

rience or re-write. To ourselves, the record is intelligible, to our brethren and the world it may be mysterious. Let each inquire of himself: Is it satisfactory? If so, well; if not, there is work for the future. Individual conscience is a sure and certain crucible,—a tribunal before which all are arraigned, and one whose rulings should receive every attention.

For the favors we have enjoyed, for the life that has been spared, for our hopes of the future, we are indebted to Him who doeth all things well. Then let us join with our esteemed Chaplain in thanking the Divine Being for the blessings showered upon us thus far, and implore His aid in the conflict that lies before us. Grateful are we to know that although the claxon notes of war have rung out loud and shrill in our land; that although our citizen soldier has been called upon to leave his ordinary pursuits and march to the front, peace and quietness now prevail, law and order have been vindicated, the rebel flag floats nowhere over our domain. Some of our brethren from this province, many from Ontario, shared in the long marches, endured the toils, labors, and privations of a soldier's life. A Freemason in defence of his country, his home and liberty, should ever prove a valiant man. More recently a cloud has rested over this city. A loathsome disease has breathed its pestilential breath, and occasioned much uneasiness and anxiety. The mist has cleared away, and to-day the bright sunshine of peace, health and happiness is filling the land with songs of praise and thanksgiving.

I welcome you to the scene of your annual duties. It is a great pleasure to see so many familiar faces, and also to observe that our ranks are being replenished by new material. With this sentiment there comes a pang of grief. Some cherished forms are missing. The loss is felt here, in the constituent Lodge far more. Each has its own sorrow.

“NOT LOST BUT GONE BEFORE.”

In August last, R. W. Bro. H. J. Martin died at St. Leon Springs, where he was staying for his health. Our deceased brother was made a Mason in 1849 in Golden Rule Lodge. He was also a member of Golden Rule Chapter and of Sussex Preceptory and Priory. Residing in Washington, D. C., he was, in 1873, appointed Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodge in that district. A more earnest, faithful and zealous Mason it would be extremely difficult to find. By his will a very considerable legacy is left his Mother Lodge.

The death of R. W. Bro. James Bowen, jr., occurred in July last. He was a member of St. Andrews Lodge and of St. John Chapter. He was present at the formation of this Grand Lodge in 1869, and at that meeting was elected Deputy Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. Samuel Kennedy, P. D. D. G. M. for Quebec and Three Rivers district, departed this life on the 19th December last. He was a member of St. John's Lodge, of Stadacona Chapter, and of William de la More Preceptory and Priory. As a Mason and as a man our deceased brother was esteemed and respected. By his death the Craft in the Ancient City have sustained a great loss. His bereaved family has our sympathy in this their hour of deep affliction.

I have to announce the death of M. W. Bro. H. E. Puckett, P. G. M. of Grand Lodge of Idaho, and our Grand Representative near that Grand Lodge.