

R.: W.: Henry Brown.

R.: W.: C. M. Chambers.

V.: W.: H. F. Heisterman.

The Annual Address of the R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master was then read by R.: W.: Bro. Trounce.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

Right Worshipful, Very Worshiptul, and Worshipful Brethren:

In the good providence of a Merciful God, another year of daily labor and refreshment has passed into the history of the ages, and we are spared to meet, on this the Fourteenth Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge, under the all seeing eye of our Heavenly Father. Let us do so in thankful acknowledgment, and humble gratitude to Him for his preserving care, and for the many blessings he has conferred upon us in the year now past, and trust Him to guide us by Wisdom, in all our deliberations, in the performance of the work now before us, that all business brought forward for our consideration, in relation to this our beloved Order, may be so decided as to work the most good to our Ancient and Honorable Institution.

In entering upon our business, let us divest our minds of all selfish considerations, and as true Masons enter into the performance of our labors, with a steady purpose to promote the good of our Order, so that the work of this session may be completed in such a manner that it may redound to our credit as master workmen, thereby gaining the approval of our "Supreme Grand Master," who is above all; whose judgments are always perfect, and to whose guidance and approval all true Masons look.

I congratulate you, Brethren, that the past year has not been disturbed by dissention in our Order; that peace, harmony and good fellowship have truly been the guide of all our actions; that no perplexing questions have been propounded for our consideration, and that Brotherly Love and Charity have guided us in all our proceedings.

You will I am sure unite with me in sympathy for our esteemed Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden, Brother Robert Beaven, who is not able to be present with us on this occasion. A severe attack of illness has for the past ten months prevented our Brother from attending to business; I am glad to say that he is very much improved, and hope that he may soon be restored to perfect health and be again able to attend to those duties in life for which he is so eminently qualified.