

Crusader is a healthy Lodge, and the members scarcely know what an "M. D." is. And then we are to have an army of new members, if promises count for anything! Where are these men? The quill of the Scribe is dust laden, and the ink becomes thick in its well. The Senate deliberates not, and their dignity is seen no more. The accumulating dust on the fine upholstered seats greets not the fabrics of the mills other than the old "stand-bys." This should not be. We have members enough to fill every seat in the Castle Hall, but why do they not attend? They are in good standing generally, and those who are not is the result of negligence rather than pecuniary circumstances. Can it be that these worthy Knights ease their consciences perched up on an easy chair at home with their feet to the glow and with a copy of the "True Knight" before them they extract from its columns the fine sentiments therein expressed, and repeat "Them's my sentiments?" Let us hope such is not the case. Make it your first resolve, one and all, that the present term shall win the banner. This can be accomplished only by your attendance and support, and your vigorous efforts to convince your friends that a sitting in Crusader will never have occasion for regret.

A. J. SCOTT.

FROM NEW DENVER.

To the Editor of the True Knight.

New Denver Lodge, No. 22, has every reason to feel proud of its record since its institution two years ago. It has steadily gained in membership, and that, too, in spite of unsuitable meeting places at the outset. It is now domiciled in a capacious apartment, and its fittings, while not gaudy, are neat and attractive. The Lodge has a credit balance of upwards of \$300, though it has spent close to \$500 in sick benefits

and assistance to needy brethren. This, in a young Lodge of two years, is brilliant testimony to its vitality and energy.

By the last term's report it is seen that No. 22 has slightly increased its membership, with no expulsions or suspensions for non-payment of dues, the roster showing 54 members. The expenditures were somewhat in excess of the receipts, due to a number of calls for sick benefits.

The year commences in a most hopeful manner for Pythianism in this vicinity. Our Lodge has advanced three candidates to full Knighthood, and another candidate is waiting to be balloted upon. There are a number of other applications in sight. The goat is in excellent fettle.

The new officers of No. 22 for the current term are: C. C., G. Sutherland; V. C., J. C. Bolander; M.W., J. Goettsche; Prel., A. McGillivray; M. E., T. Avison; M. F., W. Callanan; K. R. & S., W. P. Evans; M. A., E. Shannon; I. G., A. McLeod; O. G., P. A. Munro.

In a mining camp, particularly a silver district, it is an exceedingly hard matter to hold the membership of a lodge together, and this is the case with New Denver. The boys get scattered around here and there, and the burden of the business falls upon the town members, who are doing their duty nobly. Were times brighter and more helpful, our membership would increase rapidly.

New Denver Lodge is looking forward to the official visit of Bro. Haddow, our Grand Chancellor, and a good time is promised him. Any person in this town can tell you that the Knights never do anything by halves.

One of the greatest difficulties new lodges experience is the lack of knowledge of the statutes and precepts of the Order. Often it is, those who have been reared in Pythianism in



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