opinion, who takes an interest in the Order, no matter where he may be, should put his shoulder to the wheel and work for the success of the Pythian publication nearest his locality. I might here quote the words of the late famous Irish divine, Archbishop McHale, who once remarked: "If you wish to have an honorable press you ought honorably to support it." My meaning in quoting this saying is to say to the members of our Order, if you wish for a Pythian press, why, get in and work for its success in a Pythian manner, and strive for the accomplishment of the aims and objects of our Order as Pythians. In speaking of this subject I wish to bring to the notice of our British Columbia brethren this plain fact—Remember that at the last session of our Grand Lodge, the "True Knight" was made the official organ of the Grand Domain of British Columbia: remember our Order is universal and let us throughout the Province, in all its length and breadth, co-operate with the Committee who have so zealously and unceasingly labored for the success of our journal by supporting it wherever we can, both morally and financially, so that the "True Knight" may continue in its work for the interest of our cardinal principles, of Friendship, Charity and benevolence, and attain the highest place in fraternal journalism. Then will the best beneficial results to our Order accrue thereupon.

I am sure that throughout the entire length and breadth of this Domain, there is not one

Pythian who will not agree with me in saying that the Committee in charge of the "True Knight" spared neither time nor labor upon the paper to ensure its success.

In conclusion of this matter, brothers, might I not add it is the wish of our esteemed Grand Chancellor, Bro. W. D. Mearns, that the "True Knight" should be the most able exponent of Pythian journalism, west of the Rockies? Will you not assist our Grand Chancellor in the attainment of that object?

And now, Mr. Editor, the time has come for me to close. With December, 1899, I address you as the Lodge Correspondent of Crusader Lodge, No. 19, for the last time. In accepting the position from the members of Crusader Lodge, I have tried to fully realize the words of Mazzini, the Italian patriot:—"Every mission constitutes a pledge of duty, every man is bound to consecrate his every faculty to its fulfilment." With this motto before me, I have tried to discharge my duties of the position to the fullest extent of my ability. In surrendering the place to one who will doubtless fill it more energetically than I have done, I feel that in passing it over to the hands of my successor he will give to the Committee all the co-operation in his power, so that the change will be only for the better, and the "True Knight" will gain thereby.

In conclusion, Mr. Editor, for any mistakes I have made in my letters to the "True Knight" I say to every brother, using the words of Longfellow, "You will forgive me, I hope, for the sake of the friendship between us, which is too true and too sacred to be so easily broken." If you have found in my correspondence aught that did not meet with your approval, if there has seemed to you to be anything selfish or unbrotherly or unkind, I pray you forget it, and think not so much of what I have done, as what I have tried to do, and now, Mr. Editor, for every kindness and every courtesy I have re-

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