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THE PYTHIAN IN HIS RELATIONS TO OTHERS.

Even the care of our own soul becomes A sin—base selfishness—when we neglect All care for others.—Darley.

Last month we discussed the value of Pythianism to the individual. We need not go over again the sum of that value now, but you my readers might read it over again before beginning this, as it would considerably help him in following the present trains of thought. We shall suppose that the man who desires to become a Knight is one unxious to become all that a Knight should be, and do all that a Knight should do. We have no fault to find with the man who so far as the mistratures of life are concerned is determined to ook after himself. The man who does so is prutent and wise. There is a self in us which is

worthy of being watched, nurtured, and cared for. The man who neglects that self is disloyal to his highest interests. All reasonable men will recognise in Pythianism the vehicle through whih they may make all due provision for their wants in sickness and in death. But the value of Pythianism ends not here, in fact it is only beginning. A true Knight cannot be selfish. While he must think of himself, he must do more. While he must help himself, he must do more; he must think of, and help others. It is not difficult for any man to see how this begins, and how that this is absolutely necessary. If you take the old idea associated with Knikhthood, you will find that this thought bulks largely in it. The Knight prepares himself, arms himself for conquest. He thinks of glory, honor, and fame, no doubt for himself, but the only way he ould obtain glory, honor and fame was by succouring, helping and fighting for others. others. As Knights to day we are not called to go out and fight against men; we are not called to panoply ourselves with sword, helmet, and shield- our Order opens up new avenues for us, but we are called upon to minister to, and to serve others. Our warfare is a different kind of war-fare, but all the same, it is largely in the interests of others. In other words, our Order impresses upon us, that the best, the noblest way of serving ourselves, is by serving others. We may see this in another way. Pythianism is a band, an association, and a brotherhood. A Knight is a member of this band, or association, or brotherhood, and in each one of these words, the idea, the cardinal idea lying at the root of each and all of these words, imply that we have duties to perform, whenever these are necessary to every man in that band or brotherhood. An association of men banded together that each man may set out of it all he can for himself, would not be worth anything, or a brotherhood composed of men all the time thinking and scheming and planning for their own selfish interests would not be a brotherhood of any value. A true brotherhood means, service to each and to all. Take a poetical illustration:

In Palestine long years ago—
So runs the legend old—
Where Kedron's sparkling waters flow
Across their sands of gold
And Mount Moriah lifts his head
Above the sunny plains,
Two brothers owned—as one—'tis said
A fiield of golden grain.

And when the Autumn days had come And all the shocks and sheaves Stood waiting for the 'harvest home' Among the withering leaves, The older brother said one night "'Im stronger far than Saul, My younger brother, 'tis but right

That I should give him all,
These sheaves that grow upon the plain
We own together, so
I'll put with him my stacks of grain,
And he will never know.

Scarce had he left the sheaves of wheat When quietly there came ...cross the field with stealthy feet And errand just the same—
The younger lad who said—I see My brother Simon's need
Is greater far than mine, for he Hath wife and child to feed;
And so to him I'll give my sheaves It is but right, I know—
And he will never think who leaves These wheat stacks on his row.

Next morning when the brother's twain
Began to count their store,
Behold! each found his stacks of grain
To number as before?
Why; how is this? in great surprise
Each to himself then said,
I'll watch to-night to see who tries
These tricks when I'm abed;"
And so, half way across the plain
They met—each one bent o'er
With shocks and sheaves of golden grain
To swell his brother's store.

Good Saul and Simon? Would to-day More brothers might be found Who seek each other's good always, And in kind deeds abound.

A beautiful picture, and if we understood anything about Pythianism it is, that we have in our brotherhood, a body of men who seek each other's good, and in kind deeds abound. The true Knight then knowing as he does what he may expect at the hands of his brethren, is anxious above all things to be brotherly—and Pythianism gives him his opportunity. Does any Knight know of any brother Knight in sickness or in distress. As he hears words like these, as the question is put to him, then at once he must think of others. He is at once reminded of his duty and responsibility. Every brother Knight comes within the range of his care, and within the range of his eye. Pythianism says to him, you are your brother's keeper. Sickness comes like a thief in the night—have a watchful eye on your brother. Look after him, don't lose sight of him, so that if the dread visitor comes, his brethren may know, and be ready to

help him. His care of and interest in others begin rig.t at this moment, and no Knight is acting in a Knightly way that is not looking after his brother. Again when a brother is reported to be sick, he must think of others. The sick man must be cared for, nursed, watched, and provided for. What can I do? What a glorious work Pythianism does right here. How comforting it must be to parents afar off, when they learn that their boy is sick, that he is in the care of men who will never leave him nor forsake him, and how consolatory to the sick one stricken down to know that he is in the hands of brethren who count their service to him, both a delight and a privilege. The old people believed in angels, and many a charming story have we of their gracious ministradations. We like the idea of having ministering and guardian angels. Leigh Hunt says:

How sweet it were, if without feeble fright, Or dying of the dreadful beauteous sight, An angel came to us, and we could bear To see him issue from the silent air At evening in our room, and bend on ours IIis divine eyes, and bring us fro mhis bowers News of dear friends and children who have never Been dead indeed,—as we shall know for ever, Alas! We think not what we daily see About our hearths,—angels, that are to be, Or may be if they will, and we prepare Their souls and ours to meet in happy air,—A child, a friend, a wife whose soft heart sings In unison with ours, breeding its future wings.

Yes, we do not think that it would be pleasant to see an angel, but Pythianism is raising up and training, and sending out angels week by week to sick beds, and to widows and orphans, and their ministrations to the weak and helpless are revealing to us the only kind of angels whom the Divine Chancellor is giving to the world to-day. We reecho the sentiment expressed by Anderson in these lines:

Honor to them and strength in all their ways Walking the earth to do God's work so well

There is another way in which the thought of others is brought home to a true Knight. Each brother has some depending upon him. If a father, he has a wife and family dependent upon his daily toil, and if a young man, he has possibly a father, mother, sisters and brothers more or less looking to him for material help. It may be true that he is healthy, and that he is able to minister to all their needs while that health re-

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length of his days. Life is uncertain. It does not require an insurance company to convince us of that fact. Well Pythianism bids a man think in this connection of others. It says to him, you may die, you will die. In one way or another the grim Reaper may cut you down suddenly. You have those dear and near to you. Suppose you were taken off, what would happen to them? Are they provided for? Would they fall into the miserable slough of poverty? Would they be exposed to want and hunger? If so, then my brother think about them, insure your life, so that if death should come, you may die contented, knowing that your loved ones will be placed beyond the reach of want. Still you see harping on others. Yet there is one way more that Pythian-ism enjoins upon us to think of others, and that is by thinking of or remembering our dead. We watch over our sick, we bury them may be, but that is not the end. Longfellow has these beautiful lines:

Then the forms of the departed Enter at the open door: The beloved, the true-hearted Come to visit me once more.

He the young and strong, who cherished Noble longings for the strife, By the road side fell and perished, Weary with the march of life.

rney the holy ones, and weakly Who the cross of suffering bore, Folded their pale hands so meekly, Spake with us on earth no more.

O, though oft depressed and lonely, All my pears are laid aside If I but remember only Such as these have lived and died.

There is no if about our remembrance. Pythianism has created its memorial day-when our dead -the absent are remembered again. We pass out to where their sacred duty is lying, and loving

mains, but, no man has any security as to the hands redecorate their graves, while within our Castle Halls loving voices speak of their worth. All one way Pythianism bids us think of others, that we consider is a higher part of our Pythian life than the one considered before. Let us live up to our privileges. Let us seize our opportunities for doing good. We may make no fuss in the world, but all the same, those whom we comfort, visit, and help, will ever think of us, as the noblest and the kindest of men. That is how true Knights are evolved, how they are made and perfected. May we all aspire to the highest rank, the rank which is ever reached through unselfish devotion

THE SUPREME LODGE.

Last month we devoted a large portion of our space to the report of our worthy representative to the Supreme Lodge. Perhaps nothing could more thoroughly convince our brethren both of the need and utility of our Journal than being permitted to read such an able report of the pro-ceedings of the Supreme Lodge. A true Knight is ever anxious about the welfare of his own Grand Lodge, for that means growth or otherwise in his own domain, but the Supreme Lodge, the font of all subordinate and Grand lodges, in it his chief interest lies. Now what a treat it must be to every lover of Pythianism in British Columbia to have presented to him in such a readable form the record of proceedings, which take it all in all, is a record of work done, that must be pleasing to every Pythian heart. We hope our brethren have appreciated our efforts in this direction. Not to have had that report in every Lodge, and in the hands of every member, would have been a great loss. We must stir up our interest in the work of Pythianism all over. We must get acquainted with the noble men who are leading on our great Pythian army to deeds heroic. We must become enthused over Pythianism at home, and the only way the mass of our members can be touched is through the columns of the "True Knight." The brother who does not take it, and does not read it in doing himself and the

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Order a positive injury. About the proceedings, it report. There is a great deal of information in ish Columbia have received. We are under everlasting obligations to Brothers Anstie and Ackerman, and the work they have done more than justifies the confidence reposed in them. With such men guiding the hel mof the Pythian ship, we need never be afraid of any storm that may sweep over us. The sessions of the Supreme Lodge seem to have been breezy. A breeze is good, the only pity is, that gossip or slander should have caused it. The croaker, the disappointed office seeker, the man with a grievance is always with us. It is a shame, however, that for the sake of booming himself he should stab the Order which he pretended to love. Beware of the gossipper. He is a mean contemptible specimen of humanity wherever he is found. And gossip too is vile. However, all's well that ends well. We cannot calculate the harm done. We cannot know the number of minds which have been poisoned, but we are proud to note, that after a most searching investigation the lies were clinched, the slanderer was exposed, every brother wrongly accused was justified, while our Grand Order was found to be built upon solid ground, and was growing in strength and usefulness.

In reading over the report we were particularly charmed with the Supreme Chancellor's references to the brethren in British Columbia. coming in a sense a stranger to us, we did not take him in, but we did take him into our hearts. He is one of nature's noblemen, and we are gratified that the humble efforts to make his sojourn pleasant, interesting, and profitable were so much We can only hope that our new appreciated. Supreme Chancellor will come and see us, for while such visits have no political significance, yet when we anow and love each other—as Pythian Knights do—we cannot but believe that such love will sway political action.

Food for thought, and very digestible food will be found in the special prominence which the Supreme Chancellor gave to the importance of the Pythian Press. Our readers need not expect or wall over the sorrows of our Editor. We have not been promised anything. Blessed are those who expect nothing, for they will not be disappointed. little army of ready writers connected with our Press deserve the honor conferred upon them. They are doing a great, a necessary, and a blessed They are shining lights, and were these to be blotted out, there would be great darkness in the Pythian firmament. Give them all, brethren, not cheap, but practical sympathy. Pass your dollar along. We need hardly call your attention to the report of the Supreme Lodge finances. Our representatives give us a very clear statement of how these stand. There was need evidently for drawing in our horns so far as exto know that there was no crookedness and no dishonesty practised by any one. We commend the actions of the Supreme Lodge in cutting down expenses, especially in selections and the first of the supreme Lodge in cutting down expenses, especially in salaries, and it is practically gratifying to be assured, that the changes made will bring forth a surplus. Again we say we hope our brethren all over will read and digest this 114 Cordova Street, Vancouver

is hardly necessary to say much beyond asking the it which every Knight ought to know. It must brethren to read the report carefully. It is well have cost our brethren a great deal of labor to worth reading. The writers write well. We question if any other portion of our Pythian world will receive such a report as the Knights of Brithaue cost our brethren a great deal of labor to put it together, and they have done their work well. For our own part, we have read it, and will receive such a report as the Knights of Brithaue been stimulated and encouraged by it. There is one manifest tone in it, and that is hopefulness. There is one manifest spirit in it, and that is love -love for the brethren-and love for Pythianism, and no brother can come in contact with such spirits without being blessed. Knights of British Columbia—our Order has been passing through a erisis. That erisis is past now. We believe that our Order has come out of the trial purer, brighter and nobler. Remember our work is not to make money, good as that may be. Our work is to help, to comfort, and to protect. These are the grand things of the universe. We exist as an Order that we may do these things. Our proud satisfaction is that we do them. Let us thank God for the kindly hearts, and the fertile brains which brought Pythianism into existence, and let us thank the Divine Chancellor that we are permitted again and again in His Name, through our Castle Halls to be His servants in times of distress. Long may our Order flourish, but may it grow, through Friendship, Charity and Benevolence.

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Great activity is being displayed among the Knights in Manitoba and the North West Territories. During the past month new ledges have been instituted at Macleod and Medicine Hat, also reorganization has taken place at Lethbridge and Calgary. All this has been thruogh the efforts of Bro. H. J. Finney, Grand Organizer for Manitoba and the North West Territories. It might not be out of place to say that the Knights of British Columbia had better look out for their laurels.

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To H. J. Anstie, Chairman, and members of the Committee of the "True Knight":—

Brother Knights,-I herewith submit my first quarterly report for the period ending October 31st, 1898, and trust that you may find the same satisfactory and correct.

Owing to recent illness I have not been able to give the "True Knight" the time and care I would have done, but I hope in the future to be able to devote more time in its interest. I am glad to state that our paper is a success, and that we have every reason to be proud of our venture.

Fraternally yours in F., C. & B., J. E. EVANS,

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A CANADIAN PYTHIAN HONORED.

The St. John's N. B., "Daily Sun," of September 20th gives a lengthy and pleasing account of the reception tendered to Bro. James Moulson, Supreme Prelate, on his return to his home in that city. The honored brother was escorted from his residence to the Pythian Castle Hall by Nos. 1 and 5 companies of the Uniform Rank, headed by the Artillery Band, where he was presented with an address of welcome and congratulation by Grand Chancellor Godsoe, which was followed by kindly remarks by Mayor White, Lieutenant-Colonel Grimmer, S. R., and other prominent mem-bers of the Order. Bro. Moulson gave a very able address in reply.

Bro. James Moulson is one of the oldest members of the Order in the Maritime Provinces, and by his untiring efforts and devotion to the work is due to a great extent the success of the Order in that domain. He is beloved by the entire membership there, and we believe that the elevation of Bro. Moulson to the office of Supreme Prelate will be the means of greatly increasing the mem-bership, renewing the interest, and for the next two years prove a vertiable boom for the Mari-

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VANCOUVER CITY COMPANY, NO. 4.

Vancouver City Company, No. 4, U. R. K. of P. meet as usual at the Pythian Castle Hall the first Tuesday of the month with a fair attendance. Roll was called and absentees noted. Under the order of New Business, Past Captain II. J. Anstie, of Vancouver City Company, No. 4, delivered a very able address on the good work done at the Supreme Lodge session held at Indianapolis, Ind., and also about the fine showing made by the uniform rank in the grand parade that took place there, and that we would soon be in possession of the new ritual for the Uniform Rank of which he spoke very highly, beside a lot of other very interesting news, now for the Uniform Rank let it be said that it is not a side rank of the Order, but a higher branch, and no Knight can join unless he is in good standing in his lodge, neither can he remain a member of the Uniform Rank if once he is suspended from his Lodge, therefore you can see that a Sir Knight is always in good standing in his Lodge.

The organization of the Uniform Rank is growing year after year, and it is to be hoped that the members of British Columbia will be fully alive to the advantage of increasing this military branch of the Order. In our glorious Province the first marked evidence of the Uniform Rank was at the Supreme Lodge Session held at Toronto, Ont., in 1886, when it astonished the public and the world. So we can have it here when the Pythian Army marches out of the City of Tents and wheels into Ene. Where would be a man with soul so dead that would not to some one say "bring me a Pythian uniform and sword.."

Pythianism and kindred orders have a mission to perform, while Pythian Knighthood brings no influence to bear upon the world save that which emanates from a spirit of fraternity. The universal practice of its principles would usher in a reign of purer peace and noble laws.

Fraternally yours in F. B. C.,

JOHN OROW,

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

FROM PRIMROSE.

Kamloops, Oct. 23rd, 1898.

Dear Sir and Brother,—The "True Knight" is always a welcome visitor with the Kamloops boys, even if it does arrive a month late. I notice in the October number Bro. Nelson asks the question whether the Grand Lodge made any improvement here or not. Well it certainly did in more ways than one, both to our Lodge and the Order generally. Kamloops will be glad to welcome the Grand Lodge again. Primrose expects to be busy this fall initiating new members. We have one poor victim through the first and second rank now, and I am sure I don't know whether he will live through the third or not. It was with feelings of regret that Primrose Lodge said good-bye to Bro. Lang. He has filled the K. of R. & S. office ever since the Lodge was organized, with the exception of two terms, in which he occupied the chairs of the Vice and C. C., and a more painstaking and efficient officer would be hard to find. We all wish him success in his new home, Nelson, B. C.

Bro. 'D. C. McKenzie, our enterprising tailor, now fills the office, and does it very acceptably. Bro. McCrum is leaving in the morning for Minneapolis to bring home his wife and family, who have been visiting there for some time. We all wish you a safe and pleasant journey Joe. A number of our boys are rich in expectation with the mining boom that has taken place in the last month. That's right boys, go it, and we will help you to blow it, and no v dear Editor, in cenclusion, we wish you every success for your paper, and if the members give it the support it deserves you need have no fears of any financial difficulty.

Fraternally yours, J. L. BROWN,

Correspondent.

[Note.--Our correspondent should place the blame for the non-arrival of the September issue on the shoulders of the Post Office authorities.---Ièd.]

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FROM GRANVILLE.

In my letter in the October number of the "True Knight," I hinted at a proposed trip of one of our youngest members to Victoria with an important object in view. Well I was not mistaken this time, for Bro. Chas. P. Schnoter, of our Lodge did go to Victoria, and on the 12th of October was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Elsie Davis. The happly couple have returned to Vancouver and will reside in future on Tenth avenue, Mount Pleasant. All his brother Knights join in wishing the young couple a bright and happy future, and hope that their only trouble will be little ones. During the past month the meetings of Granville Lodge were graced by the presence of many visiting Knights, notable amongst which was our energetic and untiring G. K. of R. & S., Emil Pferdner on Octoher 5th, he edified us with a lengthy speech, during which he threw out many useful hints for the benefit of ourLodge and the Order in general. Our Harry Anstie, S. R., was also with us, a synopsis of what the Supreme Lodge has accomplished during its last session; Brothers Cowan, Hoffmeister, M. Conroy, R. Brookes and many others have also honored us with visits, but we miss in our hall the smiling countenance of George, er as he is more familiarly known-as Father. He is not sick, for we see him on the streets. Can it be that he is a backslider? I hope not. Well to sum up, I may state that Granville Lodge is doing all right, and although the oldest Lodge on the Mainland of Briish Columbia, she is not so old as not to be able and willing to do her share of helping any good thing along. We shall make an effort to induce all those members to come back to our fold who were suspended for N. P. D. and I hope we will be successful, for many of them were in former days good, loyal and active Knights until reverses and hard times came to them. I will close for fear of wearying you with my scribbling, so I remain

Yours fraternally in F., C. & B., C. L. BEHNSEN, Granville Lodge, No. 3, K. of P.

FROM GRANITE.

Castle Hall of Granite Lodge, No. 16. New Westminster, Oct. 23rd, 1898.

We are still here.

Granite is not good fuel, but a terrible roasting has a bad effect on it.

Last month's "True Knight" said that we carried insurance. We wish it was true. Royal Lodge had \$1,200 insurance. Unfortunately we did not have a dollar. We will know better next time.

A friend in need is a friend indeed, and words are too weak to express our heartfelt thanks to Coldstream Lodge, No. 18, Vernon, B. C., for their generous donation of \$25 to our relief fund.

True metal is not hurt by a fiery trial, and we hope to show that Granite, No. 16, will prove that the test has not found any base metal in our composition.

Success to the "True Knight."

J. M. M.

FROM RATHBONE.

Rathbone Lodge as usual is alive to anything that is of interest or beneficial to the Order.

This being the fourth issue of the "True Knight," we expected to have more to talk about, but unfortunately, your correspondent in taking another Rank, and being initiated into other mysteries, mislaid his notes.

During the month we were honored by having several prominent members of the Order visit us, among who was our Grand K. of R. & S., Emil Pferuner, of Victoria; Bro. McDonald, of Langley, and Bro. Welsh, of Kamloops.

Our Grand K. of R. & S. gave us a fair statistical and encouraging report of the progress the Order is making throughout the Province, also informing us that the admission was greater than the suspension by 119 or 121.

Bro. McDonald is the right sort of fellow to make the boys feel in good humor by a few of his droll yearns.

Our Grand Vice-Chancellor, Bro. Mearns, in a few eloquent and kindly remarks, gave the Victoria brethren a few hard hits, inasmuch that the Island boys don't take the interest in our paper as we think they should. We are all members of one yast fraternity. Why not co-operate Vic?

Our Grand Vice is enthusiastic with the progress the "True Knight" is making.

Your correspondent was taken by surprise the other evening at Lodge, and he now thinks there are no boys that can compare with Rathbone members.

Rathbone has received an application for the rank of Knighthood. Get the goat ready boys and study your degree work. Don't wait "till the last moment."

The joint session proved quite a success last ednesday. It is a starter in the right direction, Bring the old boys back into the fold and keep the ball rolling.

Our Pythian war horse, if I might so call him, and our Supreme Representative, is always looking out for the welfare of the Order, and especially Rathbone Lodge, for which he always manages in



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good ford for Rathbone. You all know him, Bro.

Rathbone Lodge took a holiday Fuday evening Knight" regularly.

y not holding session, on account of the joint With sincere wishes for success, by not holding session, on account of the joint meeting Wednesday evening.

ARTHUR T. CROOK.

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FROM CALGARY.

Calgary, Alberta, Oct. 22nd, 1898. Editor, "True Knight," Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir and Brother,—You may rest assured that I was more than pleased when Bro. C. F. Nelson, of New Denver, handed me a copy of the October issue of the "True Knight," to know that British Columbia published such a bright and spicey journal, and that some of the worthy Knights do display their sentiments through its columns, and are willing to assist its premotion in the many ways, for the good of the Order, (which they all can and should be glad to do). This is certainly encouraging, and I am proud of British Columbia's business way and push. This morning I received eight copies through the kindness of Bro. W. D. Mearns, G. V. C., which I will use to a good advantage, and let the N. W. T. boys learn a lesson and know the material which composes some of their brethren across the mountains. I shall be blad to do what I can to help "a good thing" along in gaining ads, subscribers, etc., while going my rounds, at least, until Manitoba and the North West Territories are in a position to pub-lish a similar journal. This I proposed to our Gran Chancellor a month ago, because it is one of the very best mediums to keep up life and interest, and encourage membership. The selecting of a committee of the Vancouver lodges to formulate the mode to proceed for a series of entertainments for fall and winter months, is a very good step, and ought to be followed by all others.

The outlook for the North West Territories in the fature is much brighter, since the Klondike rush is over, and some of our member are returning, and people are becoming more settled.

Since September 10th, I managed to organize at Macleod with 26 charter members, and now they have over fifty. At Lethbridge I rounded up fourteen fine fellows, which swells their membership to over 40. At Medicine Hat we organized with 24 charter members, and still they come. Some of the boys are positive they will run the 100 mark by New Year. I have been here about 10 days and find 16 resident members, 15 scattered all over Canada, and 12 or more in the Yukon district. I have rounded up about 10 new members for Monday night. This will place on the rolls about 25 resident members, enabling a quorum for every meeting night, and start the ball rolling. ledge's condition is similar to that of Lethbridge, which was affected by the gold fever. We hope that when the boys are inclined for gold again, that they will not leave in crowds. This far, when reviving a lodge or instituting new lodges we have cut the fee to \$15, and \$3 for doctor's fees for examination to become a member, while the Endowment Rank pays \$2. The balance of the medical examination, where the members desires to insure, which of course remains optional with him, but is generally taken up, this I consider a

any of his remarks or speeches to wedge in a good plan. I notice wherever the Endowment good ford for Rathbone. You all know him, Bro. Rank has been encouraged that it consolidates the membership. I hope to receive the "True-

Fraternally yours in F., C. & B., H. J. FINNEY, G. O. M., and N. W. T.

We are once more called upon to record a severe less to many of our brother Knights. The disastrous fire on Wednesday morning, 26th instant, by which the Hastings Mill was destroyed, will cause many of our members, not only loss of employment for some time, but the further loss of valuable tools, etc.. Our unfortunate brothers have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire mem-bership here, and we trust this important and evtensive company will soon be in a position to erect even more substantial buildings and that our good brothers may find suitable employment therein. We trust the citizens of Vancouver will stand ready to assist this gigantic enterprise in every way that will tend to reconstruct their works and benefit the City and Province gen-

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NON-ATTENDANCE AND NON-INTEREST.

Editor, "True Knight," Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir and Brother,-Having recently had opportunity visiting several of our lodges, I was particularly impressed by the small attendance at each. This has confirmed what I had suspected before, that is that the non-attendance of members to their lodges is due to a great extent to non-interest in lodge work. Now there must be a cause for this, and I am of opinion that our subordinate lodges lay by far too much stress on the question of benefits. It seems to me the lodges of K. of P. are to-day more of an insurance organization against sickness than an founded on principles which are excelled by no other organization. Of course I do not mean to do away with sick benefits, but I do think that benefits to our sick should not be made the paramount business of every lodge meeting to the exclusion of the aims and objects of that for which the Order was primeraly brought into existence. The average member is satisfied when he has paid his dues that he has done all that should or could be expected of him, doubtless thinking he has provided against sickness for a period just as he pays his insurance against fire or life. Now to me this seems totally at variance with the teachings and precepts of our Order; Friendship, Charity and Benevolence, together or separately, cannot be paid for at a dollar per month. Charity is as different from benefit as night is from day, Charity is not for sale, cannot be put on the market for a certain fixed price, and we should not confound a charitable action with what we claim as a right. Friendship, Charity and Benevolence can never be claimed as a right, but must be given and extended voluntary, and with that grace with which a benefit can never be tendered. I have not seen any mention in our Ritual of benefits to be paid to any one who as a member of the Order contributes his monthly dues and then call such transaction an act of F., C. & B.

Of course it will be said that it is charity to help a member when sick, and I admit it would be if such member were relieved whether he be in good standing or otherwise, but I am not so certain that we extend or exercise charity in our lodges when we exclude those who may for some cause or other not be in what is called beneficial standing. The amount of dues paid into the Lodge Exchequer is not altogether (or was in the first instance not meant) as a fund to pay sick benefits, but was called for to pay such expenses

as every organization necessarily must have to keep it going. I firmly believe that were the lodges to think more of the teachings of our beautiful Ritual, examplify its precepts in and out of the lodge, attendance would be better, and applications for membership more numerous.

A 'tle while ago I had occasion to write to one or our lodges, and what I told them will apply to others, I therefore repeat it as I am firmly convinced it is plain truth. The remarks I made were as follows: "There is, and never has been a doubt in my mind as to the effect and consequences of Pythian principles and ceremonies on those not connected with our Order. Where such ceremonies and principles are performed in the true and honest manner intended by their authors new converts are bound to be made, all we have to do is to be honest Pythians, that is to say to follow in the true spirit the Ritual of our Order than no greater or grander book has ever been published. It is the difficulty that so many lodges regard the Ritual as simply like some other paraphernalia of the Order, to be laid aside when lodge is over, and only to be thought of and trotted out when lodge again convenes."

I am well aware that in stating my views I am not taking the popular side, but I am writing this at the special request of some of your managing committee, and I will further state, that I think this is only one of the causes for poor attendance to lodge meetings, but I will write later on other causes, if desired to do so, as I do not wish to monopolize your valuable columns.

Hoping the above remarks will be food for thought, and the theme of criticism in all our lodges and arouse interest, I am,

Fraternally yours,

EMIL PFERDNER, Far West, No. 1.

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PRESENTATION.

One of those little incidents that go to show that life is worth living, took place in the Castle Hall of Rathbone Lodge, No. 7, K. of P., on the evening of October 7th.

Bro. Arthur T. Crook, Past Chancellor and Charter member of Rathbone Lodge, had just joined the matirmonial ranks and taken to himself a mate for life. In recognition of the services rendered Rathbone Lodge, No. 7 in particular, and the Order in general, Bro. Crook was presented with an address and a handsome piece

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of silver service suitably engraved for the occasion. G. V. C., Bro. W. D. Mearns made the presentation on behalf of Rathbone Lodge, and took the brother completely by surprise. Crook recovered himself sufficiently to feelingly thank the brethren for their manifestation of good will, and Knightly feeling.

Bro. Crook, as Charter member of Rathbone Lodge, has shown great zeal in the Order and has been one of the most active workers of the Lodge. He has filled the chairs and has represented his Lodge in the Grand Lodge. He has

ever been a consistent and worthy member.

The "True Knight" tenders to him its congratulations, and wishes him and his estimable wife all the happiness that can possibly fall to the lot of mortals.

The following is address as presented:

J. A. Mitchell, C. C. W. D. Mearns, K. of R. & S. Castle Hall, Rathbone Lodge, No. 7, K. of P.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 7th, 1898. To Bro. Arthur T. Crook, Past Chancellor and Past Grand Representative, Rathbone Lodge, No. 7, Knights of Pythias:-

Your brother Knights of Rathbone Lodge, No. 7. K. of P., extend to you their sincere congratulations and wish you much joy and prosperity in the new life upon which you have embarked.

As an evidence of the esteem which this lodge entertains for you, we beg of you to accept this address, and a slight token of journey through life be one of pleasant memories.

God grant that no trouble mar your path, but should it be your lot, your will have a wife to whom you can look with confidence and comfort, and whose devotions to you will be your unfailing support. That you both may be heppy, and that your happiness may increase with your years is the prayer and wishes of your brother Knights.

Fraternally yours in F., C. & B., Rathbone Lodge, No. 7, Knights of Pythias. By W. D. MEARNS,

K. of R. & S.

We wish to say in conclusion that it is far better for us to show our appreciation to the living, than to wait until our brothers are laid away in the ground before we discover their good qualities.

Bro. A. T. Crook of Rathbone Lodge did not allow the members of that Lodge to hold the "bulge" on him long. The next convention following the presentation found him at the lodge,

smiling hisusual smile, but with an extra merry twinkle. At the close of the convention he surprised the brethren by having the C. C. announce from the chair that a collation was in waiting for the members at the Royal Cafe. To say that ample justice was done, would be drawing it mild. After a merry two hours spent in eating, telling stories, singing, and recitations, the party dispersed, wishing the brother all the good things known to man.

Would it not he just the thing for brothers, who may in the future have the care in preparing lunches to patronize brother Knights and advertise in the "True Knight." Give it a trial and see how it will work.

> -:0:-OUR SYMPATHY.

We are sorry to record that our Brother, Stephen Jones, proprietor of the Dominion Hotel, Victoria, has met with a sad bereavement re-cently in the death of his sister. The "True Knight" tenders to our brother its sincere sympathy.

Bro. Nunamaker, the popular and efficient C. C. of Crusader Lodge, No. 19, has about recovered from his recent injuries. We are glad to welcome him again at our committee neetings, and to see him resume his station in he lodge. We regret to learn, however, that he has just received the sad news of the death of his father, which occurred in Michigan. Bro. Nunamaker has our sympathy.

-:0:-RECEPTION TO THOMAS G. SAMPLE, S. C.

Lorena Lodge, No. 198, tendered a reception to Supreme Chancellor Sample, in Carnegie Music Hall, Allegheny, Pa., on Otober 4th. The programme consisted of instrumental and vocal music and addresses. Hon. H. O. Kline, S. R. of Pitssburg, P. A., spoke on "Fraternity"; Hon. Jno. M. Stratton, P. G. C., of Philadelphia, Pa., "Friendsnip": and Thomas G. Sample, S. C., "The Order of Knights of Pythias." Hon. W. B. Richie, P. S. C., of Lima, O., and Hon. Jno. T. Sutphen, M. D., S. R., Middeltown, O., also delivered addresses. The reception was a success from all points of view, and the adresses were interesting and instructive.



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UNIFORM RANK RITUAL.

The adoption of the Uniform Rank ritual by the Supreme Lodge calls to mind the following facts in connection with a previous attempt in the same direction.

At the convention of the Supreme Lodge, in 1892, in Kansas City, a committee was appointed to devise and report for adoption a new ritual for the Uniform Rank. A member of that committee was General Currie, at the head of the Kentucky

brigade, who has since died. Gen. Currie wrote out a part of a ritual, which he submitted to Gen. Carnahan, who took it, and with it as a basis devised a ritual of three parts to correspond with the three branches of the Order, and which had as it cornerstones, instead of "Friendship, Charity, Benevolence," the words "Loyalty, Justice, Honor."

At the Washington Convention, in 1894, this

was exemplified, but did not meet the approval of the Supreme Lodge, and was voted down. Gen-Carnahan brought it before the Cleveland convention in 1896 unchanged, and it came up again for adoption. The rules of the Order required that it receive the vote of four-fifths of all the members. It did receive four-fifths of all those present, some being absent, and the Supreme Chancellor declared it adopted. It was ordered printed, but when it came to the printing, R. L. C. White, Supreme Keeper or Records and Seal, refused to have it printed, making the point that it had not received, as required, four-fifths of all the members of the Supreme Lodge. He was mandated by the Supreme Chancellor and Gen. Canahan for his refusal, and the Supreme Tribunal, on trial, held with him that the ritual had never been adopted, as it had only received fourfifths of the members present, and not four-fifths of all the members of the Supreme Lodge as re-

Gen. Carnahan brought the ritual before the Supreme Lodge at the recent convention without change. It was strictly feudal in style, and had in it a king, a lord of the castle, a drawbridge, and all sort of things. It required three hours to exemplify. He created a sensation. The Supreme Lodge spent several hours on the discussion of it, and during the discussion a sensation was created by Supreme Representative Huggard, of Manitoba, Canada, a subject of Queen Victoria, who arose, and in a strong speech said he was in favor of personal liberty and freedom of the people. He was opposed to anything stronger than a very limited monarchy, and he did not think it proper to teach the young of this great free country the principles that controlled England and Europe in the days of feudalism, when absolute monarchy was in full sway. He thought as the nations of the world and the peoples had thrown off these shackles they should be per-petuated in the ritual of any American institution. He vigorously opposed the feudal spirit of the ritual.

HE TAUGHT THEM A LESSON.

This strong speech in favor of liberty, uttered by a subject of the English Queen in free America, put a shame to Americans and residents of the United States who composed the great majority of the Supreme Lodge. They admitted to themselves the lesson they had been taught, and realized the value of the truth that had been spoken

for liberty by an English subject. The ritual was voted down and was refused in its present shape.

Gen. Carnahan and his friends in order to save the day and secure the adoption of the ritual, took it to a committee room, and spent several hours in changing its tone. Instead of a king, a general was provided for: instead of a lord of the castle, there was a colonel: and instead of a warden of the eastle, there was a sentinel. After such removals of the vivid associations of feudalism and absolute monarchism the ritual was again brought before the Supreme Lodge. Instead of three parts there was but one part, which will not require more than thirty minutes to exemplify, and in this shape the ritual was adopted.—"Pythian Lodge Sceret."

-:0:-VANCOUVER'S BABY LODGE.

The scribe of Crusader, No. 19, is at his post again after an exceedingly pleasant holiday spent in Seattle, Tacoma and San Francisco. While in Tacoma he had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Ambrose, of Seattle, who is remembered here in connection with the Scattle Fourth of July celebration. At San Francisco he stumbled across Arthur Ward, a charter member of Crusader, and who wished to be remembered to all.

Absence from Lodge and city, places the scribe at a disadvantage as to Lodge happenings, but the December issue will contain everything of note. .. is pleasant to see Bro. Nnuamaker, our popular Commander, around again. P. G. C., Bro. Evans has been under the weather, but seems to

have come out on top.

The joint session of the three city lodges has proved a success, and will be continued. Every Knight should make it a point to attend these, as nothing can be more conducive towards bringing the brothers together to discuss matte rs for the best interests of the Order.

ARTHUR J. SCOTT.

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IMITATION.

Time flows on apace and each month sees the "True Knight" urging on the brothers to fresh Cheering on those who are weary, endeavor.

helping on those ready to fall.

One thing above all others suggests itself to me at this time of writing, and that is the effect of our actions on one another. There is not, I suppose, any faculty in man, so thoroughly developed as that of imitation. So much so is this the case that man unconsciously imitates his fellow. Why it is so we cannot just say, though one may pre-sume to think it is a part of that subtle sym-pathy existing among members of the human family. If when speaking thus of man's unconscious act, one greaks truth, what must it be when we begin to speak of man's conscious act.

Strange as it may seem, it is man's lot, perhaps because he permits it to be so, to try and repeat another's action regardless as to whether that action be good or bad. Individual nature differs, still this law holds good to a greater or less extent. Some try to follow the good, others heedless, follow the bad, because it seems easier now. Oh Man when wilt thou awake to the knowledge of what man has been, and what the God and Father of us all would have us be. Why are thine eyes holden? Why art thou blind to what thou mayest be? Dost thou not know that God dwells in man, and thou attainest thy highest possible existence when thou becomest most God-like. Brothers, this being true, should we not use each and every means to gain our goal. The lives we live may raise our brothers to Heaven or cast them down to Hell. In trying to live well, thou raisest thyself one step higher and takest those with thee who in their turn will lift thee many steps. Deeds done here live after us to console or torment, we shall have to remember someday. Someday to remember, to realize, what? Shall it be failure, shall it be success? This remains with us, it is for us to decide. We cannot all speak, we have not all of us a ready pen, but we can individually be True Knights. What is a good thing? Wherein lies our strength. We may not all be Samson's now, but we can live, stronger each day the closer we live to one

Who is there who can, before God answer as to the truth of the effect of our lives on our surroundings. Let us then realize the responsibility of our position, and live up to our professions. Let us be in every deed True Knights.

Yours in F., C. & B., ROBT. BROOKE.

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The Committee having in charge the management of the joint sessions and the entertainment feature connected thereto are to be congratulated on the successful issue of the first series held Wednesday evening. October 19th. While the at-tendance was not as large as the Committee had a right to expect, yet it was most successfully carried out, and they have every reason to feel encouraged and proud of their efforts. Knights give this Committee your most liberal support, and you will have no reason to regret your action. This is one of the straight cases where you can help yourself by helping the Committee.

JOINT SESSIONS.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 22nd, 1898.

Editor "True Knight," Vancouver.

As a member of the Joint Session Committee, I wish to make a few remarks which may be of interest to the Order.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the brethren of the various lodges have so energetically responded to the efforts of this committee by rendering a vast attendance, and I trust that in the future, these sessions may continue to be supported by our members, as I think it will greatly assist in furthering the interests of the esteemed Knighthood of our domain. The committee is doing all that is in their power to uphold this practice, and make these entertainments as enjoyable and pleasant as possible for those in attendance, as each one will be of a different nature to the one previous.

I feel assured that our worthy brethren will render every assistance in sincerely carrying out a good work that will help to build up our noble Order.

Yours fraternally

HENRY HOFFMEISTER, Chairman, Entertainment Committee.

JOINT SESSIONS.

On Wednesday, the 19th, just past, was held the first of a series of joint sessions. Many members attended, and a good time was spent. Among the many able speakers we must not forget tomention Bro. Archdeacon Pentreath. In the course of an able discourse, Bro. Pentreath showed both the object of these sessions and the benefit to the Order, arising therefrom. More forcibly than anything else did he paint the True Knight as he should be, our Order as it was meant to be, and the nobility of character, purpose and aim to which Pythianism strives to raise us. During the evening many spoke, and to the point, too-Bros. Mearns, Anstie and Cowan, besides other among the members. Songs and solos helped to while away a happy evening. Especially must we praise the singing of Bros. Evans and Robinson, the playing of Bro. Chas. Rummell, Bros. Robb and Crook put the members in convulsions the Railroad Wreck and the barrell catastrophewere too "killingly" funny. Proceedings werebrought to a close with refreshments. Sorry to part, happy to meet again. The next event will take place some time in November, notice thereof will appear in good time.

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REPORT OF THE SUPREME REPRESEN-TATIVES.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

As promised in the last issue of your valuable paper, we enclose a copy of the second supplement to the Supreme Statutes containing the amendments enacted by the Supreme Lodge at the last biennial convention, also a copy of the amendments to the Constitution and general laws of the Endowment Rank. Trusting that the membership will acquaint themselves with the changes in our laws, we remain,

Fraternally yours, H. J. ANSTIE, S. R. T. ACKERMAN, S. R.

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED. Supreme Constitution.

Article VII., Section 6.—A Supreme Representative, at the time of his election or appointment, must be a Past Grand Chancellor in good standing in his Grand Lodge and in a subordinate lodge within its domain, not the holder at any time during his term of any office in his Grand Lodge, and during all of such term an actual and bona fide resident of the domain of such Grand Lodge; and should a Supreme Representative become not in good standing in or cease to be a member of his Grand Ledge and of a subordinate lodge within its domain, or should be accept and hold any office in his Grand Lodge, or should he become other than an actual and bona fire resident of the domain of his Grand Lodge, then, or in either of such cases, his rights as a Supreme Representative shall cease and determine, and a vacancy shall be held to exist in such position .--In effect September 1st, 1898.

SUPALME STATUTES.

- 1. The Supreme Chancellor, as soon as practicable after his installation, shall appoint from the members of the Supreme Lodge the following standing committees, whose terms of service shall continue until the close of the next succeeding biemial convention:
- 1. A Committee on Judiciary, consisting of seven members.
- 2. A Committee on Ways and Means, consisting of seven members.
- 3. A Committee on Grievances, consisting of five members.
- 4. A Committee on Finance, consisting of five
- 5. A Committee on Credentials, consisting of five members.
- 6. A Committee on Reports, consisting of five members.
- 7. A Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, consisting of five members.
- S. A Committee on the State of the Order, consisting of seven members.
- 9. A Committee on Written Work, consisting of seven members.
- 10. A Committee on Unwritten Work, consisting of seven members.
- 11. A Committee on Warrants and Charters, consisting of five members.
- 12. A Committee on Rules, consisting of five
- members.
- 14. A Committee on Endowment Rank, consisting of five members.
 - 15. A Committee on Uniform Rank, consisting

of seven members.-In effect October 31st, 1898.

12. Repealed.—In effect October 31st, 1898. The revenue of the Supreme Government shall be derived from a per capita tax, fees for warrants and the sale of supplies.—In effect December 31st, 1898.

27. Each Grand Lodge shall pay to the Supreme Lodge, semi-annually, on the first days of April an. October, each year, such per capita tax as may be determined by resolution at each biennial convention of the Supreme Lodge, for each member in good standing on the 31st day of December next preceding; and the first semi-annual payment of the per capita tax herein provided shall be due and payable on or before the first day for every day that shall elapse until the herein provided for shall not be paid at the dates named, a penalty shall be added of one dollar per day for everly day that shall elapse until the same shall be paid; provided, also, that until the said per capita tax and the penalty, if any, shall be paid, the grand domain so delinquent shall not be entitled to representation in the Supreme Lodge, and the Supreme Chancellor shall in his discretion arrest its charter.-In effect December 51st, 1898.

31. All official jewels and the following printed supplies may be obtained only from the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, the Supreme Lodge reserving the exclusive right to provide the same, to-wit: Charters, rituals, installation books, ceremonials, question books, official receipts, transfer cards, withdrawal cards, grand lodge cards, travelling shields, second rank blanks, orders for S. A. P. W., Supreme constitution and statutes, credentials of honor, decisions of the Supreme Tribunal and official record.-In effect October 31st, 1898.

37. On and after January 1st, 1899, the supplies and printed matter referred to in Section 31 shall be sold to Grand lodges at prices to be fixed by the committee on printing and supplies: provided, that the prices for jewels and official receipts shall not exceed twenty-five per cent. profit upon their actual cost.—In effect October

31st, 1898.

39. The Supreme Keeper of Records and Scal shall enter upon the duties of his office imme-

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diately after his installation. He shall attend all the conventions of the Supreme Lodge, and every session of each convention, and keep a true and comprehensive record of all the proceedings thereof, which, when printed, shall be styled and cited as the "Official Record of the Proceedings of the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias," and he shall cause the same to be printed, and shall transmit to each Grand Lodge as many copies thereof as the Grand Lodge has Past Grant Chancellors, ritualistic officers and subordinate lodges, fi one copy to each subordinate lodge not within the domain of a Grand Lodge, and two copies to the office of the Recorder of the Supreme Tribunal. He shall have charge of the archives, seal, books, papers and similar property of the Supreme Lodge, and of the sale of all supplies: conduct the official correspondence of the Supreme Lodge: prepare all warrants and charters for Grand lodges, and all warrants for subordinate lodges no! within the domain of a Grand Lodge keep a roster of all the Past Grand Chancellors entitled to admission to the Supreme Lodge, and perform all other services which may from time to time be required of him by the Supreme Lodge.-In effect October 31st, 1898.

47. He shall attend all the conventions of the Supreme Lodge, and every session of each convention, and shall go to each regular or special convention prepared to pay all the accounts that the Supreme Lodge may allow, and to turn over to his successor in office all funds in his possession. He shall present to the Supreme Lodge, at the opening of each biennial convention, a printed report giving an itemized account of the receipts and disbursements of his office during the two preceding fiscal years, showing the date and amount of receipts, the date of issue, the name of the payee, for what purpose issued and the amount of each and every order drawn upon and paid by him during the preceding two fiscal years. In addition thereto, he shall make a detailed and itemized report, covering the time from the close of the last year up to the opening day of the biennial convention of the Supreme Lodge, showing it itemized from the amount of receipts during the same period, the date of issue, the name of the payee, the purpose for which it was drawn, and the amount of every order drawn upon and paid by him during such period.-In effect October 31st, 1898,

104. Repealed.-In effect October 31st, 1898. 105,

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107.

Repealed.—In effect October 31st, 1898. 108. 109.

All jewels of the Order, except those for the Uniform Rank, shall be supplied by the Supreme Keeper of Records and Scal, at such prices as may be fixed by the committee on printing and supplies from time to time, to persons legally entifled to procure them: and it shall not be lawful for any lodge, body or member of the Order to procure, wear or be in possession of any jewel, or any imitation thereof, except such as shall have been obtained from the Supreme Keeper of Re-cords and Seal, either directly or through the proper Grand Lodge: provided that this section shall not apply to jewels of the approvel design, heretofore presented to or in possession of any member of the Order, which have been properly

attested by the impression of the Great Seal of the Supreme Lodge.—In effect October 31st, 1898.

119. The Supreme Chancellor, Supreme Vice Chancellor and Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal shall constitute a committee to be known and designated as the committee on printing and sup-

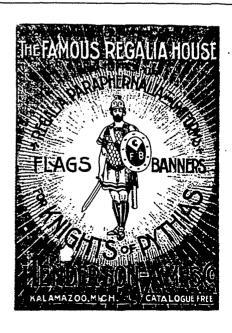
plies.—In effect October 31st, 1898.

120. The committee on printing and supplies shall have general and supervisory charge of the purchase of all supplies for the use of the Supreme Lodge, of all matters relating to the printing er binding of official reports, official records, daily journals, fituals, ceremonies of the Order, printed supplies, books or other printed matter, and of the manufacture or purchase of all official jewels used by the Supreme Lodge or sold as supplies.—In ef-

fect October 31st, 1898.

121. The purchase of all supplies and printed matter enumerated in the preceding sections shall be done by contract, and it shall be the duty of the committee on printing and supplies to invite and receive proposals from reputable manufacturers and printing establishments in the country, and adopt such other methods as it may deem necessary in order to secure advantageous terms for the purchase of such supplies or printed mat-When bids are invited, specimens of the supplies required, or specifications fully describing the same, except when said supplies are of a secret nature, shall be submitted by the committee to at least six reputable printing establishments in the country, and to as many others as may desire to bid upon the same. In effect October 31st,

The proposals for printing or manufacture of supplies, as referred to in the preceding section, shall be sealed and sent by the bidders to the Supreme Chancellor, who shall be ex officio chairman of the committee, who, as soon as practicable, shall call a meeting of the committee on printing and supplies, before whom the said scaled bids shall be opened and the contracts so awarded as in the judgment of the committee shall be deemed for the best interest of the Su-



preme Lodge. Said sealed bids shall not be opened nor the contract awarded unless there are present two members of such committee. All such bids and contracts shall be preserved and submitted to the Supreme Lodge, together with the report in detail of such committee, for inspection.-In effect October 31st, 1898.

122a. Nothing contained in this statute shall be construed to apply to the printing of circulars, orders or other printing incidental to the carrying on the official business of the Supreme Lodge officers.—In effect October 31st, 1898.

124. Tereafter no disbursements of the funds of the Supreme Lodge when not in session shall be made, except the same have been regularly appropriated by the Supreme Lodge.—In effect August 31st, 1898.

124a. 'The form for the appropriation bills for the Supreme Lodge shall be as follows: "Be it enacted by the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias, that the following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated to the funds hereafter expressed, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Supreme Lodge for the ensuing two years. The Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal is hereby authorized to draw his orders, countersigned by the Supreme Chancellor, for such portions thereof as may be required from time to time to meet the necessary requirements:

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"Travelling expenses of committee on fi-
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not to exceed, for two years\$	<i>.</i>	.
"Interest on mortgages, two years\$		
"Allowances to Daughters of Founder,		
two years\$.
"Supreme Chancellor's jewel\$		
"To defray the expenses of next biennial		
convention		
"Contingent fund for Supreme Chancellor		
in case of emergency\$		"
In effect August 31st, 1898.		

124b. No money hereafter appropriated by the Supreme Lodge for a specific purpose shall be used for any other or different purpose, and no order shall be drawn for any purpose in excess of the amount remaining in such appropriated fund.

-In effect August 31st, 1898.

124c. No order shall be drawn or paid for any purpose whatsoever, except upon a duly itemized and approved voucher, which said voucher shall have been first audited and approved by the committee on finance; and it shall be the duty of the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal to return to the Supreme Lodge, at its regular biennial convention, all such vouchers, for the inspection of that body or any of its membership, but it shall not be necessary for said officer to print or make the same a part of his report.—In effect August 31st, 1898.

Subject to the provisions of article VII., section 2, of the Supreme Constitution, the officers of the Supreme Lodge named in said section shall be elected at each regular biennial convention of the Supreme Lodge. The election of such officers shall be by ballot, and shall be held at such time during such convention as the Supreme Lodge shall by resolution fix for that purpose, provided that such election shall not be held earlier than the third day of such convention, and that the resolution fixing the time for such election shall be adopted at least twenty-four hours

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prior to the time fixed for such election. In all cases the votes of the majority of all the members of the Supreme Lodge present at such election shall be necessary to a choice. In case of a tie, the ballotting shall continue until a choice is made.—In effect August 25th, 1898.

265. A Page, Esquire or Knight shall be considered to be in good standing in the subordinate lodge of which he is a member:

Par. 1. If he is not under suspension from membership for the non-payment of arrearages or for other causes.

Par. 2. If he has not renounced the Order. In effect October 26th, 1898.

266. A Past Chancellor, upon whom has been conferred the Grand Lodge rank, shall be considered to be in good standing in the Grand Lodge of which he is a member:

Par. 1. If he is in good standing in the subordinate lodge of which he is a member.

Par. 2. If he is not under suspension from membership in such Grand Lodge; and

Par. 3. If the subordinate lodge of which he is a member shall not be under suspension for any cause.

In effect October 26th, 1898.

267. A Past Grand Chancellor, upon whom has been conferred the Supreme Lodge rank, shall be considered to be in good standing in the Supreme Lodge:

Par.I. If he is in good standing in a subardinate and a Grand Lodge.

Par. 2. If he is not under suspension in the Supreme Lodge.

Par. 3. If the Grand Lodge of which he is a member is not under suspension for any cause, or its charter is not revoked.

In effect October 26th, 1898.

4. A subordinate lodge, subject to the legislation of its Grand Lodge, may establish the fee to accompany an application for allilation by the deposit of a transfer card and for the issue of such cards. Asubordinate lodge not within the domain of a Grand Lodge may fix such fee, provided that no affiliation fee in such lodge shall exceed one-half the fee required by it for the three ranks of knighthood. The fee for the issuance of a transfer card shall be one dollar.—In eect October 29th, 1898.

293. A former member of the Order, who was suspended from membership in his subordinate lodge and in the Order for the non-payment of arrearages, who desires to be restored to such membership, may make application therefor to the subordinate lodge by which he was so suspended. Such application shall be accompanied by such sum as the by-laws of such lodge may prescribe for reinstatement, which amount shall not exceed one year's dues.—In effect October 31st, 1898.

226. The fee to be charged by a subordinate large for reinstatement to membership therein of a member suspended for non-payment of arrearages shall be as prescribed by the Grand Lodge having jurisdiction. The total amount of the reinstatement fee must be paid into the exchequer of the lodge before an applicant for reinstatement can be legally restored to membership, which amount shall not exceed one year's dues.—In effect October 31st, 1898.

TITLE IV., CHAPTER XXI.
Relating to the Reinstatement of Expelled
Members.

354a. If a member who has been expelled shall desire reinstatement, he may petition the Grand Chancellor of the Grand Domain in which the lodge by which he was expelled is located, for permission to apply to such lodge for reinstatement. He shall accompany such petition with a full statement of the facts upon which he relies to justify his application, and by proof that he has notified the lodge of his intention to make such petition. If such petition be granted by the Grand Chancellor, the petitioner may thereupon make application to the lodge by which he was expelled for reinstatement, and such lodge may, after hearing, grant the application for reinstatement; provided at least one week's notice has been given to every member of such lodge of the meetin at which action thereon will be taken, and provided, also, that not less than two-thirds of the members present at such meeting, and entitled to vote, shall not be in favor thereof.-In effect August 27th, 1898.

354b. When a lodge by whose action a member has been expelled becomes defunct, he may petition the Grand Chancellor of the domain in which such defunct lodge was located for reinstatement to membership in the Order. He shall accompany such petition with a full statement of the facts upon which he relies to justify his application; whereupon, the Grand Chancellor shall make such investigation as he may deem advisable and necessary as to the propriety of granting the petition, and shall submit the petition, together with the results of his investigation, to the Grand Lodge at its next convention. Should the Grand Lodgegrant the petition by a two-thirds vote of the members present, the Grand Chancellor shall direct the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to issue to the applicant a Grand Lodge card, and shall cause to be endorsed on back of same a brief statement of the facts in the case. The fee for the issuance of the Grand Lodge card shall be governed by the statutes of the domain providing for the issuance of Grand Lodge cards.-In effect August 27th, 1898.

401. Repealed.—In effect October 31st, 1898.

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To Officers and Members of the Endowment Rank, Knights of Pythias, and the Order Universal:

The Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, at its Twelfth Convention, held in the city of Indiana-polis, Ind., August 23rd to September 1st, 1898, inclusive, adopted amendments to the Constitution and the General Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Endowment Rank as follows:

Artlicle II., Section 7 of the Constitution was

amended by adding the following:

"From and after the dates of the certificates held by such members, less 10 per cent. for expenses incurred in carrying the endowment to date of cancellation."

Also the following, to be known as the second paragraph of said Section 7, Article II. of the Constitution:

"The Board of Control is hereby authorized to pay or refund an amount as may by them be deemed just and equitable to any member of the Endowment Rank in good standing, upon suffi-cient evidence that such member, by reason of old age or physical disability, is pecuniarily unable to continue such certificate in force, and upon the surrender of the same and all claims thereunder; provided, his membership in the Rank has continued for a period of ten consecutive years.

Also the following, to be known as Section 9 of said Article II. of the Constitution of the En-

dowment Rank:

"In times of epidemic, or upon information of a threatened epidemic, the Board shall have authority to prohibit the admission of members in any Section of the Endowment Rank."

Article III., Section 5 of the Constitution was

amended to read as follows:

"The Board shall have power to direct the investment in ready convertible securities of such parts of the endowment fund as it may deem wise and proper, when the amount in said fund will justify: provided, such investment shall be limited to government, state and municipal bonds and first mortgages constituting a first or prior lien on first-class improved real estate, not exceeding 50 per cent. (fifty per cent.) of its market value.

This act to take effect immediately.

Artivle IV., Section 6 of the General Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Endowment Rank was amended by adding thereto the following:

"If any member of the Endowment Rank shall engage in a hazardous understanding other than that now provided for under the hazardous or extra hazardous grades, or sojourn or reside in a country or locality where he shall be exposed to physical or climatic dangers, rendering his risk extra hazardous, the Board of Control may annul the certificate of such member or reduce the amount of his endowment to the minimum. Such member shall immediately notify the Board of Control upon engaging in such hazardous undertaking or making such change of residence as above specified, and a failure to give such notice shall forfeit such certificate."

Article VI., Section 1 of the General Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Endowment Rank was amended by adding to the second paragraph of said Section the following:

"Provided that in the case of members transferred to the Fourth Class (present system), from either of the former classes, the date of such transfer shall be taken as the date of admission to the Endowment Rank in computing the amount to be paid as aforesaid."

Article XII., Section 1 of the General Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Endowment Rank was amended by striking out all of the first para-graph and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "When a member of the Endowment Rank is

suspended from his Lodge for non-payment of dues, or for any other cause, his membership in the Section and Rank shall be forfeited and his certificate become void."

The proposed amendment to Article VI., Section 1 of the General Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Endowment Rank by striking out on page 41 thereof lines 24 to 28 inclusive, to-wit:

"Active service in the army or navy in time of war shall forfeit the certificate and all claims thereunder of any member of the Endowment Rank heretofore or hereafter admitted," was not adopted. This provision remains in full

force and effect.

The resolution adopted by the Board of Control at its regular quarterly meeting April 21st, 1898, as embraced in a circular issued by the Board under date of April 23rd, 1898, relating to the restoration of certificates to those who apply therefor after having served in the army or navy, was approved by the Supreme Lodge. The Supreme Lodge also approved the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Control at its quarterly meeting February 3rd, 4th, and 5th, 1898, as embraced in the official circular of the Board

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R. MILLS 18 Cordova St., Vancouver, B.C. under date of February 10th, 1898, referring to decrease of certificates and certain other restrictions of those who go to the North West Territories.

A revised edition of the Constitution of the Endowment Rank and the General Laws, Rules and Regulations for the government of same is now being printed and will at earliest moment be furnished all sections. Attest:

H. B. STOLKE, J. A. HINSLEY. President. Secretary,

Board of Control. Board of Control. [We would advise a careful perusal of the same se that the Order may be fully informed of the changes that have been made in the Supreme Statutes. While we are not in accord with some of the changes, we bow to the wisdom of the f the changes, we bow to the wisdom of the majority at all times. In the matter of the reinstatement of members for the N. P. D., and the fee to accompany the deposit of transfer cards. This will have to be legislated upon by the Grand Lodges in the several dominions.—Committee.]

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Bro. Robert Townley has just returned from an extended business trip in the east. To those of our readers who contemplate building or beautifying their homes, we recommend Bro. Townley, who is prepared to furnish the best work in ornamental, stained, or plate glass work.

Everyone needs hardware at some time or other. Kitchen utensils are as staple as clothes, and the only economy is in getting the best and being civilezed we all need knives, forks and spoons. Dunn & Co. is the oldest and best known firm in this line in the city, and all readers of the "True Knight" will find that it will pay them to read this firm's advertisements and patronize them accordingly.

Christmas is coming, and there will be then a necessity for getting presents. It is not a bad idea to think of such things a little but in advance. There is engraving to be done, and maybe special designs to be executed. No one can make a mistake in entrusting Davidson Bros., whose card will be found in the advertising columns. Their stock is the equal of anything in that line to be found on the coast between here and San Francisco.

Bro. A. J. Scott, partner in the well-known firm of Mellon & Scott, has returned to the city. This is the brother we mentioned in a recent numher. The brass band met him in San Francisco, at least two did. Both the brother and his bride enjoyed their honeymoon in San Francisco, and 51 Cordova St.

have no wreturned here to reside. We hope that bappiness and prosperity attend the brother and may the firm always hold the honorable position here that it does at present.

Among many veterans in our ranks, may be mentioned Bro. Robert Clark, P. G. K. of R. & S. Bro. Olark is an earnest worker for Pythianism and has a quiet genial manner of helping on the Order—one good turn deserves another. The latest rumor that has reached us is that the brother will soon have to enlarge his Carrall street premises, so fast is business growing. Good. luck to you brother.

Vancouver has been making rapid strides of late, and no better evidence have we of this than the erection of the new block at the corner of Granville and Robson streets. Bro. Charles Nelson will open up a branch at this place in the course of the next few weeks. One likes to see men grow with a growing town, and Bro. Nelson deserves the success we wish him in this his new departure.

Strange & Newton, the genial proprietors of the Royal Cafe, deserve the liberal patronage of our readers. They have every facility for catering to the wants of the inner man. Their ability to provide after lodge lunches, or short order suppersis well-known to many of us. Give them a call.

Bro. F. A. Newton, who is a member of the Order from the Maritime Provinces, is now engaged in the Mining and Stock Broking business in this city. To those of our members who require his assistance in his particular line of business, we cheerfully commend him, feeling sure that hewill carefully look after your interests.

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That an honestly administered rebuke is often a something to be thankful for than resented.

That if a rebuke that you have administered has offended a brother that it is your duty to go even the length of an apology rather than that he should leave off attending. There will be plenty of chances of reasoning with him after the first heat of the matter has cooled off.

That there are some good readable pointers that you might have contributed to the "True Knight" if you had not allowed old Mr. Procrastination

to get his work in.

That there are members of the Order in the City who are far away from their mother lodges, who would be benefitted by fraternity with local them attending. They would not forgettheir home lodge through being made to feel that they can feel that they can be put as much at home in a Vancouver castle hall as in "their good old home so far away." This, by the way, applies to every city, as well as to Vancouver.

That a few moments now and then humishing

That a few moments now and then burnishing up on the ritual would hurt nobody-not even those who hold full marks for perfection.

That many a time when a brother in lodge seems irritable, he is really only completely tired cut, and consequently his nerves are out of order. Then is the time when he wants sympathy, and perhaps thats what he came to the lodge expecting to get.

If you had known An oasis might arise at your command, In the drear desert of one's daily life; Make warm the heart, and energize the hand, So weary with the long, unequalled strife. Would you be still?

If you had known That from your life so small a rift, A gleam, a beam, a light, a glance, could bring

Peace, joy and comfort, with its own uplift, To a lone heart, and make the sad one sing Would you be still?

That you will be sorry some day if another brother is able to say:

I leave it all with God. He surely knows How oft my bosom to the storm is bared, He knows it made the wildest storm that blows

More desolate, for knowing no one cared, And you were still.

That brother W. A. Forrest was pleased to find that though he had been four years away he had All Correspondence carefully attended to. not been forgotten.

That it is a pleasure to hear from brother-Pentreath, and that we would like to hear from the Worthy Venerable Archdencon oftener.

That somehow you are not giving the "True-Knight" the support that you should.

That getting back to lodge after being away for a long time is like getting back home after a prolonged absence. I've tried it, and if this should strike the eye of one who has wandered away from the fold, my advice is to get back. They just didn't kill the good fat veal the night I returned, but I happened to drop in on the night that Arthur Crook gave the boys a bit of a supper, and that answered just as well. You cannot tell, but what you may have just as good luck.

That talking audibly when a somewhat nervousbrother is trying to express his views to the lodge is as bad form as it is cruel. That slurring over some little points called for by ritual often leads to greater digressions, and will make you feel cheap some night when you have prominent visitors present.

That you have had about enough of this for

one week.

That it is time I got a few notes from some of

Yours in Eff, See and Bee,

TIDINGS.

We would call the attention of our readers tothose merchants who favor us with their advertisements, and urge upon the brothers to give tothem their support, and preference when in need of anything in their line. These gentlemen are assisting us in supporting this paper, and it is only just that we do all in our power to see that they are benefitted by their advertisement in the "True Knight." Many of the advertisers are members of the Order and should have a claim on the brethren, everything else being equal. Goout of your way to assist those that assist you, and you cannot go astray.

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PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Bro. G. R. Maxwell, M. P., Editor-in-Chief, has gone to Ottawa on a flying visit.

The wife of Bro. W. R. Lang, of Primrose Lodge, Kamloops, of a daughter, on October 26th. ·Congratulations.

Brother Schnoter has just returned from Victoria with his bride, and was serenaded by the "Rathbone Knightingales."

Bro. J. M. Mackinnon has gone to Hardie Island on a hunting expedition. We hope the brother has good luck and will not forget the Editor.

Bro. J. L. Brown, of Primrose Lodge, Kamloops, took a well earned holiday the last week of October. He spent his time on the hills shooting. We trust he had good luck.

Bro. Dunk Brown, of Primrose Lodge, Kannloops, has been a visitor to Vancouver during this month. He was a delegate to the I. O. G. T. Convention and Dominion Alliance.

Everybody will regret to learn that Bro. J. H. Grady undertook to make kindling wood of his ear the other evening. No other brother in the Order walks harder than Brother Grady, but all the same for some time to come he will have to take all his rest on one side.

Bro. F. L. Christie, a prominent member of the legal profession in Sandon, who has been visiting in this city and California for some time, returned to his home last week. He speaks in glowing terms of the rapid progress our city is making, and we believe was loath to leave us.

We are pleased to note that Thomas Strange, of the Royal Cafe, is around again attending to Mr. Strange has been confined to his business. the hospital for some time, having ha dthe mis-fortune to cut his hand and blood peisoning, which set in, occasioned heroic treatment.

"Ever ready and always willing," Bro. M. J. Conroy, is the boy to make the Castle Hall a cozy home. Well done-you know one works best when the quarters are comfortable, especially on a wet night, and the members of the Committee having the "True Knight" in hand appreciate your efforts.

Vancouver lodges were honored with a visit from the Grand Keeper of Records and Scal, Bro. Emil Pferdner, of Victoria, during the early part of last month. Bro. Pferdner had been attending the Fair at New Westminster and had on exhibi-tion his fine St. Bernard dog. We understand that the dog won all the prizes, and well he might, for a finer specimen of a St. Bernard would be hard We hope that Bro. Pferdner will visit our town often and shake the boys up a little. It will do them good.

We were pleased to receive a call from Bro. McNeill, of Coldstream Lodge, Vernon, who with his estimable wife has been visiting the Exhibition and their many friends in the city. W ewere likewise pleased to meet in our Lodge room, Bro. Welsh, of Kamloops, and Bro. McDonald, of Lang-We are always glad to meet our visiting brothers, and we trust when in our city they will not fail to look us up, especially at lodge conventions on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday :nights.

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