

which was placed at my disposal for that purpose, I have caused to be paid to the proper parties. I trust the Brethren will soon have the pleasure of seeing this work in print; and from the undoubted ability of the author and compiler, our M. W. Bro. Jno. H. Graham, LL.D., &c., and the extent of his labours and researches, I have no doubt there will be produced a work, which will be of great interest to the Craft, and reflect honor and credit on the author.

STATE OF MASONRY AT HOME.

I have not before me the detailed reports of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer but from what I have learned I am able to state that a substantial increase in the membership of our order and a continued satisfactory condition of our finances justify the belief that Freemasonry in the Province of Quebec, despite many adverse circumstances, maintains its position both in numbers and influence.

The Grand Lodge will be pleased to learn that peace and harmony prevail throughout our Masonic jurisdiction, and that the most cordial relations, becoming every day more intimate by association and visitations, exist between our Brethren in the several districts. I have learned during the past year of many visits of deputations from the city Lodges to their Brethren in the country Districts, and I am assured that any invitations to visit country Lodges will be welcomed by the city Brethren, while visitors from other districts are always assured of a hearty reception whenever they visit any of our city Lodges. Such association, while in keeping with our usages and customs, is productive of these kindly feelings which should always exist among Freemasons. Visits by deputations from Lodges to other Lodges in their own or other districts, should be encouraged in every way, and I hope will receive the hearty support of every Officer and Brother of this Grand Lodge.

I will only refer, Brethren, to the matter of the slight disturbing element in our jurisdiction which caused so much discussion at some previous communications of this Grand Lodge, to state that it has not been heard of during my term of office. If there still exists in this Province, any Masons working under any other