

place. Thus, although we were continually making new members, our membership did not increase in numbers. Now, however, the end of the chain has appeared in sight, and the removals are not so frequent.

Since June the 30th, 1889, we have conferred the rank of Knight on nineteen Esquires, and have awaiting ranks, two Esquires, one Page and three accepted candidates, and we have also two applications for membership to be read at our next convention. Thus you will see that this lodge has not been idle, and is still continuing in the "good work."

The entire work of all three ranks has for some length of time been done without the aid of the rituals, which has proven so exceedingly satisfactory, that a by-law is being framed, and I have no doubt will be passed, whereby each officer is compelled to commit his portion of the ritualistic work to memory, and be able to correctly deliver it, within one month of the date of his election to office. I would advise other lodges to do the same.

The manner in which the work of the several ranks is put on, and exemplified, is of such a high character and grade, that the G. C. and many other visiting brethren have said, that they have never seen it done in a better manner, and seldom equalled.

A brass band of sixteen has been organized in connection with the lodge, —the bandmen of course being members—and the rapid progress they are making is exceedingly satisfactory to all. This feature has done much for the lodge, and has introduced much life and feeling. I believe this is the first K. of P. Band in Ontario.

In conclusion, I will say, that ere this term expires, the membership is expected to be increased at least to forty, and that next term will be equally as prosperous.

I am yours fraternally, in F. C. and B.,

HENRY F. DUCK,

D. D. G. C.

No. 4 District.

RIDGETOWN, May 29th, 1890

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DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It gives me much pleasure to be able to say that Algoma Lodge, No. 11, has something worth reporting this year. We have so long been kept waiting for "the good time coming," that waiting began to be monotonous. But at last the Sault has burst away from its mother's apron strings, and bounded upward to a stalwart manhood among Pythian strongholds. During the fourteen years of existence of Algoma Lodge, I have never seen it enjoy anything like the prosperity which has attended it this year. Formerly we were content to be able to hold our own and live peaceably together, but this year has not only brought us an abundance of peace, but a small "boom" of new members.