

model for emulation by the other hotel men of the Pacific North West. The Dominion arose—as do most large enterprises—from a modest beginning. It was established in 1876 by the father of the present proprietor, and was a comfortable home for about forty guests, when the progressive son of the founder, took command, about ten years ago, and since then its evolution has been upward and continuous until the Dominion Hotel of to-day stands at the head of the list in British Columbia for size, modernity, convenience, and beauty of furnishing and appointments, excellence of cuisine and service, and—rare factor of consideration—attention to the comfort and happiness of guests. An elegant three-storey brick block, it has a floor area of 30,000 square feet, with more than 100 guest rooms (not one of which is dark), and every convenience that is known to modern science. The secret of its success is one that applies in any business. Mr. Jones knows how to take a personal interest in his every guest, and see that his wants are abundantly satisfied. That he knows how to do so all Pythians of British Columbia will bear witness, for he is known to all. One of the earliest and most active members of the pioneer Lodge of the Province, Far West, No. 1, he has passed through the chairs and served Pythianism in many other prominent capacities, including that of Grand Representative. His heart and energies have been generously devoted to the cause during eight years past, and when this year's Grand Lodge session opens, it will need no banner across the broad front of the Dominion to proclaim it what it is sure to be—Pythian Headquarters.

THE PROSPECTS FOR 1899.

We believe present indications show that we have touched bottom in the suspensions of members, and that the year 1899 will show a change in the tide in that direction. With the wave of financial depression that has swept over this country came a period in which the onward march of all fraternal orders came to a halt and as the Knights of Pythias had been progressing at a most rapid rate, it is not surprising that it should have felt, probably more than any other order, the changed condition of the country. There has been a culling out all over the country, and with it went some of the most undesirable material, and those who stood by the Order under the most unfavorable circumstances, will, with the prospect of a returning tide of prosperity, be found battling still harder for the upbuilding of Pythianism, and use their best efforts to reclaim such of the members who found themselves unable to stand against the storm of financial adversity and allowed themselves to become suspended. One good worthy brother thus reclaimed is worth half a dozen of new members, because they have been members of the Order and know what it is, and show their appreciation of it by again enlisting under its banner. The experiment of reclaiming these members is worth trying, and we are satisfied that good results will follow if the work is properly mapped out.

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PYTHIAN JOTTINGS.

As an authority on fraternal insurance, no paper stands higher in the estimation of the public generally than the "Fraternal Monitor," of Rochester, N. Y. For that reason we place all the more value upon the opinion which it expresses in a recent article in reference to the management and affairs of the Endowment Rank. We print the article elsewhere in this issue, so that our brethren may be able to see for themselves what is thought of the insurance branch of our Order by competent lookers-on.

Bro. R. Sample, G. O. G., has returned to his home, New Westminster, after an extended visit in Southern California, where he went for the benefit of his health. We are pleased to note that he is fully restored, and ready to resume his good work for the Order. Bro. Sample was accompanied by his estimable wife on his visit.

Bro. H. W. Maynard, P. G. Representative of Rathbone Lodge, and one who dropped the seed for thought for the formation of this journal, we are pleased to report is again on duty after a severe illness. We would have chronicled the fact that it was a Knight, but, nevertheless, we welcome the little Rathbone sister.

Bro. James Haddow, our Grand Chancellor, passed through our city on the 23rd instant, on his way to visit all the lodges in the Upper Country. We trust that his visit will be pleasant and profitable, and feel assured that he will be able to render an excellent account of all the lodges visited. On his return he will visit the city lodges of Vancouver, New Westminster and Langley. We can bespeak for our G. C. a hearty welcome and feel assured that our brothers will turn out and do honor to him on that occasion.

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