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THE EDITOR GOING TO ROSSLAND.

The brethren of Rossland will please take notice that the Editor of "True Knight" will be in their enterprising city about the second of September. He will be pleased to meet any of the brethren, and will have the pleasure of meeting with them in heir Castle Hall. He hopes to be able to do something in the interest of the "True Knight," and we trust that a hearty response will be given to he appeals made.

FRIENDSHIP.

My friend! my friend! who is my friend? He that would borrow, or he that would lend? He that is high or low in degree He that has wealth or poverty? No! men are many, but friends are rare, Friends are few in the world's great fair; But what care I what their fortune be, He is my friend who is true to me.

He that comes to my open door,
Be I rich or be I poor:
He that asks not of my board
Bellt for peasant or for lord!
He that stands by my side always.
Nor waits to see what the world will say,
Caring not what my fortune be.
He is my friend, the friend for me.

He that loves and guards my name Spotless as his own fair fame, Chides my faults what e'er they be, Praises, but not flatters me; Never fails me in my needs, Spurs me on to noble deeds, With his life would mine defend: That is he, he is my friend.

I have put these lines at the beginning of our thoughts this month for a purpose, and that purpose is to broaden your conception of what friendship is. Last month we showed the friend ready and willing to die in the place of the man whom he claims as his friend. That is one view of this important relationship, but it does not exhaust the duties of a friend. Let me now show you that a friend will lay down his living life as a sacrifice for his friends. Dr. Abbott illustrates this idea well when he says: "To die for a friend is not the greatest manifestation of love: to live for him by consecrating the whole life to him is greater," and so it is. To die for a friend is the work of a moment, but to live for him is the work of a life of days, weeks, and years. The former when done is quickly done, the latter is the fruit of consummate patience, endurance, resignation, love and courage. This view then broadens and deepens our conception of friendship, and makes every thought, word, and deed of a friend deeply significant. It invests life with a new meaning, and a fuller meaning, and robes this bond of sacred fellowship with a hearty that is positively bewitching. It sweetens, purifies, and sublimates life; it gives men something to live for, and makes life worth living, and wherever you see men zealously and perseveringly trying to live up to this glorious ideal, the very effort transfigures the giver and receiver into the noblest of characters, and transforms the very ground on which they walk into a perfect oasis of unsurpassed loveliness. There are those, however, who say that such a friendship as this cannot exist. We are told again and again, that there is no love which is not self love, no sympathy which is not a feeling for myself, no pity which is not a provision of our own possible misfortunes, and that there is no emotion whatever that is not reducible to the reflex motive of a desire for

our own individual well-being. According to these would-be "men of light and leading"—friendship neither is nor can be disinterested, and that the alpha and the omega of friendship is selfishness. One wise man says: "Friendship is an affair of self interest entirely." Utility is the first and prevailing motive which induces mankind to enter into particular friendship, and Epicurus, foolishly says, friendship is to be pursued by the wise man only for its usefulness. We cannot endorse these miserable sentiments. That we have a lot of worthless trush, that there is a lot of wretched rubbish, that we have plenty of counterfeits, may be all granted, but to say that all friendships are due to selfishness, that all friends are hypocrites, and that it is the thought of 'myself' which originates and inspires every friendship, is to say what is not true. The experience of mankind undoubtedly proves that there are such things in the world Many a man besides as fair weather friends. Timon has found out, that in prosperity so-called friends are as numerous as falling leaves in Autunn, and that in adversity, such will leave him to sink or swim. All that poets ever wrote about the falseness and the fickleness of some friends may be amply demonstrated, but it is not true to say that such descriptions delineate every friendship and every friend. We have base coins, but even the base coin suggests that which is genuine. We have sham jewellery—but the sham article testi-fies to the fact of the real. We have false dia-monds, but the false proclaims the reality of the true. We have those who prove to be sham friends, but even these prove that somewhere may be found those who are leal and true. If there were no true thing or man, there could not be in the very nature of things that which is false. Hence we may pile up cases as high as Mount Baker of friendships mean and contemptible, but even these would remind men that there are those which are constant and unselfish. We subscribe to these lines by Shakespeare:

That sir, which serves for gain And follows but for form, Will pack when it begins to rain And leave thee in the storm.

But does not Shakespeare suggest that there are those who will not serve for gain, and who will not love us in the storm? Again, if real friendship was a matter of "myself" everytime, why should men fume and fret over deserters, and why should literature ring with bitter denunciations against false friends? If friendship is selfishness,

then what else can or should we expect but desertion in every time of need? When the poet writes:

He that is the friend indeed He will help thee in thy need; If thou sorrow, he will weep, If thou wake, he cannot sleep.

Does he not mean that there may be such a friend for each one of us, and wherever such a friend is found, the theory of selfishness is shattered into pieces. To us, the story of Damon and Pythias knocks the bottom out of this selfishness theory of friendship. Think of it again for a moment. We are all apt to fix the mind on the man prepared and ready to die for his friend, and as he walks forth to die, it is then that most of us feel such a thrill of admiration passing through us that words fail us to describe our rapture and our pleasure. But Pythias gives in our opinion a nobler manifestation of the friend, when he dared to consecrate his voice, his sympathy, and his influence, when he dared to risk his own life when he entered into the presence of the tyrant to plead for the interests of his friend, and when he sacrificed his freedom, enjoyments and pleasures, when he passed into the loathsome dungeon. Unless he had been prepared to do this, he never would have been prepared to die. Greater love hath no man than this, to dedicate his living life—with all its powers, energies and graces to the welfare of the man he loves. Now let us ask in all sincerity, what had Pythias, to gain by all this? What bit of selfish ness can there be discovered in all he did, and in all that he was willing to do? What one benefit could he possibly obtain from being and acting as the friend of a man who was helpless and con-demned to die? Why this theory of selfishness won't hold water, and it becomes an unjust slander upon all souls so disinterested and unselfish. Wasn't it grand; wasn't it heroic; and wasn't it through the laying of his life down here, that the after became possible? This has its lesson for all Knights to day. It is right for a man to prepare for his own sickness and death, for these are in evitable. It is right for a man to seek the comradeship which may be obtained through a living brotherhood, and the man who enters our Castle Halls only that he may receive benefits is not true follower of Pythias. Shakespeare tells us that, "we are born to do or give benefits; and what better or proper can we call our own than the riches of our friends. Oh, what a precious comfort 'tis to have so many like brothers, commanding one another's fortunes." Yes, we are

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born to do benefits, and our chief ambition should be to give rather than to receive. As Pythians we are told: "That misfortune, misery and death being written in fearful characters on the broad face of creation, by the sweet and powerful attractions of the glorious unity of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence, we, you and 1, come to champion humanity. That is a beautiful ambition, but the only man among us who can realize it, is the Knight who like Pythias gives his living life to others. Years ago the teaching of the church was for men to die like Christians, now men are taught to live like Ohristians. What the world wants to day is living Christians, for one such is worth a thousand dying or dead ones. What our Castle Halls want to-day is living examples of Pythias, men who have given up their lives to Friendship, to Charity, to Benevolence, and who are doing these glorious works of unselfishness which our Order inspires them to do. Go then into the work of garnering up the tears of the widow and the orphan, of visiting homes that are sad and disconsolate, and of assuaging the suffering of our brethren. Go, and do not ask what these can give you, but what you can give them. Go, and do not ask, who is my friend, but whom can I befriend. Go and do not seek for men to stand by you, but whom can I support, and if you want to know of the manifold joys on earth which may cause human hearts to run over with joy, seize the opportunities one by one which your Castle Hall offers you to be a blessing and in return to be

Oh, may I join the choir invisible
Of those immortal dead who live again
In minds made better by their presence, live
In pulses stirred to generosity;
In deeds of daring rectitude, in scorn
For miserable aims that end with self;
In thoughts sublime that pierce the night like
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So to live in heaven, To make undying music in the world, For no life

Can be pure in its purpose, and strong in its strife.

And all life not be purer and stronger thereby.

YOUR WORTH TO YOUR LODGE.

A brother's worth to his lodge is what he makes it himself. If he gives his constant attention to his duty he is a valuable member. If he joins the lodge he takes upon himself the duty of being present as often as possible, but if he is ambitious and becomes thoroughly enraptured with the principles of Pythianism and accepts an office, then his duty to his lodge to be present every night is absolute. When in a position of trust his true value is shown, and this is one of the reasons why we should advocate the trial of a brother in a lesser office before promoting him to the chair of Chancellor Commander. Tthiak, dear brother, "what is my real value, my real worth, to my lodge? Do I attend to my duties as I should, or not?" Answer yourself within your own conscience.—Pythian "World."

CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS.

When angry words are spoken a soft celm reply turneth away the wrath. Brother Pythians, does it pay to speak harshly of any one? Is there any satisfaction derived after the words are uttered? Do the teachings of our Order not suggest, may command, that we shall not criticise or condemn our fellow brethren without a full and complete hearing? Let us when the occasion occurs, in the name of Charity, Benevolence and Friendship, defend each other and make excuses for any little human weakness which is within us. Let us be cautious and not utter words that will wound the heart and alienate the friendship of years. A little thoughtfulness will obviate much trouble, and make the path of life an easy one to tread, and prevent many stones from being turned which might hinder the progress of others. Explanations often, each to each, will prevent angry words and

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CRUSADER'S MIDSUMMER ELECTIONS.

The officers elected to preside over Crusader, No. 19, for the term ending December 30th, are: Byron Nunamaker, C. C.; I. B. Balkwill, V. C.; Geo. Hodgson, Prelate: A. F. Morgan, M. of W.: J. F. Miller, K. of R and S.; Fred. Pubbs, M. of F.; R. T. Robinson, M. of E.; Geo. Noonan, M. at A.; G. L. Center, I. G.; A. J. Scott, O. G.; while your humble scribe assumes the title of P. C.

On the selection of officers, who have the destiny of the lodge in their hands for the current term, too much praise cannot be given, and no apprehension need be felt for its welfare. All, from the Chancellor Commander down to the Guardian of the outer portal, have the best interests of the Lodge at heart and are there to carry them But even they must not overlook the fact that they have efficient support from the floor members, for without such, how can a lodge expect to thrive? That we are thriving is evidenced by the comparative reports submitted at the end of each term, and the continual increase of our exchequer is hailed with satisfaction by all concerned. How is this achieved? Simply by the officers carrying out the work assigned to them. In connection with this, our Master of Finance, Bro. Fred. Pubbs, deserves the lion's share of recognition, while Bro. R. T. Robinson, as Comptroller of the Shekels, glues his eagle eye on all expenditures.

We have the honor of claiming a Past Grand Chancellor in the person of Bro. J. E. Evans, and who is well-known to all the lodges in the Domain, for assistance rendered them during his official visits.

We must not pass our Deputy Grand, Bro. Harry Hoffmeister, familiarly known as "Hoff." Our success is partly due to his exertions.

The Lodge is deeply indebted to Supreme Representative, Bro. H. J. Anstie and Grand Vice-Chancellor, Bro. W. D. Mearns, for assuming the duties of Installing Officers for the present term.

Brother Nunamaker, C. C., of Crusader Lodge, No. 19, met with a serious accident recently, but is very much improved and his brother Knights hope to see him around again soon, as he is one of the most active workers in the lodge.

Last, but by no means least, are the favorable comments heard on all sides concerning the publication of the "True Knight," and the praises bestowed on those who have the work in charge. The issue has exceeded all expectations, and let us hope that every True Knight will assist in maintaining the excellent standpoint adopted.

ARTHUR J. SCOTT, Crusader, No. 19, Vancouver.

SANDON LODGE, NO. 24, K. OF P.

J. E. Evans, Secretary, Vancouver, B. C .:-

Dear Sir and Brother,—We are in receipt of 25-copies of the "True Knight" published for the benefit of all True Knights in the Province of British Columbia.

Our boys were so well pleased with your journal that in order to help out and let the good work go on, I have been instructed by the lodge to subscribe for 25 copies to be sent to the K. of R. and S., and by him distributed to the members, also to insert our Lodge card.

The lodge has not, as yet, chosen a correspondent, but probably will soon. At present we have nothing to write about that would interest you or be worth publishing.

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The officers for the current term are as follows: C. C., Chas. Culvert; V. C., A. E. Hach; Prelate, A. Shilland: M. of W., L. Doolan; M. of E., W. J. Williams; M. of F., John D. McLaughlin; M. at A., G. M. Spencer: I. G., Olaf Ringwood, O. G., Carl Westin, and K. of R. and S.

Yours truly,

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Box 180, Sandon.

DID IT EVER STRIKE YOU?

That there is more joy in the Castle Hall over one wanderer that returneth than over the ninety and nine who never left the shadow of its walls.

That you may be the means by a well-directed word of bringing back such a brother.

That a difference of opinion over a matter discussed in the Castle Hall can by no sensible person be construed into a quarrel no matter how warm the debate may become.

That it is a poor member who never does anything under the head of Good of the Order.

That you could do something if you wished, and that whatever you might do would be appreciated.

That having broken the ice, it would be easier to do something when the next opportunity ar-

That there are many things you could do to help out the officers, and that it is your duty to them.

That "Bob." Brooke's heart is in his work.
That "Andy" Tyson is glad that he knows where he is at, but that he will not swear that he hears bagpipes unless he sees the man playing.

That "Johnny" Evans is now convinced that an editor does not sleep on a bed of roses, or that if he does that the thorns have not been removed.

That a whole lot of us would like to be in the Supreme Representatives' boots.

That attention to duty gives to every member the chance to fill that honorable position.

That "Chris." Behnsen fills a uniform in a way that would have inspired terror to the most villainous looking Spaniard that ever wore three blossoms on his cap.

That the best of the three city lodges is the one that does the best work.

That every member of every lodge should have some part of the ritual committed to memory. That Vice-Grand Chancellor W. D. Mearns is a

fighter, but that his heart is in the right place.

That many retiring men can fill offices better than the bumptious ones, but-

That we should be thankful that there are no bumptious characters in the three Vancouver lodges.

That many a member often thinks of a bright thing for the pages of the "True Knight" that would hit off exactly the features of something affecting lodge interests, and

That when he does he should "Make a note of

That this is the first attempt of the writer to prepare a column of this kind, and

That he can very well make an effort to do better next time, and That it is an easy thing to criticise honest ef-

fort, but

That it is not so easy to make an honest effort ourselves

And ideas that will fit into the "Did it; ever Strike You?" column if handed to any of the Publishing Committee or the Editor, will be gratefully received and tenderly polished up by,

Yours in

Eff, See and Bee.

TIDINGS.

CONGRATULATIONS.

I must congratulate you, Mr. Editor, on your success with the first issue of the "True Knight," and hope that it will continue to be a success. That can only be done by each and every Knight in this Domain taking an interest in it. Now that the venture is affoat, let us see to it that it is not left to the few to bear the burden. I have "Why is it so often asked myself the question: few of our members read or take any interest in Pythian literature? I cannot comprehend how any man can appreciate the beauty of our ceremonies,



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the sublime nature of its teachings, the elevating tendency of our rituals and not be a student of those things through the literature of the Order. With few exceptions our members are composed of men of intelligence, and those who realize but a faint idea of the real object of our ceremonies acknowledge that in each rank there are lessons taught us for our advancement in moral and intellectual spheres. Then why do we not do so? The majority of Knights apparently make no study of the aims, objects, and principles of our institution, being content with the mere routine work of the lodge. How can we obtain a knowledge of those things without study?

The study of Pythianism is worthy of the attention of our best minds; it tends to elevate the moral and spiritual attributes of man, calling forth all the better traits of human nature. Then, to be thoroughly acquainted with the teachings of Pythianism, we must read and study the literature written by our best authors. There are many publications in connection with the Order, but how few of our members think it worth their time to read and study Pythian magazines. If you ask a brother why he does not subscribe for one, the usual excuse is that he cannot afford it. But can he afford to lose the principles taught in the sev-And how can he hope to retain those principles if he does not constantly refresh his mind with the best thoughts of our leading men in the Order. In reading we are sure to meet with passages that will retain us in deep meditation and repeatedly bring before us the obligations we voluntarily took, and also remind us of the beautiful teachings of the several ranks, and admonish us to refrain from even the appearance of conduct unbecoming a Pythian Knight. The question is often asked: "How can we make our meetings The question is more attractive so as to draw our membership?" Brother Knight, I believe if we spent more time in the promulgation of Pythian thought and teaching it would solve the whole question. I do not see why we could not have a reading room in could spend an hour or two occasionally in the and we can rely on him doing justice to our prostudy of Pythian literature. I believe if this was vince. only carried out our lodge meetings would be far

and our members become better men and better Knights. We must educate them up to it. The mere routine work of the lodge will not do it, and you have gone a long way in this direction with the issue of the "True Knight." May success attend you.

Fraternally yours,

J. IRVINE.

RATHBUNE HEMS.

During the past month, Rathbone Lodge has been putting her right foot first, and intends to make things hum before the term is out. Although there has been no candidate to ride the goat, which being well fed is getting a little frisky, and is even inclined to get a little balky

Since the "True Knight" have shown its face it has stirred up new life in the lodge, and the future

looks very promising.

A few incidents worthy of note, was the nomination and election of Prelate, by which we can claim distinction by having an M. P. and Editor of this paper, Bro. Maxwell. The kindly remarks and uddress by our brother was appreciated by all present.

Bro. J. E. Evans, Past Grand Chancellor, and members of Crusader, No. 19, stated that he had met with good success in getting "ad's" from the merchants of the city. If they knew the amount of trade these "ad's" will fetch, our brothers would not have to solicit from them, but business men would be only too anxious to have their "ad's" appear, even at an advance price.

Bro. B. Nunamaker, C. C., of Crusader Lodge, made a visit to Rathbone one evening.

other brothers will follow his example.

Supreme Representative, H. J. Anstie, left for Indianapolis on Sunday, the 14th inst., to attend Supreme Lodge session in that city. Bro. Anstie connection with our lodges, where our members has the confidence of all British Columbia Knights,

At our last meeting, quite a few of Crusader's better attended, our work more thoroughly done, members gave us a call, among whom was Bro.

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beadquarters for Reliable Drugs, Medicines & Toilet Articles BRING US YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS. Scott, who spoke very enthusiastically of the future

prospects of our Pythian paper.

The attention of the Lodge was called to the wife of a deceased brother of the Order, who had met with a painful accident, depriving her from following her avocation, which she depended on for her subsistance.

Supreme Representative, Brother H. J. Anstie, of Rathbone Lodge, was very much missed in the

Castle Hall.

On Friday evening, August 19th, at the meeting of Rathbone Lodge, No. 7, Grand Vice-Chancellor, W. D. Mearns, gave an able address on the principle of Pythianism, which was well received. Several visiting brothers also made eloquent speeches, complimenting the Grand Vice-Chancellor on his address.

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dant at lodge in the city.

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The following is a list of Rathbone's officers for

the present term: C. C., J. A. Mitchell; V. C., M. J. Conroy; P., G. R. Maxwell; M. of W., J. H. Grady; K. of R. and S., W. D. Mearns; M. of E., H. J. Anstie; M.

of F., Robt. Brooke; M. at A., R. H. Allan; I. G., Benjamin Simon; O. G., David Waite.

ARTHUR T. CROOK,

GRAND LODGE SESSIONS.

At the last annual session of the Grand Lodge held at Kamloops, May, 1898, invitations were extended to the Grand Lodge by Rossland Lodge, No. 21, of Rossland, and Far West, No. 1, and Victoria, No. 17, Lodges of Victoria to hold the next annual session at their respective cities.

The invitation from Rossland set forth the adcantages that would accrue to the Order should the Grand Lodge elect to hold its next sessions at their City. Unfortunately, the question of the financial ability of the Grand Lodge to meet the expenses of a session at Rossland came up and after some discussion it was referred to a special committee to report upon. After careful consideration, the Committee reported that there would not be funds enough available to bear the expenses of a session of the Grand Lodge at Rossland, therefore the invitation was respectfully declined, and the City of Victoria decided upon to · hold the next session of the Grand Ledge.

The special Committee is to be commended for its report, and the action of the Grand Lodge in selecting Victoria to hold its next annual session is in keeping with the avowed purpose of its mem-. bers to keep the expenditures within limit of its

As a member of the Grand Lodge, I have felt convinced that this question should be fully understood by every member of the Order, and, that after the lodges have fully informed themselves as to the conditions of affairs, that a repetition is not likely to occur again. The Grand Lodge should have at all times sufficient funds on hand to meet the expensese of a session if the interests of the Order require it—at Rossland, Vernon, Kamloops, Nelson, or any other point in the upper country, as well as at Vancouver, Victoria or New Westminster. If the per capita tax of \$1 is not sufficent, then it should be increased to such an 161 Cordova St.

amount as will give ample funds to meet all demands for a session to be held in any part of this

This is a matter that should be taken up by the different lodges in this Grand Domain, and considered carefully and conscienciously for the good of the Order. The representatives should be instructed to vote an increase of the per capita, so that the Grand Lodge may not be placed in the position to reject for the lack of funds, an invitation from any lodge to hold its next session, if the good of the Order demands it.

The lodges in the extreme east of the Domain are as justly entitled to have a session of the Grand Lodge as the lodges in the extreme west.

I hope the correspondents of the different lodges throughout the Domain will take this matter up in their lodges and give us through the columns of this journal the decisions arrived at. I am confident that when this matter is brought before the brothers in this Domain, that there will be but few dissenting voices. While I am not in favor at any time of the unnecessary expenditure of the funds of the Grand Lodge or an oppressive tax on the subordinate lodges, yet it seems to me if we take pride in our Order and wish to build it up to the position it belongs in British Columbia, we will not let the question of an extra 50 cents on each Correspondent of Rathbone, No. 7. member deter us from that purpose.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge, the members voted to accept \$2 per diem. This disposition on the part of the members to accept that amount, was commendable, and while it barely paid living expenses, it gave no compensation to many members who could ill-afford to give their

time gratutiously.

It is true that to many of the members this was no hardship, but that is no reason why any should be compelled to attend a session of the Grand Lodge at a loss to themselves.

PAST CHANCELLOR.

The lodge attendance has greatly increased since the publication of the "True Knight." Go it "True Knight."

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WHAT ARE WE TO DO WITH OUR PAST GRAND CHANCELLORS?

This is a burning question. After the brothers has attained the highest honors of the Order in the Grand Lodge, and has passed the chair, the disposition seems to be to shelve him. He is of no more use to the Grand Lodge. It is true he may visit the Grand Lodge at his own expense, but if objection is made he has no vote on any question that may arise, nor has he any voice or vote in the selection of the officers of the Grand Lodge.

PYTHIAN ENQUIRER.

TRAIL, B. C.

Trail, B. C., July 20th, 1898. Editor "True Knight," Vancouver, B. C.:—

Dear Sir,—At a meeting held last month I was appointed "quill-pusher" to your ever welcome journal, and will now try and write a few lines regarding our lodge and brothers. We acknowledge receipt of the first issue of

"True Knight," and admire its appearance with great pleasure. It fills a vacancy long sought for, and we will ever await its monthly arrival.

We have been in existence a little over a year and can boast of a splendid little band of some fifty members, though with regret to say, a majority of whom are at present scattered throughout the

Our weekly meetings are fairly well attended, and for the past month more interest was manifested in them than for many months past, prompted by the resumption of the Canadian Smelting works, which has enlightened the pockets of several of our business men, many of whom are members of our Order.

At a meeting held the first of last month, the following officers were installed for the ensuing term: C. C., J. A. Clark: V. C., J. M. Worth: Prelate, J. R. Widmer: M. of W., S. F. Petersen; M. of E., A. D. McLennan: M. of F., Noble Binns; K. of R. and S., J. J. Inkster: M. at A., Oliver Dean: I. G., Geo. F. Weir; O. G., G. H. Gilmore.

Past Chancellor Commander, Noble Binns, who has held the Chancellor Commander's chair for two successive terms, ending June 23rd, is now occupying the very important position of Master of Finance. Brother Binns is one of the most enthusiastic workers of our Lodge, and to him is due a greater part of its existence. He also reminds the boys when their little—some call them big dollars are due, which keeps us all in excellent standing.

Brother J. J. Inkster, who has so ably filled the position of Keeper of Records and Scal, was unanimously re-elected to that office, and now enjoys the distinction of holding that chair for three consecutive terms.

Chancellor Commander, Brother J. H. Clark, is working right up to his high position, and lacks no qualities in keeping the Lodge in strict observance to its rules and ritual.

Brother "Jimmy" M. Worth, our arduous working Vice-Chancellor, who has been on the sick list, off and on, the past month, is now convalescent, and resumed his duties at last meeting.

All our newly-elected officers are working hard at their rituals, prompted by an unexpected visit by our esteemed Grand Chancellor, together with an application in the field, and intend to make as fine a showing as any lodge in the Province.

For my next letter, expect to have some interesting data, but these few lines will tend to show that the K. of P.'s are still alive in this southern part of the Province. Best wishes to "True Knight," may it live long and prosper.

> Yours in F., C. and B., THOS. E. ABBOTT.

THE WAY WE LIVE.

Here is a subject which interests, or at least affects us all. Some of us are cognisant of the fact, others are not. Most of us have an object in view, an end to attain, and to succeed in our self-set task, we all, to a greater or less extent, strain every nerve. Will you then pardon me if I take hold of this subject in what may appear to be a somewhat peculiar way?

With most of us the height of our ambition is to get on in the world and I must confess I would very much like to succeed in this end myself, still this fact remains: "To succeed in this only and not in anything else, means failure." You and I have come from whence? Do we know? We do not. Do we know where we are going? We say to Heaven, or to Hades, yet how much do we actually know of either place; not very much I think. There is only one thing of true importance to us here and that is the progress or retragression we make while in this life. We can be here but for a little while, each and everyone of us must die, yet we are either too cowardly or too indifferent to trouble any further about the matter; we are a little bit worse than that, we are acting the part of fools! You and I in striving to gain the world, forget that all we take with us through the Valley is our character; we forget that our every deed takes being and lives to our future credit or confusion. Can what you and I believe about serious things change their being as they are? This world and what it holds is but a tool given us by our Supreme Chancellor that we may therewith carve out our destiny. It lies with us to make or mar

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it. Do we ever stop to think that in using the present as it is meant to be used we may make it serve as a stepping stone to a "higher and nobler existence" more like unto the one He lives in? Our present life I, for myself, believe is but a small part of the whole, yet it is of such importance as to mean the success or failure of the Divine plan. How many of us have studied chemistry? Those of you who have will bear me out in what I sav. To attain a certain result many processes are sometimes necessary. We heat, distil, and heat again many times, yet always to gain a result purposed from the time we started with but one difference: our subject is wholly subservient to our will. We are free, and therefore let or hinder, still the comparison holds good in so far as this life is but a part of a process, and why I have mentioned it is that we who have so much to gain or lose may up and work to o'tain the best results. Let us work then and use this life of ours in such a way that every act of ours may become pure enough to bear the scrutiny of the Most High.

Yours in F., C. and B.,
"R. B."

VANCOUVER CITY COMPANY, NO. 4.

Vancouver, B. C., August 15th, 1898.

Editor "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,-I have been in receipt of the first journal called the "True Knight" of B. C., and after perusing it, my only hope is that the brothers will give it all the encouragement that it deserves. I am sure it will awaken some dormant energy, and act as a prod to the stay athomes, causing them to visit their lodges and

Company of which they are members. The Uniform Rank is weak in British Columbia, I am sorry to say, but I hope the day is not far off when this branch of our noble Order will take root, so that at least five live companies can turn out at the conventions of the Grand Lodge when held here in British Columbia, as they do in all the Grand Domains of the U.S. of A., and at which I had the honor of attending in Kentucky. Furthermore, the Uniform Rank would be a fine acquisition on our annual memorial Day to act as escort to the members of the subordinate lodges to flower the graves of our deceased members, and at the conclusion of the decoration sing the closing ode, then re-form and march back to our Castle Hall.

Brothers, arrangements can be made very easily for the organization of new companies at less than half the cost of eight years ago, when Yancouver City Co., No. 4, was instituted.

Together then let us stand as Pythian Knights for humanity and for the right, knowing that this sontiment of loyalty and fraternity will be echoed from every Pythian heart.

Fruternally yours in F., C. and B., JOHN CROW, Sir Knight Captain, Vancouver City Division, No. 4, U. R., K. of P.

THE LODGE KICKER.

What rain and sunshine is to the growing field, so is the "Kicker" to his lodge.

I do not mean the kicker that rarely visits his lodge, and who is continuously finding fault with the workings of the different committees appointed by the lodge, who does all his talking outside of the Castle Hall, and who always has a griev-

ance. No. I do not mean that kicker.

The kicker I have reference to is the good, sound, healthy, honest kicker. One who is always in attendance at the regular and special conventions of his lodge, (rain or shine, and who is always ready to accept any position that may be offered and takes an active part in advancing the interests and welfare of the Order.

Generally speaking, the kicker has at his com-mand a knowledge of the laws of the Order, and is familiar with the by-laws governing his own lodge, and while he is not a loickler at technicalities, he is most vigorous in seeing that the laws

are carried out in spirit and letter.

He is one of the most useful members of his lodge, and is as necessasry to its healthy working as sleep is to the tired brain. When the brothers at times forget themselves (and who have not) and present some proposition innocent in itself, but in direct conflict with by-laws and constitutions. whose effect would be far reaching if carried out; the kicker is there to make his protest, and it is generally backed up by good, hard, sound sense, that the scheme is abandoned, and the good of the Order maintained. The kicker is forever urging the brethren to commit the ritual to memory; to familiarize themselves with the constitution and by-laws, to subscribe for some good, live Pythian journal; he is ever persistent in this and through his efforts interest in the Order is aroused, and before the brothren are fully aware of the fact, their conventions become interesting and entertaining.

The kicker is not one of those who believe that the majority of the members are not capable of un-

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derstanding the laws of the Order, nor does he believe that after they have acquired a knowledge of the laws and usages of the Order that they will walk right over the constitution without and qualms of conscience, when it suits their purpose to do so. No, no, he is not that kind of a kicker. The kicker does all his kicking in the Castle Hall; you never hear him complain on the outside should things go contrary to his ideas in the lodge room, but look out for him at the next convention if he has right on his side.

THE PYTHIAN GOAT.

THE TRUE KNIGHT.

Many brothers when they first saw those words in print on the cover of this, our Pythian paper, were undoubtedly set to thinking of how much those words meant.

In ancient history we read of valiant deeds of Knights and warriors, of victories won and lost, of those who, in the very midst of battle have stooped down to bandage up the wound of a comrade, or to carry him to more secure quarters even

at the risk of their own lives.

Even in the present age, in the war between the United States and Spain, could we have been on the battle field we would no doubt have witnessed many deeds of heroism of like character, men who are brothers to us by that mysterious tie that binds us all. We revere and henor their noble deeds, which they are justly entitled to, but how often do we pass over as matter of no importance, instances of true brotherly love, of friendship and self denials, of charitable deeds that are higher and nobler in God's sight than all the heroic and valiant deeds of war. Look into the homes of many of our brothers, here and there over the vast area of this American continent, and you would be able to pick many whose friendship equals even that of Damon and Pythias, although perhaps not a case of life and death, such as the one from which our noble Order takes its name, yet perhaps as sincere and true. Should we not as members of this vast fraternal brotherhood, be united in close and true bonds of friendship, although we may not have the opportunity of becoming famous by some gallant victory, yet how easily for us by denying ourselves some little pleasure to visit our sick brothers, a kind word, a pleasant smile, go a long way on the road of attaining true Knighthood, how many a person with a heavy and sad heart has been relieved of what seemed a heavy burden, by some cheering and encouraging word.

The "True Knight" is among us, as a paper, letit be the means of aiding us all to attain and retain that name as men and brothers.

ARTHUR T. CROOK.

EN ROUTE TO INDIANAPOLIS.

Chicago, August 18th, 1898.

J. E. Evans, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer "True Knight" of B. C.

Dear Sir and Brother,—Just a line to let you know "in a small measure" how my trip to this city was made enjoyable through the membership of the Order and scenes on the road that brought to my memory pleasant recollections after the farewell grasp of the Knightly hands of those members who were at the depot on my departure from Vancouver. I was pleased to meet with Bro. P. C. A. Ferguson, of Granite, No. 16, "an enthusiastic member, one well known to many of the Vancouver Knights, he having presided as C. C. when our fannous Drill Team last visited New Westminster."

Bro. Ferguson was on his way east and accompanied me as far as Moosejaw, and I can assure you we enjoyed ourselves thoroughly. New Westminster Junction brought to my memory the trip of our U. R. Division. Some years ago over the C. P. R. to New Westminster, when we almost, and some think should have, succeeded in carrying off the prize for drill against the Seattle and Vic-At Langley Landing 1 was retoria divisions. minded of the pleasant time spent by some twenty members and inyself, at that time occupying thehonorable position of Grand Chancellor, during the visit to Langley, No. 13, many of my brothers still remain to testify to the excellent way our Langly brothers received us. Along the line we were treated to varying and interesting scenery. Kamloops, the scene of our last Grand Lodge sessison, and, the home of so many brave and valiant Knights, brought to my memory the honor I had some few years ago of instituting Primrose. No. 20, one of the best lodges in our Domain. Sicamous Junction, where the branch is made for Vernon, commended my thoughts to Coldstream, No. 18, of Vernon, where, during my term of G. C., assisted by P. S. R., C. L. Behnsen and others, we instituted that splendid lodge. While our train was waiting at Golden, I had the pleasure of meeting Bro. J. A. Bates, formerly of Vancouver and Crusader Lodge, and had quite a lengthy and pleasant talk with him. He has promised to do all in his power to form a lodge there, and he certainly gave me-

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1 remain,

Fraternally yours, II. J. ANSTIE, S. R.,

Supreme Lodge, K. of P., Indianapolis, Ind.

RETURNING PROSPERITY.

In that old garden of yesterday,

The seeds were sown that just now stirred and woke.

And sprang into growing fresh to-day, And in its birth there was a voice that spoke In this wise: Guard the plant with tender care, Aid its young strength to rise from out the mold, That from its calyx, stainless, pure and fair

The blossom of to-morrow may unfold.

The voice of the "True Knight" speaking to the Order, is the voice of returning prosperity. As a matter of fact, there is every ground for encouragement.

An intimate acquaintance with the officers of the "True Knight" is enough to convince one that there are not any brothers in the Order more finely fitted for the carrying out of this undertaking than those upon whom the lot has fallen.

For accuracy of technical knowledge over a varied field, for unassertiveness in weighing the opinions of others, for sound judgment in affairs appertaining to the best interests of our noble Order, for unostentatious yet profound patriotism, these officers are unsurpassed in our Grand Domain. They are not to be corrupted, are never "fresh,"

Failure to improve an opportunity as it arrives often means the giving to posterity of difficulties to overcome and problems to solve which it is then too late to succeed in doing. Failure to improve an opportunity means failure forever, even as the old saying has it: "An opportunity lost can never be regained.

Preventative measures when taken are in no sense "on the offensive," but on the other hand "on the defensive." It is essential for our good and not only for our good, it is our duty to our Order, to our brothers, that we peruse dispassionately and resolutely this journal gotten up for our

There is not any need of my going into details in regar to the worthiness of this publication; this has already been fully explained by the Committee, as also by the lodge correspondents who so kindly sent in communications to our first num-That there has been a something missing, something needed to enthuse fresh life into our membership everyone will admit. To fill this want the "True Knight" has come. The full grown mind, of matured intelligence

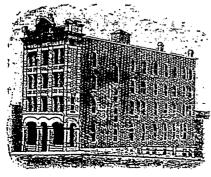
and refined culture can be trusted to meet life's questions as they arise, even as the soul educated and inspired by the Christian system under its own comprehensive law of love decides for itself the individual questions of moral living and duty. Then let us not hesitate Brother Knights in our obligation and our duty, but let us render to the "True Knight" our moral support and also our hearty co-operation, thus showing to the Committee that we appreciate the motives that prompt them to this noble work, that they may know that the result of their labor is an ever welcome review, so that in the near future it may become a semi-monthly publication to gladden our homes and brighten our Castle Halls.

The growing influence of Knighthood is fast wiping out, ignorance and even veniality, making evolution possible and we know that as long as evolution persists in its work it has "the bringing of

all to a common level" as its goal.

Recent years show, men are growing nearer together, in riches, wisdom, happiness and mutual helpfulness: that too at a progressive rate which through ways, we can dimly see and humbly help, will bring about at no distant date an approach to social equality which shall leave little room for the social discontent of to-day.

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Yours in F., C. and B.,

JOSEPHUS.

-:0:-A CONTRAST.

Vancouver, B. C., August 26th, 1898.

Editor "True Knight."

The first issue of the "True Knight" was a very creditable one in every respect. I have heard several of our members state that they read every line in the paper, advertisements and all, with the greatest interest, and all expressed themselves as greatly pleased at the first issue. Our lodge has already felt the benefit of the paper, for the attendance at our regular meetings has been far better in spite of the warm evenings, than it was for a long time previous, yes indeed our meetings during the last month have been interesting and no doubt the regular issue of the "True Knight will aid us greatly in many respects. We do not regret spending our money when we see such results as the subscription for the full membership of our lodge to the "True Knight" has brought to us, it seems to waken up quite a few of our members that had almost forgotten that they were Knights and members of our lodge, and remind them of the fact that they had taken certain obligations upon themselves when they became members of our noble Order, as well as share in the blessings that our order bestows on us all, and they show their awakening by coming to our lodge meetings ready to do all they can for the good of the Order. We had also quite a number of visiting Knights at our meetings, and we are only too pleased to welcome the visiting brothers in our Castle Hall, grasp them by their hand, make them feel at home, and if possible assist them in any way that we can be of service to them. So let the good work go on, and that the "True Knight" may have a long life 142 Cordova Street before it is the sincere wish of

Yours Fraternally in F., C. and B., C. L. BEHNSEN, P. S. R.,

Granville Lodge, No. 3, K. of P.

Since the beginning of the new term, Far West Lodge, No. 1, has conferred the three Ranks of Knighthood on but one candidate. The mustering in of new members in this city has been for some time past, and is at present, very slow, not only in Number One, but in Victoria Lodge, No. 17, as well. It is a difficult matter to have a good attendance at lodge meetings, although most everything has been tried to induce a greater interest in lodge matters. The causes for non-attendance are many, and everyone can give one reason or another why things are thus, but no one has yet found a remedy, and no one will until the causes are found and when found, go to the root of the evil.

The membership of our lodge continues good, but I am sorry to state that a number of our members are very much behind in their dues, so much so that suspension will be necessary. I am more than grieved, that among the number are Past Chancellors and Past Grand Chancellors. Of course like usual, this state of affairs is blamed on the M. of F., but in many cases, and in the case of our Lodge E. F. GUSTEE, Prop.

it has not been, and is not the fault of the M. of F., but it is the deliberate action of the members themselves.

The members of this Lodge have under consideration the formation of a debating evening once a month, when questions of Pythian law will be discussed. The idea is to discuss the various Statutes in relation to each other, the intent and meaning of laws, etc. I hope to see the idea carried out, as it will surely help our members to become better versed on the laws under which we work, and may incidently attract a better attendance as well. EMIL PFERDNER,

Correspondent.

Vietoria, B. C., Aug. 1898.

ENCOURAGEMENT.

Chemainus, B. C., August 24th, 1898. Mr. J. E. Evans. Secretary "True Knight."

Dear Sir.—Enclosed find postal note for 75 cents, for which please mail me the "True Knight" for one year, and oblige,

Yours truly.

A. STONEHOUSE,

Chemainus, B. C. Was much surprised to find the boys had started a paper in Vancouver. I think the scheme of publishing a good one, and the first issue a credit to any place for a first number. I wish the paper every success, and with Bro. Maxwell and yourself at the helm, and with the help of the rest of the brothers forming the Committee, I think it is bound to succeed.

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The Committee would call the attention of the Brother Knights throughout this Grand Domain to the very liberal support they have received from the merchants of Vaneouver in the way of advertisements. We make a personal request to every member of the Order to see to it that the merchants receive as liberal a patronage from the Order as their generosity deserves. This is Pythianism—every thing else being equal. Knights should go out of their way to assist those who assist them.

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BIENNIAL SESSION OF THE SUPREME LODGE.

The present session of the Supreme Lodge will not go on record as the most harmonious one.

Accusations of extravagance have been made against the present Supreme officers by some of the representatives to the Supreme Lodge. Investigating committees have been appointed to prove the truth or falsity of the charges; to such an extent has the feelings of the members of the Supreme body been aroused that the election of officers was postponed from day to day pending the investigation. We sincerely hope for the good of the Order that the charges of alleged extravagance cannot be sustained, and that after careful and conscientious consideration what might have appeared to have given ground to the charges will prove to have been done in the best interest of the Order.

We have too high an opinion of the head of our organization to believe for one second that he would allow or tolerate for an instant any unnecessary expenditure of the funds of the Supreme Lodge, nor do we believe that any officer having funds in his care would use them to any other purpose but for the welfare of the Order.

Below we give a synopsis of the daily sessions as gleaned from the Associated Press reports from the columns of the "News-Advertiser" of this city:

DOINGS AT INDIANAPOLIS.

Indianapolis, Aug. 23.—The biennial meeting of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, commenced this (Tuesday) morning, with every part of the world where there is a Grand Lodge represented. The National Encampment of the Uniform Rank was formally opened this afternoon and nearly 13,000 uniformed men are in the camp.

People have flocked in from all parts of the country, the trains are loaded with passengers. At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon it was estimated that there were 25,000 strongers in the city. The streets are thronged with uniformed men and people who show that they are strangers in town. Cump Colgrove, with its 5,000 tents, is a great attraction.

Monday night a reception was given at the Denison by the Grand Lodge officers and was open to all Knights and their ladies.

At 6 o'clock Monday night Camp Colgrove sheltered in tents 12,650 members of the Uniform Rank, K. of P.

The formal opening of the camp occurred Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Ten thousand Knights, attired in full regalia, took part. ExMayor Caleb S. Denny, a prominent Knight, on behalf of the Executive Committee, turned the camp over to Supreme Chancellor Colgrove. The ceremonies were witnessed by a large crowd.

Owing to the intense heat and the length of the exercises there were 30 prostrations from heat among those taking part, most of the cases being cared for at the camp hospitals. Among those prostrated were Brig-Gen. F. W. McKinley, of New Hampshire, and Lieutenant-Colonel Marquand, of the Fourth Ohio Regiment, and J. H. Cole, of Chicago, editor of the "Pythian Record."

The Biennial Encampment of Knights of Pythias in point of attendance, is successful beyond expectations. The most important feature of Tuesday's programme was the big parade, participated in by all the Uniform Ranks and subordinate lodges. Careful estimates place the muster of men in line at 18,000. of whom 10,000 were members of the Uniform Rank, led by Major-General Carnahan. Twenty-five states were reported in the pageant by brigades.

Next to the parade the most important event was the convening of the Supreme Lodge. In the executive session. Supreme Keeper of Records and Scals, R. L. C. White asked for a hearing on the ground of personal privilege. He said that the officers of the Supreme Lodge had been attacked and charges made against them which should be investigated. If these charges were true, then the men holding office were not fit for their positions. If the charges were not true, then the man or men who had made them were not fit to be Pythians or members of the Supreme Lodge.

Mr. White was followed by others on this subject. A Committee was appointed to-day to investigate, and pending a report no officers will be elected. During the business session the reports of the officers were distributed.

During the day there was a competitive exemplification of ritualistic work.

Shortly after 9 o'clock Wednesday morning several battalions and brigades of the Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, marched on the field at Newby Oval, lately the scene of the National bicycle races, and with plumes flying and swords flashing in-

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augurated the great prize drill for which the biennial encampments are famous. Among those taking an early part in the tournament were crack brigades from Chicago, Toledo, Cincinnati, Denver and elsewhere. There was to be seen among the contestants no trace of the fatigue incident to the long march of Tuesday, and each member of the contesting battalions looked as if he had just stepped out of a band-box. The grand stands and amphitheatres were crowded with a brilliant throng anxious to see the brilliant display and to applaud the clever manoeuvres of the different drill corps. Left and right fronts, reverses, obliques, complicated crosses and other difficult movements were gone through with lightning rapidity, each corns being allowed half an hour to show its skill.

Immediately after concluding its exhibition each corps marched from the field and in most instances returned to Camp Colgrove to prepare for the review by General Carnahan which took place in the

The Supreme Lodge met in session again Wednesday morning at the State Capitol. After devotional services and the formal opening exercises the body went into executive session for the consideration of proposed changes in the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

The Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Pythias continued work on the charges of extravagance that have been made against the Supreme officers by some of the representatives. One of the members of that Committee announced this morning that he would bring suit for libel in the United States Court for the District of North Carolina as soon as he got home.

A seat in the Supreme Lodge was refused Wednesday morning to Representative Berry, of Wisconsin, on account of the filing of a written protest that he secured his credentials in an irregular manner. Her denounded an investigation and a Committee was appointed for that purpose.

The Major-General reviewed the Uniform Rank

at Camp Colgrove Wednesday afternoon .

There were stormy times in the Lodge room Wednesday morning. Several applications that usually went through with a rush at former meetings were either referred or voted down. A resolution was introduced that will cut the expenses of the meetings of the Supreme Lodge in two, and will make this session the cheapest ever held with so many representatives present. A resolution was introduced requiring reports from the officers as to supplies furnished, and declaring that in the future such purchases must be made by competitive bids. A resolution was introduced to abolish the Supreme Tribunal, on the score of its cost, but the resolution was defeated.

The sensation in the afternoon was the report of the estimates of the Finance Committee. The Committee recommended that the per diem of the Supreme Representatives be reduced from \$5 and 5 cents a mile each way to \$3 a day, and 3 cents a mile actually travelled. This report precipitated a fight that has almost be ane personal between some of the members.

The Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, adjourned to-day's session at 7 o'clock this evening, after having elected the following officers: Supreme Chancellor, Thomas G. Sample, Allegheny, Pa.; Supreme Vice-Chancellor, Ogden H. Fethers, Wis-The men elected were on the slate of the present Administration.

Much of the morning session of the Supreme-Grand Lodge was devoted to the consideration of the report of John A. Hinsey, Supreme Organizer, Endowment Rank, on condition of that organization. Representative Shively moved that the report be printed. Friends of the official household objected to this step, and the debate waxed warm. Representatives Ritchie, Riddle and a number of others supported Mr. Shively's motion and it was finally passed, after over two hours had been spent in discussion. Mr. Hinsey said afterwards that he was willing to have the report printed.

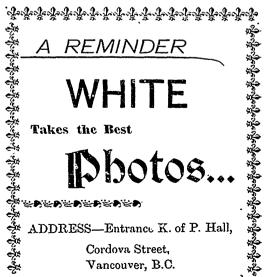
Vague rumors were floating aout among the Supreme Representatives as to the condition of the Endowment Rank. This is the insurance branch of the Order, and has 53,575 members carrying insurance, amounting to \$99,261,500.

The statement of the Board of Control shows the resources to be \$523,276.62. It is charged that \$91,-798.16 is entangled in the affairs of a defunct National Bank at Fort Worth, Tex., and nothing but a judgment against bondsmen represents this-money; also that the \$236,127.39 invested in a hotel property at Chicago, which is now in the hands of a receiver, is nothing more than a fifth lien on the property.

These rumors are as yet very vague and indefinite. This was the meaning of the resolution introduced in the Supreme Lodge by Dr. Suthpen, of Ohio.

Camp Colgrove is almost a thing of the past. The last formality was the award of prizes as follows: Class A, first prize, \$1,500, John Barr Glen Company, Eau Claire, Wis.; second prize, \$1,-200, Terre Haute, Ind., Company No. 3; third prize, \$1,000. Kalamazoe, Mich., No. 5; fourth prize, \$800, Yellow Cross Company, No. 85, Alliance, O.: fifth prize, \$600, Friendship Company, No. 25, Covington, Ky.

The general prize, valued at \$100, for the best Company Commander of this class was awarded to Captain Con Terga, of the John Barr Glen Company. Class B. first prize. \$500; Cocur d'Alenc-Company, Lancaster. O.: second prize, \$400, Vigo-



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Company, No. 82, Terre Haute, Ind.; third prize, lution, which was referred to the Committee on \$300, Alpha Company, No. 45, Louisville, Ky.; fourth prize, \$200, Jeffersonville, Ind., Company.

The jewel prize, valued at \$100, for the best Company Commander in Class B, was awarded to B.

F. Gray, Captain of the Louisville Company.
The prize for the best troop of cavalry was awarded to Burns' Hussurs, of St. Joseph, Mo., it having no competitors.

The prize of \$100 offered by Major-General Carnahan for the Company of the Uniform Rank having the largest percentage of its members in the parade, and in the inspection and review, was awarded to Company 43, of the Missouri Brigade.

The report of John A. Hinsey, Treasurer of the Endowment Rank, Knights of Pythias, was referred by the Supreme Lodge Saturday morning to the Committee on Endowment Rank and the election of Hinsey or a successor was postponed until the Committee makes a report on Hinsey's report.

In addition to the officers elected yesterday, the Supreme Lodge elected the following: James Moulson, of St. John, N. B., Supreme Prelate; R. L. C. White, Nashville. Supreme Keeper of Records and Seals; Thomas Mears, Wilmington A. C., Supreme Master of the Exchequer; H. M. Bigelow, Seattle, Supreme Master at Arms; William Simmons, Wilmington, Del., Supreme Inner Guard; John W. Thompson, Washington, D. C., Supreme Outer Guard.

The Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, is about all that remains of the biennial encampment. All of the Uniform Rank and subordinate lodge companies have left the city and Camp Colgrove is deserted.

Representative W. L. Seism, of Nebraska, who has been fighting the officers of the Supreme Lodge vigorously for several months, and is reported to have made charges of excessive expense accounts, has introduced a number of resolutions and documents at this session, all having a tendency to restrict the officers.

One resolution, aimed at the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seals, says he shall keep an accurate account, showing the exact financial condition of the Supreme Lodge at all times.

Another resolution directed at the Supreme Master of the Exchequer, states that he shall keep an account in detailed form of all receipts and disbursements, and shall, each quarter, prepare a detailed report, showing the date of each remittance from the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seals, and the amounts of money paid out, together with the name of payee.

A fourth resolution asks that the Chairman of the Committee on printing be instructed to advertise for bids on all printing in at least one leading daily paper, in not less than three of the leading cities of the country, and in all Pythian papers, the daily journal of the Supreme Lodge and secret work being omitted.

Scaled bids are to be received and not opened unless the Chairman of the Committee and at least three members of the Committee are present.

THAT RESOLUTION.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, held in the City of Petersburg, Brother Geo. A. Newham, of No. 18, presented the following resoLaws and Supervision:

No candidate for the rank of Knighthood shall. be advanced from any rank to a higher one until he shall have committed to memory the obligation and secret work of the preceeding rank, nor until he shall have passed an examination thereon in open Lodge, except by special dispensation.

We understand that the Committee to whom this was referred reported that they did not deemit expedient to adopt the resolution as a whole, but after striking out the world "obligation" recommended that the same be adopted.

By reference to the journal of proceedings we find that this report was very freely and ably discussed, and finally ended by having the resolution tabled. Oh, that table!

In doing this, to our mind, the Grand Lodge of Virginia has lost the opportunity of its life to demonstrate to its membership that the pre-eminence of the Pythian Order cannot be doubted, and that to be a "real live" Pythian the secret work must be known by every member.

We are fully convinced that something should be done along this line, and the sooner the better. We believe that every up-to-date Pythian will agree with us that a thorough and complete knowledge of the unwritten work is essential from the mere fact that from time to time occasion arises wherein a member needs to test or be tested, and we venture to say that not balf the Pythian membership can successfully conduct a test. Above everything else this should certainly be done properly.

Only a few days ago we were told of a brother being "touched" by a person who knew just enough. of Pythianism to catch nine-tenths of our membership. Is this not enough to put our "law-makers" to thinking? Brethren, get your heads together, and at the next Grand Lodge dust that old table off and frame Brother Newman's resolution into the laws of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

If you do nothing else do this, and you will have done well and nobly, and will receive the praise of the Pythian Order. Generally, something must be done to protect our membership.—"Pythian Lodge Secret."

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KAMLOOPS ITEMS.

At Kamloops, B. C., on August 13th, 1898, to Mr. and Mrs. Costley, a daughter.

Tom Hughes, brakeman, of Primrose Lodge, No. 20, Kamloops, met with a nasty accident on Tuesday afternoon, August 23rd, at Notch Hill. While he was engaged in coupling cars he had part of one of his little fingers taken off.

A game of baseball played on the Caledonian grounds, Kamloops, on Wednesday afternoon, August 24th, between teams chosen by Bros. D. Brown and J. L. Brown, resulted in favor of the former. Batteries, McIntyre and Welsh, Young and Hunt. A. Owens acted as umpire.

FROM THE COMMITTEE.

Once more the Committee having in charge the publication of the "True Knight," appeals to the members of the Order in this Domain for support. It goes without saying that the paper is just what has been needed, and the efforts of the Committee should be rewarded. This paper is not going to have a premature death while the present Committee have charge. It cannot live a healthy life unless it receives the necessary to bring out the roses, and nourishment to develop its latent possibilities. The Committee will be grateful to the members if they will bestir themselves to give us a few more "ads," and also such lodge news as will be of interest. We cannot but think that we have a large number in our ranks who have the pen of the ready writer, and we also believe that here and there we have some slumbering Homer or Milton. We want a home product, reflecting month by month the brains of Pythianism in British Columbia, and we trust that this appeal to our literary ability as yet unknown will bring forth such rich harvest as will be of immense profit to all concerned.

-:0:--COMPLIMENTARY.

We beg to call attention to the following appreciatory note:

The first number of the "True Knight" was issued this month. It is devoted to the welfare of the K. of P. throughout British Columbia, and is edited by Rev. G. R. Maxwell, M. P. To say that the "True Knight" is cleverly written, and bright and interesting would be superfluous, as the well-known ability of its editor is a guarantee of all this. We are glad to see that the Order recognizes the need of such a medium of communication, and sincerely wish this bright little magazine the success of which the good cause it advocates is so worthy.—"Record."

The latest publication on the coast is "True Knight," a monthly magazine, edited by Mr. G. R. Maxwell, M. P. It is devoted to the welfare of Rates \$1.00 per Day and Upwards. the Order of the Knights of Pythias, and promises to be a credit to the Order. Mr. Maxwell is a forcible and scholarly writer, and in the initial number states, in a very attractive way, the incident upon which the Order was founded.-Winnipeg "Free Press."

DUE TO THE "TRUE KNIGHT."

Granville Lodge, No. 3; Rathbone Lodge, No. 7, and Crusader, No. 19, held their regular conventions during the past week. All were largely attended, and no doubt the increase in attendance is due to the new Pythian journal, which has been well received by the members.

OBITUARY NOTICE.

We were deeply grieved to receive news of the death of Bro. Walker, of Benevolence Lodge, in the recent railway accident at Union. We take this opportunity of extending our deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

WELL SAID.

It is far better daily to strew the pathway of life with flowers than to save them all for a wreath to lay on a coffin-and these words we should have spoken:

What silence we keep year after year. With those who are most near to us and dear! We live beside each other day by day, And speak of myriad things, but seldom say The full sweet word that lies just in our reach Beneath the commonplace of common speech. Then out of sight and out of reach they go, These close, familiar friends who love us And sitting in the shadow they have left, Alone with lonliness, and sore bereft, We think, with vain regret of some kind word What once we might have said, and they have Heard."—Exchange.

"And can you give my daughter all the luxuries she has been accustomed to?" asked the mil-"Yes, sir," modestly, yet proudly, declared the young man. "I may even say my tandem is better than yours."-Philadelphia North American.

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We are glad to state that Mrs. W. D. Mearns is fast recovering her usual health.

Bro. G. W. DeBeck has just returned from "Theodosia."—What luck this time?

Mrs. John Grady, wife of Bro. Grady, has gone on a visit to her relatives at Perth, Ont.

We are sorry to hear that Bro. Ed. Goulet, G. I. G., is ill. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Bro. J. M. Mackinnon left to-day for Lillooet and Bridge River. We hope his usual good luck will attend him.

Mrs. Behnsen, accompanied by Damon and Pythias and l'enfant terrible, have gone to Victoria to visit friends.

The Committee is very much indebted to the Pythian Lodge Secret and Pythian World for copies of their journals.

Mrs. Evans, wife of the energetic Past Grand Chancellor Evans, has returned after a pleasant trip east. Bro. Evans is happy again.

One of Crusader Lodge members, it is rumored, is about to make a change in life. We will have more to say about this in our next issue.

John Peck, P. C. of Royal Lodge, paid Vancouver a flying visit. Bro. Peck is one of Royal's best workers. Vancouver Knights are always pleased to greet him.

Bro. L. Witt, P. C., Royal Lodge, No. 6, New Westminster, has left the "Queen's" borough to reside in the Terminal City. He will be a good catch for one of our local lodges.

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Bro. A. M. Tyson, of Granville Lodge. No. 3, made a flying trip to Victoria and was well received at the hands of the Victoria Knights. Mrs. Tyson accompanied him on his return.

Bro. Raymond Brumbaugh, of Seattle, knows a good thing evidently when he sees it, as the Secretary has received his subscription for the "True Knight." Many thanks to Bro. Brumbaugh.

Bro. D. A. McDonald, of Primrose Lodge, No. 20, paid Rathbone Lodge, No. 7 a visit Friday evening, and gave an able address and congratulated the Committee who had charge of the publication of the "True Knight."

We had a visit from Bro., R. N. Curson, of Brunswick Lodge, St. John, No. 13, who has just returned from Dawson City. Bro. Curson is looking well and the rumor is that the Oriental safe was not large enough to hold his sack.

Supreme Representative, Bro. H. J. Anstie, left on Sunday, Aug. 14th by C. P. R. for Indianapolis to attend the Supreme Lodge Convention. A large number of Sir Knights, Knights, and friends, were at the station to say God speed.

Bro. John Phillips, of Triangle Lodge, No. 44, Howard-South, Dakota, is visiting the City, and is warmly welcomed by the Knights here. Bro. Phillips was surprised to see the progress that Vancouver has made during the past five years.

M. L. Grimmeth, P. C., Sandon Lodge, No. 24, will join the grand army of benedicts about Sept. 1st. The "True Knight" extends hearty congratulations. We hope our brother's bachelor friends will present him with a copy of Milton's "Paradise Lost."

We are pleased to inform our readers that Bro. Woods, of Primrose Lodge, No. 20, who met with a painful accident on the C. P. R., is very much improved. Too much credit cannot be given to Dr. Monroe for the care and attention that he has given Bro. Woods.

Bro. F. L. Christic, the leading barrister and solicitor of Sandon, B. C., is in the city renewing his old acquaintances on his way to California. Bro. Christie is a member of Crusuder Lodge, and is one of those Knights whose presence is always an inspiration. We wish our brother the highest rung in the legal ladder.

Bro. Fales, J. C., of Royal Lodge, No. 6, New Westminster, paid a flying visit to the City. Bro. Fales is one of the oldest members of the Royal City, and a genuine worker for the Order. Howas well pleased with the "True Knight" and wishes the Committee every success.

We regret very much to learn of the painful accident that happened to Mrs. Charles McAulay while employed at the Pioneer Laundry, both hands being caught in the ironer and very badly burnt. The "True Knight" extends to Mrs. McAulay its deepest sympathy in this her hour of trouble and trust that she will recover so as to be able to attend her duties soon again.

Bro. Byron Nunamaker, C. C., of Crusader Lodge, No. 19, has met with a painful accident, fracturing his right arm, which will confine him to his house for some time. Bro. Nunamaker is one of the hardest workers in his lodge, and an active member of the Uniform Rank. The "True Knight" extends to him and his family its sympathy in his trouble, and trust that he will be around soon again, as his presence is much missed at the conventions.

Bro. J. M. Bemiss, of Unity Lodge, Scattle, Wash, representing the J. M. Bemiss Co., Manu-



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facturers and Dealers in Saddles and Harness, Seattle, Wash., arrived in Vancouver last Monday and will remain for a few days in the interest of the Conquany. Bro. Bemiss is much pleased with Vancouver, and expects to do a good business in his line. Bro. Bemiss is also a member of Uniform Rank, and an enthusiastic Knight.

POEMS WORTH READING.

A Tragedy in Three Parts.

[Anon, in Current Literature.]

PART I.-The Bonnet.

A bit of foundation as big as your hand; Bows of ribon and lace: Wire sufficient to make them stand; A handful of roses, a velvet band— It lacks but one crowning grace.

PART II.—The Bird.

A chirp, a twitter, a flash of wings,
Four wide-open mouths in a nest;
From morning till night she brings and brings,
For growing birds, they are hungry things—
Aye! hungry things at the best.

The crack of a rifle, a shot well sped;
A crimson stain on the grass:
Four hungry birds in a nest unfed—
Ah! well, we will leave the rest unsaid;
Some things it were better to pass.

PART III.-The Wearer..

The lady has surely a beautiful face,
She has surely a queenly air
The bonnet had flowers and ribbon and lace;
But the bird has added the crowning grace—
It is really a charming affair.

Is the love of a bonnet supreme over all, In a lady so faultlessly fair? The Father takes heed when the sparrows fall, He hears when the starving nestlings call— Can a tender woman not care?

THE TOWN OF NOGOOD.

[W. E. Penney, in the New Haven Register.]

My friend, have you heard of the town of Nogood,

On the banks of the River Slow.

Where blooms the Waitawhile flower fair,

Where the Sometimeorother scents the air

And the soft Goeasys grow?

It lies in the valley of Whatstheuse, In the Province of Leterslide. That Tiredfeeling is native there. It's the home of the reckless Idontcare, Where the Giveitups abide.

It stands at the bottom of Lazyhill,
And is easy to reach, I declare.
You've only to fold up your hands and glide

Down the slope of Weakwill's toboggan slide To be landed quickly there.

The town is as old as the human race,
And it grows with the flight of years.
It is wrapt in the fog of idler's dreams,
Its streets are paved with discarded schemes
And sprinkled with useless tears.

The Collegebredfool and the Richman's heir Are plentiful there, no doubt.

The rest of its crowd are a motley crew, With every class except one in view—
The Foolkiller is barred out.

The town of Nogood is all hedged about By the mountains of Despair, No sentinel stands on its gloomy walls, No trumpet to battle and triumph calls, For cowards alone are there.

My friend, from the dead-alive town Nogood
If you would keep far away.

Just follow your duty through good and ill.
Take this for your motto, "I can, I will,"

And live up to it each day.

LOVE COMFORTLESS.

[Katharine Tynon Hinkson, in Littell's Living Age.]

The child is in the night and rain
On whom no tenderest wind might blow,
And out alone in hurricane.

Ah, no,

The child is safe in Paradise!

The snow is on his gentle head, His little feet are in the snow, Oh, very cold is his small bed!

Ah, no, Lift up your heart, lift up your eyes!

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Over the fields and out of sight, Beside the lonely river's flow, Lieth the child this bitter night

Ah, no, The child sleeps under Mary's eyes!

What wandering lamb cries sore distrest Whilst I with fire and comfort go? Oh, let me warm him in my breast! Ah, no,

Tis warm in God's lit nurseries! -:0:-

THE VALLEY SWEET.

Where the rough road turns there's a valley sweet-

Where the skies are starred and fair; We'll forget the thorns and the noonday heat And rest in the roses there.

And the dark of the dreary, weary night Will be lost at last in the morning light.

Where the rough road turns there's a haven blest, Where the ships at anchor ride,

And the sea winds sing sweet songs of rest

Over the dreamless tide.

Where the tempests fade from a silent shore And the sails are furled forevermore.

O rest in the beautiful valley sweet,

And rest in the haven still,

What though the storms on the brave ships beat-Through the thorns are keen to kill?

Let us dream that the dark of the dreary night Will be lost at last in the morning light. -From the Atlanta Constitution.

ACTION.

The bell never rings itself, unless some one handles or moves it; it is dumb.

Activity in Pythianism is needed, there needs be an awakening, a rousing up from the slumber of lethargy in order to accomplish great results. Good wishes, counsel and advice are of no avail without the energetic work to carry out the plans and projects for a successful culmination of the work, although the Supreme Domain workers are needed to uphold the banner of Pythianism, to spread its teachings of brotherhood and fraternal love.

None are so humble, none so exalted, but what their efforts are needed. The lodges have their work to do, the individual members their duty to perform, the officials to guide, direct and shape the work. All must act in harmony to insure the complete fulfilment of the objects to be attained.

The beauties of the lesson taught have not changed, nor lost any of their activeness, only the followers have grown lukewarm and have neglected to spread the truths of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence.

The officers of the subordinate lodge have a great responsibility resting upon them and to a great extent it lies with them as to the cause of lack of interest.

Their aim should be towards perfection in the rendering of ritualistic work, which well performed creates interest, adds enthusiasm, en-

courages visitors, favorably impresses the candidate, creating a desire in him to bring his friends to learn the lessons as taught to him.

It is with pleasure we note increased activity in all our lodges, both on the part of the officers and members. We commend them to keep up their determination towards making this year one of prosperity to the cause. Let no effort be spared, no task be considered too great, no service too onerous for the noble cause we have espoused. Let action be the watchword, then victory will crown our efforts, and the year 1898 will speak to the world that Pythianism is a live reality, Friendship a fact, Charity a truth and Benevolence a mantle of love.—Mystic Tie.

-:0:-FRATERNITY.

There is a tie that binds us, man to man, as surely as a force holds earth to sun and sun to stars; or senses may be dull and we as little comprehend the law of brotherhood as did the men of pre-Newtonic days the law of gravity, and yet throughout the earth in every human heart is felt a force that we have learned to call fraternity.

A man by many years of constant, honest toil, establishes a business, broad, which vouchsafes to him a livelihood through life's declining years. But far beyond aught that vigilance could forsee have arisen business troubles in which he has no hand, and that dread enemy of success, bankruptcy, stares him in the face. Then certain friends in whose hearts dwell sympathy proffer a loan; nor ask security beyond a pledge of honor that all shall be repaid. The business is secured, the old man saved. No Shylock has been there, the only bond is one inscribed fraternity.

A young man far from home is seized by sickness, and on feverish wings reason flies and leaves him helpless as an infant. By stranger hands he is carried to an inn; by strangers nursed through many a weary night, until disease is conquered, and at least, weak but rational, he recognizes those whose ministries have saved him from the grave. He speaks, and the first word framed by his faltering lips is fraternity.

In what was vesterday a happy home, the child-ren's noisy prattle has been hushed, and tender wife with tear-stained cheeks and anxious eyes, watches by his side, whose life cut short by accident will leave her all alone to battle with the

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world. Yet not alone, for by the bedside stands a group of men whose hearts are kind and true. The dying man whose love-lit eye is full of deep mean ing, look first to them and then at his loved ones: his pale lips part as with a smile, and his last breath whispers faintly the word fraternity. "Odd Fellow's Review."

AN HONEST PYTHIAN LIFE.

What is more sweet than at the death of a Pythian to hear his brother, to hear the Pythian community at large, say "A pure, honest soul, whose life was filled with deeds of charity, a man of virtue, of rich piety and knowledge, steadfast and earnest in his faith." When a man lives such a life, and such a life he must live if he heeds the teachings of Pythianism, he is an honor to the community, and all in all a man.—"Pythian World.

-:0:-Don't electioneer for office in the loage room. When the officers of a lodge tell the Grand Officers they would not ask anybody to join the Order is it any wonder that some lodges are simply so many dead branches that in all justice

Always abide by the decision of a majority, don't give more honors to a rich brother than you do to a poor one if they are equally as worthy. -:0:

Subscribers who do not receive the paper regularly are requested to communicate with us, without delay, when the matter will be rectified.

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Thomas G. Sample, S. C. C., Allegheny, Pa. Ogden H. Fethers, S. V. C., Wisconsin. James Moulson, S. P., St. John, N. B.

R. L. C. White, S. K. of R. and S., Nashville, Tenn.

Thomas Mears, S. M. of E., Wilmington, N. C. H. M. Bigelow, S. M. at A., Scattle, Wash. William Simmons, S. I. G. Wilmington, Del. John W. Thompson, S. C. G., Washington, D. C.

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James R. Carnahan, Major General, Indianapolis, Ind.

Edwin Lodowitz Brand, Brigadier General and Chief of Staff, Chicago, Ill.

William James McKee, Brigadier General and Adjutant General, Indianapolis, Ind. -:0:-

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Secretary Board of Control, H. B. Stolte, Chicago, Ill.

-:0:-SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

H. J. Anstie, Rathbone Lodge, No. 7, Vancouver. T. Ackerman, Royal Lodge, No. 6, New Westminster.

SUPREME TRIBUNAL.

George E. Seay, Chief Tribune, Dallas, Tex. John H. Mexander, Leesburg, Va. Edward A. Graham, Montgomery, Ala. Benjamin T. Chase, Lewiston, Mc. Frank H. Clarke, Cheyenne, Wyo. W. D. Kennedy, Recorder, Chicago, Ill.

-:0:-SUPREME OFFICERS OF THE RATHBONE SISTERS.

The following officers were elected at the Supreme Lodge meeting just concluded at Indiana-polis: Supreme Chief, Mrs. Jeanette J. S. Nubert, Kansas City; Supreme Senior, Mrs. L. K. Sherman, Cleveland, Ohio: Supreme Junior, Mrs. Dell P. Glaser, Fort Madison, la.: Supreme Manager, Mrs. Hattie A. Ryder, Indianapolis; Supreme Mistress of Records and Correspondence, Mrs. M. D. Woid, Kansas City: Supreme Mistress of Finance, Mrs. Alexine Murray, Levay, Ill.: Supreme Protector, Mrs. Florence Ishoff, Corsicana, Tex.: Supreme Guard, Miss Maggie Hewitt, Portland, Me.

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James Haddow, Grand Chancellor, Northfield. William D. Mearns, Grand Vice-Chancellor, Vancouver.

John W. Graham, Grand Prelate, Rossland. Emil Pferdner, Grand Keeper of Records and Seals, Victoria.

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