

thanks to him who is Lord over all, the giver of every good and perfect gift, for the many blessings vouchsafed unto us during the past year, and pray that our efforts to advance the interests of the Craft in this jurisdiction may be crowned with abundant success.

In compliance with the requirements of our laws, it is my duty to communicate to you a statement of my official acts during the recess of the Grand Lodge, the condition of Masonry in the jurisdiction, and recommend to the Grand Lodge such measures as I may deem expedient and necessary.

Having been informed by the Secretary of True Brothers Lodge, No. 8, of Tryon that for some months that a regular meeting had not been held, in company with R. W. Deputy Grand Master Brother Thompson, on the 9th September last, (having previously notified the Brethren of my intended visit) we visited the said Lodge and received a cordial and fraternal welcome; the attendance was good. Examined the minutes and found them well kept; a good Lodge room and comfortably furnished; finances in a fair condition, but in consequence of the majority of the Members residing in Crapaud and Cape Traverse, some miles distant from the Lodge room, it is very difficult at certain seasons of the year to form a quorum. At my suggestion, R. W. Brother John Muirhead, of Tryon, gave notice that at the next regular meeting he would move a resolution to take up the question of location; but up to the present time the Lodge is still at work in Tryon. After the close of the Lodge the Brethren repaired to the Crawford Hotel and we sat down to an excellent supper; at low twelve, through the kindness of Past Master Strang was driven some seven miles to Cape Traverse and was hospitably entertained at the "Lansdowne."