

han that they will be in line with 60 troopers. The Rutland, Vt., Company, which won the prize contest at the Vermont Encampment, is preparing to take away the honors in Detroit. The Ravenswood Company, which captured the pennant at Wheeling, Va., has sent notice that it is in the contest.

The fight for the 1902 Convention has already started, and California is in the field with an offer for the meeting at San Francisco. The California Knights have a one-cent-a-mile rate to offer, and a guarantee that all expenses of the Supreme Lodge shall be paid by the State. They also offer to pay the mileage of all delegates from the East from Kansas City west. This means a saving of thousands of dollars to the Supreme Lodge.

A recent announcement has added another to the list of conventions to be held in Detroit during the Pythian week. It is a Convention of the Grand Keeper of Record and Seals of the various Grand jurisdictions, and as these are among the most important officials of the Order, it is believed that its session will be of far-reaching importance.

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CONGRATULATIONS.

The officers and members of Far West Lodge No. 1, and Victoria Lodge, No. 17, are to be congratulated on the efficient manner in which they conduct their business. The Secretary of the "True Knight" had the pleasure of being present at a joint convention of the above Lodges, called in honor of the visit from Grand Chancellor Bro. W. D. Mearns, but owing to unforeseen circumstances, Bro. Mearns could not reach the city, which caused a great disappointment, as the Lodge had arranged for the Grand Chancellor, a good time, but his loss was the Secretary's gain. Rank work was the order of the evening, and was put through in a manner that would reflect credit upon any Lodge in this Domain. The officers being vested in new robes, the lessons of the rank were illustrated by stereopticon views, and all work was performed without the use of the Ritual. After the Lodge was closed the members partook of a sumptuous repast, when speech-making and songs were freely indulged in, till the small hours of the morning. We desire for West and Victoria Lodges a bright future, and that the members may be spared long to carry on the good work.

THE SUPREME REPORT.

Membership of Grand Lodge—Rank Figures.

The Secretary-Treasurer of the "True Knight" is in receipt of the following letter and enclosure from the Grand Keeper of Records and Seals:

J. E. Evans, Esq., Secretary-Treasurer "True Knight," Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir and Bro.—

Enclosed I send you an extract from the Supreme Report just made. I do not think that comment on the facts contained therein is at this time necessary, as the figures speak for themselves.

With best wishes for your prosperity and that of the "True Knight," I am,

Fraternally yours,

EMIL PFERDNER, G. K. R. S.

Extract from the Annual Report of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia for the year ending December 31st, 1899, PP. XXXVI:

Summary of Membership.

No. of members, December 31st, 1898.....	1332
Initiated during the year	219
Reinstated	21
Admitted by card	10
Total	1582

Deductions.

Members suspended	147
Members expelled	1
Withdrawn by card	12
Died	8

Total No. of Members, Dec. 31st, 1899.... 1414

Summary of Rank.

Past Grand Chancellors	10
Past Chancellors	257
Knights	1121
Esquires	11
Pages	15

Total as above

Subordinate Lodges.

No. of Lodges, Dec. 31st, 1898.....	20
Instituted during the year	1

Total

Deductions.

Charter suspended	1
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No. of Active Lodges, Dec. 31st, 1899..... 20

Financial Statement of Subordinate Lodges.

Cash on hand, Dec. 31st, 1898..	16,249.05
Receipts during the year.....	23,495.60

Total

Disbursements.

For sick benefits.....	\$ 5,700.65
For funeral benefits	940.00
For other Relief	744.50
For Widows and Orphans ...	18.50

Total for Relief

Current Expenses	8,450.95
Paraphernalia and supplies..	2,253.30
Invested during year	2,291.80
Cash on hand, Dec. 31st, 1899	19,344.95

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