

Knights, begin to see we no longer are in the Order for what we can get out of it, but rather because we love mankind, because we would make the world brighter and better, bring sunshine to hearts in gloom and aid in dispelling the clouds that at times gather about and darken the pathway of all.

I am far from saying, far from feeling even, that I have attained to this stage myself, but I have begun to feel, I would like to be such a Knight, nay more, I have said "So help me God, I will be even such a knight," and this our paper is to aid on this work.

Brothers—we ask you to help us in this work; you can do this and I know you will, for this work I give my life, my heart's blood willingly—a United Brotherhood, aye Island and Mainland, Mainland and Island—We have to do with Pythianism alone, we are all Knights, Island and Mainland, 'tis only where we live. Arise to a higher level, ring in a new year of true love, true Brotherly Love, let our first word, our first thought be the good of the Order; no strife for place or preferment, let your hearts, your motives be pure. We are made in God's own image, therefore let us strive to be like Him.

Before closing, allow me on behalf of the new Committee to state that we feel now is not the time to draw from the Grand Lodge the appropriation of two hundred dollars, which was set aside last session. The finances of the Grand Lodge, in our opinion, demands the foregoing on our part of this amount, and we have, therefore, much preferred coming to you, personally, in a straightforward manner asking you for sympathy in our undertaking, for support in our work and your work. We would have you guarantee us the amount mentioned in our circular as a minimum amount and not in addition to what you may be giving us already, (for you know some give more than others.) Our Order demands that we should have an Official Organ and I would here repeat and emphasize the offer made, in Rossland, to any place so wishing, to take over the paper entirely, and that offer, there made, is still open. We feel it a duty to try and see this matter through, believing as we have already stated, that there is a duty the Order owes to Humanity still outside its gates, a noble work to do, which we one and all are called upon to perform.

There are doubtless older and wiser heads than ours; brothers who have had far greater experience than we may have had, and it is such ones as these that we would especially appeal to to use their influence for us everywhere and always, and to help us whenever they can. Our post-office box is large enough for all correspondence and should it grow too small we can easily rent a larger one.

Help us to make the Order second to none in this Province of ours.

(Signed) Yours in F. C. and B.,
ROBERT BROOKE.
J. IRVINE,
Committ ee.

SUSPENSION OF PYTHIAN PAPERS.

The suspension of Pythian journals, for want of adequate support, reflects no credit upon our

Order. There are certainly members enough and wealth enough in our Order to sustain our publications. These suspensions, which occur every year, must be attributed to want of interest in the Order upon the part of its members. Every intelligent member knows that without papers to disseminate our principles and afford a means of communication between our members, our Order would sink into a Rip-Van-Winkle sleep. If we wish to keep our flag floating and our ranks swelling with new recruits, we must support our Pythian publications.

The Pythian press is the right arm of our Order. We cannot afford to paralyze it. It is the duty of every member to take a Pythian paper and keep posted on the doings of the Order. Items of news should be sent from all the lodges; and the brethren who have the ability to write brilliant articles should enrich its columns by their contributions. The Grand Lodge officers can do much to sustain the papers within their domain. Contributions from their pens would add to the interest of the papers and extend their circulation; and, at the same time, give new impetus to our cause, and increase our membership. Try it—"Pythian Banner," Piedmont, W. Va.

Referring to the above "The Fraternal Review," says:

We call special attention of the readers of "The Fraternities Review" to the foregoing. It is not patronage, but co-operation; not donations, but paid subscriptions, that enables the fraternal press to wield a powerful influence for good. Give us your co-operation by calling attention to the magazine at lodge meetings, and when you speak to a brother of it, ask him to subscribe.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE.

The following circular is being issued to each Lodge in the Grand Domain by the incoming Committee, and we hope that every individual member of the Order will give its contents his most

EARNEST CONSIDERATION.

Dear Sir and Brothers,—With this July number will close the second volume of our journal, and with the beginning of another year, the new Committee will take hold and endeavor to carry it on. Having been made aware of the difficulties experienced by the old Committee, we have decided to treat you as we would have you under like circumstances treat us. You are well aware that in the past the journal has not had the united support of all lodges in this Grand Domain, therefore, we ask you to state fully what amount you can guarantee for the coming year, as regards lodge card and number of subscribers. If we fail in getting a sufficient guarantee we shall be obliged to discontinue the journal, which we are sure you will consider with us a calamity to Pythianism in this Domain. Will you give this your most earnest consideration, and do all you can to assist us in keeping the journal afloat? We are still willing, as it was suggested at the Grand Lodge, to let some other city take hold of the journal