

WE ARE WITH YOU.

Having been honored with the appointment as official correspondent of Crusader Lodge, No. 19, probably more widely known as "The Baby Lodge" of Vancouver, I desire to extend on its behalf our very sincere wishes to the committee who have so generously and with a true Pythian spirit devoted their time and energy to the launching of this laudable enterprise. Few can grasp the magnitude of the work set before them, and the difficulties to be surmounted. That they may succeed is, I am sure, a desire rooted deeply in every Pythian heart. Here, at last, is a journal which will espouse the cause of Pythianism in this Grand Domain, and strike home to the conscience of those members who so unjustly take no part nor interest in the proceedings and welfare of their respective lodges. It will serve and have a tendency to bring more closely together the various lodges in this domain, so that they will appear not unlike one huge lodge, with one interest—that of advancing the principles of their glorious order. In general, the issue and circulation of this merited paper, reaching the homes of a thousand or more Knights, cannot fail to create an enthusiasm.

Let us hope that every lodge will endorse and support the action of the committee, by subscribing as a body and inserting their Lodge cards, as I am glad to state my lodge did unanimously, thus encouraging them in the work they have undertaken. The strong guarantee embodied in the circular issued by the committee should be sufficient to remove the doubts of the most skeptical as to the premanency of the journal.

ARTHUR J. SCOTT.

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H. F. W. BEHNSEN, P. S. R.

To this honored brother is due in a great measure the instituting of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and as a result the Order has met with a fair measure of success. Bro. Behnson, one of the Pythian pioneers of the Province, has been one of our most active and influential workers. In the past he spared neither time or money, where he thought it necessary or desirable in the best interests of the Order. Of a whole-souled, genial disposition, and a character of the highest standard, he won the esteem and approbation of all right thinkers amongst Pythian membership, not only in the lodge room, but in his every day life. Bro. Behnson always had a pleasant smile or a kind word for those with whom he came in contact. We cannot forget such characters in our Order and the work accomplished by him. The pleasant recollections we hope to retain forever. At present Bro. Behnson is in the North, the "Land of Gold." We extend to him our best wishes for success unstinted, and a safe return to his British Columbia home.

We have just learned that Bro. Behnson is enjoying good health and spirits. He will not return to his former home until the Summer of 1899.

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THE SEAT OF LEARNING.

"Well, Tommy, have you learned anything at school?"

"Yes, sir; I've learned to wear a lung protector in the seat of my pants."—Life.

OUR SUPREME CHANCELLOR.

In view of the fact that the coming session of the Supreme Lodge will bring with it a change of officers in that body, and the consequent retirement of one whose name will long be remembered in this Domain, "the Hon. Philip T. Colgrove, S. C.," we deem it our duty, aside from the great pleasure it affords us, to say a few words regarding Bro. Colgrove's visit to our Domain during the Grand Lodge session held at New Westminster in 1897. Bro. Colgrove was with us during the entire time of the Grand Lodge, and while he was not in actual attendance on the Grand Lodge during all that time, his services and brotherly advice were often solicited. His introduction to the Grand Lodge was the occasion for loud applause, and the greatest interest and enthusiasm prevailed during his lengthy and able address, and the exemplification of the secret work, so efficiently rendered by him, was highly appreciated by all, and we have no reason to doubt, has been of great benefit to the representatives. His visit to Vancouver City will long be remembered, his eloquent address, replete with good counsel, kind words and loving wishes, and lastly, his complimentary remarks on the work given by our officers and drill team, has made for him a tender place in the memory of us all. Bro. Colgrove with his estimable and charming wife, we trust enjoyed their short visit with us, and through the medium of this journal we extend our thanks for that visit and the excellent services rendered by our Supreme Chancellor in our behalf, and we sincerely hope that Bro. Colgrove and Mrs. Colgrove may have many years of happy life, and with the official termination of Bro. Colgrove as Supreme Chancellor we may not lose one whose abilities are of such great value to our order.

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We extend to S. R. Bro. T. Ackerman and Bro. H. J. Anstie our best wishes for a pleasant and profitable journey, and feel sure that the interests of our domain will be well guarded.

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