

penses incurred in carrying the endowment to date of cancellation."

Also the following, to be known as the second paragraph of said Section 7, Article II. of the Constitution:

"The Board of Control is hereby authorized to pay or refund an amount as may by them be deemed just and equitable to any member of the Endowment Rank in good standing, upon sufficient evidence that such member, by reason of old age or physical disability, is pecuniarily unable to continue such certificate in force, and upon the surrender of the same and all claims thereunder; provided, his membership in the Rank has continued for a period of ten consecutive years."

Also the following, to be known as Section 9 of said Article II. of the Constitution of the Endowment Rank:

"In times of epidemic, or upon information of a threatened epidemic, the Board shall have authority to prohibit the admission of members in any Section of the Endowment Rank."

Article III., Section 5 of the Constitution was amended to read as follows:

"The Board shall have power to direct the investment in ready convertible securities of such parts of the endowment fund as it may deem wise and proper, when the amount in said fund will justify; provided, such investment shall be limited to government, state and municipal bonds and first mortgages constituting a first or prior lien on first-class improved real estate, not exceeding 50 per cent. (fifty per cent.) of its market value."

This act to take effect immediately.

Article IV., Section 6 of the General Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Endowment Rank was amended by adding thereto the following:

"If any member of the Endowment Rank shall engage in a hazardous undertaking other than that now provided for under the hazardous or extra hazardous grades, or sojourn or reside in a country or locality where he shall be exposed to physical or climatic dangers, rendering his risk extra hazardous, the Board of Control may annul the certificate of such member or reduce the amount of his endowment to the minimum. Such member shall immediately notify the Board of Control upon engaging in such hazardous undertaking or making such change of residence as above specified, and a failure to give such notice shall forfeit such certificate."

Article VI., Section 1 of the General Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Endowment Rank was amended by adding to the second paragraph of said Section the following:

"Provided that in the case of members transferred to the Fourth Class (present system), from either of the former classes, the date of such transfer shall be taken as the date of admission to the Endowment Rank in computing the amount to be paid as aforesaid."

Article XII., Section 1 of the General Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Endowment Rank was amended by striking out all of the first paragraph and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"When a member of the Endowment Rank is suspended from his Lodge for non-payment of dues, or for any other cause, his membership

in the Section and Rank shall be forfeited and his certificate become void."

A revised edition of the Constitution of the Endowment Rank and General Laws, Rules and Regulations for the government of same will be printed and will be furnished all sections.

With reference to the matter of Secretaries of Endowment Rank Sections, we beg to state that every effort was made to have the desired changes, and while we were unsuccessful, we have received every assurance that the local sections or members thereof can in no way suffer if the laws are complied with, as they now stand; furthermore, it was shown that were the laws of the Endowment Rank amended as you desired, it would have caused considerable trouble and entailed a very great expense upon the Rank, owing to the laws governing fraternal insurance companies in the majority of the States, requiring a very heavy bond in the case of Secretaries becoming the agents of the Board of Control. We trust that this explanation will be satisfactory to the membership of the Endowment Rank, desiring at the same time to express our confidence in the stability of the Rank, and the hope that our membership will give it the support it deserves, for upon the membership principally will depend the future solvency and success of this important branch.

The report of the S. K. of R. S. gives British Columbia the 29th place out of the 54 Grand Domains, in combining numerical gain and the gain per cent., and while we regret that we cannot report our Grand Domain at the top of the list, as regards the relative rank, we feel a considerable pride in representing this young Domain that has such an excellent showing amongst many of those so much our seniors.

In conclusion we desire to say that we have endeavored to act in the best interests of the Order, whilst serving this honorable body, in the Supreme Lodge, and while the last convention of the Supreme Lodge was not one of the most pleasant, we believe that the ultimate results will be for the good of the Order throughout the entire Supreme Domain. Trusting that this Grand Lodge and its Subordinate Lodges throughout the Domain of British Columbia will realize, this coming year, a year of unprecedented prosperity, and that our fair Province will ever be found in the foremost ranks in the good cause of Pythianism, we remain,

Faternally yours,

H. J. ANSTIE.

T. ACKERMAN.

Supreme Representatives.

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The other day a Whyte Flyer was in a collision and came out on top. The C.C.C. Cycle Company straightened the spokes. It had to straighten the whole of the other wheel.

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