

the books have been very neatly kept, and the work skilfully performed.

The evening was passed in discussing the best means of making Lodges interesting when no masonic work is on hand. This is a problem well worthy the consideration of every Lodge.

After the discussion, we were invited to partake of refreshments to which we did ample justice. Thus passed one of our most pleasant visits, and after having sung "Auld Lang Syne" we parted with the Brethren.

June 22. In company with J. G. W. Bell and P. G. L. McLean, I met with St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 13, Montague Bridge. On examination I found that the Lodge is in a flourishing condition and ranks among the first in our jurisdiction.

I issued a commission to J. G. W. Bell to visit St. George's Lodge, No. 4, Georgetown. Also one to D. G. M. Stewart to visit Mount Zion Lodge, No. 12, Kensington, from whom I expect reports at this communication.

On May — I visited True Brothers' Lodge, No. 8, Tryon. But having met only three of the Brethren, (on account of shortness of notice), including P. S. G. W. Muirhead and P. M. Lang, I am unable to report.

I trust that my successor will take this Lodge under his care and endeavour to stir up an interest among them with reference to their duty to the Craft.

And now, Brethren, as this Grand Lodge will probably deal with the question of Ritual at this session, I would urge you to bear in mind that, before perfect harmony can exist throughout the jurisdiction, a similarity of work must prevail.

I am strongly in favor of one work, and that strictly adhered to.

The work in the country Lodges, as I have observed it, seems to be more uniform than in the City, where innovations are often made.

In conclusion, Brethren:—Before to-morrow's sun shall have risen in the East I shall be called upon to surrender this Gavel, the emblem of authority, to my successor in office. But before that time arrives I wish to tender the Officers and Past Officers of this Grand Lodge, as well as the members of all subordinate Lodges, my heartfelt thanks for the kindness and courtesy with which they have treated me during my term of office.