

running order, many more members will take advantage of the exceptionally pleasing features derived from this form of insurance. Every Pythian who is eligible should be insured, and we cannot too strongly commend the Endowment Rank to our brethren. It is unquestionably the best system of fraternal insurance in existence; is safe, secure and stable, and, like our Order, is established on a broad foundation, so as to give every security necessary to those who wish to become members.

Quite a number of our members have not allowed Bro. Emil Pferdner's letter on "Non-Attendance and Non-Interest," in the January issue, to escape their optics, and I, myself, must admit that it is a most elaborate and fitting article, and that it should be read and committed to memory by every member of the Order, and more so by us, because we have had a case or two right in our midst that deserved the severest condemnation. Let us hope and pray that such a disgraceful case will never have an opportunity to present itself in Castle Hall again, and that the members may not have the unpleasantness of taking the floor and speaking right out.

At the last two meetings our Lodge wound up its eight weeks of incessant labor, in initiating W. G. Almos, H. N. Ross, S. H. Lowes, D. E. Shields, George Rothwell, W. J. Hartman, J. L. Elsensohn, Evan Williams, J. G. Robertson, Robert Board, D. B. Stevens, Robert Leitch, Thomas Dawkins, Hugh McCurdy, S. D. Weaver, J. D. McDougall, Joseph Schott, Robert Lowery, and Frank Isley. The officers and members are now enjoying a long-sought for rest, though the work was more than appreciated. During the eight weeks fifty new members have signed our roster, so our sister lodges can derive an idea of the enormous amount of degree work it required, there being an average of six candidates for each degree every meeting. We seldom found a resting place for our frail bodies until 4 a. m. There is as yet but one Page, and as he assumes the Esquire Rank soon, we do not intend to do a thing to him (?). Upon the completion of this work, the Lodge will once more settle down to business and engage in the manufacture of "good for thought."

A new Pythian Knight made his bow at the home of Bro. Dr. Corsan last month. The youngster is said to be a modern Sampson, stretching the scales to the twelve pound mark. Bro. Corsan has been all smiles since, and paces the thoroughfares humming that familiar tune, "Rock-a-bye baby," etc.

A few of our new members have realized the beauty of and the immense amount of knowledge to be derived from the columns of the True Knight, and have not hesitated in becoming subscribers. Every member should become acquainted with the foundation of our Order, as well as with the progress it has made and is making up to each successive issue. Pythian literature is an education in itself, and we all should acquaint ourselves so that we can immediately act within and without the walls of Pythian Castle.

Enclosed please find our check for \$8, for which please send eight extra copies of the True Knight for one year; also insert our lodge card

for the same length of time. Next month we will try and give our readers some new ideas, originated by our new members, who are already "bucking the tiger," especially when looking for revenge during the Second Degree.

Yours in F. C. & B.

THOMAS E. ABBOTT.

Lodge No. 23, Trail, B. C., February 14th, 1899.

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FROM NEW DENVER.

To the Editor of the True Knight.

Dear Sir and Brother,—No. 22 gave its masquerade ball on St. Valentine's night, February 14th, and, as usual, the affair turned out a genuine success in every way. The Knights of New Denver have the reputation of being the best entertainers in the Slokan and they have again made good that assertion. The ball was held in the Bosun Opera House, and the costumes exhibited were alike gorgeous and handsome. Several parties were present from Nakusp and Silvertown. Bro. J. H. Millward's orchestra provided the music, which was of the usual high order. The supper was provided by Bro. Stege, at the Newmarket hotel, and it was tempting enough for a queen. One special feature of the affair was the prominent display by the members of the badges of the Order, giving to outsiders the impression of our strength and the pride the boys take in helping out a good thing. Dancing was kept up till 3 a. m., and everybody went away tired but happy.

Since last writing, No. 22 has advanced one candidate to the Rank of Page and another to that of Esquire. The goat was in particularly fine fettle for the occasion. Promises of several other candidates have been given, so that the membership should greatly expand this term.

The boom now on in the Boundary country has taken two of our members, Bro. Knox, D. G. C., and Bro. LeCasto, who was one of the Lodge Trustees.

New Denver Lodge is busy revising and improving its by-laws. Several important amendments have been introduced.

An amendment affecting the Grand Statutes

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