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### THE INFLUENCE OF PYTHIANISM.

No stream from its source  
Flows, seaward, how lonely so ever its course,  
But what some land is gladden'd. No star ever  
rose  
And set, without influence somewhere. Who  
knows  
What earth needs from earth's lowest creature?  
No  
Life can be pure in its purpose and strong in its  
strife  
And all life not be purer and stronger thereby.—  
Lucile.

We have now considered what Pythianism does for the individual, we have also seen what it inspires a man to do for others, the others who are linked with him in the same glorious fellowship, and now we must consider what influence

such men—and their work have in the community. We all believe in influence. It is a fact—and a fact is a chiel that winna ding, and canna be disputed. Our common talk declares the fact. We say such and such a man has a great influence, and such another man has no influence in the town or city. What is true of a man is true of an order. Again, the man who has an influence has it because of some real or imagined worth, and the man who has it not, has it not because of some real or imagined worthlessness. There is always something in or about a man which constrains other men to pin their faith in him, and there is always something in or about a man which constrain other men to avoid and shun him. These are points which hardly require to be elaborated. They are patent to every one who has eyes to see, and who has ears to hear. Further, my readers must bear in mind that influence may be a good or a bad influence. The wisdom or judgments of the world declares it emphatically. We are told again and again that such men have a bad influence, and that some other men have a good influence. It is not enough then to have an influence, but we ought to aim to have at all times a good influence. All this then has its bearing upon us who are Pythians. Pythianism aims to make a man, and a man who will be a follower of Pythias. What that is is plain to him who has travelled the way familiar to us all. He has, however, to become a true faithful friend, in his thoughts and words, lovingly charitable, and in his actions grandly benevolent. In the very nature of things he must have an influence wherever he dwells, or wherever he lives, moves, and has his being. Let the poet help us to understand this wonderful thing which is associated with us all, and which is in a deep true sense our life:

I dropped a pebble in the stream:  
It sunk forever from my sight:  
A moment in the sun's warm beam  
A diamond sparkled warm and bright  
Reflecting far its radiant light.  
A circle, small indeed at first,  
Widened, e'en' midst the tempest's roar,  
Until at last it faintly burst  
And vanished on the farther shore.  
A frown, a scowl, an angry glance,  
A hasty or unguarded word,  
A formal bow, a look askance—  
These quicker than a swift winged bird,  
Pierce to the heart like two edged sword:  
Spending a baleful influence wide.  
They cast a mirk some shade and gloom  
Across life's rough and troubled tide  
And reach unto the silent tomb.  
A word, a look of sympathy,  
A penny generously bestowed,  
A simple act of courtesy

A kindly influence shed abroad  
 And from the soul lift many a load—  
 These angel deeds, grand and sublime,  
 Like ripples on the restless sea,  
 Sweep o'er the fretful stream of life  
 And reach into eternity.—Paul Clayton.

As with any other man so—perhaps more so with a Pythian, he has not only an influence, but his influence may be as the poet puts it, one that is fraught with evil. Or one loaded with blessing. Put the two influences together, compare them, look at them, think of them, imagine them, then realise how hateful, how despicable, how mean and contemptible is the one which casts a mirk-some gloom across life's rough and troubled sea, and how beautiful, how pleasing, how God-like is that influence which lifts the loads of humanity. But Pythians will not end the matter here. It is not enough to compare things which differ; it is not even enough to arrive at a decision as to which is the most worthy—he must do more. If he has learned the lessons of Pythianism aright, and if he has drank deeply of the noble spirit which is ever a fount of inspiration to us, then he will strive through good and bad report, though things pleasing and displeasing that his influence shall be a kindly influence shed abroad. But how, some reader may ask, is this influence obtained? Not by hap hazard, not by chance, and not by what is called good luck. To attain this, which should ever be the chief ambition in life, one must nurture noble thoughts, cultivate generous feelings, and then whatever the cost, do grand deeds. Such things again have a cost attached to them. You cannot get them by wishing or by dreaming. The possession of them implies labor, and their exemplification and revelation demands struggle and effort of the most heroic kind. No man can be a good man without the valour and the courage of a God. But the thing aimed at is worth the cost, and the man who professes should aspire to reach the heights of his profession. Easy by no means. The true Knight of the past found his path not easy, but difficult and to attain, cost blood and tears. He knew that, but like Tennyson's hero—his not to reason why—his but to do or die, to gain the reputation and character of a true Knight. To-day duty calls us in different ways, and to different scenes, and to different things, but to do at all times what is noble, true, and heroic demands a heart as brave as a lion, and as gentle and kind as that of a woman. Let another poet give you another view of this impressive theme and fact in human existence.

I climbed the winding stairway  
 That led to the belfry tower,  
 As the sinking sun in the westward  
 Heralded twilight's hour.

For I thought that surely the music  
 Would be clearer and sweeter far  
 Than when through the din of the city  
 It seemed to float from afar.

But lo! as I neared the belfry,  
 No sound of music was there:  
 Only a brazen clangour  
 Disturbed the quiet air.

The singer stood at the keyboard,  
 Far down beneath the chimes,  
 And patiently struck the noisy keys  
 As he had uncounted times.

He only knew his duty,  
 And he did it with patient care:  
 But he could not hear the music  
 That floated through the air.

Only the jar and the clamour  
 Fell harshly on his ear,  
 And he missed the mellow the chiming  
 That every one could hear.

So we from our quiet watch-towers  
 May he sending a sweet refrain,  
 And gladdening the lives of the lowly  
 Though we hear not a single strain.

Our work may seem but a discord,  
 Tho' we do the best we can,  
 But others will hear the music,  
 If we carry out God's plan.

The thought is exquisite. Here is a man making music for others, and yet hears it not himself. Here is a man, a lover of duty, faithful to duty, making others glad, while all around his own life is jar and clamour, and though he hears not, yet keeps on gladdening the hearts of others. So it may be with many still. Doing good always means music; always means making others glad and happy, but it may happen oft that the maker of the music may not hear what he himself is making. However isn't it grand to know that while we are doing our duty others are made glad thereby! So far then we have been looking at this influence from the personal standpoint, but let us now look at it from a wider point of

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view. The power of our organisation begins in the individual. Whenever a man says I will be this and becomes it; I will do this, and does it, at that moment power is bequeathed to whatever he belongs. It is the individual which makes or unmake an order. Now in Pythianism we have a body of men banded together for specific purposes. Leave out of sight now what is merely personal. Take the higher and grander considerations. In a community we have a body of men banded together to be friends, to be charitable, and to be benevolent. Now as these men from day to day—here and there—prove their fidelity to each other reveal what friendship, charity and benevolence are, so will they not have an influence for good in that community? Again when they are seen—though we do not do these things—that we may be seen of men—providing for their sick ones—watching by them and caring for them—with all the gentleness and tenderness possible—when they are seen standing by the widow in her hour of desolation and darkness—and taking charge of the orphan bereaved of him who was the best of friends, and kindest of fathers—when they are seen doing—not talking—a thousand and one kind things—they will become the music makers of that community. How will the effects of that influence reveal themselves? Well we can imagine some onlookers saying—these Pythians are practical men, they teach me a lot of things. Among men who fritter away God's golden opportunities discussing this and that—these men deal with the sad realities of life. They teach me how to be wise, prudent, and cautious. They instruct me—they shame me. They show me how to be a friend, charitable and benevolent, and what is a man or a community with out these things. They show me a new way of living, and hence forward I'll follow and imitate them. That is how the one may think, feel, and speak, but I can imagine that all through that community, wherever the tracks of Pythians are seen, and wherever their deeds are performed, the good done will have an uplifting and inspiring influence, for as Meredith says:

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Life can be pure in its purpose and strong in its strife  
And all life not be purer and stronger thereby.

Back again we come to the individual Castle Hall, and the individual Knight therein. What influence our beloved Order will have in any place will depend upon the Castle Hall established there, and then again what influence that Castle Hall will have depends upon the individual member. Let each member ask himself what am I doing to extend this influence for good? Am I doing my duty? Am I manifesting the virtues, the excellencies of Pythianism? Am I true to my vows and obligations? If so, then some such experience as the poet depicts in these beautiful lines will be yours:

A stream that long had flowed unknown  
Beneath my life, burst suddenly  
To light, and glad with stainless blue,  
It's happy secret sparkled forth  
In golden, gleaming, murmuring waves,  
It's low song rippled through my thoughts,  
And all the common ways of life  
Were touched with dreamful tenderness.  
The young fresh green that fringed the streets  
Clear, sudden bird songs, trilling high  
Above their din, and purest blue  
Around the slowly melting pearl  
Of morning clouds, by spells unknown  
Their subtle sweetness interfused  
With something beautiful and strange  
That softly stirred within my heart,  
I knew not how or whence it came  
But felt it touch the hidden chords  
Of shrinking joy and blissful pain.

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#### ENDOWMENT RANK.

The principles of the Order, teaching as they do the duty which every Pythian owes to his family, should be sufficient prompting to every member that he ought not and must not put off the day for becoming a member of the Endowment Rank. We particularly point to the Insurance Branch of the Order as the place to go—

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### A MERRY XMAS.

Before our next issue reaches our many readers Xmas will have come and gone, and it has been deemed necessary, that we should call your attention to this happy, joyous day in our individual and national life. Charles Dickens says: "There seems a magic in the very name of Xmas, and that man must be a misanthrope indeed, in whose breast something like a jovial feeling is not aroused, in whose mind some pleasant associations are not awakened by the recurrence of Xmas." We are all inclined to be happy. You can see more than a passing smile nestling on the faces of the children, for are they not looking forward—how anxiously for the long expected Santa Claus. We also, on whose shoulders rest more or less of the cares of manhood, are inclined not only to mingle in the merriment of the children, but to indulge in joys of our own. It is in most lands the most joyous season of the year. Now as the real or imaginary bells of Xmas ring in our ears, as we look at the faces of cheerful men and women, as we look at the children full of innocent mirth, and as we look into homes, and see joy abounding, we re-echo the sentiments of our popular novelist, when he says: "Would that Xmas lasted the whole year through, as it ought, and that the prejudices and passions which deform our better nature were never called into action among those to whom they should ever be strangers." Man is a strange being, the strangest ever made. You do not always find him in the same mood. He is a very changeable instrument. There are times during the year, when if you were to ask something of him, he would almost hiss the dogs on you; times when he is morose, cold, stiff and unsympathetic; and there are other times when he will receive you with a bland smile and warm shake of hand. God knows when and how to touch the hearts of men. Xmas Day, how it warms and touches all hearts. The Angel of Charity seems to pass over the earth during the night which ushers in this glorious morn, and when we wake, we wake to live in and through a day a writer has beautifully called "the day of unselfishness." Xmas is Charity's day, and all needy ones are drawn to her loving heart. Charity enacts a law, "to annually obliterate human selfishness," and the most selfish of men, strange to say, for twenty-four hours forget themselves. We are all touched. A subtle something inspires us all to say something, and do something of a kind and generous nature. God, through this day clothes the face with a smile, fills the tongue with kind encouraging words, and

makes the hand glow with human affection. We remember others. Brethren, while the giving impulse is on us, remember the widows and the orphans of those who once were with us in our Castle Halls, and who have passed into the unseen. Think of the joy you can give them—think how happy you can make them this Xmas Day—by some tokens, some gift coming from those who were, and are, the friends of those whose absence is sadly felt. Make our Castle Halls at this season of the year places which such will ever lovingly remember as sacred to the memory of loved ones departed, and the habitations of men kind and true.

It is unfortunate that there should be occasions when man withholds the brotherly hand from his brother. We need not enlarge upon these estrangements and quarrels. We all know something about them, but none the less they are deplorable things. Xmas Day is a great binder of human hearts. It makes us forget the jealousies, the bickerings, the misunderstandings of the past. On such a day of peace and good will to men, it makes every man ashamed of strife and hate, and makes him yearn to shake once more the hand of his brother. Hence as he goes out—forgetting the past, with a smile on his face, he says—A Merry Xmas to each and to all whom he meets. That is just what ought to be—not only one day—but every day. Brethren, if you have aught against a brother forget it. If some petty insignificant thing has put you out of brotherly relations with a brother forget it, and on Xmas Day bury the past by taking him by the hand and wishing him heartily, sincerely, and affectionately—A Merry Xmas.

On Xmas Day we should not forget what event inspires all the joy in the land—and that is the birth of Jesus Christ. It is Christ's day—the day on which the Saviour of the world was born. While we are Knights of Pythias, we should not forget that we are Christians, and in sympathy with Christianity. He made this day. Had he never been born, there never would have been a Xmas Day. It is the children's day—because it commemorates the birth of a child. We give on that day, because God gave his best gift to humanity on that day. We are unselfish because Christ taught us to do good, and to make others happy. The divine human Christ is the Alpha and the Omega of this blessed season. Nor should we forget that the incarnation of Christ was for a purpose. He was sent, He came, that He might live, work, and die for us. He was sent to show us—how God so loved the world. He came that He might reveal the heart of our Heavenly Father—that He might show us a pattern life or character, that He might show us how to serve others, and that He might save us from our sins. That is the meaning of Xmas Day. Now we shall be true Knights, if we draw nigh to Him who draws nigh to us, and if in deeds of Charity and

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## CHARACTER.

Whose Character? Yours and mine, and everybody else's too. It consists of three parts, the Past, the Present, and the Future, these three so closely joined that we can scarcely see where one division ceases and the other begins. Let us speak of character as it is, and not of what it appears to be, for you and I know, characters, like things, are not what they seem. With most of them the good is only on the outside, veneer worn and very thing in parts.

Time is short, so let me speak but briefly of the past. Perhaps with you, as with me, that "past" has been more bitter than sweet. Let its failures and its errors speak, but as a lesson to warn and help.

The "Present,"—our "to-day." You and I are making our to-morrow; perhaps we are marring it: perhaps like some master-builder, we use circumstances and opportunities to rear our building, carefully setting each stone, looking continually at the plan, which shows the finished work. If so, it is well. If not listen. If not patiently, still listen. For, however unwilling we may be to admit it, still this truth remains: "Our characters are a something not yet completed; you and I are making them now—either good or bad."

The Future—The future, which the Supreme Chancellor alone sees as it will be seen, you and I see it as He wants it to be; also as He hopes it will not be. Which shall it be?

We love the beautiful, we long to attain thereto. Each has his "ideal" set as a goal, an ambition, an object in life: and each one strives and falls, to rise and strive again, and God grant, attain. And has not our Order characters for us to follow, into whose likeness we may grow? What about the man who gave his life for his

friend, and that is the character of characters to which we do well to strive. We can give our lives every day, and all day long. It is true self must die; yes true it does, but rises again in that new and better self, glorying in a character; approved, perhaps, not of mankind now, but earning the approval we most cherish—that of the Supreme Chancellor and Chief.

ROBT. BROOKE.

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## "THE EFFECT OF LOVE."

Thinking—Yes, I have been thinking of what to write. Shall it be of the Lodge, of some individual, or shall it be on some subject that will interest you all? The latter, perhaps, will be the most appropriate. The subject of which I am about to write is one which I myself am hardly capable of expressing its true feeling—"Love"—and I do not think I shall be far wrong when I say that there is not a man or woman living to-day but what has had more or less experience of the subject, whether it has been in courtship, or in childhood, the love of home, the love of mother and friends, the love of a wife, the love of earthly possessions, or, greater than all of these, the love of God.

Our Order was founded on these great principles—brotherly love—taking as an example the love of Pythias for his friend. What was more noble, or greater than this.

Shakespeare says: "Although time with its sickle can rob ruby lips and sparkling eyes, let him reach as far as he can, he cannot quite touch Love; that reaches even to the end of the tomb."

Nothing is sweeter than Love, nothing stronger, nothing higher, nothing wider, nothing more pleasant.

Love oftimes knoweth no measure, but is fervent beyond all measure. Love feelth no burden, thinketh nothing of labors, attempteth what is above its strength, pleadeth no excuse of impossibility: for it thinketh all things possible for itself and all things lawful. It is, therefore, strong



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Love is swift, sincere, affectionate, pleasant and delightful; grave, patient, faithful, prudent, long-suffering, manly, and never seeking itself. For where a person seeketh himself, there he falleth from Love.

Love is subject and obedient to its superiors, to itself mean and despised, unto God devout and thankful. He that is not prepared to suffer all things, and to stand to the will of his beloved, is not worthy to be called a lover.

A lover ought to embrace willingly all that is hard and bitter, for the sake of his beloved; nor for things that fall out against one, to turn away from him. How many instance and examples could we not tell, had we the space and time, of the hardships endured by men, of the sufferings of women made lighter and endurable by the love for those in whose interest they have suffered. Did all this ever occur to you, brother reader.

The love of parents for their child, the self denials that are rendered light and easy for the love which they bear him.

Then, again, the love of right. How men, will fight for that which they hold to be just. For the love of this they will even face powder and ball, endure hardships, endanger their lives. What for? But for the love of their country, freedom and home. This, dear Pythian reader, is only a small portion of what Love is; therefore let us see to it that a portion of this great word is used to advantage in our Order, and we shall stand second to none in the world.

A. T. C.

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G. R., Bro. Sample, of Granite Lodge, New Westminster, was a visitor to Vancouver Castle Hall last month. Bro. Sample is a hard worker. It is men like him who build up the Order.

Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir,—I have been intending writing a few lines to you for publication for the last few months, but like good resolutions have been put off from week to week. I must congratulate the Editor and Committee upon the work done by the "True Knight." The paper reflects very great credit upon all who have contributed to it, and I have not the least doubt every number will accomplish more good than we will credit it with. Maple Lodge, held its fifth anniversary on November 22nd, when the Clara Mathes Company gave us the "Black Flag," after which the wives of our brothers provided us with a most bountiful spread, after which all who wished had an opportunity to trip the light fantastic to their hearts content; and it is needless to say everyone enjoyed the performance and many are regretting we did not engage them for more than one night. The proceeds of the entertainment will this year go to the Victoria Orphans' Home; the proceeds of the two previous years were donated to the Nanaimo Hospital. Thus Mr. Editor we try to exemplify the teachings of our beloved Order, which to-day stands for all that is great and noble, a peer of the best of all fraternal societies, and in its teaching towering head and shoulder above them all, like Bro. Irvine along side Bro. Mearns. I was much impressed with Bro. Pferdner's letter in the last issue, and I am sure it will be food for thought for many, and I hope it will produce good. I have long been of the same opinion. My plan would be to do away with the sick benefits as at present constituted and make it another rank as the Endowment or Uniform Ranks. In my opinion it would work a great improvement in many ways. First there are in every district men who would be very desirable as members of any order if they were of sound bodily health (men I should only be to glad to call brothers) but are debared on account of health, then we find many men who hold aloof

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from our Order on account of the benefits, men who would make the very best of members; then we find too many join for nothing else than what money benefits they can draw out of it. Such was not the intention of the noble brothers who colled our Order into being, such is not the example of our most noble prototypes, Damon and Pythias. We, their followers, should subdue all selfishness and follow in their footsteps, extending the hand of fellowship to the worthy everywhere. Such was the ritualistic command to all who joined our Order where I first became a Knight; such is the teaching of our Order today. Let us in this most estern Domain to-day endeavor to be the first to move in this matter and discuss it, so that when our Supreme Representatives again go back to the Supreme Lodge they go instructed to move to make the Sick Benefit a rank separate from the subordinate lodge and build up an order such as all coming after shall copy and emulate.

Yours in F. C. & B.,  
JOHN N. EVANS.

Duncan, Nov. 24th, 1898.

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FROM KAMLOOPS.

Editor of the "True Knight."  
Dear Sir,—Brother, I suppose you will be looking for some news from Primrose Lodge this month. We have had the pleasure of a visit from Bro. J. J. Mundrof, of Far West, No. 1, Victoria, and we expect to have him with us for some time. We are always pleased to have any brother Knights call up and see us when in town.

We are sorry to hear of Bro. P. G. C. Evans being unwell; we hope he will soon be restored to his usual health. There is no need for any of the brothers being sick if they will only come to Kamloops and enjoy some of our health-giving climate.

We have the beautiful snow with us once more, but hardly enough for good sleighing.

Bro. Ladner and Doran informed me yesterday that they had thirty-five names for a new K. of P. Lodge in Revelstoke. They expect to reach the fifty mark soon.

With a word of warning to the Britther Scots na yet our foe on the 30th, I remain your fraternally,

J. L. BROWN,  
Correspondent.

Kamloops, Nov. 23rd, 1898.

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FROM LANGLEY.

Editor of the "True Knight."  
Dear Sir and Brother.—Having been kicking for years about non-attendance at Lodge, I eagerly read different letters in the "True Knight" on this subject, particularly Bro. Pferdner and Irvine's letters; and it is said that the power of the press is proverbial. So far, Bros. P. and I. very good; but what are you doing in your lodges to remedy the non-interest? Perhaps our country Lodge with it's scattered members ought to be excused a little, when I consider the poor attendance in the cities, where there is no valid excuse—only non-interest. I often think of the

story about a certain Scotch lady who was noted for her industry, and would not leave for others to do what she could do herself; in fact she wanted to assist in everything. To illustrate: After many years of usefulness she realised that her days in this world were about numbered. So one day she was giving instructions to some of her younger friends about what to do at her death and funeral. But after she had given a number of orders she exclaimed: "O what is the use of telling you, I know it won't be right when I won't be there myself."

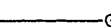
Now, Mr. Editor, is it not a pity that more of our members have not the spirit that when Lodge meeting night comes it won't be right unless they are there. This spirit is necessary in all walks of life to be successful. Commencing with the boy going to school, to be proficient he must be there regular; and so it is in business. Now I think that a large number of our members never realise that it is part of their duty to be there oftener than they are; there is then no danger of being suspended for N. P. of D. There is a reason for some of the non-attendance. Some brothers thoughtlessly do not notice it. Still it is a well-known fact that a large number of men, not knowing the beauties of our Order, do directly and indirectly influence the occasional attendant to go some where else when he would be better to go to his Lodge, and it is a fact that when one makes a habit of going to a certain meeting it becomes a second nature.

It becomes a second nature for the gambler to go to the gamb'ng table through habit, and after a while he gets behind with his dues and is ashamed to go to Lodge. Just like the irregular school boy he gets behind with his lessons and after a few years he gets ashamed to go to school, but yearsafter he rues his non-attendance.

Now if all brothers realised their duties and obligations as tren Knights, they would be there to cheer the "Old Guard"—who have to do the work—with their presence if nothing else, which would be some encouragement. They have not the excuse that "Richard" gave to the "Scottish minister": "I dinna believe in being whar yin

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daes a' the talkin." There is always something to do and say, if only the right interest is taken. Besides, it is said that two heads are wiser than one.

It is undoubtedly too true that many belong to our Order who are Pythians in name only; but in joining the Order we accepted it's obligations, duties and responsibilities. In accepting the responsibilities of Pythianism we owe it to our Lodge, the Order Universal, and the Supreme Ruler to set a good example. Now we are watched by thousands for this example of true Pythianism; and they are daily arriving in your cities, young men, strangers, who are—as it were at the cross roads—looking for some example to follow. There are others who may be watching us for years for the test of true Pythianism. Now if we look at that beautiful Grecian scene for examples, the first that strikes us is that Damon and Pythias met often and by their example of being there on time the tyrant Dionysius wanted to be there also. Therefore, if that mixture of good and evil—"Dionysius" wanted to be there—how much more likely it is that the thousands of young men of good morals who are watching us will want to be there also, if we only set them a true Pythian example, and I think the first example is that we be there regular.

I find that there is a good deal to learn about Pythianism, and the more we learn the more we find out how little we really do know and how much we have to learn about our duties and responsibilities to Pythianism and Humanity.

Fraternally yours,

IAIN DOMHNULLACK.

Langley, Nov. 19th, 1898.

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FROM RATHBONE.

The burning of the Hastings mill has been quite a severe loss to our Lodge, inasmuch that it has taken from us some of our most regular attendants and ardent workers.

Bro. M. J. Conroy, one of our most active and enthusiastic members, has left for newer fields. We wish him every success, but we can ill-afford to lose such a brother as he.

Our Grand Vice-Chancellor, and K. of R. & S. of our Lodge, Bro. Mearns, the superintendent of the Hastings Mill, has been detained from the last few sessions by the over pressure of work the fire has caused him.

There was great rejoicing in Lodge the other evening because Bro. Robb is with us once more. We should be well pleased to have him a regular attendant, and as active and entertaining a worker as of yore.

There are also a few other members, whom we shall be pleased to welcome back.

Bro. Sidney King, an old-time visitor, has joined us by card. So much for Rathbone.

We expect to have another doctor among our ranks soon.

Bro. Sample, of New Westminster, gave us a call one evening.

Bro. G. R. Maxwell, M. P. P., has been on a visit to the east.

Bro. J. E. Evans, P. G. C., of Crusader Lodge, No. 19, was with us last session, and urged upon the Entertaining Committee to extend a standing invitation to the Westminster brothers to join

us at our joint sessions, as they are without a suitable hall for such meetings. Be with us Westminster.

Our C. C., A. J. Mitchell, has started the ball rolling in the right direction by requesting visitors and members to speak. None know what orators they are until they have tried to make a speech.

ARTHUR T. CROOK,  
Rathbone Lodge, No. 7.

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FROM TRAIL.

Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother.—Trail Lodge opened it's Winter work by initiating Tom Henderson and J. T. Meedhurst into the mysteries of the rank of Page. An extraordinary large number were in attendance, and the ceremonies were listened to with rapt attention, and the officers are to be congratulated for their earnest work.

The latter part of September and during October, Trail Lodge has been afflicted with that so-called epidemic "non-attendance," which, judging by the letters of correspondents, has had a stronghold among their lodges for an unlimited time. So, to alleviate this distressing circum-

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stance, our boys, who do attend, (and in my opinion constitute the real Pythian), are proud of being Knights of Pythias, and who love it, who preach it, and are not afraid to show their colors, introduced a motion which was unanimously carried, directing the Keeper of Records and Seal to ask the pleasure of the Grand Chancellor for a special dispensation of placing the initiation fee at \$10 instead of \$20, as heretofore, which was thankfully granted us until the 31st of next month. So far, the result has been most gratifying. About a dozen applications were received at the first meeting, which are now in the hands of the Investigating Committee, and the prospects are that all will go through. Many more new names are expected to be brought forward at the next meeting, as many are taking advantage of the reduction while it lasts. It was a great step taken at a great time. Now that we can see ahead, we are in hopes that it will produce the desired effect in gracing Castle Hall with a full attendance each meeting. I would suggest to our sister lodges who are laboring under financial difficulty, or are troubled with the non-attendance problem, to ask like favors, and with a little push and energy they can regain a hold of solid Pythianism.

September 27th last, Esquire Ralph S. Clark reached the Pythian Temple, thereby binding him to our fraternity in bonds of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence, and he now wears the Pythian smile in all it's glory. Bro. Clark has since been ushered into the chair of Keeper of Records and Seal, and the way he ejaculates the minutes of previous meetings signifies that he is the right brother in the right place.

We were greeted by a visit from Brother Fred. Kommerr, of Northport, Wash., in which he assisted us in escorting two candidates through the canyon of darkness.

It pains us to pen the burning affliction which has overcome Page J. T. Medhurst, which occurred while visiting Rosland a week ago. Page Medhurst was stricken down on the street by a severe attack of appendicitis which has developed into a critical form, and his life is despaired of. He was initiated one week ago.

Last Thursday evening Trail Lodge gave it's second annual ball, and, as usual with Pythians, it was a pronounced success. It proved to be as good financially as it was socially, and by the latest reports all were more than satisfied with the excellent manner in which Brothers Worth,

Lewis and Widmer managed the affair, considering the difficulties they had to contend with. The ball showed unmistakable evidence of their untiring efforts, it being decorated and illuminated as never before. The music, consisting of five pieces, was considered to be the finest that ever strained an ear-drum in this section. Supper was served at Past Chancellor Bro. Peterson's hotel and great credit is due him for the artiseness in which he arranged the evergreens, flowers, tables, Pythian emblems, and most particularly the menu, which was beyond a doubt the most sumptuous repast ever served in Trail.

Brother Wm. H. Chase, who last Fall started for the Klondike country in search of golden treasures, swooped down upon us last week with a complexion as sour as a pickle, and with the exclamation that, "experience is a dear teacher." Sorry to say Bro. Chase neglected to roll in the necessary silver "cartwheels" during his absence, but has promised that he will start them, arolling down the mountain side from Grand Forks at no distant date.

To the Order in general I would like to say that we are beginning to show our expected prosperity more and more. Friendship reigns supreme at every meeting, and a hearty welcome is extended to all brothers who can to visit us at Castle Hall any Thursday evening, where for the next six or eight weeks degree work will be in vogue every meeting.

For the next issue of "True Knight" I will comment at length on the result of the special dispensation which so far is a decided success, and which I think will tend to stir up those lodges that are practically asleep for lack of attendance.

Yours in F. C. & B.,

THOMAS E. ABBOTT.

Trail, B. C., Nov. 20th, 1898.

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FROM VERNON.

The fourth issue of the "True Knight" was duly received and the several ably written articles read with interest and appreciation, particularly the one from our G. K. of R. & S. I think Brother Pferdner hits the nail on the head when he advises the members to no longer look on the lodges as so many branches of an insurance stock company, and I believe your efforts (the "True Knight") as well as the Committee who has charge of the point meetings at the Coast will

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Coldstream has been unfortunate in losing several of her most active members lately, they having moved to other parts of the country. Our C. C., Bro. Cutler, Purser of the steamer Aberdeen, has been transferred to Nelson. We will all miss him. A more genial and painstaking officer could not be found. The Nelson boys will find him a true Knight. Bro. Williams, Captain of the Aberdeen, has gone to Honolulu and Bro. Lawrence, our M. of W., proposes to move to Greenwood, which he says, is the coming locality. We will have to hustle up new members or we will have a hard time to make a quorum.

Bro. Marks has received a position in the Bank of Montreal.

I have no desire to be considered a crank, but I think it would be well for the members to drop the "Degree" business and do all writing in the "Rank" style; it would not sound so antiquated.

Fraternally yours,

ED. GOULLET.

Vernon, B. C., Nov. 15th, 1898.

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### UNIFORM RANK.

"Hail Sir Knights."

The Uniform Rank, from what a little bird has told me, is coming to the front once more, and this time with a vengeance, for in the near future there will be two or three companies organised up the line in three different cities of British Columbia.

Keep the good work moving boys! I wish you God-speed, in this glorious work, for it is a noble and patriotic branch and deserves more attention than it has received in the past. We know of many loyal Knights who would cut quite a swell were they adorned in the uniform of Knighthood, and then too you would notice the change if his best girl was standing on the corner, how his bosom would heave with pride and he would do his utmost to look his best—could you blame him, certainly not. The growth and prosperity of the Order began with the establishment of the Uniform Rank. Through the Uniform Rank the Knights of Pythias have been brought before the public in the most favorable and advantageous light for the order.

Every member who marches beneath the nodding plumes if filled with the proper spirit, and inspired by its teaching, is not in the ranks for the sake of display, but because he can bring our Order in an attractive manner more conspicuously before the public and be the means of upbuilding and bringing success to his Lodge, and last, but not least, would warn you of danger when becoming members of the Uniform Rank.

Obedience to orders is the road to success, therefore obey your officers in every command, avoid all conversation during drill: let your commander do the talking. By doing so you cannot fail to gain beneficial results to the Rank. Brothers, we send you greetings, and hope we will hear from you soon that you have added to this army a body of men whose purity of purpose, constant manhood, citizenship, moral rectitude, and elevating character will be an honor to the mighty host that bids you welcome.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN CROW,

Captain Vancouver City Company,

No. 4 U. R. K. of P.

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 24th, 1898.

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### FROM FAR WEST.

Editor of the "True Knight."

During the past month the social gatherings provided by our committee have taken place, two having been given and both were very successful. About 100 people gathered on each occasion and passed an evening as guests of the Lodge in dancing, card games, and other diversions. Great credit is due to Bros. Barnhard and Roy for the splendid manner in which they discharged their arduous duties in playing "mine host" in behalf of the Lodge. The music provided by Bro. Shelby, of Granite Lodge, No. 16, could not be excelled. The Lodge has concluded arrangements for a longer occupancy of our present hall, the lease to the premises, about to expire, having been renewed to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. The Lodge has now its hall rented for five nights in every week, which it is hoped will continue.

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FROM GRANVILLE.

Editor "True Knight,"—Granville Lodge, No. 3, held its regular meetings during the last month with average good attendance, excepting on November 9th, when we had a rousing big meeting, nearly all the seats in the hall being filled. At this meeting Bro. Thos. Benson was reinstated into our Lodge, and the rank of Knight was conferred on an Esquire of Granite Lodge, New Westminster, in the amplified form by the team from our city lodges, who did their work in their customary excellent style. Quite a few brother Knights came over from New Westminster to witness the work, leaving on a special car late that evening for their homes. Rev. Bro. Jas. Irvine is visiting the Kootenay District during the last few weeks, and during his sojourn there has visited several of the lodges in that district. He reports the brethren up there to be a lot of whole-souled, generous and noble men, willing to do all for the advancement of our Order, and who receive all visiting Knights with open arms. Bro. Irvine reports himself to be in the best of health, and says that he is enjoying his vacation immensely. He sends fraternal greetings to all.

The ---, or-General of the Uniform Rank, K. of P., Bro. Jas. R. Carnahan, has seen fit to honor your humble servant by commissioning me to "muster in" Sandon Company, No. 5, U.R.K. of P., and I expect to leave Vancouver for Sandon on December 4th to institute the said company during that week. I expect to be assisted in my duties by Bro. Jas. Irvine, First Lieutenant of Vancouver City Co., No. 4, and others. While in the Kootenay I intend to visit the other cities of that district and expect to have the pleasure of visiting some of the Lodge meetings up there. I will tell you of my trip in your next issue; until then I remain fraternally yours,

C. L. BENSON,  
Granville Lodge, No. 3.

RATHBONE'S OFFICERS.

Rathbone Lodge, No. 7, Vancouver, at their regular meeting Friday, November 25th, elected the following officers for the ensuing term: C. C., Geo. R. Maxwell, M. P.; V. C., Alex. Gibson; Prelate, S. King; M. of W., S. R. Robb; K. of R. & S., W. D. Mearns; M. of F., Robt. Brooke; M.

of E., H. J. Anstie; M. at A., R. H. Allan; I. G., A. T. Crook; O. G., G. W. DeBeek.

Bro. P. C., Thos. Goldie, paid Vancouver a flying visit last month. We are always pleased to meet P. C. Goldie.

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SUPREME LODGE FINANCES.

Dear Sir and Brother,—In my report to the recent convention of the Supreme Lodge, I recommended, in view of the existing uncertainty as to his duty in that particular, that the incumbent of this office should be required by legislation to have printed and mail to each member of the Supreme Lodge, at the expiration of each quarter, a detailed statement of the receipts and disbursements, and a proposition (Doc. 54) was introduced to amend the Supreme Statutes to that effect. This proposition met with the

approval of the Judiciary Committee, to which it was referred, (Doc. 148, passed its first and second readings, and would probably have passed on the third had it been reached. I believe it to be proper that I should conform to the wishes of the Supreme Lodge, though technically lacking complete expression. I beg, therefore, to submit the following statement of the receipts and disbursements of this office for the time elapsed since the assembling of the Supreme Lodge. A statement of the receipts and disbursements for the time between the close of the fiscal year and the assembling of the convention will be found in the sixth day's proceedings of that body.

RECEIPTS.

1898.		
August 27—To Balance on Hand.....		\$ 8,437 33
August 31—To R. L. C. White, S. K. R. S.....	Loan from Endowment Rank.....	20,000 00
Sept. 17—To R. L. C. White, S. K. R. C.....	August Receipts.....	2,696 33

DISBURSEMENTS.

Date.	To Whom Paid.	For What Purpose.	Amount.
		Total .....	\$31,133 66
August 17—	D. C. Pierce, Agent.....	Express on Bxs., &c., to Indianapolis..	\$ 46 89
August 25—	John B. Cockrum.....	Services Self & Owen, Rosenthal Case..	200 00
August 27—	M. C. Lilley & Co.....	Jewels—July and August.....	995 00
August 31—	Brandon Ptg Co.....	August Supplies and Official Reports....	1,200 54
	L. S. S. Rathbone.....	Annuity—August.....	30 00
	Sarah D. Rathbone.....	Annuity—August.....	30 00
	J. H. Alexander.....	Attending Supreme Tribunal.....	131 40
	Frank H. Clark.....	Attending Supreme Tribunal.....	183 90
	E. A. Graham.....	Attending Supreme Tribunal.....	115 00
	W. D. Kennedy.....	Attending Supreme Tribunal.....	63 60
	W. D. Kennedy.....	Expenses—Supreme Tribunal.....	53 17
	J. T. Pennyacker.....	Interest on Mortgage—Wilmington, Del., Property.....	240 00
	P. T. Colgrove.....	Salary—Balance Due.....	416 68
	P. T. Colgrove.....	Clerical and Office Expenses—August..	160 00
	P. T. Colgrove.....	Contingent Expenses—August.....	66 39
	R. L. C. White.....	Salary—August.....	375 00
	R. L. C. White.....	Office Expenses—August.....	225 00
	Thos D. Meares.....	Salary—Balance Due.....	91 67
	R. L. C. White.....	Cont. Expenses—July and August.....	29 71
	Pay Roll, '98.....	Mileage and Per Diem.....	22,920 90
	Thos D. Meares.....	Daid for Daily Journal, 1898.....	936 05
	Thos D. Meares.....	Sundry Bills Paid, Convention '98.....	443 15
		Total Disbursements.....	\$28,954 05

I have also on hand the sum of \$1,361.80 Balance on Hand..... \$ 2,179 61  
belonging to the Hines Memorial Fund.

Fraternally Yours,  
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E. C. Cooper.....	Grand Forks, North Dakota
Alven E. Read.....	Baton Rouge, Louisiana
C. D. Myers.....	Bloomington, Illinois

Grievances.

- J. C. de LaMare.....New York, New York
- E. B. Wise.....Chattanooga, Tennessee
- W. C. H. Grimmer.....  
.....St. Stephen, N. B., Maritime Provinces
- T. R. Hofer.....Carson City, Nevada
- C. A. Webb.....Asheville, North Carolina

Finance.

- John C. Burns.....Mansfield, Ohio
- L. G. Aldrich.....Natchez, Mississippi
- A. P. Butterfield.....Cincinnati, Ohio
- J. M. Stratton.....Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- T. B. Matthews.....Petersburg, Kentucky

Credentials.

- Oliver Hall.....Colfax, Washington
- J. E. Edmonds.....Deadwood, South Dakota
- J. A. Waddle.....Portland, Oregon
- J. T. Stuphen.....Middletown, Ohio
- C. E. Perry.....East Las Vegas, New Mexico

Reports.

- J. M. Buchanan.....Meridian, Mississippi
- E. H. Mitham.....St. Paul, Minnesota
- W. H. Gilchris.....Melndoes, Vermont
- E. L. Sharon.....Portland, Oregon
- J. B. Gallagher.....Battle City, Montana

Mileage and per diem.

- J. M. Adams.....Tyler, Texas
- B. J. Schuster.....Selma, Alabama
- Ralph Donath.....Jersey City, New Jersey
- H. C. Pettef.....Ardmore, Indian Territory
- F. A. Lang.....Clarksburg, West Virginia

The state of the Order.

- Richard O'Neil.....Lincoln, Nebraska
- J. W. Daniels.....Boise City, Idaho
- William Ledew.....New York City, New York
- T. B. Hanley.....Tipton, Iowa
- C. A. Barnes.....Jacksonville, Illinois
- W. H. Griffin.....Union City, Tennessee
- C. M. Hanson.....Clais, Maine

Written Work.

- C. F. Easley.....Santa Fe, New Mexico
- T. N. Fereman.....Wilmington, Delaware
- W. R. Schnitger.....Cheyenne, Wyoming
- M. J. Manning.....Clarendon, Arkansas
- J. D. Fowler.....  
.....Fredericton, N. B., Maritime Provinces
- W. R. O'Neal.....Orlando, Florida
- E. C. Farrington.....Augusta, Maine

Unwritten Work.

- L. H. Farnsworth.....Salt Lake City, Utah
- W. L. Dunlap.....Franklin, Indiana
- B. A. Fickas.....Phoenix, Arizona
- J. F. Hilscher.....St. Paul, Minnesota
- J. W. Wiggins.....Boston, Massachusetts
- F. M. Beckford.....Laconia, New Hampshire
- S. P. Tustin.....Baltimore, Maryland

Warrants and Charters.

- Allen Jamison.....Canon City, Colorado
- D. E. Ward.....Oaks, Indian Territory
- F. J. Fitzgerald.....London, Ontario
- L. E. Davis.....Providence, Rhode Island
- J. T. Huggard.....Winnipeg, Manitoba

Rules.

- Tennent Lomax.....Montgomery, Alabama
- J. Z. Spearing.....New Orleans, Louisiana
- E. E. Blake.....E. Reno, Oklahoma
- D. C. Bolton.....Paterson, New Jersey
- W. D. Clizbe.....Birmingham, Michigan

Review.

- H. M. Wadsworth.....Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

- C. E. Whelan.....Baltimore, Maryland
- H. J. Anstie.....Vancouver, British Columbia
- R. H. McConnell.....St. Thomas, Ontario
- H. H. Allen.....Kansas City Missouri

Endowment Rank...

- T. LaHache.....Sherman, Texas
- Hamilton Douglas.....Atlanta, Georgia
- J. M. Kline.....Washington, District of Columbia
- C. F. Kuelmie.....Denison, Iowa
- C. C. Simms.....Barnwell, South Carolina

Uniform Rank.

- D. J. Turner.....Northfolk, Virginia
- J. H. Abbott.....Fall River, Massachusetts
- E. L. Siver.....Fort Wayne, Indiana
- H. T. Weed.....Oshkosh, Wisconsin
- E. W. Duncan.....Salt Lake City, Utah
- C. F. McGlashan.....Truckee, California
- W. G. Ronald.....Seattle, Washington

Special Committee

On Rathbone Monument Fund.

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- J. T. Robertson.....Middletown, New York
- Albert Steinhart.....Greenville, Alabama

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ENDOWMENT RANK SHOWING.

The last quarter of the Endowment Rank presents the following showing:—

"A synopsis of the progress of the Endowment Rank during the second quarter of the present fiscal year, embracing the months of July, August and September, shows results evidencing continued growth of this branch of our Order.

Since July 1st, sixteen hundred and twenty applicants, passing favorable examination, have been admitted to the Rank, the new endowment issued aggregating two million three hundred and forty thousand dollars.

The roll of local branches has been increased by the organization of sixty-six new sections, covering the Supreme Domain from Maine to California. One hundred and thirty-four death claims were adjusted and paid during the quarter, the

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sum disbursed amounting to two hundred and eighty thousand six hundred and sixty-seven dollars.

The close of the quarter ending September 30th, 1898, shows an active membership of fifty-three thousand seven hundred and sixty-seven, the endowment in force nine million three hundred and eighty-nine thousand five hundred dollars, and cash balances and investments amounting to four hundred and eighty-one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine dollars and fifty-five cents.

The total amount paid for death claims to date aggregates twelve million seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

It is but fair to assume that during the mid-summer months the labors in behalf of the Endowment Rank are attended with much greater difficulties than during any other period of the year, subordinate lodges being inactive and the greater part of the membership scattered; therefore the results accomplished by the field workers is encouraging.

We are pleased to state, however, that every day there is evidence of an increased recognition of the Endowment Rank—especially apparent in the Eastern States and Canadian Provinces. A greater degree of confidence in the stability of the Rank is being constantly inspired; and as the membership of the Order is made aware that no change has been made in its condition, but that the Rank, stronger numerically and financially than ever, is paying its losses promptly and satisfactorily, as it has always done, we are assured that the confidence and support it so justly merits will be further increased."

#### TO OUR READERS.

At this season our brethren, in common with the rest of their fellow mortals, will no doubt be purchasing gifts of various kinds, to give to their loved ones. The "True Knight" is deeply indebted to those merchants who have favored us with their patronage. They are all reliable men, and sell as cheap as those who do not patronise us. We can commend and recommend everyone of them. We, therefore, hope that all true Knights will remember these merchants who are nobly sustaining the only organ of the Knights of Pythias in British Columbia, and gave them Pythian patronage. Favours thus conferred will come back to us again in renewed subscriptions. Heaven helps those who help themselves, and we should help those who help us.

#### PLEASANT SURPRISE.

We cannot help but call the attention of brother Knights to the opening of the new drug store on the corner of Granville and Robson Streets by Bro. Charles Nelson. That it fills a long-felt want is well known. That Bro. Nelson's company in branching out will receive our due encouragement is a foregone conclusion. It is pleasing to see that the real men who have made Vancouver (not the "Province's") progressing in every up-to-date station. Bro. Nelson opened in business on Carrall Street in 1886, and joined Granville Lodge the same winter. Later he took out his card on account of stern business, but we are pleased to say will soon replace it and again

be with us in the front ranks. The new stock and fixtures make a pleasing and attractive appearance, and are a credit both to the City of Vancouver and its owners. See advertisement in another column.

#### VERY REASONABLE.

A lady who kept a small seaside hotel thought it would be profitable to bring the fact prominently before the public by means of an advertisement or two. Accordingly she carried a carefully worded one to the newspaper office, and inquired the cost of five insertions. It was the custom of this paper, where "ads." were inserted more than four times to deduct 25 per cent. from the usual rates. The clerk, after reading what she had written, told her the expense would be twenty-six shillings, but as it was going in over four times it would be twenty-five off. "Oh!" said she, "that's very reasonable," and putting down a solitary shilling she started for the door. It was difficult to tell which was the more embarrassed, the landlady or the clerk, when he called her back and endeavored to explain that "twenty-five off" meant twenty-five per cent., and not twenty-five shillings.

#### RATHBONE SISTERS.

The history of the Order of Rathbone Sisters has been written so many times that it is quite necessary that we must repeat, in some degree, that which has already been written. Yet, considering the growth of the Order, in the ten years of its life there are many new developments, plainly showing that our Order is progressive—moving rapidly onward.

In the little town of Warsaw, Indiana, October 23rd, 1888, Joseph Addison Hill, S. R., insti-



tuted the first Temple of Pythian Sisters, Warsaw Temple, No. 1, with a membership of 28 ladies and 35 Brother Knights.

From this little handful of devoted women and brave men, our Order has increased in members and in interest, overcoming obstacle after obstacle until we have attained a higher degree of excellence than even the most sanguine had predicted.

The first session of the Supreme Temple of Pythian Sisters was held at Indianapolis, October 10th, 1889, a little less than a year from the date of the institution of the first Subordinate Temple, and was composed of Representatives from the following States: Kansas, California, Iowa, Rhode Island, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Illinois.

Mrs. Ida M. Weaver, the first M. E. C. of Warsaw Temple, No. 1, was chosen Supreme Chief, and a Code of General Laws adopted for the government of Supreme Grand and Subordinate Temples. This session adjourned to meet again in Milwaukee, July, 1890.

The second session of Supreme Temple convened in Kansas City, August 24th, 1892, and the reports at this session showed a membership of nearly 10,000. Articles of incorporation were prepared at this time, and the Order of Pythian Sisters entered upon a legal existence.

The Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, in session at same time and place, were seriously considering the recognition of our Order, but the petition was finally defeated.

At the Washington session of Supreme Temple, August 28th, 1894, an unlooked for obstacle presented itself for the consideration of our brave little band of Supreme officers and Representatives. By a special act of Congress, the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, had been incorporated, and it was considered doubtful if we had a legal right to bear the name of "Pythian" Sisters. And still more, in the face of their obligations, it was decided that Knights could not become members of the Pythian Sisters.

After much deliberation this Supreme body, with the energy and perseverance which has characterized their every effort, bravely surmounted this difficulty and proved the truth of the old adage, that "When a woman will, she will, you may depend on it," and changed our name to "Rathbone" Sisters, in honor of the founder of the Order of Knights of Pythias.

In August, 1896, our Supreme Temple met at Indianapolis, and the last session at Indianapolis met in August, 1898. Quoting from the Supreme Chief's Report at this session: "Ten years' experience with the Rathbone Sisters teaches me that we are firmly bound together in love, upon the planes of equality, and are ready to fly to the relief of others in danger or distress. As long as there are tears to wipe away, sufferings to alleviate, orphans to educate, widows to care for, and the weak to protect, our noble Order will exist, moving onward and upward in its high and holy mission with a noiseless step, like the rush of an angel's wing."

The report of Supreme M. of R. and C. shows eighteen Grand Temples, with a total membership of 16,043 Knights and 22,161 Sisters, July 1st, 1898. Since that time about fifty Temples have been instituted and revived, and the present mem-

bership in the United States, in round numbers, is about 18,000 Knights and 24,000 Sisters.

This session of the Supreme Temple has, perhaps, proved its most interesting one, as the insurance feature, so long talked of, was adopted, and plans formulated for immediate work.

The officers of the newly adopted Endowment Rank shall be an Executive Board, composed of a Past Supreme Chief, who, with the Supreme Chief, will be ex officio, and three members of the Supreme Temple, who shall be elected by the Supreme Temple, one to serve for two years, one for four years, and one for six years; and at each succeeding biennial session of the Supreme Temple one member shall be elected for the full term of six years.

The Executive Board is to have full charge of the Insurance Branch, subject to such restrictions as the Supreme Temple may from time to time provide.

The plan of insurance as adopted gives a rate of insurance one-third higher than the Endowment Rank of the Knights of Pythias. There will be an entrance fee of two dollars, but no medical examination fee.

Mrs. Lydia E. Palmer, of New York, was chosen President of the Board; Mrs. Belle Quinlan, of Galesburg, Ill., Secretary, and Dr. Helen S. Dunn, of Centralia, Ill., Supreme Medical Director-in-Chief.

No one can take out insurance in this Branch but a sister member of the Order of Rathbone Sisters.

The Supreme Temple officers for 1898-1900, are:—

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After installation the session closed to meet again in Detroit in 1900.—Annie E. Harper, G. O. G., in the "Pythian Record."

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### THE UNIFORM RANK.

We understand that the Knights of Rosslund, Nelson and Kamloops are contemplating the formation of Uniform Rank companies. If so why not have Bro. Behnsen visit you when in your district. No one can be better qualified to give you the information desired.

Now that the winter months are at hand why the Sir Knights should arouse themselves and arrange for drill meetings once or twice a month. We know of nothing that ought to prove more interesting and instructive to the members.

Word has just been received from Bro. Col. Strood L. Redgrave, of Victoria, that a company of the Uniform Rank will be instituted in Sandon within the next few weeks. Bro. Capt. C. L. Behnsen has been honored with the appointment of Instituting Officer for this company, and in his hands we feel satisfied that the work will be carried out successfully.

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### WHAT PYTHIANISM IS.

When asked by one who wants to become a Knight of Pythias as to the character of the membership of the Order, you can point with pride to the fact that among its members "in good standing" are the President of the United States, Cabinet officers, Supreme Judges, members of the Canadian Parliament, Ministers Plenipotentiary, Consuls, United States Senators, members of House of Representatives, about thirty Governors of States, State officers, divines, lawyers and men in all walks of life, down to the men who delve in the earth and in the mines for their bread—all, all meeting together upon the broad plane of fraternity. These are they who have spread the mantle of brotherhood over all quarters of our broad land and reunited the hearts of the men who, at the birth of Pythianism, were arrayed against each other for deadly combat—in intestine strife. This is the character of the Order and of whom it is composed, strong enough to embrace all that is worthy in the broad limits of the Supreme Domain.—Florida "Fraternal Record."

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### AS OTHERS SEE US.

"The True Knight" is the name of the latest entry into the precarious field of fraternal journalism. It hails from far away Vancouver, B. C., and is edited by G. R. Maxwell. It is bright and newsy and we predict for it a successful career, as those western boys are famous for their enthusiasm and devotion to Pythianism. A pleasant

letter from Bro. Anstie, the Genial Supreme Representative, is a feature of the September number, in which Bro. A. relates the pleasant experiences of his trip east.—Knighthood.

Thanks, Bro. Knighthood. We will endeavor to have your predictions fulfilled to the letter.

We are pleased to add to our exchange list that bright and interesting publication, "The True Knight," of Vancouver, British Columbia.—Jacksonville "Fraternal Record."

"The True Knight" is the name of a new monthly magazine published at Vancouver, British Columbia. The fourth number is just received and the contents are of considerable interest even to the brethren on this side of the line. T. A. Spink is the publisher, and G. R. Maxwell is the editor. It is neatly printed, cleanly edited, and our brethren over the border should give it a hearty and substantial support.—"Pawtucket Gazette and Chronicle."

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### NEW UNIFORM RANK RITUAL.

Those who were so disappointed over the failure of the new Uniform Rank Ritual to pass by the required vote two years ago, are assured that there is no mistake or failure now. The vote on it in the Cleveland convention was supposed to have been sufficient to pass it, and the friends of the revision went to their homes under that impression, but they were much chagrined on learning that the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal had "counted noses" and found that the constitutional number of votes had not been given it. This time it is secure and the work will be printed and furnished within the three months following adjournment. As the Richie Ritual was superior to the old, so is it said by those who have witnessed the exemplification of this one, that it is superior to the old.—Ex.

[From information received from our Supreme Representatives, we believe the new ritual will be generally welcomed. We learn that Bro. C. L. Behnsen, P. S. R. is now awaiting supplies, etc. from the Major General, and on receipt of

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sume he will proceed to Sandon and institute a company of Uniform Rank. Members in that city, possibly having the honor of instituting the first company under the new Ritual. We wish the Uniform Rank every success, and congratulate Colonel Redgrave on the efforts made in that direction.—Committee "True Knight."]

imply. Can such teachings as these harm any man?—Ex.

LOCALS.

A true man always says what he honestly thinks is right, and as earnestly opposes what he thinks is wrong. It is not every man that acts his honest convictions.—Ex.

BENEFIT OF A FRATERNAL PAPER.

Every Grand and Supreme Chancellor and the K. of R. & S. when writing their reports throw a "sop" to the "fraternal press." They laud its usefulness to the Order and the help it affords both officer and member, and commend it to the attention of all. Yet this recommendation penetrates no further than "water on a duck's back." It is read and passed over and forgotten. Most of these officers have gained much of their knowledge by reading the fraternal press, why should not others receive similar benefits? It is a lamentable truth that many members are in the Order for what they can make out of it—many of them through curiosity—and there their interest ends; they have no occasion for knowledge because they do not attend where knowledge could be used. How different circumstances might be were other conditions to prevail. The possession of knowledge generally leads to a desire for its use, and one who is fully posted on the literature and traditions of an Order will be found where that knowledge directs. Of one thing all may rest assured, a good fraternal paper is a perpetual monitor to the members, and a lodge cannot make a better investment of the sum required than to put a copy of a fraternal paper in the hand of every member, both worker and drone. Try it for one year and results will convince.—Ex.

The "Pawtucket Gazette," a weekly publication edited by Supreme Representative Charles Lee, of Pawtucket, R. I., is one of our latest exchanges. It is a splendid publication, and the genial editor has not forgotten the "True Knight" and the members of British Columbia.

We have one Grand Lodge Officer, who aside from his official duties and business, has proved that he can claim a place among the sporting fraternity. Bro. J. L. Brown, of Kamloops, before referred to in our columns, has beat the record "on first experience," by shooting three magnificent deer in succession. We can testify to the quality of the game, and if Bro. Brown has the same proportion of success in his daily walks of life we will all feel pleased.

On Friday, December 2nd, Rathbone Lodge assisted by Granville, No. 3, and Crusader, No. 19, will hold a joint convention and receive and enter-

DIFFERENT MOTIVES.

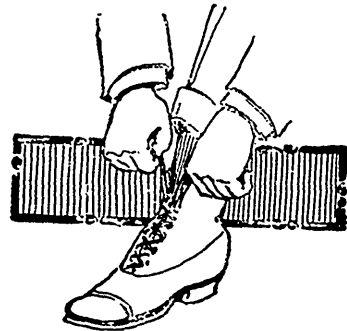
Men have different motives in joining the Order. One man joins with the hope of it helping him in business, another for the honors of office, another to have a place to spend a pleasant evening and a great many for the protection it affords. But no matter what a man's object is in joining the Order, whether it be one of self-interest or as a protection in case of misfortune, no one has any right to say he shall not become a member of a secret order and as he receives one after another of the beautiful lessons the Order teaches, his mind is uplifted to all that is grand and good in life.

Friendship, the first link that binds him to all brothers in the friendly grasp of the hand, with loyalty to them when the world seems against them and every one who had pretended to be their friend had proven false.

Charity, the second tie that binds him to all brothers in distress and inspires him to help those who have been unfortunate in business, or the widow and orphan children of some brother who has been laid to rest.

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tain the members of New Westminster lodges, and confer the second and third rank. The latter will be given by the old and reliable team, and we trust will be rendered as efficiently as in former cases. We desire to see these friendly visits continued during the Winter months, knowing the vast amount of good that has been accomplished in the past.

The lodge room is the great centre from which the fire of fraternity is kept alive. As attendance and lodge room interests cool off, so also does the influence which that lodge exerts upon the community. Keep the fire burning brightly, and as near the conflagration point as possible.

Men of low reputations will get into the Order; and men will drop in their moral standing after they join the lodge, just as the mercury drops in the tube as cold in the atmosphere; so don't judge an order, a family, or a church, by one or two who hold membership therein. Judged by that standard no organisation would stand the test.

#### BUSINESS NOTES.

We cheerfully make the correction desired by Bro. Capt. J. Crow relative to Vancouver City Company card.

We would esteem it a favor at any time to have our attention called to mistakes or missprints which may appear in the columns of this journal. The Committee in charge desire to make this paper readable and a credit to our Grand Domain, and we solicit the brotherly suggestions of all good Knights.

It is surprising what an energetic business firm can do. all you need to do is to call at the City Grocery Company and see the volume of goods leaving their store daily. Messrs. Duke & McNair, are to be congratulated upon their success. It is such men as these that make any city prosperous. They employ some fifteen clerks, who are always courteous and gentlemanly, and are always pleased to show every attention to customers.

#### STREW FLOWERS.

"No flowers." These words frequently follow the announcement of day and date of a funeral. "No flowers"—the husband, wife, sister, friend, has closed the history of life. During its prime was the time for flowers—flowers at morn, at noon, at night; flowers strewn upon the path, at the roadside, roses for a couch, forget-me-nots all along the journey. Don't wait till the last page of life's history has been written and passed—until the thorns along the way have done their deadly work and all consciousness ceased, and then bring in flowers with their joyous faces to mock the dead past. Bring flowers while their perfume and gladdening beauty can awaken the heart's emotions, brighten the eye and fill the soul with joy. Scatter flowers all along the way through life, and at death, whether there be flowers or faded stalks of grain, the loves that were garnered in life will beautify and gladden the end with a halo of remembrance nothing can

pale. There will then remain no "aching void" wherein remorse may lodge to fester and breed sorrow, but all will be peace and joy and gladness.—"Florida Fraternal Record."

#### WORDS OF CHEER.

Words of cheer are words of help; words of gloom are words of harm. There is a bright side and a dark side to every phase of life and to every hour of time. If we speak of the bright side we bring the brightness into prominence; if we speak of the dark side we deepen its shadows. It is in our power to help or to hinder by a word any and every person with whom we come in contact.

#### BORN IN LANARK.

Auld country body up seeing town during the festive season entered a fashionable boot shop in Sauchiehall street, Glasgow, with her boy, and asked the assistant, who came forward to show her "some buits for the laddie." "French kid, Madam?" politely inquired the assistant, resting the laddie's leg on his knee, and looking up. "French kid!" exclaimed the lady in open-mouthed astonishment. "Naething o' the sort, sir; he's a true Scot, an' was born in Lanark toon."

#### OLD DARKEY'S PRAYER.

A Virginia man at a recent Clover Club dinner told of an old darkey who was praying for rain in a dry season. "O Lord!" he said, "send down the rain—a sweet, refreshing shower—a rain to make the grain big at the root, long at the husk and shiny in the grain; not one of those gully-

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washing and flooding rains, but a sweet sort of a shower. O Lord! send the rain to make the grain grow, for if there is anything I do hate on this earth it is there—little nubbins.”

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## HE TOOK THE HINT.

An honest ploughman was much in love with a pretty dairymaid, but he was rather a bashful wooer, and could not muster sufficient courage to pop the question. Kate, for that was the name of the dairymaid, got impatient, and she determined to bring Jack to the scratch, so one night when they met for the usual bilin' and cooin', Kate said, "Maun, Joek, are ye fond of guid baked scones?" "That I am, ma lassie," was the reply. "Weel, am a grand haun' at them," says Kate, "but a' canna bake them for you, Joek, till ye mak' me Mrs. Cam'ell." Joek took the hint, and the pretty dairymaid baked his scones for him not many months afterwards.

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## THE BEADLE AGAIN.

A minister of Dauvit Steenson's, a Scotch beadle, was an elderly person, who never thought of writing a new sermon. He therefore consulted his man regarding the choice of the old. The beadle knew to a nicety when any one had been last delivered. "When did I preach this one?" the minister would say, naming the text. "About twa months syne," replied Dauvit. "Then that will not do," quoth the minister. After repeated trials the reverend gentleman became fidgety, and taking out a very yellow doctrinal one, asked about it "We got her a twalmonth syne," was the prompt response. "Tell me the heads," said the minister, to test his informant. "David was a justified child, David was an adopted child, and David was a sanctified child," quoth Dauvit. "That's all right. Now, what came under the first head?" Dauvit was obliged to acknowledge that he had forgotten. "Well," said the minister, "we'll just take that sermon, for you'll be all the better to get your memory refreshed. And Dauvit, if you don't know the sermon no other will, so it will suit very well for all."

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## EXTREME ECONOMY.

Will J. Scism, editor of "The Knight's Jewel," of Omaha, who is a "P. G. C." and "S. R." came to the late convention of the Supreme Lodge loaded for business, as the pages of the daily reports of proceedings testify. Although "turned down" by the Supreme body in some of his propositions, in others he was successful. Here is what he did with the matter of appropriation for postage usually made at each convention:

One of the events of importance of the second day was an attempt to appropriate money for postage in the way that some appropriations have heretofore been made, and against which "The Jewel" has fought most vigorously. Representative Edmunds, of South Dakota, introduced a resolution appropriating \$200.00 for postage for the members of the Supreme Lodge. This was opposed by some and the law pointed out to them, but without avail, the resolution was adopted by

a viva voce or rather a vivision vote of 50 to 51. "The Jewel" has all along contended that this sort of appropriation was not a legal one according to the statutes, and its representative at once proceeded to demonstrate the soundness of his position. He went before the Supreme Tribunal and sued out an order restraining the S. K. of R. & S. from drawing a warrant on account of said resolution. The writ was served in the afternoon and the S. K. of R. & S. ordered to show cause the next morning at 10 o'clock, why it should not be made permanent. The case came on for hearing and the injunction was made permanent, thereby teaching the Supreme Lodge this valuable lesson, that laws made for the government must be as strictly obeyed as the laws it makes for the government of other lodges under its direction and control. In explaining to the Supreme Lodge that he had been enjoined, the S. K. of R. & S. posed in a certain sense as a martyr, but it did not work, because the majority of the Supreme Lodge realised that appropriating money for postage was that much money wasted, and more, that making illegal appropriations in the future would not be tolerated.

We cannot quite agree with Brother Scism on his premises in this matter, as the mailing of the "Daily Reports" is for the information of the members of the Order who are at their homes, and who are as much interested in the doings of the Supreme Lodge as are those who "sit under the droppings of the sanctuary." Economy is a good thing, and the work in that direction by the Supreme Lodge is commendable, but there are extremes in both directions, and we are of opinion this is one of them.—Ex.

[In connection with the above matter, our Supreme Representatives desire to offer an explanation why so few of the members in this domain were favored with copies of the "Daily Journal" of the Supreme Lodge "as had been formally the custom." The Supreme Lodge in its desire to economise reduced the number over one-half to be printed daily, and as a result our representatives had just twenty-four copies daily at their disposal, one of which they mailed to each Subordinate Lodge in this Domain. They would gladly have disposed of more had copies been placed at their disposal.—Committee "True Knight."]

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The Committee in charge of this paper desire to state that all correspondence intended for publication must be in the office of the Secretary not later than the 20th of each month to insure publication. This is absolutely necessary owing to the many delays, creating confusion between the Committee and publishers, and entailing unnecessary work and further expense.

We trust that all will cheerfully comply with the above request and favor us with an abundance of good material for our future issues.

COMMITTEE.

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## PERSONAL.

Mrs. Grady, wife of P. C., Bro. John Grady, is expected back from her trip East this month.

Bro. P. C., A. M. Tyson has been on the sick list, but we are pleased to see him out attending to his business again.

We are pleased to learn that Mrs. Hodgson, mother of Bro. George Hodgson, Prelate of Crusader Lodge, No. 19, is improving.

We are pleased to note that P. C., Bro. H. J. Finney is meeting with grand success in the Territories. May the good work continue Bro. Finney.

J. L. Brown, of Kamloops: Do you know Bro. Brown how glad you made the hearts of a number of the Knights of Vancouver when you expressed to them that venison? It is well to be remembered, but it is better when the remembrance is accompanied by something in the substantial line. There is one brother in Vancouver who will ever consider himself your debtor.

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## DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

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

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

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

The Order of Knights of Pythias—founded in Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence, which it proclaims as its cardinal principles—strives to gather into one mighty fraternity worthy men who appreciate the true meaning of friendship; who are cautious in word and act; who love truth; who are brave in defending right; whose honor is

untarnished; whose sense of justice will prevent, to the best of their ability, a personal act or word injurious to the worthy; whose loyalty to principle, to family, to friends, to their country and to the constituted authority under which they enjoy citizenship is undoubted; and who, at all times, are prepared to do unto others as they would that others should do unto them.

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PASS IT ON.

The "True Knight" is meant to circulate everywhere. It is a periodical which has for its object the advancement of the Order. The Order cannot move forward without always increasing its numerical strength. The "True Knight" will, it is hoped, aid in procuring members. Subscribers can help on the work very materially. When they have read the paper let them pass it on to persons who they think will make good Knights. The paper will do the rest, for there is matter in these pages which will make an outsider seriously consider the advantages of joining the Order.—Pass it on.

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