

The Grand Lodge officers can do much to sustain the papers within their domain. Contributions from their pens would add to the interest of the papers and extend their circulation; and at the same time, give new impetus to our cause, and increase our membership. Try it—"Banner."

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#### THE ENDOWMENT RANK.

The following letter, from M. H. Griffin, Esq., Supreme Representative and General Organizer for the Endowment Rank, for the States of Tennessee, Texas and Arkansas, is a fitting tribute to the promptness of the Endowment Rank in the payment of claims against it:

Union City, Tenn., April 28th, 1900.

H. B. Stolte, Secretary, Chicago, Illinois:

Dear Sir and Brother.—I enclose herewith Certificate No. 12,237 on Brother William S. Crittendon, properly receipted. Aside from the expressions of gratitude on the part of the family, there is considerable comment by the members of the local lodge and also outsiders upon the prompt payment by the Board of Control; and I especially appreciate it myself.

Fraternally and truly,

W. H. GRIFFIN,

General Organizer."

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#### FROM RATHBONE LODGE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—Being a little late in getting this letter written, I will give it you in as brief a way as possible.

The past month has been a very busy one for most of us, with celebrations and war news, etc., it has kept our minds well occupied. One of the saddest events was the death of our most esteemed brother's wife, Mrs. Grady; after a long and serious illness she passed away on Monday, the 25th of June. I am sure all the brothers of our lodge as well as the members of all the other lodges join me in extending to our much bereaved brother, our heartfelt sympathy in this sad affliction. God's ways are not our ways and although his ways may seem hard, yet He knows what is for our good, and like a just father deals more severely with those He loves best. Although everything may look dark and stormy, still every cloud has its silver lining. Our brother has lost the one nearest and dearest to him, yet he has many loving brothers and friends around him still.

The Memorial services took place during the past month and was a most beautiful ceremony. Bro. Robert Brooke delivered a most able address, which was appreciated by all present. The Altar and officers' stations were most beautifully arranged, and after the service the flowers were taken out to the Cemetery by a Committee appointed to do so. It is to be regretted however that there was not as large an attendance as was expected.

Another Esquire is about to be knighted, Mr. McLean, we hope he will turn out to be a worker. We also have received by affiliation, another member, Brother McGregor.

The following officers have been duly elected for the coming term: C. C., Bro. Shepard; V.

C., Bro. Morice; Prelate, A. T. Crook; K. of R. and S., M. J. Conroy; M. of F., Robert Brooke; M. of E., H. J. Anstie; M. at A., Past Chancellor Bro. Simpson; M. of W., J. L. Anderson; I. G., R. C. Crakanthorpe; O. G., A. J. Mitchell.

The thanks of our lodge is extended to our visiting brothers, who so ably assisted us with our degree work.

Yours fraternally

ARTHUR T. COOK.

Vancouver, July 6th, 1900.

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#### FROM KAMLOOPS.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Bro.,—Now that the elections are over, our lodge is beginning to do business a la Primrose. During the campaign most of the brothers were mixed up in the late political chaos more or less, some directly, other indirectly, and though some of the faithful few who were strong Deaneists "got it where the chicken got the axe," nevertheless we take this opportunity of extending our hearty and Pythian congratulations to those brothers who so faithfully and successfully supported Mr. Fulton—Well done, boys.

Primrose Lodge was favored with a visit from Bro. Benette, of Americus Lodge, Portland, Ore. Bro. Benette is an interesting speaker and has a way, that is both pleasing and original, in pointing out mistakes and commending that which is right in the conducting of ranks, etc. The brother has evidently earned his spurs as a "Ritualists." We were also pleased to have Bro. Wells with us, who hails from some of the Coast cities.

Yours in F. C. and B.,

JOS MCGEE, L. C.

Kamloops, B. C., June 16th, 1900.

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#### FROM NEW DENVER.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Bro.,—I have heard an old saying about "try, try again" and I will illustrate it by this letter because, although I wrote you for both the May and June numbers, I noticed that no letters from New Denver Lodge, No. 22, appeared. However we will forgive you as no very interesting news was contained in either letter.

First I must compliment you, Sir, on the splendid Souvenir Number you published and upon the very complete report of the Grand Lodge proceedings in your June number.

I am pleased to be able to report a revival of interest in New Denver Lodge, No. 22, although the faithful few never lost interest still, you know, when initiations are not on deck routine business is not a very big drawing card.

We have now some applications on hand and more in sight and, with a new staff of officers, who have a record to make, we expect to have lively times in the lodge room.

Our officers-elect for the next term are: C. C., J. C. Bolander; V. C., P. Lindquist; Prelate, G. Sutherland; M. of W., E. Shannon; M. of E., Thomas Avison; M. of F., C. F. Nelson; K. of R. and S., John Williams; Master at Arms,