

ers of records and seal in this Domain, which I have just finished.

Hoping for the continued success of your journal, I am

Fraternally yours,

EMIL PFERDNER,
G. K. R. S.

SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP.

Number of members, Dec. 31, 1899.....	1,332
Initiated	103
Reinstated	8
Admitted by card.....	7
Total	1,450
Deduct.	
Suspended	71
Withdrawn	1
Died	3
	75
Grand total	1,375

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FROM RATHBONE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—A month passes but our Lodge is not asleep. Even if we are only a spoke in the wheel, we have quite a number of active and energetic brothers in our midst. During the past month our attendance has not been as large as we should have liked, but the faithful few were there.

Bro. Smith, our M. of A., shortly after starting work on Monday morning, August 7th, was severely injured by a falling shaft. Had the shaft fallen straight upon him it would have meant instant death, but falling a little to the side it pinned him to the floor, until willing hands removed it. His back was severely injured, but he is on a fair way to recovery. At last reports he was doing well.

Our Grand Chancellor is going his rounds through the Upper Country and we hope to hear glowing reports upon his return. He is missed from the Lodge, but we hope that he will be much benefited in health by the trip, as well as chronicle his official visit a success.

Bro. Darling promises to give us a little news of what is going on in the lodges upon his next return from the Kootenay.

A brother of our lodge whom we all know, having some time since been appointed on a committee of two with power to increase, has attended to his duties, and has added one to its number, but the new member of the committee is a girl, not a boy, as one of the dailies had it. When the Pythian Sisters start a lodge we may try and get her to become a member.

Crusader Lodge, they say, has several candidates ready. We also have several in view, whom we will try and get later.

Yours fraternally,

ARTHUR F. CROOK.
Vancouver, B. C., August 23rd, 1899.

FROM DUNCAN.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—I have been purposing writing you a few lines from Maple Lodge for some time, but you know at this time of the year a poor hayseed has not very much time on his hands for writing. This, together with the fact that things Pythian are very quiet with us at present, has prevented my writing you.

The officers of Maple Lodge were duly installed, Bro. R. H. Whidden being our C. C. for the present term. Maple Lodge had to suspend several of her members at the end of the term for non-payment of dues. We have a committee appointed at work trying to get some of them back and also to present new names for Pythian honors. Much as we would like to see new friends enter our castle hall to learn the lessons of Pythianism, we would rather retain our old members. Now, Mr. Editor, did it ever strike you that there is something wrong that we lose so many members, apart from the non-payment of dues? I think the brothers fail to learn the lessons of our Order as they should. Now, if every lodge would have the unwritten work exemplified in connection with a lecture on each sign as given, the lesson it should teach us I think would do much to impress the precepts of our Order on our membership. Each of our signs is but the exemplification of some part of the plan of our Order, and should be ever present with us. I consider the teachings of our Order the highest and the noblest that the mind of man can conceive. Yet centuries had passed since the days of Damon and Pythias before the boy Rathbone thought of writing a ritual founded on that friendship—for Justus Rathbone was only 19 years of age when he taught school at Eagle Harbor, and it was while teaching at Eagle Harbor that he wrote the original K. of P. ritual. It was 7 years later before Bro. Rathbone submitted it to Bros. D. L. Burnett, W. H. Bennett, E. S. Kimball and R. A. Champion, whereupon they founded the noblest, the grandest Order the world has ever seen.

I am sending you a few subscriptions with this, which I have no doubt will be acceptable. I was pleased with the cuts in your last issue of S. R. Anstie, and R. S. Crossan and Behnsen. They are very good.

Yours in F. C. and B.,

JOHN N. EVANS.

Maple Lodge, August 19th, 1899.

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FROM KAMLOOPS.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother.—At last night's meeting I was directed to renew our subscription for the "True Knight" for another year. You will please, therefore, continue sending it. You can rest assured that the "True Knight" is read with deep interest by the members of Primrose Lodge, and as a member I wish you and your brother Committee-men every success. Brothers who read it can not fail to see how grand and good an Order we have. It is interesting too to read of other lodges and their doings.