

The first nomination of officers took place last Friday evening, but the names will not be given until the final election.

Our Prelate, Brother Simpson, reported a brother from California, who was ill, and, he thought, in distress. One of the Relief Bureau members called and ascertained all particulars.

As space was wanted for Grand Lodge news, we have postponed giving the history of Rathbone Lodge until next month.

Yours fraternally,

ARTHUR J. CROOK.

Rathbone Lodge.

Vancouver, B. C. May 20th, 1899.

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FROM LANGLEY.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—The last regular meeting of our Lodge was held in the Castle on Saturday, 20th inst. It was the largest and best meeting of this term, so far, and from the interest manifested in everything, calculated to advance the Order, and the Lodge in particular. We have as grand a body of men in our Lodge as is to be found in the Domain. Among those present were Brothers Holmes and Richison, who came all the way from Ladner, a distance of 35 or 40 miles. They deserve our highest commendation, and no better example could be given of the interest these brothers are taking in the Lodge.

A feature of the evening was a long talk by Brother McDonald, in which he dealt at some length on matters which had occupied the Grand Lodge members at their recent session in Victoria. We were pleased at the satisfactory results of the business of the Grand Lodge and commended the brother on the course he had pursued. One thing drawn to my attention in our copy of the Grand Lodge report was the large amount of benefits paid out during the year by the several subordinate lodges in the Domain. No estimate can be given of the good done by these benefits to unfortunate members. A point we now pride ourselves on, and one we would like to congratulate the Order at large on, is our good fortune in having at our

head such a staunch veteran of Pythianism as Bro. W. D. Mearns. A better choice could not have been made.

Brother Stanley Towle is a brick. His ready humor affords us no small amount of pleasure, and lightens to no small extent our work.

Trusting I have not taken up too much room, I am

Yours in F. C. & B.,

N. P. OGILVIE.

Langley, B. C. May 20th, 1899.

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FROM NEW DENVER.

To the Editor of the "True Knight."

Dear Sir and Brother,—I feel so thoroughly overcome by the castigation I received in your last issue from our newly-elected and worthy Grand Chancellor, Bro. Mearns, that little heart is left me to pen the usual monthly budget from No. 22. It apparently was the use of the word "shuffle" that brought me into disgrace, but I trust Brother Mearns will overlook my grave error, as I am but a child in Pythian experience compared to the honorable and lengthened experience of himself in the ranks. Some seven years ago, Bro. Mearns assisted in conducting your humble servant through the bewildering chaos of uncertainty into the bright reality of Knighthood, in Rathbone, No. 7, an experience that has since been of material profit in many an emergency. But an error has been made and is freely admitted with sincere apologies, which are given with the hope of their proving a balm to wounded and ruffled feelings. However, apart from this, it is pleasing to know the spirit of the resolution in discussion was not denied, and that there did, and does, exist a contingency that should be provided for. The resolution came before the Grand Lodge and was negatived, but the various delegates were recommended to have the several lodges provide for the said contingency in their by-laws. This is on the principle of "Not guilty, but don't do it again." With this sort of a negative acceptance—if you will permit such an Irishism to pass muster—New Denver Lodge is content to rest for the time be-

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