

A. H. FERGUSON, G. O. G.  
NEW WESTMINSTER.

Bro. A. H. Ferguson was born on February 2nd, 1854, in the town of Collingwood, Ontario, where he resided till the year 1877, when he took a notion to try his luck in the far West. After visiting all the principal cities on the Coast, he came to the conclusion to make his home in New Westminster, B. C., where he has remained ever since. He joined Granite Lodge, No. 16, K. of P., in August, 1895, and was elected Inner Guard in January, 1896, which office he held till the end of the term, when he was elected Prelate, filling this station till December 31st, 1896. He was elected Chancellor Commander in January, 1897, holding this office for six months, and was then elected Grand Representative in January, 1899. He attended Grand Lodge session in May, 1899, when he was elected to the office of G. O. G., holding the office of Master of Finance of his own lodge at the present time.

H. J. ANSTIE, S. R.

Bro. Anstie is a Canadian by birth, born in Middlesex County, Ontario, on July 24th, 1859. His earlier years were spent in Eastern Canada and New York City. In 1882 he removed to Winnipeg, Man., and on February 19th, 1883, became a Charter member of Winnipeg Lodge, No. 1. At the institution of that lodge he was elected M. at A., afterwards twice occupying the office of C. C., and at different times other offices in the above lodge. On his arrival in Vancouver in 1889 he immediately became identified with the brother Knights of this City, and on May 21st, 1890, presented to G. C., C. L. Behnsen, the petition for the first lodge, under the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, Rathbone Lodge, No. 7, with a charter list of some 50 applicants. The lodge was instituted on that date by G. C., C. L. Behnsen, assisted by Supreme Representatives H. F. W. Behnsen and F. M. Bloomquist, and many other good knights. Bro. Anstie was elected its first Chancellor Commander, serving for the first and second terms. He was elected one of the first representatives to the Grand Lodge in 1891, and at that session was elected G. I. G. He was elected G. V. C. in 1892, and G. C. in 1893. During his term as G. C., Victoria No. 17, Victoria, was instituted by Colonel H. F. W. Behnsen, and Coldstream, No. 18, Vernon, and Crusader, No. 19, Vancouver, by himself, ably assisted by P. S. R., C. L. Behnsen and other good knights. The following year he instituted Primrose, No. 20, Kamloops, thus opening the way for Pythian work in our Upper Country. The results we have to-day in ten good lodges in that section of the Grand Domain, with the promise of several more. Bro. Anstie has also taken a share of the work at the institution of Lodges No. 7, 9, 11 and 16. During his official year as G. C. he visited all the lodges and enjoyed the support and confidence of his brother knights, and he refers to their many kindly acts to this day. At the Convention of the Grand Lodge in Vancouver, 1895, he was elected Supreme Representative and served in that capacity at the conventions of the Supreme Lodge in Cleveland,

1896, and Indianapolis, 1898. At the Convention of the Grand Lodge in Victoria, 1899, he was re-elected Supreme Representative, and will attend, with his colleague, Bro. Ackerman, the Convention of the Supreme Lodge in Detroit, in 1900.

Bro. Anstie takes a deep interest in the work of the Order. He has been for some time connected with our famous Vancouver drill team, and is one of the oldest members of the Uniform Rank. He deeply appreciates the honors bestowed upon him, not only by the members of this Domain, but by those of his mother lodge, old Winnipeg, No. 1.

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PROGRESSIVE AND WELL-MANAGED.

Among the noteworthy developments of the last half-century, the progress of life insurance must occupy a prominent place. In this remarkable growth of the protection idea, the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Portland, Maine, is performing its part right valiantly, as the annual report for 1899 will disclose. Substantial gains have been the steady rule in its business, and losses by death are well within expectation (what to expect being determined by accurate tables of mortality experience), and that pleasing increases are being recorded in the volume as well as the persistency or stick-to-it-ness of the insurance upon the lines of the Maine people. This is certainly as strong a tribute to the popularity of the Union Mutual as could be given, for it is usually safe to deal with an institution that has the confidence and patronage of its neighbors, who are in a position to keep well informed concerning its standing. The tables of results and the fact that they represent a series of gains without interruption, forms convincing evidence of the thoroughness, capability and correctness of the management. It is no small matter to conduct successfully an institution of that size, but the prosperity that is being exhibited year after year demonstrates that it is being well done. Some of the gains that attract attention are: Greater number of new policies issued in 1899 than ever in a single year, increase of more than ten millions in insurance in force during seven years, while payments to policy holders are only \$150,000 greater than in 1893, steady increases in dividends, and the assets are a million and a half dollars larger than at the close of 1893. Altogether the showing must be as satisfactory to the management as it is gratifying to the public. P. G. C., Bro. J. E. Evans, was appointed Provincial Manager in 1893, and it is very gratifying to know that during that time the Company has made good progress throughout the Province, and Bro. Evans, by his thorough dealing and genial manner, enjoys the confidence of all those who are fortunate enough to meet him.

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