

Brother Quennell's actions in that capacity are set forth in his report appended hereto.

During this absence, application was made and a dispensation issued to institute a lodge in the prosperous settlement of Chilliwack, and this ceremony was performed by Brother Scoullar D. D. G. M. of District No. 2, on the 24th May last, as set forth in his very interesting report attached. I need not say what pleasure it would have given me to have had the honor of instituting this lodge, had I been here and had been requested to do so.

In response to a petition from seven members residing at Vancouver, B. C., dated 5th January, 1887, for the establishment of a lodge of our order in that city, I issued a dispensation authorizing them to meet and operate a lodge until a charter is issued by this Grand Body, and also commissioned Brother Scoullar, D. D. G. M. District No. 2, to institute the same. This duty was performed by him and Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, was established on the 24th January, 1887, with sixteen members and with every prospect of success. A very severe cold, which confined me to the house several days, prevented me from attending this auspicious event and participating in the ceremony.

The petitions for these two lodges will be submitted to you and I recommend that a charter should issue in each case.

For some time past the Grand Secretary has been in correspondence with persons at Kamloops who are desirous of forming a lodge of our order in that town, and I think it probable that this event will be consummated in a very short time.

#### ENDOWMENT FUND.

This valuable accessory to our system is growing, slowly. The action of the committee, in conjunction with the Grand Secretary, in preparing and furnishing each member in the jurisdiction with a circular containing the advantages derivable therefrom was commendable, and is bearing good fruit.

I commend this association to your fostering care, and predict for it a useful career. I refer you to the Grand Secretary's report for details as to the present position of this association.

#### DEATHS.

I regret to inform you that the fell destroyer has visited our ranks during the year and removed from our midst Brother J. Brunton, P. G. Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.

I beg to suggest that the practice of other years should be followed