



W. D. MEARNS

Grand Chancellor of British Columbia.

G. C. W. D. MEARNS.

Bro. Mearns became a member of the Order in the year 1883, being a charter member of Peace Lodge, No. 43, of Louisiana. He joined Rathbone by card, December 1890; was elected C. C. in 1891; Representative in 1894; G. V. C. in 1898, and G. C. in 1899. Unfortunately during the past three months, Bro. Mearns has not been enjoying the best of health. We trust, however, that our good brother may soon be restored to

perfect health, and may long be spared to labor for the best interests of Pythianism in this Domain. Bro. Mearns has been prominently identified with the Legislative Committee work of our Grand Lodge for the past five or six years, and in every capacity has proven a thorough and efficient member of the Order. During his term of Grand Chancellor, we ask for him the loyal and hearty support of every brother. And may our brother at the end of his official term be able to point with pride and satisfaction to the good work accomplished.

TRAITORS IN THE CAMP.

The Grand Lodge, K. of P., of the Grand Domain of New York, is throwing hot shot after those who would upset the present Constitution of the Supreme Lodge, as witness the following resolutions enacted at the recent Convention of the Grand Lodge:

The following preambles and resolutions were introduced at the Session of the Grand Lodge, K. of P., of New York, July 27th, 1899, P. P. XXVI., and unanimously adopted:

JOHN J. ACKER, G. K. of R. and S. Albany, July 31st, 1899.

Be it resolved, by the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Grand Domain of New York: Whereas, the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Grand Domain of New York has learned that during and since the last Convention of the Supreme Lodge, certain members of said prominent in that body, have advocated as well as secretly conspired for, the overthrowing

of the Constitution of the Supreme Lodge; and

Whereas, the present system of Government, under which the Order exists to-day, is organized strictly along the lines dear to every true American lover of Constitutional liberty; and

Whereas, the evident intent and purpose of those who would thus subvert and destroy the fundamental law of our Order is self-evidently for the purpose of opening wide the gates for the admission of legislation as pernicious in its purpose as it is personal in its inspiration; and

Whereas, The present Supreme Constitution guarantees to every Pythian citizen equal rights before the law, and absolute protection against an inimical majority; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this, the Grand Lodge of New York, American in its every fibre and pulsation, unqualifiedly condemns the efforts made and being made, with the purpose and aim thus to rob our Supreme Constitution of its force, and our Pythian Government of its life; and further