

On the 17th July, the brethren of Montreal District had an excursion to Highgate Springs which afforded much pleasure to those present. And on 31st August, the brethren of Bedford District held a picnic in the same grounds, but I unfortunately was not present on this occasion owing to business engagements.

VISITS TO SISTER GRAND LODGES.

On the 9th June, I visited the Grand Lodge of Vermont, at the City of Burlington. I was welcomed most cordially, and shall never forget the kindness of the Vermont brethren. I was accompanied in the visit by M. W. Bro. George O. Tyler.

On the 25th September, I was present by invitation, at the Centennial Celebration of the Independence of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia. I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Chambers, Grand Senior Warden, R. W. Bro. Stearns, Grand Treasurer, and R. W. Bro. Isaacson, Grand Secretary. I cannot describe the pleasure which ensued from this visit.

We enjoin upon Masters and Wardens of Subordinate Lodges that they should visit other Lodges as much as possible. The same rule should be applied to Grand Masters and Grand Wardens—that they should visit other Grand Lodges, if in their power. A great deal of useful information is obtained in so doing.

OFFICERS OF GRAND LODGE.

I have been very fortunate in the officers who were elected to support me during the past year. The Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens have been ever ready to offer me all assistance in their power. The District Deputy Grand Masters have been energetic and painstaking, one of them journeying 800 miles to visit one of his Lodges. The Grand Secretary has never murmured at the extra calls I have made upon his time, and has been invaluable to me, with his advice and assistance,—and I am under deep obligations to the Grand Treasurer, who has not confined his efforts on behalf of Masonry to the faithful discharge of his, by no means, unlaborious office.

OTHER BRETHREN.

Having mentioned the assistance that I have received from the officers of Grand Lodge, my report would be incomplete were I to omit the many services rendered me, in the discharge of my duty, by M. W. Bro. Geo. O. Tyler and Wor. Bro. Jno. P. Noyes.

HONORARY RANK.

I ask you to confer the honorary rank of past Grand Senior Warden on Wor. Bro. Frank Baxter, of Highgate, Vermont, who without solicitation on our part, or reward of any description, has been unflinching in his efforts to correctly place our position before the Masonic World.