

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

I have, at various times during the past year, paid official visits to all the Lodges in this jurisdiction, and found the Order in a much better condition than I had expected. The officers were, as a rule, well posted in the secret work, and in most of the Lodges the use of Rituals is dispensed with. It would take up too much of your time were I to give a detailed account of each visit, and it will be sufficient to say that in every case I was most cordially received and welcomed as your representative.

DECISIONS AND APPEALS.

Under this head I have nothing to report, as there has not been a single decision asked for, or an appeal sent to me. This I take to be a very favourable sign, and proves most conclusively that peace and quietness has prevailed throughout the jurisdiction. May my successor in office be blessed with a continuance of the same harmony and brotherly feeling among the brotherhood, coupled with greatly increased prosperity.

ORGANIZATION OF LODGES.

I had fully expected to have been able to report the addition of several Lodges to our Roster this year, but have been disappointed. I have visited several localities to which I had been invited, and explained the principles and objects of our Order, but from a variety of causes no actual steps have as yet been taken to institute Lodges. On two occasions I had the pleasure of the company and experience of Past Grand Chancellor King.

In pursuance of the legislation of the last two sessions of Grand Lodge, I appointed two Special Deputies, but from lack of the necessary time to devote themselves to the duties of the office, they have been unable to accomplish anything. To successfully carry out the object you had in view, a member would have to be obtained who could give his whole time and attention to the matter. I would recommend such a member in the person of Bro. Wm. Craston, associate editor of the "Northern Knight." It was too near the end of my term of office when I found out about him to warrant me in appointing him.

P. G. C. KING'S PAMPHLET.

This little book on the origin, progress, principles, and benefits of our Order, is already in the hands of every member, and speaks for itself. I have carefully perused it, and cordially recommend it as a source of valuable information, and believe it will be of great service towards extending the Order. Bro. King has presented the manuscript to Grand Lodge, and I would suggest that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to him for its compilation, it being another proof of the interest he always manifests in our beloved Order.