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LOVE THE BROTHERHOOD.

Life, whatever else it may be, is a battle which must be fought by the most of us in the most determined manner, and in the bravest spirit possible. Nowhere is this conflict more real and more earnest than in material things, and no one has to fight a harder battle than the one who is born without the proverbial silver spoon in his mouth. In other words, to the working classes, those who have to earn their daily bread by the sweat of their brow, to make provision for the home and the family, and who have, if they be wise men, to lay in store, not only for the present, but the future necessities of life, the fight which they have to fight demands the full energies of the brain, the hand and the heart. When we further remember the uncertainties which must be reckoned as certainties—lack of employment, sickness and death—we realize that, if there should be

a wise man on earth, that one should be the working man, and that his wisdom should ever be conspicuously displayed in seizing hold of the many helps which the forethought of others has brought within his reach, in order to protect himself from poverty, and dependence upon the charity of others. For, tell me, what can be more humiliating to the man of independent spirit than to be in want and to be without help; to be sick, and without proper nourishment and aid, and to die without the means necessary to provide a decent burial? Can you imagine a more miserable and a more helpless lot, than that which falls to the one who is in deep distress, and who has no friends ready and willing to help him? We can imagine no vicissitude, no condition of life, more galling and more rasping to the feelings, than to be at the mercy of those who are not bound to us by ties that are tender and true. God pity the man who is in no brotherhood, and who has no brethren, loyal, staunch and self-sacrificing! Again, in this battle for the necessities to cope with all the exigencies of a changeful existence, what is the unit against all the forces arrayed against him; what is his strength, his forethought, his wisdom, his dourness, against the enemies of his plenty and comfort? Well does he know, that he may sow and save, and yet some unforeseen accident may come along and sweep away all the fruits of his industry and thrift and leave him penniless. Oft does he experience the truth of that well-known saying, which Burns has immortalised: "The best laid plans of mice and men, gang aft agley," and that, out of such possibilities, dawns a stubborn fact which cannot be disputed—no man can stand alone and be secure and safe. Not more true is it that no man liveth unto himself, than is the other fact, that no man can exclusively support and defend himself. Thankful are we therefore for those experiences in life which have taught us, that a man can only fight a manly and successful battle when the one helps the many and the many help the one, and that victory can only come through unity of action. Without this the one is crushed, and all suffer with the unit. Brotherhoods, then, are the salvation of the working classes. Comradeship in distress, misfortune, and sickness is the force which can alone breast the blows of circumstances and combinations on the part of the units are the redeemers which can redeem them from the most galling of slaveries. This is both our privilege and our duty. John Stuart Mill has said, and said truly, that "almost all the advantages which man possesses over the inferior animals arise from his power of acting in combination with his fellows, and of accomplishing, by the united efforts of numbers, what could not be accomplished by the

detached efforts of individuals." Man passes into such combinations, and feels new strength and hope given to him, by the consciousness that in all his struggles he is being nobly supported by brothers who are leal and true. By common needs, circumstances and by common aims, they are drawn together, and present an united front to all the ills which afflict humanity. On life's battle-field they stand shoulder to shoulder and altogether; they fight each other's battles, and in death bury their comrades as soldiers of toil should be buried—with honors. Brotherhood, then, implies certain principles which bind us together. We are links in a great chain—but we must know the links which keep us together, and a brotherhood such as Pythianism creates and continues, must be one having the holiest, the truest and the noblest principles as unifying forces.

In our brotherhood we are bound to each other by the holy and endearing ties of friendship. Where there is no friendship, there are no friends, and where there are no friends, there is no friendship. The one creates the other. Take the friendship which existed between the friends, Jonathan and David. As you study it to-day you find that their friendship was pure and sincere. The one was the son of a king, the other the son of a shepherd, a great difference so far as social status was concerned, but that made no difference. The one was at the top, the other was at the bottom of the ladder of earthly greatness, but they loved each other, lived for each other, defended each other, and would have died for each other. It is a long, long time since Jonathan lived, but the youth who could sacrifice, without a grumble, a throne and a crown to a shepherd lad, is one whom the world will ever praise as a true friend. In asking men to-day to become friends, to forget what is mean and selfish, to bridge by forgetfulness the differences which may exist between man and man, you walk worthily in the footsteps of our great Master, and in seeking to join men, separated from each other by creeds, churches and nationalities in the loving bonds of friendship, you are doing

what the Master was ever trying to do. Brethren, what suits man so much as friendship? As the eloquent Cicero has put it, "There is nothing so agreeable to our natures, whether in prosperity or in adversity, as friendship, for it improves happiness, and abates misery by the doubling of our joy, and the dividing of our grief." Can you think of anything in life which more becomes man, when Aristotle says: "Friendship is composed of a single soul inhabiting a pair of bodies," and when you stand by the self-sacrifice of a Jonathan, when he relinquishes the honors of this world, or by a Pythias, when he gladly offers up his life to save his friend, or by a Tennyson, when he weeps and struggles over the dead body of his friend, Hallam, have you not in these and similar illustrations that which appeals to all that is purest and noblest in the human heart? Such examples constrain us, at all times and in all circumstances, to prove ourselves as faithful friends to our friends, as they proved to theirs. I need hardly remind my readers that there are friends as false as Satan; that there are those who worm themselves into human hearts, homes and castle halls, not to bless, but to hurt, but such are not wanted by us. Such you scorn and despise. By friendship we mean all that is sincere, loyal and true in human relations, both when face to face with each other, and when apart from each other. True friendship can only exist between good men. The coward, the poltroon, the backbiter, the slanderer, and the impure can never make good friends, and their friendship is not worth having and not worth seeking. Beware of your trust, for as it has been remarked, there are more who call themselves friends at the festal board, than at the gates of the prison; more who want to be friendly to you when all speak well of you, than when all speak ill of you. The man who cannot bear all, endure all, and suffer all for his friends, is a fraud and a sham. He is out of place in a brotherhood, where friendship is one of the essential bonds, and the sooner he is out of it the better it will be for the brotherhood. A certain man, says the German, Herder, had three friends, and was

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sorely pressed by his accusers. "Which of you," said he to his friends, "will go in with me, and stand beside me at the judgment?" The first excused himself; the second accompanied him to the door of the judgment hall, and left him, the third went in with him, and proved that he was a true friend. The experience of this man is the experience of most men. Not every man who says, or vows, "I am your friend," proves friendly when the trying hour comes. The many forsake, the few remain to the last. We have all a judgment seat to face. It may be either the judgment of our fellows, or of our God; and who will go with us all the way, stand by us and defend us if need be? With the first our brethren can do much for us, by helping us with their counsels and their companionship; but with the second, there is One and One only! Who can and Who will prove Himself the Friend that sticketh closer than any brother. Gold here to men is a great friend, but there it will avail us nothing. Our brethren of our castle halls can follow us to the tomb, and can drop upon our coffin the sprig of myrtle, but at a pure Throne they cannot help us, but good deeds, through the grace of the Friend of Friends, will go with us all the way through life, and up to the great pearly Throne, and their trumpet tongues will speak for us that we may share the honors which the Supreme Chancellor will confer upon the faithful knights. In life never forget Him, of Whom the poet writes:

"One there is above all others
Who deserves the name of friend;
His is love beyond a brother's.
Costly, free, and knows no end.
They who once His kindness prove,
Find it everlasting love.

"Which of all our friends to save us
Could or would have shed his blood?
But our Master died to save us,
Reconciled in Him to God.
This was boundless love indeed;
Jesus is a friend in need.

"Could we bear for one another
What He daily bears from us?
Yet this glorious Friend and Brother
Loves us, tho' we treat Him thus.
Though for good we render ill,
He accounts us brethren still."

OUR EDITOR.

Notwithstanding the extra cares of legislative duties, our worthy editor, George R. Maxwell, M. P., does not fail the "True Knight." His editorial comes to hand regularly, and each one is better than the last, if that were possible. The Committee are under many obligations to our worthy brother, and hope that he may long be spared to speak and write in the cause of humanity. The following clipping, taken from the Montreal "Herald," will show that the brother has made his presence known and felt in the East:

Mr. Maxwell, of Vancouver, delivered a speech which, besides showing careful thought upon political and economic questions, was also marked by a practical grasp of the problems before the House, and particularly those relating to British Columbia and the Far West. In Mr. Maxwell the labor men of Canada have a worthy champion and one who is not afraid to openly declare himself as such. He spoke of that whereof he knew, and the strength of his argument and the clearness of his expression were manifest, as he swept away one by one the allegations of the Opposition speakers who had spoken since Sir Hibbert Tupper had introduced Yukon affairs into the debate. Major Walsh and Mr. Ogilvie he knew personally, and his character sketches of these two men painted them in very different colors from those so recklessly laid on by Sir Hibbert and other Opposition speakers. Much valuable information followed, drawn from correspondence which he had recently had with constituents of his own now residing in Dawson City.

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OUR ILLUSTRATIONS

With this issue of the "True Knight" we are pleased to present to our readers the photo of and a short sketch of the life of the following distinguished brothers:

Thomas Gleason Sample, Supreme Chancellor.
Ogden H. Fethers, Supreme Vice-Chancellor.
John A. Hinsey, President of the Board of Control.

W. W. Blackwell, Past Supreme Chancellor.

THOMAS GLEASON SAMPLE.

**Installed Supreme Grand Chancellor
September, 1898.**

Thomas Gleason Sample was born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, September 27th, 1843. When very young he moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In 1852 he moved to Harrisburg, in the same State, and where, until the age of fourteen, he attended the public schools. Then he became an indentured apprentice in the print-

ing trade, remaining so employed until the breaking out of the War of the Rebellion in 1861.

Under the first call of President Lincoln for 75,000 troops, for three months, in April, 1861, young Sample enlisted in Company F, 25th Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was discharged in July, 1861, the term of service having expired. He re-enlisted in August, 1862, as a private in Company F, 127th Pennsylvania Volunteers, was at once promoted to First Sergeant and at the end of the month was further promoted to Second Lieutenant, being then but a boy. His regiment was attached to the Army of the Potomac and participated in all its engagements. In May, 1864, he became connected with the Quartermaster's Department of the Army of the Cumberland, stationed at Chattanooga, Tennessee, and was finally discharged in January, 1865.

Brother Sample joined the Grand Army of the Republic in 1877, and was elected Commander of the Department of Pennsylvania, of that body, in 1895. For the last three years (1895-1898) he has been a member of the Committee on School Histories, in the National En-



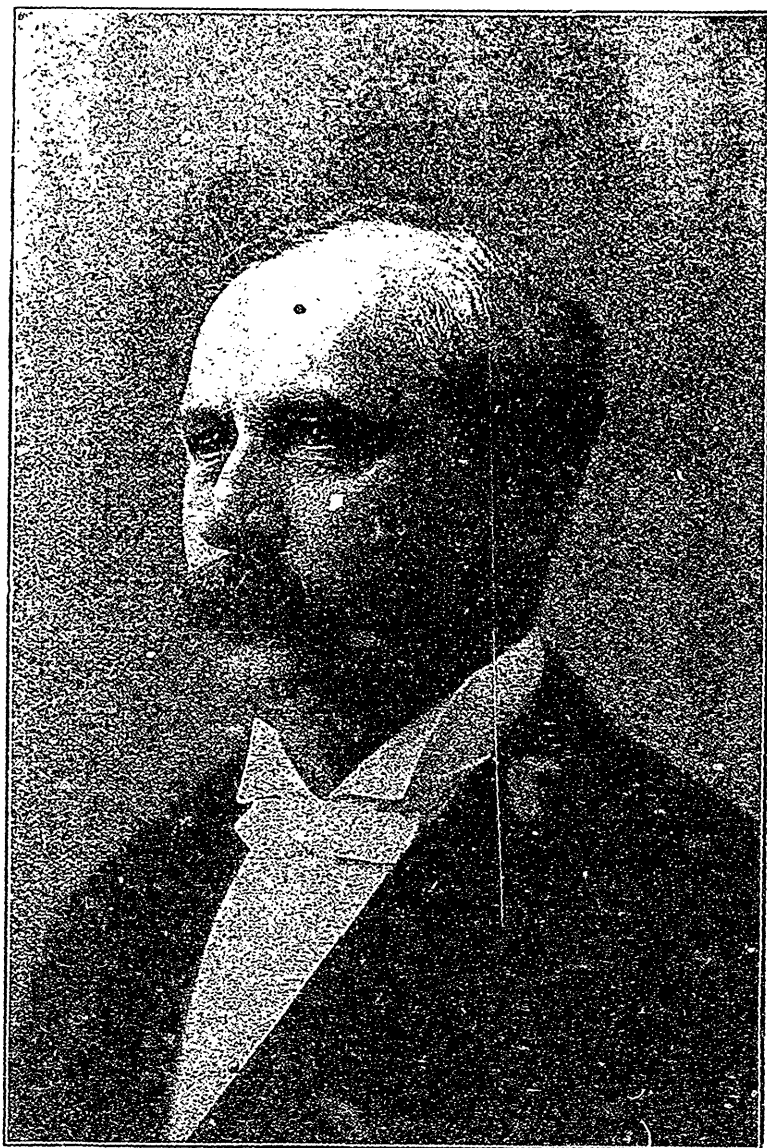
THOMAS GLEASON SAMPLE.

campment. He was also, for eight years, Secretary of the Soldier's Orphan's Home Commission, which had under its charge over eleven hundred children. In Grand Army circles Brother Sample is known from ocean to ocean, and his friends and well-wishers are legion.

His connection with the Order of Knights of Pythias commenced with his initiation in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September, 1869. He as-

sisted at the organization of Fort Duquesne Lodge, No. 260; was one of the organizers of Great Western Lodge, No. 345, and of Leonidas Lodge, No. 385, and was one of the promoters of Lorena Lodge, No. 198, of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, of which at this date, September, 1898, he is still an honored member.

As to his record in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania: In 1876 he was elected Grand Mas-



OGDEN H. FETHERS

SUPREME VICE-CHANCELLOR KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

ter at Arms; Grand Prelate in 1877; Grand Vice-Chancellor in 1879; Supreme Representative in 1881, entering the Supreme Lodge in 1882. Up to 1893 he was continuously re-elected Supreme Representative, against probably the strongest organized opposition that any member ever had to confront him.

In 1893, owing to the resignation of Stansbury J. Willey as Supreme Master of Exchequer, Brother Sample was chosen for that office by the Council of Supreme Officers, and at the convention of the Supreme Lodge which followed at Washington, in 1894, he was unanimously elected Supreme Master of Exchequer. At the convention at Cleveland, Ohio, August, 1896, he was unanimously elected Supreme Vice-Chancellor, and now at the recent meeting at Indianapolis, on Friday, August 26th, 1898, he was unanimously elected, and on Thursday,

September 1st, 1898, he was duly and lawfully installed Supreme Chancellor of the Order of Knights of Pythias. Two of the men who met him twenty-five years ago at the crossing of the Monongahela, were there to shake his hand as the Pythian Executive. They were Past Supreme Chancellor Henry Clay Berry, and the writer, William D. Kennedy, who, together with Past Supreme Chancellor D. B. Woodruff, were the only members present at this convention who were participants in the Richmond, Virginia, meeting in 1873, where first the name of Thomas G. Sample became prominently known in connection with the stirring Pythian events of those days.

Brother Sample is now, and has been for many years a resident of the City of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, where he is connected with the Fire Bureau.

OGDEN H. FETHERS.

Supreme Vice-Chancellor, Janesville, Wis.

Supreme Vice-Chancellor, Ogden H. Fethers, was born and educated in New York State, and is 53 years old. He has been an active member of the Pythian Order for over twenty years. He was honored with the election of Grand Vice-Chancellor for the Grand Domain of Wisconsin within three years after receiving the rank of Knighthood, in his Subordinate Lodge, and was elected Grand Chancellor the following year. In 1890 he entered the Supreme Lodge, as Representative for the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, and served continuously in that capacity until 1893, when the Supreme Lodge further honored our distinguished brother by electing him to the office of Supreme Vice-Chancellor—a position we feel satisfied our brother will fill with marked ability and dignity, and in a manner that will meet with the approval of all.

Bro. Fethers, as a lawyer, stands foremost in the ranks of his profession, not only in his

own State, but throughout the Union. He has been twice selected to deliver the annual address to the College of Law, of the University of Wisconsin.

St. Lawrence University, New York, conferred upon him the degree of LL.D. in 1895. He has been twice Temporary Chairman, and twice Permanent Chairman of the State Convention of his party, and has been for several years, and is still, a Regent of the University of Wisconsin.

Bro. Fethers, whom we will be pleased to welcome to our domain, visited this Province some few years ago, and those of us who had the pleasure of meeting him have naught but the kindest recollections, and, in the course of events, should our brother be further honored, and decide to pay this Domain a visit, we bespeak for him a hearty welcome.

The "True Knight" is indebted to Bro. Fethers for copies of reports of the University of Wisconsin and other matters of interest at different periods. We are glad to learn that our brother is again restored to his usual good health, after a season of rest in the Sunny South.

JOHN A. HINSEY.

President of the Board of Control of the Endowment Rank.

While the "True Knight" has always been a firm advocate of the Endowment Rank, yet it has never lost sight of the fact that it has been entirely due to the executive ability and masterly hand of Brother John A. Hinsey that the Insurance Branch of the Order has been brought to the splendid position which to-day it occupies in the world of fraternal insurance. For this reason, as well as because of our esteem and regard for the man, we take pleasure in bringing to the notice of our brethren the name of one who has played so conspicuous and honorable a part in Pythian affairs.

John Adams Hinsey was born at a place now known as Robesonia, Berks County, Pa., August 10th, 1833. His father died in March of

1841. He and the remainder of the family, in October, 1841, moved into Ohio, going to Richland County, in that state. His early life was one of poverty and hard work, but he soon overcame the former by his earnest efforts and persistency. After a while he went to Adrian, Mich., and shortly after going there he sought and obtained employment with the Michigan Central Railroad Company, as a freight brakeman. He proved a very apt scholar in railroading and in a year was conductor on a passenger train running between Chicago and Detroit. After many years of railroading he in 1866 entered the employment of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, as special agent, and has ever since continued his relations with that Company, in charge of the Claim Department, one of the most responsible in the service of that Corporation.

During the period since 1866, he has held several positions in the gift of the people, both in Indiana and Wisconsin. He served twenty-one

consecutive years as a member of the Common Council of Milwaukee, and for six terms of two years each he was President of that body. He was also a member of the County Board of Supervisors several years, a member of the School Board and also a Trustee of the Public Library.



JOHN A. HINSEY.

Brother Hinsey joined the Order of Knights of Pythias by becoming a member of Schiller Lodge, No. 3, of Milwaukee, and was initiated on August 28th, 1878. He afterwards took his withdrawal from Schiller Lodge and became a charter member of Crescent Lodge, No. 23, at its institution. Within six months after the organization of the latter lodge it was numerically the strongest in that Domain. He after-

wards joined in the organization of Wisconsin Lodge, No. 89, which has now become the strongest numerically in the Grand Domain of Wisconsin. Owing to the removal of the general offices of the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company, and his consequent change of residence, on October 17th, 1898, Brother Hinsey withdrew his membership in Wisconsin and placed his transfer card from Wisconsin Lodge, No. 89, in Inter-Domain Lodge, No. 506, Chicago, Ill.

Soon after joining the Order, Brother Hinsey was elected Past Chancellor and Grand Representative, attending the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin for the first time in 1879. In 1881 he was elected Grand Vice-Chancellor, and at the following convention was promoted to the position of Grand Chancellor. In 1885 he was elected Supreme Representative, first entering the Supreme Lodge at the Toronto Convention in 1886. He continued to serve as Supreme Representative until the convention at Kansas City in 1892, when the office of "President of the Board of Control" of the Endowment Rank was made a constitutional one. He was there elected to that position and has continued to be re-elected.

During 1880 and 1881 Brother Hinsey served as Grand Lecturer of Wisconsin and personally visited every lodge in the Domain each year, resulting in a large increase of membership in the lodges and the organization of several new lodges. This same service for his Domain was continued while and after he was Grand Chancellor, and neither before or since has the Order so prospered in Wisconsin, either financially or numerically, as during the period of his service in the two positions named. With his change of lodge membership Brother Hinsey will now become a member of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

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W. W. BLACKWELL.**Past Supreme Chancellor.**

But little can be said of Past Supreme Chancellor W. W. Blackwell that has not already been said or written, not only by the Pythian press, but by the newspapers of the day. Kentucky is proud of him, and the order of Knights of Pythias at large sounds his name only in praise. Pythianism has been known to him in practice since 1853. Since that time he has as-

cended the ladder step by step to the very top-most round. Every move has been up and onward, and he can look back upon his Pythian career with no shade of regret.

It is with pleasure that we give our honored brother space in this month's issue of the "True Knight." The brother knights of this Domain, who had the privilege and pleasure of meeting Bro. Blackwell during his visit to us, at our Grand Lodge Convention held in the City of Victoria in 1894, will long remember



W. W. BLACKWELL, PAST SUPREME CHANCELLOR.

excellent address given by him, the kindly words spoken to all who had the privilege of grasping our brother by the hand; words that had the effect of giving renewed efforts and greater prosperity to the Order in this Domain.

From a recent letter received from Bro. Blackwell, we are pleased to quote the following kind words for the brothers of British Columbia: "I have a soft spot in my heart for British Columbia Knights, and often refer to my official visit to that Grand Domain as one

of the most enjoyable of my life. Please tender to your Grand Lodge, one and all, my heart's best wishes, for continued success in life, and in Pythian progress, and say for me, I shall always hold in kindest remembrance the royal reception tendered me during my brief stay on your hospitable soil. May God bless you in all your efforts to improve mankind."

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TO SUPREME CHANCELLOR BLACKWELL.

A poem in blank verse, by G. A. Lafayette,
P. C.

Stalwart Knight, brilliant intellect surpassing,
In many ways the occult occupation
Of men who grapple with the statesman's
charge
And study, as we're apt to calculate,
The people and their true relation to
One another in the walks of life,
Of whom it is expected they will do
All that in all is calculated to
Augment the happiness of all mankind,
Nor falter because opposition comes—
Thy labors hav established great landmarks
For all men in the future to observe,
And that will aid them more to emulate
The great precepts of our Brotherhood,
For as a king was oft expected to,
In antique days of knightly chivalry,
You have assumed the van and done
A thing not done as heretofore at all
By predecessor or associate in being
The beacon light to noble knightly labor.
In the realms supreme of our Order,
Except with rare exception thou hast been,
And thy footprints are so plainly marked
As to leave naught for doubt to aftertime,
That thy great force and practicability
Of character and of well-finished thought
Have left a marked impression for to follow
And to lead men to paths of pleasantness.
Thy oratory and thy common sense
Have set the landmarks for honor's defence
And made it possible for men to see
The duty that one owes to thee and me
And caused the thoughtful to observe a way
For them to master all nice measures fine,
And to uplift the fold with honor's push,
Not thinking mean that knightly touch
Should be applied to any friend or neighbor.
A courtesy extending to good labor
Esteeming it a favor to bestow
On man outside a chance to cultivate
The great Pythian lessons found within
The folds of our noble knightly Order.
Thus is it seen that you appreciate
The fact that God is love to man
And that his higher duty is to do
All that the sense of reason can dictate
To bring his fellow man to cultivate
The noble, higher traits of character
Set forth in "Love thy neighbor as thyself."
When thy labors are performed and done
Then will thy greatness be observed of men,
And thy illustrious character shall shine
On future ages of noble mankind
As does the name of Washington
To every true American.
So far as it may touch the Pythian knight
And its lustre ever growing bright,
Be augmented to a finished hue
Made nobler for all men to view,
Not less because you are a knight,
Nor yet because your cause is right

But more because the cause so bright,
Was no less seen in thy true character
Than in the noble ends will after.
Peace be thy lot, prosperity thy gain,
On earth good will and love to fellow man,
Has been thy aim, and labor, too.
As thy true course brings full to view
And to the good that you have done
The most fastidious must succumb;
For it was done in a manly way,
And none of selfishness was in its sway,
Nor aught that greed considers pay,
But it has ever its largess so bestowed
That e'en the fleshless and cadaverous palm
Dare not the kiss of gratitude afright,
And the record of your life is such
That one is bound, though otherwise a spleen,
To say, and say it with a telling theme,
He lived to serve his fellow man;
Not as the common sort may claim it,
Nor as the selfish one esteems it,
But as the noble knight abounds,
And thy manly efforts aptly crowns
The advocacy of that noble claim,
He lived to bless mankind!

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF "TRUE KNIGHT."

Vancouver, B. C., April 30th, 1899.
To H. J. Anstie, Chairman, and members of the Committee of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brothers,—Herewith I beg to hand you my quarterly statement of the "True Knight" for the quarter ending April 30th, 1899, and trust it will meet with your approval.

Owing to press of business the collections are not as close as the previous quarters, but the quarter ending 31st July will show these to be in better shape, and also other matters relating to the paper.

Fraternally submitted in F. C. & B.,
J. E. EVANS,
Secretary-Treasurer.

QUARTER ENDING APRIL 30th, 1899.
REVENUE.

Feb. 1.—Cash balance bro't forward from quarter ending 31st January.....	\$121 72
Feb. 28.—Advertising for February.....	46 00
Feb. 28.—Subscriptions for February.....	27 86
Mch. 31.—Advertising for March.....	75 75
Mch. 31.—Subscriptions for Mch.	15 51
April 30.—Advertising for April	23 50
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	\$310 34

EXPENDITURE.

Feb. 28.—Expenditure for February.....	\$ 77 13
Mch. 31.—Expenditure for March	78 62
April 30.—Expenditure for April	69 35
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	\$225 10
Balance.....	85 24
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	\$310 34

May 1.—Cash balance..... \$ 85 24

Statement of Assets and Liabilities—Quarter ending April 30th, 1899:—

ASSETS.

Cash on hand.....	\$ 85 24
Outstanding accounts.....	63 75
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	\$148 99

LIABILITIES.

Loan from Granville Lodge, No. 3.....	\$ 21 00
Loan from Rathbone Lodge,	

No. 7.....	21 16
Loal from Crusader Lodge,	
No 19.....	21 00
Assets over liabilities.....	85 83
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	\$148 99

May 1.—Assets over liabilities.. \$ 85 83

Vancouver, B. C., April 30th, 1899.

STOP SCANDALISING THE ORDER.

The rites and ceremonies of Pythianism are both solemn and important, when administered with proper care and decorum. There is nothing in them for the foundation of light and frivolous remarks or silly threats of goats or dire calamities of ice-water tanks, greased poles, branding irons, et cetera. In tone its rites vie with the highest and best, and are not hurt by the comparison of their literary merit and the important lessons taught. Certain threatening or mysterious remarks sometimes made to candidates awaken ideas and apprehensions entirely foreign to the Order and more suitable to some fun-making so-called "side degree." Officers and members cannot be too careful to impress those seeking Pythian honors that they are about to enter into associations which are elevating in character and of the highest social and personal benefit. Such reports as that "a man in Chicago was stricken with insanity while taking the Knight degree," is not only untrue but silly, and shows that the writer's ignorance of the language of the Order may account for his making such false statement; and, further, that such statements, found in the organ of an order, give to the enemies of secret benevolent orders an argument they can consistently repeat to the credulous as against such organisations. There is no "Knight degree" in the Order of Knights of Pythias; there is a "Rank of Knight" to which seekers after Pythian Knighthood are advanced, and which not only does not drive men into insanity, but makes them nobler and better men, better citizens, better husbands and fathers; it leads them to a higher plane of manhood, makes them defenders of the weak and defenseless, and promotes patriotic loyalty to brothers, state and country. This is Pythianism—its obverse is such as we have referred to above.

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We very much regret to say that the B. C. "Oddfellow" has ceased publication.

The "True Knight" is indebted to the Grand K. of R. & S. of Wisconsin for an official directory.

Frank Christie, of Crusader Lodge, No. 19, was down from Sandon for a day or two on a visit to Vancouver.

We are sorry to have to report that Bro. Grady's wife is not progressing towards recovery as fast as we might wish.

Bro. E. E. Wilson, Crusader Lodge, No. 19, has been sick at Atlin. We are, however, glad to state that he is on the high-road to recovery.

M. W. Minthorn, K. of R. & S., of one of the New Westminster lodges, passed through Vancouver last Tuesday, and called on the "True Knight."

The Committee will be under obligations to any brother who will favor them with any copies of the True Knight November issue, 1888, that they can spare.

The Grand Lodge representatives and their friends from the Domain will receive a hearty welcome if, when in Vancouver, they will call at the office of the "True Knight," 419 Hastings street west.

Bro. Grand Keeper of Records & Seal, Emil Pferdner, paid Vancouver a visit a week or so ago. The Knights of Vancouver were pleased to greet the brother, and found he had as much as ever to tell them.

LOST—The "True Knight" Committee from Granville, No. 3, and the correspondent from Crusader, No. 19. Any information which may lead to the finding of the above will be rewarded in the usual way.

Bro. P. C. Draper, of Granite Lodge, No. 16, New Westminster, paid a visit to Crusader Lodge last Thursday. Before leaving town he called at the office of the "True Knight," and left his name as a subscriber.

M. J. Conroy, P. C. of Rathbone Lodge, No. 7, who has been in the South for some time, has returned home. The members of Rathbone Lodge gave Bro. Conroy a warm reception at their last convention. Later on in the evening Bro. Conroy gave an able address on the way the principles of the Order were carried out by the members, and the work done in the lodge rooms, but in no place that he had visited was the Ritual rendered more efficiently than in Vancouver.

FROM RATHBONE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—'Tis like cutting a notch in the history of the "True Knight," or in that of Pythianism, whenever we start to write for another number of the paper. This, I believe, makes the tenth, and, as we look back and note the events that have taken place in the homes of our brothers we see many changes—in some it may be slight, but with others there will be even in this past short month, that which will bring back the sad memory of a dear one gone. How well it is that we are unable to know the will of our Maker! 'Tis sad, indeed, for those who are thus bereaved, yet it is well to remember that it is by the will of God, Who knows what is best, and even though the lot may be hard, the bereavement great, and the flower plucked from the home, such days are the storm days of the lives of those who suffer, and although all may look dark and dreary, the cloud is sure to lift and reveal a bright and silver lining with life's object still in view. Then let us live that we may be ready at even a moment's notice, should we have to respond to the bugle call of the Maker above.

A Committee from each lodge are making preparations to receive the Grand Chancellor during the month.

A number of amendments have been received and read by our K. of R. & S., from various lodges throughout the domain. Some, we admit, are good; others will stand criticising. We hope that if any brother has anything that he thinks beneficial to the Order that ought to come before the Grand Lodge, he will so inform our Grand Representative, Bro. De Beck, who



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we know will be only too pleased to plead the cause that will be beneficial to Rathbone Lodge.

Bro. J. E. Evans, P. G. C., was with us for a short time one evening during the month.

Our Bro. M. of W. knows how to stir up interest in the Lodge whenever he gets started.

Bro. Gibson, on his return from Oregon, related to the brothers the value of being a Knight of Pythias, especially when among strangers; how a receipt for dues from his lodge saved him from going the rounds of the town to get some one to identify him. The receipts were good identification papers, the banker being a Knight himself. Just bear this in mind, brothers.

Bro. Simpson has been nominated, and will be elected at next meeting to the office of Prelate, the resignation of Bro. S. King being sent in and accepted.

We think it the duty of every brother Knight to attend lodge as regularly as possible, whether he holds an office or not. Come up for an hour or two, brothers, and have something for the good of the Order.

Our worthy K. or R. & S., Bro. Sheppard, has been appointed a sole Committee from our lodge to look after the graves of our departed brothers. The duties have been left in good hands.

The month of May is the month that Rathbone Lodge was instituted, and in the next number we hope to give to the readers of the "True Knight" a history of the lodge from its birth up to the present time.

ARTHUR T. CROOK.

Rathbone Lodge, No. 7, April 20th.

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FROM TRAIL.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother.—No. 23 is still on the move, and just at the present the boys are trying to catch a few "of 'em," but somehow or other they don't seem to bite, though the members feel confident that they will capture something by the time the new Amplified paraphernalia arrives. Many of the members are working hard for the lodge, and we would like to see them rewarded for their labor. The lodge has a staunch set of Pythians that hardly know what failure is, and it is because they work for the good of the Order.

Business in our little town is somewhat on the quiet at present, owing to the closing down of the smelter last Christmas, and very little encouragement can be obtained as to when the institution will resume operations. The result is, we are sorry to say, that many of our boys who were employed there, are "pulling straws" to determine whether to wait for its resumption, or to leave for greener fields.

Among the many entertaining features of our lodge last month was a concert and dance, and to say we had a rather good time is expressing it mildly. While the programme of solos, duets, dialogues, etc., was hardly up to the standard for which we Pythians get credit, other enjoyments of the evening more than overcame any shortcomings in that respect. It was a strictly invitation affair, and nearly every home in Trail was represented on the occasion, and fully 300 guests and brother Knights were present.

An intermission was taken between the concert and dance, at which time elegant refreshments were provided. The many guests, and all, unanimously pronounced the occasion one of the most enjoyable yet given by our lodge.

Another happy culmination occurred in our midst last month, on which occasion Bro. Worth took unto himself a wife. The couple were quietly joined in wedlock in the presence of a few chosen friends. After the ceremony Bro. Worth and wife left for Spokane, on a wedding trip. Upon their return they were greeted with the kindest and best wishes for future prosperity and happiness. The honeymoon seems to have developed into a protracted one, for as yet—eight weeks—we have not had the pleasure of sizing-up Bro. Worth in the lodge room.

The Amplified form is now the craze of No. 23, and the two selected teams are hard at work fitting and qualifying themselves for "Senatorial" honors: in other words, each team is hustling to see which will adorn the new uniforms. The gowns, if any, are to be of the most elaborate design that can be secured for the money—\$250. Each meeting a recess is taken, and the respective teams arrange the floor for practice, and members who have the pleasure of seeing this work, make exceedingly good mock candidates for initiation.

That Trail's Pythian Knights are composed of excellent family-raisers is evidenced by the arrival of two baby boys at the respective homes of Brothers John F. Fluhrer, and Evan Williams, during the past month. Bro. Fluhrer has since remembered us by appearing in Castle Hall with a box of Havanas. A vote of thanks, together with congratulations, was extended to him, and a wish that the occasion would occur a little oftener, that we may forever be supplied with the flowery leaf. As to Bro. Williams, well, the occasion only happened a week ago, so the doctor has not allowed him as yet to inhale the balmy zephyrs of Spring, which accounts for his non-appearance, so No. 23 will lie low and await developments.

We had the extreme pleasure of greeting our Worthy Grand Chancellor, Bro. James Haddow, the last of March, and, to tell the facts, there was a hot time in the lodge room that night. Bro. Haddow, upon his visit, immediately took the chair, and after a short, but pleasing lecture, exemplified the secret work to us, and in many instances we must admit that we were a "little off" in some of the work, and so were all the more thankful to see him and be righted. Bro. Haddow then gave us a little history regarding the condition of other lodges he had visited on his trip, and his smiling countenance and sentiments expressed to us indicated that our hall, general make-up and attendance "took the cake." He then called on

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Grand Representative, Bro. Binns, and Past and Present Chancellor, Bro. James Clark, for a few remarks, which were, from his expression, most gratifying and satisfactory. A recess was then taken, and the way the refreshments and cigars flew around the room, would have given a "seven-itch tramp" the rabies for admission. After lunch, members were invited to sing, speak, and make merry in any manner or form to which they could collect their thoughts, and Bro. Haddow sang two very pleasing songs, which, for point of excellence, were above anything yet heard in our lodge. Bro. Estling then cracked a couple of mirth-provoking jokes, as did Brothers Stevens and Morin, and Brothers Prescott, Cameron, Campbell and Clark sang to the delightment of all. After the evening's pleasure the Grand Chancellor conferred the Grand Lodge Honors on Past Chancellor James A. Clark. Three other past chancellors were in hopes of receiving the degree, but were not present. All in all, we sincerely hope Bro. Haddow will visit us again in the near future, as these occasions are rare and consequently long-sought for.

We are glad to hear of Bro. Sandberg's rapid recovery from a surgical operation, and hopes are expressed that health and strength will be fully restored.

We were surprised to read the correspondence from the Rossland Lodge in the February issue. We had come to the conclusion that No. 24 did not exist. Keep 'er up, boys; lots and often.

Yours in F. C. and B.,

THOMAS E. ABBOTT.

Trail, B. C., April 17th, 1899.

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FROM GRANVILLE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—Granville Lodge has had very successful, although uneventful meetings. There was nothing stirring that would be of interest to the Brotherhood, but I may say that our members were surprised and sorry when they learned that our Grand Chancellor had returned to his home and cancelled his proposed visit to Vancouver, and that without notifying Bro. W. D. Mearns, G. V. C., whom the Grand Chancellor had asked to make the necessary arrangements for the joint session of our three City lodges, or the Committee, who had been appointed by the lodges to prepare everything for said meeting and the entertainment of our G. C. I, as one of the said Committee, am still in the dark as to the reason our G. C. had for giving us the go-by.

The coming session of the Grand Lodge will be one of great interest, as the members thereof will have several questions to decide that are of great importance to the Order. However, I feel that we may safely leave it in the hands of our Grand Lodge officers and representatives, for they are thoroughly capable of dealing with any question that may be brought before them, and will settle them to the entire satisfaction of our brother Knights throughout this Grand Domain. I hope and trust that their labor will not be in vain, but will bring success and prosperity to the Order throughout our fair Province, and when the Order is pros-

pering I hope that the members thereof will not altogether forget the "True Knight." Let them show that they appreciate the noble and unselfish labor that the Committee in charge of our "True Knight" has ungrudgingly and gratuitously devoted thereto, by subscribing for the paper, and sending articles of interest for publication in its columns. Come, brother Knights, let us stand shoulder to shoulder and like one man work for the welfare of our beloved Order. If we do, our efforts will be crowned by the grandest success imaginable.

Fraternally and truly yours,

C. L. BEHNSEN,

Vancouver, April 20th, 1899.

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FROM NEW DENVER.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—This has been a glorious month for Pythianism in this town, and it is safe to assert that most people hereabouts now have some idea of the life and vitality of No. 22. First of all was the anniversary service of the lodge, held on March 19th. This took the form of a public parade to the Presbyterian Church. The procession was headed by the excellent band of this town; then came the Uniformed Rank of Sandon, under the command of Captain Spencer, and then members of the local lodge and visiting brethren from Sandon and elsewhere—the whole presenting the most imposing spectacle ever seen in the Slokan. The sacred edifice was crowded to the doors. On the platform were seated Brothers Oscar White and Gordon Sutherland, Chancellor Commanders of Sandon and New Denver Lodges. The sermon was preached by Rev. Bro. Cleland, of Sandon, a Knight who is much respected here, as he is beloved in his own lodge. The sermon was a masterful effort, and impressed itself deeply upon the audience. To the Knights the appeal was made to live more closely to the principles of our noble Order, and to exemplify in their every-day life and conversation those grand precepts embraced within the ritual. Pythianism should not be worn merely as a cloak in the lodge room, but it should shine through the lives and actions of its members at all times, so that when the Grand Ruler of the Universe should summon us each and all to the Heavenly Pythian Home we could have our fellows say of us that "he lived to bless mankind." Much of the success of the service was due to the brethren from Sandon, who were the guests of No. 22 for the day.

On March 29th, Grand Chancellor Haddow paid his official visit to our lodge, an event that will live long in the annals of Pythianism here. Though a special meeting, the attendance of members was very good. After the secret work had been exemplified under Bro. Haddow's supervision, he took occasion to give the members some healthful advice, at the same time showering a number of bouquets upon the boys, telling and urging them to maintain the high standard of excellence they now enjoyed as a lodge in the Order. Grand Lodge honors were afterwards conferred upon Brothers Avison and Evans, P. C.'s. The members then adjourned to the Newmas it.

Hotel, where a true Pythian banquet had been prepared by Bro. Stege. Following the feast of good things came a well-balanced programme of toasts, speeches, songs, stories, etc., in which three brethren of the Buchanan Dramatic Troupe, then in town, participated. Bro. Haddow as a singer is a "cuckoo," and he had to respond several times. It was three o'clock ere the affair terminated, it being an unqualified success. Our Grand Chancellor is a "grand" fellow, and he made the boys feel that they had a true friend in him. May his shadow never grow less! Bro. Haddow spent three days here, and he was right royally entertained.

The next evening, No. 22 gave the second of their "At Homes," and it was a huge success. Almost everybody in town was present, and the fun waxed warm and long. Cards and other social games were provided, interspersed with phonographic selections and speeches. Bro. Haddow gave a short address on behalf of the Order, which was well received by the audience. V. C., Bro. Bolander, acted as Chairman, and he and the members saw to it that everyone was made to feel "at home," and that all were enjoying themselves. Then came refreshments and fruit, the entertainment winding up by a short dance. It is by these and kindred efforts that New Denver Lodge has earned such a proud reputation, and anybody in this neighborhood is willing to swear by the Knights. Of course it takes a deal of trouble to get up these affairs, but when they turn out such a success and do so much good, the members feel well repaid for their pains.

Apropos of the Grand Chancellor's visit, there is one aspect of these official functions that calls for comment. When the G. C. sets out on his tour of inspection, he finds everything in readiness for him and everything cut and dried. There is the same routine of entertainment, the same demand for highly flavored speeches, and the same exhibition of forced membership attendance. All this tends to give a fictitious idea of the strength and progress and workings of the several lodges. Why not visit the lodges without notification? Then the lodges could be seen as they usually are, and the faithful few who are constant in their duty to the Order would have their devotion more appreciated. The constant feeding and laudation must assuredly grow nauseous and tiresome to the afflicted brother in question, particularly where the grand domain is more populous than is our own.

Bro. Van Dorn has been fortunate of late, in that a good strike of mineral has been made on one of his claims. He is deserving of his fortune, for he is a hard-working brother.

Bro. R. Sutherland met with a painful accident some time ago at the Wakefield mine, where he was working, having run a candle-holder through his hand. He has fully recovered now, though the wound was most painful.

Bro. T. Clements has just recovered from a three-weeks' siege of rheumatism. A trip to the Halcyon Hot Springs boiled the "tics" out of him.

Bro. Conrad Bill is figuring upon going to Porto Rico shortly, and Bro. Hugh Brady to the Atlin country. It is pretty hard to keep the membership together.

Our Grand Representative, Bro. C. F. Nelson, is setting his house in order, preparatory to attending the coming meeting of the Grand Lodge. He has been primed to the neck with wisdom, and he will make his presence felt among the grand legislators. He is our sage upon whom the mantle of Bill Nye has assuredly fallen.

In the last issue of the "Pythian Tribune," published by Bro. Kennedy, is an article in which the liability of lodges in respect to funeral benefits, is touched upon. The conclusions arrived at will surprise the majority of brethren. At the same time it should be a warning to all lodges to be more careful and guarded in the wording of their by-laws.

At our last convention three members were suspended for non-payment of dues, and the axe is about to fall on two or three more. What a great pity it is that this disagreeable step must be taken!

A sad drowning fatality occurred here this week, by which two worthy young men have lost their lives, and sorrow has fallen upon two Pythian homes. The parties drowned were J. O. Todd and F. B. Jeffery. The former was a cousin of Bro. E. Shannon, and he was about to become a member of our lodge. The other unfortunate was a brother Knight, belonging to one of the New Westminster lodges. Their untimely end is severely felt here, as they were most highly esteemed. Much sympathy is expressed for the bereaved friends.

C. E. SMITHERINGALE.

New Denver, April 15th, 1899.

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LODGE INSURANCE SAFE.

We give an item herewith, taken from the "California Insurance Review," in regard to the general principle of lodge insurance and its safety. The extract given will probably be new to many who have not given other than a superficial examination to the question:

"Of late there has seemed to be especial activity in the war of words between the old line companies and the fraternities, and many statements, on both sides radical and unwise have resulted. This controversy has made public one grand mistake that is worthy of correction and attention, and which arises out of the unwise policy of fraternal organisations permitting the use and abuse of their name for business purposes. One fraternity hears about the demise of some insurance organisation, that has been using the name 'Masonic,' or 'Odd Fellows,' and immediately insurance men point to it as another evidence of the failure of 'fraternal insurance.' The truth is, however, that such organisations are in no wise 'fraternal'—they are generally pure private ventures, for private gain—and are organised for the large salaries they provide for the so-called 'officers,' who elect themselves for the salaries and the divide.

In fact, careful investigation will show that the number of failing fraternal organisations which were true fraternities carried on upon the lodge plan has been exceedingly small. The published lists of such failures are largely made of concerns as above, or which 'died in the morning,' or never did business at all. On the other hand, the number of successful fraternities which have 'become of age' is each year becoming greater.

Take for instance the Endowment Rank, Knights of Pythias, which has passed its twenty-first year, and is carrying over a hundred millions of insurance, pays every claim promptly, and has laid by nearly half a million of dollars. This great organisation is everywhere recognised as one of the best of the fraternities and its management is as young in spirit and as progressive as that of any order. In fact, the great strength of this Society has been its able and conservative man-

agement and their strict adherence to proper business principles. The Knights of Pythias surely have a right to be proud of their insurance branch."

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"VERY WIDE FROM THE MARK."

To the Editor:—

In the April issue of the "True Knight" the correspondent of New Denver Lodge, No. 22, takes to task the members of the Judiciary Committee for their action in shuffling out of something after two hours' wrestling.

I do not for one moment imagine the brother meant any wrong in making this statement, but I must confess I think the brother very unfortunate in the use of his words. No one who has an intimate acquaintance with the writer can truthfully accuse him of shuffling out of any duty or task assigned to him, at any time or any place. As a member of the Judiciary Committee to whom was referred the resolution, I must take issue with the brother and assure him that he is very wide from the mark. In order to make this plain, I reproduce that portion of his correspondence touching on the matter mentioned:

"This lodge has sent an important resolution to the Grand Lodge for the amendment of the Statutes affecting the holder of a transfer card. The same proposition came before the Kamloops meeting of the Grand Lodge last year, at the instance of Bro. Nelson, our representative, but, after two hours' wrestling, the Committee shuffled out of it. The point involved is this: A brother desires to become identified with the lodge in the town in which he is residing, though a member of another lodge in some other place. He secures a transfer card and deposits in the lodge in question. The latter takes action similar to that upon an application for membership, which, for example, results favorably to the applicant. He then finds that, should he be taken ill, he is entitled merely to the minimum provision therefor until he has been a member of the lodge for the space of six months. That is the proviso in force in the By-laws of No. 22. The brother so affected say, has been a member of the Order for years, but the moment he takes out his transfer card

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from his parent lodge, that moment he loses all claim upon it for sick benefits in case of sudden illness. At the same time the lodge he is seeking to join may delay action upon his transfer card. He therefore finds himself in the position of being a bona fide member of the Order, with no recourse for sick benefits in case of illness. Another point is that the brother, though fully entitled to full benefits in his parent lodge up to the time of leaving it, can claim merely the minimum benefit in his new Pythian home until six months have passed. This is the question that No. 22 has sent to the Grand Lodge for adjustment, for there is manifestly an injustice and hardship being worked by the Statutes as at present existing."

Now let us look at the facts:

Bro. Nelson introduces a resolution which reads as follows:

"Doc. 36, Page 77, Grand Lodge Proceedings, session 1898, held at Kamloops.—In a number of subordinate lodges in this domain will be found a by-law providing that a member must belong to the lodge or Order for a stated period of three to six months before he is entitled to draw sick benefits, while the lodge from which he takes his transfer only carries him for one month, or until it receives notification of election in the other lodge, when his membership in the first ceases. Consequently, that member, though never losing his good standing, does lose his benefits in case of sickness, or on the other hand, must the lodge with which he deposits his transfer card be liable from the time of his election therein?

(Signed) C. F. NELSON.

New Denver Lodge, No. 22."

On motion of G. R., J. Irvine, the document was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

On page 83, Document 41, is to be found the report of the Committee, as follows:

"We respectfully submit that the Grand Constitution and By-laws of the subordinate lodge govern the case mentioned in the petition. As to the question of benefits, it is entirely in the hands of the subordinate lodges, this power being given them by the Grand Constitution. The by-laws are simply approved by the Grand Lodge, through its Grand Chancellors, and not compiled by them. It is not compulsory for a subordinate lodge to have any time limit if it decides to the contrary.

(Signed) W. D. MEARNS.

R. SAMPLE.

H. J. ANSTIE."

Now, I ask in all fairness, is not the above report plain? Does it not state that it is in the hands of the subordinate lodges to do as they desire in the matter of benefits; that it is not compulsory for lodges to have a probationary period if they elect to the contrary? Such being the case will the brother inform us what section of the Grand Statutes needs amending to suit his case? May I ask how you can amend a statute that does not exist? It is to be regretted that not enough of care and attention is paid to the present laws of the Order. That they are not studied enough by the members of the Order is only too true. If the brothers will only take the laws as they find them and place on them a fair and liberal construction, they will be less inclined to find fault, and will find there is a provision made to fit practically every case.

I know at least one lodge in this Grand Domain that has a provision in its by-laws that covers the case most admirably. For the benefit of the brother I quote the section referred to:

"It is further provided, that a brother applying for membership by transfer card, who has been a member of the Order for six months or more, and has been a member in good standing in the lodge issuing the transfer card, for a period of six months or more, shall immediately on his acceptance and election become a beneficiary member in the full sense of the word, and will not be compelled to undergo the probationary term of six months, as provided in Section 1, Article 5."

From the foregoing it would appear that this lodge had discovered that it had the power to apply the remedy and has completely healed the "injustice and hardship being worked by the Statutes as at present existing."

W. D. MEARNS, G. V. C.

Ex-Member Judiciary Committee.

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TIDINGS.

MEMORISING THE RITUAL.

My Dear Sir and Brother.—I enclose herewith a copy of a communication which I have forwarded to Supreme Chancellor Thomas G. Sample, Past Supreme Chancellor W. B. Richie, and other Supreme Lodge officers. The letter is self-explanatory.

My experience during the past six months as Grand Chancellor of the the Domain of Ohio has been of such a character as to thoroughly satisfy me of the utter impracticability of our present laws concerning the memorising of the ritual. It is my intention at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ohio to place this matter before the Grand Body and ask that our supreme representatives be instructed to put forth every effort looking to the promulgation of a cipher key to our most beautiful ritual.

I address this communication to you and urge

that if you agree with me in the position I have taken, you will co-operate with me, and bring the matter before your Grand Lodge at the next session in a similar manner. I believe that by a united effort by the various grand lodges, this most necessary innovation can be carried to a successful consummation at the next session of the Supreme Lodge. It will afford me great pleasure to entertain your personal views on the matter.

Awaiting your reply and asking your earnest co-operation, I remain,

Sincerely and Fraternaly Yours,
BRIG. S. YOUNG,
Grand Chancellor.

Ada, Ohio, February 9th, 1899.

My Dear Sir and Brother,—I address you at this time concerning a matter to which I have given much thought, and would be pleased to have your opinion concerning the project.

I believe, primarily, that one cause for non-payment of dues is the absolute ignorance, on the part of a great majority of our membership, of the beauties of our ritual. This, coupled with the excessive dues, is in my mind, the direct cause of our enormous loss of membership each year. I believe if we would have enthusiasm extant in our Order we should have intelligence. We should have men thoroughly versed in the lessons we seek to teach. I believe, further, that there is not more than ten per cent. of the members who have been initiated into our Order who can intelligently repeat a single page of the ritual, and so long as the membership are compelled to hunt up some officer to get a key to the lodge room or the combination to the safe wherein the rituals are kept, and to do their studying in a cheerless lodge room before they can become thoroughly instructed, the present condition will remain to confront us. I would overcome this in the following manner:

I would have the Supreme Lodge at its next session, take such action as would create a committee whose duty it would be to promul-

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gate a pocket key or cipher ritual, so arranged that none but members who had received the lessons and who had given the ritual some study in the lodge room could interpret.

These ciphers could be sold to the membership would be willing to pay almost any price for them. It would permit them to be their studying at home and in their offices, and would create, as I believe, a new interest and an enthusiasm such as our Order has never known.

The promulgation of these rituals by the Supreme Lodge and being handled as a Supreme or Grand Lodge supply, could be made a source of revenue, and direct taxation upon the membership could be done away with for a time at least.

I have carefully gone into the cost of publication of a book such as would be required, and find that after the plates are made they could be published at less than 25 cents per copy. They could be sold at a price almost equivalent to the price charged for the ritual we are now using in the lodge rooms, and would be hailed with delight by the working members of the Order.

I address you concerning this question only after the most mature thought and deliberation. At the various district meetings which I have attended during my administration as Grand Chancellor the applause with which this suggestion has been received has been such as to convince me that the interest of Pythianism demands some such action on the part of the Supreme Lodge.

I place the matter before you and would be glad to hear from you. If you know of any objection to such a project I would be glad to be enlightened; if you favor the proposition I would be glad to know that it met with your approval, as I would value your opinion in the matter most highly. With kind regards and best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely and Fraternally Yours,

BRIG. S. YOUNG,

Grand Chancellor.

Ada, Ohio, February 1st, 1899.

SUPREME LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.
Office of Supreme Chancellor,

Allegheny, Pa., March 18th, 1899.

To the Order Universal, Greeting:

In the year 1894, at Washington, D. C., a Committee was appointed by order of the Supreme Lodge to raise the necessary funds for the erection of a monument to the memory of the Founder of the Order of the Knights of Pythias, Justus H. Rathbone. At the same time a Committee was appointed on design for said monument. These two committees have worked along carefully, and in December, 1897, the contract was awarded by the Committee to Hoffman & Prockakaza to erect the monument at Utica, N. Y., at a cost of \$11,500. Prior to that, the cemetery authorities had met and donated a lot one hundred feet square, overlooking the beautiful Genessee Valley, and there the memorial stands. It was completed in October, 1898, and in November, 1898, was taken off the contractors' hands and the stipulated price paid and received for.

The monument will be dedicated July 27th, 1899, upon the occasion of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of New York. The brethren in New York have already appointed a Committee of Arrangements and hope to make this the greatest Pythian event in the history of the Order. The Supreme Lodge Committee, of which Past Supreme Representative John Young, of New Hampshire, is Chairman, has arranged the following:

PROGRAMME:

Music.

Invocation.

Address,....Presiding Officer, Hon. Charles T. Goodrich, Grand Chancellor of New York.

Music.

Unveiling Monument, Hon. John Young, Chairman Committee on Rathbone Monument Fund.

Acceptance on Part of Supreme Lodge, Thomas G. Sample, Supreme Chancellor.

JONES—"What do you think of my new suit?"

BROWN—"It looks all right. How much did you pay for it?"

JONES—"Twenty dollars."

BROWN—*Examining closely.*—"Oh, yes; you have been buying one of those cheap suits. See here, Jones; here is a suit I bought eight months ago. I have worn it to business every day since, and it looks better than your new suit now. Take my advice, pay more for your clothes and you will be money ahead, if you patronize

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Music.

Address,....Past Supreme Chancellor, Walter B. Richie, Lima, Ohio.

Poem,.....Supreme Representative, Charles A. Lee, Pawtucket, R. I.

Music.

Benediction.

Major-General, James R. Carnahan, will have charge of the arrangements for the display of the Uniform Rank of the Order, and is hereby empowered to make all appointments of aides for any service or duty that may be required.

Past supreme chancellors, Supreme Lodge officers, supreme representatives, and all grand chancellors and grand lodge officers should make a special effort to be present upon this occasion, and thus testify their devotion to the principles of an order which has had such a wonderful growth in the last thirty-five years. As a matter of fact, it should be the Mecca toward which the footsteps of all Pythians should turn at that time. Therefore, let each grand chancellor, in his executive capacity, call the attention of the officers and members of subordinate lodges and companies of the Uniform Rank to this national Pythian event. This monument has been erected by voluntary subscriptions from the subordinate lodges in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the Hawaiian Islands, and all should have a pride in making the dedication an event worthy of an organisation such as the Knights of Pythias.

Invitations will be extended to the President of the United States and his Cabinet, the Governor of New York and other prominent officials, to be present at the unveiling and dedication of the monument.

Arrangements will be made with railroad companies for reduced rates by the Local Committee.

Issued under my hand and seal, this 18th day of March, 1929, P. P. XXXVI.

THOS. G. SAMPLE,
Supreme Chancellor.

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Under the title, "Of interest to Knights of Pythias," one of the local papers of Catskill, N. Y., has the following item:

"A check for \$1,000, payable to Laura Yates, widow of Enoch Yates, was shown us this morning from the Board of Control, Endowment Rank, K. of P. Mr. Yates died at Catskill, January 28th, 1899; he had been a member of the Order about three years and had paid less than \$55. Every Knight should carry a policy, which ranges from \$500 to \$3,000, and costs on a \$500 policy 40 cents at the age of twenty-one; eighty cents at the age of fifty, and the same rate for each additional \$500. No increase in rate and full amount paid on death of the insured.

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It Elicited the Unbounded Admiration of the Farmer.

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"How did that there picture of yours come out, anyway?" asked the curious landlord.

"Oh, fairly well. You know that I have my name to make yet. I sold it for \$1,000."

"No," exclaimed the farmer excitedly, "not \$1,000. You're chaffin' me."

"Not a bit of it," laughed the artist. "I got \$1,000 for that little view before there was a frame on it."

"Shake, stranger. I allus thought I was purty slick on a dicker, but I'll be doggone if you don't take the prize. You skinned that feller slick and clean."

"How so?" indignantly, for his pride was touched.

"Oh, don't play innercent with me. It won't go no further. But you done him brown. A thousand fur that spot where you couldn't raise a bean to the acre! If the critter that bought that picter had seen me, I'd sold him the hull farm for \$275."

We are just in receipt of a very interesting letter from P.S.C. Bro. Colgrove, of Hastings, Mich., speaking in glowing terms of this Domain and the Brother Knights. In the next issue we will give the contents in full.

COMMITTEE.

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One of the most practical things that a brother can do with a view to strengthening his lodge is to make an effort every meeting to secure another member for the Endowment Rank. Remember this, that every addition made to that branch of the Order, from among your membership, means added strength and permanency to your lodge—Endowment Rank members never allow themselves to be dropped for non-payment of dues.

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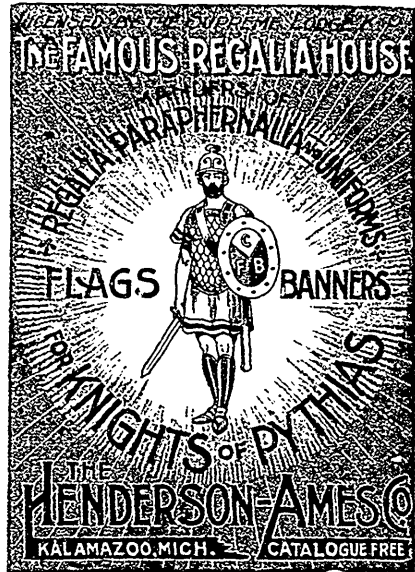
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