

VISIT OF THE GRAND Z. TO ST. CATHARINES.

On Tuesday evening, January 20, M. E. Comp. H. McPherson, Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, paid an official visit to Mount Moriah B. A. Chapter, No. 19, St. Catharines. The distinguished visitor was accompanied by R. E. Comp. D. McLellan, Grand Scribe E, Bro. Wm. Forbes, Grand District Superintendent, and Bro. Wm. Gibson, of Beamsville, D. D. G. M.

After the routine business was disposed of, interesting addresses were delivered by the Grand Z. and the other distinguished visitors present. After the Chapter was closed, the visiting Companions were entertained by the members of No. 19 at the Welland House. The chair was occupied by E. Comp. J. E. Benton, Z. of No. 19, who had on his right the Grand Z., and on his left M. E. Comp. Jas. Seymour, Past Grand Z. After supper was disposed of, speeches on various subjects connected with Masonry were made by the visiting Companions, and also by M. E. Comp. Seymour. The evening was an enjoyable one. All present warmly thanked M. E. Comp. McPherson for his visit. With the exception of P. G. Z. Seymour, the present occupant of the Grand Chapter throne is the only one who has ever officially visited Niagara District. The opinion was freely expressed that much good would result if the Grand Master, as well as the Grand Z., would, during his term of office, visit some central place in each district?

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PUNCTUALITY AND REGULAR ATTENDANCE.

We have recently been visiting a good many lodges and chapters throughout the country, and are more than ever impressed with the necessity of some change of system, which will induce members to attend, not only more regularly, but more punctually. It is altogether wrong to see brethren making every petty concert or dance an excuse for absence from the lodge; and it is equally bad, seeing them leisurely stroll up the stairs about nine or after, when, if work had commenced at the proper hour, the degrees would have been nearly conferred. There is no reason why every lodge in Canada should not open at seven in winter, and eight in summer, and close, as a rule, by ten o'clock. Whereas, now it is generally half-past eight or nine before country bodies get to work, and eleven or twelve before their labors are over. There is no necessity for it, and we urge Masters and officers to set an example of punctuality and regularity.

Brethren should remember they are not their own masters in this particular, but owe certain duties to the lodge in general. One is punctuality; and the other, regular attendance. To keep a Masonic body up to the proper mark, every brother should be on hand at the time called for; and never let him miss a meeting, if he can possibly get there. If the older members do this, "the boys" will be sure to follow; and once they get into these habits, they will keep them, and the lodge will be sure to prosper.

How outrageous it looks to a visit.