

### GRAND LODGE SESSION.

The tenth annual session of the Grand Lodge met at Victoria on Tuesday, May 9th, at 9 o'clock, a. m., as prescribed. All the officers were present, except Grand Outer Guard Bro. Sample, of New Westminster. On the roll-call of lodges all were represented except Sandon, No. 24. A more harmonious convention has never been held in this Domain. Much business of importance was enacted, and the work of the Grand Lodge was done in a most creditable manner.

Wednesday's session was devoted to the election and installation of Grand Lodge officers, the installing officer being that veteran in Pythianism, Past Supreme Representative, Bro. C. L. Behnson, who also had the honor of being the first Grand Chancellor in British Columbia.

This paper received the hearty endorsement of the Grand Lodge, and, by resolution, was made the official organ of this Grand Domain.

The unwritten work was exemplified in an able manner by Supreme Representative H. J. Anstie and Bro. Ackerman.

After the adjournment of the Grand Lodge, the members attending Grand Lodge session were loyally entertained by their Victoria brothers at a banquet given in their honor at the Castle Hall. No pains were spared to make this feature enjoyable, and judging from the way that the refreshments disappeared from the lavishly laden festive board, the efforts of the Committee having the same in charge were duly appreciated.

The next meeting of the Grand Lodge will be held at Rossland.

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### SUPREME CHANCELLOR'S REPORT.

We are in receipt of the Supreme Chancellor's report, and it is very commendable. We are pleased to note the large increase in the membership and, under the able leadership of Bro. Sample, we look for large gains all over the Dominion. We note by his report that a number of lodges have been violating the laws of the Order. We trust that the Domain of British Columbia will not be amongst them.

We are pleased to note the growth of the Erdowment Rank, and we hope that every lodge in British Columbia will take steps towards forming a section of this important branch.

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### AN ACT OF JUSTICE.

"In the issue of this paper of Monday morning, August 22nd, 1898, there appeared an article headed "Lodge is Bankrupt," in which the name of Dr. R. L. C. White, Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal of the Knights of Pythias, was mentioned. In that publication the "Sentinel" did not intend to reflect, maliciously or discreditably, on Dr. White. Such, however, was the construction given to the article by members of the Order generally. Upon the best authority that can be gathered, "The Sentinel"

now believes that it was imposed upon and that the article was a misstatement of the facts, made by designing men for the purpose of exploiting their own grievances and promoting their own ambitions. "The Sentinel" deeply regrets the publication alluded to, and makes this public avowal of its disbelief of any of the charges contained in the article reflecting upon the official integrity or the private character of Dr. R. L. C. White."

It is with pleasure and considerable satisfaction that we publish the above article. Our Supreme Representatives, on their return from Indianapolis last Summer, favored us with a report dealing on this matter, and this, the final ending of a very unpleasant matter, but bears out their report, where they desired to show to our readers the confidence they had in the honor and integrity of Bro. White and the other officers and members of the Supreme Lodge, who had been so wantonly and maliciously attacked by an Indianapolis paper.

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### REPORT OF THE SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:—

Brethren,—Your representatives to the Supreme Lodge herewith beg leave to submit for your consideration a brief report of the more important legislation and other business transacted at the late Convention of the Supreme Lodge, held in the City of Indianapolis, August 23rd to September 1st, 1898.

Prior to the opening of the Supreme Lodge, on the morning of August 22nd the members of the Supreme Lodge, and the citizens of Indianapolis generally, were confronted with a most scurrilous, sensational and untruthful article appearing in the Indianapolis "Sentinel," reflecting upon the integrity of the Supreme Lodge Officers and members of the Finance Committee, charging misappropriation of funds, and a general mismanagement of our affairs. We do not desire, nor is it necessary for us to go further into this subject than to state that the entire article was entirely devoid of truth, and in our humble opinion the work of some dissatisfied or disappointed member of the Order unworthy the name of a Knight of Pythias. We leave to our readers the judgment of the editorial management of this so-called prominent journal, that would seek to bring dishonor upon the members of the Supreme Lodge while the invited guests of their city.

At the request of the officers who had been so unwantonly attacked, a committee of investigation was appointed, and after a full investigation the report of the committee completely exonerated all officers and committees of the charges of extravagance and dishonesty, and further reported that while every effort had been made to discover the person who had given the information to the paper, they had failed to do so, though it was stated to have been a Supreme Representative. We desire to state, along with (we believe) the entire body of Supreme Representatives, our utmost confidence in the ability and integrity of our Supreme