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G. R. MAXWELL,

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HONOR.

(Continued from last number.)

Again, a man of honor is one who loves to be just. A man of honor is never unjust, hates injustice, and is himself a personification of the just man. It is fair to say that this is not always characteristic of men either in their judgments of one another, or in their actions to one another. Ruskin, in his book "Roots of Honor," speaks about human actions being guided by the balances of expediency, but to follow expediency at all times, would be to act the grossest injustice to others, while pleasing selfish self. No man can know what will be the ultimate result to himself, or to others, of any given line of conduct, but every man may know, and most of us do know, what is a just or unjust act, and all of us may know also that the consequences of justice will be ultimately the best possible results, both to ourselves and to others. I have said balances of justice, meaning in the term, justice, to include affec-

tion; such affection as one man gives to another; a justice without affection would be a heartless thing. We think that it was this cold abstraction which the poet had in view when he wrote these lines, and which are a scathing denunciation of it:

"Honor, my lord, is much too proud to catch
At every slender twig of nice distinctions.
These, for the unfeeling vulgar, may do well,
But those, whose souls are by the nicer rule
Of virtuous delicacy only swayed,
Stand at another bar than that of laws."

And that other bar is the one to which affection leads us, namely, the bar of love. In speaking of justice, as an element, in what makes a man of honor, we do not refer to the justice of our law courts, or to that justice which is described by Blackstone; that so-called justice is not always satisfactory. But we think of that instinct of the soul, the voice of God within, that imperial justice which that imperial judge called conscience would ever give, and does always give to a man whom we love with all our heart. We do not think of that justice which is harsh, vindictive, spiteful, malicious, cool, calculating, and which often has in view the crushing of a victim whom we hate; but of that which throbs with human affection, expressing itself in that well-known rule, "Do unto others, as ye would that others should do unto you," and which, instead of crushing, lifts up; instead of squeezing, gives the due demanded, and when it finds a man in a tight hole, instead of robbing him of his patrimony, gives him the help which his helplessness appeals for. We talk about the justice of God, and even that is horribly misrepresented. The answer which George Macdonald gives to this is pithy and to the point: "Donald Grant says, the justice of God consists in the punishment of sin. He gives ilka sinner what his sin deserves." Another calls this a one-sided definition of justice, and then adds, "I would say justice means fair play, and the justice of God lies in this, 'at it gives ilka man, beast and deevil fair play.'" Take his other definition, which he gives in "What's Mine's Mine": "The justice of God is the love of what is right, and the doing of what is right." We have sometimes heard the remark made, when two boys were fighting and the one was bigger than the other, "Fair play, boys!" but, in this world of misfortune, of strange vicissitudes, of poverty, of getting into a hole, of unfortunate circumstances, and when the big pounce upon the small, or the strong upon the weak, who cries, "Fair Play"? The man of honor will. He cannot and will not bleed a man, because circumstances have thrown him into his power; he cannot take advantage of a man because he is down, and he cannot seize his poor brother by the throat, demand the last farthing of him which he owes, and he cannot crush his brother either by words, or sneers, or gossip, or deeds, because he loves justice, and justice is

fair, play, and fair play is the love of what is right, and the doing of what is right.

Now, we have been dealing with some of those elements which together enable us to say of a man who possesses them, that he is a man of honor. These elements are inestimably precious and important to all noble living, and hence it is not difficult to imagine why true men have loved and prized this honor. A man's honor—what a depth of meaning lies in these words. Try to pierce his honor, and you touch his heart, and try to purchase his honor, and he will scorn the impious bribe. A man like Falstaff might say, "Honor is a mere escutcheon, and so ends my catechism!" but that is all which we can expect from a man who is not honorable. A man, however, who knows the worth of honor, and for his honor would sacrifice life itself, we expect and we receive from him no words disparaging honor.

When the Duke of Norfolk is accused falsely by King Richard II, he declares:

"Mine honor is my life; both grow in one:
Take honor from me, and my life is done.
Then dear, my liege, mine honor let me try,
In that I live, and for that I will die."

And another of the great men whom Shakespeare has immortalized in deathless story and language, when urged not to do what he had vowed to do, exclaims:

"Mine honor keeps the weather of my fate;
Life every man holds dear; but the dear man
Holds honor far more precious dear than life."

In other walks of life than those already mentioned, we meet with the same love of and pride in honor. We gladly turn to the life of the great Burke, one of the greatest Irishmen that ever lived. He was a man of principle, and his honor was worth more to him than Government preferment, for he told the Premier of his day: "I know the map of England as well as the Noble Lord, or any other person, and I know that the way I take is not the road to preferment." That is a magnificent utterance, for we have in it the revelation of an incorruptible statesman. Brother Knights, is our honor less in our estimation than it was in theirs? Are we willing to trail ours in the dust? Is our hold of it so loose; is our love of it so lukewarm, and is our admiration of it so cold that we can and will permit it to be soiled by ignoble actions? God forbid! We have our tempters and temptations to-day as all men have had. One thing and another appeal to us to throw our honor to the dogs, and gain by dishonor. Forbid the thought; crush the vain desire, and resist man-

fully what would wreck and otherwise ruin noble manhood. We sometimes hear the expression, "Honor among thieves," but we want to-day honor among men who profess to be honest, truthful, and just men. We want and need a race of men to-day, that, when each says: "Upon my honor," it will be the synonym of sterling uprightness and justice, so that the very sight of such heavenly excellences, will drive into the haunts of reptilian broods, all who will not be men. Be loyal to your honor. Build it up; strengthen it in every way you possibly can; add to it day by day, by thinking and doing noble things, until your companions will be constrained to say: "There goes a man." That is good advice which Schiller gives us:

"Do what is good, and humanity's godlike plant
thou wilt nourish;
Plan what is fair, and thou'lt strew seeds of the
godlike around."

We rejoice in the fact that Pythianism enforces the need of possessing, using and manifesting this virtue called honor. We demand that among the brethren, among Knights, there shall be nothing dishonorable. In the tragedy of "The Fatal Falsehood," by Hannah More, when Orlando and Rivers have drawn their swords, and are about to engage in a bloody conflict, Emmelius steps in between them, and pleads with each not to use his arms against a brother. Rivers exclaims, "Is honor nothing?" and there comes this beautiful reply:

"Honor! O, yes, I know him. 'Tis a phantom;

A shadowy figure wanting bulk and life,
Who, having nothing solid in himself,
Wraps his thin form in virtue's plunder'd robe,
And steals her title. Honor! 'tis the fiend
Who feeds on orphans' tears and widows'
groans,
And slakes his impious thirst in brother's
blood.

Honor! Why, 'tis the primal law of hell;
The grand device to people the dark realms
With noble spirits, who, but for the curst honor
Had been at peace on earth, or bless'd in heaven.

With this false honor, Christians have no commerce,
Religion disavows, and truth disowns it."

And so does Pythian Knighthood. This false honor, thank God, is largely a thing of the past. You feed not on the tears of the orphans, but you dry them and make their faces radiant

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with smiles. You add not bitterness to the groans of the widow, but you try to console and comfort. You slake not your thirst in a brother's blood, but your passion is to be a source of life and helpfulness to every brother. You do not peopple the dark realm with noble spirits, but your ambition is to people both earth and heaven with all that is noblest and best in man. Not war—save war against what is ignoble and dishonorable—but peace and good will to men is the noble sentiment which actuates you. For the multiplying of such characters, we bid you God speed, and we pray that Pythianism may have such men in her Castle halls, and send them out into business, to the workshop and society, there in such places to manifest an honor as pure and as beautiful as a lily.

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A SHEET-ANCHOR AND DEFENCE.

At no period in the history of the world has the question of co-operation, in all its phases, commanded such universal attention; and while in this country it has entered only a few special fields of endeavor, as compared with its operations in Europe, yet in those where it has sown the seed it has made phenomenal growth. In England where co-operation and profit-sharing had its birth, and where it has grown to such wonderful proportions, it has boldly and successfully entered into every line of commerce and demonstrated its feasibility—it has gone farther; it has grasped the reins of government in great municipalities and shown to the world what the people can accomplish when hand joins hand for mutual advancement.

The particular phase of co-operation which seems especially to have commanded the attention and confidence of the people of this country has been that which is better known by the name of "fraternal insurance," as distinctive from that class of life insurance which is carried on by the "old-line" companies. During the last quarter of the present century the growth of these fraternal insurance societies has been simply wonderful, spreading as they have from ocean to ocean, counting the aggregate member-

ship by millions, and their beneficence by the hundreds of millions of dollars. In connection with one of these, peculiar in its character and history, "The Monitor" desires to say a word here, believing that the lessons taught by the story and experience of this splendid and substantial organization may be a guide to those who come after, and good counsel for some already in existence—the institution to which we particularly refer is the Endowment Rank of the Order of Knights of Pythias.

The Order of Knights of Pythias, as originally organized, had no insurance department—it was thirteen years old when it concluded to provide an additional rank or degree, based on the insurance of the lives of those who entered it—thus the Knights of Pythias differed from all other organizations, in that it had an already organized community from which to draw, thus enabling it at once to obtain well selected risks. The Endowment Rank was started as a purely voluntary proposition, organized for the furnishing to Pythians indemnity at cost. Early in its history, perceiving the value, importance and responsibilities of this department, the Supreme Lodge of that Order removed the one-man-power system by which it had heretofore been directed and placed it under the direction of a "Board of Control," which has managed its affairs ever since, and brought it to the high plane which it occupies to-day. This Board has been its sheet-anchor and defence, its strength and mainstay, and the direct cause of the phenomenal success of this branch of Pythian Knighthood. And right here is the point to which "The Monitor" would call attention. When this Board of Control was placed at the head of the Endowment Rank, it went at its work courageously—it made no delay—there was no "to-morrow" with it—it had a duty to perform, and it did it—it found the rates faulty—it re-rated every one—it established true co-operation and started in with a determination first to make its department sound. Then it established rules and regulations—and now comes the secret of all the success which has come to the Endowment Rank of Knights of Pythias—free from sentiment, influence, favor or affection, it enforced its own rules—no harsh or

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strained construction was placed upon them, but if a rule was plainly violated, the penalty followed. Thus, along thoroughly business lines has the work of this organization been conducted, bringing about those results which can only follow that firm, prudent and sagacious management absolutely essential to the safety and success of co-operative systems of every kind. The last published report of its officers is a strong confirmation of what is here said. It shows that all through the years of the stagnant and depressed condition of the trade and commerce of this country, the Endowment Rank has unfalteringly added to its membership and resources—through all that which proved a period of loss and disaster to so many kindred organizations, it thrived, grew and flourished. To-day it has the absolute confidence of its membership—they know that its affairs are directed by men of strong purpose and integrity, men who for years have given their time and best talent unsparingly to its upbuilding, men to whom the advancement of the best interests of Pythian Knighthood rises above all ambitions for preferment or place.—“Fraternal Monitor.”

GRAND LODGE REPORT.

To the Editor of the True Knight.

Dear Sir and Brother,—As it may prove interesting matter for your readers, I enclose a copy of the report furnished the Supreme Lodge by this Grand Domain. I am sorry to state that, owing to some of the subordinate lodges failing to make their report, as according to law, the Supreme Lodge report could not be compiled sooner, the last subordinate lodge report only reaching this office on March 11th.

SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP.

Number of members, December 31st, 1897 ..	1325
Initiated during the year 1898.. .. .	169
Reinstated during the year 1898.. .. .	16
Admitted by card during the year 1898.. ..	16
Total.....	1526

DEDUCTIONS.

Suspended during the year 1898.. .. .	176
Expelled during the year 1898.. .. .	2
Withdrawn during the year 1898.. .. .	10
Died during the year 1898.. .. .	6
Total.....	194

Number of members, December 31st, 1898.. 1332

SUMMARY OF RANK.

Fast Grand Chancellors.. .. .	9
Past Chancellors.. .. .	24
Knights.. .. .	1967
Esquires.. .. .	3
Pages.. .. .	6
Total.. .. .	1332

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Grand Lodge.

Cash on hand, December 31st, 1897.. .. .	\$ 237 44
Receipts during the year.. .. .	1699 40
Total.. .. .	\$1936 84
Disbursements.. .. .	1614 35
Cash on hand, December 31st, 1898.. .. .	322 49
Total as above.. .. .	\$1936 84

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Cash on hand, December 31st, 1897.. ..	\$12309 8
Receipts during the year.. .. .	22353 4
Total.. .. .	\$34663 3
Disbursements:	
For sick benefits	\$6796 4
For funeral benefits	582 1
For other relief.. .. .	\$11 9
For widows and orphans.. .. .	35 0
Total for relief	\$8225 4
Current expenses.. .. .	6854 3
Paraphernalia and supplies.. .. .	800 3
Invested during the year.. .. .	2534 1
Cash on hand, December 31st, 1898.. ..	16249 0
Total as above.. .. .	\$34663 3

Fraternally yours,

EMIL PFERDNER,
G. K. R. S.

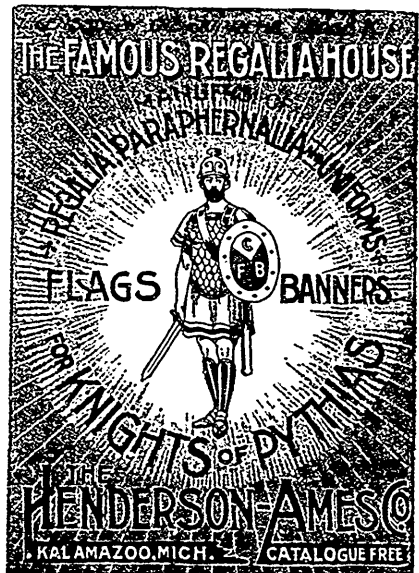
FROM RATHBONE.

To the Editor of the True Knight.

Dear Sir and Brother,—We have little to tell you for this number, as your correspondent has been moving, and was therefore unable to devote much time to writing, but will try and give you as much news in a nut-shell as is possible.

Our Lodge roster now has another name added to its list, and one of the outer world has entered our secret chambers, having the rank of Knight conferred on him. Bro. Simpson is the latest.

Bro. W. T. Whiteway, late of the Maritime Provinces, gave us a call and spoke at some length about the Order in the Far East. He also complimented the Knights of this city on the able manner in which they did their Rank work. Bro. Whiteway has opened an architect's office in our city, and I think I voice the sentiments of our brothers in wishing him every success.



We had a large attendance on the 10th instant, when Bro. Simpson decided to undertake the Third.

We regret to hear of Bro. Mayward's illness, but hope that he has fully recovered ere this goes to press.

Bro. Robert Brooke has an able assistant in Bro. Grady. One evening he brought in the dues from not less than six members. He is quite a "rustler."

Our C. C., Bro. Maxwell, is away at Ottawa, looking after the city's interests, and our V. C., Br. Gibson, has ably filled the chair during his absence.

Sir Knight, Bro. Captain John Crowe, has paid us a visit. A more genial-hearted brother it would be hard to find.

I am one day behind in getting this to the Editor, and am running chances of its being in time for the press, so will have to make up for lost time in our next issue.

ARTHUR T. CROOK.

Rathbone Lodge, No. 7, March 20th.

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FROM KAMLOOPS.

To the Editor of the True Knight.

Dear Sir and Brother,—At our last meeting we had the pleasure of a visit from our G. C., Bro. Haddow, and listened with pleasure to his address on questions pertaining to the good of the Order. Bro. Sieverite, of Vernon, was also with us and gave a most eloquent address on the principles of Pythianism. In the course of the evening, we tested two esquires in the rank of Knight. I would like to tell you more news, but this is enough for print.

J. L. BROWN.

Kamloops Lodge, March 25th.

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FROM DUNCAN.

To the Editor of the True Knight.

Dear Sir and Brother,—Our Grand Lodge representatives will shortly meet in Grand Lodge

Convention in the city of Victoria. I would bring to their notice, through the True Knight, how a large saving may be made in the expenses of Grand Lodge sessions, namely, by fixing the place of meeting for next Grand Lodge session, before the election of Grand Lodge officers, and then electing the officers for the more subordinate positions from the place of meeting, or places as near thereto as possible. By this means the Grand Lodge would be able to accept the invitation of our Rossland brothers to hold a Grand Lodge convention in that progressing city. Now, if we take the coming session, to be held in Victoria, a saving of nearly \$200 would have made if the officers who are to come from the Upper Country had been elected from Victoria. I find by the Grand Lodge report of 1896, held in Nanaimo (which was the last session held on the Island), that it cost the Grand Lodge \$92 to bring Bro. Graham from Rossland to that session; \$53 for Bro. J. L. Brown from Kamloops; \$66 for Bro. Goulet from Vernon. Now, Mr. Editor, I have not a word but of praise for all three brothers, and must plead guilty for having voted for each of the brothers for the positions they at present occupy, and would be pleased to see each of the brothers occupy the highest position in the gift of the Grand Lodge. But the point I wish to make is that, by taking the very best men possible for the most important offices, and filling the lesser ones from the next place of meeting, the Grand Lodge would not be so cramped for funds as to be compelled to refuse invitations from cities which have every right to have a Grand Lodge convention held within their precincts; for, after all is said and done, it is simply a business proposition how to accomplish what good we can with the limited amount of funds at the disposal of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally yours in F. C. & B.,

JOHN N. EVANS.

Duncan Lodge, March 20th.

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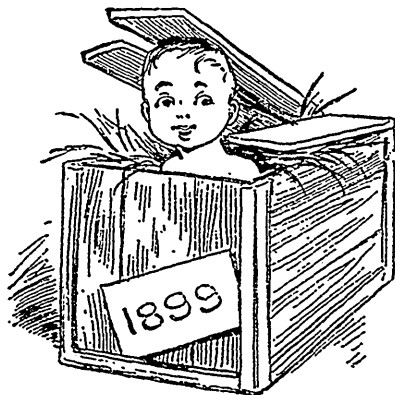
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James L. Brown, Grand Master at Arms, Kam-
loops.

Edward V. Goulet, Grand Inner Guard, Vernon.

Robert Sample, Grand Outer Guard, New West-
minster.

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FROM NEW DENVER.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—Next Sunday morn-
ing the members of No. 22 will par-
ade to the Presbyterian Church for the
purpose of listening to their anniversary ser-
mon, which will be preached by Rev. Bro. Cle-
land, of Sandon. An invitation has been extend-
ed to the brethren of Sandon Lodge to join in
the affair, as well as the Uniform Rank of that
city. An influential committee will meet the
brethren at the train and will escort them to
the Castle Hall, where the procession will form
up and, headed by the brass band of this town,
march through the principal streets to the
church. The second anniversary of the Lodge
took place the latter part of February, but this
is the first opportunity we have had of com-
memorating the event, and we join with it our
tribute to another Pythian milestone. No. 22
is just two years old and has proved itself a
very lusty youngster, while the future has no
terrors. Altogether we look for good results
to ensue from the anniversary services.

Bro. J. Boves, of Silverton, has returned from
a visit to friends in Ontario. Contrary to ex-
pectation, he returned alone, much to the re-
gret of those who were preparing a warm re-
ception for him. However, there is hope for the
future.

Bros. Shannon and McGillivray have struck
luck within the past few days, their noted Nee-
pawa mine, on Ten-Mile Creek, having shown
up a fine body of shipping ore. They have
waited long for it, but it has come at last to
them, and none are more pleased at their good
luck than are their brethren of No. 22.

Our Lodge has sent an important resolution
to the Grand Lodge for the amendment of the
Statutes, affecting the holder of a transfer card.
The same proposition came before the Kam-
loops meeting of the Grand Lodge last year, at
the instance of Bro. Nelson, our representative,
but, after two hours' wrestling, the committee
shuffled out of it. The point involved is this:
A brother desires to become identified with the
lodge in the town in which he is residing,
though a member of another lodge in some other
place. He secures a transfer card and deposits
in the lodge in question. The latter takes ac-
tion similar to that upon an application for
membership, which, for example, results favor-
ably to the applicant. He then finds that,

should he be taken ill, he is entitled merely to
the minimum provision therefor until he has
been a member of the lodge for the space of
six months. That is the proviso in force in the
By-laws of No. 22. The brother so affected,
say, has been a member of the Order for years,
but the moment he takes out his transfer card
from his parent lodge, that moment he loses
all claim upon it for sick benefits in case of
sudden illness. At the same time the lodge he
is seeking to join may delay action upon his
transfer card. He therefore finds himself in the
position of being a bona fide member of the
Order, with no resource for sick benefits in case
of illness. Another point is that the brother,
though fully entitled to full benefits in his par-
ent lodge up to the time of leaving it, can
claim merely the minimum benefit in his new
Pythian home until six months have passed.
This is the question that No. 22 has sent to
the Grand Lodge for adjustment, for there is
manifestly an injustice and hardship being
worked by the statutes as at present existing.

Bro. P. A. Munro has been installed as Out-
side Guard, and right well does he fill his posi-
tion.

Bro. Clever, with his estimable wife and
family, have just returned from Honolulu, where
they spent the Winter. He is as welcome back
as the flowers of Spring.

On the 30th instant No. 22 will hold another
of their popular "At Homes," and it is expect-
ed the affair will prove as great a success as
the initial effort last Fall. The general public
highly appreciate the efforts of the Lodge to
provide means of entertainment and instruc-
tion.

One rank of Esquire and two of Knight have
been conferred since last writing, Bros. Lloyd
and Knowles passing through the ordeal with
credit. They now know what it means to be a
Pythian Knight.

Bro. Evans, of Duncan Lodge, is to be con-
gratulated upon the efforts he is making to re-
scue the fraternal side of our Order from anni-
hilation at the instance of the benefit and in-
surance departments. There can be little doubt
but that too much stress is being laid upon the
latter issues, to the great detriment of the
social and intellectual development of the mem-
bers. It is sincerely to be hoped that our Order
will not develop into a huge life-insurance ma-
chine, for the moment it does, that moment the
personnel of the Society will deteriorate.

Welcome Spring weather has at last made its
appearance, for the past Winter has been most
tedious and severe.

Pythianism is much in evidence in the Koo-
tenays, and it is certain to increase. The latest
proof of this may be seen in the organisation
of an Uniform Rank at Nelson. Every success
to the Sir Knights of the county town.

C. E. SMITHERINGALE.
New Denver Lodge, No. 22, March 16th.

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FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—March 11th, 1899, will be reckoned hereafter a red letter day by Wellington Lodge, No. 2, and Damon Lodge, No. 3. On that day, the former Lodge celebrated its fifteenth anniversary. Grand Chancellor Had-dow and G. K. R. S., E. Pferdner, attended, together with a number of Knights from North-field, Nanaimo and Victoria. The attendance at the meeting was very good, and the Grand Chancellor attended officially. His address to the Lodge on various subjects pertaining to the good of the Order was not only eloquent but contained suggestions which will no doubt be followed by good results. The Grand Chancellor also conferred the Grand Lodge rank on a number of past chancellors, entitled thereto, the ceremony being conducted with dignified impressiveness, thereby teaching another lesson to those who have attained the highest honor that their lodges can bestow upon them.

The meeting was followed by a banquet which, for excellent service and variety of good things for the inner man, could not be excelled. Above all, our brothers of Wellington know how to entertain and have the happy faculty of knowing how to make the visitor feel at home. The banquet over, the brothers adjourned to another room in the same building and spent happy hours in song and musical selections as well as short addresses and recitations, P. C., J. W. Lewis, a Charter member of Wellington Lodge, No. 2, officiating as Toastmaster, and doing it as unto the manor born. Wellington Lodge has now a membership of over a hundred, having made very large gains within the past six months. It is no wonder, for a better lot of Knights it would be difficult to assemble anywhere. And better than all, every one of

that hundred and over is in good standing, as we were assured by the M. of F., Bro. James McMullen, P. C. Truly a great record. With such members and officers looking after the interests of the Lodge, there need be no fear that the celebration of anniversaries will ever come to an end.

E. PFERDNER.

SECOND SUPPLEMENT TO SUPREME STATUTES.

The Grand Lodge Convention to be held in the City of Victoria, commencing Tuesday, May 9th next, should be of interest to every member of the Order in this Domain. The subordinate lodges should look well into our laws, and instruct their representatives as to the desires of their respective lodges. The recent session of the Supreme Lodge enacted many changes in our laws, some of which may be of interest to the membership in this Domain. All lodges should be in possession of copies of amendments and changes as furnished by the S. K. of R. & S., for the benefit of our membership. We print a copy of the Supplement No. 2, of the Supreme Statutes, herewith:

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED.

Supreme Constitution.

Article VII., Section 6.—A supreme representative, at the time of his election or appointment, must be a past grand chancellor in good standing in his grand lodge and in a subordinate lodge within its domain, not the holder at any time during his term of any office in his grand lodge, and during all of such term an actual and bona fide resident of the domain of such grand lodge; and should a supreme representative become not in good standing in or cease to be a member of his grand lodge and of a subordinate lodge within its domain, or should he

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accept and hold any office in his grand lodge, or should he become other than an actual and bona fide resident of the domain of his grand lodge, then, or in either of such cases, his rights as a supreme representative shall cease and determine, and a vacancy shall be held to exist in such position.

In effect September 1st, 1898.

12. Repealed.

In effect October 31st, 1898.

26. The revenue of the Supreme Government shall be derived from a per capita tax, fees for warrants and the sale of supplies.

In effect December 31st, 1898.

27. Each grand lodge shall pay to the Supreme Lodge, semi-annually, on the first days of April and October, each year, such per capita tax as may be determined by resolution at each biennial convention of the Supreme Lodge, for each member in good standing on the 31st day of December next preceding; and the first semi-annual payment of the per capita tax herein provided shall be due and payable on or before the first day of October, 1899. Provided, that if the tax herein provided for shall not be paid at the dates named, a penalty shall be added of one dollar per day for every day that shall elapse until the same shall be paid; provided, also, that until the said per capita tax and the penalty, if any, shall be paid, the grand domain so delinquent shall not be entitled to representation in the Supreme Lodge, and the Supreme Chancellor shall in his discretion arrest its charter.

In effect December 31st, 1898.

31. All official jewels and the following printed supplies may be obtained only from the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, the Supreme Lodge reserving the exclusive right to provide the same, to-wit: Charters, rituals, installation books, ceremonials, question books, official receipts, transfer cards, withdrawal cards, grand lodge cards, travelling shields, second rank blanks, orders for S. A. P. W., Supreme constitution and statutes, credentials of honor, decision of the Supreme Tribunal and official record.

In effect October 31st, 1898.

37. On and after January 1st, 1899, the supplies and printed matter referred to in Section 31 shall be sold to grand lodges at prices to be fixed by the Committee on Printing and Supplies; provided, that the prices for jewels and official receipts shall not exceed twenty-five per cent. profit upon their actual cost.

In effect October 31st, 1898.

39. The Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal shall enter upon the duties of his office immediately after his installation. He shall attend all the conventions of the Supreme Lodge, and every session of each convention, and keep a true and comprehensive record of all the proceedings thereof, which, when printed, shall be styled and cited as the "Official Record of the Proceedings of the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias," and he shall cause the same to be printed, and shall transmit to each grand lodge as many copies thereof as the grand lodge has past grand chancellors, ritualistic officers and subordinate lodges, one copy to each subordinate lodge not within the domain of a grand lodge, and two copies to the office of the Record-

er of the Supreme Tribunal. He shall have charge of the archives, seal, books, papers and similar property of the Supreme Lodge, and of the sale of all supplies; conduct the official correspondence of the Supreme Lodge; prepare all warrants and charters for grand lodges, and all warrants for subordinate lodges not within the domain of a grand lodge; keep a roster of all the past grand chancellors entitled to admission to the Supreme Lodge, and perform all other services which may from time to time be required of him by the Supreme Lodge.

In effect October 31st, 1898.

104. Repealed.

In effect October 31st, 1898.

105. Repealed.

In effect October 31st, 1898.

106. Repealed.

In effect October 31st, 1898.

107. Repealed.

In effect October 31st, 1898.

108. Repealed.

In effect October 31st, 1898.

109. Repealed.

In effect October 31st, 1898.

110. All jewels of the Order, except those for the Uniform Rank, shall be supplied by the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, at such prices as may be fixed by the Committee on Printing and Supplies from time to time, to persons legally entitled to procure them; and it shall not be lawful for any lodge, body or member of the Order to procure, wear or be in possession of any jewel, or any imitation thereof, except such as shall have been obtained from the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, either directly or through the proper grand lodge; provided that this section shall not apply to jewels of the approved design, heretofore presented to or in possession of any member of the Order, which have been properly attested by the impression of the Great Seal of the Supreme Lodge.

In effect October 31st, 1898.

265. A page, esquire or knight shall be considered to be in good standing in the subordinate lodge of which he is a member:

Par. 1. If he is not under suspension from membership for the non-payment of arrearages or for other causes.

Par. 2. If he has not renounced the Order.

In effect October 26th, 1898.

266. A past chancellor, upon whom has been conferred the Grand Lodge rank, shall be considered to be in good standing in the grand lodge of which he is a member:

Par. 1. If he is in good standing in the subordinate lodge of which he is a member.

Par. 2. If he is not under suspension from membership in such grand lodge; and

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Par. 3. If the subordinate lodge of which he is a member shall not be under suspension for any cause.

In effect October 26th, 1898.

267. A past grand chancellor, upon whom has been conferred the Supreme Lodge rank, shall be considered to be in good standing in the Supreme Lodge:

Par. 1. If he is in good standing in a subordinate and a grand lodge.

Par. 2. If he is not under suspension in the Supreme Lodge.

Par. 3. If the grand lodge of which he is a member is not under suspension for any cause, or its charter is not revoked.

In effect October 26th, 1898.

274. A subordinate lodge, subject to the legislation of its grand lodge, may establish the fee to accompany an application for affiliation by the deposit of a transfer card and for the issue of such cards. A subordinate lodge not within the domain of a grand lodge may fix such fee, provided that no affiliation fee in such lodge shall exceed one-half the fee required by it for the three ranks of Knighthood. The fee for the issuance of a transfer card shall be one dollar.

In effect October 29th, 1898.

293. A former member of the Order, who was suspended from membership in his subordinate lodge and in the order for the non-payment of arrearages, who desires to be restored to such membership, may make application therefor to the subordinate lodge by which he was so suspended. Such application shall be accompanied by such sum as the by-laws of such lodge may prescribe for reinstatement, which amount shall not exceed one year's dues.

In effect October 31st, 1898.

326. The fee to be charged by a subordinate lodge for reinstatement to membership therein of a member suspended for non-payment of arrearages shall be as prescribed by the Grand Lodge having jurisdiction. The total amount of the reinstatement fee must be paid into the exchequer of the lodge before an applicant for reinstatement can be legally restored to membership, which amount shall not exceed one year's dues.

In effect October 31st, 1898.

TITLE IV, CHAPTER XXI.

Relating to the Reinstatement of expelled Members.

354a. If a member who has been expelled shall desire reinstatement, he may petition the grand chancellor of the grand domain in which the lodge by which he was expelled is located, for permission to apply to such lodge for reinstatement. He shall accompany such petition with a full statement of the facts upon which he relies to justify his application, and by proof that he has notified the lodge of his intention to make such petition. If such petition be granted by the grand chancellor, the petitioner may thereupon make application to the lodge by which he was expelled for reinstatement, and such lodge may, after hearing, grant the application for reinstatement; provided at least one week's notice has been given to every member of such lodge of the meeting at which action thereon will be taken, and provided, also, that not less than two-thirds of the members present at such meeting, and entitled to vote, shall vote in favor thereof.

In effect August 27th, 1898.

354b. When a lodge by whose action a member has been expelled becomes defunct, he may petition the grand chancellor of the domain in which such defunct lodge was located for reinstatement to membership in the Order. He shall accompany such petition with a full statement of the facts upon which he relies to justify his application; whereupon, the grand chancellor shall make such investigation as he may deem advisable and necessary as to the propriety of granting the petition, and shall submit the petition, together with the results of his investigation, to the grand lodge at its next convention. Should the grand lodge grant the petition by a two-thirds vote of the members present, the grand chancellor shall direct the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to issue to the applicant a grand lodge card, and shall cause to be endorsed on back of same a brief statement of the facts in the case. The fee for the issuance of the grand lodge card shall be governed by the statutes of the domain providing for the issuance of grand lodge cards.

In effect August 27th, 1898.

401. Repealed.

In effect October 31st, 1898.

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SUPREME STANDING COMMITTEES.

Headquarters Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, Indianapolis, Ind., February 22nd, 1899.

General Orders, No. 5.

I. By reason of the fact that several vacancies have occurred on the Standing Committees of the Supreme Assembly, through expiration of term of service, death or resignation of brigadier-generals heretofore appointed on these committees, the Major-General hereby announces the following committees for the Supreme Assembly of 1899:

Finance Committee.

Brigadier-General James R. Ross, Indianapolis, Ind.

Brigadier-General Daniel J. Turner, Norfolk, Va.

Brigadier-General Wesley G. Smith, Portland, Me.

Rules and Regulations.

Brigadier-General James H. Barkley, Springfield, Ills.

Brigadier-General William H. Loomis, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Brigadier-General Henry C. Buckingham, 119 Broadway, New York City, N. Y.

Mileage and Per Diem.

Brigadier-General Joseph H. Lyon, Leavenworth, Kan.

Brigadier-General Walter H. Starbird, Pittsburgh, Penn.

Brigadier-General Samuel B. Hopkins, Dallas, Texas.

Appeals and Grievances.

Brigadier-General Harry A. Bigelow, Seattle, Wash.

Brigadier-General Francis H. DeCastro, Kimball, Neb.

Brigadier-General Chauncey B. Hoyt, Portsmouth, N. H.

Revenue.

Brigadier-General J. Mitchell Reese, Phillipsburg, N. J.

Brigadier-General Russell O. Philpot, Owatonna, Minn.

Brigadier-General Thomas W. Minshall, Cleveland, Ohio.

Law.

Brigadier-General Frank Barry, Milwaukee, Wis.

Brigadier-General Charles F. McGlashin, Truckee, Cal.

Brigadier-General Romaine A. Chapman, Middletown, Conn.

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Brigadier-General Richard F. Harmon, Savannah, Ga.

Brigadier-General Paul M. Foss, 2 Mercer St., S. Boston, Mass.

Brigadier-General Julien C. Manchester, Ottumwa, Iowa.

II. The Major-General wishes to call the attention not only of the brigadier-generals, but also of all other officers and members of the Rank, to the importance of preparing and forwarding to the Major-General such propositions for amendments to the Rules and Regulations, or any other proposition that it may be desired should be presented to the Supreme Assembly of 1899, for action. All documents must be prepared and sent in duplicate. As soon as any such document requiring action by the Supreme Assembly shall be received by the Major-General it will be forwarded to the chairman of the proper committee, to the end that the committee may be fully prepared to make report and recommendations thereon upon the convening of the Supreme Assembly early in May.

III. The chairman of each committee will, immediately upon receipt of any matter referred to him, send copy of the same to each member of his committee and by correspondence with his committee, be prepared to submit a report thereon for consideration at the opening of the Supreme Assembly. The consideration of all such documents will be called for on the first day of the Assembly.

By command of Major-General Carnahan.

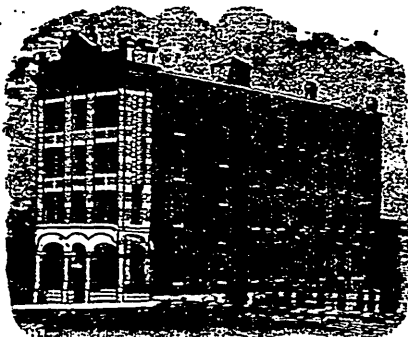
GEO. W. POWELL,
Adjutant-General.

DEATH OF COLONEL EDWARD Mc-
CONVILLE, A. D. C.

Headquarters Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, Indianapolis, February 22nd, 1899.

General Order, No. 4.

The Major-General has received the particu-



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bars of the death of Colonel Edward McConville, A. D. C. on the staff of the Major-General, who was killed while in command of his battalion in the battle near Manila, Sunday, February 5th, 1899.

At the opening of the Spanish-American War, Colonel McConville accepted a commission as Major in the First Regiment of Idaho. This regiment was one of the first to be sent to Manila, and Major McConville was constantly on duty with his regiment until his death.

Brigadier-General Charles King, a graduate of West Point and a soldier of the war of 1861-'65, who was in command of the brigade at Manila, to which the First Idaho Regiment was attached, in his report of the battle near Manila, February 5th, says:

"Gallant old Major McConville, of the Idahos, got his last order from the lips of the Brigade Commander as together they rode across the Santa Ana bridge, and his death wound was received while he was leading his men into the attack of the crowding masses of Filipinos. The fight was particularly fierce in front of the left wing, where the Insurgents doggedly held on to a redoubt in front of Pandacan, where McConville attacked."

So, surrounded by his comrades, in the discharge of his duty as an American soldier and a patriot, Edward McConville, our Knightly brother, met his death just as victory perched upon the colors of his regiment, borne by his son, who was the color-bearer of the regiment.

In this death, grievous though it is, the Uniform Rank is honored and the Order of Knights of Pythias is glorified. Let the name of Edward McConville, the true Knight, the patriot, the gallant American soldier, be entered upon a page of the records of every company of this Rank with the following record:

Edward McConville, Past Lieutenant-Colonel, First Regiment Idaho U. R. K. P.

Colonel and A. D. C., staff of the Major-General.

Major, First Regiment Idaho, U. S. Volunteers.

Killed in command of his troops in the battle at Manila, February 5th, 1899.

By command of Major-General Carnahan.

GEO. W. POWELL,
Adjutant-General.

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EASTER.

All nature springs anew to life, the trees put on their Summer garb and man rejoices in the warmth felt now by anticipation. And as we thus rejoice, our minds turn, start upward to that sphere to which they have belonged and will belong again. Love fills our hearts and they respond thereto and look on love—the love of the ages—given for man. For what is Easter, but Love's highest sacrifice, or, speaking more correctly, the final victory arising from that sacrifice—showing as it does what Love alone can do? Our beloved Order teaches, puts forth as its greatest object lesson, the love of a man for his friend, whilst that great festival, which at this time so great a part of the world celebrates, is in memory of the love of the One for many fallen, yet still His own, teaching, as it

will ever do, the greatest lesson man can learn. Of the greater truths that Easter holds, I may not speak here; let it suffice to say that there is no greater one therein than this, that one has to die to live.

To become that which all true men long to be, self must die; we must not be ever seeking wealth, fame or glory, but the betterment of mankind; that must be our one ambition. Our own interests as individuals must be sacrificed to the one interest of mankind. We must ever strive and strive, till at last mankind (not we alone) has won that which it now stands deprived of by its folly of the past. The way to attain this end is straight and narrow: "Love God with all thy heart, thy neighbor as thyself"; and as one said to me but a day or two ago: Love thy neighbor as thy second self, even as if he were (and he is too) another production of thy self—a man like unto that thou art"; with a heart like thine to feel and to suffer with; a brain like thine to think with:

"And eyes like thine
That brighter shine
With the love from thine
In his own reflected."

Yes, my brothers, be the Christ God or Man, he still lives and will ever live. His life is with us—let it not stand but as a reproach to the lives we live; nay, rather, as a stimulant to us that shall revive in us the "Soul life" so nearly dead. What greater blot have we as men placed on humanity than this killing of One so good and true? What greater glory can we render to the God who made us than by trying in some small way to grow better, truer, nobler, by drinking into ourselves some of that Love that helped Him to die? Is not Easter a time of, awaking to a new and better life? Why then, should we sleep on and idly let pass another chance to learn that which angels waited thousands of years to see? The world grows better, yes, and Easter will not have been in vain if we awake to live as true Knights should.

REGINALD RIVERS.

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FOUND AT LAST.

Some years ago, when travelling rather aimlessly, perhaps, from place to place, I happened to stop over in a town, of the then future, and not having anything else to do, managed to persuade myself that I would like to be present at an organ recital, being given that same evening at one of the leading churches. It was a rather boresome affair; number succeeded number until the first part was over and the second was about to begin. Only a violin solo, to be played by such an insignificant kind of a fel-

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low to ; he was horribly nervous, almost broke down, stopped in fact and returned; started again nearly as badly. His instrument was a beautiful one, but the playing was execrable, so much so that the people were becoming restless. I was watching his face closely, and it was indeed a study; not an old or disagreeable face by any means, but sad and careworn; neither young, nor old, yet with strength of character written in every line of it. I liked his face, and as I watched him, his playing seemed to improve and the listeners grew quiet again. The piece was unknown, yet familiar; it seemed to grow into one, absorb one, and as it proceeded I gradually became unconscious of all but the player; deaf to all else but that violin and its accompanying organ. Memories of the long ago came crowding in on my mind and some strange yearning from a heart I had thought was dead, almost stifled me; that face so careworn, so troubled before, had undergone a wonderful change; the lines had vanished, the eyes brightened and a smile of rare beauty parted his lips. Why should this music affect me so strangely? I seemed to hate myself for being so mean; lofty, noble ambitions seemed to fill my soul, and I, the cynic and the unbeliever, longed to love again the good and true. And ever as these thoughts strove to master me the player's eyes regarded me, burning their way into my very soul, asking me, as it were, to remember something I had for years striven to forget. I could not, next would not, and finally only wished undone one of the meanest acts in an earlier time in my life. Scarcely was I conscious of my wish, when those eyes grew tender, loving and a softer strain than all ran through the music: telling of love and pardon; rising and falling in sweetest melody; growing in depth of tone; rejoicing in purity of sound, and ever as he played working up to some grand finale, wherein the notes, to my heightened fancy, seemed to change to angels rejoicing in happy chorus, even as if over some poor lost sinner just redeemed.

I fell unconscious. The first thing I remember on coming to, was that violinist leaning over me, grasping my hand as I lay, whilst some kind person damped my brow. The violinist was my own brother, who, in years before, I had cruelly wronged, and whom I deemed dead; he had recognized me in the audience, and that violin, so poorly played at first, and ending in such a triumphant burst of sound, told that audience, had they but known it, of a pardoned wrong and a reunited brotherhood. Only the story of two lives.

REGINALD RIVERS.

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ONLY A DINING-ROOM GIRL.

"Well, old chap, so you have come to stay in this Western town? Going to live here? Glad of it; reminds me of old days."

And as I grasped my old school chum's hand, I looked him up and down. The same, yet not the same. Surely five years could not change a fellow so; five years could not make him look so old; and that scar across his forehead used not to be there. Harry always was a queer sort; did not like to be asked questions; was

slow to confide; yet told me much when he felt like it, so I patiently waited knowing my proud, sensitive companion well.

We had perhaps walked half a block when he startled me by saying: "You must call on us; I want you to meet my wife."

"Meet your what?" I gasped.

"I said my wife," he rejoined.

"But—but—you are not married, surely," I stammered; "you never told me or wrote about it."

"I am just telling you now. Come, get accustomed to it. I know she was only a dining-room girl and the mater was awfully huffed at first—only at first. Say, Dick, would you like to hear a story? You have been looking at my scar for fully five minutes."

"Oh, I beg your pardon," I said.

"No need, dear boy; it does look beastly bad; but I like it, and so will you when I tell you all. That scar brought me my wife.

"You remember I used to board at Hasselton's Hotel in Squaretown some years ago; that big old frame structure-sort of fire-trap business. Used to be rather pretty girls there, too; quieter than usual; 'superior, decidedly superior,' the mater would have called them, and the quietest of them all was Eva, so shy at first; it was her first place, and there was one big chap there, an indifferent kind of cuss, remarkable only for being the worst man about town, and he seemed to take a fancy to Eva, but meant no good. He had lots of money; used to buy her rings and things, and she got to going with him, much to the disgust of the others, and more to my chagrin than I liked to admit. I liked Eva.

"One day she was unusually nervous; looked worried; almost ready to cry, and I asked her what was up, but she would not tell; 'Oh, nothing,' she said. 'Yes there is,' I replied, and made some passing remark by way of consolation.

That same night the hotel was burned, and I nearly killed; struck on the head by something for not waking up soon enough to get out in time. Would you believe it, that little Eva turned nurse and brought me back to health, and it was not until after we were married that I knew it was Eva saved my life; found me stunned and dragged me through the stifling smoke to safety, and when I tried to thank her, she said she owed me more than I owed her; said my kind words that day had saved her from—Oh well, don't let us think of him any more; that 'indifferent kind of a cuss' left town, and came to a cultus end shortly after the fire. Let's go and see the wife."

REGINALD RIVERS.

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PYTHIAN HEADQUARTERS.

Visitors to Victoria, for the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge in May, should not fail to take advantage of the opportunity that will thus be afforded them, of inspecting one of the institutions of the Capital, of which its citizens and the travelling public are equally proud. Reference is made to the Dominion Hotel which under the proprietorship and personal management of Past Grand Representative Stephen Jones, has, in the last few years, become a

model for emulation by the other hotel men of the Pacific North West. The Dominion arose—as do most large enterprises—from a modest beginning. It was established in 1876 by the father of the present proprietor, and was a comfortable home for about forty guests, when the progressive son of the founder, took command, about ten years ago, and since then its evolution has been upward and continuous until the Dominion Hotel of to-day stands at the head of the list in British Columbia for size, modernity, convenience, and beauty of furnishing and appointments, excellence of cuisine and service, and—rare factor of consideration—attention to the comfort and happiness of guests. An elegant three-storey brick block, it has a floor area of 30,000 square feet, with more than 100 guest rooms (not one of which is dark), and every convenience that is known to modern science. The secret of its success is one that applies in any business. Mr. Jones knows how to take a personal interest in his every guest, and see that his wants are abundantly satisfied. That he knows how to do so all Pythians of British Columbia will bear witness, for he is known to all. One of the earliest and most active members of the pioneer Lodge of the Province, Far West, No. 1, he has passed through the chairs and served Pythianism in many other prominent capacities, including that of Grand Representative. His heart and energies have been generously devoted to the cause during eight years past, and when this year's Grand Lodge session opens, it will need no banner across the broad front of the Dominion to proclaim it what it is sure to be—Pythian Headquarters.

THE PROSPECTS FOR 1899.

We believe present indications show that we have touched bottom in the suspensions of members, and that the year 1899 will show a change in the tide in that direction. With the wave of financial depression that has swept over this country came a period in which the onward march of all fraternal orders came to a halt and as the Knights of Pythias had been progressing at a most rapid rate, it is not surprising that it should have felt, probably more than any other order, the changed condition of the country. There has been a culling out all over the country, and with it went some of the most undesirable material, and those who stood by the Order under the most unfavorable circumstances, will, with the prospect of a returning tide of prosperity, be found battling still harder for the upbuilding of Pythianism, and use their best efforts to reclaim such of the members who found themselves unable to stand against the storm of financial adversity and allowed themselves to become suspended. One good worthy brother thus reclaimed is worth half a dozen of new members, because they have been members of the Order and know what it is, and show their appreciation of it by again enlisting under its banner. The experiment of reclaiming these members is worth trying, and we are satisfied that good results will follow if the work is properly mapped out.

PYTHIAN JOTTINGS.

As an authority on fraternal insurance, no paper stands higher in the estimation of the public generally than the "Fraternal Monitor," of Rochester, N. Y. For that reason we place all the more value upon the opinion which it expresses in a recent article in reference to the management and affairs of the Endowment Rank. We print the article elsewhere in this issue, so that our brethren may be able to see for themselves what is thought of the insurance branch of our Order by competent lookers-on.

Bro. R. Sample, G. O. G., has returned to his home, New Westminster, after an extended visit in Southern California, where he went for the benefit of his health. We are pleased to note that he is fully restored, and ready to resume his good work for the Order. Bro. Sample was accompanied by his estimable wife on his visit.

Bro. H. W. Maynard, P. G. Representative of Rathbone Lodge, and one who dropped the seed for thought for the formation of this journal, we are pleased to report is again on duty after a severe illness. We would have chronicled the fact that it was a Knight, but, nevertheless, we welcome the little Rathbone sister.

Bro. James Haddow, our Grand Chancellor, passed through our city on the 23rd instant, on his way to visit all the lodges in the Upper Country. We trust that his visit will be pleasant and profitable, and feel assured that he will be able to render an excellent account of all the lodges visited. On his return he will visit the city lodges of Vancouver, New Westminster and Langley. We can bespeak for our G. C. a hearty welcome and feel assured that our brothers will turn out and do honor to him on that occasion.

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Bro. Norman Matheson, who is a patient in St. Luke's Home Hospital, after a lengthy illness, we are pleased to state is speedily recovering. Bro. Matheson is one of the old and reliable members of the Drill Team, and he will be warmly welcomed on his return to the Castle Hall.

Vancouver's famous Drill Team and Senate has suffered serious losses recently by the removal from the City of some of its best material—notably Bros. M. J. Conroy, L. Evans and T. M. Tyson.

We are in receipt of a copy of the report of the Supreme Representatives, Bros. Charles A. Lee, and Lewis E. Davis, of the Grand Domain of Rhode Island. It is well arranged, and gives a general review of the Supreme Lodge proceedings.

We are glad to see once more the smiling face of Bro. Harry Cowan, who has just returned from the East. The Knights are looking forward to the time when Bro. Cowan will deliver to them that long-promised talk on the progress of Pythianism.

V. C. Bro. Alexander Gibson, of Rathbone Lodge, No. 7, has left on a visit to Portland, Oregon. We trust that the enterprise he is upon may prove profitable and that the brother may return every way benefited.

We are glad to state that, in spite of his enforced absence in the East, our Editor, Bro. Maxwell, is working for the True Knight with all his noted energy and success, as witness his able editorial.

Yet another cycle livery is opening in this City, the C.C.C. Cycle Company, having secured premises in the Abbott block, Granville street, close to the Bank of Montreal. C. C. Cottrell has the "True Knight's" best wishes for success.

P. C. Grimmitt, of Sandon Lodge, No. 25, has opened a branch of his jewellery business in Moyie City, B. C. He is going to make it stick.

We understood that Bro. Harold Clarke is going to Harrison Hot Springs, there to undergo the treatment that brings back health. They apply sulphur internally there. External application they say is good to make the hair grow.

There are dark periods in the history of lodges, like that of individuals, when the clouds of adversity seem to over-shadow the energy of the most active workers, but where two or three active Pythians can be found who are possessed with a spirit of determination not to give up, the Lodge is safe under the most adverse circumstances, and can be safely carried over the most critical period of its existence.—"Pythian Lodge Secret."

Word has been received that a date has been fixed for the burial by the last surviving members of the Joint Session Committee of their deceased brethren.

It is just possible that the three City lodges will soon give that long promised "At Home."

The Committee would respectfully call the attention of its correspondents to the importance of addressing their communications to The Secretary, True Knight, P. O. Box No. 313. This is necessary in order that all communications intended for publication shall have the prompt

attention of the respective committees to whom such matter is referred.

The kindest sympathies of his fellow Knights are extended to Bro. John Grady in the loss of his adopted daughter, Ethel Maud, whose death occurred after a short illness, shortly after midnight on Tuesday, April 28th. Though, as is intimated above, the deceased young lady was not bone of his bone, flesh of his flesh, we feel sure that the affection lavished upon her by Bro. Grady and Mrs. Grady was none the less true and deeply-seated, and the loss sustained as keenly felt.

We are sorry to note that that able exponent of Pythianism in the Mother State of Pythianism should be compelled to suspend publication, for the want of proper support. We sincerely hope that the good Knights of the Keystone State will see to it that the suspension is only temporary, and that we will again be gladdened by the arrival of the "Keystone Pythian."

Bro. Emil Pferdner, Grand K. of R. & S., will visit Vancouver in the early part of next month. We bespeak for the Brother a cordial and profitable reception by the good citizens of the Terminal City.

The Committee will be under obligations to any brother who will favor them with any copies of the True Knight November issue, 1898, that they can spare.

We learn on good authority that it is the intention of the Supreme Chancellor, Bro. Thomas G. Sample, to visit this Coast during the month of May next. We understand that invitations have been tendered to him by the Grand Domains of California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington to meet them at their Grand Lodge conventions. Such being the case, we cannot see that the Knights of British Columbia can afford to allow the opportunity to pass by, without sending an invitation to the distinguished brother to meet them at their Grand Lodge Convention, to be held in May next. In fact, every effort should be made by the Grand Lodge to have the Supreme Executive of the Order visit this Domain.

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A GREAT FRATERNITY.

A Brief Sketch of the Order of Knights of Pythias—A Fraternity that Fraternises.

So often has been repeated the fascinating story of the inception and progress of the Order of Knights of Pythias that every lay member thereof should be thoroughly familiar therewith; but as there are thousands of old members who have not yet acquainted themselves with the details of the story, and new members to whom the opportunity has been denied. The True Knight publishes the following brief historical sketch of the great fraternity:

Washington Lodge, No. 1, while it has gone out of existence, has passed into history as the Mother of the Order, and it is to be regretted that, with a name so redolent of National as well as Pythian association, its Charter has not been revived. While it existed only in name, yet an alleged Grand Lodge of District of Columbia was organised on April 8th, 1864, with Joseph T. K. Plant as Grand Chancellor, and A. Van Der Veer, as Grand Scribe, the object evidently being to clothe these brethren with such official trappings as might have enabled them, with some semblance of authority, to enter upon the labors of propagating the organisation and gaining a foothold not only in other parts of the District of Columbia, but also in the adjacent States. Their first effort seems to have quickly resulted in success, and, as one writer has said, they "providentially succeeded," on the 12th of April, 1864, in forming Franklin Lodge, No. 2, located at the Navy Yard.

Regarding this organisation, it has been said: "The history of this Lodge needs no comment. It is the history of the Order, which it saved from destruction after her sister lodges around her had ceased to exist. From its very organisation the membership took a lively interest in its welfare, and determined that it should become the 'Excelsior' Lodge of the Order. For nearly eight months it struggled along, the only Lodge of the Order in the country, its little membership meeting with rebuffs and sarcasms."

Almost immediately following this, on the 19th of May, 1864, Columbia Lodge, No. 3, located at Temperance Hall, was organised, and on June 2nd, at the same place, the Grand Lodge also instituted Potomac Lodge, No. 4.

On February 1st, 1865, through the efforts of Brother John H. King, Alexandria Lodge, No. 1, of Virginia, was organised at the city of that name, and Brother King was appointed Deputy Grand Chancellor of Virginia. This Lodge, however, was but short-lived, and in the following July it ceased to exist.

The financial condition of the lodges in the District of Columbia had, at this time, reached a deplorable state, and in April, 1865, Potomac and Columbia lodges succumbed to the inevitable, and ceased meeting, and Washington, No. 1, for months at a time, was unable to secure sufficient attendance to justify opening the Lodge.

Owing, therefore, to the terrible straits to which they had been brought, but two lodges, Washington and Franklin, answered to the roll, when, in June, 1865, the Grand Lodge was called to order.

At that session the following Grand Officers were elected and installed:

Clarence M. Barton (No. 2) Grand Chancellor; Joseph H. Lawrence (No. 2) Vice-Grand Chancellor; Edward Dunn (No. 2), Grand Marshal; William Whitney (No. 1); Grand Scribe; Dr. J. B. Keasbey (No. 1). Grand Banker; John W. Cross (No. 2), Grand Herald; A. Van Der Veer (No. 1), Grand Prelate; R. V. Henry (No. 1), Grand Inner Guardian; J. Titcomb, (No. 1), Grand Outer Guardian.

On the 13th of June, 1865, this so-called Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, the "Poo Bah" of Pythian affairs, who drew their inspiration from themselves, and whose jurisdiction was as broad as their assumption was phenomenal, passed off the scenes, and the Order settled back to the original condition, Franklin, No. 2, having, in the month following, received into membership all of the brethren in good standing in No. 1, at the time of its dissolution. Previous to its surrender, Washington Lodge had, in a similar manner, absorbed some of the members of Potomac, No. 4. By the transfer of the effects of Washington Lodge, its regalia and work, on the 28th of September, 1865, the final act in the drama was enacted—its debt for rent was liquidated, and the curtain rung down on the first Lodge of Knights of Pythias. Careful investigation of the history of this Lodge fully sustains the position that almost from its inception it existed but in name: de facto Franklin Lodge was No. 1, and it is to be regretted that a consolidation had not been consummated before too late, by the terms of which the name might have been handed down and the fires of the Mother Lodge continue still to burn; but in this, as in life, it was the survival of the fittest, and, while the loss is to be regretted, yet, the full meed of praise is justly due to the Lodge, which, through good report and bad report, through dangers and difficulties, in days of darkness, with foes within as well as without, never faltered in the line of duty, but with a steadfast faith in the future and in possibilities, still held the fort, and unfurled on its battlements the banner of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence: they nailed it to the mast, and both mast and banner and nails are still there. All glory to Franklin Lodge, No. 2: it was a long and patient vigil, but after the darkened days followed the clear sunshine, the ordeal was passed, the time of refreshing came, and to-day she can look out from the old home and see on every hillside and valley those fires which were lighted at her altar, count her children by the hundreds of thousands, see her banners wave from ocean to ocean, and from the farthest north to the waters of the Gulf.

The year 1866 opened with but little to encourage the hearts of the Spartan band which, amid the vicissitudes which they had to sur-

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mount, still persevered undaunted, determined either to revive the lodges which had surrendered or organise new ones. Franklin Lodge in all matters, necessarily became a law unto itself, conducting its business as to it seemed most likely to promote the interests of the Order.

On April 12th, 1866, at the instance of the Financial Scribe, Thomas Hamilton, a committee of five was appointed, whose duty it was to be to canvass the city of Washington, with a view to organise another Lodge. The committee consisted of Brothers Hamilton, Lawson, Cook, King and Schlieff, whose efforts were crowned with speedy success, as at the following meeting, April 9th, these Brethren reported having secured fifteen names of gentlemen who desired to form a new Lodge. It must be remembered that although the so-called Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia had terminated its somewhat limited and precarious existence, yet Franklin Lodge, No. 2, making a virtue of necessity, maintained the apostolic succession, and assumed all authority the case demanded. Claiming that right, on the regular meeting held April 18th, 1866, the Past Chancellors of No. 2 approved the application of the gentlemen whose names the committee had reported on April 9th, issued a Charter to a body to be known as Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 5, and initiated and instructed the members in the rites and ceremonies of the Order.

During the early part of 1866, increased interest manifested itself, and the Order seemed to take new life, and, as time progressed, it again became evident to the then existing membership that it was absolutely necessary to make the Ritual more attractive and impressive, and a committee was appointed with a view to the revision of the work. The committee consisted of Past Chancellors J. H. Rathbone, Clarence M. Barton, Edward Dunn, John W. Cross, Thomas W. Cook, Financial Scribe Lawson and Brother Cooksey, of Franklin Lodge, No. 2, and John I. Downs, Venerable Patriarch, and Richard T. Sears, Financial Scribe of Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 5.

The labor of the revision in this as in nearly all cases, devolved upon one man, and Brother Justus H. Rathbone was selected to perform the duties under the supervision of the committee. Brother Rathbone seems to have accomplished the task promptly, and the result of his labors, after due examination by his colleagues, was approved unanimously, and on May 15th, 1866, at a joint meeting of Franklin Lodge, No. 2, and Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 5, it was received and adopted, giving to the Order the Ritual which from that time until the promulgation of the new work in 1872, continued to be the official guide in conferring the degrees of the Knights of Pythias.

The record also states that at this joint meeting these Lodges concluded to make an effort to organize the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, which had practically been a dead letter from its organization.

On May 1st, 1866, Past Chancellor Justus H. Rathbone, Clarence M. Barton, Edward Dunn, John H. King, Thomas W. Cook and Levi Beech, of Franklin Lodge, No. 2, together with Past Chancellor John I. Downs and Representative F. Stromberger, of Mount Vernon Lodge, No.

5, met for the purpose of re-organizing the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

Under the old system, among others, there were officers known as Grand Marshal, Herald, Prelate and Inner and Outer Guardian, which, at the re-organization were dispensed with, as will be seen by the following, who were then elected:

Justus H. Rathbone, Grand Chancellor; Edward Dunn, Vice Grand Chancellor; Clarence M. Barton, Grand Recording Scribe; John I. Downs, Grand Financial Scribe; John H. King, Grand Banker; Thomas W. Cook, Grand Guide; Levi Beech, Grand Inner Steward; John W. Cross, Grand Outer Steward.

The Grand Officers named at this time were elected to serve for the remaining unexpired term of those whose tenure of office had ceased when the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia became defunct in June, 1865. At this meet-

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ing the secret work was changed by Grand Chancellor Rathbone, a secret cipher established, and a committee appointed to have the Ritual printed.

Thus the Grand Lodge of District of Columbia went on and on. It arrogated to itself all Pythian power and supremacy, carrying the Order into the neighboring states, creating Grand Lodges in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware.

When these bodies had taken shape, and the condition of the Order seemed to justify and demand it, at the regular quarterly session of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, and Provisional Supreme Lodge, held April 14th, 1868, resolutions were adopted providing for a meeting to be held on May 16th, 1868, at the City of Philadelphia, comprised of delegates from the several Grand Lodges, with a view to the institution of the Supreme Lodge.

Pursuant to this cause the meeting was held, and after considerable discussion of the proposition, a "plan" was adopted for the organization of the Supreme Lodge, and the same being duly ratified by the Grand Lodges of the District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware on August 11th, 1868, the delegates from these respective states met at the City of Washington, District of Columbia, and thereat formally organized the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the World.

Upon the organization of the Supreme Lodge, the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia settled back into the same relative position as that of any other state, and Supreme authorities entered the field.

The first Supreme Chancellor, Samuel Read, of Mt. Holly, New Jersey, was certainly the greatest organizer that the Order ever had. He devoted his entire time, thought and study to the propagation of the Order, using every method to accomplish his end, and succeeded most wonderfully. He was a man of indomitable energy, great courage and untiring effort—he was a good deal the courtier and the statesman, and though many of his methods by no means met with the approving judgment of the writer, yet everyone who knows the exact facts and the history of the early struggles of the Order, must concede that with the material, tools and opportunities that he had, Supreme Chancellor Read did wonderful work. Beset at the outstart by contentions in his own family, his administration was made almost a burden to him from the start. He was, however, a man to whom that kind of excitement was natural—he somehow or other fattened on it, and no opposition seemed to daunt him. He had half a dozen conflicts on his hands at the same time, but he attended to them all, and did not lose any sleep at that. Brother Read was re-elected in 1870, and came to the Supreme Lodge session at Baltimore in 1872, with a report showing that by no means had he been idle during his incumbency.

In 1872, our own old war horse, Henry Clay Berry, was elected Supreme Chancellor, defeating Brother Samuel Read for re-election. This was a marked honor and recognition of Illinois, in view of the fact that this was the second session at which the Prairie State was represented. At the same session the new Ritual, the

product of the brain of Dr. B. B. Ussher, of Illinois, including the "Amplified Third," was adopted and ordered printed and promulgated. At the same convention the uniform for the Order was adopted, and provision made for the Pythian Drill Corps. In connection with the Ritual and its promulgation, legislative provision was made whereby the printed Rituals when issued, should contain both the simple and amplified form, as might be requested. On the very threshold of his term of office, Supreme Chancellor Berry was met with a flat refusal on the part of the Grand Officers of Pennsylvania to live up to the requirements of the Order in the promulgation of the Ritual. This at once precipitated a conflict between the Supreme Chancellor and that Grand Lodge, resulting in Supreme Chancellor Berry issuing an order of suspension, withholding the password, and placing the loyal lodges of Pennsylvania under his special Deputy, Joseph D. Weeks, formerly of Iowa. This whole question came up for consideration at the convention of the Supreme Lodge, at the City of Richmond, Virginia, April, 1873, when the Supreme Lodge, after hearing all the facts sustained the action of Supreme Chancellor Henry Clay Berry. At this convention the fact developed that the then Supreme Corresponding and Recording Scribe, Clarence Barton, was a defaulter, and that the Supreme Treasury was absolutely without a dollar. It is not necessary here to go into details with reference to this matter, suffice to say that the Supreme Representatives who attended that, as well as the next convention of the Supreme Lodge, had to go home without any money.

As a result of the action of the Supreme Lodge at the Richmond session, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania accepted the legislation with reference to the Ritual.

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At the next convention of the Supreme Lodge an entirely new Constitution was adopted, and at the same time the Jewels of the Order were provided, and many other plans formulated so as to provide a revenue for the Supreme Lodge and lift it out of the condition of bankruptcy which confronted it. At the same convention, Brother Joseph Dowdall, of Ohio, was elected Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal.

At this convention Brother Stillman S. Davis, of Nashua, New Hampshire, succeeded to the office of Supreme Chancellor, with Brother David B. Woodruff, of Macon, Georgia, as second in command. In 1876, at the convention of the Supreme Lodge held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Brother Davis was re-elected for a further term of three years, and Brother Woodruff continued as Supreme Vice Chancellor.

The convention of 1877, held in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, was in many respects an eventful one, marking as it did the period from which dated the initial proceedings looking toward the organization of the Insurance Branch and of the Military Branch. At that convention a provision was made for the organization of the Endowment Rank, and gave vitality to what is now the Insurance Branch of the Order. At the same meeting Captain James R. Carnahan, who had always been very enthusiastic in regard to the uniform drill of the membership, appeared on one of the avenues of Cleveland, Ohio, at the head of the famous Lafayette Drill Corps, and, in the old uniform of the Order as adopted in 1872, gave an exhibition drill which surprised some of the old timers in the Supreme Lodge; the result of this demonstration was the raising of a special committee in connection with this matter who were to report at the same convention, in Indianapolis, in 1878.

The next convention of the Supreme Lodge met at the city of Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1878, at which meeting Brother David B. Woodruff, of Georgia, was elected Supreme Chancellor. The question of the Uniform Rank was presented at this session, by a report of the special committee—the subject was at first unceremoniously laid upon the table, but through the efforts of the friends of the military feature the matter was again taken up later in the session and referred to the special committee, who were to meet at Baltimore in the following September,

and who were given full power to provide a Ritual, laws and regulations for a military branch, and without further reference to the Supreme Lodge, promulgate the same. This the committee did, and on November 1st, 1878, Supreme Chancellor Woodruff issued the circular formally promulgating the Uniform Rank and declaring it established.

By virtue of the amendment to the Constitution, adopted in 1878, the conventions of the Supreme Lodge were made biennial—hence the next meeting did not convene until 1880.

The next convention of the Supreme Lodge was held in the city of St. Louis, Missouri, in 1880. At this convention Brother W. Lindsay, of Baltimore, Maryland, was elected Supreme Chancellor.

Detroit, Michigan, was the next place at which was held the convention of the Supreme Lodge—this took place in 1882, at which time Brother John P. Linton, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, was elected Supreme Chancellor.

The convention of the Supreme Lodge of 1884, was held in the city of New Orleans, Louisiana, and was one, in many respects, that marked a turning point in some Pythian affairs, from which might reasonably be dated the beginning of greater successes than the Order ever had before. It was at this convention that the entire system of the Uniform Rank was changed from independent state organizations to the plan of the United States army, and a Major-General placed at its head. It was also at this convention that a change was made in the management and system of the Endowment Rank. It was here that Bro. John Van Valkenburg, of Fort Madison, Iowa, was elected Supreme Chancellor.

For the first time in the history of the Supreme Lodge it went outside of the limits of the United States to hold its next convention, which took place in the city of Toronto, Ontario, in 1886, at which meeting Brother Howard Douglass of Cincinnati, Ohio, was elected Supreme Chancellor.

Toward the end of 1897, Supreme Chancellor Howard Douglas, finding that the Constitutions of the various Grand Lodges were by no means in accord with the laws of the Supreme Lodge, required from each Grand Lodge a strict compliance with the laws made and provided by

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the Supreme authority; in this he was met by a uniform compliance in almost every state, but in Pennsylvania his authority was resisted, and finally after a long parley, and it being apparent that the Pythian authorities in that state would not comply with his mandates, he suspended the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, withheld the password, and organized a loyal Grand Lodge. The Supreme Lodge did not sustain him in this action, but required the incoming Supreme Chancellor, William Ward, of New Jersey, to demand that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania should fully comply with the laws of the Supreme Lodge, and conform their local laws thereto, and that upon such compliance he was to restore the Grand Lodge to its former standing. This Supreme Chancellor Ward did.

The next convention of the Supreme Lodge was an important one, and was held at the city of Milwaukee, Wis., in August, 1890. It was on this occasion that, for the first time, the Military Branch of the Order went regularly into camp. The encampment at Milwaukee was a wonderful success, comprised as it was of a city of nearly 4,000 tents, with all the equipments and surroundings of a military camp. At this convention, William Ward, Supreme Chancellor, being compelled to be absent on account of continued illness, Supreme Vice Chancellor George B. Shaw presided and was elected as successor to General Ward.

The next convention of the Supreme Lodge was held at Kansas City, Mo., where there was also a very fine encampment, and a demonstration on the part of the Uniform Rank. At this convention the new Ritual was presented, exemplified by the members of Lima Lodge, No. 91, of Ohio, and adopted without a single change.

In connection with the adoption of the Ritual, it was ordered that the same should not be printed in other than the English language, and out of that grew what has been generally known as the "German Ritual Controversy." At this convention Brother W. W. Blackwell, of Henderson, Kentucky, was elected Supreme Chancellor.

The convention at Washington, D. C., held in August, 1894, was particularly memorable because of the fact that during the preceding term the question of the German Ritual had been debated from one end of the country to the other. Lines were squarely drawn on this issue at this convention, and when it came up for final action the English Ritual carried the day by more than a two-thirds vote.

Gloom was thrown over the opening of this convention by the receipt of a telegram from Eau Claire, Wisconsin, announcing the death at his home of Past Supreme Chancellor George E. Shaw, who for three weeks previous had lain at the point of death.

At this convention Brother Walter B. Richie, of Lima, Ohio, was elected Supreme Chancellor.

The convention of 1896 was held in the city of Cleveland, Ohio; Supreme Vice Chancellor Philip T. Colgrove, of Michigan, was chosen as the Order's chief officer.

The proceedings of the session of 1898, at Indianapolis, are still fresh in the memory of all. Thomas G. Sample, of Pennsylvania, was chosen Supreme Chancellor and Ogden H. Fethers, of Wisconsin, Supreme Vice Chancellor. Much legislation of great importance was enacted and it is believed that the Order is now on the eve of a greater and more useful life than was ever anticipated by its most ardent and sanguine supporters.—"The Pythian Record."

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