

Last night we had a very nice meeting. Though rather small in number, yet it was large in enthusiasm, as we listened to the impassioned address by Bro. Mearns, our Grand Chancellor. He was well received by the members of Primrose Lodge, and it is only a pity that we could not have a few more visits from such men as he, as it is easy to see that he has the Order at heart. Bros. Malley, Brown and McKay took him down to see Lady Jane Fortune at Tranquille, but I must hold back the G. C.'s story. It is a good one, and would fill two pages of the "True Knight." Anyway, they had a good time.

Bro. Goulet, of Coldstream Lodge, has come to live amongst us and will be a valuable acquisition to our lodge as he has the name of being a regular attendant. Bro. Quick, from a lodge in the States, was also with us and spoke of the Order in glowing terms.

Our memorial service was well attended. A large number of Knights turned out, and a great many of the fairer sex were also present at the grave-yard.

Before I forget, allow me to thank you on behalf of Primrose Lodge for getting Bro. McKenzie's ticket extended.

J. L. Brown has been appointed agent for collecting ads. for the "True Knight." He desired me to ask you to send rates, etc. You will probably hear from Bro. Mallory in the course of a few days, so I will close, with kind regards to all the brother Knights whom I met in Vancouver. Believe me to remain,

Yours sincerely in F. C. and B.,

CECIL T. GODFREY.

BANQUET TO GEORGE MIDDLETON, ESQ.

On Monday evening a large number of citizens joined the railroad men in tendering a farewell banquet to Mr. George Middleton, C. P. R. foreman and a member of Primrose Lodge, who has been promoted to Vancouver, and who leaves Wednesday morning to take up his new duties.

A splendid repast was placed before the gentlemen by Pete Bernhart, the genial proprietor of the Cosmopolitan Hotel, and needless to say, was done ample justice to.

Mr. J. M. Harper, President of the Board of Trade, was in the chair, supported on his right by the guest of the evening and on his left by His Worship the Mayor, (Mr. D. Campbell.) A number of toasts were drunk and responded to by able speakers.

Mr. Middleton gave a neat speech in which he thanked the citizens for the honor they had conferred on him, and assured them that he would always keep a warm spot in his heart for Kamloops.

Probably the most pleasing part of the evening's entertainment was when Mr. Matt. Crawford, on behalf of the mechanical department, presented Mr. Middleton with an appropriate address and a gold watch as a slight token of the esteem and good will in which he was held by all who were placed under him. Mr. Middleton was completely taken by surprise and said that he could not express his gratitude enough for the handsome present, and he would always

carry with him the kindest feelings for the men with whom he had worked.

Songs by Messrs. Hargreaves, Phillips, Godfrey, Stevens and Coghlan brought the evening's entertainment to a close.

The Kamloops City Orchestra played several selections throughout the evening, which were much enjoyed by the guests.

Kamloops' loss of a good friend will be Vancouver's gain.

FROM PRIMROSE LODGE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother.—The members of Primrose Lodge having chosen me to succeed Bro. J. L. Brown as lodge correspondent, it now becomes my duty as well as pleasure to make my bow and ask your many readers to bear with the various short-comings which shall be found in my monthly efforts, with that Knightly charity which stands as the principal pillar of our Order.

Two weeks ago the Grand Chancellor dropped into our town twelve hours after the receipt of his letter advising us of his intended visit. Although our notice of his coming was short, Bros. J. L. Brown, R. Mackay and the C. C. were able to take him in hand and show him some of the beauties of Kamloops' ranching surroundings. Tranquille, the Mecca of all pilgrims to this part of our Province, was chosen for the trip. Here the visitors were well looked after by Mr. and Mrs. Fortune, than whom there is no more genial host or charming hostess in British Columbia. Here, too, the G. C. was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the "Ancient Order of Plum Wine-Tipplers." This trying ordeal being passed in safety, the party next proceeded to the residence of Mr. Charles Cooney, where a pleasant hour was passed in looking over Mr. Cooney's well-kept ranch, Mr. Cooney and Kamloops' genial ex-Mayor, Mr. M. P. Gordon, acting as our guides.

At 1:30 a start was made for home, which was reached by 6 o'clock, without anything more serious happening than a narrow escape from shipwreck while crossing the Thompson River on Her Majesty's ferry, of which the G. C. will probably give you full particulars.

At 8 o'clock our regular weekly convention was opened by the C. C., the G. C. occupying a seat at his right. After the routine business was gone through, our G. C. delivered a short but more than ordinarily forcible address, impressing on all members of our Order the necessity for each one to put his shoulder to the wheel and help push Pythianism to the top rank among fraternal societies.

Primrose Lodge is a unit in considering Bro. Mearns the "right man in the right place." If our Order possessed more material of our G. C.'s make-up, Pythianism would go ahead with greater strides than it has ever done in the past. The elevating influence of such men, when brought into contact with the rank and file, is at once apparent.

We have had the pleasure of Bro. Ed. Goulet's presence with us for the last few meetings and he has brightened us up considerably on a few constitutional points. Bro. Quirk, from a