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GRAND LODGE.

The Grand Lodge of British Columbia was instituted by Joseph Chilberg, G. C. T. of Washington, acting as a special D.R.W.G.T., at Victoria on the 6th May, 1886, with a membership of ten lodges. The late Rev. R. B. Hemlow was elected the first G.C.T. and Samuel Gough was first G. Sec. In the fall of the same year the first annual session was held at Nanaimo, twelve lodges, with an average membership of 41 members,

years, and Bro. Keith was elected G. Sec.

The fourth session was held at Victoria when twenty lodges, averaging 46 members each, were represented. At this session Bro. Gough was again elected G. Sec.

The fifth annual session in 1890 was held in Nanaimo when 29 lodges having an average membership of 41, were represented. At this session C. S. Keith was elected G.C.T. and R. W. Allison was elected G. Sec., which office he held for two years.

The sixth annual session was held

small average of 27 members each, being represented. The small average last year is evidently owing to the falling off in city lodges and the increase in the number of small rural lodges.

The following lodges now appear on our rolls: Perseverance, Onward, Cedar Hill, Dominion, Mount Benson, Bateman, Somenos, Vancouver, Richmond, New Era, Kamloops, Triumph, Nicola Lake, Lulu, Matsqui, Hatzic, No Retreat, Ashcroft, Lila, Victoria West, Maple Leaf, Western Star, Pride of the Ridge, Saanich, Cow-



REV. A. E. GREEN, G. C. T.



LEWIS HALL, G. S.

being represented. The Rev. J. A. Wood was elected G.C.T. and the G. Sec. was re-elected. At the second annual session held at New Westminster thirteen lodges, with an average membership of 46 members, were represented. At this session the late Rev. R. B. Hemlow was again elected G. C. T. and Bro. Gough re-elected G. Sec.

The third session was at Vancouver in 1888, and represented seventeen lodges, averaging 44 members each. Bro. Donald McGillivray was elected G. C. T. and served as such for two

at New Westminster in 1891 when the Rev. A. E. Green was elected G. C.T., which office he still holds. At this session 31 lodges were represented, having an average of 47 members each. This was the highest average the Grand Lodge ever reached.

At the seventh session held at Vancouver 45 lodges averaging 38 members each were represented. Lewis Hall was here elected G. Sec., which office he still occupies.

Victoria was the place of meeting for the eighth annual session last year. At this session 51 lodges, with the

ichan, Chemainus, Vernon, Wellington, Union, Fort Langley, Mount Lehman, Star, Model, Robson, Cobble Hill, Armstrong, Salmon Arm and Coqualeetza.

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