

fulfil all the requirements of our ritual, he is ineligible, it having been declared by Grand Lodge "that candidates must be physically qualified to fulfil all the requirements initiating, passing and raising, and that however much it may be regretted that in particular instances the Craft is, by an adherence to the ancient regulations, deprived of the membership of otherwise worthy applicants, the interests of Freemasonry are best conversed by a due observance of the ancient landmarks of the fraternity."

During the year I have officially visited and inspected all of the Lodges whose meetings are held in this Hall. These visitations were pleasing to myself, and must have been so to the Brethren visited, not only because of the opportunities for fraternal intercourse which they afforded, but because of the large number of members of Grand Lodge who aided and countenanced me by their presence and assistance. I installed the officers of most of the Lodges; and, in addition to the official visits have privately visited some of them once or twice during the year. The official visit to St. John Lodge, No. 2, was marked, not only by the interesting fact that it was the occasion of the twenty-first anniversary of the admission into the fraternity and the Lodge of our Grand Secretary, but by a social gathering of the most pleasing character.

There is no reason why each lodge meeting in Saint John should not be a model Lodge, both in its mode of work and in the conduct of its business. If there is any deficiency in either of these respects it arises out of causes which the Brethren themselves may control. For three or four years the Emulation Lodge of Instruction, held here under dispensation issued to the Grand Secretary, has been a school in which every brother in St. John had an opportunity to learn and to learn thoroughly. The services of our Very Worshipful Brother, given freely, for love of the Institution and out of a desire to promote its interests, have been most beneficial in training Masters and other officers to faithfully discharge the duties which they are called upon to perform; and the whole of the Lodges in the city, and Grand Lodge itself, is placed under a debt of gratitude to our brother for his unselfish labors. At the close of the last session of Emulation Lodge an arrangement was made for an exemplification by it of the Third Degree, before the officers of Grand Lodge—the work being done under the Warrant of St. John's Lodge. Illness prevented my attendance, but R. Worshipful Brother Clinch, who attended in my place with the officers of Grand Lodge, expressed his lively satisfaction at the correct and efficient manner in which the work was rendered.

On January 6th. with the assistance of

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| R. W. Brother Edward Willis | as | Deputy Grand Master.      |
| " " M. N. Powers,           | as | Senior Grand Warden.      |
| " " Jas. McNichol. jr,      | as | Junior Grand Warden.      |
| " " J. C. Hatheway,         | as | Grand Secretary.          |
| " " Silas H. Brown,         | as | Grand Dir. of Ceremonies. |

and several other Brethren from Saint John, I formally constituted and consecrated Saint Martins Lodge, No. 30, at Quaco, and installed the office-bearers. I believe that this Lodge has before it a bright future. The brethren that I met impressed me favorably. They are anxious to do good work, and are earnest and energetic. They have already taken steps to secure the erection of a Hall of their own, and are apparently determined that their Lodge though last on the roll shall be among the first in extending the beneficial principles of the Masonic fraternity.

On the 15th day of April, with

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| W. Brother David R. Munro, | as | Senior Grand Warden. |
| " " C. P. Harris,          | as | Junior Grand Warden. |
| " " John Melick.           | as | Grand Secretary.     |

and with many of the brethren of Keith Lodge, No. 23, Moncton, I officially visited Zetland Lodge, No. 24, Shediac. inspected the Records and installed the Worshipful Master and other office-bearers. This Lodge has a neat Hall for its own use; we found its general condition satisfactory and a good spirit prevailing.

On May, 27th, I visited Lebanon Lodge, No. 28, at Sackville, accompanied by Brother Geo. H. Clark, as Grand Secretary

We examined the Records of the Lodge, and inspected a portion of the work in the first degree. This Lodge was instituted in 1871. It has not made very rapid progress, but it has recently moved into a new room, and appears to be in better condition than it was when I visited it in 1872. It has a devoted and faithful member in Past Master Hallet, and several of the Brethren are well informed in the ritual. The