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THE NEW YEAR.

The phrase, "turning over a new leaf," has almost become proverbial at this stage. It implies an earnest longing for a new life, and a new effort towards higher and better things. This expression is oftentimes laughed at as if it were impossible, but that one is but poorly acquainted with himself who feels not the need of such a change as this expression indicates. In the life of Dr. Judson, we are told that a woman once came to him to tell him that she was about to engage in something which he considered detrimental to her highest good. He urged her to give it up. "Look here," he said, eagerly snatching up a ruler from the table and tracing a not very straight line upon the floor, "here is where you have been walking, a little crooked to be sure, out of the right path half the time, but then you have kept near to it,

and now"—bringing down the ruler with emphasis—"here you stand. You know where this path leads; you know what is before you. But along the air floats rather a tempting bubble. You do not mean to leave the right path, you only want to step aside to catch the bubble, and you think you will come back again; but you never will. Woman, think." The old year with its precious freight has passed away, and there are few who think upon the life lived, the deeds done, the thoughts thought during the past year, but what feel that the course travelled has been a little zig-zag, that the right way has not always been chosen, and the right thing has not always been done. Here we stand by the coming of 1900. Two ways invite us—the straight and the crooked, the right and the left, the good and the bad; two lines loom out before us—and, as the result, two destinies become possible. We sympathise with the earnest soul which stands face to face with the past, which seeks with the open unbiassed eye to discover the general bent of a life which, while it nominally has passed into eternity, yet really lives in us and through us, which seeks to know whether his life has been worthy or unworthy of him, whether what has been done, what has been indulged in, what has been coveted, what has been pursued, what has been fought and struggled for will stand the test of heaven's balances, and who abashed at the imperfections, the follies, the weakness, the errors and wrongs revealed, desires and determines to turn over a new leaf, to begin a new life, to make the future days more glorious and more honorable by making them in harmony with the laws of Him Who is ever both the real and the ideal. Here we stand. A New Year means much to the human race. It is at its opening big with possibilities. To most it comes like a new born child, bringing with it new joys, new comforts, new prospects, new opportunities, new privileges and new blessings. It is a creature of hope and inspires hope in almost every breast, and while we look to it somehow to bring us material blessings, we would be untrue to ourselves did we not make it the messenger which will lead us to greater gifts, so that we may live a purer life and rise to a nobler mission in life. God pity the man who is contented with himself, who sets himself before himself as an image to worship and adore as the embodiment of human perfection, or who moves hither and thither among men, seeking adulation and ever thirsting for flattery, and ever thrusting himself forward as a paragon for men to imitate. When such a spectacle is seen heaven weeps, for it forebodes a star pursuing erratic courses, ultimately to pass out into the blackness of an eternal night. No true man is content with himself, or is satisfied with his attainments. He feels that he is not what

he ought to be, nor what he might be, and certainly he would not like to be judged by the past. We want to be better and to do better, and it is by the better things we should like both God and man to judge us. We feel that way. It would almost be blasphemy in our ears to bid us glory in our past as something worthy of our gifts and opportunities. We should listen now to the young sweet voice of 1900. To us it seems to say: "You have been spared in the land of the living and the place of hope; you gaze with tears upon what you deem an unworthy past; you mourn over time mispent, opportunities thrust aside and worse than wasted. I come to you out of the bosom of eternity to make your blood flow freer, to inspire new hopes, and to robe your future with a halo of that light and beauty which ever seem reflections of a diviner clime than ours. Begin. Nail your colors to the mast. Begin. Let there be no delay, no hesitation, no faltering betwixt two opinions. Begin. While faith is strong, hope is clear, and love is warm to lay the foundations of a newer, fresher and better character. Let the dead past bury its dead." We have read that on a certain coast there is a man who lives in a house entirely made out of wrecks. The floors are the decks of the ship, and the walls were taken from wrecked parts, of the smashed remnants and fragments of better things. How many lives are like this queer house. Were you to examine them you would find that they were made up of broken promises, broken resolutions, unrealised aims and blasted hopes. They are made up of wrecks. Something was lacking, yes, that vital something was lacking which binds all in a man as with grappling hoops, and makes him strong to bear and fight. Or in other words there was no divinity within taking all, and out of all shaping, forming and making a character in unison with the perfect model.

Now, when a man comes to this point—the point of turning over a new leaf—depend upon it he will see to his principles. You cannot knock principle out of a true character. What we mean when we say "he is a man of principle," is that he is a man of sterling character. A man without principle is not a man at all. A man meaning to do well should see to his principles. Without these he is like a ship without ballast or helm or compass, and there can only be one ending to a life lacking true principles. A man of principle is the want of the age. We are in a world where evil principles are rampant, and where these are ever clashing with the good, and if a man is a true man these grand old principles of justice, honor, honesty, temperance and purity, must be the backbone of his life. We often hear the remark: "So and so is a smart man, but he has no principle." Well, a man without principle is an unprincipled man. There is no intermediate stage. We must either be the one or the other, for the one who has not got good principles has got bad ones. Do not think of turning over a new leaf if you lose sight of these facts. Long ago it was a problem in mechanics to find a pendulum which should make the same number of vibrations in winter as in summer. That has been solved. By a process of compensation the rod lengthens one

way as much as it contracts the other, so that the centre of motion is always the same. The pendulum swings in January as in June. What is felt to-day is that the power dominating men is sadly susceptible to change. Some men are better at home than they are when abroad. The change is due to lack of principle. We need a something which shall make us manly, truthful, honest, wherever we may be.

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THE BACHELOR'S COMPLAINT.

Returning home at close of day,
Who gently chides my long delay,
And by my side delights to stay?
Nobody.

Who sets for me the easy chair,
Spreads out the paper with such care,
And lays my slippers ready there?
Nobody.

When plunged in deep and dire distress,
When anxious cares my heart oppress,
Who whispers hopes of happiness?
Nobody.

When sickness comes in sorrow's train,
And grief distracts the fevered brain,
Who sympathizes with my pain?
Nobody.

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RULES OF LODGE ETHICS.

- Never remain unattached if you can help it.
- Never use another's regalia.
- Never put on any other jewels than what you are entitled to.
- Never be absent from meeting if you can help.
- Never be late in your attendance.
- Never propose or second an applicant for admission unless you personally know him to be of good report.
- Never forget that the admission of an unworthy brother is enough to bring discredit to the whole institution.
- Never propose a candidate unless he is in reputable circumstances.
- Never cast your ballot in favor of a candidate unless you know him to be worthy, and his moral character beyond reproach, and his company congenial to members.
- Never fail to exercise your right as a member of your Lodge.
- Never forget to get by heart your constitutions and by-laws.
- Never fail to pay your dues in advance.
- Never forget to carry the receipt for dues, it may be of use some day or other.
- Never let it be known directly or indirectly who you ballot for.
- Never be afraid to do your duty when you are sure that the candidate is unfit for acceptance.
- Never be backward in supporting an application for help from a poor and worthy brother.
- Never refuse work when given to you.
- Never require to be told twice to do a thing.

Never think yourself to be the biggest man in the Lodge, because you happen to know your work.

Never speak for the sake of speech or argue for the sake of argument.

Never support a proposition unless it has your full approval.

Never countenance cliques.

Never be long in your speech and disrespectful in your demeanor.

Never fail to maintain the solemnity and dignity of the proceedings.

Never convert the Lodge into a debating club. Never fail to encourage labor and reward merit.

Never bring under discussion any topic of religion or politics.

Never fail to be polite, courteous, kind and affable, even to your opponents in discussion.

Never fail to accept with good grace any office offered to you.

Never murmur if you imagine your claims have been overlooked or superseded.

Never object to the award or decision of the Lodge; if you have any complaints, appeal to the higher authorities.

Never present yourself as a visitor after the Lodge is opened.

Never forget to carry your Grand Lodge certificate when you visit a foreign or an unknown Lodge.

Never forget to sign your name in the attendance book.

Never loaf about in the dining-hall or ante-room when the Lodge is at work.

Never accept any office if you cannot do its work properly.

Never talk when the Lodge is at work.

Never make any signs or gestures during the work.

Never trumpet the work of your own Lodge when you visit another; the chances are that the work of the Lodge you visit may be superior to that of yours.

Never interrupt a brother while he is addressing.

Never prompt an officer during work.

Never show any ill-feelings or angry passions.

Never fail to adapt yourself to the peculiarities of others.

Never fail to be kind, polite and courteous to the visiting brethren.

Never frighten or molest a candidate for admission.

Never fail to instruct your juniors.

Never hinder a brother from going home when "occasion calls him."

Never bring within the door of the Lodge any private piques or quarrels.

Never disrespect a brother; give honor to whom honor is due.

Never disturb the harmony of meeting by having recourse to contradictions and censures.

Never attend a Lodge if you think your presence will be objected to or will be uncongenial to its members.

Never elect a brother as treasurer unless he is solvent and a good financier.

Never give any hints when you examine a strange brother.

Never forget to compare the signature over the certificate with that of its holder when you examine an unknown brother.

Never object to undergo an examination when properly called upon.

Never forget to study the proceedings of your Grand Lodge.

Never visit a Lodge more than once in a year when unattached.

Never join the table without invitation or paying for.

Never go to a lodge without some money in your pocket.

Never join a discussion without the permission of the chair when you attend a Lodge as a visitor.

Never indulge in commonplace talks or vulgar songs at the table.

Never force a brother to eat or drink against his will.—Exchange.

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THE ORDER OF KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

The Order of Knights of Pythias, as its name implies, was founded on the almost unparalleled friendship which existed between Damon and Pythias; a friendship which has been immortalized by poets, dramatized by authors, quoted and extolled from the rostrum, and furnished the foundation on which Justus H. Rathbone builded an order which to-day stands one of the three leading fraternities of the world.

In the midst of that terrible struggle where one section of our country stood arrayed against the other, and brothers took up arms on opposing sides, while death and carnage darkened many a home in our fair land, our Order sprang into being, and, with its lessons of love and loyalty and unselfishness, sought to bind the hearts of our nation's people by a closer, holier tie. The old Grecian story was repeated to listening ears until hearts throbbed with new impulses, and the possibilities of an Order having for its basis the principles of a friendship so self-sacrificing that even the tyrant king, Dionysius had yielded to its influence, become manifest to those to whom Rathbone imparted his thoughts and aspirations. As a result, the Order of Knights of Pythias, with its ritual builded on Friendship, Charity and Benevolence as its special tenets, was formally inaugurated in the City of Washington, D. C. on February 19th, 1864. For a time the Order was limited in its membership, and there came a day when it languished, and dissolution seemed imminent, but the great principles underlying its structure gave it new life, and ere its founder closed his eyes to earth in December, 1889, he had the gratification of seeing nearly 300,000 Knights enrolled under the Pythian banner. Since that time the Order has attained a phenomenal growth and extends from ocean to ocean, and from lake to gulf of our country, while it has crossed the line into British possessions and Mexico, and has reached out till far away Hawaii feels its influence. Its entire membership on January 1st, 1898, was 568,269.

The following is the declaration of principles as adopted by the Supreme Lodge:

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

Pythian Knighthood had its conception in the exemplification of the life test of true friendship existing between Damon and Pythias.

Friendship, or mutual confidence, being the strongest bond of union between man and man, and only existing where honor has an abiding place, is adopted as a foundation principle.

As the ideal Knight of olden times was the personification of all the higher and nobler attributes of man's nature, the candidate for knighthood had to prove himself worthy of acceptance by those who valued friendship, bravery, honor, justice and loyalty.

The Order of Knights of Pythias—founded in Friendship, Charity and Benevolence, which it proclaims as its cardinal principles—strives to gather into one mighty fraternity worthy men who appreciate the true meaning of friendship; who are cautious in word and act; who love truth; who are brave in defending right; whose honor is untarnished; whose sense of justice will prevent, to the best of their ability a personal act or word injurious to the worthy; whose loyalty to principle, to family, to friends, to their country, and to the constituted authority under which they enjoy citizenship, is undoubted; and who, at all times, are prepared to do unto others as they would that others should do unto them.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

An applicant for the ranks of knighthood must possess the following qualifications:

He must be a white male.

He must be of good moral character.

He must be not less than twenty-one and not more than fifty years of age—(a person more than fifty years of age may become eligible by dispensation.)

He must believe in a Supreme Being.

He must be in good health and sound in mind and body—(a maimed person may become eligible by dispensation.)

He must be able to read and write.

He must not be engaged in either of the occupations known as professional gambler, saloon-keeper, bar-tender, or retail dealer in spirituous liquors, wine, ale or beer (except as a bonafide hotel-keeper or druggist.)

He must believe in the maintenance of order and the upholding of constituted authority in the government in which he lives.

COMPOSITION OF THE ORDER.

The government of the Order is entirely in the hands of the membership, Grand Lodges being composed of representatives from the subordinate lodges, and the Supreme Lodge composed of representatives from Grand Lodges. Meetings of the Supreme Lodge are held every two years. The Grand Lodges meet annually. Then subordinate lodges in a jurisdiction are necessary to have a Grand Lodge.

RANKS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

The secret work of the Subordinate Lodge consists of three divisions, called ranks, which are symbolical of the three principles of the Order, namely Friendship, Charity and Benevolence, and are known as the rank of Page, Esquire and Knight, and a candidate must take all three to become a full fledged Knight. The lesson taught in each rank is illustrated, and the instruction given in language and form appealing so strongly to man's higher nature that a lasting impression upon the neophyte can but result. The advantages of this Order are open to all worthy men and a study of its lessons, with their adaptation in the daily life will result in more loyal and abiding friendships, in a charity that, while hating the sin, will yet deal gently and kindly with the erring, remembering the frailty of our common humanity, in a benevolence that sees the needs of a brother before our own; in short the ranks of Knighthood teach fraternity in its deepest, tenderest, truest sense.

—"Pythian Gleaner."

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MY YOUNGER BROTHER.

He is well known now—famous, I might say—rich in this world's gear, and so far as one may judge, happy in that he does his duty conscientiously day by day. What a change from what it was some years ago, when he was only rich in knowledge and in wisdom. Strange things happen even in our time, showing to my mind that even our simplest acts have their influence on our fellows. He made an acquaintance when travelling in India, and as the years passed this acquaintance warmed to close and intimate friendship.

Whilst in India and when out one day with this friend, my brother was bitten by one of those deadly snakes which abound in that country. This friend by some knowledge, possessed by but very few, saved my brother's life, thus binding and cementing a friendship already close.

Shortly after this, this friend when in England was placed in a rather critical position, having assumed some business obligations involving a fortune. just at the moment when the deposit making it a business deal was to be paid. Through some stupid mistake of his bankers in India, the poor fellow found himself penniless. Ruin stared him in the face, when he again ran across my brother, who was only too happy to finance him through. Who this man really was my brother never told me, for some reason best known to himself; perhaps at his friend's request. That he was a man of rare knowledge, and possessed or endowed with power over certain forces in nature I am sure from what Tom has said. What these secret forces in nature are, my readers must excuse me from mentioning for two reasons; first, because I know so little of them as yet, that I can but poorly explain; secondly, supposing I could explain, how many would even care to understand?

However all this may be, one thing I do know,

and that is, that this friend was the means of bringing to a crisis, the means of finally turning in a definite and right direction a life influence over his fellowman. After their meeting in London, the two spent some two or three years, studying science, and in particular electricity and magnetism, acquiring new facts, proving laws before undreamt of in these departments. Newton gave to the world of his day the knowledge of the earth's attraction. Who is to solve the other end of the problem, viz., the force of repulsion? And it was this law of repulsion that they were the first to grasp—I should say the first of our work-a-day world. Being acquainted with the "Law of Opposites," as some call it, they began their search and were finally rewarded. Increased knowledge always means increased responsibility, increased danger and in fact so great the danger here that to acquaint people hap-hazard with their secret was not for a moment to be dreamt of.

"Nothing new under the sun," has been quoted many times. One does not associate therewith the thought of how many old things, ideas, inventions, &c., are new nevertheless to us, because they have been forgotten. What about the perfection in the builders' art of time past? Who now knows the composition of their old cements which were harder than the stone employed itself? The secrets of tempering copper and steel, of preserving linen and silk fabrics, so that they would resist the rot of time and age for thousands of years? That would be all new to us.

So perhaps my brother and his friend were after all only rediscovering old truth.

If one can but patiently accept it, their researches took them far beyond the beaten track, into a realm one might almost call the marvellous. They demonstrated, to their own satisfaction at least, and to that of some intimate friends, the magnetic sympathy of minds, defined limits of body, mind and soul, tabulating to each its work, its functions, its realms.

One thing which helped them above all else was that they worked not for their own advancement, but for the services they might render their fellows.

(To be continued.)

If a member of the Order will begin taking his insurance in the Endowment Rank when he first joins, he will thus be enabled to carry his certificate without feeling it. For instance, at the age of 24 a member of the Order can secure \$3,000 indemnity, payable at death, for \$18 per annum, and as the Endowment Rank has no special assessments, and the monthly rate never increases with age, that means a very small expense considering the value of the return which it brings.

DID YOU READ IT?

Stubb—"What is the longest wireless message you ever heard of?"

Penn—"The President's."

JAMES MOULSON, SUPREME PRELATE.

Perhaps few, if any, of the present members of the Supreme Lodge have been members of the Order for a longer time than the present Supreme Prelate, Bro. Moulson, of St. John, New Brunswick, Canada. He was a Charter member of New Brunswick, in October, 1870. At the institution of this Lodge he was elected to the office of Financial Scribe (now Master of Finance). After passing the chair of Worthy Chancellor (now Chancellor Commander), he was elected to the office of Prelate, and was re-elected to this office term after term for many years, he finally declining further nomination. His Lodge was the first instituted outside of the United States. At the organization of Victoria Company, No. 1, U. R., of St. John, the Major-General was requested by unanimous vote to appoint him his Aide-de-Camp for the Maritime Provinces, which position he has had the honor of filling to the present. For several years previous to the institution of their Grand Lodge in 1886, Bro. Moulson acted as Deputy Supreme Chancellor, and while holding this position he organized the Grand Lodge. He was elected Grand Chancellor and was tendered a



further nomination, but wishing to give others an opportunity of advancement he declined. On the expiration of his term he was presented with a very handsome and valuable gold watch and chain. He was continued as Supreme Representative until his election as Supreme Inner Guard. He was advanced to Supreme Master at Arms, and last year was unanimously elected as Supreme Prelate.

The action of the Supreme Lodge in thus recognizing Bro. Moulson's services and worth is fully appreciated, not only by him and the members in the Maritime Provinces, but also by his fellow-citizens and members throughout Canada. We feel warranted in saying that none has a better record than the present Supreme Prelate. Our esteemed brother is popular not only with members of the Order, but also with his fellow-citizens. At the late election of officers for the city government he was solicited by a large number to offer as a candidate for Mayor, but he did not have the opportunity of accepting the nomination this year.

LABOR OF LOVE.

I have kept my fealty good
To the human brotherhood:
Scarcely have I asked in prayer
That which others mig't not share,
Change the dream of me and mine
For the breath of Thee and Thine.

Blest to me were any spot
Where temptation whispers not.
If there be some weaker one,
Give me strength to help him on;
If a blinder soul there be,
Let me guide him nearer Thee.
Make my mortal dreams come true
With the work I fain would do:
Clothe with life the weak intent,
Let me be the thing I meant;
Let me find in Thy employ
Peace that dearer is than joy;
Out of self to love be led
And to heaven acclimated,
Until all things sweet and good
Seem my natural habitude.—Whittier.

FROM RATHBONE LODGE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Bro.—As this is the season for greeting and festivities, I think I can, on behalf of Rathbone, No. 7, wish you and all our brothers throughout the Province a Happy New Year. As many of our members were working late hours during December, we had not a very large attendance during that month. We have no doubt that all of the Vancouver brethren had all the enjoyments of feasting and amusements which this season of the year brings, in peace and plenty, but at the same time we ought not to forget those who are fighting for their country and whose greeting may have been the whiz of the Boer bullet; also to bear in mind that many homes are mourning the loss of brave

and heroic young men. Many people, when a battle is lost begin to despair, but final victories in war as well as in the battles of life are generally gained by many reverses.

We are pleased to inform our brethren that our worthy Editor, Bro. Maxwell, is able to get around again, and soon expects to be going east on Parliamentary business.

Our Grand Chancellor, Bro. W. D. Mearns, is not able to get out to the lodges as much as he would like, owing to the illness of his wife, but we know that it is the prayer of all our brothers that she may speedily recover, and that our G. C. may have the blessing of her companionship for many a long year to come.

Bro. Morris, our newly-elected M. of A., had his arm tied up in a sling for a couple of days with an injured hand. We are pleased to report his recovery.

Bro. Sands, our newly-elected member, has been spending the holidays in bed at St. Luke's Hospital, and instead of eating his usual Christmas turkey, was fed by pretty attendants on milk and gruel. When called upon he was convalescing rapidly and stated that he owed his recovery to the very kind attention he was receiving from the nurses there. I myself think they were spoiling him, but we hope nevertheless that by the time this issue is out, Bro. Sands will be himself again, as he expected to be out of the Hospital by the first of the year.

We find that many of our members are very rusty on the by-laws, and do not think it would be a bad idea to have one night a month set aside for exemplification of the secret work; also to have the principal by-laws read aloud by some member of the Order.

ARTHUR CROOK.

Vancouver, December 30th, 1899.

FROM PRIMROSE LODGE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Bro.—The result of our election of officers for next term is as follows: C. C., J. L. Brown; V. C., C. T. Godfrey; Prelate, J.

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We have been kept busy since my last letter with ranks, working no less than eleven upon one occasion, and it will be several weeks before all who passed the ballot have proven their bravery. It is a matter of congratulation to the Lodge that the officers-elect are, almost all, experienced in rank-work, which will facilitate matters considerably.

With best wishes for a prosperous and Happy New Year,

I am, fraternally your,
GEORGE T. MALLERY.

Kamloops, B. C., January 1st, 1900.

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FROM NEW DENVER.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Bro.—Following is the list of officers elected by No. 22 to serve for the ensuing term: C. C., J. Goetsche; V. C., E. Shannon; Prel., T. Lloyd; M. of W., J. A. McDonald; K. of R. & S., C. F. Nelson; M. of F., C. E. Smitheringale; M. E., A. D. McGillivray; M. A., G. Sutherland; I. G., T. Avison; O. G., H. Stege.

Mr. Editor, what happened the "True Knight" for December? It has been anxiously looked for here, but so far has failed to put in an appearance. Kindly remedy this error, as the paper is deemed too valuable here for even a single copy to be missed.

Bro. J. A. Cleland, C. C., of Sandon Lodge, has departed for his new home in Eugene, Ore., carrying with him the best wishes of the membership in the Slocan. On the evening of the 6th, his fellow-members at Sandon presented him with a very handsome gold watch and chain, as also remembering his excellent wife and young son. Some of the boys from here were present at the interesting event, and they express themselves as delighted with the reception given them. The Sandon members have a most commendable idea of how to entertain. Sandon Lodge will hold their third annual ball on the evening of Christmas Day. Of course, they will have a good time; they always do.

Bro. Phil Munro, M. W., has returned from his trip to Eastern Ontario, and brought a bride with him. He received the warmest congratulations of his fellow-members, who were taken quite by surprise at his audacity and courage.

Just as the term is wearing to a close we are having the pleasure of putting a most worthy candidate through the various ranks, being the first this term. He is Bro. J. Williams, and he will make an excellent member. Had it not been for the unfortunate labor troubles in this promising camp, we would have had a number of candidates to have gone through the mill.

The financial standing of our Lodge has greatly improved this term, thanks to the manner in which the dues for the most part have

been paid, and also for the material reduction in the amount of our monthly rent.

Again we have been called upon to suspend a number of members for the non-payment of dues. What an unfortunate circumstance it is that the Order is so frequently called upon to lose so many excellent members from this cause. The member who can invent a successful scheme to obviate this evil will assuredly receive a great reward.

Bro. Gordon Sutherland, P. C., has just received two weeks' sick benefits as the result of a painful accident which befell him one evening when on his way to Lodge. In passing over the high sidewalk on Sixth Street, owing to the intense darkness, he made a mis-step and fell heavily over the edge, landing on a sharp stump. The doctor found no bones broken, but he was severely bruised on the side, which caused him a great deal of pain. He has been crippled ever since. Bro. Sutherland has had a long streak of hard luck.

We still have the bothersome labor trouble present with us in the Slocan. The situation is, however, more hopeful this month, as the opposing parties have been together and endeavored to get the tangle straightened out. We look for a final settlement at an early date, and then we shall bid farewell to the hard times that have beset us and our country for so many wearisome months.

C. E. SMITHERINGALE.

New Denver Lodge, No. 22, December 15th, 1899.

P. S.—To the members of our sister lodges throughout the Grand Domain we extend our compliments, wishing them a joyous Christmas and a most happy and prosperous New Year.

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FROM MAPLE LODGE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Bro.—Last month I was unable to send you a communication from Maple Lodge, so I must not let the present occasion pass without a few lines. Maple Lodge has moved into a new home. It is not so large as the I. O. O. F. Hall, which we had been occupying, but it is a home-like and a most comfortable little room, and then we have it for ten years, by paying the insurance on the building, thanks to the noble generosity of our Grand Representative, Bro. Henderson. The Committee who have had charge of the furnishing have worked hard and displayed very good taste in the furnishings.

Maple Lodge had a disappointment on the 28th of last month. We had made every arrangement to have a dramatic performance and dance in aid of the funds of the Victoria Orphan Home, but the Company we had engaged failed to put in an appearance, so we had to postpone it until some future time.

I had the pleasure of visiting Far West Lodge, No. 1, on Friday evening, December 15th, when they conferred the rank of Page on a stranger. The C. C. and Prelate gave their charges in a manner as good as ever I have ever had the pleasure of listening to. Bro.

Pferdner, owing to the evening being very stormy and his wife indisposed, was not present. I met the brother the following day, and to a stranger it would look as if his children were giving him a lot of trouble. He was buying a new whip. However, we who know the brother know that it is his dogs that make his head turn grey.

Mr. Editor, during this time of great outburst of patriotism, I would call our brothers' attention to the fact that our Order stands for all that is noblest in patriotism, and I would suggest to the lodges in the Grand Domain of British Columbia that each lodge procure a Union Jack to be draped around one of the officers' stations, or, better still, the Stars and Stripes also—the Union Jack on the right hand and "Old Glory" on the left of the C. C. station. The present time appears to me to be most favorable for our Uniform Rank to go forward by bounds, if our brothers take advantage of circumstances and time. In all the cities there are very many patriotic young men who would prefer to join an organization like the Uniform Rank in preference to the Militia.

Wishing the brothers of the Order universal generally a most happy and prosperous New Year, and with the wish that our Order may progress and grow in all that will be for the betterment of our members and mankind.

I remain, yours in F. C. & B.,

JOHN N. EVANS.

Duncan, B. C., December 28th, 1899.

FROM ROSSLAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Bro.—Having taken the liberty of visiting the Rossland Lodge, and being accorded the pleasure of acting as correspondent until some worthy brother sees fit to assume the labors, I will again attempt to "expose" some of the "secrets" that have heretofore been kept in absolute quietude, on account of this flourish-

ing and ever forging-ahead Lodge being unable to select a member who can find the spare time to assist the most welcome journal of them all—the "True Knight." Although the writer has not had the pleasure of greeting all the members personally, for items concerning themselves and the Lodge, he has been able to scrutinize the minute-book, as well as witness some of the "slickest" performed rank work that it has been his good fortune to see for a long time. Below you will obtain a faint idea of what these Rossland Pythian followers are composed of, and what they are doing and intend to do.

To begin, the Rossland Lodge gave its annual ball on Thanksgiving evening, in Miners' Union Hall, and it was one of the most delightful and enjoyable occasions that have taken place in Rossland this season. There were about one hundred couples present, and the array of fashionable attire among the ladies was gorgeous in the extreme, to say nothing of the pleasing make-up of the gentlemen. The Committee had been zealous in its endeavors to make the ball a thorough success, and its efforts were rewarded with an abundant harvest. The Committee was composed of Brothers John W. Graham, Proctor Joiner, Dan. Thomas, Paul Wilcox, Bert Coombs, Charles Coffyn, S. B. Shaw, and A. G. Creelman. The Floor Committee work was very conspicuous during the evening, it performing its work in spanking style. The worthy members who constituted this Committee were Brothers Proctor Joiner, John Lucas and Fred. J. Perine. A vote of thanks was unanimously voted them by the Lodge, for the commendable way in which they conducted the occasion.

The nomination and election of officers for the various positions has come and passed, and installation will soon be the order of the day. Every newly-elected officer has expressed the determination that he will let nothing interfere with his presence at the installation exercises.

At a regular session held on Friday, December 8th, the Lodge elected the nominees for its respective offices, and Bro. S. B. Shaw, who has

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so fittingly performed the duties of Vice-Chancellor, was unanimously selected to manipulate the gavel during the coming term. Bro. Paul D. Wilcox, the invincible propounder of obligations, was ushered into the Vice-Chancellor's chair, where the cushion has a most soothing effect. Bro. John Lucas, who has so elaborately distinguished himself by his knightly remarks, went up like Kasir stocks, from the common chair to the elevated office of Prelate. Bro. C. A. Coffyn, who so splendidly performed the duties of Master of the Work, succeeded himself to that important position. Now comes the Grand Vice-Chancellor, Bro. John W. Graham, who has passed everything in the subordinate lodge, and, as good as having passed everything in the Grand Lodge, will still maintain his usual activity. He consents to accept the very important position of Master of Finance. Present Chancellor Commander, Bro. Proctor Joiner, whose term will expire at the installation of new officers, has been elected to the chair of Keeper of Records and Seals. Bro. J. Michaely, while stationed as Inner Guard during the past term, has stiffened up his backbone, and will now be wearing the smiles and stature of a Pythian soldier, which are the essential qualifications for a Master-at-Arms, and Bro. W. S. Flemming has been advanced from the exceedingly chilly (especially these cold meeting nights) station of Outer Guard, to the warm and more comfortable post of Inner Guard, while Bro. P. Simonunetta was voted to keep the hall clear of impostors and cranks, in being assigned to the very cautious position of Outer Guard. Such are the pleasant roads these dear old Pythians do travel that they chant the following lines:

"As yet we're all quite 'young' and 'green,'

As any of our name;

Though the elections, they are so far between,
We'll get there just the same."

Past Chancellor and, at present, Keeper of Records and Seal, Bro. A. G. Creelman, owing to continued business out of town, was not present at the election of officers, and his office went over to his successor. Bro. Creelman is only a "kid" yet—only a little past 35—and will no doubt be "up and at 'em" again, and win, too, at the next election.

No appointment was made for the office of Master of Exchequer, but it is possible that Bro. Dan Thomas will succeed himself when the matter comes forward. Bro. Thomas is one of the most wide-awake members of the Lodge, and is practically the "whole push" in matters pertaining to socials, dances, and anything like a monkey with a string attached to it.

The new by-laws which have been before the Lodge for the past two or three months, have finally passed a second reading, and their final adoption only remains for the approval and signature of Grand Chancellor, Bro. W. D. Mearns.

During the past month several candidates have been preparing themselves for an introduction to the Pythian Goat, and they seem to be over-anxious for the fray, blissfully ignorant of the ruggedness of the way and the strange personages to be met on this road to the summit of Pythian Knighthood.

"Croak" about Lodge work! Why the officers of the Rossland Lodge are unmistakably masters of the ritual. They realize that nothing will injure an order or lodge more than bungling up the degree work; that is, not having it commemorated, or at least to be able to read it fluently. They know an applicant expects to learn the history of the Order as he proceeds, while otherwise he would naturally be impatient for it to be over with. They put their whole soul into the work; mean what they say. They not only impress the meaning of the lesson, but increase their respect for the Order, Lodge and its officers. "What does the honor of 'going through the 'chairs' amount to if we do not accomplish any good while there?" said a Rossland brother knight to me.

Rossland's Pythian Lodge, with its already large and constantly increasing membership, many of whom have loving mothers, sisters, wives and children, wholly depending upon them for support, is without an Endowment Rank. Brothers, why don't you get "into the swim," and form such a rank, as the splendid features are now firmly established and long ago passed the experimental stage? It is the duty that every member owes to his dependent ones—to make some provision for the future. When attending the funeral of a deceased brother, did it ever occur to you that it might be your turn next? The Supreme Lodge, as we are all aware, has firmly created this department of the Order to assist families in such emergency as this. In nearly every Lodge cases are constantly occurring when the beneficial features of the Rank are plainly shown.

Christmas and New Year are once more upon us, and the Rossland boys, one and all, wish to extend to the Supreme, Grand and subordinate lodges wishes for a most joyful Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Yours in F. C. and B.,

THOMAS E. ABBOTT.

Rossland, B. C., December 16th, 1899.

FROM REVELSTOKE.

Gold Range Lodge installed its officers last Wednesday night, and then celebrated the installation in right good Pythian style. There were present in the Castle Hall 28 knights when Chancellor Commander Gill convened the Lodge, and after the routine business had been put through Past Chancellor Allan, D. G. C., with his staff, proceeded to install the following officers: C. C., J. W. Cross, M. D.; V. C., W. Mather; Prelate, Rev. T. Menzies; M. of W., E. Burrige; K. of R. & S., James Gill, P. C.; M. of F., H. A. Brown; M. of E., J. G. Allan, P. C.; M. at A., L. H. Buck; I. G., Stewart McDonald; O. G., J. McCallum.

After the beautiful and impressive installation ceremonies, congratulations and greetings were exchanged, and the knights marched from the hall to the Union Hotel, where Bro. Knight Brown had spread a bountiful cold supper. The waiters were fired, the dining room doors locked, the merry-makers waited upon them—

selves and each other, and the "boys" settled down to an evening's enjoyment. The menu: Spiced Roast of Beef. Dressed Roast Turkey. Boiled Ham.

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| Roast Goose. | Roast Mutton. | |
| Chicken Salad. | Lobster Salad. | |
| Lemon Jelly. | Strawberry Jelly. | |
| | Sherry Jelly. | |
| Fruit Cake. | Cornucopias. | Tipsy Cake. |
| Trifle. | Ladies' Fingers. | |
| Oranges. | Apples. | Walnuts. |
| Stilton Cheese. | Celery. | |
| | Soft Drinks. | |

While discussing the last part of the menu the toast list was gone through with, and a programme of songs, etc. There were 26 brave men present, including the visiting knights, Bro. Hearston, of Edmonton, Alberta, and Bro. Crewdson, of Fowler Lodge, Fredericton, N. B. Some amusement was caused by Knight Savage appearing in the uniform of the Kootenay Rifles, and he was immediately dubbed "Colonel." The list:

- The Queen.
 "God Save the Queen."
 Troops in Africa. Col. Savage
 Song—E. Burridge.
 Grand Lodge and Grand Officers. . D. G. C. Allan.
 Song—Jas. Gill, P. C.
 Past Officers. Past Chancellor Gill.
 Recitation—W. Winsor.

- Absent and Sick Brothers. J. Simmons.
 Visitors. Bro. Hearston.
 Host and Hostess. H. A. Brown.

There were a lot more toasts and songs, but no one remembers exactly just what they were, but every one agrees that they had the "best time ever," and that the supper was all that could be desired.—"Kootenay Mail."

FIRST ARTILLERY DIVISION.

Maj. Gen. James R. Carnahan, of the U. R., K. of P., has issued an order for and there has been mustered in the First Artillery, a division of U. R., K. of P., at Wheeling, W. Va., with 45 members. Three of the leading regalia houses were represented in the competition for the outfitting of the Division, and the Henderson-Ames Company, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, was awarded the contract, they having superior samples and lower prices. There are likely to be other Artillery divisions formed before the great Pythian gathering in Detroit next Summer.

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THE UNIFORM RANK.

Headquarters Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias, Indianapolis, Ind., December 18th, 1899.

The following promulgations, in the shape of general orders from headquarters, U. R., K. of P., give some useful hints to members as to the benefits that go with the inauguration of a company of the Rank in a lodge, and also submit some valuable information as to what is going on in amicro-military circles:

FACTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR LODGES.
 Have you a company of the Uniform Rank in your Lodge?

If you have not, then the following facts and suggestions are for your Lodge to consider:

The Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias is the "military branch" of that order. It has also been designated by the most prominent members of the order as the "display branch" and the "advertising branch" of the Knights of Pythias. As a fact it is all three of these branches of the Pythian hosts. It is not a "side rank," it is a legal and established rank, as much so as the First, Second, or Third rank in your subordinate Lodge.

The resolution to add this rank to the Order of Knights of Pythias was introduced into the Supreme Lodge in 1877, and the rank was created by the Supreme Lodge August 30th, 1878, and became a legal and bona fide rank of the Order at that date. The Supreme Constitution of the Knights of Pythias fixes the uniform rank as the Fifth Rank of that Order.

Has the Uniform Rank accomplished any good for the Knights of Pythias?

Facts, history will answer.

The total membership on December 31st, 1877, the date of the last report of the Supreme Lodge before the establishment of the Uniform Rank, shows \$5,234.

The loss in membership for the four years preceding this report was 20,419.

Every year since the birth of the Uniform Rank there has been a large net gain in the membership of the Knights of Pythias, until now we have a membership of almost half a million.

When the Uniform Rank was born the Order of Knights of Pythias had no way of presenting itself to the public and was therefore scarcely known. The members of this Rank by their handsome uniforms, by their military display, and by their soldierly bearing as they travelled from North to South, and from West to East in attendance upon Grand and Supreme Lodge conventions, attracted the attention of the public in the most favorable manner, and the young men of the country flocked to our standards. This Rank was organized to assist the subordinate Lodge—and it has done so, as above shown, in the wonderful increase of membership. The young man who is attracted to the Uniform Rank, can come into this Rank only by coming through the subordinate Lodge, he must first become a Knight of Pythias before he can become a Pythian Knight Loyal. Without adding expense to your Lodge the Uniform Rank will attract the young men to your altars. It can be used as a most attractive feature in conferring the ranks in your Lodge. It may bring support to your Lodge by stirring up the pride of your citizens in a well-drilled and disciplined company.

The Uniform Rank teaches through its ritual the highest type of honor, of justice and of loyalty to friend and country.

This rank has been honored by the President of the United States in the appointment of many of our members to important military positions in the Volunteer Army of the United States. Four of the brigadier-generals appointed for the Spanish-American War were from our ranks. The Rank has been complimented on many occasions by the officers of the United

States Army and Navy, and this has brought additional strength and influence to the entire body of Pythians.

First.—You ask, what shall we do in order to organise a company?

I answer, write to the Brigade Commander in your State, or to Major-General James R. Carnahan, Indianapolis, Indiana, for an application, and you will receive a blank application, a copy of the Rules and Regulations, and full instructions. At the time you write give a full statement as to the prospects for organizing the company; whether anything has been attempted in that direction, and how far the effort has progressed; also give the names of those most interested in the success of the movement; together with all other information that may be of interest in such connection. At the same time do not hesitate to ask any questions that may be pertinent to the subject, upon which you may desire further information or advice.

Second.—Having obtained the blank application, proceed at once actively to secure the signatures of the brothers who will enter the Company. It will be necessary to obtain the names of not less than twenty-nine members of the Knights' Rank who are in good standing in a subordinate Lodge of the Order. It is not necessary that all the applicants belong to the same lodge. Sometimes the members of two or more neighboring lodges unite to form one company.

[N. B.—By special dispensation a company may be organized with a minimum of twenty-one applicants. This provision will expire with the next Convention of the Supreme Lodge.]

Third.—As soon as a sufficient number of names have been signed to the application to

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satisfy you that the successful organization of the company will be accomplished, write to some firm who furnishes the regulation uniform for samples of uniforms, together with definite prices and terms of payment, so that selection may be made of such grade of uniform as will be most satisfactory to the members. No one can become a member of a company unless in full regulation uniform, and no company can be instituted unless twenty-nine (29) warrant members are present in full regulation uniform at the time of the institution of the company, except as above stated.

Fourth.—At the first meeting of the signers to the application for warrant, a temporary organization should be effected, a name for the company adopted, and the several officers for the proposed company selected; these officers consist of a Captain, a First Lieutenant, a Second Lieutenant, a Recorder and a Treasurer. The Captain appoints the Guard and Sentinel. At the same meeting special committees as may be deemed necessary should also be appointed.

Fifth.—After the following steps have been taken, the application for warrant, together with the necessary warrant fee of \$35 should be forwarded direct to Major-General James R. Carnahan, Indianapolis. In states where there is a Brigade Commander the application should be sent to him for his approval, and he will forward the application to the Major-General. If you especially desire any particular officer of the Uniform Rank to muster in your company, you should request the appointment of such officer at the time you forward the application and fee, otherwise the Major-General or Brigade Commander will select some suitable officer for that duty.

Sixth.—The warrant and the supplies will be sent to the officer selected and commissioned to muster in the Company, and he will hold them in his possession until the time of the muster-in. The supplies furnished by the Supreme Assembly, in addition to the warrant, consist of four rituals, three copies of the drill regulations (Tactics), four copies rules and regulations, official seal of the company, and the chevrons for the guard, sentinel, recorder and treasurer, and the banneret and shoulder-straps for the ritualistic work. No paraphernalia is required.

Seventh.—As soon as the Mustering Officer has received his commission he will communicate with the proposed company regarding the date of muster-in, and all other matters of detail in connection with such muster-in. The company must be mustered in within ninety days from the date of the granting of the warrant; otherwise the warrant and the supplies will be returned to the Major-General, and the warrant fee of \$35 will be forfeited to the Supreme Assembly. In fixing the date for the muster-in, sufficient time should be allowed for the making, shipping and receiving of uniforms. They should be received by the company at least one week before the date of muster-in of the Company.

so that should there be any errors they may be corrected and everything adjusted in satisfactory manner before the date of muster-in.

Eight.—Immediately after the muster-in of the company, the Mustering Officer sends a report to the Major-General, who will immediately assign to the Company its appropriate number. Immediately upon receiving notice of the number assigned to the company, notify the house from whom the uniforms were purchased, so that the regulation caps can be promptly made up and shipped to the company until the number of the company has been furnished, the house cannot make such caps as the number must be embroidered upon the front before the caps are put together, and the number is never assigned to a company until after its institution.

Uniforms can be purchased at prices ranging from \$25 to \$50 each, according to the quality of material.

The Uniform Rank is growing. It is greater in its numerical strength, greater in its morale of the body, greater in the hopes and aspirations of its membership toward a more thorough organization and a more complete devotion to the very best interest of our Pythian Army.

Walter B. Richie, when Supreme Chancellor, wrote of the Uniform Rank: "It is the Rank which has done more for the advancement of our Order than all other influences combined. We to-day would not have two hundred thousand members were it not for the Uniform Rank. Every Domain strong in the Uniform Rank is strong in its subordinate lodges. Every Domain weak in its Uniform Rank is equally weak in its subordinate lodges."

Philip T. Colgrove, as Supreme Chancellor, in his report, May 1st, 1897, said: "I think it is generally conceded by those who are best able to judge that to the Military Branch is largely due the success that has come to our Order since 1878. In view of the aid and assistance it has been to the Order universal, I feel that it is entitled to more than passing notice. Since its inception it has brought the Order into prominence before the masses, and has given us marked recognition from our Government. * * * I know its worth as a factor in the Order, its power, influence and effect, and feel assured that in whatever community it is fostered and sustained, there will Pythian Knighthood flourish and prosper."

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For further information apply to any officer of the Uniform Rank, or address your communication direct to

JAMES R. CARNAHAN,

Major-General U. R., K. P., Indianapolis, Ind.

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Headquarters Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias, Indianapolis, Ind., December 18th, 1899.

GENERAL ORDERS.

I. The Major-General commanding calls the attention of all officers and Knights Loyal of the Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias to the fact that the election for company officers must be held at the first assembly of each company, in the month of January, 1900. Sections 10 11 and 12, Chapter III, Rules and Regulations, governing company elections, provide as follows:

Sec. 10.—The officers shall be elected annually by ballot, at the first assembly in January of each year, and shall be installed on the 19th day of February, or within thirty days there-

after, and shall serve for a period of one official year, or until their successors are elected and installed.

Sec. 11.—Any member in good standing shall be eligible to any office in his company, and all officers shall be eligible to re-election; provided, That any officer whose commission has been revoked for conduct unbecoming an officer or Knight Loyal, or for violation of the orders of his superior officer, or any officer or Knight Loyal who has, at any time, been dishonorably discharged, shall be ineligible to hold office for two years thereafter.

Sec. 12.—The mode of election of officers shall be by ballot, and a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for a choice. In case of no election on the first ballot, the balloting shall continue until a majority for one of the candidates is obtained. Balloting for officers shall be conducted without previous nomination.

II. In pursuance, therefore, of the foregoing provisions of the Rules and Regulations, each company of the Uniform Rank will, at the first assembly in the month of January, 1900, elect the following officers for the term beginning February 19th, 1900, to-wit:

- One Captain.
- One First Lieutenant.
- One Second Lieutenant.
- One Recorder.
- One Treasurer.

The necessary blanks for reports of elections will be furnished at the proper time.

III. The Major-General expresses the hope that the opening of the new century will become noted for the promptness with which the law concerning elections has been observed. Let there be no laggard anywhere. By command of Major-General Carnahan.

GEO. W. POWELL,
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Headquarters Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias, Indianapolis, Ind., December 18th, 1899.

GENERAL ORDERS, NO. 7.

I. The Major-General announces that he has visited Detroit, Mich., for consultation with the Executive Committee having in charge the preparations for the Encampment of 1900. and as one of the results of said visitation the list of prizes offered to companies of the Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias who enter the competition is herewith announced: As a condition precedent to the award of prizes it is understood that each Company of Infantry, each Troop of Cavalry and each Battery of Artillery must participate in the general parade, must take part in the field inspection and review, and must drill in the competition with not less than twenty-four Knights Loyal, a right and left guide and three commissioned officers, being a total of not less than twenty-nine, and all bona-fide members of the company, troop or battery, and must be fully equipped in the regulation uniform of their special branch of the Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias.

The following are the classes, and prizes in each:

CLASS A.

Open and free to all companies of the Uniform Rank—

- 1st prize—For proficiency in drill ... \$1.500
2nd prize—For proficiency in drill ... 1,000
3rd prize—For proficiency in drill ... 700
4th prize—For proficiency in drill ... 500
5th prize—For proficiency in drill ... 300
For best company commander—Jewel of honor ... 100

CLASS B.

Open to all companies that have never won a prize at a Supreme Lodge Encampment.

- 1st prize—For proficiency in drill ... \$600
2nd prize—For proficiency in drill ... 400
3rd prize—For proficiency in drill ... 200
For best company commander—Jewel of honor ... 100

CLASS C.

Open to all companies of the Uniform Rank organised since August, 1898, and less than two years old at the time of the Encampment.

- 1st prize—For proficiency in drill ... \$500
2nd prize—For proficiency in drill ... 369
3rd prize—For proficiency in drill ... 200
For best company commander—Jewel of honor ... 100

DISTANCE PRIZE.

For companies composed of not less than 29 officers and Knights Loyal attending the Encampment from the greatest distance.

- 1st prize ... \$300
2nd prize ... 200

BATTALION PRIZE.

For the best battalion drill by battalion, consisting of not less than four companies and full complement of officers. Two or more battalions to compete.

- 1st prize ... \$500

CAVALRY PRIZE.

Open to all cavalry troops. The same rules as to numbers and participation in the parade, inspection and review are to be applied as are applied to infantry companies.

- 1st prize ... \$300
2nd prize ... 200

Should only one company appear it shall be entitled to both prizes.

ARTILLERY PRIZE.

Open to all batteries, U. R. K. of P. Best exhibition drill and appearance to govern.

- 1st prize ... \$200
2nd prize ... 100

Should only one battery appear it shall be entitled to both prizes.

RITUALISTIC PRIZE.

Open to all companies. For best exemplification of the ritual.

- 1st prize ... \$200
2nd prize ... 100

I hereby certify that the above is a correct list of prizes as adopted by the K. of P. Executive Committee for 1900, having the matter in charge.

(Signed.)

F. J. PEDDIE,

Secretary Executive Committee.

II. There has never been a greater number of classes, nor have the prizes aggregated so large an amount. Attention of companies is especially called to the prizes for the exemplification of the new Uniform Rank Ritual. The honor of winning a prize for this work will be equal to that of winning a prize in competition drill, and the Major-General earnestly hopes that many of the companies will enter this special class. Particular attention is also called to Classes B and C. Here is a magnificent opportunity within the reach of possible success for all "first contestants," if they will get down to work.

III. In concluding this Order the Major-General desires to say that the citizens of Detroit are preparing to give to the Knights Loyal a most magnificent welcome to one of the most beautiful cities in the world, and the Uniform Rank should show its appreciation of this promised hospitality by the largest attendance we have ever had at any of our encampments. "Come one and all" is the invitation.

By command of Major-General Carnahan.

GEO. W. POWELL, Adjutant-General.

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SPLENDID TESTIMONY.

In the October issue of the "Pythian Knight," of Waco, Texas, appears the following very excellent contribution from Brother R. F. Naylor, of Savoy, Texas. It is a voluntary expression of admiration of, and confidence in the Endowment Rank, and one that all Pythians can heartily endorse. He says:

In this progressive age there is scarcely any question in which the people are more deeply interested than the subject of life insurance. The reason there is so much excitement in the subject is that it has solved the perplexing question as to how a man of limited means may make ample provisions for his family, or those dependent upon him in case of his death.

There was a time when fraternal insurance companies were in an experimental stage, and it could not be clearly demonstrated that the rates had been adjusted in such a manner as to enable them to promptly meet all claims which might be made upon them.

Of recent years, however, this question has been solved to the entire satisfaction of a majority of the people, and fraternal insurance companies are generally regarded (with possibly a few exceptions) as sound and reliable, and there can be no doubt that they will continue to grow in popularity on account of their cheapness and reliability.

Most prominent among the organizations that furnish insurance to their members is the Endowment Rank, K. of P. It was established in the year 1877, and from the time of its establishment there is not an instance on record where it has ever refused or failed to pay a claim.

At the period of its incipency it experienced some difficulty in regard to properly adjusting the rates, but it has gradually been improved on this and other respects until at the present time it has reached a high state of perfection and is managed in a more efficient and methodical manner than at any previous time in its history.

The affairs of the Endowment Rank are managed by the Board of Control, located at Chicago. The Board has entire charge and management of the affairs of the Endowment Rank, but are subject to restrictions as the Supreme Lodge may from time to time provide. The men composing this Board have been selected from the very best material in our Order, and deserve much praise for the creditable manner in which they have discharged the arduous duties imposed upon them.

The strongest evidence we have of the popularity of the Endowment Rank is its phenomenal growth, which has been nearly commensurate with that of the Order. In the year 1897 it had a membership of 50,000, which since then has been augmented to an appreciable extent. Its present endowment amounts to \$107,000,000, and since its organization it has paid to beneficiaries an immense sum of \$14,000,000.

We do not believe that an individual who feels a deep interest in those dependent upon him can make a more judicious expenditure than to invest a portion of his income in reliable life

insurance, thus securing his family against penury and want. We believe it is the imperative duty of every eligible Knight to become a member of the Endowment Rank, provided he does not carry other reliable insurance.

MRS. RAFFERTY'S 'CENSUS.

"How many in your family?" the census-taker said.

"Hoo mony?" Mrs. Rafferty she shook her tousled head.

"Well, shure, I think there is eliven. Just let me count," said she.

"There's Mike, my mon thot's did, an' me an' Patsy—hat makes three—

The triplets four, and Mary five, Tim six, and Bridget seven;

The blessed twins is eight. That's all." "But that is not eleven."

"Now wait a bit. There's me—thot's wan—and little Patsy, two,

The triplets three, an' Bridget four, an' Timmy, there by you.

Is five, an' poor did Mike is six, an' me darlin' little twins

Is seven, an' Katy eight. Oh, dear! Now if I just begins

Wid Molke that's did—Hiven rest his sowl!—I'm shure to git thim right.

For 'dade there's 'liven—leastways there was when they went to bed thast night.

Poor Mike is wan, the twins is two, Timmy and Patsy four,

An' Mary five, an' Mike—oh, no; I counted him before—

An' Mary five, an' Bridget six—ah, now I've got them straight—

An' Katy seven, the triplets eight—shure, the triplets they make eight—

An' Katy seven, the triplets eight. Where have the others gone?

By all the saints in Hiven, I know I've counted ivery wan.

Now whist an' shtop yer shpakin'; I'll count thim just wance more.

There's me, an' Tim, an' Patsy, an' Katy—that is four;

The triplets an' the twins is six, an' Bridget—now jist wait—

An' Bridget seven, and poor did Mike—yes, poor did Mike makes eight;

Yes, thot is right," said Mrs. R., and rubbed her tousled pate;

"I t'ought there was eliven, but I see there is but eight."

—Pearson's Weekly.

The rate for members of the Order joining the Endowment Rank, who desire to take out a \$1,000 certificate, payable at death, where their age does not exceed twenty-five, is 80 cents per month, including the charge for the expense of doing the business, so that really it costs a Knight of Pythias, at that age, but \$10 a year to secure insurance for \$1,000—and remember, that this price does not change.

THE MAD HATTER.

The man was squatting by the edge of the pretty little stream that gurgled and rippled along, and, to my astonishment, as I rode closer, I saw that he was gold-washing, or apparently so. Now, as the country round about did not appear at all auriferous, nor did I know of any diggings in the neighborhood, I felt considerably astonished.

He did not move when I came close.

"How are you getting along?" I asked, for the sake of opening a conversation. "An ounce to the dish?"

He twisted his head around to look at me, and said: "Not now, but it don't run bad. Three and four pennyweights."

He was a solemn-looking old fellow, and he made this statement so seriously that he rather staggered me. Then he went on quietly finishing the last of the dish, while I leant on my horse's neck and watched him. When he had finished he straightened himself up, and, with a satisfied smile, handed me the dish. I took it and inspected it. There was a little black sand, such as you can find anywhere in Australia; beyond that, nothing. I gave him back the dish without a remark, for I concluded it was a joke of some sort he was playing off on me.

Taking the dish back, he remarked, "You wouldn't think stuff ran like that about here, would you?"

"No, I should not," I replied. "How is it that the place is not rushed?"

The old man looked at me with a cunning grin.

"'Cos they can't. All this land about here once belonged to me; but I was swindled out of it. But not all—not all. I was too sharp for them. They didn't know that there was gold on this bit of land, so the swindlers left me that as worthless and now I'm working it. Listen," and he came close; "I've got nearly enough to buy back everything. I've been sticking at it now for years, and as soon as I've got all I want I mean to buy everything back."

I didn't know quite what to make of it, but the little township to which I was bound was just ahead, and I wished him luck and pushed on, leaving him filling up another dish from a bag of dirt that lay beside him.

Seated in the verandah of the hotel that evening, I mentioned to the landlord my meeting with the old man.

"Old Forsyth, the mad hatter," he said. "Yes, the old fellow's a character, isn't he?"

"He told me he owned all the country about here once?"

"Partly true; he had a big station once, and got a lot of land purchased, but he lost it all."

"He said he was swindled."

"Ah! that's part of his madness. He played the fool, and, of course, others took advantage of him. I'll tell you the old man's story if you like; it's a queer one."

Naturally I agreed, and the landlord commenced.

"Old Forsyth originally made his money on the gold fields, but that was before my time. When I came here he had a good bit of land, and leased a fair-sized station, and was a hard-

working fellow with a capital bank account. was a widower, with no children, and married a young wife. She was a good-looking fellow who married him for his money, and hadn't sense to know when she was well off. She finally eloped with a flash overseer he had, and that settled poor Forsyth. He drank and muddled away all he had in about eight years. Of course, he was swindled to a certain extent, but unscrupulous people took advantage of his stupidity to make good bargains out of him. No one would have believed that a man like him could be so fond of the woman; but there is no more to take, it broke him right up. That's the story. He wound up with a bad attack of brain fever and since then he's been a harmless lunatic, possessed with an idea that he has a private gold mine, and has panned out a fortune in the creek. Of course there's no gold in this part need not tell you that."

"How does he exist?" I asked.

"That's where the romance comes in. When his wife ran away, she left him a year-old baby daughter, and when this child was born he was so delighted that he insisted on setting on her birthday gift of a small farm, and it was this up so tight that when the drink softened his brain, he could not make ducks and drakes—that; though many tried to get it from him, it was not of very much value, but that deserted girl has grown up a regular wonder. Smart as she is pretty. She keeps a lot of poultry, and runs the farm as a dairy. She's between 18 and 19 now and could have married well half a dozen times but no, she runs the place, and looks after the old man. Not that he wants much looking after as long as he's allowed to fill his bag with what he thinks is wash dirt, and take it down to the creek and wash it, he's happy."

The landlord stopped and lit a fresh cigar.

"There's one thing," he went on, "which none of us can make out. No one stops on the place at night but the old man and the girl, and a queer-looking servant woman they have there. Nobody's ever asked there. Two or three parties have tried, in that familiar way they can put on when they like, but all they've got is snubbing for their pains. No, there's no reason why the girl shouldn't marry and have a home and family of her own, for the old man is a

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advance; he's harmless; but there's something behind. But it's nothing bad, mind you," said the landlord, getting up, when I proposed an adjournment to the bar. "Nobody here would believe anything bad of Miss Forsyth, the mad hatter's daughter."

It was years, but not many years, afterwards that I went back again to the little township where I had met the "mad hatter." To my surprise, the first man I met was an old friend, a doctor, who had settled down in Yungellalla, in order to pick up a practice. From him I learned the sequel of old Forsyth's story. I was introduced to Mrs. Lofell, the wife of the doctor. Her maiden name was Miss Forsyth.

"I was called in to see old Forsyth," said Lofell, when he explained matters. "He was sick for some time, and I found out the little mystery that surrounded the small household. That girl—my wife—how instinct had taught her, I know not; nor would I seek to pry into that mystery, that means the charity of femininity—was shielding her unhappy mother. She was the woman who was the disgraced servant. Every night the woman, who appeared occasionally before the working men on the farm as the disgraced servant, came and took her place as Mrs. Forsyth's wife. Not the disgraced wife! That had all been lost and obscured in Forsyth's unclouded brain. He retained one idea, that was the restoration of his vanished wealth. In the evening his wife appeared in the dress of her youth, and the old man was happy and contented. That was the secret of the girl's life. She kept her mother in the same guise, as far as her husband was concerned, as when she was the young bride he wooed and won. That is all. It was such a deed of devotion that it won the love and you know the rest."—Ernest Fenimore, in "Town and Country Journal" (Sydney, N. S. W.)

HELP EACH OTHER.

Help one another is the divine injunction. It is what every member of the Order promised on entering the Lodge. Have we forgotten it? Have we forgotten that it applies as well to others as to our families? Has it escaped our minds? Surely we remember that the Order is a benevolent one and that we sought membership in it that we might become partakers in its beneficence, and, if we might be so advantaged, it carries with it the fact that other members are entitled to the same benefits. As a consequence of our expectation of being helped and benefited it follows that we are to help others—help our friends when in need. This being our duty and our pledge, we should at all times be on the alert to find out how we can help our brethren and fraternal friends. The Golden Rule here comes into full force—"As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise."—Tennessee Mason.

TWO BUTTS.

Sandy Pikes—"Pard, ain't destiny a funny thing?"
 Pellucid Pete—"What makes yer t'ink so?"
 Sandy Pikes—"Well, here I spend de greater part of de mornin' huntin' fer a cigar butt."
 Pellucid Pete—"Did yer get one?"
 Sandy Pikes—"No; I got a butt by a goat in-stead."

Where practicable it would be well to organize a section of the Endowment Rank in every lodge, so that the officers of the section and the membership may be brought closely together. The plan is a handy one and makes the doing of the business connected with that department of the Order easier.

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 Thy gleams of joy, intensely bright!
 Such gleams, as from thy polish'd shield
 Fly dazzling o'er the battle-field!
 Such transports wake, severe and high.
 Amid the pealing conquest-cry;
 Scarce less, when, after battle lost,
 Muster the remnants of a host,
 And as each comrade's name they tell,
 Who in the well-fought conflict fell,
 Knitting stern brow o'er flashing eye,
 Vow to avenge them or to die!—
 Warriors!—and where are warriors found,
 If not on martial Britain's ground?

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Fourteen millions of dollars have already been paid by the Endowment Rank, to widowed families of the Order. How many of the general membership realise this, and understand the good that the Insurance Department has done for the Order, and the load that it has taken off the subordinate lodges? They should think of this, and give to the Endowment Rank their heartiest support and encouragement.

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FAIR WORDS FOR BIG EARS.

A Kansas City judge, after studying the features of a boy who was before him the other day on a charge of assaulting another boy, said:

"I like to see a boy with big ears, and I am inclined to give you a chance on account of your big wouth and generous ears. A man with little ears like a fox's or a squirrel's won't always do. He needs watching."

Then he gave the boy some good advice and permitted him to go.

The theory that a big nose is necessary for human greatness has long been accepted by people who are interested in the study of physiognomy, but this Missouri judge seems to have said the first good word for big ears. Yet it is only necessary to look at the portraits of the world's greatest men for proof of the soundness of his doctrine. Caesar had big ears, Cromwell had big ears, Napoleon had big ears—so big that when he was a young man he tried to hide them by letting his hair hang over them; Washington had big ears; Lincoln had big ears, and Grant had big ears.

So there is no reason why the boy with big ears should be ashamed of them; yet it will not be safe for anyone, however large his ears may be, to conclude that they alone will make him great. We have but to study the mule and some big-eared people that all of us know to be convinced of this.

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The cost of insurance in the Endowment Rank does not change with age—the rate at which each member begins remains the same to the end, and there are no special assessments. The reason for this is that the rates of monthly payments have been so regulated as to take care of the risk, not only at the beginning, but at the end.

FICTION VS. FACT.

The poet sings the weary while
 Ere spring shall bless us with her smile;
 But lo, with jests and breezy chats
 Yon drummer's selling sailor hats.

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The importance of the young men of the Order securing certificates in the Endowment Rank as early as possible must be apparent, when they recognise the very low cost of securing insurance in that department, up to the age of 30. Of course the rates at every age are very reasonable, being graded in accordance with established experience in connection with insurance but the sooner a member of the Order begins the less he will have to pay per month, and the insurance will in that way be more easily carried.

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EMBARRASSMENTS OF GOOD MANNERS.

"It is rude for a guest to look at his watch."
 "Yes?"
 "And ruder for a host to look at the clock."
 "Of course."
 "Well, how do polite people ever get away from each other?"

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The Endowment Rank of the Order is splendidly managed, protected in every way against unnecessary expense or unlawful claims of any kind, and all money contributed toward it goes either toward the paying of claims or increasing of its surplus fund.

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