

Louisiana. The Craft has also to record the death of R. W. Bro. Charles C. Stevenson, Grand Secretary and chairman of the Foreign Correspondence committee of Idaho. Many others of less exalted position in the craft have fallen, whose names will long be cherished in their respective jurisdictions. But though we feel a sense of loss and bereavement in the removal of these noble and virtuous men, whose abilities and influence were marked and esteemed by their brethren, yet we know how impossible it is for us to realize the great gain their lives and examples have been to the fraternity. They have left us, but they have left behind an imperishable record for future generations of Masons to study and revere. Let us treasure their names and memories.

VISITATIONS.

While sincerely desirous of emulating the good deeds of my able and indefatigable predecessor in office, in the matter of official visits I found it quite impossible to even attempt to equal his record. I am aware that had I been able to have visited more Lodges during the past year, reciprocal benefit would have been derived both to the Craft and to its head. However, the few visits I have been permitted to make, have proved thoroughly enjoyable to me, and I have some reasons for hoping they have not been without advantage to the Craft.

Aug. 23rd and 24th. On August 23rd and 24th, 1897, in company with R. W. Bro. J. Murray Lawson, D. D. G. M. (Dist. No. 3, and P. G. S. W.) I visited the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, in the City of St. John. We were there joined by P. G. M. McCoy, and P. G. M. Rhuland of Halifax. Every possible honor and attention was paid us by the M. W. Grand Master of New Brunswick, and the officers and members of that distinguished Grand Lodge, and an interchange of sentiment of the most fraternal and flattering character was had. On behalf of this Grand Lodge I extended a cordial invitation to the M. W. Grand Master of New Brunswick, and to all his colleagues in office as well as to the members of Grand Lodge, to visit us whenever possible or convenient. I have reason to believe that our visit was highly appreciated by the worthy brethren of New Brunswick, and that it will strongly tend to cement the affection and regard which the Masons of that and of this Jurisdiction entertain for each other. I was much interested in the work of that Grand Body, and greatly admired the truly Masonic as well as businesslike methods with which it transacted Grand Lodge business.

Sept. 6th. Visited Hiram Lodge, No. 12, Yarmouth. The occasion was one of great interest. This Lodge is in good condition and has a most able and enthusiastic staff of officers, a fine Lodge room, and is doing good work.

Sept. 9th. Visited Concord Lodge, No. 24, Clarke's Harbor, and Philadelphia Lodge, No. 47, Barrington. The visitation of these two Lodges was