

In many of these visits I requested the Supreme Grand Secretary to accompany me, which he cheerfully consented to do, notwithstanding the pressing duties of his office. Much good has resulted to the Lodges visited.

I am more than ever impressed with the benefits that would result from more frequent and systematic visitation of the Lodges by the Supreme Grand Secretary or some other Supreme Grand Lodge Officer qualified to discuss our laws and rules, and who is at the same time familiar with the practical working of the Society.

We have invariably found the brethren loyal to the Institution, and endeavoring to live up to the provisions contained in the Society's Constitution, but some of the Lodges visited required instruction consequent upon the changes made at last Supreme Grand Lodge Meeting. All the brethren received us gladly, and from recent reports from them, much good was accomplished.

Bearing in mind that the Lodges in both the eastern and western parts of the country had been visited by Supreme Grand Lodge Officers at comparative recent periods, I felt that my visits should be confined chiefly to the Ontario Districts.

Wherever practicable, we grouped the Lodges into district meetings, and by these means were able to give a large number of Lodges the benefit of our visits, which otherwise we could not have reached. Where this plan could not be carried out, and my presence was necessary, I visited Lodges individually.

The districts covered by these visits were the Niagara District, Muskoka and Parry Sound, County of Durham, County of Ontario, Peterboro' and Victoria, Lampton, Elgin, Wentworth and Halton and the four Torontos. We also paid a visit to the Montreal Districts and opened, with the assistance of the Supreme Grand Secretary, P.S.G.P. Bro. Stroud, P.S.G.V.P. Bro. J. A. Edwards, and the District Deputies, a very promising new Lodge (Westmount) in a western suburb of Montreal.

Much enthusiasm and loyalty were manifested towards the Society by the brethren everywhere. This was especially marked in Montreal, where the brethren turned out in strong force, and, headed by their very efficient brass band, formed into line at our hotel and marched to their commodious Lodge room, which was crowded with members. At the close of the meeting all present felt that a very profitable evening had been spent.