

ter by even that little word "No!" and you would not because you were afraid! Had a man struck you, you might have fought him, as animals fight, and you would have been brave, because "men would have said so!" Oh, fool, how blind thou art! Where was thy vaunted courage? Where is thy sterling manhood so long as thou servest thyself and thy pleasure before even helping thine own flesh and blood? Where is thy moral courage when thou speakest behind the back what thou art afraid to speak to the face? Where is moral courage that only dares to think right, but is afraid to speak and act right, being content to sit idle watching men spoil God's work! Could you and I but understand a little more of that which now "passeth understanding," could we see aye but a glimpse of but one "man, perfect in the beauty God would give him," then and only then should we realize at its true worth, "moral courage," which as a sword in noble hand can fight its way to that victory most worth winning.

Yours in F. C. & B.  
ROBT. BROOKE.

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FROM TRAIL.

Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Bro.—"Hurrah for Trail Lodge, No. 23; a more prosperous one could never be." It may cheer the readers of the True Knight to hear among the general complaints of depression in the Order that there is one lodge at least that has not allowed itself to be affected by the state of business or non-attendance. During the past few weeks Trail Lodge has been getting itself into shape to meet the period of prosperity which the members have been confidentially expecting. They—those who do attend—have employed the time in removing the various obstacles which have hitherto been encountered, and their success confirms them in their opinion that the greater part of these obstacles were of the members own making. In the lodge room they have established unity of sentiment and harmonious action to an extent never seen before, and have cultivated a feeling of attachment to the Order among the members that is entirely different from the temporary enthusiasm which formerly prevailed. They have systematized the workings of the lodge in such a manner that their returns are always prompt, while the ceremonial work in every detail is a new revelation to all who witness it.

Now to prove that our members have taken unlimited amount of interest in the lodge's welfare, and in the special dispensation, is herewith shown by the beauty of the ceremonial work and the gathering of applicants. The result of the dispensation has met and over-met our most sanguine expectations. The first meeting brought forward two applications; second, six; third, fourteen; fourth, one; fifth, nine; sixth, eight; all told so far 39 applications, and as there is one more meeting to receive low rate applications, it is expected that some 12 or 15 names will be presented, swelling our new membership to nearly 50, and together with old members we can boast of a lodge of 100.

The lodge has been exceptionally careful in the selection of the applicants, as it has been shown that the very best material of manhood has been chosen from among the many. Now, as I said sometime ago, that it would be a God-send for other lodges laboring under difficulties to ask like favors—re-asking the initiation fee from \$20 to \$10 for a month or so. It has been shown that by a little interest, together with a little hustling, the result will be all that can be desired. It all depends upon the ability and respect the members have for their lodge, and right here they will be given the opportunity of exemplifying their love for their lodge. It requires no time, no trouble, and no expense whatever to brighten the path of him who stands before you: a few words of encouragement spoken to your friend, and he will most surely give his consent to step among you. And in this way your lodge can be made active and prosperous to such an extent that will tend to create the impression that a new world confronts you. What say you, brothers?

Another of the many noble acts of Pythians which go to prove that our boys sometimes extend a helping hand beyond their measure. Last month we penned the sudden affliction which overcame Page J. T. Medhurst, while on a visit to Rossland, at which place he was stricken down by inflammation of the bowels. He was immediately removed to the Sisters' Hospital, where every care and attention of both sisters and Knights was given, but of no avail. Mortification developed so rapidly that he expired on the fifth day in agonizing pains. Although only a Page, it was not expected that brother Knights should take the matter in hand so seriously. But to show their respect for one who was soon to become one of their number, they appointed a com-



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