

was there or not. He is one who can make himself heard. He has by his exertions risen in the estimation of the brothers, both in and out of the Lodge, and at our last Grand Lodge meeting in Victoria received the laurels which he has so justly earned.

It was at this time, when Bro. Mearns was stepping into the C. C. chair, that Rathbone members decided to have a public installation of officers. Every preparation was made, and when the evening arrived a large gathering was assembled in the Castle Hall. The greater labors of the event, outside of the entertaining portion of it, fell upon the shoulders of Bro. H. J. Anstie, who installed the officers. As the ritual was not allowed to be used in public, the installing officer had to commit all the work to memory, which must have necessitated many hours of studious labor. It was in every way a success, the C. C.-elect leading with a few appropriate remarks, followed by a musical and otherwise entertaining programme. It was in those days we can recall many a pleasing incident and delight in the enthusiasm with which every member entered upon his respective duties. Some in their zeal, perhaps, in a few instances, went to extremes, thereby causing a brother to be offended, but these we hope have been forgiven.

We cannot let this period pass without recalling to your memory our late Bro. Bredemeyer. He was an ardent knight, also belonging to many other societies. Looking back we can recall to memory many an incident both interesting and amusing in his connection. He left our town for the city of Tacoma, Wash., and during his sojourn there was commissioned to some elevated position in the uniform rank. He died in that city in the month of April, 1894, leaving a widow and one child.

Most of the old-time members remember the different banquets, with which Rathbone Lodge, with the other lodges, usually celebrated the anniversary of Pythianism. But the banquet most to be remembered was that held by the City lodges, in honor of our Supreme Chancellor and his aides. This was held in the Hotel Vancouver. We sailed high in those days.

The next C. C. after Bro. Mearns was your humble servant, being the first I. G. of Rathbone Lodge, and gradually working his way through the other offices, until he was honored by being elected C. C.

Bro. F. W. Downing later occupied the chair. He was one of Rathbone's most ardent and hard-working members, filling the office of K. of R. & S. for a number of terms, previous to being elected C. C. He was a G. L. Representative, and a few years after was elected G. C. of this Domain, but through sickness was compelled to resign his office. He is held in high esteem by all members.

Following Bro. Dowling came Bro. N. Hoshel. The name of Bro. Hoshel brings with it the sad memory of a beloved brother. He served faithfully, but was suddenly called away by the Supreme Chancellor or High. Bro. Hoshel, while out boating, met with an accident, the boat capsizing and drowning its occupants. His body was never found. Bro. Hoshel was but a short time married when the accident occurred, and

his sudden death made it doubly sad for those who knew him. This occurred in the month of May, 1894.

H. W. Maynard was the next member to fill the chair. The K. of P.'s owe Bro. Maynard many little acknowledgments for valuable suggestions thrown out. He has been G. L. Representative and has also filled the office of M. of F. for several terms. The "True Knight" mainly owes its birth to suggestions made by Bro. Maynard.

M. G. McLeod was the next brother who received the honors of C. C. He, like many of his predecessors, was an enthusiastic member, serving as M. of F., and K. of R. & S., for several terms; one of those who has put his shoulder to the wheel when the Lodge had a hard road to travel.

Our Bro. Grady comes next. I say "our" more particularly with him, as he is still an ardent worker, always ready to assist, no matter what the cause, looking after the brothers out of Lodge as well as in, and seeing that they keep in good standing. He has filled other offices as well as the chair. Rathbone members deeply sympathize with the brother in his recent bereavement.

It has been the custom in Rathbone in early days to present past chancellors with a P. C. jewel after a member had passed that position, several of the Rathbone members being recipients of the same, but the custom has since been abolished.

The life of the Lodge was Bro. S. R. Robb. He succeeded Bro. Grady as Ruler or C. C. Bro. Robb served several terms as K. of R. & S., also being a Grand Representative. When it came to a recitation or a yarn, our worthy brother could keep the members in an uproar. We shall oftentimes remember his return from the institution of Langley Lodge. He is with us still and the same individual as ever.

It was in the month of November of 1894 that our worthy Bro. Whittier, after a short illness, was called from our ranks to join the one above. 'Twas sad indeed to part with him. We shall ever revere the memory of one so true and diligent as he.

One of our most successful brothers was elected to the chair after Bro. Robb. He was Bro. De Beck. Always trying to stir up interest in the Lodge, oftentimes debating on the whys and wherefores to keep up interest, he was our last Grand Representative, so you can easily see how success follows him.

We should like to dwell somewhat longer on the intervening events, but find even now we are going to take up more space than was intended, so we have left out many a little interesting event, and will have to make the rest as concise as possible.

When Bro. Brooke was elected to fill the chair we all knew that he was one who, whatever he undertook, would carry it through. Although not a charter member he has, ever since receiving the rank of knighthood, been a very diligent and enthusiastic brother. During our midwinter socials and entertainments he has been the leading spirit. Being a G. L. Representative, also a Deputy G. C., he has also served as M. of F. for several terms, and the Lodge