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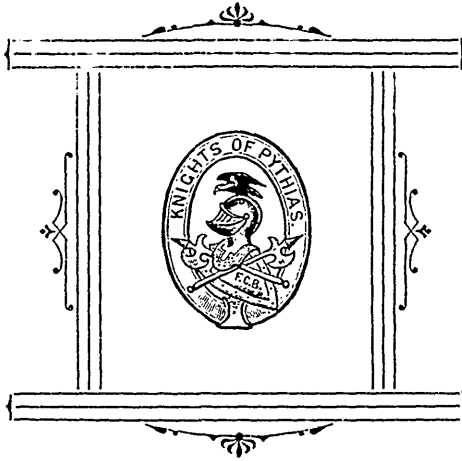
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THE TRUE KNIGHT.

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OUR OWN.

If I had known in the morning
How wearily all the day
The words unkind
Would trouble my mind
I said when you went away,
I had been more careful, darling,
Nor given you needless pain;
But we vex "our own"
With look and tone
We may never take back again.

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- Edward V. Goulet, Grand Inner Guard, Vernon.
- Robert Sample, Grand Outer Guard, New Westminster.

For though in the quiet evening
You may give us the kiss of peace,
Yet it might be
That never for me
The pain of the heart should cease.
How many go forth in the morning
That never come home at night!
And hearts have broken
For harsh words spoken
That sorrow can ne'er set right.

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

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

We have careful thoughts for the strangers,
And smiles for the sometime guest;
But oft for "our own"
The bitter tone,
Though we love "our own" the best,
Ah! lips with the curve impatient!
Ah! brow with that look of scorn!
'Twere a cruel fate
Were the night too late
To undo the work of morn.

—Margaret E. Sangster.

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GOOD ADVICE.

To the members of the Order of the Knights of Pythias:—

By a great many of the hardest workers, and consequently those who have the best interests of our order at heart, the lack of a Pythian journal has been keenly felt and deplored. If the press is mightier than the sword, then it must be apparent to every Knight that we have been lucky so far in not using that instrument which is so essential to success. We believe that is conceded. Let us not waste words. An effort is now being made to supply the brethren with what is believed to be a necessity if your order is to grow to that dimension which we believe every brother desires it to reach. We launch our new venture, and commit its future largely to your fidelity and care. If you take it up and work for it, our journal will be a credit to Pythianism, if not, its

life will be premature. The committee who have this matter under consideration, have placed your humble servant in the editorial chair. While thanking them both for the honor conferred upon me and the confidence reposed in me, I am quite sensible of the responsibility attached to the office. My duty will be to provide something readable, and above all, instructive. The great work of Pythianism is to evolve a true Knight, and it will be my aims to supply such matter as will aid each brother to attain to the rank and dignity of a true Knight, and thus people British Columbia with a class of men that will in all respects be worthy of it. Let me, in conclusion, ask you in all kindness to do what e'er within you lies to make our journal a success, and thus in this way promote the well being and prosperity of our noble order. Pythianism expects that every Pythian will do his duty.

GEORGE R. MAXWELL,

Rathbone Lodge, No. 7, K. of P.

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PYTHIANISM.

How better can a Pythian newspaper start on its joyful and inspiring mission than by calling the attention of its numerous readers to the incident on which our noble order is founded. Some men are strangely compounded; they are both a curious and bewildering mixture; the elements of their being are so arranged or disarranged that they become a startling mixture of good and evil. Dionysius was one of this class. The wonderful little country over which he ruled owed much to him. He was a pattern to all rulers in the encouragement which he gave to literate, refinement and learning, but he was what a great many have been, and what a great many would like to be—viz: a tyrant. His rule consequently caused a great deal of dissatisfaction among the nobler of his subjects. One among these, Damon, would fain become the William Tell, the William Wallace, the Oliver Cromwell of his country. Brooding over the wrongs which they were all suffering, he heroically determined to get rid of the tyrant. By some pretext he got admission into the Palace, stood face to face with the author of his country's woes, but just as he had drawn his dagger, and before crime had stained his fingers, he was seized and sentenced to death. It is at this moment, the lowest ebb of fortune's tide, that the friend Pythian appears. How great was Pythias' love for his friend! what he is prepared to do for him time alone can reveal. Possessed of that courageousness of soul which is ascribed to Esther, the beautiful Jewish maiden, he resolves to do something for his unfortunate friend, or perish in the attempt. He pleads with the tyrant that Damon might have the privilege of bidding farewell to his wife and children before he dies, and offers to take his place in the prison. In other

words he offers, his own life as a pledge for the life of the man whom he loved, seemingly above all others. The request was granted. Damon walks out, Pythias walks into the dungeon, and is bound with the chains significant of death. We need not portray the parting scenes. These may be far better imagined than described. Suffice it to say that amid tears—bitter tears—he forced himself away from his loved ones, that he might keep his word with his valiant friend. We have nothing but praise for Lucullus his faithful servant, who did everything that human ingenuity and fidelity could invent to save his master's life, but Damon was a hero. He will not save his life and so he pushes forward with all the speed he can command. With Pythias, if he valued his life, and what true man does not love sweet life? the moments now were big with consequences, the hour is nearing when he must die, and Damon has not come. He does not murmur. He harbors no uncharitable thoughts against his friend. See yonder is the block, and yonder stands the executioner with his gruesome axe ready to deal the bloody blow. Forward walks Pythias. His not to reason why—his but to do or die. See his head is laid unflinching upon the block, his neck is bare, and the axe flashes in the sunlight. But what means that commotion in the crowd—that sharp piercing cry? Who is yon breathless runner? It is Damon! We do not wonder to-day that such friendship on one side and on the other struck all with admiration, that the life of Damon was spared, and that the tyrant begged that he might become the friend of both, but the lesson may be gathered from these words: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Here then we have a glimpse of what a true friend and true friendship is. You may ask what is it that makes this so praiseworthy? or wherein lies the excellence of this tribute and sacrifice? In order to understand this we must put forth some effort to understand what life is, and what it really means. A man's life! has't that a profound meaning for us all. To lay down a life, to offer up a life as a sacrifice, isn't that a sacrifice which the world has ever immortalized in deathless strains? And the reason is, that life is regarded by every noble man as a gift, the choicest gift which God has given to man. He breathed unto him the breath of life, and man became a living soul. How ever we may fail to understand the mystery surrounding its origin, yet the thing itself, though which, and by means of which man has attained to all dignity, glory and excellence, is justly deemed the noblest gift of God to man. Without it,

what is man? Dust. With it he may become the wisest of the wise, the greatest of the great, the noblest of the noble. Hence to save the life, preserve the life, develop the life, each of these phrases has become to us a sign of its dignity, priceless and worth. We can admire a man who scatters his possessions, disperses his broad-acres, and lavishly of his gold for the sake of truth or principle, but when he will dare to give the best gift of all—his own life—the symbol of himself, isn't it true? "Greater love hath no man than this." He gives the grandest pledge of his sincerity and fidelity. Those who have read Virgil will remember his thrilling description of the adventures of Nisus and Euryalus. When retreating from Volscens they become separated, Nisus comes back seeking his youthful friend, only to see him struggling with his brutal captors. Unseen to the enemy, he hurls his dart, which pierced the armor of Salmo, and drank his vital blood. Another dart is dispatched which forced its way through the temple of Tagus. Volscens becomes infuriated, and looking at his youthful captive, cries, "But thou shalt pay for both" and at the prisoner flies with his drawn sword. Nisus seeing the fate of Euryalus, and as if to save his friend: "Me, me, he cried, turn all your swords alone on me." Greater love hath no man than this. He could not save his friend, but the poet tells us:

Dying he slew; and staggering on the plain.
With swimming eyes he sought his lover slain;
Then quiet on his bleeding bosom fell,
Content in death.

Pythias was no less a hero than Nisus, the valiant one whose soul is now enshrined, reincarnated and transmuted into our beloved order, was really in life, one with Damon. He permitted the galling chains to bind his limbs, and when the call came, go forth to die, he went willingly forth, to show to the world for all time what a friend will willingly do. He was not permitted to die, but all the same he died in intent and purpose. Noble, noble, friend! It is such men as thou that redeemest men from foul aspersions, brutal innuendoes, and the clap-trap talk of the mean and the selfish. It is such as thou that leadest men to think of what is chivalrous and knightly, and preparent the way for the performance of God-like deeds. And it is such as thou, Pythias, that revealest to men what wondrous riches are stored up in a faithful human heart. This is the man—and the deed that inspired Pythians. We are not old as an order, but Pythias

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has not lived in vain, for the spirit of this departed hero has been inbreathed into other souls so that modern life elaps hands with the ancients and each repeats: "Tis sweet to die for those we love." Men talk about the selfishness of the age. The Eleventh Commandment: Man mind thyself, man's inhumanity to man, but we rejoice that Pythians can show, and are even endeavoring to show that they are friends even to death. On the shores of the Adriatic Sea, it is customary for the wives of the fishermen who have gone far off upon the deep, to go down to the seashore at eventide, and sing the first verse of a beautiful hymn. After they have sung the verse, they will listen intently till they hear borne by the wind across the pathless ocean, the second verse sung by their husbands, and both rejoice. Now we sing our songs of toil and conflict, but as we strive to be knightly men—true friends at whatever cost—there will come to us snatches from the far away, that will not only comfort and cheer us, but will inspire us to walk in the footsteps of such heroes as Samuel Holden Hines and H. S. Reynolds.

Let this be the banner year of Pythianism in British Columbia.

We will be pleased to have for our next issue a complete list of the officers elected for the present term from all the lodges.

For the next issue of this paper we expect to have valuable and interesting correspondence from all the lodges (through their correspondents) in the Province.

While the various lodges are studying the best means to avoid the suspension of members for non-payment of dues, would it not be a good plan for each individual member who is more fortunate, and who desires to see the order prosper, to take upon himself the task of seeking out his unfortunate or careless brother and try by Knightly words to win him back to the fold. By this means we are satisfied many good and worthy brothers may be retained on our rosters.

We are just in receipt of very kind, interesting and encouraging letters from Bro. C. F. Nelson, of New Denver Lodge, No. 22, and Bro. W. Binns, of Trail Lodge, No. 23. May the good work continue.

When the presiding officer of a lodge is disposed to talk on every subject introduced, to the exclusion and disgust of everybody else, the lodge should "eork him"; and if he effervesces too much, take him into some out-of-the-way place where he won't annoy everybody and "tap him."

Letters of encouragement have been received from the following lodges for which they have our warmest thanks: Coldstream, Vernon; Primrose, Kamloops; Sandon, Sandon; Langley, Langley; Far West, Victoria; Rathbone, Vancouver; Crusader, Vancouver; Granville, Vancouver; Granite, New Westminster.

Members who fail to read the small print in the rituals and profit by it, will never be as effective in degree and lodge work as those who do. That small type is replete with information. It may have been written by "back numbers," but it is an encyclopedia of admonitions and instructions, notwithstanding.

The office of Master of Finance is one of the most important in a subordinate lodge category. On the ability and faithfulness of the incumbent of this office to collect dues largely depends the number of suspensions in a lodge. Put only Knights peculiarly adapted to the place in this office, and when you once find one, keep him there.

Grand Chancellor Haddow is a true Knight, and is deserving of the hearty support of the entire membership. See to it that his efforts are appreciated by every member assisting to increase the membership. In the selection by the Grand Lodge of W. D. Mearns as Grand Vice-Chancellor, Bro. Haddow has secured an able assistant, one who has the best interests of the order at heart, and is willing at all times to advance the cause of Pythianism.

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"Every Vice-Chancellor in my Domain of Michigan can repeat the secret work of the Order in a word-perfect manner," says Supreme Chancellor Colgrove, "being instructed therein by the District Deputies, the D. D.'s by the Grand Chancellor and he by the Supreme Representatives, who have committed it to memory direct from the Record." This is commendable and worthy of attention of the officers of every Pythian Domain.

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At a recent convention of one of the Vancouver lodges, a brother who had just returned from the north, related to the members the good work that had been accomplished by individual members of the order in that country, particularly interesting and touching was the account of the good acts of our noble brothers at the time of the Chilkoot Pass disaster. Surely it is worth an effort on the part of each member of the order to work for and sustain by his presence and support an order represented by such worthy citizens.

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THE WORLD'S GREAT NEED.

My Brothers:—Look again at the heading, may look more than once and stop and think a while. You are one in this world of ours and this need is, therefore, your need. You will all agree with me that there is a "want," a "something missing"; in this our day, nobody seems to know exactly

what is wanted, still we all feel something is missing, we feel it most when slighted or when some harsh word or cruel action wounds. The "Great Need" I mean is "Love." Now what is love? We are told God is love; well is love God? I don't know that, but this I am sure about, love is God-like, and therefore many sided. It is not my wish to preach sermons, I could not if I would, but you and I can try to live them. We can try in the highest, truest sense to be brothers. God made us all, equal; in His sight at any rate. Riches of no account, birth, station, education all nil. We can feel, all of us, though we may be unable to express in words, what those feelings are. We can meet in our castle halls, and brother grasp the hand of brother, glorying in his being "brother" in a sense before unknown—does he? Are you sure about it? My brothers it should be true. We have promised it should be, alas! we forget it. We disregard it, we put it aside, nay sometimes we go so far as to stay away and not even use the opportunity that would be there, to do or even say a kind word. Let me say, we do all this unknowingly; we don't mean it that way, still we do it all the same. Let us try again, let us though we have failed try to do better. There is work in this world waiting to be done! To help this work was our order organised, and are you and I going to let Pythianism fail in attaining this end. God forbid. Yet still how can we avoid that if we shirk our duty, if we stay away or even if, when we do come, we are cold, silent or apathetic. We have most to fear from this very indifference, so my brothers, let it be our earnest endeavor to live in very truth, day by day, hour by hour, nay minute by minute, that life of love to one another that the true Knight the world over should love to live, then and only then, shall we do good deeds, not dream them all day long and in so living help to fill that need that shall be filled, for those who wish it, in the Supreme Lodge, hereafter, by the Supreme Chancellor who was, and is, and is to be.

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A NEED NO LONGER.

It has been the prevailing opinion among the members of the Order of the Knights of Pythias of Vancouver for some time, that the Order in this Grand Domain was in need of some instrument whereby the membership might be strengthened and the beauties of the principles of the Order be more generally known.

They have been at a loss for a long time to decide just what was needed, but, that something was needed to arouse the sympathies of the members of the Order in British Columbia, and bring them in closer touch one with another there can be no dissenting opinion. After careful deliberation, the lodges in Vancouver decided that a paper published under the direction and control of the lodges, devoted entirely to the interests of the Order, and circulated among the brethren in this Domain would have the desired effect.

Therefore members were appointed from each of the lodges to form a committee to devise ways and means looking to that end. That the committee have assumed great responsibility there can be no question. Whether it is equal to the task imposed, remains entirely in the hands of the Knights of Pythias in the grand domain.

If the efforts of the committee be given the support that they have every reason to expect, if they receive the hearty co-operation of the

members of the Order who have the welfare of the Order at heart, then their efforts will not be in vain, and this paper will be a success and they will have accomplished the purpose which prompted its publication. If not, then?

What say you brother Knights? Cannot this Grand Domain support a Pythian journal?

We appeal to every lodge and to each and every member of the Order of the Knights of Pythias to aid us in every way possible.

This paper is not published as a financial proposition, but purely as a means to build up our Noble Order in this Domain, and every dollar received will be expended on the paper to make it interesting and beneficial to the Order.

There will be no salaried officers, each member of the committee giving his time and labor gratuitously, and seeking his reward in the success of the Order. The following circular has been forwarded to all lodges in British Columbia and responded to by most of the lodges, some, however, have not yet answered, but we hope that we may be able to record a unanimity of support:

Vancouver, B. C., June 22nd, 1898.

To the Officers and Members of.....

Lodge, No.....

Dear Sirs and Brothers,—

Some time ago a committee from the three Vancouver lodges was appointed to discuss the advisability of publishing a monthly paper in the interests of Pythianism in British Columbia. After due consideration the committee decided to appeal to the brothers for support, and issue this circular for that purpose.

The one object of the paper will be to advance the interests of the Order. By its means, it is believed, members in different parts of the Province can be brought into closer touch with one another; in its pages members will learn of the proceedings of the various lodges scattered throughout the length and breadth of British Columbia; through this paper the aims of the Order will be more widely made known, its advantages advertised, and in this way the ranks of the Order will be increased. The paper is to be established for the benefit of the members

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Every dollar received from subscriptions and advertisements will be expended on the paper to make it as bright and entertaining as possible, and the committee earnestly asks for the co-operation of all the lodges in the Grand Domain of British Columbia.

It is earnestly hoped that every lodge in the Province will appoint a Knight to act as correspondent to the paper, and so make sure that a report of the proceedings of each and every lodge is published. No pains will be spared to make the paper as complete a record in this respect as possible. The paper will be published once a month, and will be mailed direct to each subscriber.

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Kindly send in a full list of members with their addresses.

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H. J. ANSTIE,
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J. E. EVANS,
Secretary.

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On behalf of committee. 189..

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The conductors of this journal desire that it should be read by every Knight in the whole Province, and they intend to see this done by reducing the price to the very lowest possible limit. But we have to proceed slowly so that the journal may be placed on a sure foundation. In these circumstances we have decided that, at the start, our price for Lodge Cards will be \$9 a year and the subscription price of papers taken through a lodge will be 50 cents per member; if the paper is taken individually by a member, and not through the lodge, then the subscription will be 75 cents per annum.

We do not think these prices are high at the start; in fact it will be admitted that they are very reasonable. They cannot be put at a lower figure until the paper is paying its own way. Once the receipts more than balance the expenditures, then down will go the price. We are not running the paper for anyone's advantage, but simply for the benefit of the Order, and "small price but good matter" is our motto. Once more we repeat, as soon as the paper pays prices will be cut considerably. We look to every Knight to aid us.

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SINCERE WISHES.

Hastings, Mich., July 16th, 1898.

J. E. Evans, Vancouver, B. C.,

Dear Sir and Brother:—I received yours to-day of the 11th inst. enclosing me circular issued to the membership of your domain regarding the advisability of publishing a monthly paper in the interests of the Order. I desire to assure you of my appreciation of this evidence of Pythian enthusiasm in British Columbia. You certainly should receive the encouragement of your domain, and you will find that it will be of great value in increasing your membership and making more widely known the objects and aims of this great fraternal institution. There is no more advantageous method of making active members and increasing the membership than by a live paper. I trust that you will be successful in your enter-

Sir Knights

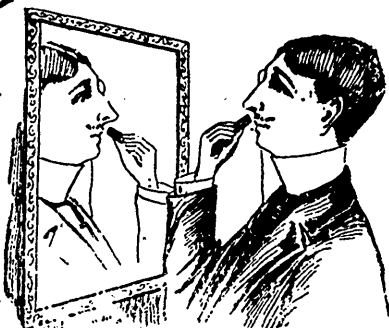
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prise which is a laudable one and should receive the earnest support and encouragement of every member in your domain. As my term is nearing its end, I think of the many receptions given me throughout the Supreme Domain, none can I recall with more satisfaction than the loyal and royal entertainment given me by British Columbia.

Fraternally yours,
P. T. COLGROVE,
Supreme Chancellor.

OUR GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

To make our readers better acquainted with the personnel of the officers elected at the last convention of the Grand Lodge, we publish in this first issue of this journal a record of their Pythian life. The most noticeable fact in connection therewith is that all have been and are to-day active workers in their respective subordinate lodges, proof positive that their interest is not of that kind which crops up only annually, about the time that the Grand Lodge is about to meet, to be put aside as soon as the convention is over, till we meet again, but is of the enduring quality through which they are found in their places in good and bad report, and who have, in short, their shoulders to the wheel at all times. As long as we have officers of that kind to guide the Pythian ship, we can rest assured that all rocks and breakers will be carefully avoided.

The Grand Chancellor, Jas. Haddow, of Damon Lodge, No. 8, Northfield, is a charter member of his lodge and was elected Inner Guard at the institution of the lodge, November 1st, 1890. He next was elected Vice-Chancellor, and then Chancellor Commander, and became a Past Chancellor December 31st, 1891. He next served as Grand Representative in 1893 and 1894. In the latter year he was elected by the Grand Lodge as Grand Inner Guard. Next he served the Grand Lodge as Grand Master at Arms, and was elected Grand Prelate in 1896. At the convention of the Grand Lodge in 1897, he attained the office of Grand Vice-Chancellor, and was finally elevated to the high honor of Grand Chancellor in 1898.

The Grand Vice-Chancellor, W. D. Mearns, joined Rathbone Lodge, No. 7, by card, December 20th, 1890. He became Chancellor Commander of his lodge in July, 1891, and Past Chancellor in January, 1892. He attended the Grand Lodge as the representative of his lodge in 1894. He served on various committees of the Grand Lodge, notably on the committee on judiciary during the years 1896-1897 and 1898. On that committee he served with signal ability and distinction. At the convention of the Grand Lodge at Kamloops he again served as representative of his lodge, and was elected to his present office. He is one of the most active in his subordinate lodge, having been K. of R. and S. for many successive terms.

The Grand Prelate, Jno. W. Graham, was a charter member of Myrtle Lodge, No. 9, of Nanaimo, being initiated on March 10th, 1891, he was elected Prelate at the same time. Next he was elected Vice-Chancellor, and then Chancellor Commander, and became a Past Chancellor in 1893. He attended the Grand Lodge as representative of Myrtle Lodge, No. 9 in 1894 and 1895. In 1896 he left Nanaimo and located in Rossland, where he was largely instrumental in organizing

Rossland Lodge, No. 21, which latter lodge he joined by card at its institution in April, 1896. He was elected as Grand Representative for the years 1896-1897. In 1897 the Grand Lodge elected him as Grand Master at Arms, and in 1898 he attained his present office.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Emil Pierdner, of Far West Lodge, No. 1, of Victoria, joined the lodge on Oct. 19th, 1883. He was elected K. of R. & S. of his lodge in January, 1889, and has served his lodge in that office without interruption since. He became a Past Chancellor by service in 1894. He first attended the Grand Lodge as a representative of his lodge in 1895, and was at the same convention elected to the office of G. K. of R. & S. He has been re-elected to the same office since that at every convention of the Grand Lodge. He has also held the office of Secretary of the Endowment Rank since its institution in 1891.

The Grand Master of Exchequer, E. E. Leason, a charter member of Sunset Lodge, No. 10, of Victoria, was initiated on March 4th, 1893. He was elected Chancellor Commander of his Lodge in July, 1893, and became Past Chancellor in 1894. He was elected Grand Representative in 1894, and served as such that year and the next, 1895. When Sunset Lodge surrendered its charter in 1896 he at once joined Victoria Lodge, No. 17, where he became M. of F. and has held the office ever since. He was K. of R. & S. of Sunset Lodge for three terms. The office of Grand Master of Exchequer becoming vacant in February, 1897, Bro. Leason was appointed by G. C. Kennedy to serve the unexpired term. At the regular convention of the Grand Lodge, 1897, he was unanimously elected to his present office, and re-elected in 1898.

The Grand Master at Arms, J. L. Brown, of Primrose Lodge, No. 20, is a charter member of that lodge, and is one of its four elected Past Chancellors, being elected at the institution of the lodge, November 28th, 1894. He has been the Grand Representative of his lodge every year since. He was elected to his present office at the last convention in his home city. Bro. Brown has also been the D. G. C. for his lodge from the institution of the lodge till 1898.

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The Grand Inner Guard, Ed. V. Goulet, is a charter member of Coldstream Lodge, No. 18, and was elected on the night of institution, January 24th, 1894, the K. of R. & S. of his lodge. He has served in this important office continuously ever since, except one term in 1895, during which term he was elected Chancellor Commander. His lodge sent him in 1896 to represent them in the Grand Lodge, which he did with signal ability. In 1897 he served the Grand Lodge as Chairman of the Finance Committee, one of the most important committees of the Grand Lodge, when he acquitted himself so well that he was elected Grand Inner Guard at the last convention of the Grand Lodge. Bro. Goulet is certainly one of the most active and painstaking members of the Order in this Grand Domain.

The Grand Outer Guard, R. Sample, joined Granite Lodge, No. 16, at its institution on February 17th, 1893. He became Chancellor Commander of the lodge in 1895 and Grand Representative in 1896. He has served his lodge as representative during 1897 and 1898. In the Grand Lodge he has been a member of various committees, and to whatever committee he has been appointed, he has invariably given distinguished service. He was elected to the present office he holds at the last convention of the Grand Lodge in 1898.

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HAIL! "TRUE KNIGHT."

The object which prompted the promoters of this journal to call into existence a Pythian paper to champion the cause of our noble order in British Columbia and thereby bring the brothers of the different lodges throughout our Province in closer contact with each other than they have been heretofore, by telling them what the lodges are doing in their respective spheres and how our order is progressing, thereby increasing the interest in our workings and stimulating each lodge, as well as every individual brother to excel all previous records of doing good and to exemplify the friendship, charity and benevolence as we are taught to do in our sublime and unsurpassed ritual, should and will bring every true Knight throughout this Grand Domain to the front, giving a helping hand in every possible way and manner to the committee who have the publication of the "True Knight" in hand. This committee, who give their service and experience cheerfully, gratuitously and ungrudgingly for the benefit of Pythianism and out of pure love for our noble order, sparing no effort to make this paper a success, and who show such disinterested devotion to our noble order, should not have a single obstacle thrown in their way, but should meet with nothing but words and deeds of encouragement at the hands of every true Knight in British Columbia. Brothers! this journal is not gotten out with any view of personal gain to any one particular Knight or lodge, nor are there any salaries paid to any of the managing committee, but it is published solely and only for the benefit of one and all; so, will you, dear brother, stand aside and reap the benefit of the labor of others without doing your share towards its success? I think not, for no true Knight would do so, so come to the front and take an example from old Granville, No. 3, the mother lodge of the Mainland of British Columbia, which, upon learning of

the proposed publication of the "True Knight" expressed its gratification of the same by voting, without a dissenting voice, a lodge card to be inserted in the paper and subscribed for it for their entire membership, also appointing myself as lodge correspondent to the "True Knight." The members of Granville Lodge, No. 3, know a good thing when they see it, and hope that their action will be emulated by every lodge in the Province.

The members of Granville Lodge take this opportunity of sending fraternal greetings to all brother Knights who read this article, and they desire to inform you that old Granville is still holding its own, of which fact you can convince yourself any time when you may be in Vancouver on a Wednesday evening, by paying us a visit in our Castle Hall, where you will always meet with a Knightly and chivalric welcome. The last acquisition to our membership is Bro. W. E. Fowler, Manager of the Oriental Hotel, who affiliated by card with our lodge on July 13th, 1898. We have more work in view, and the prospects in general are as bright as ever they were. The officers for the current term were installed by our D. G. C., G. Thomas, Jr., on July 13th, 1898, and are as follows: Geo. Williams, C. C.; Chas. Rummell, V. C.; T. M. Tyson, P.; J. Jeffers, M. of W.; G. Thomas, Jr., K. of R. and S.; J. G. Garvin, M. of F.; C. L. Behnsen, M. of E.; Chas. Schnoter, M. at A.; A. M. Tyson, I. G.; Rev. Jas. Irvine, O. G.

Wishing the "True Knight" a long and prosperous career,

I remain,

Yours fraternally in F. C. and B.,

C. L. BEHNSEN, P. S. R.

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FROM LANGLEY.

Langley, B. C., July 27th, 1898.

My Dear Brothers:—Perhaps you will excuse me for penning you this short epistle for publication.

I ask your indulgence, because I write unauthoritatively, in so much as I am not a regular correspondent; that particular personage for our lodge, having not yet been chosen.

But I am of opinion that you, as Worthy Knights, would be pleased to hear at any time from any of your numerous brethren throughout this Grand Domain.

Further, and greatest of all, and that which would prompt me most in writing for your publication is the love I have for each and every Knight, the zeal I have in our noble order, and the anxiety for success with which I view the inauguration of a Pythian paper in this Grand Domain.

In our little brotherhood, which we have been pleased to designate Langley Lodge, No. 13, K. of P., and which holds its regular sessions twice a month, viz: the 1st and 3rd Saturday at 8 p. m. in our Castle Hall, Langley, B. C., we have a membership of over 30.

The officers of the present semi-annual term have not yet been elected through lack of holding a meeting.

The officers of the semi-annual term ending June 30th, and consequently those acting at the present time, are as follows: C. C., Bro. S. Took; V. C., Bro. R. N. Took; K. of R. & S., Bro. Jno. Macdonald; M. at A., Bro. G. Allen; Prelate, Bro. P. Brown; M. of F., Bro. G. Took; M. of E., Bro. W. P. Ogilvie; M. of W., Bro. Jno. Allen; Inner Guard, Bro. M. Melver; Outer Guard, Bro. J. Allen.

These are the workers of our lodge. Not that the others would not do just as much, and probably more and better work, but they have not the opportunity. You may ask: How is that? The answer is: They are not here. They have become scattered over our large Province, delving in the mine, catching the fish with which our waters are teeming, or engaged in various other pursuits which the necessities and exigencies of the time require, and for which a benevolent Providence has given our Province such a plentiful share.

This profuse scattering of our brothers is the greatest difficulty under which we labor, and this difficulty is, I think, particularly that of our own lodge.

Our boys though have the right "make-up," and though they probably enter our Castle Hall but once in a great while, yet the Grand Order is never quite forgotten, as is shown by them keep-

ing their dues well paid up (generally in advance). Thus, though they cannot assist us by their presence at our meetings, they aid us in the only way they can, with their "cash," which of course is of vital necessity.

As a result of this strict attention to their standing in the lodge, we are well off financially, having a cash surplus of over \$300; not a small item for a small fraternity such as our own, and certainly a good showing for a lodge the members of which are scattered over so large a portion of this fair Province.

But while we are thus separated in body, we are yet united in heart, close in mind, and a strong fraternal band ever ready to extend to each other the blessings of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence.

Yours in F. C. and B.
W. P. OGILVIE.

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RATHBONE ITEMS.

Rathbone Lodge, with its new staff of officers, promises to have a very successful term. All that is now wanted is for a few of the non-workers to turn out at the meetings and pledge themselves to fetch in one new member. Rathbone has the name of being the banner lodge, why not keep it brothers?

The warm weather has a little effect on the attendance of the lodge, but notwithstanding the heat, Rathbone had over a quorum at last meeting, and our worthy Master of Finance made the remark that he was going to raise fifty dollars, and he came very close to it. The joint committee from the different lodges met together after the close of Rathbone Lodge, Bro. Anstie, chairman. Bro. J. E. Evans, Secretary, and from the enthusiasm there was among the committee, and the way they got down to business, you may look forward for a most interesting Pythian paper.

When Bro. Darling made his welcome appearance at lodge last meeting, most of the members expected to hear something good in the line of a recitation, but were disappointed, but we expect one later on.

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A very good way to get large attendance at the lodges, especially after the evenings get cool, would be to form two amplified rank teams, get up a prize, say a flag or banner, give an exhibition on some special evening when a couple of candidates are ready to ride the goat, giving said prize to the most efficient team. The members would then require to get down to drill and study, thereby creating a greater interest in the order.

The new hall committee should look over the paraphernalia. It wants sorting out and a little mending.

There was no cross firing at lodge last meeting in the way of arguments, our worthy K. of R. and S. has the name of being the best shot, but nothing ruffled the ire of our wielder of the quill.

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THE ENDOWMENT RANK.

It is a matter of regret that this most important and deserving branch of our order has not received more liberal support by our membership in this Grand Domain. As a fraternal insurance, furnishing to the members of the order an inexpensive and reliable security for their loved ones in the event of death, it is recognized to-day as one of the best. We trust that the members of the order will avail themselves of the opportunities offered by the rank and materially assist in increasing its membership in British Columbia. The secretaries of the local sections, or the Supreme representatives of this Domain, will upon application cheerfully give any information desired, or by communicating with H. B. Stoite, Secretary of the Board of Control, Chicago, Ill., full instructions and matter required for the formation of sections will be promptly forwarded.

The quarter ending March 31st, 1898, adds another fiscal year to the Endowment Rank—the twenty-first since its organization in 1877.

Since January 1st, 1898, 104 sections have been added to the Rank.

During the quarter above referred to, 2,500 applications have been admitted to membership; the insurance represented by certificates issued these brethren amounting to \$3,613,500.

The benefits arising from death claims and paid during quarter, aggregate \$294,500.

The active sections on April 1st, 1898, numbered 3,571; the membership in good standing, 52,551; the endowment in force, \$93,100,000, the resources and cash investments, \$468,777; total amount of death claims paid, \$12,162,000.

The officers and members of the Board of control are members of the order whose honor and integrity are unquestioned, and who have the best interests of the order at heart, and they ask for the kind co-operation and assistance of the entire membership.

"Matters relative to secretaries of local sections, and the failure of remittances to reach headquarters in time which have been referred to the Supreme Representatives, will be placed before the Board at the coming Supreme Lodge session, and we have no doubt results satisfactory to the members will be attained."

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Edith—I suppose you are getting lovely letters from your soldier admirer. May—Dear me, no! He turns out not to have a soul above the salt pork which he complains they are feeding him on.—Philadelphia North American.

THE UNIFORM RANK.

Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, was instituted on September 24th, 1890, by Sir Knight Col. A. A. Richardson, assisted by Sir Knight Capt. H. F. W. Behnson and visiting Sir Knights. The following were its first officers: Sir Knight C. L. Behnson, Captain; Sir Knight H. J. Anstie, 1st Lieutenant; Sir Knight N. L. Oakley, 2nd Lieutenant; Sir Knight Robt. Clark, Treasurer; Sir Knight F. M. Bloomquist, Recorder; Sir Knight J. W. Young, Guard; Sir Knight W. S. Patterson, Sentinel.

The company met as usual the first Tuesday of the month, at 8 p. m. in their Pythian Castle Hall, Cordova street. The routine of business was taken up and two applicants were duly elected to become members of this company, which has been in good financial condition ever since its inception, and the future is very bright. The lodge has about 34 members on its roll, its present officers being: Sir Knight John Crow, Captain; Sir Knight Rev. James Irvine, 1st Lieutenant; Sir Knight A. Stonehouse, 2nd Lieutenant; Sir Knight, E. C. Britton, Treasurer; Sir Knight G. Thomas, Jr., Recorder; Sir Knight C. Hultz, Guard; Sir Knight B. Nunamaker, Sentinel.

Fraternally yours in F. C. and B.,

JOHN CROW, Sir Knight Captain,

Vancouver City Co., No. 4,

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THE VIRTUES THREE.

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FROM VERNON.

Vernon, B. C., July 7th, 1898.

To the Editor of "True Knight," Vancouver.

Having been appointed correspondent to your paper, I think a short letter from Coldstream Lodge will be acceptable for the first issue. The last convention was a very busy and pleasant meeting. Page Williams (Captain of steamer Aberdeen) was instructed in the Rank of Esquire. The work was rendered in an able manner. The following officers were installed by D. G. C. O'Brien, ably assisted by acting G. M. at A. Muller, and G. Prelate C. E. Costerton; C. C. Ira Cutler; V. C., M. C. Davidson; P. C., J. Costerton; M. of W., W. H. Lawrence; K. of R. & S., and M. of F., Ed. Goulet; M. of E., M. J. O'Brien; M. at A., A. Weeks; I. G., T. Riley; O. G., R. W. Neil. All officers and auditors presented their reports which were very satisfactory to the members. At the conclusion of the convention refreshments were served and much enjoyed after a busy and long session. Although few in number, Coldstream Lodge is doing good work, and has good prospects of adding a few very good new members in the near future. Wishing your paper every prosperity in the work you have undertaken,

I am yours in F., C. and B.,
ED. GOULET,

Correspondent.

VANCOUVER JOTTINGS.

Bro. John Garvin has just arrived back in Vancouver after an absence of six weeks in the east, whither he went to see the Old Folks at Home.

It has lately been reported that Bro. Behnson, P. S. R., has secured a mortgage on the public streets, and has started in to enclose them with a snake fence, using a bicycle for this purpose. He has succeeded in becoming an adept in dismounting.

Bro. W. D. Mearns has a patent out for using the smoke from the sawdust burner for disinfecting purposes.

It is a fact that there were too victims for sacrifice for last Tuesday evening's Uniform Rank meeting.

The members of the Hall Committee of the City lodges are under many obligations to Bro. Geo. Noonan, M. at A., Crusader Lodge, No. 19, for bringing order out of chaos in the armory.

Many Vancouver Knights would like to know if Primrose Lodge, No. 20, has found the missing member yet.

All visiting brethren are requested to come and see Bro. Tyson's jawbone and Bro. Mearns' tooth-picks. Two flat cars will be required to carry away the pick. Sampson's jawbone was not in it, it was another kind.

The "True Knight" offers sincere congratulations to Bro. A. J. Mitchell, the popular C. C. of Rathbone Lodge, No. 7, on the arrival of a son and heir.

Members of the order will facilitate the work of the mailing department by forwarding their correct addresses to the Secretary of this paper, or to the K. of R. & S. of their respective lodges.

Members of the City lodges who may know of visiting brothers in our City are requested to leave their addresses with the Secretary, who will be pleased to send them a copy of this journal.

OUR RATES FOR LODGES.

The following is our rate for lodges subscribing their entire membership: 50 cents per year per member.

We have taken the liberty to print the Lodge Cards for the entire Domain, taking it for granted that the lodges will see their way clear to continue the cards. We hope that all the cards will appear regularly in every issue.—Committee.

That there may be no misunderstanding in regard to the members composing the committee having in charge the publishing of the Pythian paper, the "True Knight," of British Columbia, below will be found, the names of the brothers appointed by the three lodges:

Granville Lodge, No. 3—A. M. Tyson, J. M. Garvin, C. P. Schnoter.

Rathbone Lodge, No. 7—H. J. Anstie, W. D. Mearns, Robt. Brooke.

Crusader Lodge, No. 19—J. E. Evans, Byron Numamaker, A. J. Scott.

THE FAITHFUL FEW.

Probably there is no greater cause of lack of success in the different lodges through the domain than the small attendance at the regular conventions, but in almost every lodge we have the faithful few who regularly attend and transact the business of the lodge, and at a great personal sacrifice look after the interest of the many absentees who seldom favor the lodge with their presence. Oh! that such members of our order would more fully realize that to a great extent they are personally responsible, and in a great measure the cause of the order not making the advancement it deserves. Let every brother resolve that, from this date he will as far as lies within his power, present himself at the meeting of his lodge and assist in carrying out the principles of the order as subscribed to when receiving the obligation of the Rank of Knighthood.

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WE ARE WITH YOU.

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

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

ARTHUR J. SCOTT.

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

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

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

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THE SEAT OF LEARNING.

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

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

OUR SUPREME CHANCELLOR.

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

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

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SUPREME LODGE.

The next convention of the Supreme Lodge will be held in Indianapolis, Ind., commencing on August 23rd of this year.

Aside from the usual routine work of that body, there is promise of considerable business, possibly many changes in legislation, and the adoption of new laws for the betterment of the order. Many of our Pythian papers are advocating a more economical form of government; the doing away with large salaries, and as expressed by them, expensive committee work, while we are decidedly in favor of reasonable economy with good government assured. We believe that the members of the Supreme Lodge will endeavor to legislate honestly, and adopt such measures as may be in the best interests of the order.

The Supreme Representatives from this domain, Bros. T. Ackerman and H. J. Anstie, will be in attendance at this convention and will use their best efforts to carry out the instructions given them by our Grand Lodge and endeavor to work for the good of the order in all that may come before that body.

WHAT IS THE USE OF A LODGE ?

"What's the use of keeping up the lodge organization?" Sure enough, what is the use? "I don't get any benefit from it." Of course you don't. Neither does the man who bandages his eyes and stuffs his ears full of cotton get any good out of the theatrical performance. Neither does the church member receive any aid or comfort from his fellow members if he stays away from church and fails to pay his pew rent. The fact is, disruntled Brother, this is a big and busy world, and while most men will do a kind act, or at least speak a gracious word if the opportunity to do the one or the other comes in their way, it is unfortunately true that few men have the time, even had they the disposition to go out of the way to find persons upon whom to bestow gracious words, much less kind acts. If you would have your share of the good things of this life, you must keep in the swim; be on hand when the distribution takes place.

There are many people in the world, and chances are that whatever there is to be passed around here won't be enough for all. Reach out your hand with the rest, or most surely you will be left out habitually keep away from the lodge; possibly you are always behind in your dues and assessments; when the order is brought up in con-

versation you are about as well qualified to speak of its doings as one of the cuniform inscriptions on the pyramids or the primor dial germ theory; you lock yourself up in your own narrow individual environments and throw the key overboard, and then you expect that the world will leave everything else and go fishing for the key, and puzzling for the combination to release you. If you think anybody is going to trouble himself about you, you are just as mistaken as though you'd burnt your shirt. And it doesn't make any difference whether it is a lodge, a church or an engine company, if you don't show yourself occasionally and show that you are interested, you will be left severely alone, you will be utterly forgotten, and you won't get any benefit out of it.

But instead of shutting yourself up in your own exclusiveness, suppose you come out of your hide-bound foolishness and bear a hand with the rest of 'em. Our word for it, you'll soon find out that there is a great deal in the lodge organization, and before you are aware of it you will have gotten lots of benefit out of it. Now, for merey's sake, take hold and see what you can do, but if you are determined you won't do anything, and persist in shutting yourself up, at least be logical and consistent, and shut up your mouth also.—Exchange.

A new paper is about to be placed in the Pythian journalistic field by a company of Pythians in Vancouver, British Columbia. Bro. J. E. Evans, Secretary of the company writes that this magazine will be an issue creditable to the Order and we earnestly hope that it will have a healthy support from the membership.—Pythian Period, Nashville, Tenn.



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With prayers, and waste your own short years!
Eternal truth and cannot see
Who weep and shed your sight in tears:
In vain your wait and watch the skies—
No better fortune thus will fall!
Up from your knees, I bid you rise,
And claim the earth for all.

"Behold in bonds your mother earth,
The rich man's prostitute and slave.
Your mother earth, that gave you birth,
You only own her for a grave:
And you will die like slaves and see
Your mother left a fettered thrall?
Nay? live like men and set her free
As heritage for all!"

—Gerald Massey.

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THE UNIFORM RANK.

We have a word to say to the young man, and that word is, join the Uniform Rank. If you want good reasons for doing this they are not far to seek. How do you look at the matter? From a personal standpoint, or from the standpoint of furthering Pythian interests? Say it is the latter broader standpoint. The only medium through which our order can to any extent advertise itself to the outside world from which new recruits are drawn is the Uniform Rank. If you have the interests of the order at heart you can help to advertise it.

It is a fact that a well-uniformed and well-drilled body of men attract attention. A parade passing receives a goodly share of criticism from all bystanders, and the most kindly criticism is always the lot of the best equipped and drilled men in line. Than the uniform of the Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, there is none more handsome. There are some more flashy and many that are incomplete, but that the Uniform Rank is neat and attractive. You can assist in the work of advertising the order by donning this uniform.

Are you socially inclined. The Uniform Rank is where you get a rare opportunity to indulge in social pleasures. Watch a group of Uniform Rank men and you will soon learn that they are having a pleasant season of social intercourse. Go with them to an encampment and you will find yourself among whole-souled brothers, willing to share their pleasures and to increase your enjoyment. It matters not from whence they come, these Knights seeing you in uniform greet you warmly and treat you as they would a brother.

Some of the young men are saying: "I would like to belong to the company, but it costs so much money I cannot do it." Did you ever know of anything worth having that could be obtained without work? If you wanted a bicycle or a watch, or both, you would probably get them. Did you ever try an installment plan? You want to join the Uniform Rank? Lay away a few dollars now and again, a few as you can, and very soon the coveted privilege of being created a Uniformed Knight will be yours, and you will never miss the amount it cost, and will get fully as much pleasure, or more, out of the sum than you would had you spent it for something else.

Then there is the consideration of patriotism. Our country is a glorious one, and has been peaceful for many a year, but that war is not the very remote contingency we fondly imagined the present war with Spain has proven. The war has also shown the value of a well-drilled body of men, who could speedily become part and parcel of an army capable of doing any duty by which they might be confronted. Very many of those who have gone to the front are members of our order and became familiar with the movements of the drill manual in the armory or company of the Uniform Rank.

At the present time the possibility of usefulness in the service of our country is impressed upon us with peculiar force, and it is to be hoped that the young men of our order will willingly prepare themselves to be available on short notice for service as soldiers. The Uniform Rank gives young men in the Order of Knights of Pythias a splendid opportunity to prepare for usefulness under pleasant conditions.—Keystone Pythian.

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YOUR DUTY.

No good man, no brother with a pure heart or with right intentions, will desire to be excused from his duty. Those who cherish respect for fraternity and its teachings will esteem attendance at the lodge meetings a privilege rather than a burden, a pleasure rather than an irksome task. There is no test that more clearly reveals the amount of regard which members cherish for their lodge or the welfare of the Order and the carrying out of its principles than their habits of attendance at stated meetings. Were all as negligent as some in this respect, the lodge room would be deserted and the great good which is being accomplished by our beloved Order would cease.—Fraternal News.

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PYTHIANISM.

In imagination to-night I see a battle-field. Pythians are there in common with their countrymen. It is an American army. The morning sun has just risen to kiss the Stars and Stripes. There is the sound of martial music, and the tramp of the soldier heroes re-echoes in the stillness of that June morning when nature bends and smiles lovingly and benediction holds her outstretched hands. The fields are waving in the passing breeze, the dews glisten on the petals of the flowers whose bright faces smile upon you, the babbling brook shimmers in the golden sunbeams, and in the peace and quietude you can almost hear the golden harps in that land beyond where dwell those whose crumbled clay and hallowed dust lie in yonder cemetery, where the sweet sleep of immortality adds its halo to that life which is eternal. The command to march is given, and in the smoke of battle, amid the shrieking shot and shell, thousands of Pythians march to their death. Like Spartans of old, they stood faithful and loyal unto death, and thus the sun of the eternal glory lighted with the memory of their noble deeds the firmament of departing years. Then, friends, Pythian friendship will reach beyond the marble door of the silent sepulchre and "we will wet with tears those graves in memory where sleep the joys of other years."

I revere the memory of Justus H. Rathbone. I love the tenets of Pythianism. I gather the inspiration in life's trials from the story so oft told of a sacrifice one brother would have made for another, and thus spring the virtues of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence, the binding qualities that link heart with heart, and hand with hand in a holy emulation. Who can exhaust their significance or fathom their sunless abyss of possibility to make men new by making them better, by making them brothers? When our immortal founder, inspired by love of his country, created this order, with Friendship, Charity and Benevolence as its supporting pillars, it was omnipotent. Friendship breathed forth her tenderest sympathy, Charity shed forth her power and beneficent light, and Benevolence wove her silken bonds.

Around them cluster the brightest joys, the highest hopes and greatest anticipations. A brotherhood of nearly one million has passed its portals, explored its recesses, obtained the keys to the mysteries, worshiped at its sacred shrine. In Pythianism is found the emanation of genius, the music of the poet's lyre, the conceptions of gifted intellect. Within its fold may we not worship with unstained hand and transmit un sullied the eternal truths, unfolded to those who enter within the wall of the Castle and bow as sincere supplicants at the inner altar? Pythianism honors the soldier, admires the patriot, and in every precept is sealed with the stamp of Americanism. Advising the largest charity, teaching love and devotion, it at once becomes a bulwark to the nation, a handmaid of honorable enterprise, the guardian of mortal and social development. Honor is wreathing its brow. Spurred on by a realization of these truths, let us march forward a legion of loyal Knights, doing battle with wrong, succoring the helpless with the unity of purpose to enlarge the prosperity,

garner the glory, increase the intelligence, deepen the patriotism; yes, march forward until we hear the final words, "Pass on, thy crown awaits thee."—H. Laporte, in Pythian Journal.

A PYTHIAN INCIDENT.

It is some years ago, when the writer was in Michigan, that this incident occurred, which goes to show that Pythians can do if they wish. It appears that a lady had come on from the far East (somewhere down in Maine), and was going to Dakota or Montana, I forget which. She had to wait in Detroit and get her ticket from there to her destination, but in the depot somebody picked her pocket and stole all the money she had except sufficient to take her to this town, where there was a junction. She got on board the train feeling very woe-begone and sorrowful, which attracted the attention of the conductor, who was a Knight of Pythias. He inquired the cause of her trouble. Then she told him. He then said he would see what he could do. So when the train arrived at noon at this junction he took her into the hotel where I was stopping, introduced her to the landlord and several other K. of P.'s who happened to be stopping there. He then told the story of her misfortune to the superintendent. He gave her a pass to her destination, and sent her along feeling quite happy. About two or three months afterwards a lady and gentleman stopped over a train and told us at the hotel how the lady had been helped along on her way. The gentleman was a K. of P. and he could not express his gratitude for the manner in which his wife had been helped along in her trouble. He gave the conductor a handsome K. of P. charm, and would have given much more to the various brothers who had assisted in showing the Friendship, but they said they were amply repaid to know that their slight efforts were duly appreciated. That is one of the characteristics of Pythianism.—Pythian, Denver, Col.

"Annabel Brown! What are you doing?" "Only kissing John Henry goodby, ma. He g-goes to-morrow." "But haven't I warned you over and over again against promiscuous kissing?" "But this ain't promiscuous, ma. One more, John Henry."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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HOW TO SPEAK IN LODGE MEETING.

We have noticed lately with much interest that the number of compendiums, teaching the manner of speaking, has increased. That is a very important matter. We have long descanted on the great school that is continually in session in the lodge room, a school in which many of us have learned all we know of public speaking. These compendiums are of course of value, but a fraternity man who has not learned the art of speaking, either before or after dinner, or at any time, without the use of a manual, will never learn. We are somewhat confident of that, for we have practiced a little ourselves.

Not having the contents of these ready speakers in our mind, we cannot quote from them to give force and emphasis to our declarations, but we are confident that for every speaker a ready talking manual makes, practice creates half a dozen. It is like the manner of learning to write. One may read all the grammars he likes and learn the rules of rhetoric, but it is only a careful reading of the best writers that will give him ease and proficiency in the art of writing. Surely the skeleton must be in the frame, but it is the flesh that makes or unmakes the figure. This lesson in the art of composition is only but just beginning to take hold of our public school management. Hitherto it has been a reading of manuals. Now it is practice with the best performers as text books.

Brothers of the lodge room, do not fear to speak. This may seem audacious, for no one is more tiresome than the lodge-room talker who merely talks. If a man says something and says it briefly, he will be gladly listened to upon every occasion. Indeed he will be vociferously called on for almost every occasion. What the people want to hear is the voice of a brother who says something. To do this no manual or "Ready Speaker" is necessary. Just think over what you want to say, and then say it. Say it courteously and briefly. Do not be afraid to be frank, but do not offend anyone by a brutal frankness. Give your thought suggestively, as if you were simply feeling of another's mind. In this way you can overcome prejudice, can speak your full mind with freedom and will not be antagonized. Speak, brothers, speak, but do not speak by the book. The touch of fraternal feeling will show you the way of impressing your ideas upon your fellows.—Fraternal News.

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THE LODGE KICKER.

There are quite a number of lodges in British Columbia, but there will be more than twice as many in the near future. The reason is this: Every lodge has, or will soon have a second kicker (they all have one, the goat). Now this second kicker feeds himself and kicks automatically, and is very useful—he does not find fault but shows up faults, mistakes, etc. He is not at all disagreeable about it but to speak figuratively, he serves the same end as pepper-sauce at meal-time, adding a zest to the food. Therefore lodges in "All America" should at once invest in a "Good Natured Kicker." They'll find him a Mascot.

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"IT'S NOT MY WAY."

"It's not my way."

How often is this heard;

"It's not my way, to speak the kindly word;
I feel enough, but 'tis not well to speak,
To tell my loving out it seems so weak."

"It's not my way."

How often hearts have broken

Because the loving word has been unspoken;
Because the smile we looked for was a frown,
The hand that should uplift but held us down.

"It's not my way."

To speak the word that craving love requires,
To voice approval, foster vain desires."

Hearts often faint and fall out by the way,
Because to speak is not your way.

"It's not my way."

Ah, well, when Death shall come,

And touch the best-loved lips and make them
dumb,

Sad will it be for you, if grim Regret

And stern Remorse upon your heart-strings set

Their fingers firm;

Because it is their way, to torture and to wring,

Then you'll remember every little thing,

The smile you did not give, the word unspoken,
Which might have gilded life and kept a heart
unbroken.

Aye, then you will remember;

And in blood sweat and agony will say,

"Would it had been my way

To love, approve and tell it out, so meet

For it was you that made my life complete."

—Rose Seelye Miller, in *The Observer*.

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The circular issued by the Grand Lodge of Missouri advocating the abolishment of the Supreme Tribunal is not favored by this committee. The decisions of the Supreme Tribunal have been so liberal, so just, so valuable to the Order, that we do not believe their services should be dispensed with. They have so consistently disregarded technicalities and pretty law quibbles that the humblest member of the order can know that the merits of his cause will be carefully weighed. The Domain of California never takes a backward step. We are in favor of the Supreme Tribunal.—Ex.

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