

Welsford Lodge, Windsor, as usual, gave me a hearty welcome and great pleasure in seeing the thoroughness of their masonic work. By a curious coincidence, nearly every evening on which I officially visited the City Lodges, it rained and blew heavily, and the attendance was not large in consequence.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

The general accuracy of the Records, &c., attest to the vigilance and careful supervision of the District Deputies; these officers have a very onerous duty to perform, and were it not for the cordial support accorded by the brethren to them in their official capacity, the position would be very hard to fill. With but one exception which came to my notice, and which will, without doubt, be brought before the Grand Lodge, I found the position and standing of these officers as defined by Grand Lodge fully recognised.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

Owing to the retention of the title "Grand Lodge of Canada" by the Grand Lodge which really has jurisdiction only in the Province of Ontario, much misapprehension exists as to our position and standing. The Title "Grand Lodge of the Province of Nova Scotia" is readily perverted to that of "Provincial Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia," and as Nova Scotia is politically a part of Canada, so it is at once assumed that our Grand Lodge holds under the jurisdiction of the so-called Grand Lodge of Canada.

The title "Canada" is retained, but the territory thereby represented is totally different from that which bore the name at the time when the Grand Lodge so designated was organised, and it appears somewhat unfortunate that this was not seen and a title assumed in accordance with the territorial limits of the jurisdiction. If our sister Grand Lodge, with whom all our intercourse has been harmonious, could adopt the political title of the jurisdiction over which she has sway, much misconception and many mistakes would be avoided.

GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

It is with extreme regret that we have learned that the Grand Orient of France, the supreme body ruling over Freemasonry in England's old enemy, but now warm friend and trusted ally, France, has altered its Constitution, and omitted therefrom the first fundamental principle of Freemasonry—the belief in a great First Cause—a Personal God. According to the light to which we have been admitted, this change strikes at the root of Freemasonry as recognized by us. We may have differed with our Brethren of the Grand Orient on questions of jurisdiction or other, by comparison, minor matters; it may have been necessary on account of our claims to exclusive territorial jurisdiction to decline to continue fraternal relations with them, whilst they continued to ignore what we believe to be our just rights; but although not in masonic intercourse with our Brethren of France, we still recognized that they were masons; but now that as a body, and by the voice of their supreme council, they have officially announced their departure from one of the