

Our esteemed Keeper of Records and Seal, Bro. A. J. Bell, mourns the death of his mother who passed away on February 11th, aged 52 years. Bro. Bell has the sympathy of his brother knights and the community at large in his bereavement. The deceased lady had been confined to her bed during the last two years, and was tenderly nursed by our brother during all her illness. She was one of the first white women to settle in this district.

We looked for our Grand Chancellor, Bro. Mearns, to visit us a short while ago, in which hope we were disappointed, Bro. Mearns being called to Seattle on business. I have no doubt Bro. Mearns was equally disappointed in not being able to fill his engagements. However, we are looking forward to that pleasure in the future. The brothers of Maple will give him a cordial welcome and loyal support in all things pertaining to the upbuilding of our noble Order.

Yours in F. C. & B.,

JOHN N. EVANS.

Duncans, February 23rd, 1900.

A RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.

Duncans Lodge has forwarded a copy of the following resolution passed regarding the death of Bro. A. J. Bell's mother:

"Whereas, the all-wise and merciful Ruler of All has, in His infinite wisdom, taken from her home by the hand of death the beloved mother of our esteemed K. of R. & S. Bro. A. J. Bell;

Therefore be it resolved, that Maple Lodge, K. of P., extend to our esteemed brother in this sad hour of sorrow and grief for the loved one which death has claimed as His own, our heartfelt sympathy in the loss he, together with his brothers and sister, have sustained by the death of a mother who was dear to all, one whose every thought was the welfare of her family and friends;

That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Bro. Bell and entered upon the records of Maple Lodge."

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FROM KAMLOOPS.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—Either through the tardy appearance of your January edition, or the early (?) arrival of that of the present month, my usual monthly effusion missed fire, for February, consequently there is "weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth," among the kickers and I am in receipt of tokens of esteem from those of more even temper, on the strength of giving them one month's rest from the usual grind.

On Monday night last Primrose Lodge celebrated the Pythian anniversary by giving their fifth annual ball, and on this occasion, as in the past, maintained their reputation of giving the most popular and successful ball of the season. The "Sentinel" noted that the ball was held in the large hall of the K. M. & A. A. Hall, which had been suitably decorated for the

occasion. On the walls hung the charter of the Lodge with the Union Jack and Siars and Stripes interlocked, the streamers of red, yellow and blue, the emblematic colors of the different ranks being suspended from a large Japanese umbrella, and below the umbrella a large bunch of colored chrysanthemums of the three colors, kindly made for the occasion by Miss B. Farrow. The side-lights of the hall also being covered alternately with red, yellow and blue, and casting a pleasant shade throughout the hall. The stage was also tastefully decorated and several large comfortable arm chairs were placed around. The work of decorating was done by the General Committee, Messrs. McKay and Johnston, assisted by several of the local knights. The floor was in splendid shape and the music excellent. The grand march started at 9.15, and it was nearly 4 a. m. when the last of the dancers left for their homes, all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The members of our Lodge have about arrived at the conclusion that we should have a hall of our own, and the matter of securing information as to cost and possible revenue has been placed in the hands of a Committee, who report good progress; so good in fact that there is very little doubt but that we shall have a building costing about \$3,500, ready for occupancy early in the Summer.

Another Committee has been given the work of writing up a history of Primrose Lodge for your Souvenir Edition, and the Committee will complete its work early next week.

Our popular organist, Bro. Harry W. Campbell, received a letter written at the Cape Verde Islands by Bro. Sergeant G. E. Welsh, Primrose Lodge's representative in the Second Canadian Contingent. Bro. Welsh reported a pleasant trip so far on the way, and that the boys are in the best of spirits.

Letters have also been received from Bro. D. C. Mackenzie, who is at present in New York. With best wishes, I am

Yours in F. C. & B.,

GEORGE T. MALLERY.

Kamloops, B. C., Feb. 21st, 1900.

HOW THE KNIGHTS MADE KNIGHTS THE OTHER NIGHT

Primrose Lodge, K. of P.'s No. 20,

Holds the banner for Yale District they say;
That our knights are four score and twenty
Is a fact we can prove any day.

Now the cause of this wonderful rush
Happened one night in the Lodge,
When the members had met to discuss
Some really good practical dodge,

By which they could show to the boys
What a grand institution this is,
And the privilege, pleasure and joy
They would take in presenting old Lizz.