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The rent question has been agitating the Lodge for some time, and a movement is on foot to secure a building by purchase for Lodge purposes. As it is now, though one of the smallest lodges numerically in the Grand Domain, we are paying the highest rent. The situation is such that it cannot be bettered while the present quarters are occupied. They are large, convenient and commodious, but the members feel that a little sacrifice in these qualities for the material advantage of owning their own building would redound to their mutual benefit and the well being of the Lodge.

Memorial Day was most fittingly celebrated by the Sandon brethren this year; and, as they had so cordially invited the co-operation of New Denver Lodge, it was decided by the latter to join forces with the sister Lodge and make the one event suffice for both. Quite a number of the local members journeyed to the Silver City, stopping at the cemetery en route to the depot to fittingly decorate the graves of those of the departed brethren interred there. At Sandon the local delegation was most hospitably entertained, and they returned with feelings of gratitude at the success of the Memorial services and the treatment received.

Bro. Mearns' appeal to the several lodges to forward the general work and principles of the Order throughout the Grand Domain was most heartily received by the brethren of No. 22. They have long since recognized the cardinal fact that Pythianism is more than a mere name, to be worn as a garment at the lodge meetings only. In ways sundry and diverse, the Knights in this vicinity have endeavored to practice the precepts and teachings of the Order—a course to which they are determined to adhere.

Owing to the enforced absence of so many of the boys in the hills, prospecting and doing assessment work, the attendance at the meetings is diminished.

On June 1st the last social hop to be given by the knights for the season was held in their Castle Hall, in the Clever block. The attendance was large and enthusiastic, and the success of the event was even more marked than on the previous occasions.

This section of country is at present in a most quiescent mood, due to labor troubles and their attendant evils in loss of business and employment. Many of the members, if not all, come under this influence, which has a depressing effect upon the condition of the Lodge. With loss of employment, the members become scattered and the general well-being of the Order in the camp receives a hard knock. What promised so fairly with the Spring's glad smiles to be such a bright and prosperous season for the

country in general, and the members and their families in particular, has become tinged with the dark cloud of trouble and disaster. However, it may be but the wearisome night before the gladsome day. Other favored sections of the Domain should lend a thought and render encouragement to their struggling brethren in the Slokan, who are now in the midst of a mighty struggle between capital and labor.

C. E. SMITHERINGALE.

New Denver, B. C., June 19th, 1899.

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FROM FAR WEST.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother: Far West, No. 1, is still on the move, adding new members to its roster right along. There has been at least one Rank conferred every meeting night for the past two or three months, which I am sure you will agree with me is very encouraging. There is also a marked improvement in attendance for the past few weeks, which, taking the summer evenings into consideration, when the boys like to be out, is a good sign.

We received a gem of a letter from the Grand Chancellor, which this Lodge is having read for the next month. This Lodge has suffered a loss, in losing a brother like George Etheredge, who died last Friday, June 16th. The Lodge turned out well to the funeral, which was held the following Sunday. About forty members accompanied the funeral to the cemetery.

Yours fraternally,

JAS. H. PENKETH.

Victoria, B. C., June 24th, 1899.

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FROM SANDON.

The Knights of Pythias held their annual memorial services in the Methodist church on Tuesday, June 13th. A number of friends of the Order were admitted by ticket. As might be expected, the entire proceedings were of a solemn character. The reverends Cleland and Sandford delivered two very appropriate discourses bearing on man's immortality and his duty to his fellow man. Suitable music was discoursed by a choir—Mesdames Sandford, McMartin and Gable, accompanied by Mrs. White and Mr. Tranery on the organ and cornet. Although there were no deaths in the local Lodge during the past year, the custom was observed to commemorate the death of the founder, Henry Wrathburn. The entire service tended very much to impressing serious thoughts upon all present.

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FROM VICTORIA.

At a recent convention of Victoria Lodge, No. 17, K. of P., held in the Victoria Pythian Castle

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