

and returning made a most memorable visit for those who were fortunate to go. A composite photograph of the membership of St. Andrew's Lodge was carried by the Brethren to the American Lodge as a memento of our visit.

During the last six or eight years St. Andrew's has visited nearly every Lodge within 100 miles of Halifax, and several beyond that distance. The Lodge has become noted as a visiting Lodge.. Such visits have proved, we believe most beneficial to our own Lodge as well as to our hosts and there is a unanimity of opinion among our members as to the wisdom and propriety of keeping up our record. The Lodges which we have visited have invariably given us a royal reception.

On Oct. 7th 1919, the Lodges which had been visited were all invited to visit us. A harbor excursion, in the afternoon, a theatre party for the ladies, a banquet for the Brethren, and the conferring of the Second degree in full form and ceremony at the Lodge room, made up the program.

Presentations to Members. The Lodge has ever been mindful of services rendered to it and the Craft. Numerous votes of thanks for presentations and generous contributions to the Lodge are to be found in the minutes. Presentations to officers and others have been few and, probably rightly so. Past Master's Jewels are not handed out as a matter of course to a retiring Master. Some marked service to the Lodge beyond merely holding the position has always been demanded. The W. M. who did only that which was his duty to do was regarded as an unprofitable servant. Often a member has been so honored long after vacating the chair. For example P. M. John M. Taylor (W.M. before 1865 and Tyler for many years) was presented with a P. M. Jewel in 1872. On the departure in 1873 of R. C. Hamilton (W. M. 1871-2) to reside in California, an address was presented to him, with an Album of photographs of all the members of the Lodge. N. Livingstone Herbert, the Secretary of the Lodge from (1869 to 1873) was presented with a Secretary's Jewel. Neglect of duty was "not encouraged". In 1875 the Secretary for the previous year was censured for absence from all but one meeting! Three years later, it was ordered that officers intending to be absent from meeting had to be excused.