

ment, are traceable directly to heredity. He is an easy talker, with power of expression, tactful in argument, never at a loss for a word to illustrate a convincing point, no matter how broad or varied the discussion. It would prolong this little sketch beyond reasonable limits to even attempt to rehearse in detail his splendid work in our Lodge. His merit was recognized by placing him as Grand Master-at-Arms, although he was never seeking official preferment for himself; he was content to work with indefatigable zeal when work was most onerous, and the least liable to achieve notoriety. All in all, we feel proud of having such a stalwart Pythian in our Lodge and in the Grand Lodge.

On Sunday, June 25th, our Lodge will hold memorial services, the first of the kind given for a long time, and Rev. Bro. J. H. Cleland, of Sandon, will deliver the sermon.

Quite a number of accidents have befallen some of our members of late. Bro. McLennan, while riding on horseback, had the misfortune to be thrown against a telephone pole, as the result of which he received a fracture of the lower part of the left leg, and was otherwise considerably bruised, necessitating confinement to his bed for some time. Bro. Almos, sad as it may seem, lost an eye. While in the act of holding a drill which was being driven by another man, a few pieces of the metal broke off the head of the drill, one piece striking the pupil directly, while another piece broke a few teeth. Bro. Almos, being a new member, was not entitled to benefits, but Pythians, as we are, ever ready to assist a worthy brother or a worthy cause, circulated a subscription list among the members, the result of which, some \$75, was realized for the relief of Bro. Almos and his family.

Bro. Allan Campbell, another of the unfortunate, drove a nail into his foot, so he says, but we think he drove his foot into a nail. The injury was quite painful, but with proper care he was about again in a few days. Bro. Ralph Clark was accidentally struck in the eye by a missile and was carrying the injured member in bandages for a few days.

At a meeting held on June 1st the following officers were duly elected to serve for the ensuing term: Chancellor Commander, Bro. J. R. Widmer; Vice-Chancellor, Bro. F. G. Morin; Prelate, Bro. Leo Chamaron; Master of the Work, Bro. D. E. Shields; Keeper of Records and Seal, Bro. Ralph Clark; Master of Finance, Bro. Thos. E. Abbott; Master of Exchequer, Bro. Noble Binns; Master-at-Arms, Bro. E. D. Murphy; Inner Guard, Bro. Wm. Morrow; Outer Guard, Bro. Ernest Mills. The election was one of the most closely contested for a long time, there being numerous candidates for each office. Bro. James A. Clark, who has so ably and fittingly held the Chancellor's chair for two consecutive terms, will retire with Past Chancellor honors, and, although he will retain no other office in the Lodge, he will, we are glad to say, maintain his usual activity among us, and, like Bro. Binns, will soon be wearing grand honors.

Bro. W. T. Stewart, accompanied by his estimable wife, took his departure from our midst last month for Yakima, Wash., where he in-

tends engaging in business. Bro. Stewart appeared in the Lodge room, just prior to the departure of the train, to bid us good-bye, and the Lodge adjourned to assemble at the depot to wish him and his wife both much success and happiness in their new field, and amid cheers and songs the train rolled out.

We are in receipt of an interesting letter from our newly-elected Grand Chancellor, the contents of which give a brief outline of lodge work, etc., and more particularly urge us to commit the ritual to memory, that it may never be used in the presence of candidates. We can assure Bro. Mearns that his request will be complied with, at least that is what the new officers say.

Last month we took up the matter of moving to new and more commodious quarters, and after a prolonged discussion it was decided that we accept the extraordinary proposition made us, and consequently we are now domiciled in the handsomest lodge rooms in Kootenay.

We were all glad to hear that the "True Knight" has been made the official organ of the Knights of Pythias of this Domain. Success must now certainly crown its efforts; at least we hope so, in fact we know so.

Next month the writer will be in a position to give some very interesting data from this Lodge.

Yours in F., C. and B.,

THOS. E. ABBOTT.

Trail, B. C., June 17th, 1899.

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FROM VERNON.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother: The boys are asking what is the matter with the Lodge correspondent. There is nothing the matter; though he may have lost some of his lustre he still lives. After a couple of months travelling he has again taken up the work with vigor and renewed energy. Last meeting night Coldstream added another worthy name to its roster, who will be a very valuable acquisition in keeping order, as he is no less than our popular Government official seeking initiation. The election of officers took place. A great deal of interest was manifested by the new recruits, several being elected to offices. I will give the names after the installation. Bro. Hutchison, the successful grocer, of Armstrong, paid Vernon a flying visit. Our G. C. has made a very creditable start, and I can assure him of a most cordial welcome when he visits this valley, as his work in the Pythian circle is well known and much appreciated here.

Yours in F., C. and B.,

ED. GOULET.

Vernon, June 9th, 1899.

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FROM NEW DENVER.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother: No. 22 has elected its officers for the ensuing term, after a most interesting contest, the result being as follows: C. C., C. E. Smitheringale; V. C., J. Goettsche; Prelate, A. McLeod; M. W., R. Sutherland; M.