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CHARITY.

(Continued from August Number.)

We must be examples in doing deeds of charity. We know that this is one of the cardinal elements in our Pythian creed. The past record of our Order is largely a record of good deeds. That never shall grow old, but shall through all ages burn and shine with soft effulgence. These deeds are written in characters of gold both in the hearts of those who have been helped, and in the archives of Heaven. We live as Pythians in doing these deeds. In the past the sick one has been visited; you have stood by his side as a friend and brother by day, and by night till their genial health came back, or till the hand of death closed the weary eyes in sleep; you have provided for him and his in sickness and death; you have given cheerfully gold, flowers and food; you have ministered freely and unflinchingly; and we should never forget that

it is such deeds which glorify us in the eyes of others. If the time should ever come, when we should fail in these things, then our days of usefulness would be over; our ritual would be a mockery, our pretensions shams, and our glory would be departed. What has characterized us in the past should continue both now and in the future. As Colton says, if there is a pleasure on earth which angels cannot enjoy and which they might also envy a man the possession of, it is power of relieving distress; if there is a pain which devils might pity man for enduring, it is the death-bed reflection, that we have possessed the power of doing good, but that we have abused and perverted it to purposes of ill. Never a man has yet lived or died happy, who has not learned the luxury of doing good. Men may talk about the luxuries of the table, but this is the only luxury worth coveting and possessing. The more we have, the more we give, and the more we do for others, the more we enrich ourselves. Let a man riot in these other luxuries, and he dances swiftly to death, but let one abound in doing good, and he grows up bit by bit towards a fuller and nobler life. Be not afraid of excess in doing good. Bacon says, by aspiring to be like God in power, the angels transgressed and fell; by aspiring to be like God in knowledge man transgressed and fell; but by aspiring to be like God in goodness or love, neither man nor angel ever did or shall transgress, for unto that imitation we are called. We need not remind you know worthy of us is that imitation. The poem tells us to scatter seeds of kindness, and what seeds which a good man can sow, will be more prolific in giving and bringing joy, peace and comfort, both to the sower and the reaper, than seeds of kindness. For our own sakes let us be examples in good deeds—for as we sow so shall we also reap. We are strong and healthy to-day, but who can say for how long? We aid to-day; we shall require aid to-morrow. We watch to-day; in turn we shall need the watcher. We mutter our words of good cheer over some brother cast down; our turn is coming. We are heirs to all that afflicts humanity.

"Fainting upon the great highway

A suffering soul doth lie.

Go, staunch his wounds and quench his thirst,

Nor pass him idly by;

God will not brook the swift excuse,

The thoughtless, vain pretext;

A fellow-mortal bites the dust—

It may be your turn next."

And as it may be your turn next, all the more reason why we should nobly do our duty. We would further press this thought—for the sake of others do deeds of charity. Some one needs

you. It is a blessed thought amid all the sorrows of this world, that I may and can help some one. We read in Bible times of angels being sent by God to this one, and that one, carrying with them treasures of blessing. Men are and should be God's angels to-day. Do you envy those ministrants of the past, who carried God's gifts to needy men? God would honor you in the same way: if you are willing to become His angels? Do you imagine these angels as happy creatures? We imagine them as such. First, because they felt happy that were so honored, and second, when they saw how much happiness these gifts produced, which they had carried, the joy they had unconsciously brought became theirs in a great measure. The needs of humanity are as great as ever, and the cries which go up to the Father are as numerous as ever, and we place ourselves at His disposal to carry His gifts. We may have even now in our hearts and homes the joy of the angels.

In the third place, we should be examples of doing and giving charity now. He that gives quickly, says the proverb, gives twice. We are all familiar with the one who lives in a shell of selfishness throughout his life, and when he dies leaves a thing which is called a will, asking certain individuals, when he is dead and gone, to dispense his charities. When he could have done good, he let opportunity after opportunity slip, and then when he cannot do what he should have done, he asks others to do what he should have done himself. Death-bed charities are like death-bed repentances, very dubious, and very unsatisfactory. To make death do what life with all its knowledge of want would not do, is an anomaly. For a man to close his eyes, and to shut his ears to sighs and cries of distress, and to allow those sufferers whom he has seen to go down without human help is a crime in the sight of God. Very little praise is due the man, who makes provision for a want he has not seen, when he has neglected again and again to supply a want he has seen. Colton speaks to the point when he says, "Posthumous charities are the very essence of selfish-

ness, when bequeathed by those who, when alive, would part with nothing." When a man is forced to do these things either to help his soul at a judgment seat, or to silence an accusing conscience, or to assuage the demands of outraged humanity, such can never be put into the same scale of approval with what a man willingly and freely does for the sake of his brethren. The world is grown sick of these charities, for it has more and more realized their hollowness and insincerity. Pope, when he said, "I would enjoy the pleasure of what I give, by giving it when alive, and seeing another enjoy it," gave a rule of guidance worthy of being followed by all. It is one of the real pleasures of life to see another enjoying what we can do for him. Now, while our Order makes much of the dead, yet it never loses sight of the living. We have no sympathy with that kind of charity that expends itself in magnificent coffins, while the dead one when living was shamefully neglected. That is right. Now is the day, and now is the hour for doing good. Never put off till to-morrow what should be done to-day. Our golden-chance for doing good is to-day; for now is the accepted time. Life is all too short for us to lose any of its chances or blessed opportunities. Inspire others by the nobility of your own conduct, to have a part in lessening life's woes, pains and sorrows. Be examples more and more of that charity which stands as if ever ready to do. It was for a present need, to be a present help, that Pythias placed his life at the disposal of his friend. At any other time, the help would have been of no avail. So let us follow his example, and while you seek now to bear the burdens of your fellow brethren, keep, aye, keep in mind Him who went about continually doing good. Then charity will be reincarnated in you, and for you many a prayer of gratitude will ascend to the Throne of Love, and of you both men and angels will rapturously say, Well done, you have done what you could, enter into the respect, esteem and honor of the faithful and the true. Now, brethren, charity is a fine thing to think about, write about, and speak about, but it looks a thousand

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"The sweetest lives are those, to duty wed,
Whose deeds, both great and small,
Are close-knit strands of an unbroken thread,
Where love ennobles all.
The world may sound no trumpets, ring no bells;
The Book of Life the shining record tells.

Thy love shall chant its own beatitudes
After its own life-working; a child's kiss
Set on thy sighting lips shall make thee glad;
A poor man served by thee shall make thee rich;
A sick man helped by thee shall make thee strong;
Thou shalt be served thyself by every sense
Of service which thou renderest.

—MRS. BROWNING."

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THE GRAND CHANCELLOR'S TOUR.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—It may interest the readers of the "True Knight" to learn that the Grand Chancellor, Bro. W. D. Mearns, has paid an official visit to a number of the lodges in this domain. On Wednesday, August 9th, Primrose Lodge No. 20, at its regular convention, received the G. C., and a loyal reception was tendered him. It seemed as though the brothers could not do enough for him, so eager were they in their efforts to make his sojourn in their midst pleasant. Among the many surprises to entertain none will be more cherished than the drive and dinner at Tranquille under the skilful management of the Grand Prelate, Bro. J. S. Brown.

The members of Primrose Lodge are somewhat scattered at the present time, but the faithful few and workers gave him such a reception as will not soon be forgotten by him.

Leaving Kamloops the next stopping place of the Grand Chancellor was at Revelstoke, where a special convention was arranged to receive him. Gold Range, No. 26, of Revelstoke is the baby lodge, but the members are as full of enthusiasm as though they were veterans in the Order. The same condition of affairs as applied to Primrose Lodge was found here, where the membership is scattered, being composed largely of brothers in the employ of the railway service. After meeting the brethren and being loyally entertained, the Grand Chancellor took leave of the Revelstoke brothers, promising to visit them on his return home, if they would move into their new Castle Hall and have work to do. This promise was kept and will be mentioned later on.

The next Lodge visited was at the picturesque town of New Denver. Arriving at New Denver on the Sabbath Day the G. C. was met at the depot by our esteemed and beloved brother, Chas. T. Nelson, G. R., of New Denver Lodge, who became at once responsible for his keeping. The next day Monday the Grand Chancellor met New Denver Lodge in regular convention, and had the pleasure of installing the I. G. and M. of W. While the attendance was not as large as all could have wished, the welcome he received made up for any delinquency. Owing to the Eight-Hour Law and the general perverseness of mankind, none of the miners were working and most of the brothers were in the hills prospecting and doing assessment work. After closing the convention, the G. C. was entertained with a spread that would be hard to duplicate in the cities of the Coast.

After bidding the boys good-by, the next point of interest was Nelson. Will the Grand Chancellor forget Nelson? Well, I guess not. Nelson has a fine Lodge and has a fine membership, and although the Grand Chancellor dropped on the lodge unheralded and unlooked for, he did not catch them asleep. Not by any means. Nelson is a thriving city and has a

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fine lodge as well as a large, commodious and well-furnished castle hall. It would do the brothers of the Coast good to see with what spirit they enter into their work.

While it is not my purpose to mention individuals, I do not think the Grand Chancellor would object should I mention the names of Bros. J. J. Malone, D. G. C. and William Thompson, of the Grand Rep. Both were assiduous in their efforts to make the visit of the Grand Chancellor one not soon to be forgotten.

Leaving Nelson, the next visit was at Trail. There the Grand Chancellor received a surprise. The castle hall was full of enthusiastic Knights, who gave him a reception long to be remembered. What a grand thing it is to see the hall filled up with Knights. How it does one's heart good to see it. After the close of lodge, an hour or more was spent in social entertainment, each one separating well pleased with the result.

From Trail to Rossland was made by buggy, the Grand Chancellor having failed to catch the morning train. Arriving in Rossland the Grand Chancellor was taken in charge by G. V. C. Bro. J. W. Graham and P. G. R. Bro. Dan Thomas, who became sponsors for his good behavior. Unfortunately, the hall where the brethren had been meeting was destroyed by fire a short time ago, and the present quarters are not all that could be desired, but what they lack in hall they make up in good-fellowship. The reception tendered was most hearty, and the convention was far from being flat. There was just enough spice thrown in to season the proceedings to a dot. Talk of your hospitality; but Rossland can give pointers, and no mistake.

The next stopping place was at the mining town of Sandon, where the G. C. was received by Bros. D. G. C., G. W. Grannith and P. C. Joseph Culver, who escorted him to the Hotel Reco, where quarters had been provided. Promptly at 8 o'clock, in company with Bro. Culver, the G. C. visited Sandon Lodge, and was received with all honors. After an agreeable and pleasant session, in which the secret work was exemplified, the Lodge closed and what was one of the most pleasant evenings spent merged into a social where the members, accompanied by their wives and sweethearts outvied one another to entertain. Too much praise cannot be given to Bros. Grannith and Culver for their untiring zeal to make the visit of the G. C. a pleasing one.

At all lodges visited, the G. C. was received in a most loyal and royal manner. We will look for the letter of Bro. Mearns with interest in the next issue of the "True Knight."

THE ENDOWMENT RANK.

The following summary, giving full details as to the financial condition and business affairs of the Endowment Rank for the term ending June 30th, 1899, has just been furnished us by the Secretary of the Board of Control, Brother H. B. Stolte.

By this statement it will be seen that the Insurance Branch of the Order still continues its onward progress and success. The business of the last quarter shows a marked increase over its predecessor.

It is gratifying to note that the first quarter of the present fiscal year, April, May and June, shows a considerable gain over the previous quarter in the number of new members admitted and in the amount of certificates issued.

The applications for membership since April 1st, receiving favorable consideration, number 29,070, the endowment represented by the certificates of membership amounting to \$4,142,000.

Ninety new Sections, embracing 34 grand domains have been established.

One hundred and thirty-nine death claims were paid during the quarter, amounting to \$290,131.60.

The large decrease in the number of forfeitures during the three months ending June 30th, 1899, is evidence of an improved condition of the membership, the lapses numbering 912, compared with 1,395 or 483 less than during the previous quarter. The amount of certificates terminated by lapses during the past quarter shows a decrease of \$613,000.

Since the beginning of the year 5,484 members have been added and \$7,803,500 endowment issued—an increase of nearly 500 members and \$800,000 endowment over the corresponding period of last year.

The total sum paid for death claims to date amounts to \$13,611,000.

Compared with its status a year ago, the Endowment Rank evidences a healthy growth and a marked improvement in its general condition. The efforts of your Board to practically place before the Order the objects of the Insurance Branch have been productive of the establishment of many sections and have resulted in the increased membership from time to time recorded. We believe a continuance of these efforts and the constant active work of the general organizers and their assistants will produce equally good, if not better, results in the future.

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FROM VICTORIA.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—It may be of interest to your readers to know the membership of this Grand Domain at this date. I have compiled such reports as are in hand and append the same herewith. I am pleased to be able to state that we have made a very large gain in the past term and the indications point very strongly to a further increase in membership. It is rather too soon to judge what consequences will follow the very liberal legislation had by our Grand Lodge at its last Convention, in giving subordinate lodges the right to reinstate their suspended members for such amount as the lodge may determine, but I am inclined to think that a goodly number will be brought back to the fold.

Bro. P. C. David Moffat, of Nanaimo Lodge No. 4, is very much interested in the formation of a new lodge on this Island, and has applied for application papers for that purpose, hoping to have a lodge started with at least 40 new members. If anyone will succeed in organizing a new lodge it is Bro. Moffat and I feel certain that in his hands the matter will be attended to.

I also enclose the newly-revised list of keep-

ers of records and seal in this Domain, which I have just finished.

Hoping for the continued success of your journal, I am

Fraternally yours,
EMIL PFERDNER,
G. K. R. S.

SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP.

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| Number of members, Dec. 31, 1899..... | 1,332 |
| Initiated | 103 |
| Reinstated | 8 |
| Admitted by card..... | 7 |
| Total | 1,450 |
| Deduct. | |
| Suspended | 71 |
| Withdrawn | 1 |
| Died | 3 |
| | 75 |
| Grand total | 1,375 |

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FROM RATHBONE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—A month passes but our Lodge is not asleep. Even if we are only a spoke in the wheel, we have quite a number of active and energetic brothers in our midst. During the past month our attendance has not been as large as we should have liked, but the faithful few were there.

Bro. Smith, our M. of A., shortly after starting work on Monday morning, August 7th, was severely injured by a falling shaft. Had the shaft fallen straight upon him it would have meant instant death, but falling a little to the side it pinned him to the floor, until willing hands removed it. His back was severely injured, but he is on a fair way to recovery. At last reports he was doing well.

Our Grand Chancellor is going his rounds through the Upper Country and we hope to hear glowing reports upon his return. He is missed from the Lodge, but we hope that he will be much benefited in health by the trip, as well as chronicle his official visit a success.

Bro. Darling promises to give us a little news of what is going on in the lodges upon his next return from the Kootenay.

A brother of our lodge whom we all know, having some time since been appointed on a committee of two with power to increase, has attended to his duties, and has added one to its number, but the new member of the committee is a girl, not a boy, as one of the dailies had it. When the Pythian Sisters start a lodge we may try and get her to become a member.

Crusader Lodge, they say, has several candidates ready. We also have several in view, whom we will try and get later.

Yours fraternally,

ARTHUR F. CROOK.

Vancouver, B. C., August 23rd, 1899.

FROM DUNCAN.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—I have been purposing writing you a few lines from Maple Lodge for some time, but you know at this time of the year a poor hayseed has not very much time on his hands for writing. This, together with the fact that things Pythian are very quiet with us at present, has prevented my writing you.

The officers of Maple Lodge were duly installed, Bro. R. H. Whidden being our C. C. for the present term. Maple Lodge had to suspend several of her members at the end of the term for non-payment of dues. We have a committee appointed at work trying to get some of them back and also to present new names for Pythian honors. Much as we would like to see new friends enter our castle hall to learn the lessons of Pythianism, we would rather retain our old members. Now, Mr. Editor, did it ever strike you that there is something wrong that we lose so many members, apart from the non-payment of dues? I think the brothers fail to learn the lessons of our Order as they should. Now, if every lodge would have the unwritten work exemplified in connection with a lecture on each sign as given, the lesson it should teach us I think would do much to impress the precepts of our Order on our membership. Each of our signs is but the exemplification of some part of the plan of our Order, and should be ever present with us. I consider the teachings of our Order the highest and the noblest that the mind of man can conceive. Yet centuries had passed since the days of Damon and Pythias before the boy Rathbone thought of writing a ritual founded on that friendship—for Justus Rathbone was only 19 years of age when he taught school at Eagle Harbor, and it was while teaching at Eagle Harbor that he wrote the original K. of P. ritual. It was 7 years later before Bro. Rathbone submitted it to Bros. D. L. Burnett, W. H. Bennett, E. S. Kimball and R. A. Champion, whereupon they founded the noblest, the grandest Order the world has ever seen.

I am sending you a few subscriptions with this, which I have no doubt will be acceptable. I was pleased with the cuts in your last issue of S. R. Anstie, and R. S. Crossan and Behnsen. They are very good.

Yours in F. C. and B.,

JOHN N. EVANS.

Maple Lodge, August 19th, 1899.

FROM KAMLOOPS.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother.—At last night's meeting I was directed to renew our subscription for the "True Knight" for another year. You will please, therefore, continue sending it. You can rest assured that the "True Knight" is read with deep interest by the members of Primrose Lodge, and as a member I wish you and your brother Committee-men every success. Brothers who read it can not fail to see how grand and good an Order we have. It is interesting too to read of other lodges and their doings.

Last night we had a very nice meeting. Though rather small in number, yet it was large in enthusiasm, as we listened to the impassioned address by Bro. Mearns, our Grand Chancellor. He was well received by the members of Primrose Lodge, and it is only a pity that we could not have a few more visits from such men as he, as it is easy to see that he has the Order at heart. Bros. Malley, Brown and McKay took him down to see Lady Jane Fortune at Tranquille, but I must hold back the G. C.'s story. It is a good one, and would fill two pages of the "True Knight." Anyway, they had a good time.

Bro. Goulet, of Coldstream Lodge, has come to live amongst us and will be a valuable acquisition to our lodge as he has the name of being a regular attendant. Bro. Quick, from a lodge in the States, was also with us and spoke of the Order in glowing terms.

Our memorial service was well attended. A large number of Knights turned out, and a great many of the fairer sex were also present at the grave-yard.

Before I forget, allow me to thank you on behalf of Primrose Lodge for getting Bro. McKenzie's ticket extended.

J. L. Brown has been appointed agent for collecting ads. for the "True Knight." He desired me to ask you to send rates, etc. You will probably hear from Bro. Malley in the course of a few days, so I will close, with kind regards to all the brother Knights whom I met in Vancouver. Believe me to remain,

Yours sincerely in F. C. and B.,

CECIL T. GODFREY.

BANQUET TO GEORGE MIDDLETON, ESQ.

On Monday evening a large number of citizens joined the railroad men in tendering a farewell banquet to Mr. George Middleton, C. P. R. foreman and a member of Primrose Lodge, who has been promoted to Vancouver, and who leaves Wednesday morning to take up his new duties.

A splendid repast was placed before the gentlemen by Pete Bernhart, the genial proprietor of the Cosmopolitan Hotel, and needless to say, was done ample justice to.

Mr. J. M. Harper, President of the Board of Trade, was in the chair, supported on his right by the guest of the evening and on his left by His Worship the Mayor, (Mr. D. Campbell.) A number of toasts were drunk and responded to by able speakers.

Mr. Middleton gave a neat speech in which he thanked the citizens for the honor they had conferred on him, and assured them that he would always keep a warm spot in his heart for Kamloops.

Probably the most pleasing part of the evening's entertainment was when Mr. Matt Crawford, on behalf of the mechanical department, presented Mr. Middleton with an appropriate address and a gold watch as a slight token of the esteem and good will in which he was held by all who were placed under him. Mr. Middleton was completely taken by surprise and said that he could not express his gratitude enough for the handsome present, and he would always

carry with him the kindest feelings for the men with whom he had worked.

Songs by Messrs. Hargreaves, Phillips, Godfrey, Stevens and Coghlan brought the evening's entertainment to a close.

The Kamloops City Orchestra played several selections throughout the evening, which were much enjoyed by the guests.

Kamloops' loss of a good friend will be Vancouver's gain.

FROM PRIMROSE LODGE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother.—The members of Primrose Lodge having chosen me to succeed Bro. J. L. Brown as lodge correspondent, it now becomes my duty as well as pleasure to make my bow and ask your many readers to bear with the various short-comings which shall be found in my monthly efforts, with that Knightly charity which stands as the principal pillar of our Order.

Two weeks ago the Grand Chancellor dropped into our town twelve hours after the receipt of his letter advising us of his intended visit. Although our notice of his coming was short, Bros. J. L. Brown, R. Mackay and the C. C. were able to take him in hand and show him some of the beauties of Kamloops' ranching surroundings. Tranquille, the Mecca of all pilgrims to this part of our Province, was chosen for the trip. Here the visitors were well looked after by Mr. and Mrs. Fortune, than whom there is no more genial host or charming hostess in British Columbia. Here, too, the G. C. was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the "Ancient Order of Plum Wine-Tipplers." This trying ordeal being passed in safety, the party next proceeded to the residence of Mr. Charles Cooney, where a pleasant hour was passed in looking over Mr. Cooney's well-kept ranch, Mr. Cooney and Kamloops' genial ex-Mayor, Mr. M. P. Gordon, acting as our guides.

At 1:30 a start was made for home, which was reached by 6 o'clock, without anything more serious happening than a narrow escape from shipwreck while crossing the Thompson River on Her Majesty's ferry, of which the G. C. will probably give you full particulars.

At 8 o'clock our regular weekly convention was opened by the C. C., the G. C. occupying a seat at his right. After the routine business was gone through, our G. C. delivered a short but more than ordinarily forcible address, impressing on all members of our Order the necessity for each one to put his shoulder to the wheel and help push Pythianism to the top rank among fraternal societies.

Primrose Lodge is a unit in considering Bro. Mearns the "right man in the right place." If our Order possessed more material of our G. C.'s make-up, Pythianism would go ahead with greater strides than it has ever done in the past. The elevating influence of such men when brought into contact with the rank and file, is at once apparent.

We have had the pleasure of Bro. Ed. Goulet's presence with us for the last few meetings and he has brightened us up considerably on a few constitutional points. Bro. Quirk, from a

Washington lodge, has been with us several times, and has delivered one or two good strong Pythian addresses.

We are glad to have our excellent K. of R. and S. Bro. D. C. Mackenzie home again from Victoria, where he was successfully operated upon for appendicitis.

Next month I hope to send you something better in the way of a letter.

Fraternally yours,

GEO. T. MALLERY.

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

BIRTH.

MACKAY—At Kamloops, on Friday, September 1st, the wife of Robert MacKay, of a son.

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FROM REVELSTOKE.

The members of Gold Range Lodge, No. 26, Knights of Pythias, received word on Wednesday that the following day they would be visited by the Grand Chancellor of British Columbia, W. D. Mearns of Vancouver, who is making the round of his district visiting the various lodges, and accordingly a special convention was arranged for Thursday afternoon to welcome their high officer.

Mr. Mearns addressed the meeting for a short time and expressed himself as being well pleased with the advancement Gold Range Lodge had made during the six months of its organization. He spoke at some length on the principles of the Order, pointing out that true friendship was to be considered ahead of any benefits which might be offered, and advising the brethren to adopt the same fraternal spirit as that which existed between Damon and Pythias.

Before the gathering dispersed, the Chancellor Commander announced that dinner would be prepared at the Hotel Revelstoke at 7 o'clock, to which an invitation was extended to all the brethren to be present. At the stated hour a number of the brethren gathered at the hotel

and made their way to the large dining room, where a beautiful spread had been arranged by Mr. Perley and his staff of employees. After ample justice had been given the various courses, the following informal toast list was gone through with, the responses being generous, and this was followed by reciting and singing:—

THE QUEEN.

Grand Chancellor W. D. Mearns
Our Host H. A. Perley
Deputy Grand Chancellor J. G. Allan
Gold Range Lodge Jas. Gill, C. C.
Primrose Lodge and visiting Brethren....

J. McCrum and W. Crewdson
Our Guests D. Stearman and H. A. Perley
The Press A. C. Thompson and B. R. Campbell

Absent Brethren..K. of R. and S. Wm. Murray
The Ladies D. Stearman and W. Crewdson
Recitation James Gill
Song E. Burrigide
Vocal Quartette.....Jas. Gill J. McCrum, J. G.

Allan and E. Burrigide
Song E. Waterson
Song Jas. Gill

A good evening's entertainment was ensured from the start by the presence of the genial "Joe" McCrum, who is always equal to the occasion. The assemblage dispersed at an early hour all speaking highly of the treatment afforded them at the hands of the host of Hotel Revelstoke.

The Grand Chancellor has kindly consented to stop over for a day on his return from the South, about the 2nd of this month, when he hopes to meet a large number of Knights and attend at their convention, which will then be held in the new hall of the I. O. O. F.

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FROM NEW DENVER.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—New Denver Lodge has not been heard from through your columns for the past month or so, due to the fact that

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its correspondent, like many other fellow members has, perforce, been doing Government work—among the hills. But amends for this shortcoming will be made in the future.

Grand Chancellor Mearns took the members by surprise on Sunday by dropping in on them from Revelstoke, arriving the same time as the official notification. It was not long before the boys "got onto him," and they managed to keep him from being lonesome up to the time of his departure this afternoon for Nelson. Incessant rain greatly marred the pleasure of his stay here, and spoiled the arrangements made to take him on a tour to the near-by mines. But this unfortunate turn of affairs was fully made up in the warmth of Pythian fellowship extended the worthy Grand Chancellor. P. G. Cs. Evans and Haddow can vouch for the fact that the New Denver boys know how to entertain, which fact Bro. Mearns now endorses.

Last night, at our regular meeting, Bro. Mearns was an interested spectator of Lodge proceedings, dispensing with official formality, and placing the membership immediately upon an easy footing of comradeship. He had the unexpected pleasure of installing into office Inside Guard Stege and Master of Work Munro. Several interesting discussions arose on business matters, much to Bro. Mearns' entertainment, one of which—the payment of funeral benefits—afforded the G. C. the opportunity of impressing upon the members the advisability of not overshadowing the fraternal side of the Order by the beneficial. At the same time he advised the Chancellor Commander not to verge upon the threshold of a dictator, but to preside over the meetings with strict impartiality, the duties of which were sometimes imperilled by the zeal of the Executive Officer to have the business promptly and quickly despatched.

After the meeting, the members adjourned to the St. James' Hotel, where a most tempting collation was partaken of. Besides the Grand Chancellor, who sat upon the right of the C. C., there was present, as another guest of honor, Bro. D. W. King, late Editor of the Kaslo "Kootenainian," and Past Grand Prelate of the Grand Lodge of Washington. The supper was quite an informal affair, but two or three hours were most quickly and entertainingly passed away in songs, speeches and stories, affording an evening of great enjoyment. The proceedings terminated by the singing of the National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne."

Bro. James Delaney, formerly a member of this Lodge, and one of the pioneers, died some weeks ago in Greenwood, of pneumonia. He leaves a sorrowing wife, to whom the Lodge extends its most sincere sympathy.

Following closely upon the demise of Bro. Delaney, came the death of Bro. H. J. Pyman, who is the first of our active members to cross into the Great Beyond. He had been ailing for the past two years, and a trip last Fall to Los Angeles only served to give him a temporary respite from pain. Upon his return home in May, it was seen that his days were numbered, and he quietly slipped away last month, leaving behind him a large number of sorrowing friends. His funeral was numerously attended, the brass band of the town heading the

procession. The obsequies at the home, church and grave were most impressive. To the agonized parents the heartfelt sympathy of the members goes forth in this loss of their boy who was taken from his bondage of pain and suffering at the early age of 23 years. Bro. Pyman was one of our Charter members.

The installation of officers for this term was unfortunately delayed, owing to the absence of so many of the boys in the hills, and the ceremonies have been given piecemeal. However, everything is now in good shape and business has got down to its regular basis. The only change made in the slate was the substitution of Bro. P. A. Munro, to the office of Master of Works, vice Bro. R. Sutherland.

The attendance is keeping up surprisingly well this summer, considering the fact that assessment work calls so many away. The boys seldom miss a meeting if it is at all possible to be present.

At last the rent question has been solved and the Lodge stays on at its old quarters, though at a greatly reduced figure. The saving effected will go a long way towards strengthening our surplus. We had our choice of another hall in every way suitable, but satisfactory arrangements were made with Bro. Culver, so that we have decided to stand by the old home.

Bro. G. Sutherland, P. C., has had a trying ordeal of late in the lengthened illness of his most estimable wife. Our sympathies were his in his trials, which fortunately have ceased with the restoration to health of Mrs. Sutherland.

Bro. Bolander, the most versatile story-teller in the West, and the life of the Lodge entertainments, narrowly escaped a most serious accident a few days ago. He was watching ground-slucing operations on a claim near his property close to Sandon, when a large boulder fell and struck him a glancing blow on the hip.

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It hurled him about ten feet into the sluice-box, but luckily without serious injury. He was stiff and sore for a week or more, but is feeling himself again now.

E. E. SMITHERINGALE.

New Denver, B. C., Aug. 15th, 1899.

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FROM CRUSADER.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—Having been appointed Lodge Correspondent of the "True Knight" from Crusader, No. 19, I hasten to put myself in communication with you.

First, before going any further I may not be out of place in informing you, that I claim the usual reward. In answer to your advertisement in a former issue that the correspondent from Crusader Lodge, No. 19, was lost, strayed or stolen, I must humbly beg to claim the remuneration I here mention, as the individual has been found, in no less a personage than your humble servant. I have no doubt that our Brother Knights had wondered what had become of the Baby Lodge of the City, during some time past, as nothing had been heard from Crusader for several issues. However we promise to do better in the sweet by-and-by.

And I assure you that Crusader Lodge has got down to business and will be heard from frequently, in the near future. I might here remark that with Crusader, the Lodge Convention is something more than business routine at all times.

On Thursday evening, July 6th, Bro. W. D. Mearns, our esteemed Grand Chancellor, installed the officers for the coming term in person. He was ably assisted by Supreme Representative Bro. H. J. Anstie, of Rathbone Lodge, No. 7, as Grand Master-at-Arms, and Past Grand Prelate of the Maritime Provinces, Bro. Whiteway, of Halifax Lodge, No. 12, as Grand Prelate. The officers selected are of sterling worth and ability. Here they are: C. C. J. H. Simpson; V. C., J. F. Miller; P., G. H. Hodgerson; M. of W., D. McDermott; K. of R. and S., T. B. Ballwill; M. of E., R. T. Robinson; M. of F., F. D. Tubbs; M. at A., Jos. Burke; I. G., A. F. McBride; O. G., Byron Nunamaker.

The installation ceremony was gone through in a most capable manner and our Grand Chancellor impressed the Lodge by the able and elo-

ing such a Grand Chancellor as Bro. Mearns.

On Thursday evening, August 10th, we conferred the Rank of Page upon a candidate, the work being done in manner unsurpassed by any lodge in the Domain, and on Thursday evening, August 17th, we conferred the Rank of Esquire upon the same candidate, in the presence of a large number of visiting brother Knights. The Lodge was congratulated highly by the visitors for the able and efficient manner in which the rank was conferred. Under Good of the Order, Bro. Whiteway, P. S. G., Bro. R. Brooks of Rathbone, No. 7, and Bro. M. J. Conroy, of Rathbone, also made short speeches.

With the coming of the Fall and Winter months, Crusader Lodge will get into harness and we intend to move with the throng. But of this more anon.

Yours in F. C. and B.,

GEORGE NOONAN.

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FROM GRANVILLE.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear and Sir and Brother,—On the 12th of August our junior Past Chancellor, Bro. Charles Rummel, joined the grand old order of the benedicts, the ceremony taking place at the residence of the bride's parents, 137 Fifth Avenue. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Laurson of the B. C. E. L. Company, and is one of Vancouver's fairest daughters, admired and beloved by all who know her, and our "Charley" is considered very lucky in winning the heart and hand of such an amiable and noble lady. All the members of old Granville Lodge join in wishing the newly-married couple long life and happiness, and we take these means to ask the happy young bride to continue to cultivate the generous and unselfish nature with which she is blessed and not rob us altogether of the pleasure of having "Charley" with us now and again at our meetings on Wednesday evenings, assuring her that he will make a better husband by attending our meetings and listening to the teachings of our Order, and so by depriving herself of the pleasure of his company now and again for a short time, she will be the gainer in the long run.

On the 16th of August, Colonel H. F. W. Behnsen, P. S. R., honored us with a visit, and in addressing the members under "Good of the Order," he related some of his experiences in

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the Klondike, from where he had but recently returned after a two years' sojourn in that inhospitable country. All the boys were glad to see him back in civilization again.

The August number of the "True Knight" is a credit to the committee, the pictures appearing in said issue being excellent in every respect. I am glad to see the prophecies of some croakers not fulfilled; those instead, as they claimed a disappointed, for instead, as they claimed a year ago, of the paper going under within three months, it has now entered its second year of existence and is a better paper in every respect than it was at the beginning, thanks to the untiring unselfishness of the committee. Long life to the "True Knight," should be the motto and cry of every Knight in British Columbia, and we should do all in our power to help it along, both by subscribing to the paper and sending articles of news that will be of interest. Come, Brother, fall in line.

Yours in F. C. and B.,

C. L. BEHNSEN,

Granville Lodge No. 3.

Vancouver, Aug. 29th, 1899.

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LOYAL KNIGHTS, ATTENTION.

At the third biennial Convention of the Supreme Assembly of the Uniform Rank, which convened in the Capital City of one of the largest grand domains of our Order, were exemplified the three great principles of this Rank—Honor, Justice, Loyalty, and of the Knights Loyal of this City I would like to call the attention to the grievous mistake they are making by absenting themselves from the meetings

where they surely owe their presence. Have they forgotten their obligation? I hope not. Come, brother, wake up, and show us you are one of us.

A grand lesson and something worth seeing will be the next encampment of the Uniform Rank, which is to be held in the City of Detroit, Michigan, when the Convention of the Supreme Lodge will be held, in August, 1900. We can rest assured that the membership of the Order of that grand domain will leave nothing untoned by the Knighthood of that State. Therefore, who is not proud of them as they march, division after division, regiment after regiment, a sea of white helmets, red plumes, and glittering swords? For I am safe to say that it has been stated again and again that they constitute the finest body of National Militia in existence.

I have the pleasure to state that I am just in receipt of the Rules and Regulations of the Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, as amended by Supreme Assembly, 1899.

I also tender the best wishes of Vancouver City Company No. 4, U. R., K. of P. to the staff of the "True Knight." With wishes for success in your good and noble work, I remain, yours in F. C. and B.,

CAPT. JOHN CROW,

Vancouver City Company, No. 4, U. R., K. of P., Vancouver City.

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DID IT EVER STRIKE YOU?

That the Winter evenings are coming on, and that it is in the Winter that lodges get their best attendances, provided that there is something to induce the members to turn out?

That there are many little features that tend to make a convention interesting. The loyal officers have had the Summer season in which to perfect themselves in their duties so that the work of the regular sessions, the routine work can be carried out in a short, sharp, decisive way, thus leaving plenty of time for that happy hour yclept "Good of the Order?"

That you are able to sing a song, tell a good story, give a happiness-creating recitation, or relate an incident where the spirit of Pythianism

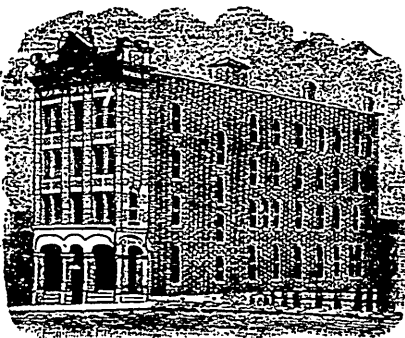
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has been exemplified, in a way to inspire us all to emulate the example set?

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That Captain Anstie is always cheerfully ready to superintend operations?

That some friends have spoken to you about wanting to join the Order and that you have suggested: "Wait till the Fall," and that you have more or less let the matter slip your memory ever since?

That the foregoing is enough along that line?

That we are gratified to see Brother W. D. Mearns back, thoroughly pleased with his journey through the Upper Country, and that we all experience a "wake-up" feeling when he is with us again?

That we are glad to know that Bro. H. J. De Forrest had a pleasant and profitable sketching trip?

That good old Granville Lodge is setting a splendid example in providing attendance-inviting entertainments, and that we should try to imitate the jolly old lady's plans. We cannot hope to improve on them, but we can all try?

That a social session with ladies admitted would not be a bad thing to experiment with?

That the brother who stole Bro. Brooke's White Flyer wind had a good reason for making a hurried trip to Victoria?

That I have talked too long?

Yours in Ef. See and Bee,
TIDINGS.

THE HEARTS OF MEN.

(Continued.)

Sleep—one of nature's mysteries—held our friend in close embrace, and hour succeeded hour, whilst Jim and I kept watch. Still Hugh slept on, the quiet sleep of an innocent child. Jim was the one to be first on duty at the office next day, and so, perforce, had to resign his place to me, leaving me to watch on alone. Towards morning, when daylight once more had come, Hugh awoke, conscious, and for the first time for days recognized me. He was too feeble to speak but a word or two, and dropped off again. I was overjoyed and thanked God that the crisis had passed and that my dear old chum had a chance once more to live with us in our daily life. There was something grand, something pathetic, in his emaciated face, as he lay sleeping. He seemed to be hovering on the "Borderland," hearing some message from the Beyond—something noble and uplifting—for he smiled as his face, to my fancy, appeared to reflect a light not of this world. Soft as a sigh came the words, "I thank Thee, oh my Father, 'tis Thy Will and I will do it." Had he been commissioned to some work? My readers, you must judge. Let results speak for themselves.

This was the beginning of brighter days, in which we all began to learn something; we had up to this time been too busy to think much of it. Bit by bit did it dawn upon us that Hugh was, as it were, "another man." He was the same, yet not the same—can you understand me? There was something added to him, a power, an influence, we all felt but could not define. Gentle he had always been—he was more so now. He had a way of saying things, a manner of answering questions, and in answering them of showing that he understood the

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motive behind. I had a clue to this, yet could not fully understand.

Still Hugh could not regain strength so quickly as he wished. He needed the home care, a want which so many feel. You will remember at the beginning of this tale, I mentioned the existence of a young lady member of our staff. Her people were very kind and soon made arrangements for my chum to live with them for a while. He was at last up, but feeble as an invalid. It just seemed a matter of course, for Jim and me to spend most of our evenings "en circle de famille" with the rest of them after this, and I don't think it did any of us any harm—for we learned to know each other better than ever, and besides, you remember, they say, we need woman's gentle influence to rub away our "angularities."

Of course I have taken it for granted, that my readers will have understood that the time of happening, covered by these events, was months, so that Summer had changed to Autumn, and Autumn was about to shake hands with Winter, and still our "club," as we had come to call it, held its sessions, some of them long ones, too, and many a time, I am sure, the good "house people" must have wished us further, but they were too kind to betray such feelings did they even exist.

One evening, one of us, I forgot which one, made the remark that he hoped Hugh would soon be at work again. He seemed to start at first, and I thought a look of pain passed over his countenance. How one sometimes reads a thought from the tell-tale face. He was silent for a minute or two before replying, "Return to work—I must begin but not in the office. I have resigned, and Jim, let me be the first to congratulate you as my successor. I know you will fill the bill better than I have done, and you have waited long enough. The Manager was very kind and promised me the position for you. I owe it you for all your care of me, through my illness."

"Hugh! Hugh! You owe me indeed!" Jim replied. "Why man don't I owe you my life? I cannot ever repay you half the debt I owe."

"And what might you be going to do for a living," I asked, not by any means liking the prospect of losing Hugh.

We were electrified by his answer. "Dick, old boy," he said, "you do not like the idea of my leaving and don't want Jim for boss, but you wrong him, and all of you, yes, all of you," he repeated, glancing around, "even you, 'Little Miss,' will be glad to own him your boss, as you call him."

I was ashamed to have my thoughts made public. Subsequent events showed that Hugh was right. Some people stick to the point, and so did I now, and repeated my question. Again that look crossed his face, but at last he made answer: "I may not tell you yet, but I have my commission; there is work for me in plenty." We were getting curious, but question Hugh as we might, we could not get the answer we sought.

That evening was a turning point. For the first time I began to catch a glimmering of the truth. "Dick," said Hugh suddenly, "do

man should die; did it ever occur to you that, even as Elijah of old, even so we may escape death?"

"I do not quite understand you," I replied. "I do not know quite how to take you, Hugh. The idea is so new to me and so strange."

"'Tis true, however, old man, quite true, quite possible, but 'tis a road that you and I would find hard to travel."

"Hugh! Why man you must be daft." Jim exclaimed. "This body must die."

"Mademoiselle" alone seemed to understand, but was unable to speak. Like a flash Hugh turned on Jim, who seemed to shrink before him, so intense was Hugh's look, and a meaning within a meaning was in his words. "Nay, Jim, 'tis you who are daft. Did you ever hear that saying about the mortal being swallowed up by 'immortality' Do you know what life really is? You seem to forget God is everywhere, in everything. He is the life and He cannot die. If you become one with Him you cannot die!"

(To be continued.)

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

(Continued from July Issue.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Grand Domain of British Columbia:

Greeting:

Your Committee on Necrology submit the following report. During the interval which has elapsed since the meeting of your honorable body one year ago at Kamloops, the silent and grim reaper, Death, has invaded our Castle Halls and taken from our ranks earnest and faithful workers in the fields of Pythianism. In the short space of a year no less than six Brothers have gone to meet their reward. With but one exception the deaths were sudden and unexpected, the brothers following vocations during life that were more or less hazardous—hardy sons of toil.

We would impress upon our members the uncertainty of life, and would urge upon all that we so act our part one towards the other, that we live up to those principles which are the foundation of our noble Order, so that when we have departed this earth it can be truthfully said of us: "He was a true Knight."

The following is a record of those who have gone before us:

Nanaimo Lodge, No. 4: Wm. James, died at Rossland, B. C., May 10th, 1898. Killed by falling down a shaft.

Victoria Lodge, No. 17: A. L. O'Brien, aged 35, died at sea, February 5th, 1898. A. L. O'Brien joined this Lodge in October, 1893, being a charter member thereof. When ashore the brother was a regular attendant at our meeting and a good worker for the cause of Pythianism. He met his death on the ill-starred steamer "Clara Nevada," which was blown up. His body was never recovered.

Coldstream Lodge, No. 18: Henry F. Huff, age 45, died at Vernon, B. C., August 20th, 1898. Bro. Huff joined Coldstream Lodge No. 18 by initiation in 1896. Being a contractor and his business calling him away from Vernon he was unable to be a very active member. He was of a quiet disposition and a strict temperance man. He died suddenly of heart failure while engaged on a contract on Lord Aberdeen's estate.

Trail Lodge, No. 23: J. Thomas Medhurst (Page). Page Medhurst received his first rank on Thursday evening, and died the following Monday night of inflammation of the bowels.

Trail Lodge, No. 23: P. C. Ralph White, age 36, died at Ymir, B. C., May 7th, 1898. Bro. R. White was a P. C. of Leavenworth Lodge, No. 103, of the Grand Domain of Washington. He joined Trail Lodge, No. 23, by card on 10th February, 1898. He was unanimously the choice of the Lodge for the office of D. G. C., and was appointed to that office by G. C. Evans on March 7th, 1898. Bro. White was born in Ontario, Canada, August 18th, 1862. He had been a resident in the United States for some time previous to his arrival in Trail in 1896. He was drowned near Ymir, B. C., while constructing a bridge across a stream near that place, by falling in the stream and drowning before he could be rescued. Bro. White was a true Pythian Knight in every sense.

Sandon Lodge, No. 24: James Wright, age 43, died at Nelson, B. C., June 15th, 1898. A miner; a good member of the Lodge and a great favorite of all who knew him. Good attendant at Lodge and all-round member. Death great surprise to the brethren that knew him best, as he died very suddenly. Joined as a Charter member, May 19th, 1897. Remained in good standing to the time of his death. Lodge took necessary steps to insure proper interment with Pythian honors.

Nelson Lodge, No. 25: W. Adams, aged 28, died at Dawson, N. W. T., August 26th, 1898. Left Nelson the morning after receiving the Rank of Knight. Typhoid fever being the cause of death.

Fraternally submitted,
In F. C. and B.,
W. D. MEARNS, No. 7.
J. E. EVANS, No. 19.
N. BINNS.

The following propositions to the Grand Lodge Statutes were adopted:

Title II., Chapter II., Section 78.

Proposition to repeal above named section and substitute therefor as follows:

"For every day which shall elapse between the fortieth (40th) day from the beginning of a new official term, as specified in section 76, and the date of the reception by the G. K. R. and S. of a correct report and the proper amount of Per Capita Tax, the delinquent Subordinate Lodge shall incur the penalty of one dollar (\$1.00), and such Subordinate Lodge shall not be allowed representation in the Grand Lodge until the amount of Per Capita Tax due, as well as the amount of penalty incurred, shall have been paid."

Title II., Chapter X., Section 131.

Proposition to amend above named section by adding the following to said section:

"And provided further, that in no case shall such a Dispensation be granted to any lodge situated in a city or town where there are two or more Lodges, unless the consent of such Lodges has first been obtained."

Title VI., Chapter V., Section 288.

(Adopted at Grand Lodge Convention, 1898.)

Proposition to amend the above by adding: "Provided, should a proposition to amend the Grand Statutes be introduced without having been placed in the hands of the G. K. R. and S. on or before April 1st of each year, the Grand Lodge shall have the power to act on such proposition, provided that four-fifths of the members present vote to receive the intended amendment."

Title II., Chapter II., Section 78.

Proposition to repeal above named section and substitute therefor as follows:

Be it enacted by the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Domain of British Columbia, that: "For every day which shall elapse between the fortieth (40th) day from the beginning of a new official term, as specified in Section 76, and the date of the reception by the G. K. R. and S. of a correct report and the proper amount of Per Capita Tax, the delinquent Subordinate Lodge shall incur the penalty of one dollar (\$1.00), and such Subordinate Lodge shall not be allowed representation in the Grand Lodge until the amount of Per Capita Tax due, as well as the amount of penalty incurred, shall have been paid."

Document No. 15.

We, your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred the amended proposition to Title II., Chapter X., Section 131, recommend it be adopted as submitted on Document 12.

Proposition to amend above named section by adding the following to said section:

Be it enacted by the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of the Domain of British Columbia, that: "And provided further, that in no case shall such a Dispensation be granted to any Lodge situated in a city or town where there are two or more lodges, unless the consent of such lodges has first been obtained."

Document No. 1.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred the following proposition to amend Title VI., Chapter V., Section 288, beg leave to recommend the adoption of same.

Proposition to amend the above by adding: Be it enacted by the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Domain of British Columbia, that: "Provided, should a proposition to amend the Grand Statutes be introduced without having been placed in the hands of the G. K. R.

and S. on or before April 1st of each year, the Grand Lodge shall have the power to act on such proposition provided that four-fifths of the members vote to receive the intended amendment."

Proposition.

Proposition to amend Title II., Chapter X., Section 144. Grand Statutes, be struck off, and Section 29 of the amended Supreme Constitution be substituted in its stead.

Proposition.

Moved by G. I. G. Goulet, seconded by W. D. Mearns, that Title II., Chapter 19, Section 178, of Grand Lodge Statutes be amended by striking out the words "and the amount of one year's dues," in the fifth line, and substitute the words, "and the amount equal to half the amount due to Subordinate Lodge when such Lodge became defunct."

The following propositions came before the Grand Lodge, but were not adopted:

Title II., Chapter XV.

Proposition to add a section, to be known as Section 158a of above named title and chapter. To read:

"That in the case of a member taking out a Transfer Card the responsibility of providing sick and funeral benefits for said member be placed upon the Lodge issuing the Transfer Card until such time as the holder of the card shall have become entitled to sick benefits in the Lodge with which he deposits it: provided always that the holder of a Transfer Card shall have been a member of the Order for at least six (6) months, and shall make application for membership with a sister Lodge within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the card. And be it enacted that the time limit imposed by any Lodge be restricted to three months in the case of deposit of Transfer Card."

Title VI., Chapter V., Section 298.

Proposition to add a new section as named above to the Statutes by the following:

"That visiting brothers will report themselves within two weeks of their arrival in a city or town where a Lodge of the Order is situated."

Document No. 27.

Recommendation.

Moved by James Crossan, seconded by J. M. Hughes, that this Grand Lodge recommend to the Subordinate Lodges that they pass legislation in regard to members joining by card similar to that of Rathbone Lodge No. 7, of Vancouver, B. C., which is appended. Carried.

Amendment to Section 2, Article IV., By-laws Rathbone Lodge No. 7, K. of P.

Section 2, Article 4, to read thus:

Fees when Joining by Card.

The fees for membership by withdrawal card shall be as follows:

When a brother is between the age 21 and 26 years, \$3.00. When a brother is between the age 31 and 40 years, \$5.00. When a brother is between the age 40 and 50 years, \$7.00.

The fee for membership by Transfer Card will be as fixed by Supreme law \$1.00. In both cases the applications must be accompanied by a medical certificate showing the applicant to be in good health physically and mentally.

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, he 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 V.

Submitted to Rathbone Lodge No. 7, K. of P. May 27th, 1898. Laid over to June 3rd, put to the third reading, was unanimously adopted as read, June 3rd, 1898.

R. H. ALLAN, C. C.

W. D. MEARN, K. of R. and S.

Submitted to me on June 6th, 1898, and approved June 10th, 1898.

JAS. HADDOW, Grand Chancellor

Document No. 28.

Resolution re "True Knight."

Moved by G. I. G., Ed. Goulet, seconded by A. Pinns and T. Ackerman:

Whereas, a Pythian publication known as the "True Knight" was happily started in B. C.

And whereas, such worthy enterprise greatly benefited the Order in this Grand Domain.

And whereas, the success of the publication was brought about by the energy of the committee appointed in Vancouver, who gave so much of their time without compensation for the purpose of benefiting the Order.

Be it therefore resolved, that this Grand Lodge assembled wishes to extend to the said committee their appreciation of the valuable service for the good of the Order, and would strongly recommend that every Lodge give the publication its hearty support. Carried unanimously.

On motion of G. R., D. T. Barnhart, the Grand Lodge voted to adopt the resolution and to carry out the recommendation.

Official Organ.

On motion of S. R., T. Ackerman, seconded by G. M. at A., J. L. Brown, the "True Knight" of Vancouver was designated the official organ of this Grand Domain.

Invitations.

The delegates from Vancouver and Nanaimo withdrew invitations.

The report of the Finance Committee re expenses for the holding of the next Grand Lodge session, was received on motion of P. G. C., J. E. Evans, seconded by G. R., H. Hoffmeister, and Rossland was designated as the place of meeting for the next annual convention.

Vote of Thanks.

Victoria, B. C., May 10th, 1899.

Moved by Bro. A. H. Ferguson, seconded by Bro. G. D. Brown, that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to the Victoria Lodges for the kind reception to this Grand Lodge during their stay in this city. Carried.

Moved by T. Ackerman, seconded by John McDonald, that this Grand Lodge tender a hearty vote of thanks to the press of this city for their kindly mention and fair reports of the proceedings of this convention. Carried.

Moved by N. Binns, seconded by A. G. Creelman, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Bro. Randolph for his services as reporter for this Grand Lodge. Carried.

Moved by P. G. C., J. E. Evans, seconded by G. M. of Ex., E. E. Leason, that a letter of thanks be tendered to G. C. Young, of the Grand Domain of Washington, for the kindly sympathy shown and offer of help extended to our Brother Knights in Westminster at the time of the great fire in that city. Carried.

ADDRESS DELIVERED BY WALTER B. RICHIE,

Past Supreme Chancellor, at the Unveiling of the Rathbone Monument, Utica, New York, July 26th, 1899.

Mr. Chairman, Supreme Chancellor,

Brethren, Ladies and Gentlemen:—Those who follow, may turn to the last page of this the grandest and best of the centuries since the star shone over Bethlehem, and find this monument, and its history, telling as no monument has told or will tell, the story of fraternal love.

This monument, marks the resting place of him who made the story of ancient Greece the corner stone of a fraternity, whose warp and woof is friendship of man to man, charity of man for man, confidence and trust of man in man. This monument now, by the formal unveiling, its deliverance by the committee which had charge of the erection, and its acceptance by the Supreme Chancellor on behalf of one-half million of brave men, becomes the property, the care and the trust of the entire membership of this grand fraternity.

The founder of this Order was born, October 29th, 1839, at Deerfield, a village near this City. From a poem now in the possession of Past Supreme Representative William D. Kennedy, of Chicago, (written by his father, who was a prominent lawyer, at one time a jurist in this city), in which his early life is set forth, we gather, that, he was largely devoted to the pranks and jollities of early youth. Although thoroughly educated and prepared by his father for the legal profession, the serious side of the proposition did not evidently find favor with the young man. In the late fifties he drifted to northern Michigan, and on January 5th, 1860, he was authorised "To teach orthography, grammar, reading, geography, writing and arithmetic in the township schools in the Township of Houghton, County of Houghton," and State of Michigan. The death of his father caused his return to the east, and, in 1861, at Germantown, Pennsylvania, he became connected with the United States service in the Hospital at that place. In 1863 he entered the army, in connection with the Medical Department, in the City of Washington. In 1865 he went into the office of the Commissary-General. From 1866 to 1869 he was in the Second Auditor's office of the Treasury Department. He then went to Boston, entering a publishing house, and, at the end of two years, he returned to Washington, entering the office of the Adjutant-General, where he remained until a few years prior to his death. In 1877 he was, by the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias, created, Supreme Lecturer, in which position he continued up to his death, the last three years being exclusively devoted to this work.

The Grand Domain of Ohio, and especially my home City of Lima and my home Lodge, Lima No. 31, had most prominent part in his last days, death and burial. On December 9th, 1889, after several weeks' illness, during which he received the loving care and ministrations of the brethren of Lima Lodge, he passed away. During his last days he had the presence of his loving daughters and only sister.

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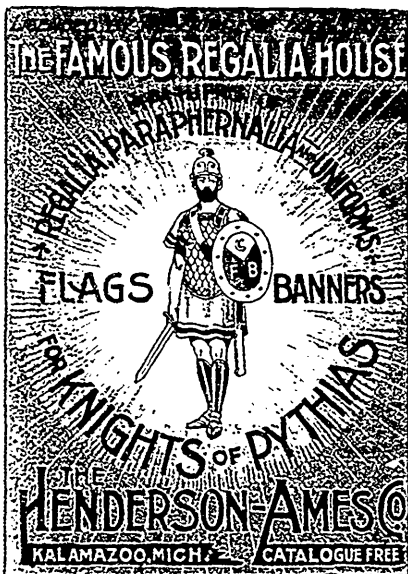
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All day December 10th, 1889, the body of the Founder lay in state in the beautiful hall of Lima Lodge. During the day the remains were viewed by at least five thousand Knights and their friends from Lima and the neighboring City of Ohio. On that evening appropriate exercises were held, and addresses made by Past Supreme Chancellor, Howard Douglass of Cincinnati; Major-General, James R. Carnahan, of Indianapolis; Supreme Representative, John C. Burns, of Mansfield, Ohio; Franklin Ellis, Grand Chancellor of the State of Ohio, and others, including myself. The condition of health of Supreme Chancellor, William Ward, of Newark, New Jersey, preventing his presence, he gave me carte blanche to take charge of and represent him in all matters, to the end, that the great obligations then resting upon the Order, should be fully discharged. On the night of December 10th, at eleven o'clock, the body, relatives, escort and the Guard of Honor entered a special vestibule train and started upon their journey to this city. The party accompanying the remains consisted of Past Supreme Chancellor, Howard Douglass; Major-General Carnahan, and Supreme Representative, John C. Burns, representing the Supreme Lodge; Past Grand Chancellor, A. P. Butterfield, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal S. A. Court and Grand Chancellor Franklin Ellis, representing the Grand Lodge of Ohio; Past Chancellors, G. W. Van Renssalaer and Thomas J. Morris, representing Lima Lodge No. 91; the Guard of Honor, under command of Captain Frank C. McCoy, consisting of Sir Knights Bruce Oyler, Frank Schwab, Ezekiel Hover, Will Deakin, Carson L. Dalzell and Walter E. Booth, all of Agamemnon Division No. 11, Uniform Rank, detailed by order of the Colonel of the Seventh Regiment of the Uniform Rank of Ohio. At Toledo, Cleveland, Buffalo and Rochester short stops were made, where the resident members of the Order were given an opportunity to pay their last respects. At Utica, the remains and escort were received by Supreme Chancellor Ward, Supreme Representative James B. Brayton, of Rhode Island, the Grand Lodge Officers of New York and resident members.

In considering Rathbone as a Pythian, probably the greatest and grandest eulogy possible would be the simple announcement—HE WAS THE FOUNDER OF THE ORDER.

As a generation has gone by since the accomplishment of the work that placed his name on the roster of the Immortals, history should be spoken, dealing with facts rather than flowers, reviewing his connection with this great fraternity.

In 1863, a dramatic society existed, composed of government clerks from the various departments of the City of Washington. Those surviving report that the society was quite versatile in its successful efforts to afford entertainment and amusement for its members. Among other things, it was prepared to create, on the shortest possible notice, a man a member of any known or unknown secret society, in the evening, much to their amusement, the enforced interest, and final discomfiture of the victim when he found his signing of the roster was arranged that his signature was an order for midnight lunch for all the participants. The society embraced considerable dramatic and musical talent, and Rathbone was considered and is admitted by those living, as the leader and its moving spirit. This preparation and performance of burlesque initiations, suggested the idea to several members of the association of a permanent society. Rathbone, whose life was marked not so much by the generality of his friendships (for he never seemed to care for an extensive circle of friends, but rather for a closer and continued companionship with a few), suggested an organization based upon some story of brotherly love. It was in the Fall of 1863, when, by an accident, the name "Knights of Pythias," suggested itself to him. Having heard of the play of Damon and Pythias, he secured a copy, and, one evening at a meeting of the dramatic society, (one of the members of which is present here to-day) he read extracts from the play and it was determined that this should form the basis of the ritual.

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During the closing months of 1863, he presented the ritual, and, on the evening of February 15th, 1864, at a meeting held in the room of Robert Allen Champion, in the house, No. 369 F. Street, near the corner of Ninth, in the City of Washington, after obligating those present to secrecy, he read the ritual which he had prepared, to Robert Allen Champion, Edward S. Kimball, David L. Burnett and W. H. Burnett, and it was decided to organise the Order of Knights of Pythias. With this understanding, an adjournment was taken to Friday evening, February 19th, 1864, at which time, the Arion Club, of which they were members, was to have a meeting for rehearsal. On that night, the meeting took place, in the lower rooms in Temperance Hall on E Street, between 9th and 10th, in the City of Washington, and the following were present, viz:

Justus H. Rathbone, Clerk Surgeon-General's Office; Joel R. Woodruff, Clerk in the Quartermaster-General's Office; Joseph T. K. Plant, Commissioner of Deeds, representing several States; David L. and William Burnett, Clerks in War Department; Robert A. Champion, Edward S. Kimball and George R. Covert, Clerks in Surgeon-General's Office; John S. Roberts, Clerk in Medical Purveyor's Office; Aristides Roderique, Hospital Steward in Surgeon-General's Office; ——— Driver, Clerk in the War Department; Matthew R. Vanderveer, Clerk in Surgeon-General's Office; A. D. Vanderveer, Clerk in Surgeon-General's Office. These gentlemen were obligated, on the small Bible given to Brother Rathbone by his mother and afterwards, in 1886, presented to, and accepted by the Supreme Lodge. The ritual was then read, and Washington Lodge No. 1, Knights of Pythias, duly organised.

It is proper at this point to say, that, of those present, Brother A. D. Vanderveer has ever since been in continuous membership in the Order. To this may be added the important fact, that Brother Vanderveer has been trusted with the counting of the money in the United States Treasury, upon the change of every administration, from that time to the present.

Thus was the Order started upon its mission, but, owing to the dissensions in the Lodge, Rathbone withdrew, on February 25th, 1864; he rejoined the Order April 30th, 1866, by affiliation with Franklin Lodge No. 2, Washington Lodge having gone out of existence, Franklin Lodge, to effect, because its successor; and to-day is the mother of the Order.

Again, in June, 1869, he withdrew from the Order, remaining without its pale until 1874, when he deposited his Card in Maverick Lodge in East Boston, where he remained about two years, when he withdrew and affiliated with another Lodge, No. 11 of Washington. He withdrew from No. 11, and joined Mt. Vernon Lodge, also of Washington. Afterwards having become a resident of the State of Maryland, he withdrew from Mt. Vernon Lodge and deposited his Card with Sicilian Lodge No. 97 at Bowie, Maryland, to which Lodge he belonged at the time of his death.

Prior to 1876, there had been a persistent claim made by Joseph T. K. Plant, one of the

original members of Washington No. 1, to be one of the founders of the Order. At a meeting of the Supreme Lodge, in 1876, the jubilee and centennial year of the Republic, Rathbone was readmitted to full membership in that body, the fact, as to who was the Founder of the Order, fully investigated, and upon the adoption of the report presented by Past Supreme Chancellor, Samuel Read, the question was forever settled, and Rathbone "recognised as sole Founder of the Order of Knights of Pythias." This report was based upon the document I hold in my hand, which bears the original signatures of the four members who were with the Founder on the night when he read the first Ritual, and reads as follows:

District of Columbia,
Washington County, To-wit:

The undersigned, who were present at the first reading of the First, Second and Third Degrees of the Order of Knights of Pythias, which took place in the house No. 369 F. Street, near the corner of Ninth Street, in the City of Washington, D. C., on Monday evening, the 15th of February, 1864, do make this their voluntary statement, to-wit: That Justus Henry Rathbone, of the City of Washington and District of Columbia, is the sole and only originator and Founder of the Order of Knights of Pythias; that the work was complete when read to us as above; that at the Committee meetings, of which we were members, nothing was done except to re-read the work as originally prepared by said J. H. Rathbone, and endorse it. No changes were made. Mr. Joel R. Woodruff suggested an addition to the Third, or Knight Degree, which was accepted. The impression which prevails, that Joseph T. K. Plant is the Founder, or assistant Founder of the Order, is false in every particular; the only connection he had therewith was voluntarily offering the use of his parlor for the Committee to hold their meetings therein. We further certify that the Ritual was prepared complete before J. T. K. Plant or Joel R. Woodruff had any connection with the Order, or were even spoken to in reference to joining Washington Lodge No. 1, K. P.

D. L. BURNETT,
W. H. BURNETT,
E. S. KIMBALL, M. D.,
ROBERT A. CHAMPION.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of March, A. D., 1869.

T. DRURY,

Justice of the Peace.

The authenticity of the officer's certificate is attested by R. J. Meigs, Clerk of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

At the meeting of the Supreme Lodge, held at Cleveland, Ohio, August, 1877, Rathbone was made the "Supreme Lecturer" of the Order.

The testimony of those living is to the effect that at the time of the founding of the Order, and the establishment of Washington Lodge, it was not intended that the membership of the Order should be composed of other than Depart-

ment Clerks in the City of Washington—but as men were initiated, became acquainted with the Ritual, and learned the lessons of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence as there taught, it was impossible to stay its progress. At first its growth was slow—many other organisations had found birth and made rapid progress, only to pass away—but it went on, steadily, for a few years—then, gathering strength in the hearts of men, this Order of ours broke its bonds—swept like a mighty wave across this beautiful land, over its mountains and its valleys, until, in 1869, it found permanent home upon our western shore, and, in two years more, had lodgement in the golden islands of the western sea, where the flag of our country floats to-day. In the same year it passed across our northern borders to the Maritime Provinces. To-day Grand Lodges exist in every State and Territory of this Union, and the flag of our Order floats in every outlying Province on the North American Continent.

What a priceless legacy is this for those he left behind! What a gracious legacy to us of to-day!

No thought had Rathbone of its future—no hope for its development, nor suspicion of its growth. His was the great brain—the great moving power. He was, to the Order of Knights of Pythias, the Robert Fulton of the steamboat;—the Stephenson of the railroad, and the great work thus accomplished found willing hands and brilliant minds to direct its progress and to shape its destiny. Its development filled him with surprise—its growth was to him an enigma—and, in the presence of its great achievements, he stood in wonderment.

The lessons of the society, which was to be limited to but kindred spirits, flashed like an electric spark throughout the length and breadth of the land, warming the hearts and inspiring the souls of the brightest and brainiest men.

As the years went by, the ritual thus prepared by Rathbone, proved an inspiration, which, in the progress and development of the country and of its intelligence, demanded a more extended and broader conception of its lessons, and, the building which had been reared upon the grand foundation Rathbone had laid, was beautified, adorned, broadened and enlarged. He loved his child, and he at times felt that ruthless wrong had been done him. He saw but the child in its cradle, while in fact it had grown to be a vigorous man, to whom, in a great measure, he was a total stranger. Considering his work, his defense of his ritual was most pardonable—he still loved his child—it was his—the ties of paternity reigned supreme.

Keeping pace with the development of the country and the increasing strength of the bonds of friendship which unite the members of the Order, and their added tone and character, the frequent changes in the Ritual resulted in the present ceremonial every sentence of which deals with the practical affairs of life. Each lesson is a sermon which tends to develop the better side of man—and yet, we must not forget that the superstructure thus erected rests upon the foundation laid by Rathbone, and to his memory all honor is due. Do you, fellow mem-

bers, fully realise how much you owe to him whose name is honored to-day? Glorious monument—to stand for all time a tribute of love to memory! I trust that when the record shall have been made, and the story of the Rathbone monument is completely told, that the name of every Lodge in the Supreme Domain will be found as having contributed to this grand memorial. Sorry indeed would I be to find the name of any Lodge missing—sorry indeed would I be to feel that the fires upon any Lodge altar burn so low that the name of Rathbone could not revive them. Let it tell the story of gratitude—that virtue which is the natural outgrowth of sincere friendship—that principle which recognises the obligation for favors received—an obligation resting to-day upon every member—the last and the least we can do for him who rests beneath this pile, and who left to us a grand and noble heritage.

Ever fresh and green be our memory of him who gave to us this great fraternity!—rich in its friendship—grand in its charity—constant in its trust and confidence—great in its achievements, and boundless in its possibilities.

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The following item is clipped from a Greensboro, North Carolina, paper, and speaks well for the Endowment Rank:

"G. H. Royster, General Agent Endowment Rank, Knights of Pythias, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Dear Sir,—I beg leave to extend my grateful acknowledgement for cheque No. 10,013 on First National Bank of Chicago, for \$3,000, being the face of policy No. 34,670, on the life of my husband, Herbert H. Cartland, who died on the 14th day of April, 1899. The claim was paid in less than sixty days after proof of death was received at the home office. I cannot too highly recommend the Endowment Rank to all people who desire good, reliable insurance at a moderate cost, and may each and every knight avail himself of the opportunity offered by the Endowment Rank for the protection of his loved ones when they have been bereft of his care and protection.

Again thanking you for your promptness, and wishing you and the Endowment Rank unbounded success, I am,

Yours gratefully,

H. G. CARTLAND, Guardian.

Brother Cartland became a member of the Endowment Rank on the 22nd day of March 1892, and had been insured a little over seven years. He paid into the Endowment fund \$334.25. The same amount paid to an old life company of the ordinary life plan would have secured but \$1,333.33, a gain in favor of the Endowment Rank of \$1,666.67.

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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 \$1.00 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.

LOCALS.

Bro. R. Miles, of Primrose Lodge, is a welcome visitor in the city.

The "True Knight" is much indebted to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for favors extended.

P. S. C., P. T. Colgrove is a candidate for Governor of Michigan.—"Pythian Knight," Waco, Texas.

G. C. W. D. Mearns, has returned from his official visit through the Kootenay, and judging from his appearance the boys must have used him well.

We are in receipt of a copy of the "Independent Oddfellow," published at Toronto, Ontario. This is a newsy fraternal publication, and reflects much credit upon the authors.

We are pleased to state that Bro. D. C. McKenzie, K. of R. & S., of Primrose Lodge, has fully recovered from his recent illness. Bro. McKenzie speaks volumes of the kindness that he received at the hands of the Victoria knights.

We are in receipt of a copy of the rules and regulations of the Knights of Pythias Executive Committee for the next meeting of the Supreme Lodge, and the Encampment of the Uniform Rank, to be held at Detroit, Mich., in August, 1900.

In the list of industrial concerns we find one with a sort of social and recreative aspect, if we may judge from the name, which is "The Knights of Pythias and Fraternal Order of Eagles Company, Limited, of Rossland," capital, \$10,000. We should not wonder if there was an American Damon connected with the concern—that is, supposing the modern Pythias of this Company to be a Canadian. We had thought the Knights of Pythias to be a fraternal and benevolent Order; but there is a painfully commercial, not to say metallic, flavor about the title of this intended organization.

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 B is the ballot we every one vote,
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 D is the degree which each passes through,
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 G is the goat we all have to ride,
 H is the harness that holds us astride,
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 J jubilation—the end is attained,
 K is the kindness the members will show,
 L is the love which healeth all woe;
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