

its correspondent, like many other fellow members has, perforce, been doing Government work—among the hills. But amends for this shortcoming will be made in the future.

Grand Chancellor Mearns took the members by surprise on Sunday by dropping in on them from Revelstoke, arriving the same time as the official notification. It was not long before the boys "got onto him," and they managed to keep him from being lonesome up to the time of his departure this afternoon for Nelson. Incessant rain greatly marred the pleasure of his stay here, and spoiled the arrangements made to take him on a tour to the near-by mines. But this unfortunate turn of affairs was fully made up in the warmth of Pythian fellowship extended the worthy Grand Chancellor. P. G. Cs. Evans and Haddow can vouch for the fact that the New Denver boys know how to entertain, which fact Bro. Mearns now endorses.

Last night, at our regular meeting, Bro. Mearns was an interested spectator of Lodge proceedings, dispensing with official formality, and placing the membership immediately upon an easy footing of comradeship. He had the unexpected pleasure of installing into office Inside Guard Stege and Master of Work Munro. Several interesting discussions arose on business matters, much to Bro. Mearns' entertainment, one of which—the payment of funeral benefits—afforded the G. C. the opportunity of impressing upon the members the advisability of not overshadowing the fraternal side of the Order by the beneficial. At the same time he advised the Chancellor Commander not to verge upon the threshold of a dictator, but to preside over the meetings with strict impartiality, the duties of which were sometimes imperilled by the zeal of the Executive Officer to have the business promptly and quickly despatched.

After the meeting, the members adjourned to the St. James' Hotel, where a most tempting collation was partaken of. Besides the Grand Chancellor, who sat upon the right of the C. C., there was present, as another guest of honor, Bro. D. W. King, late Editor of the Kaslo "Kootenaiian," and Past Grand Prelate of the Grand Lodge of Washington. The supper was quite an informal affair, but two or three hours were most quickly and entertainingly passed away in songs, speeches and stories, affording an evening of great enjoyment. The proceedings terminated by the singing of the National Anthem and "Auld Lang Syne."

Bro. James Delaney, formerly a member of this Lodge, and one of the pioneers, died some weeks ago in Greenwood, of pneumonia. He leaves a sorrowing wife, to whom the Lodge extends its most sincere sympathy.

Following closely upon the demise of Bro. Delaney, came the death of Bro. H. J. Pyman, who is the first of our active members to cross into the Great Beyond. He had been ailing for the past two years, and a trip last Fall to Los Angeles only served to give him a temporary respite from pain. Upon his return home in May, it was seen that his days were numbered, and he quietly slipped away last month, leaving behind him a large number of sorrowing friends. His funeral was numerously attended, the brass band of the town heading the

procession. The obsequies at the home, church and grave were most impressive. To the agonized parents the heartfelt sympathy of the members goes forth in this loss of their boy who was taken from his bondage of pain and suffering at the early age of 23 years. Bro. Pyman was one of our Charter members.

The installation of officers for this term was unfortunately delayed, owing to the absence of so many of the boys in the hills, and the ceremonies have been given piecemeal. However, everything is now in good shape and business has got down to its regular basis. The only change made in the slate was the substitution of Bro. P. A. Munro, to the office of Master of Works, vice Bro. R. Sutherland.

The attendance is keeping up surprisingly well this summer, considering the fact that assessment work calls so many away. The boys seldom miss a meeting if it is at all possible to be present.

At last the rent question has been solved and the Lodge stays on at its old quarters, though at a greatly reduced figure. The saving effected will go a long way towards strengthening our surplus. We had our choice of another hall in every way suitable, but satisfactory arrangements were made with Bro. Culver, so that we have decided to stand by the old home.

Bro. G. Sutherland, P. C., has had a trying ordeal of late in the lengthened illness of his most estimable wife. Our sympathies were here in his trials, which fortunately have ceased with the restoration to health of Mrs. Sutherland.

Bro. Bolander, the most versatile story-teller in the West, and the life of the Lodge entertainments, narrowly escaped a most serious accident a few days ago. He was watching ground-slucing operations on a claim near his property close to Sandon, when a large boulder fell and struck him a glancing blow on the hip.

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