

taking out policies. It is confidently expected that the judicial and proper advocacy of this branch of the Order will serve to strengthen the Lodge in itself, and attract many a good and eligible candidate to the ranks of Pythianism.

C. E. SMITHERINGALE.

New Denver, B. C., February 17th, 1900.

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### FROM TRAIL.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother: Yours to hand and I am sorry that I have been so long answering. I see that you did not exactly understand my last letter, and in fact there seems to be a misunderstanding all round, so I shall start from the beginning and make the matter as clear as possible. When the "True Knight" was first spoken of here, Bro. J. J. Inkster, who was then Keeper of Records and Seal, (being a very energetic worker for the good of the Order) undertook to canvass the members for subscriptions, and secured, I think, in all 17, the money for which was forwarded to you. When he left and I came into his office, I did the same, and have placed the good qualities of your, or our, paper before the Lodge on different occasions, and have secured a number of subscribers.

At the time of Grand Lodge meeting in 1899, you asked Bro. Binns to have a list of the names of subscribers sent to you, saying that you would send the papers to the individuals. This was done and the papers came that way for one month only, and since then in bulk. Now, some subscribers live in Trail, some in other places, and it is hardly right to expect this Lodge to send the papers from here to those members. I think it is the place of the publishing house to see that the papers are delivered to subscribers, and also that they renew their subscriptions when run out. Please do not think that I want to throw everything on your hands, for I am always ready and willing to do anything in my power in the way of getting subscribers etc., but as far as notifying them of the expiration of subscriptions, I really have not the time, nor do I think it my place.

I shall send you a list of the subscribers, old and new, those who have paid and renewed their subscriptions, etc. The Lodge paper may be sent to my address, which you already have. I hope this will make things as plain as need be, and shall be willing to give any other information desired at any time, and believe me your friend in the work,

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RALPH. S. CLARK.

Keeper of Records and Seal.

Trail, B. C., February 11th, 1900.

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### FROM GRANVILLE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother: On February 7th our Lodge conferred the rank of Page on S. W. Johnson, while on the 14th they conferred the

rank of Esquire on him in excellent style, the 21st being celebrated by our three City Lodges in our Castle Hall. The rank of Knight was conferred on Esquire Johnson on the 23th, in amplified form by the regular team, in their customary unexcelled style, all present being deeply impressed with the excellence of the work. As, no doubt you will have a full report from far abler pens than mine, of our anniversary celebration, I will not attempt to give a description thereof, but allow me to express my admiration for the complete arrangements and the excellence of the programme on that occasion, and I can not close without complimenting the Committee of Arrangements on their success. They must have been delighted at the entertainment, and as regards the attendance, their grandest expectations must have been surpassed as, in spite of the 100 extra chairs placed in the Castle Hall, there was standing-room only, of which some forty odd availed themselves.

Keep the names of said Committee in view, and whenever the Knights of Vancouver want to get up another entertainment, place it into their hands, and it will be crowned with success. The finances of old Granville are in a most satisfactory condition; in fact they have so much money in the exchequer that the Lodge decided to invest \$1,000 of the same on a first mortgage, and the Trustees have made arrangements to place it on excellent security at 7 per cent. interest. We expect to be able to place another \$1,000 in a year hence. No doubt you will agree with me when I say that Granville Lodge No. 3 is all right financially, as well as otherwise.

Yours in F. C. & B.,

C. L. BEHNSEN.

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### FROM DUNCANS.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother: Maple Lodge celebrated the thirty-sixth anniversary of the formation of the Order of Knights of Pythias by a social entertainment, consisting of songs, dramatic recitations etc., and finishing up with a dance in the Agricultural Hall, Duncans, on Monday evening, the proceeds of which go to the Victoria Orphan's Home. Owing to the state of the weather there were not as many present as usual, but all went home well satisfied with the evening's entertainment.

Maple Lodge, at its last session, conferred the ranks of Page and Esquire upon G. A. Houel, the lessons of which, if the brother and every other brother knight will only take and make a part of their every-day life, will add blessings to themselves and honor to our noble Order, and a benefit to mankind. We oft-time hear brothers and outsiders remark that we do not live up to our obligation. Now, brothers, if some do not do so, is it any reason we should fall in ours; (other men's failures can never help you;) is it not all the more reason why we should buckle on our armor the tighter and not forget our obligations and throw the mantle of charity over the frailties of others?