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Vancouver, B. C.

G. R. MAXWELL,

Editor.

VANCOUVER, NOVEMBER, 1899

OUR EDITOR.

The Committee in charge of the "True Knight" desires to express its regret that Bro. George Maxwell, the worthy Editor of this paper, not sufficiently restored to good health to contribute to our columns. However, we are assured that Bro. Maxwell is in such a state of convalescence that our readers may have the pleasure and benefit of his contribution in our November issue.

WAR—WITH HONOR.

The past month has marked an epoch in the history of the world, in the life-story of every man of Britain, than whom none is more loyal and true to the Mother Land than the Canadian in general, and the Pythian Knight

in particular. In the October issue of this, our organ of the Order of which we are all proud to be members, it was our part to speak all too regretfully of the war cloud that was even then looming black and thunderous on the horizon of the nations. Though fearful even then that nothing but a Divine disposition could stay the battle-bolt from falling, we yet hoped that the Divine interference might be vouchsafed, and that peace and prosperity might yet put the period to the closing years of the nineteenth century. But hardly were those words written, hardly was the pen of diplomacy dropped useless from the fingers of our Ministers, when the sword leaped from scabbard and the finis to the futile negotiations was inscribed in letters of blood. The insensate Boer, arrogant in his blind and self-assured security, dared to dictate terms to the Great Power; dared to flout the all too condescending and courteous requests—founded on right and justified by facts—of Great Britain; dared—this cur of hybrid origin—to snarl at the Lion. Peace with honor England and her Ministers have ever regarded as the crown of their councils, the Mecca of their hopes; but this was a different story. Children of the nation, whelps of the Lion, were being spurned and insulted by a people little better in morale or superior in civilization to the surrounding savages whom they molested and murdered, and that insult touched most nearly England, the Mother Country. Talk must end and action must begin. The buccinic Boer was given rope—aye, rope more than enough to hang himself—and the prerogative tendered he is fast making use of.

If the progress of the British troops in what must be a victorious campaign, has been stayed for the moment now and again by slight reverses, only to be compared to a rough crossing on a smooth-worn road, faith in our Army, trust in our Ministers, loyalty to our Queen, need not waver, but rather let us, with cheer on cheer, drown in the volume of popular acclaim and patriotism, the feeble sneers of Continental powers—like jackals watching the occasion to drag down and smother with their cowardly abuse the British flag—and the misguided fulminations of one or two Hibernian fanatics, who think they see in the problematical downfall of England the up-building of the neighbor Isle. These latter protests are, indeed, of little avail, and evince their self-shoudered absurdity the more quickly when read line by line with the deeds of Irish gallantry and daring—do, in the embattled field, recorded day by day from the front.

The Nation is united. Little deeds and words of meanness but serve to accentuate the elsewhere universal fealty to the Flag. Have we not seen it here, from east to west of this great

Dominion? Has not Australia, with each acre of her boundless lands, each wave of her sky-girt seas, lifted her voice in loyalty and passed on the Fiery Cross to India's time-touched plains and cities, to China's seas, to Western waters, to each nook and cranny of the earth, where a child of the Great White Mother perchance is bearing manfully the white man's burden and adding one more grain of sand, one more drop of water to the territorial wealth of Britain? And has not the echo returned, in the sound of hurrying mail-clad feet, the ring of hammer on steel, the clash of sword and ring of spur, as from the four quarters of the hemispheres the children of the Little Isle, rally round the Throne. The answer of the Colonies has indeed pointed a good moral wherewith the other European Powers may adorn the tale of the Second Boer War. Aggression on the part of France or Russia will land them in a hornets' nest, which they have hitherto little dreamed of. Their own colonial policy is either so much a minus quantity or so utterly rotten in principle and administration that it is difficult for them to realise the conditions existent in such an appenage of the Crown as British Columbia, let us say, or New South Wales. While all runs smoothly at home, little or nothing is seen of these distant sons of the Empire, but let the Eagle scream once, the Bear lift his paw in overt act against Great Britain, and the stage bristles with citizen-soldiers, ready and willing to lay down their lives for the Red, White and Blue, and no whit behind their elder brothers in the British Isles.

And of all the ready ones, in their myriads, let us hope that none shall be found with sword more quick to the hand, shield to the shoulder, than the Pythian Knight. True he fights first beneath the banner of Friendship, Benevolence and Charity—but where those great principles must be upheld by dint of hard knocks and shedding of good, red blood, he will not be backward in the fray. He will fight the good fight, and win the guerdon of the faithful servant.

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#### THE LAW OF LOVE AND LIFE.

Among the many subjects of interest in this, our world, during our brief stay herein, I do not suppose there are any two more closely related and more thoroughly misunderstood, maybe misapplied, than science and religion. And why? Where is the answer to be found—that searched-after, longed-for "reason why," but in man himself, who, in his pig-headed obstinacy has so long rendered himself incapable of understanding, nay more than that, incapable of caring about religion and science in its truest, highest, noblest sense? Wisdom which comes from God, and which, in a sense, is God, comprehends both religion and science. Since the foundation of the world, since the creation of man, since man first went wrong, there have been but few, and they a self-chosen few, who have seen the mysteries of God, who even in but a small measure have grasped God's plan. Man is of Divine origin. Moulded in his Maker's image, he has blurred and marred that

image so that it is nigh being blotted out, yet in spite thereof, has the decree gone forth—"We shall be what we were." The day has passed when science and religion were opposed. Man now sees that the one does not negative the other, but rather this—one cannot exist without its fellow. Aye, the day has dawned and already does the sun appear, heralded by upward-pointing shafts of light, the day of peace and love. Love! Love! Love! The love of man for man, of man for woman, of the mother for her child, is but the stepping-stone whereby we climb to the throne of God, of that God Who is Love, Who is Life, and of Whom our Universe is but a manifestation, a Mirage. Picture of "Our Father's Heart," wherein palpitate and throb His Love, His Spirit and His Power, could we but see beyond our worldly sphere. We laugh and mock, we scorn, we scoff at religion; we scrutinize and criticize, and pretend to show all about science, and why, save because our religion is but a sham, our science but the merest tinkering with the wisdom so freely spread before us in the tiniest leaf of a flower? Even they know how to look up. Foolish we, who feed ourselves on husks, giving our money for chaff, chasing the soap-bubbles of riches, fame and worldly honor, toadying to rank and title, when we can have all we ask, even the gift of being "Sons of God," holding dominion over the world and all that therein is, not for selfish end, and only by learning how to rule as kings in the kingdom of our souls.

What say you, brothers, are you now prepared to make the choice? Will you still live but in to-day? Will you still blind yourself to the future? What saith the Law? You know it well. There is no standing still. Forward or backward; progress or retrogression? How long halt ye between two opinions?

Science! What say you to a science cognisant of the laws of Nature and its forces, which has waiked beyond the realms of death, which being at one with the Supreme One, both could and did divide the sea, command the sun to stand still, and was obeyed?

Religion! What say you to a religion which so layed hold of, so imbued those practising it, so emboldened, so empowered them as to enable its devotees to stand without the sepulchre and oild the grave yield up its dead, and were obeyed?

What count riches, power and pomp, which are left behind, alongside the power of "doing good," of uplifting one's fellow man? Would you become a son of God? Then love Him well. Fear Him. Fear offending Him. Wisdom's beginning is the fear of God. Love Him with all your heart; love your neighbor as yourself, deny yourself of pleasure rather than leave some lonely brother sick in body or in soul, to be alone; linger by his bedside and show in your daily walk, your daily life, that love which is of God and in God. Help the fallen up again, and first condemn yourself for evil done. Remember—"Wise were the kings who never chose a friend until they had seen the bottom of his deepest thought." So search to know thyself, so learn to govern and control thine own kingdom, then canst thou forward go.

## OUR ENDOWMENT RANK—AND OTHERS.

CAPTAIN JOHN CROW, U. R.

Recognised as the Endowment Rank now is by all who are well informed in insurance affairs, as the best of all fraternal insurance organisations, this journal earnestly hopes that everywhere throughout this Domain it will receive from Pythians that support and recognition that it not only deserves upon its merits, but because of its being an established department of the Order. In this day and generation of cheap so-called fraternal insurance societies, too many are prone to run away with the idea that, because a certain commodity, known as insurance, can be purchased for a song, therefore it will certainly pay all claims against it. This state has been particularly cursed and

Bro. John Crow, Captain of Vancouver City Company, No. 4, U. R., K. of P., was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, the Queen City of the West, on September 12th, 1852, and became a charter member of Granville Lodge, No. 3, December 15th, 1886. He ably filled the position of M. at A. at the institution of Loyal Lodge, No. 6, New Westminster, Rathbone Lodge, No. 7, and Crusader, No. 19, of Vancouver, as well as at that of Nanaimo, No. 4, and at Myrtle, No. 9, of the Coal City. At present, although a P. C., he is serving as I. G. of Granville Lodge, No. 3. He was elected Representative to Grand Lodge, taking great interest in the good work



Captain John Crow, U. R.

loaded by many institutions of that kind, but, as time wears on, the public are rapidly discovering the falsity of the claims of these institutions—they either go down, increase the number of assessments, or raise their rates. The latter step has been taken by some with the hope that it may close the gap, whereas, in almost every instance, it is but postponing the evil day for those who were foolish enough to continue in their error of patronizing such institutions.

In distinction to this, the Endowment Rank of our Order is furnishing insurance at the lowest possible cost at which the business can be done with safety, providing indemnity at less than one-half that charged by insurance companies, and adding to a surplus fund which is put away for a rainy day. It is making no special assessments, and never will. (Michigan "Knighthood.")

done there. His knowledge of military service in the U. S. Army and Navy was appreciated by the Knights, who have elected him Captain three terms in succession.

Bro. Crow is ever at hand when wanted and takes a prominent part in the Amplified Team. That he long may be with us, is our earnest wish.

Where there are some members of the Endowment Rank who are members of sections in other localities, it will be well for them to organize within the lodge to which they belong. In that way the Rank will be benefited and the membership will be in a position to have the business and affairs of their section brought up and considered at every lodge meeting. In addition to this, it will be an accommodation to many.

**A. J. SCOTT, PAST CHANCELLOR.**

Bro. Arthur J. Scott, who is the youngest charter member of Crusader Lodge, No. 19, was born at Charlotetown, P. E. I., 26 years ago. Bro. Scott was prominent as Vice-Chancellor in the crack Vancouver Drill Team. After

studies in his father's office, after the close of the War, he prepared himself and was ready to apply for his license at the age of nineteen. Being two years under the legal age to obtain admission to the Bar, and pecuniarily unable to wait, he sought employment, becoming connected with the Seaboard Air Line, of which he



**A. J. Scott, Past Chancellor.**

holding various offices in his lodge, he became a Past Chancellor in July, 1898. Besides being one of the Committee of the "True Knight," he is an active member of the Order.

Three years ago Bro. Scott formed a partnership with Captain H. A. Mellon, under the firm style of Mellon & Scott, and has been successful in general insurance and brokerage circles in this City.

has been an efficient officer for 20 years, being now in charge of all the interests of that system in Wilmington.

In 1895 he was promoted and made General Agent by Mr. St. John, Vice-President and General Manager, who was not slow to recognize his executive ability and special fitness for the position. During the last three years the business of the agency under his management has increased about 70 per cent., a result largely due to his personal efforts. Mr. Meares is a great favorite, not only in the social but the business life of Wilmington. He is a man of fine attainments in journalism and literature, is universally esteemed for his probity, industry, liberal methods and sterling good traits, and occupies an enviable position of power and influence as a high minded, honorable, upright citizen.

**SUPREME MASTER OF EXCHEQUER.**

Thomas D. Meares was born in North Carolina in 1845. He is descended from ancestors long prominent in the history of his State. Among his maternal ancestors were James Iredell, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States; James Iredell, second, Judge of Superior Court, United States Senator, and Governor of North Carolina. His father and paternal grandfather were leading lawyers and public men in North Carolina. He thus inherited a talent and predilection for the law.

Mr. Meares' education was somewhat interrupted by the War, in which he took part as courier on the staffs of Gen. Bradley Johnson and Gen. Wade Hampton. Resuming his legal

He joined the Knights of Pythias in 1880 as a member of Stonewall Lodge, No. 1, of Wilmington. He passed through the chairs in 1882, and was elected Grand Representative in 1885, declined re-election in 1886, but was again elected in 1887. At the ensuing Grand Lodge session he was unanimously elected Grand Vice-Chancellor. In 1888 he received the unanimous vote for Grand Chancellor, and again in 1889, serv-

ing 28 months in the two terms, owing to a change in the date of the Grand Lodge session. His extensive acquaintance in the State and fine executive ability made him the most influential member of the Grand Lodge.

Energetic and well informed in Pythian matters, he carries with him a natural enthusiasm which he imparts to all with whom he comes in contact. He loves the Order of K. of P., and willingly serves in any capacity for its good, whether it be one of honor or labor. He is a ready and forceful speaker, an affable and dignified gentleman, and a Knight of sterling worth.



His ability and energy were recognized by the Supreme Lodge, where he is well known, and where he was appointed Chairman of Committee on Mileage at its session in Kansas City. He was subsequently transferred to the Finance Committee that he might do more effective service for the Supreme Lodge.

Supreme Representative Meares has been long a member of and is an enthusiastic believer in the Endowment Rank, and has also served as Captain of the division of the Uniform Rank in his native city, of which he is still a member. He was elected S. R. in 1891, and again in 1895; was elected S. M. E. in 1896, and re-elected in 1898, and is now filling that office with ability and honor.

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#### THE ENDOWMENT RANK.

If there is no section of the Endowment Rank in the town or city where a member is located, and he desires to join the Rank, there should be an organized effort among the members of the lodge there to get up a section of their own—then, they can have it entirely composed from amongst their own people, and in that way be better able to handle it. There is no difficulty in getting up a section—all one has to do is to drop a line to H. B. Stolte, Secretary of the Board of Control, Endowment Rank, 1008 Fisher Building, Chicago, Illinois, and he will send them full instructions and all necessary blanks and literature.

Bro. L. H. Buck, baby member of the baby lodge at Revelstoke, paid Vancouver a visit in the early part of the month.

#### BRO. J. L. BROWN, GRAND PRÉLATE.

Bro. Brown was born in Ontario, and became a member of the Order by charter membership in Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 11, Vancouver—afterwards removing to Kamloops. In 1894 he was chiefly instrumental in organizing Primrose Lodge, No. 21, and at its institution was elected unanimously, Grand Representative. In this capacity he acted continuously until the Grand Lodge session held at Kamloops, 1898, acting at that session as Grand Inner Guard, and at the same session he was elected G. M. at A. At the recent session held in the City of Victoria he was elected to the honorable position of Grand Prelate, which office we feel sure our



brother will fill with credit to himself and honor to the Order. Bro. Brown has been, and is still an exceptionally earnest and enthusiastic worker, always ready to do all and dare all for the best interests of Pythianism. His good work in the Upper Country is apparent to most of us. He recently enjoyed the privilege of instituting Gold Range Lodge, of Revelstoke, our baby lodge, and one of the best in the domain. Our brother is too well known and beloved by all to need further mention. We sincerely wish for him a long, active and successful Pythian and business career.

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Landlady—"I'd have you know, Mr. Highball, that this is tenderloin beef."

Mr. Highball—"Well, that's a fact; I did notice that it was a rather tough section."

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

To the Officers and Members of the City Lodges of Vancouver, Knights of Pythias:—

Dear Sirs and Brothers,—Your Committee in charge of the publication of the "True Knight" begs leave to submit the following report:

## RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, July 31st.....	\$ 16 97
To receipts for month of August.....	119 63
To receipts for month of September.....	80 50
To receipts for month of October.....	55 50
	\$272 60

## CONTRA.

By disbursement for August.....	\$ 94 16
By disbursement for September.....	79 60
By disbursement for October.....	80 75
	\$254 51

## ASSETS.

Balance on hand October 31st.....	\$ 18 09
Outstanding accounts .....	90 50
	\$108 59

## LIABILITIES.

To amount advanced by Granville Lodge No. 3.....	\$ 21 00
To amount advanced by Rathbone Lodge, No. 7.....	21 61
To amount advanced by Crusader Lodge, No. 19.....	21 00
	\$ 63 61
Assets above liabilities.....	\$ 44 98

Time and again we have called attention to the necessity of support to the Advertising Committee having charge of the "True Knight." As we have pointed out so frequently, the life of this journal depends to a very great extent upon our advertising department, as is the case with all publications. Whilst we know our advertisements far outnumber those of any like paper, we would draw attention to the fact that further support is required for such a live journal. We have not any fault to find with the subscriptions they continue on the increase. But we must insist that this Committee receive greater support. Being busy during the day is not any excuse for allowing the burden of the work to fall on a devoted few, who, were the truth known, have to work harder during the day than any of the rest and then burn the midnight oil to win success for the "True Knight." The Committee's work is gratuitous and should therefore receive double support.

H. J. ANSTIE,

Chairman.

J. E. EVANS,

Secretary-Treasurer.

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## THE BORDER KNIGHT.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Bro.—I duly received the October number of the "True Knight," and was

somewhat surprised to find you had considered my communication, in which I enclosed my subscription, fit for publication therein. The compositor made a somewhat slight error in setting up my name, as "W. J. S. Paul"; it should be "W. J. Spaul." However, that is neither here nor there.

I was especially interested in that cleverly-written article by (I presume) the Editor, on "Peace and Pythianism," and also the address by Grand Prelate, Rev. George M. Bodge, on Pythianism.

The reading of the above has moved me to pen a few lines regarding Pythianism, as it appears to exist in the Kootenays, and if my weak efforts may help in the slightest measure to elevate the Order I shall feel proud and gratified.

No doubt all of the members of my own Lodge, New Denver, No. 22, have read with interest Editor Lowery's humorous and graphic account of his trip to the Boundary, published in the New Denver "Ledge" of Thursday, 5th inst. Well, I too, recently made a business trip to Grand Forks, Columbia and adjacent towns, and will try and recore my impressions of some knights I met, and the general welfare of the Order in the Boundary. The first Bro. Knight I met was F. W. Goericke, of Nelson Lodge, No. 105, State of Washington. I always wear a badge and this worthy brother, who was evidently a farmer, did likewise; hence the acquaintance. This brother, immediately after we had introduced ourselves, extended me a cordial invitation to visit his lodge, which is only three miles from Columbia, but, unfortunately, I could not remain long enough to take advantage of it. He showed me the places of interest, pointed out the Boundary Line, locations of mines, etc., and gave me a very pleasant hour, and I was loth to part with him. I intend to visit his lodge the first opportunity. I consider Bro. Goericke has the true principles of friendship imbued into his system.

Note the opposite:—I met another brother knight, whose name I shall withhold for obvious reasons. He is a man in an influential position and evidently prosperous. He certainly "used me white," after we had become acquainted, but he fell in my estimation during the course of conversation. He asked me why I wore a badge, and upon my informing him, that it was for the purpose of proclaiming to brother knights that I was one of them and a friend, he told me I was foolish; "for," said he, "I never wear a badge because you meet so many members who are working men and laborers and one doesn't like to know that kind of people outside the lodge-room." Now, what do you think of that, Mr. Editor? I know what I thought, and I told him, too. This brother had altogether a wrong idea of Pythianism. We don't want men of this kind in our Order. There must be no "circles" or "cliques" in it. So long as a Pythian knight is sober, honest and a law-abiding citizen, he has the right of recognition from all true knights. It is, indeed, poor friendship that discriminates between honesty and affluence.

I believe in wearing a badge, and think every knight should do so. It is wonderful what a number of friends my badge has won for me

and I am glad to say, the "high muck-a-muck" mentioned above, has been, so far, the only one I have met, who acknowledged he wore no badge for fear of being called upon to shake hands with his "social inferiors." (?) I met Bro. Dan Dorsey at Grand Forks. All new Denver knows Dan. He was smiling and happy (as he always is) and looked after the wants of my inner man. Dan is all right. Grand Forks' Knights are taking preliminary steps to found a lodge there, and as there is a large number of the fraternity there, and many of them, whom I met, rattling good fellows, they will, I am sure, succeed in establishing a good-sized lodge; and as the town is bound to be a hummer, they will increase and multiply.

In conclusion I would ask all brothers not to make any such discriminations as I have spoken of. Our laws do not require us to recognize transgressors, of which, sad to relate, there are a few, but our vows require us, at all times, to show friendship for all brotherly rights worthy of the name.

Hoping I have not trespassed upon your valuable space,

Yours fraternally in F. C. B.

WALTER J. SPAUL,

P. C., New Denver Lodge, No. 22.

Robson, B. C., October 10th, 1899.

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#### PRACTICAL THANKSGIVING.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Bro.—A few words may fitly be said on the subject of thanksgiving. Our day of National Thanksgiving has come and gone. The rich man with his stores of plenty, the poor man with his daily crust, alike have rendered thanks to the Supreme Chancellor above, for the blessings of the past year. There is a variety of reasons why we should sustain the habitual exercise of gratitude to the Giver of all Good. First among these we may consider our entire dependence on Him for all the necessities of life, and while the things which minister to our comforts appear to be the results of our own instrumentality, yet we cannot forget that it is God alone Who can crown our efforts with success.

Our gratitude should rise high when we consider what giant strides our Order has made during the past year. In each grand domain it has succeeded far beyond expectations or anticipations, in its magnificent efforts for the melioration of humanity's sorrows. Many will rise up and call us blessed. In our own domain we are proud and grateful to know that zeal and interest in the three cardinal virtues of the Order have increased. Friendship, Charity and benevolence, the base, framework and beauty of our Order, have taken a firm hold on the hearts of men. We may not have increased largely in numbers, but that is but a flimsy gauge of the success of any undertaking. What men are doing is a far better criterion by which to estimate their efforts, and in this light I am confident our efforts can well stand inspection. Thanksgiving, then, represents in us a fundamental principle, and that is gratitude. Men

can easily be divided into two classes, the thankful and the thankless. Our attitude should be the former; thankful for the success vouchsafed us in our work and for the many blessings received individually. A thankful heart always transforms the burden of life into an aid. Burdens borne by men and women today are heavy enough to crush out all hope and make the world indeed a vale of tears. Most of our fashionable churches, bound as the Church is to help and relieve the poor and distressed, like the Priest and Levite in the Parable of the Good Samaritan, pass by on the other side, or at least make but a feeble effort to help the unfortunate. Churches are becoming more and more of a social club, and the poor are, to all intent, forgotten in the race. Just here is our opportunity. Gratitude, if it be anything at all, should lead men to do something, not dream it, for our fellowmen, in response for the great blessings given us; and it is surely the best way to thank God. All profession of religion or of thankfulness is a farce and mockery without the sacrifice of time and means to assist those in distress. Is it not a crying shame that our wealthy churches should leave the often much-despised Salvation Army to provide shelter and places of refuge for the unfortunate members of this and other cities? Sympathy for the friendless, succour for the hapless, bread for the hungry, a stretched-out hand for the fallen, a kind word to the discouraged, must surely be the crown and glory of a Christian Thanksgiving. There is such an everlasting greed after filthy lucre that we forget that our neighbor may be in want of the bare necessities of life. Action, not dreaming, is demanded of every true Pythian knight. The principles of the Order are intensely practical and we are not Pythians if we forget that a gratitude shown in love-labor, as well as words, is the offering acceptable unto the Supreme Being.

May the principle of Thanksgiving be the most prominent feature in our work. Thus generosity and largeheartedness will show themselves in all our actions, and put us in sympathy with all men. That, as you know, is one of the leading tenets of Pythianism.

I am sorry to say that, as correspondent for the Uniform Rank, I have nothing to report from the local Company. While the subordinate lodges and the Endowment Rank are in a flourishing state, the U. R. is practically dead. It may be that another call from the Boer War will cause a shaking of the bones and a resurrection to life of the martial spirit. If not something must be done to impart some enthusiasm into this, one of the most important sections of Pythianism.

Yours respectfully,

J. IRVINE,

Lieut. No. 4 Co., U. R.

Vancouver, B. C., October 20th, 1899.

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FROM GRANVILLE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother.—During the last month Granville Lodge, No. 3, received four applications for membership, and we have several oth-



er applications in view for the month of November, so you see that we are not asleep, although a little slow sometimes. We expect to have a good Winter in Pythianism in Vancouver for both Rathbone and Crusader Lodges have also several applications for membership, with more in view, so let the good work go on. Invitations are out for the Granville Lodge, No. 3, anniversary entertainment, which will be held in our Castle Hall on Wednesday, November 1st, attended by the knights of Vancouver, with their friends, an account of which I will give your readers in the next issue of the "True Knight." I had the pleasure of attending an entertainment of Rathbone Lodge last Friday, and a right royal time we had, too. The work of conferring the First Rank was done in excellent style. Our meetings during last month were very well attended and we expect to keep up the interest in our meetings in future.

Yours in F. C. and B.,

C. L. BEHNSEN.

Vancouver, October 29th, 1899.

FROM CRUSADER.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother.—Things are progressing "all serenely" with Crusader Lodge. Since I last addressed you we have had the pleasure of conferring the Ranks of Page and Esquire for Granite Lodge, No. 16. I might here remark, en passant,—please excuse my French—that too much praise cannot be awarded to the members of the sister lodges, Granville, No. 3 and Rathbone, No. 7, for the very able way in which they assisted us in the work.

At our Convention, held on October 5th, we were very much pained to hear of the alarming illness of Bro. George R. Maxwell, M. P. The information cast a gloom over the Lodge, as at that time the life of the Brother was almost despaired of. Several brothers spoke feelingly of the great service done to the Order, and also the "True Knight," by Bro. Maxwell. However, we are now rejoiced to learn that the brother

is out of danger, and Rathbone Lodge, No. 7, and the "True Knight" are to be heartily congratulated. We hope that our esteemed brother will meet us in the Castle Hall ere long.

Bro. Buck, of Gold Range Lodge, No. 5, Kelowna, paid Crusader a visit at our Convention of October 5th. He gave us a glowing account of the "Baby Lodge" of the Province and Pythianism in the Upper Country in general.

Bro. Sample, of Granite Lodge, No. 16, is now a frequent visitor to our Lodge, and as the brother is now residing in Vancouver, we are assured of meeting him in the Castle Hall every lodge night.

We regret very much to learn that Bro. W. L. Mearns, our esteemed Grand Chancellor, is about to leave the City, for—well, let us hope a very short period. We will miss him from the Castle Hall in all three of the City lodges.

Bro. H. Hoffmeister, our esteemed D. J. C. can be fully depended upon to keep things in order in Crusader Lodge, however. A most capable expounder of Pythian law it would be hard to find in the Supreme Lodge Domain.

Bro. Whitway, P. G. P., of the Grand Lodge of the Maritime Provinces, paid us a visit at our Convention of October 5th, and entertained us with a long and interesting talk under the auspices of the Order, which was highly appreciated by the lodge.

This is about all I have to chronicle for the issue. I might here say, as a parting sentence, that Crusader Lodge is steadily and surely progressing, and is in the business to stay.

With this assurance to the "True Knight" I will say "bye-bye" for the present.

Yours in F. C. and B.

GEORGE NOONAN.

Vancouver, October, 16th, 1899.

"This is a hard wur-ruld," said the janitor philosopher. "Thor's a poor divil across the way that marries two women an' he is sint u for a long term. Thin thor's this sultan of Subwid a dozen wives honored an' given a job that's worth twilve t'ousand dollars ivery year."

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## FROM RATHBONE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother.—Now, that the long nights are drawing near, and those dreary evenings are upon us; and when man's spirit is like the weather, inclined to be dull, and one gives way to the "blues," it requires something out of the ordinary to cheer him up, and this is what the different lodges of the City have been trying to do. Those who were at Rathbone Lodge, on Friday evening, the 27th, went away with the feeling that the knights of Vancouver are jolly good fellows. We will tell you all about it before we finish.

We are pleased to inform our brothers that our worthy Editor and P. C. of Rathbone Lodge, Bro. G. R. Maxwell is on the road to recovery, after a very serious illness.

Our Grand Chancellor, after his return from the Upper Country, spoke with much enthusiasm in regard to the lodges through that district, and gave special mention of Trail and Nelson, but Revelstoke, he thought, tried to out-do them all. He gave much praise to the organisers of the new and baby lodge of British Columbia, and if its members are all like the brother who visited us the other evening we can back him up in his statement.

It is much regretted that our G. C. is in such poor health, and we hope that his trip to the South will be both of benefit to health as also a financial success. He is much missed from the lodge room, and we hope to hear from him as often as possible.

We also regret that one of our most regular attendants and Charter members has left our City for pastures new. Bro. Allan, who has accepted a position down in New Mexico. Most of our brothers have had the experience of parting from some very dear friend, and when Brother Allan informed us of his departure, a gloom seemed to be cast over the proceedings of the evening. Though much we will miss him and the regrets are many, we hope that his venture will in every way be successful.

We have been honored during the month by visits from several knights, one from Chicago, who proved to us that he was a musician that

Vancouver would be proud of, also brothers from Granville and Crusader Lodges and from the new Lodge of Revelstoke.

We received one application for membership and he was duly put through the first rank on Friday, the 27th, and we have every indication that he will make a good member as well as a worker.

We will now relate a little of what took place on that evening. Although the night was a stormy one, we had a large attendance and after the Degree work was over, the lodge was thrown open to all for a general good time. Speaking of the degree work, the officers went through their parts without the use of the Ritual, and we think that our acting C. C., Bro. Simpson, should be highly complimented on the way he went through his part, considering the very short time he had to study it up, and also his being new at the work.

Bros. Sample and Ackerman, who represented the New Westminster brothers, gave us interesting remarks, and, referring to a song that had been sung, gave a short reminiscence of their boyhood days "down on the farm." We also had spicy and witty remarks from Bros. Ehnksen, Clarke, Anderson, Brooke and others. Cigars were passed round, then coffee and cake and a banjo solo and several songs given by our friend Mr. Herbert, who was encored time and time again. We should like to hear more of him.

Bro. De Forrest, who is leaving shortly for Toronto, gave us a number of interesting recitations and short songs.

Bro. S. R. Robb was also with us, and, as an entertainer, he ranks among the first. The "News-Advertiser" representative, Mr. E. Sands, was with us, and after complimenting the knights on their entertaining qualities, informed us that it would not be his fault if he was not a knight before the end of the year. Rathbone Lodge is looking for new members and we extend a hearty invitation to him. It was about midnight, when, after singing "Auld Lang Syne," in the old way, and God Save the Queen, we all dispersed to our various homes.

Yours in F. C. and B.,

ARTHUR CROOK.

Vancouver, October 30th, 1899.

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## FROM NEW DENVER.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother.—We still have with us the struggle between capital and labor, carrying in its wake more or less hardship upon the two lodges of our Order doing business in the Slocan. There is, however, a healthier feeling in the country now than during the past month, and more men are being employed in the mines. Still, it is the business man who suffers most, and, as several of our brethren are in these ranks, they are feeling the pressure. They certainly have the sympathy of their fellow-members, and one and all unite in the prayer for the restoration of general prosperity. It looks, however, as if the larger mines will remain closed during the Winter, and, such being the case, the Slocan is a good place for members of the Order seeking employment to stay away from. In the meantime those members who remain in the camp will endeavor to keep alive the vital spark of Pythianism throughout the Silvery Slocan.

Bros. Shannon and Goettsche are largely interested in a mining deal consummated on our famed Silver Mountain. Their good fortune is well-merited and deserved.

Bro. H. J. Robie, now residing in Nelson, was upon the disabled list for two weeks during the month, due to a badly-gashed hand, which kept him from following his usual avocation.

Our third annual ball occurs on November 3rd, and every endeavor is being made to make it a more pronounced success than its predecessors. The knights of the whole camp will be present, and the general public are looking forward to the occasion as the society event of the season.

Sandon Lodge, and indeed Pythianism throughout the Slocan, are about to lose a most painstaking and respected member in the person of Rev. J. A. Cleland, who is removing to a new sphere of labor. New Denver can sympathize with her sister lodge in the loss of their C. C., as Bro. Cleland is known by all. The heartiest wishes for greater success in the future will follow the departing brother and his excellent family.

We have an excellent set of Trustees now on the roster, and they are attending to their duties in a most prompt, efficient and business-like manner.

Bro. C. F. Nelson, K. R. & S., has just returned from visiting the Spokane Fair, and relatives at Cleveland, Wash.

Bro. W. J. Spaul, P. C., now residing at Robson, is wearing new honors, in that a bouncing young daughter has come to bless his home.

At our last meeting, an order was issued to purchase a copy of the photograph of the Rathbone monument, recently unveiled at Utica, for decorating the walls of our Castle Hall. New Denver Lodge feels deep pride in the monument as it has a substantial cash interest therein.

Attendance at the meetings continues fair, while the general business is despatched sharply and smoothly.

Fraternally yours,

C. E. SMITHERINGALE.

New Denver, B. C., Oct. 19th, 1899.

## FROM TRAIL.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Bro.—Trail Lodge, No. 23, continues to have the regular weekly meetings well-attended, and the true spirit of Damon and Pythias seems to prevail among the members, so that the effusion of good nature and genuine friendship shows itself ever present. The members have been quite busy of late conferring degrees upon new additions to our lodge. At the last regular meeting, Pages William Isley, Thomas B. Cox and Ed. Hayward had the Rank of Esquire conferred upon them, while Esquires John Munroe and John Slack received the honor of Knighthood. The warmest praise is due to the Rank Team for the painstaking manner in which the Amplified Form was rendered in conferring the Degree of Knight upon the latter Esquires. The work was carried out in a most excellent manner, which would have done credit to any Pythian castle hall. Most of the members are ever ready to fill nearly any chair in the Senate. That speaks well for the enterprise of our lodge.

At the next regular meeting, the Degree of Page will be given to J. R. Randall, and the honor of Knighthood to Bros. Cox, Hayward and Isley.

We have to thank the Rossland Lodge for the use of some of its regalia for the Amplified Team. It will be but a short time before No. 23 will be obtaining regalia, so as to be ever ready and progressive.

We have recently lost from our midst Bro. Thos. E. Abbot, our famous Master of Finance, and Correspondent to the "True Knight." The lodge very much regrets his removal, as he was ever ready and on the alert for anything calculated to advance the cause of Pythianism and the principles of the Order.

Bro. Allen Campbell has been elected to complete the unexpired term of Bro. Abbot as Master of Finance, and he will doubtless make an efficient and able officer.

We are now so very close to the one-hundred mark that it seems certain that Trail Lodge

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will be represented by two delegates at the next annual Grand Lodge convention, as well as by one Grand Lodge officer. The 11th annual convention of the Grand Lodge being held in Rossland, and it being the first of its kind ever held in the Kootenays, the Trail Lodge will do its share towards giving the representatives a grand reception and royal welcome.

From the present outlook it would appear that it will only be a question of a few months before there will be at least three other K. of P. lodges in this mineral belt. Grand Forks has already formed a committee to make an effort towards the organization of a lodge in that city. There are about enough members there at present to commence a lodge and make a success of it. Greenwood is expected to be the site of another Castle Hall before many months are past, while at Phoenix another lodge is looked for. If an organiser could be sent to those cities, it would be but a brief space of time before the Kootenays would be represented by several other Castle Halls.

Several of our members have been taking a vacation at Spokane, during the Fruit Fair Exposition, Bros. William Almas, Lawrence Elsensohn, M. Blake and Robert Board being among the number. Bro. Robert Board has not yet returned, and it is pretty confidentially stated, among those who are supposed to know, that congratulations will be in order for his new departure in life, as well as a box of Havanas at the lodge room.

The play entitled "Damon and Pythias" was well and admirably rendered, at the Opera House on Saturday last, to a good-sized and appreciative audience, several of our brother knights taking prominent parts in the drama. Bros. S. Sedall, Clay Montel, Robert Lowery, William Hartman, A. Almas and William Al-

mas were among those who distinguished themselves and showed marked talent and ability as actors.

Yours in F. C. and B.

E. MILLS.

Trail, B. C., Oct. 16th, 1899.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Bro.—During the past three months I have been making the little molecules of my brain hustle around to see if something new could be evolved from the intellectual fountain which would be of some use to the Order of which we are members, and as yet nothing of a startling nature has materialized from that source.

Way down here on the banks of the beautiful Columbia, we are still climbing up the line of progress with unfaltering zeal. Applications for membership make an appearance now and then, and initiation ceremonies are made more beautiful at each exemplification. The spirit of true friendship is in all the work of the lodge, and we believe is not without an elevating effect on all who come within its influence. Visitors are always most heartily welcome. On Second and Third Degree nights the room is filled with brothers. The past four meetings we had five candidates for the ranks, and the lessons of the respective degrees were portrayed in a manner that could not fail to impress all present.

The lodge is greatly indebted to our Rossland brethren for the loan of their Amplified paraphernalia, which was put to use in effective style in conferring the rank on candidates. The members have had the matter of purchasing an outfit under consideration for the past eight months, but like all other things representing an enormous outlay of money, it has never been ordered, but prospects are bright for

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a put and carried motion for its purchase. This outfit in our possession, there will be no better equipped lodge in the country, and none better able to exemplify the ritual.

It is rather late at this writing to acknowledge a visit in the person of Grand Chancellor Bro. Mearns, who dropped in on us quite unexpectedly last August. Bro. Mearns gave us a brief outline of the work we should pursue, as well as an appreciative address on Pythianism, for which he was frequently applauded. A recess was taken, during which a dainty repast was partaken of, after which singing, speaking and general merry-making were in order. Lodge was then brought to a close, all extending their best wishes to Bro. Mearns, and the hope that he would not forget to drop in and see us on his way to the Grand Lodge meeting, to be held at Rossland next year.

We are extremely obliged to our worthy Grand Chancellor for the nice extra-flavored bouquet he threw at us in the September issue of this journal. Coming from such esteemed hands gives it inestimable value to No. 23. Like our younger brother, we are not "playing to the galleries" or for "bouquets," all the same "flowers of speech" are more acceptable than rotten "hen-fruit" or decomposed vegetables. The flowers give us encouragement.

Alas! Cupid has claimed another victim. This time his little arrow penetrated the hearts of Bro. Herb. Lewis and Miss Olive Hanna, one of Trails's popular young ladies. After the wedding ceremony the couple left for the home of the groom's relatives at Revelstoke, where a rousing reception was tendered them. After sojourning in that part of the country for a few days, they returned to Trail, where they were greeted by their many friends, wishing them unbounded prosperity and happiness.

We are in receipt of the information that a number of our Rossland brethren, are about to apply for a charter for the institution of a Uniform Rank. It should meet with the hearty approval of every member of their lodge. We sincerely extend our best wishes to them on the step they have taken. Such a body of stalwart knights in uniform cannot but impress the public with the magnitude and grandeur of the Order.

During the past month an Odd-Fellows lodge was instituted in Trail, and several of our boys have been comparing the secret work.

Bro. H. G. Creelman, of Rossland, was doing business in our midst last week, but we did not have him in the lodge room. Bro. Creelman is an old and honored knight, a Past Chancellor, an eloquent speaker and an all-round "pretty good feller." Such distinguished brothers we desire to see often and we hope he will not neglect to shake us up a little when visiting Trail again.

Past Chancellor, Bro. J. A. Clark, we are sorry to say, is about to take his departure from our midst. He goes to Phoenix, B. C., to engage in business in a branch of the Trail store. Bro. Clark is a human ritual in himself and we doubt if there is another brother in existence who can confer degrees in a more elaborate style than he. The lodge will, with-

out question, extend to him a "verbal chromo" upon his departure.

Several articles which have appeared in the "True Knight," now and then, have been read in open lodge as requested by the editor, and have had most telling effect. We think our Pythian publication a veritable education in itself, and the first meeting in each month, subscribers and non-subscribers, (of the latter of whom we are sorry to say we have many) gather around the Record-Keeper's desk, like so many flies after molasses, with the interrogation: "Has the 'True Knight' come yet?" and with an affirmative answer, it is in many instances a common but amusing case of so many dogs with but one bone.

The long, dark, chilly nights of Winter are close upon us, and the boys are now making provision whereby they can enjoy themselves some way or other during the season.

Bro. J. M. Worth, who has long been engaged in the real estate, and stable business, has removed to Deer Park, where he has taken up the occupation of raising spuds, eggs, and chickens. Success go with him.

We are all deeply grieved to hear of the painful affliction which has overtaken our esteemed Bro. Maxwell, and we hope and pray that Providence may restore him to health at an early date, and that his eloquent articles will again brighten the pages of the "True Knight." To know Bro. Maxwell is to meet him, and we doubt if there is another member of the Order who has more friends or who commands more respect than he, for his genial welcome, warm hand grasp and kind words will always remain in the memory of the members of No. 23, which lodge he took occasion to visit on his trip in the interest of the "True Knight" and Pythianism last year. May God spare him, is the unanimous wish of us all.

More anon.

Yours in F. C. and B.

THOMAS E. ABBOTT.

Trail, B. C., Oct. 14th, 1899.

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FROM MAPLE LODGE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Bro.—Since I wrote last, Maple Lodge has decided to move into a hall of their own. Bro. Henderson, our Grand Representative has lately built a new butcher shop and made us a most generous offer, that we could have the upper storey free of rent for ten years with only one condition, that we pay the insurance on the building. A Committee has been appointed to get it furnished, and already we have rented it to our Masonic brothers for their meetings. We expect to have it ready to move into in about a month. A subscription list was started last night among the boys to pay for the furnishing and met with good success, most of the brothers giving \$10.00 each.

Bro. R. B. King, our M. of E., has severed his connection with the Cowichan Creamery (which he has been the means of building up as the best butter maker in the Province) and moved to Victoria. We greatly miss Bro. King

from his post, as he was one who never missed a meeting. The brothers of Maple wish him every success in his journey through life. Speaking of Bro. King and attendance at lodge conventions brings to my mind the very small attendance I often meet, when paying a visit to our City lodges. Nanaimo, No. 4 has the best attendance of any I have visited. Now brothers, this is not what it should be; not only should we be regular in attendance at our lodge meetings, but also at those of other lodges, within our reach. We should not be strangers to each other by visiting only when some other lodge has some special attraction to induce us to go, but rather go and be what our order teaches us to be—friends, and by our presence, help to make our meetings what they should be, bright and enjoyable and a benefit to us all. Our lodge rooms should be the brightest and, next to our homes, the most loved spots on earth where we meet those we are bound to in bonds of fraternal love; where we should exemplify the friendship of our prototypes, Damon and Pythias, and make our lives better; then this world would be a more pleasant place to live in.

Mr. Editor, during my late visit to New Westminster, I met quite a number of brothers in all the cities I passed through, and it gave me untold pleasure to receive a hearty Pythian handshake, and to feel that in the heart of the brother whose hand I held, there beat a responsive chord to my own, in that we were both disciples of those noble men, whose examples of friendship are to-day warming the hearts of Pythians throughout the world, making us better men in every way, able to fulfil our missions in this life, in any position we may be called upon to fill.

Yours Fraternaly in F. C. and B.  
JOHN N. EVANS.

Duncans, B. C., Oct. 13th, 1899.

#### ' FROM PRIMROSE LODGE.

To the Editor of "The True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—I have pleasure in again attempting to supply you with a few items of news from the Interior. There has been, however, such a whirl of dissipation and amusement during the past few weeks, throughout our Province, in the way of annual fairs, that Lodge matters have been slighted to a great extent; consequently, I have very little to write, which is new or of interest.

In my last letter I informed you that Primrose Lodge was applying for a dispensation, which would allow for 90 days of our initiating at Charter rates. This, the Grand Chancellor has been good enough to grant, and, as a result applications are beginning to come in, from the best material in town, material which we feel sure will give us a larger regular attendance at the weekly conventions, and, from which, no doubt, we shall in the near future be able to get good officers.

At our meeting of the 18th instant, two first and one second rank were conferred. Last night another application was brought in by Bro. J. L. Brown, who is looked upon as the father of

this Lodge. We have at least a half-dozen prospective members in sight, who will all make good knights and true.

Much regret is expressed by the members of Primrose Lodge at the continued illness of our G. C., Bro. Mearns, and yourself, and we hope to know at an early day of the complete recovery of two such able knights.

In commemoration of the anniversary of the local Pythian Lodge, a shooting tournament has been arranged for the 28th inst. J. L. Brown and Geo. Welsh will be the captains of the opposing teams and the losers will have to put up an oyster supper for the other fellows, and press representatives. The shooting will be at targets. The local Knights hope to establish a Pythian day in Kamloops permanently.

#### DEATH OF MISS MAXWELL.

The sad intelligence of the death of Miss Maxwell at Vancouver was received in town Thursday. Miss Maxwell was well-known and highly esteemed in Kamloops. She had resided here for the greater part of the last three years for the benefit of her health. Death occurred at 9:30 a. m. Thursday, November 2nd, at the residence of her brother, Rev. G. R. Maxwell, M. P.

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Fraternaly Yours,

GEORGE T. MALLERY.

Kamloops, B. C., Oct. 26th, 1899.

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#### DETROIT CONVENTION NOTES.

The D. O. K. K. Will Make a big Effort  
Next Year.

The Convention of the Supreme Lodge and encampment of the Uniform Rank at Detroit, next August, will see the Dramatic Order of the Knights of Khorassan in all their glory. The temples of the Order throughout Michigan are the largest in the world, and Mecca Temple at Detroit has a membership of over six hundred, every one of whom is already laying plans for a great celebration next August. Among other large temples in Michigan, is the one at Grand Rapids with a membership of over seven hundred, one at Battle Creek having five hundred members, and one at Saginaw with a very large membership. It is the intention of the Detroit Executive Committee to provide a certain evening for the Khorassan parade, probably the evening after the big parade of the Uniform Rank, and they have decided to appropriate a large sum of money towards the expenses of the parade on that evening. The local lodge (Mecca Temple) will "spread itself" in an effort to surpass in brilliancy and novelty, anything of a similar kind ever seen anywhere, or at any time. From Michigan alone there will be about two thousand Arabs in line, dressed in all the fantastic costumes and rigged out in all the paraphernalia imaginable. There will be plenty of red fire, and fireworks, while the line of parade will be richly decorated and illuminated. Every Khorassan Lodge in the country should be taking time by the forelock and getting themselves ready to be in line on the night of that parade.

### A NOVELTY FOR THE UNIFORM PARADERS.

Perhaps the most novel parade ever given by the Uniform Rank of the Order will be the one held in Detroit next year. Not that there will be any novel features in the line of parade, but that the parade will form on an island, and pass over a bridge a quarter of a mile long, where the fresh cool breezes from the river will have a chance to whistle through the whiskers. The parade will then pass down Jefferson Avenue, an asphalt paved street 125 feet wide, and shaded its entire length, running along parallel with the river, until it reaches Woodward Avenue, where it will turn up past the City Hall, and counter-march back to the river. Here is where another novel feature will be introduced, for instead of the tired marchers having to tramp or ride away back to the camp, they will be marched on steamers, which will carry them back right to the door of their camp, the cool river breezes refreshing the marchers, while we are assured there will be other substantial refreshment on board each boat. As the Detroit river boats are numerous and they can each carry from two to three thousand men, it will be seen that this plan is feasible.

### THE PYTHIAN PRESS MEETING IN DETROIT.

The National Pythian Press Association meets in Detroit on the 26th and 27th of this month. The Detroit Committee is paying all hotel bills, and other expenses, and has arranged for trolley rides to Mount Clemens, and a dinner there, a drive around the Island, an evening at the Fellowcraft Club of Detroit, and a trip on the river to Walkerville, Canada. Handsome badges are provided by the Detroit Committee. A good attendance of representatives is expected, and each one will be fully shown the beauties of Detroit as the meeting place for next year.

The Secretary's address in Detroit is: F. J. Peddie, No. 88 Griswold Street, and all enquiries will be promptly answered if addressed to him.

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### SUPREME LODGE STATEMENT.

We are in receipt of the report of the Supreme Master of Erchequer, Thomas D. Meares, for the quarter ending September 30th, 1899, showing the amounts received and disbursed:

July 1st. balance on hand.....	\$ 4,680 44
Receipts during quarter.....	7,786 15

Total.....	\$12,466 59
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Disbursements during quarter.....	8,261 68
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October 1st. balance on hand.....	\$ 4,204 91
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### TRANSFER CARD.

#### What are the Rights of the Holder?

In a recent letter from an old subscriber to the "Tribune," in a postscript, he put before us the following question:—

"When a member of a lodge properly applies

for a Transfer Card and the same is lawfully granted to him, has such member a right to ask for and obtain the semi-annual password, and the privilege still to continue to act, speak and vote in the lodge issuing the Transfer Card, the same as any other member, or does the fact of his taking a Transfer Card cut him off from the privilege hitherto enjoyed by him as a member of the lodge issuing the said card?"

It is somewhat remarkable how long it takes, no matter how simple the law may be, for the body of a community, Pythian or otherwise, to understand and know what their rights are—this too, when the law involves questions of the highest privilege or the most cherished liberty.

In the case before us, the right to the exercise of every Pythian privilege is at issue, and yet how many are there in the Order that can, without consulting the Supreme Statutes, confidently and intelligently answer the query of our correspondent?—with propriety we might add, how many have a copy of the Supreme Statutes at hand? As a test of the first, let each reader of this article pause right here and go back and read the opening query, make a mental outline of his solution, then compare it with our reply—we warrant that there will be many, very many, who will discover that their ideas of what the law is in regard to the effect of the issuance of a Transfer Card, are so wide of the mark as to make them wonder if indeed they ever knew. As this is a question of a great deal of importance, we will endeavor to take it up in such a way as to make our answer particularly clear.

Reduced to short metre the query of our correspondent asks:—

"1. Has the holder of an unexpired Transfer Card (upon which Transfer Card he has not as yet been elected to membership in any other lodge), who complied with all the law provided with reference to the payment of dues in advance, a right to ask for and receive the semi-annual password?"

2. Is the holder of a Transfer Card as described in the preceding question, clothed with all the rights, privileges, and benefits, and subject to all the responsibilities, inherent to his membership (in the lodge which issued such Transfer Card), at the time of the issuance of said Transfer Card?"

There are four conditions to be considered in connection with a reply to this query:—

1. The issuance of a Transfer Card.
2. Its expiration.
3. Election to membership by its deposit.
4. Rejection of application for membership by its deposit.

Of the various classes of membership, uninformed on this question, we select a few which we group as follows:—

1. Those wholly ignorant.
2. Those who use the term "Transfer Card" and "Withdrawal Card," as interchangeable terms.

3. Those who consider that during the period between the issuance and the expiration of a Transfer Card (90 days) the membership of the holder is in a transition state, on a sort of Pythian straddle, where the respective relations and responsibilities of the member and

the lodge are *lis pendens*, or, more commonly speaking, waiting the outcome of two limitations:—(1) the expiration of the Transfer Card or (2) election of the holder to membership in any other lodge.

While those who compose the first two groups are quite numerous, those who are represented by the third one form by far the larger contingent—with the latter class we will therefore have more particularly to do in this article. In answering them, we trust we may also inform the first and second.

First, let it be understood by all, that the inspiration, conception, origin and purpose of the Transfer Card, was to the end that thereby a means might be furnished whereby membership in a subordinate lodge might be transferred without in any respect disturbing existing Pythian rights, privileges, benefits, emoluments or advantages, because of the issuance of such Transfer Card—or, during the life of such card—or, until the regular election of the holder of such card to membership in the lodge in which he may have deposited same. In the light of that intention must be read all the legislation providing "for the issue and to regulate the uses of card: for transfer of Lodge membership." Let us see if the words of the statute do not indicate that the intention of the framers may be obtained from the words of the enactment itself.

The legislation which provides for application for, issuance of and deposit of, a Transfer Card is to be found in Title IV., Chapter VI., Sections 268, to 275 inclusive, of the Supreme Statutes. Passing by the instructions with reference to preliminaries, we find that in Section 268 it provides that the applicant for Transfer Card is required to accompany the application with "dues in advance to the first of the month succeeding the presentation of such application to the Lodge."

Next, we find that the form of the Transfer Card itself, as found in Section 270, says to the lodge to whom such card may be presented for deposit:—

"Should this lodge receive notice from you that, within 90 days from this date, the holder of this card has been elected a member of your lodge, his membership in this lodge will be deemed to have ceased upon such election, otherwise this Transfer Card shall be null and void."

And further, in Section 271, in providing for the continued life of such Transfer Card, during the 90 days it is to run, it says, that when depositing same, his application for membership in another lodge shall not only be accompanied by the Transfer Card, but also "with an official receipt showing the payment to the lodge issuing the card of all dues, fines, and assessments to the first of the month succeeding the date of the deposit of such Transfer Card." In this connection it may also be well to state that when the system of Transfer Card was originally adopted, in 1894, it then provided that the application for the issuance of a Transfer Card should be accompanied by dues in advance for 90 days, or during the whole period of the life of this card—this, however, was modified in 1896, by the adoption of the words last above quoted, so as not to require dues for the entire 90 days to be paid in advance, but only month to month in advance, as the same accrued.

Next, turning to the question of the effect of the issuance and deposit of a Transfer Card, so far as tenure of office is concerned, we find still further evidence of the intention of the framers not to disturb any existing right, by the issuance of such card. Evidently fearing that some doubt might prevail as to the effect that such issuance might have upon the rights of the holder of an office, the following provision was made, and appears in Section 273, which we have divided into paragraphs as follows:—

"273. 1. The rights of a holder of a Transfer Card as an officer in the lodge of issue, or as Grand Representative from such lodge, shall not be impaired by reason of the issue or deposit of such Transfer Card until his election to membership in the lodge in which it is deposited, but thereupon any such right shall forever cease and determine.

2. If the lodge of deposit of a Transfer Card be within the same domain as the lodge of issue, the rights of the holder thereof as an officer in his Grand Lodge, or as a Supreme Representative from such Grand Lodge shall not be affected or impaired by the issue or deposit of such Transfer Card.

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3. But if the lodge of deposit of a Transfer Card be not within the same domain as the lodge of issue, then all such rights of the holder of a Transfer Card shall cease and determine, on his election to membership in the lodge of deposit."

From all which we are forced to the inevitable conclusion, as we believe our readers must be, that, without going into any specific details as to what particular right or privilege is or is not affected, there can be but one general answer to the query of our correspondent, namely: Neither the issuance nor deposit of a Transfer Card in any wise affects, disturbs, or changes membership in a subordinate lodge, or any rights growing out of such membership, "until his election to membership in the lodge in which it is deposited"—therefore, the person described in the query as stated by our correspondent would not only be entitled to ask for and receive the semi-annual pass-word, but to exercise the Pythian privileges referred to in the query, just as though such Transfer Card had never been issued to him.

A Transfer Card is a document issued by authority of the Supreme Lodge, whereby transfer may be made from one lodge to another, without any break in continuous membership in the Order—it is a plank thrown across the division between one lodge and another, over which a member may cross, but which does not remove him from the lodge issuing it, until he walks over and on it, and the other lodge draws in the plank.—The "Pythian Tribune."

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Mrs. Z.—"Think so?"

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<b>Total.....</b>	<b>59,844</b>	<b>\$107,803,000</b>
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By forfeiture and surrender—number of members.....	1,217	Amount of Endowment..\$ 1,795,000
By cancellation—number of members	2	“ “ 3,000
By death—number of members.....	143	“ “ 309,000
<b>Total terminated.....</b>	<b>1,362</b>	<b>\$ 2,107,000</b>
In force September 30th, 1899.		
Number of members.....	58,482	Amount of Endowment..\$105,696,000

Financial Statement—Receipts and Disbursements.

Received interest on cash balance and investments .....	\$ 2,937 27
Received from certificate, card and other fees.....	298 00
Received from monthly payments.....	320,925 80
Received from monthly dues.....	15,472 90
Received from matured investments.....	1,352 69
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$340,988 66</b>

Depository and Investment Accounts.

Amount on deposit at close of last quarter, First National Bank, Chicago..	\$ 33,025 94
Deposited during quarter, First National Bank, Chicago .....	340,988 66
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$374,014 60</b>

Warrants drawn, payment death benefits.....	\$306,303 54
Warrants drawn, account organization of Sections, fees, expenses and advertising .....	13,154 45
Warrants drawn, account office expenses, stationery, printing, postage, expressage and miscellaneous items.....	7,328 91
Warrants drawn, accounts medical examinations .....	6,771 20
Warrants drawn, accounts adjustment of death claims, attorneys' fees, etc	3,929 86
Warrants drawn, account Section supplies and printing .....	663 45
Warrants drawn, accounts certificates annulled (refunded) .....	87 45
Warrants drawn account investments.....	3,636 28
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$341,878 14</b>

Cash on hand First National Bank, Chicago, Endowment Rank Depository, September 30th, 1899.....	\$ 32,136 46
Bonds and securities on hand.....	454,370 40
<b>Total cash balance and investments, September 30th, 1899...</b>	<b>\$486,506 86</b>

Reviewing the results of the work accomplished during the second quarter of the present fiscal year, it will be seen that the Insurance Branch of the Order is making steady and satisfactory progress. A considerable increase over the corresponding period last year is shown in the new sections organized and in the membership admitted, while the forfeitures for non-payment have perceptibly decreased. Since July 1st, 1899, seventy-five new Sections have been established, twenty-four hundred and thirty-three members admitted, and certificates

issued amounting to three million five hundred and sixty-three thousand dollars. During the quarter one hundred and forty-three death claims were paid, three hundred and six thousand three hundred and six dollars being disbursed to the beneficiaries. At the close of the quarter September 30th, 1899, the Endowment Rank has thirty-seven hundred and ninety-four sections in active operation, a membership of fifty-eight thousand four hundred and eighty-two and insurance force amounting to one hundred and five mil-

lion six hundred and ninety-six thousand dollars.

The cash on hand and investments aggregate four hundred and eighty-six thousand five hundred dollars.

The total paid for death claims to date amounts to thirteen million nine hundred and seventeen thousand two hundred and fifteen dollars.

Considering the Summer months embraced in the last quarter, a period of vacations and general inactivity among lodges and sections, the organizers for the Rank, most of whom continued actively in the field, are deserving of much credit for results obtained.

The quarter upon which we are now entering is promising of largely exceeding in new work that of the last. Your Board will, as heretofore, put forth every effort in that direction and ask of the membership generally, the continued aid and assistance so cheerfully rendered in the past.

Fraternally,

Attest:

J. A. HINSEY  
President Board of Control.

H. B. STOLK,  
Secretary Board of Control.

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LODGE CARDS.

The Committee in charge of "The True Knight" have decided to reduce the price of Lodge Cards Advertisements to \$4.00 per annum, payable quarterly in advance. At this figure, we trust that every lodge in this Grand Domain will see to it that their lodge card appears in our advertising columns.

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LAMBS FLEECEED.

"Well, count, have you taken in Chicago?"

"All except ze jumps, monsieur."

"The jumps? I don't quite understand."

"Ah, monsieur, perhaps it is ze leaps. I know not eaksactly."

"Leaps? What kind of leaps, count?"

"I am helpless! Could it possible be ze vaults?"

"Vaults? No, count, I think you refer to the dives?"

"That is et, monsieur; dives. Do they dive from ze levee?"

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WHY SHE ACCEPTED HIM.

"Will you be my wife?" asked the impecunious but noble Count de Kakiak.

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Remember, that, for a member who is not over 30 years of age, a \$1,000 insurance can be secured by the payment of 80 cents per month—just think of it, less than \$10 a year. There is no excuse for any eligible Pythian being without at least some insurance when he can obtain it at so little cost.

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The brethren should understand that there is no medical examination fee as was formerly the rule, but that the Board of Control pays this fee—it has its own examiners, who are under its pay. This is stated because of the fact that many understand differently.

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### LOCALS.

We are indebted to the "Kootenay Mail" for exchange copy.

Bro. W. P. Ogilvie, of Langley Lodge, paid the City a flying visit the other day.

Bro. Dr. James W. Cross, V. C., of Revelstoke Lodge, was in town a week or so ago.

Bro. D. Brown, Primrose Lodge, Kamloops, the "True Knight" Committee is looking for those "adds" you promised to get.

Bros. Brown, McKay and Welsh, from Kamloops Primrose Lodge, were down for the Westminster Fair and returned well pleased with Vancouver's progress.

Crusader Lodge has appointed a Committee to devise ways and means of getting up something new in the way of entertainments. We wish it every success.

Bro. John Garvin, Granville, No. 3, has returned from Atlin after spending the Summer digging gold, and it is rumored that he brought back a good heavy sack.

Bro. H. J. De Forrest has left on a business trip to Montreal and Ottawa. He will be absent for about a month. Whilst wishing brother De Forrest every success we have to regret his absence; such a genial hard worker is always missed.

The October issue of the "Pythian World," published at Washington, D. C., is to hand. The "True Knight" congratulates the publisher on this edition, as it gives a fair sketch of the different domains, British Columbia receiving a good notice and favorable comment, also the "True Knight."

We notice in the September issue of the "Pythian Review," published in Montreal, an article referring to the membership in British

Columbia. We have no doubt that it was a typographical error placing our total membership at 132, whereas our membership at the present time is in the vicinity of 1,500.

Rathbone Lodge had a bumper house on Friday evening last. It celebrated the occasion by initiating a new member in the First Rank, after which it worked the "Famous Fourth." Bros. Robb, Kaufmann and a host of others gave recitations, music and songs. Mr. Herbert's voice was heard to good advantage.

G. C. Bro. W. Mearns, who is sojourning in the South for the benefit of his health, is much improved from the last reports. The Committee in charge of the "True Knight," as well as his brother knights, trust that he will soon return, fully restored to health again, when we will again have the pleasure of grasping him with the hand of friendship.

The "True Knight" extends to the bereaved family of Bro. Lomas, of Maple Lodge, No. 15, its heartfelt sympathy in the loss of a kind father, a true knight and a loyal citizen. Bro. Lomas was a true Pythian and always ready to assist those who were less fortunate than himself. We will miss Bro. Lomas from our fraternal gathering here, but trust that we will be reunited with him in the Supreme Lodge on high.

We notice with pleasure that knights of California are putting forth every effort, through Supreme Representatives and Grand Lodge, looking to the securing of the Convention of 1902's Supreme Lodge at San Francisco. As they claim to be able to give a guarantee that the expense will be no greater than that of holding the Convention in any city west of the Missouri, we see no reason, if such guarantees be satisfactory, why the Supreme Lodge, at its coming Detroit session in 1900, should not give the matter every consideration.

The members of Rathbone Lodge, and the members of the City lodges, deeply regret the fact that Brother Robert H. Allan, one of the oldest and most earnest workers of Rathbone Lodge, has been compelled to leave our City. Bro. Allan left for New Mexico, with his bride, some two weeks ago. They will in the future make their home there. The happy couple have the warmest wishes of a host of friends, and brother knights. Before leaving our brother was presented with a set of resolutions conveying the feelings of the members of Rathbone, No. 7, and our wish is that the brother may again be found among our ranks.

Through the courtesy of the Superintendent of Immigration of Ottawa, the "True Knight" is in receipt of a copy of a book of views in Western Canada. This work is authorized by the Hon. Clifford Sifton, Minister of the Interior. It is profusely illustrated with views of farming scenes throughout Manitoba and Alberta, also of public buildings. It devotes considerable space to British Columbia, giving several fine views of interesting localities, among which may be mentioned New Denver, Rossland and Slocan Lake. It is well got up, and the description given of each locality makes interesting reading. This book should be in the hands of all those contemplating making their homes in Western Canada.

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