

a set of officers as ever handled the affairs of a lodge, supported as they have been by the individual assistance of every member, now claims the proud distinction of being one of the foremost lodges of the Order. Beginning with a limited membership and under the most adverse circumstances, their roster now bears a goodly number of the best names of Rossland, and their affairs generally are in a flourishing condition. In point of candidates, they are also somewhat in line, and their "invincible Billy Goat" is occasionally finding enjoyable exercise in "scanting" the anatomy of new members.

Since the fire of last Spring, which destroyed their meeting quarters, they have been domiciled in Bro. Beatty's little "attic in the alley," but next week they will remove to a more commodious hall in the Odd Fellows' building, pending the completion of their own beautiful home, which will be ready for occupancy about Spring.

The Rossland boys are overjoyed with enthusiasm over the decision of the Grand Lodge, granting Rossland their next meeting point, and which convenes next May. Judging by the way the Rossland boys have entertained distinguished visitors in the past, the Grand Officers may expect hospitality that is seldom if ever surpassed, during their short stay here.

I also find the members here pleased beyond words of expression, over the rapid progress toward recovery Bro. Maxwell is making, and hope that his pleasing articles will soon be resumed in the "True Knight," though first of all, they want to hear of his ultimate recovery.

A Uniform Rank is under consideration among several members here and steps are about formulated for mustering in. This excellent plan will prove a wonderful drawing card for the Lodge and Order.

The production of "Damon and Pythias" was given here last month by the R. E. French Company, under the auspices of the Rossland Lodge, and although the elements were rather bolsterous, supplying Rossland with quite a severe rain-storm, the attendance was far beyond expectations. The play was an excellent exemplification of the Order, and its repetition is looked for at an early date.

I had the pleasure of meeting Grand Vice-Chancellor Bro. J. W. Graham last week. He is one of those whole-souled, faithful members who always greet a visiting brother with all the welcome they can bestow, and I am informed that it is largely due to his indefatigable efforts and loyal devotion to the Lodge's interest that it has attained such rapid and complete success.

Whew! but it's chilly up here in Rossland. They say it's only five miles above the sea, and judging from the already large amount of ice and snow on the mountain peaks below, I would aver that I was just that many more miles above the Polar region. Talk about the health-giving properties derived from the atmosphere. Why a brother knight told me that a few months ago a friend of his had encircled the globe in search of health for "liver" complaint, but found none until he happened into Rossland. He was so well pleased that he remained here for a long time steadily improving in health. A few days ago, this man died and his liver had become so strong it had to be taken out and killed with a club before they could inter him. This is a true

(?) "story." Any brother not believing it ju come up here and the Rossland boys will show you what high "livers" they are.

The boys here intend to enjoy themselves an entertain friends at least once a month during the cold weather, and from now on will give social entertainment on the last meeting night in each month.

I would like to give a brief description of every officer's work in the Lodge, but such occupation of space may seem wearisome to many. But along this line, I want to say that too high praise cannot be accorded the officers of the Lodge. They realize more and more that the destiny of any lodge rests with the members selected to handle its affairs. At the helm they want broad-gauged, fair-minded, liberal men who cannot be swayed from the path of duty by petty strifes, but whose hearts and hands are given to the work before them. They want progressive, energetic men, who will not be content with allowing affairs to jog along in the old well-worn grooves, but seek to elevate the Lodge that has honored them with positions of trust, and establish it on so firm a basis that its foundation can never be shaken. Be it said to their credit: Rossland Lodge has just such men in office. May their shadows never grow less!

The writer having removed from Trail to Rossland, has had the pleasure of visiting No. 21, and as regards correspondence, I find each brother waiting for the other to take up the labor, so I am just stepping between the situation and taking chances of surprising the members here, and if they think well of my "ungranted" actions, the "True Knight" may be assured of a lengthy letter from this Lodge next month.

Yours in F. C. and B.,

THOMAS E. ABBOTT.

Rossland, B. C., November 16th, 1899.

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Every eligible Pythian should carry life insurance. No man should be without some indemnity for his family. Pythians have no excuse for leaving their families unprotected—they have what is admitted and considered by even its opponents as the best and safest of fraternal insurance, right within their own ranks. While it is not compulsory upon the membership to join, yet every Pythian should be a member of the Endowment Rank, since it furnishes indemnity at the lowest possible price, and safe, sure and secure.

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GREETING FROM THE BOUNDARY.

To the Editor of the "True Knight," Vancouver.
Dear Sir and Brother.—I have just received the November number of the "True Knight," the second one, I believe, that has been mailed to me. Somebody evidently recognized a good thing in the first one, and "swiped it."

I have been requested to "come again," with a letter to our newsy little journal, but as I have been tied down in camp for the past month or so, I could not see anything to write about. I have, however, just returned from a flying trip over the Columbia & Western, having been as far as Greenwood. The last nine or ten miles was made on a railroad velocipede, which is a