

If you do not see a report of the proceedings of your own lodge in this issue make a point of asking why at the next lodge meeting. If no satisfactory reason is forthcoming let every true Knight see that a thoroughly reliable and worthy representative of the lodge is appointed to keep the Order and the world at large posted in the doings of his own particular lodge and its members.

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THE SOUVENIR EDITION.

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ENDOWMENT RANK.

At a recent meeting of the Past Chancellors' Association of Hamilton County, Ohio, in connection with the subject of the Endowment Rank, that organisation adopted the following series of resolutions in regard to that important department of the Order and its management:—

Whereas, Recognising the importance and value of the Endowment Rank to Pythian Knighthood, and the necessity that it should be supported, maintained, and encouraged everywhere; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Past Chancellors' Association of Hamilton County, Ohio, heartily commend the Endowment Rank to the support and encouragement of all Pythians, as the strongest, safest, and best conducted system of fraternal insurance in existence; and be it further

Resolved, That to that splendid, stalwart Pythian, John A. Hinsey, President of the Board of Control of the Endowment Rank, this Association tenders its unqualified endorsement of his management of that department of Pythian Knighthood, as well as his long, faithful, unselfish and untiring zeal in the interests of the Order universal; and be it further

Resolved, That this preamble and these resolutions be entered in full upon the records, copies sent to the Pythian press, and to the members and officers of the Supreme Lodge.

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FROM NEW DENVER.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Bro.—New Denver Lodge, No. 22, is unfortunately represented by a new correspondent this month. Troubles never come singly 'tis said and such is our case, because in Brother Smitheringale we lose not only our correspondent, but a most efficient Master of Finance. Bro. Smitheringale goes to Slocan City to embark in the newspaper business on his own account. With the Slocan "Drill" he will prospect for wealth on the journalistic claim, and we all hope he may strike a good lead and uncover such a good ore-chute that his pockets may always be filled with the silver coin that satisfies the needs of this life, not to mention the yellow boys usually described as "the

root of all evil." Our loss is Slocan City's gain, and we hope another lodge will soon be added to the list in this Grand Domain as a result of his removal from our midst.

New Denver Lodge, No. 22, celebrated its third birthday with the usual grand ball, and it was truly a gathering of the clans in earnest. That it was a successful affair may be gathered from what our local paper, "The Ledge," has to say of it as follows:—

"Surely the ball given by the local lodge Knights of Pythias, last Thursday night, was a brilliant success. It surpassed any of the previous functions given by the Order. The Knights have a standing reputation for their entertainments, but the most sanguine of the committee never expected the full measure of success that crowned their efforts on Thursday. And as one of the Sandon visitors remarked, "Why, they dress better in New Denver than they do even in Nelson."

The attendance of outside visitors was large, much larger than is usual with dances given anywhere. From Sandon the brethren turned out in force; Silverton sent a large and enthusiastic delegation; Slocan City was represented by a full quota of youth and beauty; and Nelson also sent several representatives, among whom, attired in their uniforms were Captain J. Malone and First Lieutenant C. A. Prosser, of the Uniform Rank of that city. The townspeople were out en masse, so altogether the ballroom was crowded. Everybody had a thoroughly good time and all were satisfied. In itself the Castle Hall, where the dance was held, was profusely decorated, the flags and bunting used lending additional color to the animated and handsomely attired throng on the floor.

Bro. J. H. Millward and wife, now of Nelson, assisted by Professor Zimmerman, of Silverton, furnished the music, and it was a rare treat, giving entire satisfaction, and contributing so much to the enjoyment of the merry-makers. A programme of 45 numbers was given, taking almost the entire night to dispose of it, but the crowd stayed with it to the end. The supper was given at the Newmarket, 61 couples being accommodated. It is satisfactory to know that the Knights have a substantial cash balance over all expenses, for which the Committee are to be credited."

There is a strong feeling of relief and gratification throughout the country over the fact that the labor trouble in the Slocan has been settled. A number of our mines have already got to work, and more men are being put on the pay-roll right along. We hope to see every mine in the country working full forces before long. Pythianism, having proved a stayer and a good thing, should flourish under the new order of things.

We are looking forward now to the Grand Lodge meeting in May at Rossland, expecting the best of good times there, because, you know, the Rossland boys have a great reputation as entertainers. Now, Mr. Editor, you will think you have had enough of me, so adieu.

Yours fraternally,

C. R. NELSON.

New Denver, B. C., March 10th, 1900.