

EDIFY YOUR MEMBERS.

The complaint is constantly made of poor attendance at our lodges. Can we wonder why? The members are not edified. They go to lodge only to see and to hear a formal opening, a formal attention to business, a formal conferring of ranks, and a formal closing. With the exception of a "few remarks" from a visitor, no actual information is gained, nothing interesting or edifying transpires, and disappointed and unrefreshed the brethren depart. No wonder is it, that quorums are hard to get, and that new members are not brought in. Now, it seems to me the remedy for this is to open the great storehouse of Pythian symbolism and unfold the philosophy of Pythian ethics. Then Pythian F. C. & B. will be seen at each meeting, and the effulgent rays of Pythian light will gleam on all, as all will receive what they are entitled to, and none will go away dissatisfied, as all will be truly edified and benefitted. Then Pythian right and privileges will be esteemed inestimable and our castle halls will possess unrivalled attraction. Do you doubt this, or deem it a flight of imagination? Be not deceived. Pythianism is as sublime as the universe, and as far reaching, it embraces all from the point to the infinite and eternal. One man stands upon the ground and sees nothing but earth, while another by his side sees infallible signs of untold wealth beneath. The first departs no wiser than he came, while the other grasps his treasure with a firm hand. One man looks up at the firmament by night and sees only the thousands of stars, while another sees an infinite series of solar systems, constellation after constellation rolling on in music and harmony all created by the wisdom and power of the Supreme Chancellor on High, and adorned by His skill, and so reasons up from himself, the creature, to God, the Creator, and grasps the idea of what it is to erect the Castle Hall of the Soul, in accordance with Pythian laws and precepts and symbols.

Let us then, realize, the importance of Pythian edification, and do our best to secure its inestimable benefit.

Fraternally Yours,

J. IRVINE.

FROM GRANVILLE.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 24th, 1898.

Editor "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother.—Granville Lodge, No. 3, held its regular meetings during September with a good average attendance of its members as well as visiting knights. In the beginning of the month Bro. Robt. Brooks attended as a committee from Rathbone Lodge, with the proposition the three city lodges hold a joint session once a month with the object in view to bring all the members of the three city lodges, as well as sojourning Knights, together to spend a pleasant and profitable evening, acquainting themselves better with each other and renew the interest in the Order, especially of those brothers who have become lukewarm and never, or but seldom, attend the Lodge meeting. The proposition was taken up with the greatest enthusiasm, and a committee appointed from our Lodge consisting of Brothers L. V. Evans and Palmer Fraser, to make the necessary arrangements with like committees from the other lodges for such joint meetings. On the 14th, the

question of the sad calamity which has befallen our neighboring city, New Westminster, through that awful fire of the 10th and 11th, and by which many Knights have lost their all or a goodly part, of their worldly possessions, was brought up, and upon the request, and with the approval of several members from both Rathbone and Crusader lodges, the sum of \$150 was set aside by the three city lodges, an order drawn on the M. of E. for the same and placed at the disposal of the following committee: C. L. Behnson, Granville Lodge; J. Grady, Rathbone Lodge, and J. E. Evans, Crusader Lodge, which committee was instructed to go over to New Westminster on Thursday, Sept. 15th to ascertain and decide as to how to dispose of this money.

The attention of our C. C. being called to the fact that his good looks would be still further enhanced by a handsome mustache, he promised and offered to lay a wager that within the next 5 years he would grow a heavier mustache than that which adorns the upper lip of our K. of R. & S., Brother G. Thomas, Jr. It is also whispered around that during the month of October one of our youngest members will pay a short visit to Victoria for what object can easily be surmised, as he is eagerly in search of a vacant house in Vancouver, but finds it a rather hard task, vacant houses being scarce and at a premium. However, I will tell you more about it in my next letter. In conclusion I desire to say that the second issue of the "True Knight" surpassed the first, and I can not close without expressing my admiration for the article named "Friendship" written by the scholarly pen of Bro. G. R. Maxwell, Editor, it was a beautiful article, expressing sublime and noble thoughts.

Yours fraternally,

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