

their homes and stores there. Our Order is strongly entrenched. We have a good strong Lodge, composed of splendid fellows, and in the near future I expect that with the growth of the town or city—which (?)—there will be large additions. Bros. Binns, Clark and Abbot are just such men as will lead the brethren on and on to higher heights of usefulness. Next morning after a good sleep, I tackled the hills again, but as my journey this time was up, and not down, the ascent was much slower, and made greater havoc with my porridge. However I got there, and in the evening met the brethren of Rossland in the Masonic Hall. There was a good attendance, and as there was no degree work on which is unusual here—I soon had the floor to myself. I don't know how long I spoke, but every man kept his seat and patiently bore with me till the end. Among other things, expatiated on the virtues of the "True Knight," and impressed upon them the necessity of supporting it in a tangible way. When I sat down Bro. Graham, in his business way, got the floor, and said that they had better settle this right away. He praised the paper as eloquently as if he had been its responsible editor, and wound up by moving that the Lodge subscribe for fifty copies monthly and a Lodge Card for the year. This was promptly seconded, and after a cart load of pleasant things had been showered upon the paper, the motion was carried without a dissenting voice. The brethren at Rossland are like their gold—all right. The membership is strong, though a great many are out on the hills—good luck to them—and the members whom I saw are all bright and wide awake Knights. Let me sum up.

First—I learned from this visit that the efforts of the promoters of the "True Knight" are being appreciated. In both places the paper is welcomed with Pythian enthusiasm, and its contents are doing much to stir up the brethren to greater usefulness. All had a good word for all the brethren connected with it. So far so good, but what of Nelson, what of Victoria, what of Nanaimo, and what of Wellington? We need you all, and the help of you all. What are you doing? The up country

boys want to hear from you, and about you, and why hide your lights under a bushel. Pythianism in British Columbia cannot do without its paper, and we call upon the leaders on both Island and Mainland—we know no distinction—to put their shoulders to the wheel, get their lodges to subscribe generously, and work for the "True Knight," knowing as they do, that they are working in the best interests of the Order so dear to all our hearts.

Second—I found a great need for lecture work explanatory of the aims and objects of our Order. I feel I am touching upon a weak spot in our Pythian organism. My duty here is not to state how this is to be done, but I think the Grand Lodge ought to face this question, and solve it in a satisfactory way. Lodges require to be refreshed, encouraged and stirred up. We should have a man going round the lodges, lecturing, commending the "True Knight" and looking out for new ground. I heard several say that there ought to be lodges now at Revelstoke, Greenwood and Grand Forks. Possibly there are other places along the Crow's Nest Railway where Pythianism would thrive if established. We must extend our borders, and should cover every place available. To do this successfully, however, a good man is necessary, and for the man material inducements should be offered. I believe that if we had one thoroughly in sympathy with the work of our Order, that we would treble our membership in quick time. I hope the brethren will discuss this, and try to have some effective work done.

Third—I heard good reports about Nelson—not the city, but our Lodge. I am told every thing there is almost ideal. Good for Nelson. My best wishes are with you, and I was very sorry that I could not see you all face to face. But I have something against you all—or rather in spite of your many excellencies of which we are all proud—one thing thou lackest. What is it? do you ask? Well, you have not yet subscribed for the "True Knight." Try and beat Rossland if you can.

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