

The members of Red Cross repaid the visit, and, from the manner of their reception and entertainment, I have no doubt it has been the means of cementing the ties of brotherhood and of Knights closer together in the bonds of true fraternity.

I have, in common with the members of Red Cross Lodge, felt considerable disappointment that no new Lodges have been opened during the past year; and hope that the legislation in that matter, passed at last Grand Lodge, will be at once carried out.

During my term I have granted three dispensations; two for a candidate who was leaving the city, and the third for a Page to receive two ranks the same evening, he being so situated that he could only visit the lodge once a month. The cash for the above is enclosed herewith.

I would like to see some plan brought forward to reduce the *per capita* now levied to support Grand Lodge. Taking into consideration the fact that the Lodges have to pay the expenses of their Representatives to the Grand Lodge, salaries of officers, rent, light, etc., etc., a small lodge is so reduced in funds that it must of necessity either make constant levies on their members or surrender their charter. I need not call your attention to the many instances which have occurred during the years which have elapsed since Grand Lodge was organized, that can be traced to the above cause.

In conclusion, I beg to thank you for the many kindnesses shown me, and for the promptness in which all communications were answered. My task has been made a very pleasant one by the members of my own Lodge giving me their aid, counsel, and kind assistance on every occasion when required.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILL J. VALE,
D. D. & C.

TORONTO, June 10th, 1882.

A. J. Rattray, Esq., G. C. of K. of P., Toronto:

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—Being near the close of my term of office as D. D. G. C. of this district, I beg leave to submit my Report, as follows:

During the year I have granted three dispensations for conferring two ranks on the same night. I am glad to state that we have made good progress during the past year, and hope that my successor will have a more prosperous term than the one that I have just passed through.

I remain, yours in F. C. and B.,

G. L. HATCH,
D.D.G.C. Toronto District.