

Recorder of Toronto Division, Bro. Gray, of Toronto Lodge, No. 30, and other brothers from Toronto, I officially visited the above named lodges, at which there was over 100 members in attendance. On reaching Hamilton station, we were joined by G.O.G. R. Irwin, and D.D.G.C. J. P. Macleod. There was a rich treat in store for us as we had the very great pleasure—many of us for the first time—of witnessing the Third Rank conferred in the amplified form. The team are past masters of the work, and deserve the greatest praise for having reached so high a state of perfection. It is to be regretted that there are not many such teams in this Grand Jurisdiction. The sublimity of the work would add largely to the interest of the lodge work, and would, I am sure, increase the attendance of members and be for the advancement of the Order generally. After business was concluded, we adjourned to Mr. Ports, where we found the tables groaning under a load of supplies that would tempt a royal epicure. The Hungarian Band discoursed sweet music while the battle was waging, and songs, speeches and recitations made the evening so enjoyable that midnight was announced long before most of us were ready for it.

Red Cross has had a large amount of work during the last half of this term and they will still continue to hold first place numerically as well as financially.

Bismarck has been handicapped for a long period owing to the fact that they could only employ the German language, but since February 16th, 1891, on which date I granted a dispensation to work in English, they have been making strong efforts to regain lost time. I expect good reports from them at the end of this month.

Rathbone Lodge, No. 12, St. Thomas. On the evening of February 3rd, I visited this lodge. On my arrival at this progressive city, I was received by the Reception Committee, Brothers D.D.G.C. Baker, P.C. J. L. Broderick, and C.C. J. S. Robertson, and rode with them to the Grand Central Hotel, where they had engaged quarters for my comfort. On proceeding to the Castle Hall, I found with two or three exceptions all the members of the lodge assembled. The Grand Honors were executed with military preciseness not a usual thing even with old lodges. I was much pleased with the first evidence of doing the work, but still greater pleasure was in store for me. They had work on hand—a Page to be proved—which was done without the aid of rituals. Although a young lodge, scarcely a year old, they evidently have no use for the written work. Each officer appeared especially fitted for his position. I have not seen it more impressively executed at any time during my long membership in the Order. I dare not particularize or a certain Chief Justice might, and no doubt would, punish the offender to the utmost limit of the law. They have a large commodious hall in which to hold their conventions, possibly one of the finest in the Province.

After the proceedings were finished, the centre of the room was cleared, tables were placed and a sumptuous repast spread, of which we partook most bountifully, coffee and tea being the only drinkables. Had the sparkling cham-