

Rea filled the office of W. M. not less than four times in five years. In order to show in some slight manner their appreciation of his arduous and esteemed efforts, the brethren of his Lodge on July 12th, 1876, presented him with a handsome P.M.'s Jewel, by voluntary subscription, and on the 24th ult., (June, 1879,) the highest mark of respect possible was shewn him by electing him an honorary member of the Lodge, with full privileges of ordinary members. During the above space of nine years, W. Bro. Rea only missed attending *three* communications, twice when at Grand Lodge, and once when called to his father's death-bed in Toronto. In addition to his other local labors, he was initiated as a member of Builder's Lodge in June, 1866, and held the office of Secretary continuously from June, 1869, to 1879—a period of ten years, during which lengthened time he missed but *one* regular communication. W. Bro. Rea is also an ex-member of Grand Lodge, having been appointed a Grand Steward at the communication held in St. Catharines in 1877.

V. W. Bro. Rea's efforts have thus been unceasing for at least 10 years. He has worked faithfully, indefatigably, sincerely, and lovingly. He retires to well earned quiet with the unanimous esteem of every Craftsman here. I may add that the first idea of the Masonic burial plot, which has since been carried out so successfully, emanated from Fidelity Lodge, and it is said, though I cannot vouch for its accuracy, that V. W. Bro. Rea was the originator.

Whilst writing of the burial plot, I am glad to say the first excursion arranged for the 24th ult., as per my last month's letter, was an unqualified success. Another is, I hear, planned for the 28th inst., (July,) and I hope will be equally successful. The more I think of this object, the more am I satisfied of its beneficent and well-deserving character. Should this reach your subscribers here be-

fore the second excursion comes off, I trust they will do their utmost to assist the committee in its laudable efforts.

During at least two hot months of the year Civil Service Lodge "lays off"—a sensible proceeding, which might be profitably copied by our other Lodges. In both our halls, during the summer months, the heat is almost unbearable. A little holiday conduces to make things work more heartily afterwards. All work, and continually work, makes the brightest and most laborious Jack a dull boy.

The matter of a hall, owned by the Craft, frequently crops up in conversation, though nothing tangible has yet been put forward. Some action should be taken shortly, for, although the present lease does not run out for some three years yet (I think), in the meantime there is much to be done, even were the project on foot. Now, if R. W. Bro. Kerr would act (I've no doubt he has already thought considerable over the matter,) there might be a reasonable hope of something being done when the time for action arrives. The claims of the Chaudiere brethren should be considered in relation to the position of the new premises, and thus make one central hall for the whole Lodges. FRATER.

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To the Editor of the CRAFTSMAN.

It may not be uninteresting for your readers to know how the 24th June was celebrated by Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Prince Arthur's Landing, as it is situated nearly 700 miles from the nearest Canadian Lodge. An invitation having been previously received from Houghton Lodge, Houghton, we chartered the steamer *Manistee*, and left this place about three p. m. of the 28rd instant, arriving at Hancock and Houghton the morning of the 24th, where we were