

and should command the attention and support of the general membership more than it does.

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### "THE PYTHIAN RECORD."

"The True Knight" is in receipt of the October number of "The Pythian Record." This being a souvenir edition it reflects great credit upon the management. It is replete with Pythian news, having a short history of the Order accompanying the same with a cut of the Hon. Henry Clay Berry, the oldest living P. S. C. of the Order, as well as a prominent member connected with the Uniform Rank and Endowment Rank. It also gives a full and complete sketch of the personnel of the Grand Lodge, holding its sessions at East St. Louis, October, 1899, together with cuts of the officers-elect and short sketches of their Pythian career. We also notice among the cuts of prominent Pythians the familiar face of Bro. Frederick M. Blomquist, P. S. R. Bro. Blomquist, while a resident of British Columbia, had the confidence and respect of the entire community. No more loyal or enthusiastic Knight could be found in this Domain, as witness the active part he took in organising Granville Lodge, No. 3, Vancouver, B. C. We are glad to know that Bro. Blomquist has not lost any of his old-time enthusiasm, and is still to be found a working member in the Rank. Our loss has been Illinois' gain.

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### FROM RATHBONE LODGE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."  
Dear Sir and Brother.—November has nearly passed by, and very few, even of Vancouver's oldest inhabitants, can recall a month in the city's history when so much rain has fallen. But the weather has had very little effect on Rathbone Lodge, as in the precincts of that castle home of the brothers, everything was warm and cheering. A brother shakes the hand of his brother and is made for the time being to forget that on the morrow he is battling with life's struggle for existence, fortune or fame, as the case may be. Let me just for a moment bring to your mind a few perhaps realistic pictures. Just think, brothers, that while you may be enjoying health and strength, a brother may be lying sick and in pain. Again perhaps in another home there may be those who are suffering for the necessities of life. The breadwinner may be out of employment. Put yourself in his place for just a moment. His last dollar perhaps gone, think of the untold agonies that are passing through his brain; imagine him perhaps driven even to the brink of desperation. Does it not even melt the coldest heart? Then again we might draw you another picture of man's speculative nature. He invests his earnings in some one of the world's games of chance called legitimate business, and perhaps is a winner. He soon has a host of friends at his command. Again take the same man a few years later, when he places his all on another legitimate wheel of fortune and is a loser. His friends, or so-called friends are also gone. Think then, brother, what we are bound together for; not just for the social meeting which we now do again attend, but think of those who are in distress.

The declaration of principles lately adopted by the Supreme Lodge, and beautifully worded, we do not think have the same depth of feeling as the old. Those few words, "Help raise the fallen," are conspicuous by their absence. In the book of law, which is opened on our altar, we find that it says that there is more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner that repenteth than over ninety and nine just persons that need no repentance. Is that not surely carrying out one of the important principles of our Order, that of charity.

I might go on in this strain for a page or two, but time at present is a limited luxury or whatever you may call it, with your correspondent. So we will proceed with the news.

We now have two candidates on the road to Knighthood. To one we extended an invitation to be with us in our last issue. The attendance during the month has been fair. On Thursday, the 23rd inst., about sixty Knights from the three different lodges went over to New Westminster and were received and entertained by the brethren there in a royal manner. After Vancouver's Drill Team had knighted their candidate, refreshments were served and after cheering handshaking, the return car was boarded about twelve o'clock, reaching home about one o'clock. Those who had the affair in hand are to be congratulated on the orderly way everything passed.

We are pleased to inform our brothers that our worthy Editor, Bro. Maxwell, is on the road to recovery, and at last reports he was at his own home, doing well.

Our youngest member just knighted is Bro. Morris, and he is already taking an active part in the work of the lodge. We are sure he will make his presence known.

The following officers were duly nominated, and elected at our last regular meeting: C. C. Bro. G. R. Simpson; V. C., S. Shepard; Prelate, J. A. Mitchell; K. of R. & S., M. Conroy; M. of F., R. Brooke; M. of E., H. J. Anstie; M. at A., Bro. Morris; I. G., J. Eligh; O. G., Bro. Anderson.

Everything points to a prosperous term with such an efficient staff of officers.

Yours in F. C. and B.

ARTHUR CROOK.

Vancouver, B. C., November 29th, 1899.

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### FROM GRANVILLE LODGE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother.—Pythianism has indeed been lively in Vancouver of late, and Granville Lodge, No. 3, has had its share of it. First we celebrated the 13th anniversary of the institution of Granville Lodge, and with it the introduction of Pythianism on the Mainland of British Columbia, on November 1st, with an entertainment interspersed with refreshments of excellent quality, furnished by Strange & Newton, of the Royal Cafe. The entertainment was a very enjoyable one, consisting of selections from a phonograph, kindly furnished and manipulated by Mr. C. S. Ross, Manager of the Wintemute Cyclery, and other vocal and instrumental music consisting of violin solo by Bro. Kaufmann; song by Mr. Jenkinson; male quar-