

The year in which we hold this communication is an important one. Our Queen, whom we love and reverence, fifty years ago ascended the throne. All divisions of the great British nation hail the Jubilee with loud acclaim, and no portion of that empire has more sincere feelings of gratitude that Victoria has been spared so long to reign over us, than the part contained within the territorial limits of Quebec. We earnestly pray that further favors may be bestowed upon her. God bless her.

CONSTITUTING A NEW LODGE.

On the 27th February last I constituted King Solomon Lodge No. 69, Aylmer, and installed its officers. I was accompanied from Montreal by R. W. Bro. Isaacson, (our Grand Secretary), and Wor. Bro. Adkins. We received a warm reception from the brethren of that district; numbers from Hull and Ottawa were present. I have no doubt that this lodge will be well worked, and that its officers will be made especially welcome at this communication, as representing our youngest chartered lodge.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

I have visited over two-thirds of the lodges in this Province, which has afforded great pleasure to myself, and I hope profit to the Craft. On these occasions I have generally been accompanied by a number of brethren, thus making those who live at a distance acquainted with each other, drawing still closer the bonds of brotherhood, and allowing lodge members, who have not the privilege of attending Grand Lodge meetings, an opportunity of becoming more intimate with the Rulers of the Craft. In every instance my reception was of the heartiest description. In most of these lodges I had the pleasure of witnessing the work, and was gratified at the manner in which it was performed. I should like to dwell at some length upon these visits, but feel that I cannot particularly mention any without describing all.

SOCIALS AND PICNICS.

Several of the lodges have given social entertainments for the purpose of offering some enjoyment to their lady friends. I had the pleasure of being present at those held by Antiquity, Prince Consort, Coeurs Unis, and Brome Lake Lodges, and was delighted with the manner in which the brethren interested their fair friends in the cause of Freemasonry.

On the 24th June, the brethren of Golden Rule Lodge invited their friends to meet them at the base of Owl's Head Mountain. A goodly gathering availed themselves of the invitation, and enjoyed themselves to their hearts' content, while the members of the Craft climbed the mountain, where the third degree was impressively conferred upon a candidate, in the Natural Lodge room, 2,500 feet above the lake. The presence of M. W. Bro. Marsh O. Perkins, Grand Master of Masons in Vermont, added much to the interest and pleasure of the occasion.

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