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MINUTES OF GRAND LODGE, K. OF P.

Held in Rossland, B. C., in May, 1900.

FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, MAY 8th.

Grand Lodge opened 9:30 a. m., with the following officers present:

W. D. Mearns, G. C.
J. W. Graham, G. V. C.
J. L. Brown, G. Prelate.
Emil Pferdner, G. K. of R. and S.
Noble Binns, G. M. A.
D. D. Griffiths, G. I. G.
A. Ferguson, G. O. G.
S. R., H. J. Anstie.
S. R., A. T. Ackerman.

The Committee in Credentials found all certificates correct and the names of representatives as follows:

Far West, No. 1, D. J. Barnard.
Wellington, No. 2, Jas. McMullen.
Granville, No. 3, Jas. Irvine.
Nanaimo, No. 4, Geo. Johnson, Jas. Crossan.
Royal, No. 6, Geo. S. Blakeley.
Rathbone, No. 7, Robt. Brooke.
Damon, No. 8, Robt. Haddow.
Benevolence, No. 14, John Thompson.
Maple, No. 15, R. S. Henderson.
Granite, No. 16, F. P. Maxwell.
Victoria, No. 17, J. J. Randolph, W. D. Kincaid.
Coldstream, No. 18, H. G. Muller.
Crusader, No. 19, H. Hoffmeister.
Primrose, No. 20, Geo. T. Mallery.
Rossland, No. 21, A. G. Creelman.
New Denver, No. 22, Charles F. Nelson.
Trail, No. 23, J. R. Widmer, W. T. Hoyer.
Sandon, No. 24, G. W. Grimmett.
Nelson, No. 25, W. J. Thompson, J. J. Malone.
Gold Range, No. 26, Jas. Gill.
Okanagan, No. 27, J. McLeod.
Phoenix, No. 28, Geo. W. Rumberger.
Greenwood, No. 29, H. C. Holden.

On motion of Bro. Crossan, seconded by Bro. Brooke, this report of Committee on Credentials was adopted as read.

The Grand Master of Exchequer being absent through sickness in his family, the Grand Chancellor appointed P. G. C., J. E. Evans, to act pro tem. This appointment was sustained by the Grand Lodge. The motion was put by Bro. Crossan, and seconded by Bro. Thomson.

The Grand Master-at-Arms then introduced all knights in waiting, who had attained the rank of Past Chancellor, when the Grand Lodge degree was conferred on them.

Moved by acting G. M. E., J. E. Evans, seconded by Rep., J. J. Randolph, that the minutes of the last convention be adopted as printed. Carried.

The reports of the Grand Lodge officers were referred to the usual Committee to be reported on, a motion to that effect being made by Bro. J. J. Randolph and seconded by Bro. Hoffmeister.

The following brothers' names were read on committees named below:

Finance: J. J. Randolph, C. F. Nelson, A. J. Creelman.

Credentials: Emil Pferdner, A. T. Ackerman, W. J. Thompson.

Judiciary: A. T. Ackerman, J. E. Evans, H. J. Anstie.

Printing and Supplies: E. Pferdner, J. J. Randolph, Geo. T. Mallery.

Grievances and Appeals: A. Ferguson, J. W. Graham, J. L. Brown, D. T. Barnhard, W. J. Thompson.

State of the Order: J. Irvine, Noble Binns, C. F. Nelson, Geo. Johnson.

Necrology: John W. Graham, H. Hoffmeister, H. C. Holden.

These were referred to a Committee for distribution, on motion by Bro. Randolph, seconded by Bro. Binns.

Bros. Crossan, Muller and Hoffmeister were appointed a Committee of Distribution.

Bro. J. J. Randolph next presented the Grand Chancellor with a very neatly-bound and inscribed copy of the new By-laws of Victoria, No. 17, expressing to him on behalf of his lodge the esteem in which his brother knights held their chief officer.

Bro. Grand Chancellor Mearns made a very feeling reply, saying among other things that he should appreciate this little token doubly, owing to the fact that it showed Victoria, No. 17, understood.

Moved by Bro. A. T. Ackerman, seconded by Bro. J. Irvine, that Bro. Robert Brooke act as Official Correspondent. Carried.

The following communications were read:

From Bro. G. M. E., E. P. Nathan, regretting unavoidable absence. Ordered filed and acknowledged, on motion by J. J. Randolph, seconded by Bro. J. L. Brown.

From the Grand Lodge of New York, re Supreme Lodge memorial for them to stop Vandalistic tendency of certain members. This matter was referred to the Supreme Representative on motion by Bro. Evans, seconded by Bro. Binns.

From the Grand Lodge of Missouri, re Arkansas K. of P. Sanitorium. Moved by Bro. H. J. Anstie, seconded by Bro. J. J. Randolph, that the communication be received and laid on the table for one year. This being deemed the best for the Good of the Order, was carried.

From the "Pythian World," asking the Grand Lodge of British Columbia to subscribe \$5 for one year. Moved by Bro. E. Pferdner, seconded by Bro. H. J. Anstie, that this communication be received and filed. Carried. It seemed to be the impression of most present that the paper referred to was not as accurate a one as might be desired.

From Okanagan, Phoenix and Greenwood Lodges, now acting under warrant, asking that they be granted a charter. Moved by Bro. Brooke, seconded by Bro. Anstie, that these communications be received and filed and that the matters therein mentioned take their proper course. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Creelman, seconded by Bro. N. Binns, that we adjourn. Carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened 2:25 p. m.; Grand Vice-Chancellor, J. W. Graham, in the chair.

The reports of Committees on Distribution and Good of the Order were referred back for correction on motion of Bro. Randolph, seconded by Bro. Thomson.

The report of the Finance Committee was next dealt with, and was received and adopted. Mover, Bro. Muller; seconder, Bro. Hoffmeister.

The report of the Committee on Necrology was received and ordered printed, in copy of proceedings. Moved by Bro. Ferguson, seconded by Bro. Griffiths.

Bro. Mallery drew attention to the fine imposed on Primrose Lodge, amounting to \$10, for non-compliance with semi-annual returns report, and on his explanation that his lodge was not to blame, the affair being unavoidable through the absence of the responsible parties, and further that the report had really been sent in and had only been returned for correction, the amount was ordered refunded, on motion of Bro. Brooke, seconded by Bro. Evans.

Bro. Evans drew attention to the amount of \$200 due the Grand Chancellor for his term of office and moved that same be paid. Bro. A. T. Ackerman seconded the motion. Carried.

The report of Committee recommending granting of charters to the three new lodges was referred back for completion. Mover, Bro. George T. Mallery; seconder, Bro. Maxwell. Carried.

On being again brought up with the proper addition that the Grand Chancellor be sustained in his suspension of Langley Lodge and that Bro. J. McDonald be granted a Grand Lodge card, Bro. Hoffmeister moved that the report be adopted; Bro. Maxwell seconded the motion. Carried.

Bro. Mallery next moved the setting aside of \$200, on account of expenses of the incoming Grand Chancellor, for his term of office. Bro. Brooke seconded the motion, which was carried after some discussion.

Moved by Bro. Evans, seconded by Bro. Anstie, that a committee of three be appointed for securing of railway rates for the next convention, it to give the Grand K. of R. and S. sixty days' notice of arrangements made. Carried.

The business layed over from last year was then brought up.

First, the matter of securing to the members the use of a cypher key to the ritual so as to facilitate the memorizing of the subordinate lodge work came up. Bro. Ferguson moved and Bro. Maxwell seconded him, that the matter be left in the hands of the Supreme Representatives. The former was of opinion that the brothers acting in that capacity were most competent to judge. This motion was sustained.

The second matter layed over was with reference to the reduction of the salaries of the Supreme Lodge officers. This matter was brought to our attention by a letter from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, asking us to instruct our Supreme Representatives to sustain such a reduction. Bro. Brooke, speaking on this matter, said that he did not think that any brothers present were in a position to judge of this matter, except the Supreme Representatives themselves, they being the only ones present who were acquainted with the interior workings of the Supreme Lodge. He therefore moved that this matter be also left in their hands. Bro. Hoffmeister supported his motion. Carried.

In the matter of relief for the knights suffering loss from the Sandon fire it was moved by Bro. Ackerman, seconded by Bro. Brown, that a circular be issued to the subordinate lodges asking for subscriptions. Bro. Anstie seconded by Bro. Hoffmeister moved an amendment, viz., that the matter be layed over until to-morrow, seeing that definite information was expected within a few hours. The amendment carried.

Bro. Crossan moved, and Bro. George Johnston seconded, that the Supreme Representatives be asked to interest themselves in the securing of official recognition by the Supreme Lodge of the Rathbone Sisters, and also the establishment of a Juvenile Branch of the Order. This motion carried.

Bro. Ferguson next mentioned the recognition by the Supreme Lodge of our Domain, by the election of one of our representatives to office therein. Some discussion arose anent this matter, and statements that such a thing might become a fact in the near future, were made.

Bro. Griffiths moved that we adjourn. Bro. Creelman seconded him. The brothers on request, however, withdrew their motion.

The matter of the raising of the per capita tax was then brought up. Bro. Ackerman moved, Bro. Binns seconded, that the per capita tax be \$1.50 for the next year. Bro. Griffiths moved in amendment, Bro. Johnston seconding, that it be \$1.25. Bro. Randolph, seconded by Bro. Thomson, moved in amendment that it remain at \$1.00. Considerable discussion arose and some time was lost.

Bro. Creelman moved that we adjourn. Bro. Hoffmeister seconded the motion which was carried.

SECOND DAY.

The Lodge came to order at 9 a. m., Bro. G. C., W. D. Mearns in the chair.

Bro. John Savage, who was the Alternate elected from Revelstoke, was announced. He was not, however, able to enter, not having had the Grand Lodge degree. Bro. Thomson, seconded by Bro. Holden, moved that we waive the order of business and confer the degree. Carried. Bro. Savage was then allowed to enter and receive the Grand Lodge degree. Bro. Johnston moved, and Bro. Haddow seconded, that the Report of the Committee on Credentials finding Bro. Savage correct be adopted. Carried.

The general order of business was then brought up and the election of officers for the incoming term was proceeded with.

Bros. Anstie, Ackerman and Crossan were appointed scrutineers.

Bro. Anstie nominated G. V. C., Bro. J. W. Graham for G. C. Bro. Graham expressed his probable absence from our midst. Bro. Ackerman, on this, nominated Grand Prelate, Bro. J. L. Brown of Kamloops. The nomination stood by acclamation.

Bro. J. W. Graham nominated G. M. at A., Noble Binns, who was declared by acclamation G. V. C. for this year.

For the office of Grand Prelate three brothers were nominated: Bro. Holden, by Bro. Rumberger; Bro. Griffiths, by Bro. Randolph; and Bro. Hoffmeister, by Bro. Ackerman. The vote was twice cast and Bro. Hoffmeister was elected against Bro. Griffiths, 20 to 15.

For G. M. of Ex., Bro. Evans nominated Bro. Johnston, who was elected by acclamation.

Bro. Emil Pferdner was re-elected by acclamation as Grand K. of R. and S., on nomination of G. C., Bro. W. D. Mearns.

For the office of G. M. at A., there were three nominations: Bro. Randolph, nominated by Bro. Brown; Bro. Ferguson, nominated by Bro.

Hoffmeister; Bro. Griffiths, nominated by Bro. Johnston. The vote was cast twice and Bro. Ferguson was elected over Bro. Griffiths, 22 to 16.

Four Grand I. G. two brothers were nominated: Bro. Randolph, nominated by Bro. Mallery; Bro. C. F. Nelson, nominated by Bro. Pferdner. Bro. Nelson was elected over Bro. Randolph 26 to 11.

For G. O. G. Bro. Crossan nominated Bro. John Thomson, which nomination stood by acclamation.

This concluded the election of officers.

The report of the Finance Committee was then brought in, and on motion by Bro. Ferguson, seconded by Bro. Maxwell, was accepted.

Invitations for the holding of the next Grand Lodge session were then read from Vancouver, Kamloops and Revelstoke. Bro. Anstie moved, Bro. Brooke seconded, that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee for it to report the least expensive place.

A small error having been found in the report of the Finance Committee, Bro. Brooke moved, Bro. Mallery seconded, that it be referred back to the Committee. Carried.

The Finance Committee reported in favor of either Kamloops or Revelstoke. Moved by Bro. Griffiths, seconded by Bro. Ferguson, that we hold it at Kamloops. Moved in amendment by Bro. Thompson, seconded by Bro. Savage, that we hold it at Revelstoke. The amendment carried.

Bro. Creelman moved that a vote of thanks be tendered the Finance Committee for its efficient work. Bro. N. Binns seconded and the motion carried.

Bro. W. J. Thompson moved, Bro. John Thomson seconded the motion, that the Finance Committee be instructed to include Acting M. of Exchequer's mileage and per diem in its report. Carried.

Bro. A. C. Thompson moved, Bro. Mallery seconded, that the "True Knight" be made an appropriation of \$200, payable quarterly. The motion was carried by 18 to 15, after a long debate.

Moved that we adjourn by Bro. Pferdner. Bro. Graham seconded the motion, which was carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge came to order again for the afternoon session at 2 p. m.; G. C., W. D. Mearns, in the chair.

The Committee on the State of the Order brought in its report which was adopted as read, on motion of Bro. Mallery, seconded by Bro. Hoffmeister.

The very important matter of the raising of the per capita tax, laid over from the previous day, was next discussed, and the amendment to the amendment that it stand at \$1.00, was lost. The amendment that it be \$1.25 was also lost. The original motion that it be raised to \$1.50 was carried, by 21 to 11.

Bro. Crossan moved that the G. K. of R. and S. be allowed \$10 a month office rent. Bro. Thomson seconded the motion, which was, however, lost.

Bro. Widmer moved that the appropriation to the "True Knight" be reconsidered. The

motion was not seconded and was not put.

Bro. Ackerman moved a vote of thanks to the Rossland brethren from the Grand Lodge for their hospitality and kindness. Bro. Irvine seconded the motion, which was carried.

The matter of the relief for the Sandon fire-sufferers was then brought up, and on motion by Bro. Ackerman, seconded by Bro. Brown, the circular letter to the lodges already referred to, was ordered printed.

Bro. Irvine moved a vote of thanks to the Correspondent. Bro. Binns seconded the motion which was carried, and the G. C., Bro. W. D. Mearns, expressed the appreciation of the Grand Lodge. The Correspondent, in replying, said that he was only too glad at all times to do all in his power to help the Order in every right way.

Bro. Nelson moved a vote of thanks to the press for their kind mention. Bro. Anstie seconded the motion. Carried.

Bro. Brooke moved that Victoria be asked to take over the publishing of the "True Knight," Vancouver pledging continuance of its present support. Bro. Binns seconded the motion. The motion however was not put, being ruled out of order, owing to the fact that this Grand Lodge had not the right to act, but the Grand Chancellor suggested that the offer stand for acceptance later by Victoria, or some other city in the Grand Domain, which might feel inclined to accept the offer.

Bro. Thompson read an invitation from Nelson to the Grand Lodge, to visit that city. Moved by Bro. Maxwell, seconded by Bro. Anstie, that we accept the invitation. Carried.

Bros. Anstie and Ackerman then proceeded to install the officers-elect in a most impressive manner, Bro. Crossan acting as Supreme Prelate. The ceremony being over and speeches by elect and retiring officers having been indulged in, Bro. Binns moved a vote of thanks to the installing officers. Bro. Hoffmeister seconded the motion, which was carried.

Bro. Crossan moved the same to the retiring officers. Bro. Mallery seconded, and the motion was carried.

Bro. Thomson moved a vote of thanks to the "True Knight" Committee. Bro. Noble Binns seconded the motion. Carried.

Bro. Mearns drew attention to the fact that if a new Committee should fail of organization for the "True Knight," the \$200 appropriation would not be called for. He further stated that if all the lodges through the Grand Domain would only give their united and whole-hearted support the amount referred to would stay in the Grand Lodge Exchequer, not being required.

Bro. Binns, on behalf of the brothers at Trail, invited all to attend that city's convention on Thursday evening.

The following committees were appointed, and on motion of Bro. Crossan, seconded by Bro. Ackerman, the Grand Chancellor was sustained in his action therein:

Finance: Bros. Randolph, Creelman, Nelson. Creditentials and Returns: Bros. Emil Pferdner, G. K. of R. and S., Jas. Crossan, A. Ferguson.

Judiciary: Bros. H. J. Anstie, W. D. Mearns, A. T. Ackerman.

Printing and Supplies: Bros. Emil Pferdner, Geo. Johnson, D. T. Barnhard.

Grievances and Appeals: Bros. H. Hoffmeister, Geo. Johnson, Geo. Blakeley, G. T. Mallery, R. Brooke.

State of Order: Bros. N. Binns, H. G. Muller, John Thomson.

Necrology: Bros. J. Irvine, H. C. Holden, Geo. W. Rumberger.

Transportation: Bros. J. L. Brown, R. Brooke, H. Hoffmeister.

The following is the list of Deputy Grand Chancellors:

Far West, No. 1, E. Pferdner.
Wellington, No. 2, J. W. Lewis.
Granville, No. 3, G. H. St. Denis.
Nanaimo, No. 4, Chas. Wilson.
Royal, No. 6, M. W. Minthorne.
Rathbone, No. 7, M. J. Conroy.
Damon, No. 8, R. Haddow.
Benevolence, No. 14, W. H. Campbell.
Maple, No. 15, J. N. Evans.
Granite, No. 16, A. J. Holmes.
Victoria, No. 17, E. E. Leason.
Coldstream, No. 18, J. Riley.
Crusader, No. 19, G. L. Center.
Primrose, No. 20, G. D. Brown.
Rossland, No. 21, Proctor Joiner.
New Denver, No. 22, W. J. Spaul.
Trail, No. 23, J. R. Widmer.
Sandon, No. 24, G. W. Grimmett.
Nelson, No. 25, J. T. Malone.
Gold Range, No. 26, J. Savage.
Okanagan, No. 27, J. Downton.
Phoenix, No. 28, W. L. Russell.
Greenwood, No. 29, H. C. Holden.

Moved by Bro. Muller, seconded by Bro. H. C. Holden, that we adjourn sine die. Carried.

ROBERT BROOKE,
Official Correspondent.

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A ROYAL RECEPTION.

How Rossland Brethren Entertained the Grand Lodge.

Seldom has it fallen to the lot of any representatives to be more royally received than were those of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, by the brother knights of the Kootenay Country. Aided by lovely surroundings, rejoicing in the rich promises of a prosperous future, the Mining Capital of the Kootenay, Rossland, received her visitors with open arms.

We were told that we were the first Grand Lodge to visit this part of the Province; yes, the first may be, but I hope, the first of many of our Order or of kindred societies.

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge have been told in other columns, suffice it, therefore, to say that an ever-lightening bond of sympathy, an ever-growing "esprit de corps" seems to characterise our membership, and why but because I believe we are taught and I hope, seek to practice; that charity, that love which holds up this world of ours. It may perhaps interest our members if I append the report of

the final banquet, given by the Rossland brethren, and from it will be seen that no effort was spared to make this function a success from every point of view.

THE BANQUET.

From the Rossland "Miner":—

A grand banquet was given last night in the Oddfellows' Hall in honor of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Province of the Order of Knights of Pythias. It was a highly successful function and the spread gave great credit to the hospitality of the Order and to the catering powers of Mr. W. G. Merryweather, of the Windsor Hotel. About sixty to seventy guests were present, and songs and speeches diversified pleasantly the proceedings of the evening.

The chair was taken by A. G. Creelman, with Mayor Goodeve on his left and Mr. Frank Bristow on his right. After ample justice had been done to the viands the Chairman, who was the toast-master of the evening, introduced Mayor Goodeve, who, in giving his address of welcome to the representatives of the various lodges over the Province assembled in the hall that evening said that the Kootenays were a great country, great in their mineral wealth and great in their hospitality. There were two sides to human nature, the hard, cold, keen business side, and the better, warmer social side. From both points of view Rossland extended a warm welcome to the visiting Knights of Pythias. He believed that Order numbered 1,400 in this Province, and over half a million in the country. Rossland was proud of the Grand Lodge having selected this city as the first in the Kootenays in which it had held its annual meeting. The Mayor went on to say that this city was but the growth of four years, and that its institutions, though all flourished, were very young. Rossland had great faith in the future of its mines, and the speaker hoped that the visitors would tell their friends what they had seen.

The first toast of the evening was "The Queen," which was honored by singing the National Anthem. Following immediately afterwards, the toast of "America" was ushered in by the "Star Spangled Banner," and Mr. Frank Bristow responded in an eloquent speech, in which he pronounced a fervid eulogy on the United States as a country to which nature had been very prodigal. It had honored with the highest position in its gift alike the rail splitter and the university graduate. It was the home of the down-trodden of other nations. Its victories in commerce evoked the admiration of the entire world. It had men of eminence in every walk of life. Its chief claim was its proficiency in trade and in the mechanical arts and the ability of its citizens to "get there." Its wise and beneficent laws had sown the grain of mustard seed from which the branches of the two great divisions of the Anglo-Saxon race were filling the four quarters of the world.

Mr. Will Astley then obliged the guests with singing "Sweet Genevieve," in excellent voice. He was vociferously applauded and gave as an encore "Mary, the Tender Blossom of the Tree."

Responding to the toast of the Supreme

Lodge, Mr. H. J. Anstie said that Great Britain extended her sympathy to the United States in the late struggle with Cuba, and Great Britain now thanks America for sympathy which that nation is now extending to her in her time of trouble. Justus Rathbone had founded the Order in 1864 in the United States, but many Canadians had helped in its inception and the Order itself was extended to Canada in 1870. In 1886 the Supreme Lodge held its annual convention in the City of Toronto, and thus, as far as the Pythians were concerned, there was no dividing line between the two countries.

Mr. T. Ackerman, in responding to the same toast, declared that he was delighted with his visit to this country. He had no idea of the magnificent scenery such as he had the privilege of witnessing on Arrow Lake, nor had he any idea of Rossland, as he expected to find a few cabins inhabited by a few hundred miners. He did not believe that Rossland had all the ore in British Columbia. It was the first mining city in the Province, but there would be others, for he thought that this Province would be known hereafter as the greatest wealth producing spot on the continent. The speaker gave some facts about the organization, which was a fraternal Order; but was one that had a great benefit side. It had paid out over \$13,000,000 to widows and orphans, and had at the present moment over \$500,000 in the treasury, and it would pay young members to carry from \$1,000 to \$3,000 in it.

The next toast on the list was the "Grand Lodge of British Columbia," which was responded to primarily by the G. V. C., Noble Bluns. of Trail. He said that the Grand Lodge would meet again in Rossland for it had had a most harmonious session here. This was the close of the 19th Century, and the next meeting of the Grand Lodge would be in the 20th Century. All churches and organizations were making some special effort to celebrate this centenary, and it behooved the Knights of Pythias to advance the interests of their Order in the future more than ever they had done in the past in commemoration. "For," said the speaker, "good knights would also be good citizens of British Columbia."

Following the Grand Vice Chancellor, Mr. James Crossan spoke on the same subject, saying that it was a great pleasure for the knights of the Coast to meet their brethren of Rossland. Personally the speaker had never been here before, but he hoped he would be here again, for he had been treated royally. Not long ago there were only five lodges in the Province; now there were 29. Next year the Grand Lodge would convene in Revelstoke, and he hoped that that number would be yet increased by additions in the Kootenays.

Brother Robert Haddow now sang with great spirit, "Grace Darling," following with "The Charge of the Light Brigade," both of which songs were enthusiastically received by the assembly.

The "Subordinate Lodges" was responded to by Messrs. H. C. Holden, J. Ferguson and A. J. Randolph.

Mr. H. C. Holden made a few remarks which were unhappily mostly inaudible to the press. He was understood to disclaim the honor thrust

upon him, while thanking the toastmaster and Chairman for the selection.

Mr. J. Ferguson said that Rossland was a fine city and their lodge was all right. The subordinate lodges were after all the people. They did the work of the Order. If at first they did not succeed it was only right to try and try again. If they all carried out the work in that spirit there would not be only 29 lodges, but there would be half as many more.

Mr. A. J. Randolph continuing on behalf of the subordinate lodges, remarked that the present membership was 1,500, but he hoped for at least 300 more by this time next year, if all the other lodges did as well as some of their Rossland brothers were doing. He had personally to thank Rossland for the hospitality extended to him.

"The Press" being the next toast in order, it was responded to by the representatives of the "Miner" and of the "Record." Mr. A. W. Dyer said he was more accustomed to reporting speeches than to making them, but he thought that fraternal societies were doing a great work in promoting the federation of mankind, but that before that could be accomplished the federation of the Anglo-Saxon races must be consummated.

Mr. W. K. Esling following, said that the fraternal feeling was a great one, and it prompted the great doctrines of love and truth. He was a member of the Trail Lodge and he believed it to be the banner lodge. This country was a great one, and its mineral resources and wealth would soon put it in the van of progress.

The "City of Rossland" was the next toast. The Mayor said in reply that he had already spoken and he left the theme in the hands of J. S. Clute, jr., who was to follow him, but before sitting down he begged to congratulate the members of the Order upon the honor they had shown the city by their presence and the business acumen they displayed in being the first of the great organizations to recognize its growing importance.

Mr. J. S. Clute said that the city had passed through some very dark days, but now it had learned by experience and was on the high road to prosperity. He said that within a few months there would be over 2,000 men at work, and that one of the best signs of the real progress of the city was the great interest taken by it in fraternal societies.

Charles Nelson, A. J. Scott and R. Brooke responded on behalf of the ladies.

Mr. Charles Nelson said in a witty speech that he was ashamed of the Chairman in thrusting such a duty upon him, as he was known to be a confirmed bachelor. He made some quotation, but unhappily misquoted it, but cheerily ended by saying that Mr. Scott, who was a ladies' man, could doubtless put him right.

Mr. A. J. Scott admitted he was a ladies' man, for he was married. He said that the ladies made their influence felt the world over. A mining camp was rough till the gentler sex found their way in and civilized the inhabitants.

Mr. Brooke, before taking up his task, said he had never, and he had travelled widely over

the world, seen any town make such progress in so little a space of time as the City of Rossland. Enlarging on his proper theme, he said that the Anglo-Saxon races could only gain that pre-eminence in the world to which they were entitled by the respect they paid to the gentler influences which elevated them.

Mr. Goodeve then interposed and pronounced an eulogium on Mr. A. J. Creelman as a whole souled good fellow, whom it did one good to meet.

This brought the Chairman surprisedly to his feet, and in a witty, short and humorous speech he expressed himself very fitly as to the honor done him that evening.

And with the singing of the National Anthem the assemblage dispersed and a landmark in Rossland's history was left behind.

AT NELSON.

Nor was Rossland the only city to bid us welcome. Nelson, through its representatives, as likewise Trail, issued an invitation to visit them, providing us free transportation there and return.

We arrived at Nelson, which by the way is one of the prettiest cities it was our lot to visit, somewhere about 11:30 in the morning, but in spite of this busy time of day there was a large Reception Committee at the depot, which escorted us up town, pointing out all that might interest, and finally conducted their guests to the K. of P. Hall, built on the main street.

A few remarks anent the lodge quarters may not be amiss. The building is a three-storey one, the Castle Hall on the top flat; on the second floor is the banqueting hall. We would think, judging from all the surroundings, that the designer of these quarters must have had an eye to the future, for without exception they are the most commodious of any in British Columbia.

We had all been travelling since 8 a. m., so that the call to arms was responded to with alacrity. The doors of the hall were thrown open and from within were borne the strains of music mingled with the scent of savoury viands. The Mayor of Nelson and Chancellor Commander, Bro. Scott, of Nelson Lodge, occupied the presiding chairs, whilst our Grand Lodge officers flanked them on either side. A sumptuous luncheon was enjoyed; speeches were indulged in by the Mayor, the Chancellor Commander and many well-known knights; toasts were drunk and after a very enjoyable hour the visitors and their entertainers adjourned to inspect the city. One might literally say the freedom of the town was given us, free use of everything, the tram-car system not excepted. Every point of interest, every large industry was visited and inspected, and after a long day of pure enjoyment we bid our Nelson brothers farewell, heartily wishing that we could have taken up our residence there permanently. I for one look forward to the probability of some day locating in this prosperous city, feeling certain of the great and well-deserved good future that lies yet for it in the womb of coming days.

AT TRAIL.

Unfortunately I was not able to visit Trail personally, time not permitting. In another column will, however, be found a full report by one who was fortunate enough to be there and he has told me that the lodge to which Bro. Grand Vice-Chancellor Noble Binns belongs, would not and did not allow itself to be outdone in its kind entertainment of the visiting brothers by the other cities already referred to.

The Kootenay has my heartiest wishes for success. It only needs developing; for beauty and scenery, for grandeur, majestic grandeur of waterfall, river, or rugged landscape, few places can equal and none excel it. Its people are like it, go-ahead, energetic, bustling, busy, always kind, always hospitable, always brotherly.

ROBERT BROOKE,

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GRAND LODGE.

Officers and Representatives Entertained by the Members of the Kootenay Lodges.

The treatment received by the officers and members of the Grand Lodge at the hands of the brethren of the Upper Country lodges will ever be held in kindly and grateful recollection by all who had the privilege of being present at the recent session of the Grand Lodge in Rossland. From the time of our arrival until we left Rossland, the brethren of that city were constant in their attention to our personal comforts and pleasures. During our spare time we were shown all points of interest, their justly celebrated mines, the different industries and the many handsome buildings that have been erected in their enterprising city of mineral wealth. The banquet given by the Rossland members was one that could not be excelled. Around the festive board were gathered almost the entire membership of the Grand Lodge, Rossland Lodge, visiting knights and many prominent citizens of Rossland, notably the Mayor of the city, Mr. Goodeve. The address of welcome given by the Mayor, was probably one of the best orations it has been the pleasure of the members of the Grand Lodge to listen to. Space will not permit us to give a lengthy account of the many excellent remarks made on the occasion. Suffice it to say that at no time have we enjoyed more hospitable and knightly welcome, and in leaving Rossland we carried away most pleasant recollections and good wishes for the knights and citizens of that delightful and ambitious city.

At the close of the Grand Lodge session, the members of Nelson Lodge tendered the members of the Grand Lodge an invitation to visit their city. A special train was placed at their disposal, and some twenty-five members journeyed to Nelson, where they were received with open arms by the members of Nelson Lodge, escorted to their elegant Castle Hall, and right

royally entertained at the banquet given by the Nelson brothers. Mayor Houston, of Nelson, gave an address of welcome, and the freedom of the city was extended to the visitors. Special cars on their excellent tram-service were placed at their disposal and everything of interest that could be seen in the time, was shown by our good brothers. Nelson is a beautiful city, with a water-front second to none in the Province, namely, the Kootenay Lake; handsome and costly buildings have been erected, and beautiful residences are to be seen in great numbers throughout the town; business is generally good, and there can be no doubt that there is a great future in store for Nelson. Our brothers of Nelson did not leave us until we were safely deposited in our train for the return journey and as we said good-bye, loud cheers were given by both sides, and kind recollections were carried away by the visitors, and the knights of Nelson voted the right kind of material to make a prosperous and truly fraternal lodge of Knights of Pythias.

The members of Trail Lodge also extended an invitation to the members of the Grand Lodge to visit them but unfortunately, owing to want of time, most of the members had to leave for their respective homes. The following brothers, Emil Pferdner, G. K. of R. and S.; J. E. Evans, P. G. C., and H. J. Anstie, S. R., however, had the pleasure of escorting Bro. Noble Binns, Grand Vice-Chancellor, to his home lodge, Trail, No. 23, and the only regret was that the escort was not larger. We reached Trail about 10 p. m., tired and dusty after a prolonged season of enjoyment at Nelson, and we were immediately escorted to the Castle Hall, where we found Trail Lodge in session. The hall was comfortably filled with the good brothers awaiting our arrival. We were very cordially welcomed by Trail Lodge, and Bro. Binns in particular, who is held in the highest esteem by the members of his lodge, was given a rousing reception. After the business of the lodge was concluded, refreshments were served in abundance, and until the small hours of the morning we were entertained with songs, recitations, speeches, etc., of such a character as to impress us with the knowledge that Trail Lodge had plenty of the best material for entertainments of the highest class.

The following day we were shown all points of interest in Trail. Especially interesting was our trip through the smelter, which was kindly shown to us in all its immense details, under the direction of a good brother who holds a very responsible position therein. We left Trail, as we did Rossland and Nelson, with pleasant recollections, and we can only add that we have no doubt as to the success of a lodge composed of such whole-souled and gallant knights as those who are fortunate enough to be members of Trail Lodge, No. 23.

At Revelstoke we were detained some four hours, and were fortunate enough to meet some of the members of that lodge, who assisted us very kindly in passing the time away. To Bro. Dr. Cross, the C. C. of Revelstoke Lodge, and Bro. Savage, G. R., we desire to return our best thanks for the trouble they went to in making our brief stay so enjoyable.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

For the Year Just Entered Upon.

Grand Chancellor, James L. Brown, Kamloops.—All who have followed the Pythian career of Bro. Brown will agree that he has justly earned the honors so recently bestowed upon him. Bro. Brown has been a worker from the start, has given his time and money to advance the Order and increase its membership. We bespeak for him a successful term, and we earnestly hope that all members will give our worthy brother every assistance in making his term a creditable one to himself and one of great gain to the Order in this Domain.

Bro. Noble Binns, G. V. C., Trail, will make an excellent lieutenant to our Grand Chancellor. A veteran knight, one well posted in the Order, standing high in the community in which he resides, and having the esteem of all in our Domain, he cannot fail to make an excellent officer and fully qualify himself to be a worthy successor to Bro. Brown.

Grand Prelate, H. Hoffmeister, Crusader, No. 19.—All who have met Bro. Harry Hoffmeister, as he is familiarly called, rejoice at his election to the above office. Bro. Hoffmeister devotes all the time at his disposal, to the Pythian Order only; takes an active part in all work for the good of the Order, and will reflect credit on the Grand Lodge during the present term.

G. K. of R. and S., Emil Pferdner, Victoria.—The unanimous choice of the Grand Lodge being given for Bro. Pferdner for re-election to the above office, comment is unnecessary. Bro. Pferdner's work in the past has shown that he enjoys the confidence of the Grand Lodge.

G. M. of E. George Johnson, Nanaimo.—Bro. Johnson is an old and well-tried knight from the Black Diamond City. His sterling worth and integrity have been appreciated by the members in electing him to the responsible position of G. M. of E.

G. M. at A., Alex. Ferguson, Granite No. 16, Westminster.—Bro. Ferguson's services in connection with his own Lodge, during the trying times they underwent after the big fire, and his many other services eminently qualify him for the honors he has received at the Grand Lodge. We know his record and we can predict for him a useful career.

G. I. G. Charles F. Nelson, New Denver.—Bro. Nelson is somewhat of a veteran knight,

hailing originally from the land of blizzards and snow—namely Calgary. Bro. Nelson has been one of the main-stays of New Denver Lodge, an active and successful business man in that town, and is held in high esteem by all. Let "Bill Nye" deny it if he can.

G. O. G. John Thompson, Cumberland.—Bro. Thompson was honored with election on his first appearance in the Grand Lodge, this being his first term. The confidence the brethren have in him, will doubtless be appreciated, and we may look for good work from his section of the Domain this year.

Bro. Robert Brooke, of Rathbone Lodge, who acted as Official Reporter, at the recent Grand Lodge session, is entitled to and has the thanks of that body, for the excellent manner in which he executed the work allotted to him.

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SANDON RELIEF.

An Appeal to the Sister Lodges.

The following appeal for aid has been sent round the lodges of the Grand Domain, on behalf of suffering Knights of Pythians in Sandon:

Victoria, B. C., May 19th, 1900.

To the Officers and Members of.....Lodge, No.....

Brothers,—At the recent convention of the Grand Lodge of this Domain the attention of that body was directed to the destruction by fire of the City of Sandon. The fact was prominently brought forward that many members of Sandon Lodge, No. 24, had lost everything by that great calamity. The Grand Lodge directed me to call on our subordinate lodges and appeal to their well-known generosity to aid their stricken brethren in Sandon. It is with cheerfulness that I comply with the command, and with entire hope and confidence that this appeal in behalf of our fellow knights in Sandon will not be in vain.

I ask you to contribute what ever you may be able to afford and to remit any contribution which you may make in response to this letter to G. M. Spencer, Chancellor Commander of Sandon Lodge, No. 24, K. of P.

Fraternally yours.

J. L. BROWN, G.C.

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FROM KAMLOOPS.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—We have been treated to a series of pleasing and exciting events lately, not only in connection with our lodge, but our town is beginning to shake off its long spell of inactivity, and we are awaking to the prospects of a good and prosperous Summer. Our mining interests on Coal Hill are beginning to command the practical attention of capitalists and mining investors. The Kimberley group of six claims has been bonded for \$48,000; \$8,000 of that amount has already been paid down. It is the intention of the purchasers (who by the way are Standard Oil magnates of Cleveland, Ohio) to put a force of fifty men to work in the near future. Another important deal was the Lucky Strike property, on which, I am informed a \$25,000 cash payment was made. The veldt and surrounding kopjes have not looked greener or in better grazing condition for years. The Kamloops saw mill (John Shields, Manager), has started on its Summer's run of about 40,000 feet per day, so taking all in all we expect big things in Kamloops this season. And now, Mr. Editor, just a few lines on lodge matters. Of course there was a general time of rejoicing and congratulations were quite in order when we learned of the honors bestowed on Primrose by the election of our worthy C. C., J. L. Brown, to the position of Grand Chancellor Commander. Lodge Representative, Bro. George Mallery, reports having a good time, and that the Rossland boys are O. K.

One of our popular tonsorial artists, Bro. Charles Hulse of Crusader Lodge, Vancouver, drops in occasionally to see us. Charley generally packs around a little bit of sunshine wherever he goes. We are always pleased to have Bro. Hulse and his mellowing smiles with us at all times. Your correspondent is also in receipt of a gentle rumor that is being wafted by the Summer breezes to the effect that another of our up-to-date tonsorial artists is about to take unto himself a wee wife very soon, at least he is a strong advocate of International law. Primrose's pen-pusher has been on the sick list this month, having foolishly attempted to break up the Shields saw-mill by inserting part of his left navigator into the cog-wheels of part of the machinery, which resulted in the pusher pushing along a pair of crutches as a mode of navigation for some weeks.

Yours Fraternally,

JOE. MCGEE, L. C.

Kamloops, B. C., May 16th, 1900.

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FROM SANDON.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Bro.,—I deeply regret to inform you that the thriving mining camp of Sandon is all but wiped out, and there is only a pile of ashes left of the once beautiful city.

About 12:40 p. m., 3rd of May, a fire broke out and spread rapidly to the four points of the compass. So far only one body was found in the ruins of the Clifton Hotel. The head of

the unfortunate man was burned completely off, his arms, and also his legs from the knees down, leaving only his breast and abdomen, which were buried by the city. Quite a few of the brothers of No. 24 Sandon Lodge sustained heavy losses. Amongst the principal sufferers are the following, viz:—

Chancellor Commander G. M. Spencer lost everything, Opera House, furniture, etc., also his Captain's Uniform Rank sword, amounting in all to about \$2,500; no insurance.

Bro. T. McMartin, barber shop, building, etc., value about \$1,800; no insurance.

Bro. Rev. Sanford, everything; value about \$1,000.

Bro. M. L. Grimmett, law books, etc., about \$800.

Bro. G. W. Grimmett, jewellery store, etc., about \$800.

Bro. R. Broddy, candy store, about \$600.

Bro. R. Cuning, Sandon Hotel, furniture, etc., about \$3,000.

Bro. M. Krackenber, tobacco factory, about \$750.

Bro. Fallows, office books, etc., about \$1,000.

The Castle Hall, though not destroyed by fire, was pretty badly upset and the paraphernalia, etc., shattered by explosions from buildings, that were blown up to stop the fire-fiend going further towards Cody.

It was a pitiful sight to see women and children sitting on trunks all night, waiting for some good Samaritan to give them a place to lay their heads.

Too much credit cannot be given to the benevolent citizens of Kaslo and New Denver for the generous supply of blankets, food, money, etc., that was shipped in for the relief of the unfortunate people. The few fortunate people of Sandon who did not lose their homes gave shelter to any one whom they saw on the streets, some kind neighbors sheltering 12 to 15 people.

The Relief Committee was kept busy for four days giving out food and clothing, and has two large tents, used as boarding houses, for the sufferers.

This year so far has been a very unfortunate one for Sandon—snow-slides, land-slides and fire. I trust we will not meet with any more disasters.

Only one man so far has been hurt, a colored man (Black Joe) who worked hard in trying to extinguish the flames. He was struck by an explosion from one of the buildings and received a broken leg; he is being well cared for at the Slocan Hospital, New Denver, B. C.

Yours in F. C. and B.,

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Little diamonds, little pearls,
But the dearest things on earth
Are the little boys and girls.

(Stolen.)

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BRO. H. J. ANSTIE, S. R.

We are glad to state is almost fully restored to good health and desires through the columns of the "True Knight" to return his thanks to the members of the Order, who were so solicitous for his restoration to health, and for the many acts of kindness and sympathy extended to him during his illness, not only by the members of his own lodge, but by members of the Order generally, who were so constant in their enquiry after his welfare. Our brother fully realizes the many obligations he is under, and the satisfaction he has in being connected with a fraternity, composed of members whose most earnest efforts are to carry out the principles therein taught.

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AN EXPLANATION.

In the April number of this paper there appeared an article, taken from an Eastern paper, relating to a proposition emanating from a Past Chancellor of the Order, suggesting that a Canadian Order of Knight of Pythias be formed, and the brethren of Canada secede from the United States. Unfortunately the name of the paper from which the article was taken was not given due credit in our columns. Several comments have appeared in Pythian journals on the above article, and the desire to state that no member of the Committee in charge of this paper, nor do we believe one single member in the Domain of British Columbia has even entertained such an absurd proposition. The loyalty of the entire membership in this Domain to the Supreme Lodge is beyond question, and we desire here to repudiate anything whatever in connection with the article above referred to.

COMMITTEE.

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LOCALS.

Bro. Godfrey, of Primrose Lodge, was a welcomed visitor to the office of the "True Knight."

We would like to know if the Nightingale managed to keep the cork in that bottle—Slocan Junction.

We understand that the lost grip has been found, and also a coat has been returned from Winnipeg.

We wish to know why that two-dozen missed connection at Kamloops. Dry, very dry, and dusty, too.

We understand that several C. P. R. news agents sold their outfits to a noted songster—Change Cars.

The camera fiend's picture of the Sleeping Beauty taken on board the steamer Kootenai has developed well.

Captain Shaw and Dan Thomas, both members of Rossland Lodge, paid the City a visit during the holiday season.

We would suggest that the Kamloops contingent in future use the aerial line and leave the Coast delegation to enjoy their virtuous slumbers.

We trust that Supreme Representatives Anstie and Ackerman will, on their return from the Supreme Lodge, be full-fledged Knights of Khorassen.

Bro. F. L. Christie, a prominent lawyer of Sandon and member of Crusader Lodge, No. 19, was a welcome visitor to our City during the holidays.

We would like to know further if the man with "loaded cane" reached home safely. There ought to be a good sale for "loaded canes" in the Territories.

We trust that the Vancouver City lodge are taking steps to appoint their new Committee for the "True Knight." Now is high time to awake out of sleep.

The "True Knight" thanks Bro. Randolph for his advertisement, and we trust he will ever continue to enjoy his full share of the patronage of his brother knights.

We are very grieved to state that a satchel was found containing a number of beer bottles, but "Hoffy" did not know anything about it. Oh, what a difference in the morning.

The "True Knight" is indebted to Bro. H. C. Thompson, of the "Industrial World," of Rossland, for a copy of his paper. We shall be pleased to put him on our exchange list.

The Representatives wish to thank the C. P. R. officials for their many courtesies to them whilst visiting the Kootenay Country. The C. P. R. is second to none, and better than most.

Every knight should put forth his utmost endeavor to make Grand Chancellor, Bro. J. L. Brown's term of office a successful one in every way. In Brother Binns, G. V. C., he has a "Noble" lieutenant.

We earnestly hope that the members of all the lodges will respond liberally to the call for help from the Grand Chancellor, for the Sandon fire sufferers. Aid is badly needed. The Grand Chancellor's appeal appears in another column.

The Grand Lodge representatives were very much elevated by the neat appearance of one of their numbers on the platform at 8 a. m. at Rossland. The only thing wrong was his necktie needed pulling down and he needed to have got up earlier to the station.

The Supreme Lodge session, shortly to be held in the City of Detroit, promises to be one of unusual interest. Legislation of great importance will doubtless come before this honorable body, and the Encampment of the Uniform Rank, to be held at the same time and place,

will be the largest gathering ever yet held of the Sir Knights. In connection with the proposed new Supreme Lodge officers, many of our Pythian publications have named their choice for several of the more important offices. We believe this matter can be better dealt with by the members of the Supreme Lodge, and our fraternal journals would find better and more profitable employment other than suggesting probable members to fill these offices.

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SUPREME LODGE, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS,

Office of the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal.

Nashville, May 5, 1900.

The following table shows the total membership of each Grand Domain, on December 31st, 1899, together with the net gain or loss during the year. It does not include the subordinate lodges not within the domain of a grand lodge, which had an aggregate membership of 715, December 31st, 1898, and from which complete reports for 1899 have not yet been received:

Alabama	7,557	Gain	1	Kansas	11,888	Gain	602
Arizona	824	Gain	113	Kentucky	6,465	Gain	223
Arkansas	4,440	Gain	19	Louisiana	6,351	Gain	17
British Columbia	1,440	Gain	82	Maine	12,712	Gain	362
California	11,220	Gain	145	Manitoba	460	Gain	81
Colorado	6,331	Gain	159	Maritime Provinces	1,316	Gain	62
Connecticut	6,143	Gain	56	Maryland	7,106	Gain	153
Delaware	1,040	Gain	2	Massachusetts	15,449	Gain	832
District of Columbia	1,280	Gain	42	Michigan	12,050	Gain	613
Florida	3,113	Gain	296	Minnesota	8,245	Gain	632
Georgia	6,213	Gain	418	Mississippi	5,478	Gain	89
Idaho	1,273	Gain	108	Missouri	20,067	Gain	508
Illinois	41,389	Gain	4,265	Montana	2,431	Gain	410
Indiana	40,563	Gain	1,918	Nebraska	6,512	Gain	649
Indian Territory	1,797	Gain	175	Nevada	808	Gain	22
Iowa	26,005	Gain	1,161	New Hampshire	5,441	Gain	38
				New Jersey	13,140	Gain	181
				New Mexico	854	Gain	34
				New York	19,833	Loss	48
				North Carolina	4,504	Gain	332
				North Dakota	1,997	Gain	240
				Ohio	57,932	Gain	1,960
				Oklahoma	1,379	Gain	306
				Ontario	1,154	Loss	9
				Oregon	4,017	Gain	492
				Pennsylvania	41,489	Gain	1,041
				Rhode Island	2,801	Loss	152
				South Carolina	4,975	Gain	250
				South Dakota	2,220	Gain	300
				Tennessee	8,775	Gain	398
				Texas	15,068	Gain	908
				Utah	1,111	Loss	4
				Vermont	1,375	Gain	98
				Virginia	4,685	Gain	152
				Washington	4,117	Gain	319
				West Virginia	7,571	Gain	437
				Wisconsin	8,324	Gain	98
				Wyoming	770	Gain	48
				Total.....	491,672		
				Net gain during the year 1899,	21,589.		

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ENDOWMENT RANK

Quarterly Statement of the Board of Control.

Chicago, Ill., April 2, 1900.

To the Officers and Members of the Endowment Rank, Knights of Pythias:

The Board of Control herewith submit a synopsis of the business of the Endowment Rank transacted during the quarter ending March 31st, 1900, and showing the membership and Endowment in force, cash balance and investments.

STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP AND ENDOWMENT.

In force December 31, 1899.			
Number of members.....	60,309	Amount of Endowment..	\$108,098,500
Admitted during quarter—new applicants, number of members....	3,169	" "	4,453,000
Admitted during quarter—re-admission, number of members.....	188	" "	297,500
Total.....	63,666		\$112,849,000
Terminated during quarter.			
By forfeiture—number of members..	1,267	Amount of Endowment..	\$ 1,788,000
By cancellation—No. of members....	5	" "	15,000
By death—number of members.....	159	" "	327,000
Total terminated.....	1,431		\$2,130,000
In force March 31, 1900.			
Number of members.....	62,235	Amount of Endowment.....	\$110,719,000

Financial Statement—Receipts and Disbursements.

Received interest on cash balance and investments	\$ 1,553 99
Received from certificate, card and other fees.....	696 69
Received from monthly payments.....	344,564 17
Received from monthly dues.....	16,644 85
Received from matured investments.....	3,653 69
Total.....	\$367,113 30

Depository and Investment Accounts.

Amount on deposit at close of last quarter, First National Bank, Chicago..	\$ 35,062 98
Deposited during quarter, First National Bank, Chicago	367,113 30
Total.....	\$402,176 28
Warrants drawn, payment death benefits.....	\$320,257 35
Warrants drawn, account organization of Sections, fees, expenses and advertising.....	15,828 97
Warrants drawn, account office expenses, stationery, printing, postage, expressage and miscellaneous items.....	8,425 49
Warrants drawn, account medical examinations.....	7,873 50
Warrants drawn, account adjustment of death claims, attorneys' fees, etc.	3,960 80
Warrants drawn, account Section supplies and printing.....	863 98
Warrants drawn, account certificates annulled (refunded)	1,139 71
Total.....	358,349 80
Cash on hand First National Bank, Chicago, Endowment Rank Depository, March 31st, 1900.....	\$ 43,826 48
Bonds and securities on hand.....	449,714 02
Total cash balance and investment, March 31st, 1900.....	\$493,567 50

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"THE TRUE KNIGHT."

"The Committee of the Vancouver lodge which has charge of the Pythian paper, "The True Knight," are certainly to be congratulated on the Grand Lodge convention edition. It contains upwards of thirty high-class photo-gravures of past and present officers of the Grand Lodge, as well as many prominent knights in the Domain. Among them we notice those of two Rossland brothers, J. W. Graham, ex-G. V. C., and S. B. Shaw, sitting C. C. of Rossland Lodge."

The above is taken from the Rossland "Industrial World" and is one of the many favorable comments tendered the Management of this journal.

THE SUPREME CONVENTION.

Gathering of the Clans at Detroit, Michigan.

Detroit, Mich., May 15.—The result of the meeting of the Michigan Grand Lodge last week gives assurance that the Michigan Pythians are enthusiastic over the coming Supreme convention and encampment. Last year there was an undisguised reticence to making promises for the 1900 meeting, but this year the greatest enthusiasm prevailed, and from a guaranteed Grand Lodge subscription of \$1,000 the amount was raised to \$4,000, augmented by \$600 in voluntary subscriptions from the various lodges in the state. In addition \$350 was voted for headquarter expenses of the Michigan Grand Lodge, and a Reception Committee, composed of P. S. Chancellor Colgrove, Grand Chancellor Lusk, and all Past Grand Chancellors of Michigan to receive and entertain, in conjunction with the Executive Committee, the Supreme officers at Detroit.

Supreme Chancellor Sample paid Detroit a flying visit last week and expressed himself as delighted with the completeness of the work of the local committee. He made a few important suggestions which will be carried out.

In spite of the fact that an attempt has been made to discriminate against the knights in the matter of railroad fares, Chairman Cunningham receives few discouraging reports. Some letters of dissatisfaction are received, but as a whole the entire body of the Uniform Rank seems preparing to come en masse, in addition to the promise of thousands of D. O. K. K. and subordinate lodge members. The official circular, to be issued this coming week, will show that with the rates quoted and the exceedingly low boat rates, there is but little difference from the Indianapolis rates. According to railroad talk heard on the side, there is every probability that the roads will make a break to get the business when the time comes. Mayor Maybury and the local commercial bodies have taken up the matter of rates and meetings are being held to organize a public demand for a one cent rate or an extension of time for party rates at the Supreme event. Even should this fail, there is every indication at this time that the Detroit meeting will be the most successful ever held. Reports from the Ohio brigades show 3,000 thus far pledged to come, with 2,000 from Indiana and a like number from Illinois. As there are 22 brigades, there is little probability that the number of troops will fall short of 16,000 men in camp.

JOHN T. BURNS,
Press Representative.

TRANSPORTATION RATES.

We are in receipt of a paper containing reports re transportation rates for those who purpose attending the Supreme Lodge Convention and Uniform Rank Encampment at De-

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troit, on August 27th next. While the rates, as far as we know, do not apply to the Coast delegations, for those who reside in the East or Central Domains we consider the rate remarkably reasonable, viz., about 1 1-2 cents per mile.

While on this subject we would like to see our Detroit people arrange for a Coast rate, and give our readers ample time to decide on the trip. There is ever reason to believe that if a reasonable rate were secured, many of our knights and friends in this Province and Washington, Oregon and other Western domains would be tempted to make the trip. Several members of the Order here and in the Upper Country, have made inquiries regarding the matter, and for the information of those members, who may desire to make the trip, we are endeavoring to see the different railway officials here on the subject. It would therefore facilitate matters were we informed at once by those who purpose attending. In the meantime the Detroit Committee should see what could be done at that end of the line.

SOME FACTS OF INTEREST.

Detroit, Michigan, April 25.—Editors are requested to note that some changes have been made in the personnel of the General Committee in charge of the arrangements for the twenty-first biennial convention and encampment. The present Committee is. Chairman, P. S. Cunningham; Secretary, F. J. Peadie; Vice-Chairman, F. H. Clarke; Treasurer, Edward Wildman; Committeemen: H. E. Baldwin, W. Quinlivan, W. H. Speaker, M. Zimmerman, O. A. Janes, J. D. McDae, F. Van de Welde, W. J. Tomlinson, A. J. Bloomgarden, W. A. Werner.

Major-General James R. Carnahan is Chairman of Parades and Reviews; Past Supreme Chancellor Philip T. Colgrove will be Chairman of the Reception Committee; W. Quinlivan, Chairman of Hotel and Public Comfort Committee and A. A. Schantz, Chairman of the Transportation Committee.

The Executive Committee is preparing and will soon issue a circular of general information for those desiring to know how to get to Detroit and what to bring. The circular will contain anticipated answers to every question which would naturally be asked, but in case specific information is wanted on any subject, the Bureau of Information is accessible to all.

The fact that the Grand Army of the Republic will meet at Chicago simultaneously with the Knights of Pythias in Detroit, will make it necessary for large bodies intending to come to the biennial meeting to arrange early for special trains and accommodations for the trip here. Detroit is particularly fortunate in its location as to transportation facilities, and one of the features of the trip to Detroit should be a ride over one of the many waters leading to Detroit.

The Detroit River, upon which the city is situated, is one of the most beautiful waterways in the world. It is the gateway between Lakes Huron and Erie, and more tonnage passes this port than is recorded in the port of Liverpool in a stated time. The progress of shipbuilding upon the great lakes during the

past few years has far surpassed that of the oceans and as a result both passenger and freight steamers which pass or touch Detroit are, many of them, palaces afloat. Parties from the north and west can get connection over easily accessible through roads to Mackinaw or St. Ignace, stopping a day or two if possible, at the beautiful Mackinac Island, where 50,000 resorters spend their Summer vacations. There the palatial steamers of the Detroit & Cleveland Navigation Company can be taken direct to Detroit, the round trip rate being at \$4.00, less than one cent a mile. The trip down Lake Huron, through the famous St. Clair Flats, the Venice of America, through the St. Clair River, Lake St. Clair and Detroit River to Detroit, is one of the most attractive water excursions in the world, the time schedules being so arranged that the most pleasing part of the journey, scenically, is made in daylight. Those who desire to do so can take the through steamers from Duluth over the Lake Superior route.

Those from the East can have a much more enjoyable trip by securing the C. & B., and D. & C., boats at Buffalo, making the Lake Erie trip and up the Detroit river, a distance of 300 miles, which is an ideal trip for excursionists who travel for a good time. The rate from Buffalo and return has been fixed at \$4.50. Those who can connect at Toledo will enjoy the boat ride from that city up the western extremity of Lake Erie and through the Detroit River, past some of the most beautiful natural scenery known. This route is covered by the White Star Line and the rate is fixed at 75 cents for the round trip. This line connects also with all Canadian roads at Sarnia, and Michigan through lines at Port Huron, giving a 60 mile ride on Detroit River. Other lines terminate at Sandusky, Ohio, and from this point the steamer Frank E. Kirby, the flyer of the lakes, will take care of the crowds. This means a trip to the Put-in Bay resort, where the Victory Hotel, the largest hotel in the world, is located, and thence up the Detroit River. The return rate from this point is fixed at \$1.25. The Detroit & Cleveland Line will handle all who can come via Cleveland. There will be two boats daily, both of them among the finest and fastest on the lakes, and the trip from Cleveland means a pleasant daylight ride through Lake Erie and the Detroit River or a cool all-night journey in a floating palace. The return rates from Cleveland are \$2.00. In connection with this matter a glance at the regular tariff sheets of any of the lines will show that the Pythian rates are the lowest ever offered to excursionists. The General Committee and the people of Detroit combined to give every opportunity for a good time, and these water excursions are to be a feature which will, we hope, prove a long remembered part of the great convention and encampment.

Those who come by rail will find time for a day on the water, either up through the St. Clair River and the Flats, or down to Put-in Bay, Sandusky, Toledo or Cleveland, and those who do not desire the longer excursions can visit the famous Fighting Island, the scene of many Indian wars, eight miles below Detroit, Grosse Isle, 13 miles down the river, famous in the early history of Michigan, Bois Blanc

Island at the mouth of the Detroit River, Amherstburg, Ont., or by boat to and from Belle Isle, the most beautiful water part in the world. Windsor, Canada, is one mile distant from Detroit, ferry boats every 10 minutes carrying passengers for five cents and giving opportunity to visit the "Queen's domain" without rest: limit.

Detroit has better and more extensive suburban trolley service than any city in the United States. The cars entering the city are modern passenger coaches, with smoking and toilet rooms, drinking water, etc., and in these handsome cars it is possible to reach at least 20 famous Summer resorts and fishing points, including Mount Clemens, the most famous of American bath cities, a city of big hotels and mineral baths, where 75,000 invalids and resorters enjoy the cool breezes from Lake St. Clair and the healing waters of the unlimited mineral wells.

Again we say, come to Detroit over a route which will allow a few hours or a day on the water, but if not possible, come prepared to have a good time on the water after arriving.

The announced rate over the roads of the Central Traffic Association, one fare for the round trip will insure good accommodations over the various roads, the big G. A. R. event in Chicago taxing the roads to the utmost for cheap excursions. It is the promise of the roads that the Detroit rate means the best possible service and Pythians out for a good time prefer the best that the world affords.

A GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP.

From a report just received from R. L. C. White, Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, we find that the Order has, during the year 1899, a net gain in membership of 21,589. This is a matter in which all should be interested, and one that we should feel proud of, notwithstanding the fact that in most of the lodges, there has been a general movement towards weeding out that class of membership that does not contribute, solely from lack of interest, and a stronger desire to accept only the best material. We find that this grand institution is on the increase. In British Columbia the membership have every reason to feel proud of what they have accomplished. We stand to-day first in point of membership with any of our sister domains in Canada, and lead very considerably some of the domains in the United States. Considering the fact that as yet we have not an over-abundant population in the Province—and that to a great extent floating or transient—we have to congratulate ourselves, on having excellent workers in the field. Our Order is the youngest of the three great fraternal orders, having a foothold in this Domain, and we can justly claim a place side by side with them in the work of fraternal organization. Especially successful has been our mission in the Upper Country, with eleven good lodges, each with a good healthy membership and exchequer, and prospects of more lodges in the near future, thanks to the work of loyal and active knights in that section of our Province, which gives so much promise of untold wealth and prosperity.

FINANCES OF THE SUPREME LODGE.

From information just received from Bro. Thomas D. Meares, Supreme, Master of Exchequer we are glad to state that the finances of the Supreme Lodge are in a healthy condition, and that there will possibly be a surplus on hand after the next session of the Supreme Lodge. It is gratifying to note this condition of affairs and we trust that continual prosperity will be our portion, and that the Supreme Lodge will be placed in the position that it should be—financially able to meet all its obligations.

OBITUARY.

Charles A. Lee, Supreme Representative, Rhode Island.

Charles A. Lee, Editor of the "Pawtucket Gazette," and Supreme Representative of Rhode Island, died at 11:50 p. m. on Wednesday, May 23rd, at the Preble House, Portland, Maine, from a stroke of apoplexy. Bro. Lee left Pawtucket to attend the annual convention of the Grand Lodge of Maine. He made his headquarters at the Preble House, and was sitting at dinner when he was taken suddenly ill. Assistance was at once summoned and all that medical skill and attendance could do was given him. Nothing, however, availed and death released him from his suffering at the hour above mentioned.

Bro. Lee was one of the most prominent members of the Order in the United States. For many years he held the important position of Official Reporter, for the Supreme Lodge at its sessions, and was held in high esteem by all members of that body, who had the pleasure of meeting him. Bro. Lee held many offices of honor in that Order. He was a charter member of Eureka Lodge, No. 5, Knights of Pythias, which he joined in March, 1871, and was its second Chancellor Commander. He was Grand Chancellor in 1875 and 1876, and since 1877 he had been a representative of the Supreme Lodge, his term of continuous service making him the oldest member of that body. He was also a member of the Uniform Rank and the Endowment Rank of the Knights of Pythias.

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WHICH IS THE GUILTY ONE?

In view of the nearness of the convention of the Supreme Lodge at Detroit, would it not be well for Supreme Chancellor Sample to place a detective on the track of the Supreme Representative who maligned the Supreme Lodge by giving information to the Indianapolis "Sentinel," which he should have regarded as sacred? The Editor of the "Sentinel" said the man was a member of the Supreme Lodge. Is it not due to the honorable gentlemen who composed that body that the culprit be exposed? The eyes of the Pythian world are fixed upon two men, and only two—which is the guilty one? See Mark xiv, 19-20.—"The Knight."

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GRAND LODGE OF TENNESSEE.
May 18th, 1900.

At the session of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, held on the above date, the following resolution was passed. It speaks for itself, and will be read with pleasure by the many friends of Bro. R. L. C. White, our honored Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal:

By a unanimous rising vote, a resolution was adopted, raising a special Committee of five, with instructions to have designed and present to Past Grand Chancellor, R. L. C. White a "silver anniversary" medal, commemorative of his completion, at the present convention, of twenty-five years of active membership in the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, and his attendance at twenty-five annual conventions without an omission. This record is believed to be without a parallel in the history of the Order.

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WHILE THEY LIVE.

We guard with reverent care the spot
Where lie our forgotten dead,
And when the roses bud and bloom,
We beautify their lowly bed.
We rear aloft the marble shaft,
That every passer-by may learn
That sacred memory keeps her trust,
In votive gift and storied urn.

But, oh, the hearts that ache and break
Through all the long, bright Summer days,
For just one word of tenderness.
Some generous and outspoken praise;
And, oh, the bitter tears that fall,
O'er life's mistakes and cruel fate,
For all that human hearts hold dear,
Of love and kindness come too late.

Then take the flower that blooms to-day,
And place it in some loving hand;
Nor wait until the ear grows cold
To breath the sweet thought that you
planned,
For one bright day of tender love
Outweighs an age of mourning hours.
One kiss on warm responsive lips,
Is worth a million funeral flowers.

"FRATERNITIES REVIEW,"

Nashville, Tenn.

MEASURE THYSELF.

Have you ever seriously asked yourself why you are a member of that purely fraternal order on the roster of which your name is enrolled?

There are some who deem their whole duty performed towards the fraternity whose colors they are entitled to wear by payment of the regular fixed charges or dues. They are always ready to receive either benefits or honors, and take them with as much complacency as if they were merited. Actions and countenance most frequently proclaim them self-satisfied absorbers, who apply to everything of a fraternal character the one (to them) all-satisfying test: What is there in it for me?

Like the camp follower, they are always in the rear when there is need for the valiant, and, like him again, are always active in garnering the fruits of victory. Something for nothing is their rule of action.

As a chain is only so strong as its weakest link, and added links but tend to lessen its safety, so such members of a fraternity do not elevate it, nor add to its beneficence. Measured by them as a standard, the order degenerates. They are the subtle poison that too frequently corrodes the life of a good lodge. And usually they are regarded in the world as men of probity. They are sometimes denominated shrewd. You know them.

But the greater number of those who make up the army of fraternal brotherhood are actuated by the desire to build up and extend the beautiful teachings of the lessons they have received. They account themselves fortunate in being units of the wondrous whole that is making the world better and elevating its standards of morality and justice, and tempering them with mercy and charity, purity and love. If a thought of self is obtruded, it is: Am I living up to my obligation?

Such members are the corner-stone and the key-stone to fraternity. They make its foundation as enduring as time, and cap it with the benediction, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."—"Fraternities Review."

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A MEASURED TERM.

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SANDERSON'S HALF MILLION.

They were sitting before the fire in Judge Carrol's old-fashioned parlor, discussing a recent magazine story.

"I think he ought to have told her," Miss Carrol said warmly. "What if he were poor and she had always been used to the luxuries of life! He was a better man than the other, and she ought to have known, and had a chance to choose."

"I don't think so," said Sanderson, bluntly. "She did not care anything for him, so it would not have made any difference."

"She might have cared," Miss Carrol insisted.

"All the more reason why she should not say anything."

"I don't agree with you. If she had loved him what difference would his property or anything else have made? It always struck me that it was more the opinion of other people than a high sense of honor that kept a man silent in such cases."

Sanderson gave an unpleasant laugh. "If she had married him, and then had been obliged to do the washing and scrub floors and live as poor people have to live—well her love would have changed to something quite different in a very short time. Oh, I've figured that all out."

He got up abruptly and went and stood with his back toward her, looking out of the window. Her face flushed, and there was a light in her eyes as she watched him. "It was perfectly dreadful of me to say what I did," she thought, "but it seemed as if I must know. And he does care, I am sure now."

Sanderson stayed a little longer, then took his leave rather earlier than usual.

"That was a narrow escape," he muttered. "I must try and keep away. Well, there's no harm done. She could not have suspected anything from what I said. She was only thinking of the people in the story."

At the gate he met the judge, who bowed to him stiffly, but with studied politeness. As he passed on, however, the judge frowned. He did not like the idea of having that young Sanderson around so much. There was nothing against the young man except his property. It would have been easier if there had been. As it was, the judge dared not say anything to his daughter for fear she would be more than ever interested. To be sure the judge had been a poor boy, and he was not extremely wealthy even now; but it troubled him to think that his daughter might take a notion to marry a poor man. Sanderson never would be anything else. His father had been poor before him. It was in the blood. And what could you expect of a man who lived as Sanderson did, in a cheap boarding house, and picked up a precarious living by scribbling verses and silly stories, with now and then a little reporting?

A few days later the judge's opinion underwent a change. He came home with an interesting bit of news. A rich uncle of Sanderson's had died leaving him half a million dollars or so.

Miss Carol changed color. "I am sorry on some accounts," she said. "He will be spoiled

for writing now. I expected great things for him."

"Nonsense!" said her father. "He never would have amounted to anything in literature. Now if he was like some men, I should expect that he would be worse off than before, but it will be different with him. He hasn't any bad habits and he knows the value of money. On the whole I think it is a very good thing."

Miss Carrol said no more. After dinner she went slowly to her room. Sanderson would probably come and she must dress to receive him. She was puzzled at her strange reluctance. She ought to be glad to have all obstacles removed, but somehow she wished the money had come to him in some other way. If only he had earned it how different she would feel. Now he would come, and she would have to congratulate him, and then—However, she made herself look her best, and went down-stairs to wait for him.

And after all he did not come. Indeed she did not see him for a week; and then it was only a moment one day when she was downtown shopping. He nodded and smiled in a kind of abstracted way, and as if he had forgotten who she was. Miss Carrol did not like this, and when he called the next day her manner was rather formal. She did not have to congratulate him, in fact the legacy was not mentioned. He talked with great animation, and did not seem to notice her coldness.

"I am going to be very busy," he told her at parting. "You will hear from me very soon, but I am afraid I cannot get to see you as often as I want to."

"What did I tell you?" said the judge, a few days later. "There is more in young Sanderson than you have ever given him credit for. What do you think he is doing? He is getting out a paper in opposition to the "Eagle," and it is good, too," and the judge took a folded paper from his pocket and passed it to his daughter. "You see, don't you, that it is wide awake and up to the times?" he said when she returned the "Herald" to him. "I predict a brilliant future for it."

Time proved the judge to be a true prophet. Sanderson began in a very modest way, and the judge really deserved great credit for astuteness. In a year the "Herald" had bought out the "Eagle" and was issuing two editions daily. Part of its prosperity was due to the fact that the town was making a rapid but healthy growth.

As for the editor of the "Herald," everyone was surprised that he continued to live at Mrs. Moriarty's boarding house, and that he dressed so shabbily. He was working hard, that was plain; and at times he had a careworn look. Opinion was divided as to whether he was losing money on the paper or was growing miserably. Judge Carrol was his best friend, making him welcome at all times at his house, and complaining that he came no oftener.

Sanderson did not see much of Miss Carrol on these calls, for the judge persisted in talking business. Miss Carrol listened eagerly to all that was said, and took a keen interest in the "Herald." If she had any feeling of bitterness toward Sanderson, no one ever knew.

Three years passed, and those who thought the paper was not paying were obliged to conclude that Sanderson was trying to amass a fortune. His was considered the best newspaper in several counties.

Then one day Sanderson went to the judge's house and asked to see Miss Carrol. He had discarded his usual shabby attire and looked in his becoming suit, with a flower on the lapel of his coat, very trim and tidy. Miss Carrol, when she caught sight of him, noticed this changed appearance with surprise, but it was a new look in his eyes that made her heart begin to beat violently in spite of her sternly commanding it to behave itself. She came forward with outstretched hand, and an attempt at her usual greeting.

"Papa is away," she said.

"I know it," he answered. "I came to see you."

He held her hand in his, and looked at her face in silence. He had come with the intention of making certain explanations, and then telling her that he loved her. But the best laid plans are subject to change, and as she slowly raised her eyes to his he suddenly decided that the explanations would have to wait a little.

"And now," he said, when the more important matter had been attended to, "there is something else that I want to tell you. Of course you heard about the fortune my uncle left me?"

"Yes, and I suppose I was the only one who did not think it was a very good thing. I believed that you had ability without such help."

Sanderson's face lighted up. "Did you think that?" he said, eagerly. "Well, when people heard about it there was such a number of business offers made to me that I was surprised. I never knew there were so many ways of making money. There was one peculiar thing about all the offers, though. In every case I was to furnish the money and some one else the brains. I resented this, and I determined to show that

I had brains of my own. I made up my mind that I would go to work and make some kind of a fortune and not touch the half-million dollars. I wanted to show people that I could do something in the world and that I was capable of taking care of my legacy. I had saved a little money, and that was all put into the paper. I don't need to go into details. You know what the result has been. I never could have done it, however, if you had not been my strongest motive."

"I am proud of you," she said.

There was a pause, then Sanderson went on. "We can live very comfortably on what I have made, and hope to continue making, but tell me. Julia, aren't you glad of the half-million?" He looked at her a little wistfully.

"No," she answered, promptly. "I wish it had never been left to you. It is dreadfully silly, and I know that you will laugh at me, but—I am jealous of that half-million."

Sanderson caught her in his arms. "Say that again!" he cried, rapturously. "I am so thankful! That has worried me a great deal."

"What have I said?" she asked looking bewildered. "What do you mean?"

"I mean that the half million is a myth."

"A myth?"

"Yes. You see one night Mellen, my roommate, was reading the paper and he came across the death of a man who was enormously wealthy. It happened that he had the same name as my mother's people, and I mentioned the fact. Mellen loved a joke, and he circulated the story about my legacy. He went away soon after, and I let the story go. I wanted to know the truth first, and I did not want to tell you till the proper time came. I had hard work keeping my secret sometimes. So the ghost is laid, and you have no cause for jealousy any more. Are you really glad? Don't you wish just a little bit—"

She put her finger on his lips. "Don't," she said. "There is nothing I wish for just now."—S. B. Robbins, in Chicago "Daily News."

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Sixteen tomcats mixed in a fray
 Out on the fence at the break of day;
 Just as the lamps and stars went out
 And only the form of a cop was about—
 Just at dawn!

Sixteen sashes on each dwelling side,
 Fly on their pulleys away up and wide,
 Fly with the din of a mountain-road train,
 With clatter of woodwork and rattle of pane—
 Just at dawn!

Sixteen heads of disheveled hair,
 Flung to the breeze of the new crispy air;
 Three of the sixteen caught by the neck,
 Hurl out words like skippers on deck—
 Just at dawn!

Sixteen missiles—vases and books,
 Umbrellas, mats and brass curtain hooks;
 Sixteen lives extinguished with pain,
 But one hundred and thirty-five still remain—
 Just at dawn!

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Sandy Pikes—"Yep, he offended our lodge."
 Pellucid Pete—"How so?"
 Sandy Pikes—"Why, he voted for a man called
 'Bath-House John.' "

GOOD ROADS.

The Filipino leader peered through the palm
 foliage. In the distance a steamer was dis-
 charging her furnace refuse into the sea.
 "It makes me feel bad," muttered the leader.
 "What does?" inquired the subordinate.
 "Why, the waste of good cinders. If I only
 had them here what a grand path I could make
 for our future sprints."

THE TORTOISE.

Years had passed and the strife between
 Briton and Boer was remembered only in his-
 tory. Some of the descendants of Oom Paul
 were seated in the old home in Pretoria.
 "Look!" cried one, "who is that old man com-
 ing up the lawn?"
 "I will go see," responded the other. A few
 minutes later he returned.
 "He said his name is Smith, and he bears a
 message of sympathy from the United States
 to our ancestor, Oom Paul."

NOT A WOMAN OF FEW WORDS.

Oh, George!" exclaimed Mrs. Brown, with
 tears in her eyes, as she met her husband at
 the door, "mamma has injured her hand and
 the doctor says there is danger of lockjaw."
 "Don't be alarmed, my dear," replied the
 heartless Brown. "All they have to do is keep
 her awake and her jaws will never lock."

IN THE CAFE.

Carte—"I tell you that waiter is a gentleman
 from head to foot."
 D'Hote—"You mean from tip to tip."

IN THE THRONG.

Ida—"Do you see that man with mutton-
 chop whiskers? Doesn't he look bold?"
 May—"He looks very sheepish to me."

ON THE STAND.

Smythe—"Haven't seen Diggs in an age."
 Woodfall—"He's on the race track now."
 Smythe—"Newmarket?"
 Woodfall—"No; Pretoria."

THE GRAND FINALE.

Ida—"Yes, the chorus ended up with 200
 voices."
 May—"All singing the last line; 'And Still his
 heart was true?'"
 Ida—"No; twenty sung 'And still his heart
 was true,' and the other 180 joined in with
 'Rats!'"

ABOUT THE SIZE OF IT.

"Vinegar never catches flies,"
 So the proverb maker wrote;
 And sugarless candidates, likewise,
 Ne'er catch the floating vote.

A WELCOME CHANGE.

"Colonel," said the sentinel, as he saluted
 the officer in command of the besieged town,
 "a horseless carriage approaches."
 "That's good news," replied the colonel. "Now
 we may expect some horseless beef."

NO SURPRISE TO HER.

Softleigh—"It's—aw—weally surpwisng, Miss
 Cutting, but I don't—aw—think—"
 Miss Cutting (interrupting)—"Well, I'm sure
 I never thought you did."

A MATRIMONIAL JUDGE.

The Parson—"Doesn't your conscience re-
 proach you after giving a fellow-man a life
 sentence?"
 The Judge—"Not if I am convinced of his
 guilt. But I suppose yours does, eh?"
 The Parson—"Why, what do you mean?"
 The Judge—"You not only sentence innocent
 men for life, but you collect a fee for doing it."

THE SUMMER CAR.

Along with the blossoms and briars,
 Along with the red berries sweet;
 Along with the frogs in the mires
 That croak for the thunder and heat;
 Along with country-pike riding
 And thoughts of the seashore far,
 Comes out of the barnshed gliding
 The fresh-painted Summer car.

Like a coach bedecked for the races,
 With polish and brightness agleam;
 And new rows of lithograph faces,
 With ever the same smiles beam.
 The girl with expression confiding.
 The man with a new brand cigar;
 And they never seem weary of riding
 Aboard the big Summer car.

And then, of course, there are others,
 The people who grumble and snap,
 The end-seat hog and the mothers
 That thrust their kids in your lap,
 The man who complains of the weather,
 And crushes your corn at each jar,
 You will find them huddled together
 Inside of the big Summer car.

THE PARTING GIVES HIM PAIN.

"A parting," so the poet wrote,
 "Is the sweetest kind of sorrow;"
 But he didn't refer to money and
 The fellow of whom you borrow.

THE IDEAL AND THE REAL.

Myer—"Your friend Pennington idealizes too
 much in his books."

Gyer—"Yes; but he doesn't realize much from
 their sale."

Ida—"Some one has discovered that the
 Smith family existed 2,000 years ago."

May—"I wouldn't be the least surprised if
 Adam's last name wasn't Smith."

THIS MAY NOT BE A JOKE.

Stranger (to shabby individual)—"Are you
 the janitor of this building?"

Shabby Individual—"No, sir. The gentleman
 with the big diamond pin and silk hat who
 just went up in the elevator is the janitor."

Stranger—"Then you are one of his assist-
 ants, I suppose."

Shabby Individual—"Yes, I suppose so. I'm
 the owner of the building."

HER IMPRESSION.

"And one regiment," said the man who wore
 a red coat in Africa, "stood six feet in their
 stockings."

"What a pity they had no boots," remarked
 the old lady, who stood listening.

ANOTHER VICTIM.

"Great excitement up my way this morning."

"You don't say?"

"Yes, indeed; a man was seen rushing wildly
 around the roof. Everybody thought he was
 going to dash himself below. Finally an officer
 lassoed him from an adjoining building."

"Did he give an explanation?"

"Yes, said he was merely up there trying to
 get the dust out of his eyes and hair. Said
 he had been assisting in house-cleaning."

SAFE!

Pearl—"The grandmothers of Baltmore will
 remain in good health this Summer."

Ruby—"Why so?"

Pearl—"That city has no baseball team."

EXERCISE YOUR OPTICS.

"Those that expect to see all av th' Poris ex-
 position," said the janitor philosopher, "had
 better put in a little toime watchin' a thrae-
 ring circus."

SPRING RACES.

He read returns from every race,
 Did Gibbons, Eddie Gibbons;
 And then he left his counter place
 No more to measure ribbons.
 He left to bet on racing heats,
 He was a green beginner;
 He saw the first race from the seats—
 He didn't pick a winner.

They saw him rushing wildly out—
 Across the track like crazy;
 "Two hundred down!" they heard him shout,
 "Two hundred down on Daisy!"
 And then they watched his anxious face,
 His pocketbook was thinner;
 They heard the bell, they ran the race—
 He didn't pick a winner.

It nearly broke him up, but then—
 A "book" had tips to cheer him;
 They saw him stake his last green ten—
 The "book" was standing near him.
 Last week I met him on the street,
 He begged me for a dollar;
 He said: "My downfall is complete—
 I didn't pick a winner."

Wm. Ralph...

Dealer in.....

THE FAMOUS STOVES and
 RANGES.

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