

benefit and guidance of Worshipful Masters, Wardens and Deacons.

Few D. D. G. M's., however willing or zealous, can hope to equal, much less surpass, the all but unparalleled labors of R. W. Bro. Robertson, during the past year. His laborious and successful efforts, will however, be of great value in stimulating other like officials to greater zeal and assiduity in the performance of their important duties for the advancement of the best interests of the Craft within our jurisdiction.

We fraternally proffer thrice hearty thanks to the D. D. G. M. for the Eleventh District, and give his report in full in this issue for the benefit of our readers.

DROWNED WHILE PERFORMING HIS DUTY.

Our esteemed Bro. E. J. Salmon, of Victoria, B. C., sends us the following interesting extract from the Colonist, of 30th July:—

“Yesterday morning Capt. Devereaux received intimation that Brochie ledge buoy was settling. The Douglas proceeded to the place to find out what was wrong. A boat was lowered from the steamer which contained the mate and four men including Thos. Streton and Douglas Booth. On reaching the buoy a rope was attached and those on the steamer endeavored to right the buoy, which was laying on the water at an angle of 45°. The men in the boat which was attached to the buoy assisted, and when they had righted it to a certain point a hole was discovered and before they could do anything, the air contained in the upper portion was expelled and filling with water the huge “guard against danger” plunged into the depths of the sea carrying the boat with it and the two men, Thomas Streton and Douglas Booth. The other men were picked up by a boat which put off from the steamer. Booth and Streton were seen to rise once

and as their heads appeared heart-rendering shouts were heard, but only for a moment as they sank beneath the waves and were seen no more. The other men were picked up by the relief boat. Capt. Devereaux sent to Esquimalt for grappling irons, and an attempt was made to recover the bodies, but without avail, and after searching for several hours, the steamer returned to port. Streton was well known in Victoria, having come here from his native place, Canterbury, Eng., about six years ago as a sailor on the ship Duke of Abercorn. He was aged about 26 years, was sober and industrious and a married man. Booth had only recently been discharged from H. M. S. Cormorant, having served honorably his ten years. On Thursday night he joined the Foresters Order, and although but a short time in the city was well and favorably known. The hole in the buoy was caused by the Yosemite striking it a few evenings ago. The fact was reported to Capt. Lewis, who examined the buoy and found it to all appearances perfectly sound. A new buoy was placed in position yesterday afternoon, but it is said no further attempt will be made to recover the bodies, as the tide current runs about three miles an hour at that point, and it is possible they will be cast on the beach by the tide.

Douglas J. Booth had recently affiliated with Victoria Columbia Lodge. The Masons will try to recover the body.

THE Mexican Masonic press protests vigorously against the invasion of Mexican territory by the *Grand Orient of France*, and *Patrie-Humanite* Lodge is declared spurious.

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