

XXXV. ANNIVERSARY.

Granville Lodge, No. 3, had no reason to complain of the attendance at the regular meeting held on the 22nd day of February last. The members of Rathbone Lodge, No. 7, and Crusader Lodge, No. 19, turned out in good force and paid a fraternal visit to the Mother Lodge of Pythianism in Vancouver.

A very pleasant evening was spent. Songs and recitations, speeches and an enjoyable chat and smoke were the order of the evening, and we believe that all went away thoroughly satisfied that the XXXV. Anniversary of Pythianism, although informally, had been loyally observed. If these fraternal visits were more frequently practiced, we believe the Order would be greatly benefited.

After the adjournment of Lodge a flash-light photograph was taken.

VANCOUVER UNIFORM RANK.

To the Editor of the True Knight.

Dear Sir and Bro.—I owe you and No. 4 Company of the Uniform Rank an apology for neglecting to send in my contribution for the last issue of the True Knight. There is very little to write about in connection with the Uniform Rank in this Domain. I hope those Kootenay Knights recently mustered in will be the means of rousing up some of the martial spirit that is lying dormant in so many Knights in this city. From all that I hear Sandon Company is forging ahead with rapid strides. All success to them.

No. 4 Company held their election of officers in January. Nearly all the officers were re-elected, but I am sorry to say the attendance was very poor.

Our new ritual has arrived, and is now in use—beautiful in its way, but not much of an improvement on the old one. But, after all, what are these changes and amendments? They are but a small part, and not the essential part of Pythianism. The lives, characters, and work of the individual members is, apart from rituals and ceremonies, the propelling force that must raise and complete this gigantic structure of the Nineteenth Century from its magnificent base to a place in the heart

of humanity for all time to come as Pythianism. This Grand Brotherhood of our love and heart is not alone. We are only one of the many institutions originating in this Century, and we are all competing for the supremacy of influence in directing human welfare and progress. Our honest, natural and legitimate mission is the cultivation of the best, truest, and noblest manhood. To accomplish this work the character of our members must be without shadow or defect. Whether we appear in public parade, in lodge meeting, or intercourse with the world, we must, by what we show, be able to convince the world what we really are. For this purpose, noble, grand and far-reaching as it is, the obligations of Pythianism call for self-denial, self-sacrifice, and obedience to duty in the highest sense of those terms. Pythianism is a sublime life, not a ritual or ceremony, or a parade. It is a high and noble duty, and wherever and whenever her innate forces shall prove unequal to the preservation of her organic life up to this high standard, and of her individual life to the rank of unsuspected rectitude, then it must fall behind in the great contest for human good, and our hitherto unsoiled banner raised by the immortal Rathbone, trail in the dust, and, as a powerful brotherhood, to forward the welfare of humanity and enthrone the millenium of fraternal love and peace in the hearts of all men, unless these high principles are lived, not paraded, we must fail.

But, Brother Knights, failure is a word not yet found in the vocabulary of any true Pythian Knight. There is that in every Pythian heart that will and must respond to the call of duty, and we shall live gloriously in times to come in the hearts of those who come after us, as Rathbone now lives in our hearts.

Yours in F. C. and B.,

J. IRVINE,

1st Lieutenant No. 4 Company.

FROM GRANVILLE.

To the Editor of the True Knight.

Dear Sir and Bro.—On February 8th our Castle Hall was filled to its capacity by the Knights from this city and New Westminster, to witness the conferring of the Third Ampli-

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