

THE regular meeting of Strict Observance Lodge on a recent occasion at Hamilton was unique and unusually interesting. All the chairs were filled by Past Masters. There was a large attendance. R. W. Bros. J. J. Mason and Gibson performed the work in a very creditable manner.

R. W. Bro. ROBR. McCaw, D. D. G. M. of the Twelfth Masonic District, accompanied by W. Bro. James Rundle, District Secretary, paid an official visit to Ontario Lodge, No. 26, G. R. C., Port Hope. At the close of the meeting R. W. Bro. McCaw and W. Bro. Rundle, expressed their gratification at the manner in which the work was conducted.

A. & A. S. RITE.—Ill. Bros. J. W. Murton, 33°; David McLellan, 33°, and Joseph Mason, 32°, paid a fraternal visit to the members of Royal City Lodge of Perfection, of Guelph, on the 3rd ult. At Guelph they were met at the station by Ill. Bros. B. D. Dewar, 32°, of Berlin; Bros. C. Hendry, H. J. Hall, J. W. Poynter and Ill. Bro. Hugh A. Mackay, 33°, of Guelph. In the evening, the 13° and 14° of the A. & A. Scottish Rite were conferred in full, Ill. Bro. David McLellan, 33°, presiding in the 13°, and Ill. Bro. J. W. Murton, 33°, in the 14°. After the lodge was closed the visiting brethren were entertained to a repast to which all present did ample justice. Votes of thanks were tendered to the visiting brethren for their kindness in visiting Guelph to assist the members of the lodge in their duties, which were responded to in a hearty manner by Ill. Bros. Murton and McLellan, who thanked the members for their kindness and hospitality.

ON Monday evening, May 30, the brethren of Bismarck, Ont., dedicated their new hall. It is a very neat room and well furnished. R. W. Bro. E. M. Stuart, with the assistance of W. Bros. Anderson, Payne, Middleditch and Bros. Broderick and Thatcher, from Ridgetown, and other visiting brethren, dedicated the hall. Bro. Payne exemplified the third degree in a very attractive and skilful manner. A banquet followed.

At the regular communication of Antiquity Lodge, Montreal, on 18th May, Bro. W. A. Morrison, J. W., who had for the past two years filled the secretary's chair, was made the recipient of a secretary's jewel. It was a splendid piece of workmanship and beautifully engraved. On the clasp is a square and compass and underneath the all-seeing eye. The body of the jewel bears the emblem of the office, crossed quills surrounded by a wreath, and on the back was the following inscription:—"Presented by the brethren of the Lodge of Antiquity, A. F. & A. M., No. 1, Q. R., to W. A. Morrison, as a token of their esteem as secretary of the lodge. Montreal, May 18th, 1887." The presentation was made by V. W. Bro. John Ion, who complimented Bro. Morrison on the zeal he had shown in the service of the lodge and on the manner in which he had managed the finances during his two years of office. He closed by assuring him of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren. Bro. Morrison made a brief reply, expressing his thanks in feeling terms.

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