

in spite of the temptations, thought nobly of Damon, yes, so much that he would have died for him, believing in his trueness. Brethren, be ye examples of the charity in the world. There is room for it in business life, social life, public life and religious life; teach all classes and conditions of men by your example this brotherly part. Tell them that it is unbrotherly and therefore unmanly for men to think and speak the worst instead of the best of one another. Teach all, by your own lives, that there is enough in even the worst of what is good to enforce charity, and in the language of Wordsworth:

"Whate'er we look on, at our side,
Be charity--to bid us think
And feel, if we would know."

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OUR NEW GRAND CHANCELLOR.

It was with peculiar delight that we heard of the election of Bro. W. D. Mearns to the exalted office of Grand Chancellor, and we can truthfully say that the office is worthy of the man, and the man is worthy of the office. In some cases the office does not fit the man, and the man does not fit the office, but in the case of our worthy brother, there is a harmoniousness that augurs well for the success of Pythianism in our Domain. It is immaterial to our purpose in these lines to give what may be called a biography of our brother, though his Pythian career would no doubt be interesting to our many readers, but the man is more important than any biography of him. If one should visit old Rathbone Lodge, the Pythian home of our brother, and should not know anything of him or about him, he would not be long there until his eyes would be fixed upon him. He would find, first, that our brother is small in stature. Physically, he is not large, but he is a big man in his knowledge of the law, and in his sympathies. You forget his size as you become impressed with his mental calibre. He is what

may be called a "brainy" man, and one would think that he gave all his brains for the furtherance of Pythianism. He is also a good speaker. He is not a trained speaker. He knows nothing either of the arts or the tricks of oratory, but he can express his thoughts, which always bear the impress of the thinker, in a clear, forcible and pleasing way. In every line he speaks he knows what he is going to talk about, and what he is talking about, and hence is apt to convert one to his views. He never speaks for the purpose of pleasing, but he is always fair, straight and bold. It is always a pleasure to hear him dilate upon the beauties of Pythianism for then we can see by the sparkle in his eye, the brightness of his face, that he is speaking about something which he loves with his whole heart and soul. The crowning excellence about our brother is, that he is a worker. Every member of Rathbone knows that, in season and out of season he has kept himself in harness. He is ready to fill any office, ready to perform any service whenever his services are required. He never has shirked a duty, but is always willing to put his shoulder to the wheel wherever he is. Therefore he is an inspiration. He trains and inspires others, and he is always giving a beautiful illustration of the practical Pythian. We might speak also of his goodness of heart. He has been a true friend to many a brother in need. While our brother does not believe in letting his left hand know what his right hand is doing, and while he dislikes being praised for doing what he regards simply as his duty, yet from others we know he has been a ministering angel. Take him all in all, the Grand Lodge honored itself in honoring our worthy brother. Some have honor thrust upon them, but our worthy brother has fairly earned the honorable position which he now fills. We expect great things of him and through him, and we sincerely hope that health and strength shall be given unto him so that his energetic body and mind and soul may be enabled to do great things for Pythianism in British Columbia.

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