

Grand Prelate Hill and Grand Inner Guard Poulton. On entering the Castle Hall we were received with grand honors. Although the night was a most disagreeable one I found fully one hundred of the brethren present, thus manifesting their loyalty and allegiance to the Supreme and Grand lodges. The chairs were occupied by officers from each lodge. The ranks of Page and Esquire were conferred and the ritualistic work was beautifully performed, without the aid of rituals, reflecting great credit on the brethren occupying the various stations. After the rank work I delivered an address and exemplified the secret work. The officers and members of all the lodges are working with a will and I am looking forward to a large increase in numbers being reported in District No. 3.

*Toronto.*—On Tuesday, Feb. 26th, 1895, attended a mass meeting of the Toronto lodges, when fully one hundred and fifty members were present. I was presented with an address on behalf of the Past Chancellor's Association, an act of kindness which I will never forget. Delivered an address and exemplified the secret work. Saw the long form rank conferred on two Esquires after which luncheon was served in the lodge room. It is a most difficult thing to say in what particular line these brethren most excel, whether it is in entertainments, receptions, conferring ranks or visiting lodges, but so far as rank work is concerned I can only say I never saw the beauties of our ritual more forcibly and perfectly presented than on this occasion, and in regard to visiting lodges, to all those who so kindly offered their services, and attended at Galt, Guelph, Stratford, Woodstock, Berlin and Owen Sound, sacrificing time and money in the interests of our Order, we owe a debt of gratitude.

Feb. 28th. Attended a public installation of officers of Toronto Division, No. 2, Uniform Rank, in Pythian Armoury, and I have the very great honor of being the first Grand Chancellor to be present on any occasion in the history of the Division. The celebrated Pythian Band was on hand and assisted in making the evening one never to be forgotten. In the presence of a gay and brilliant assemblage of fair women and brave men, and the glamor of a full dress ball the officers were duly installed by Col. John S. King, M.D. Many of us have but a meagre conception of the military branch of our Order. We should remember that therein lies not only the external beauty of the Order, but the perpetuation of the chivalric calling of our honored and revered Pythias. This army has grown till it now numbers 50,000 members and those who compose it not only profess and practice its tenets but are also living examples of honor and purity.

On Monday, May 6th, by special request, I attended a minstrel performance given by the members of Toronto city lodges, under the auspices of Toronto Division, No. 2, Uniform Rank, which was a grand success in every particular, and each member of the company acquitted himself most creditably. No words of praise from me are necessary, for the performance was such as to