

subscribe to pay the expenses. Remember.

"Then to side with Truth is noble when we share her wretched crust,
E'er her cause brings fame and profit,
and 'tis prosperous to be just,
Then it is the brave man chooses, while the coward aside
Doubting in his abject spirit, till his Lord is crucified."

GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA.

The fourteenth annual communication of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Manitoba was in session at the Masonic Hall, Winnipeg, on the 13th and 14th of February. Twenty-five lodges were represented by ninety regular delegates, eight lodges by as many proxy representatives, and five were not represented at all. In consequence of bereavement in the family of Grand Master Clark, that gentleman was not present. R. W. Bro. J. A. Ovas, of Rapid City, Deputy Grand Master, occupied the post of honor in the Grand East, with R. W. Bro. J. W. Harris on his right as Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. W. G. Bell, G. S. W., was at his post in the west, and V. W. Bro. J. Cornell was appointed to the G. J. W.'s chair. R. W. Bro. Rev. Canon O'Meara, Grand Chaplain, having opened the proceedings with prayer, the following is the substance of the annual report of the Grand Master, which was read:

"DEAR BRETHREN,—In the good providence of God, you are permitted to meet in the fourteenth annual communication of this Grand Lodge. I am thankful that we have now more suitable premises in which to hold these gatherings. It was my privilege to dedicate this hall with the proper ceremonies to the purposes of Freemasonry, and I am glad to know that the various city lodges have been benefited by the change of locality. It was my settled purpose to have visited officially many of the lodges in the jurisdiction during the year just closed, but circumstances, which I could not control, rendered it

impossible, and I ask you, dear brethren, to "take the will for the deed." I take this opportunity of thanking R. W. Bro. Bell, Senior Grand Warden and W. Bro. Van Ettan for valuable services rendered in visiting very many lodges. I also thank our indefatigable Grand Secretary for his unwearied faithfulness in the discharge of his arduous duties. During the year we were favored with a visit from the Knights Templar of Fargo and other adjacent points, and I was pleased to find that the fact of their being "Blue Masons" was recognized by the various city lodges in a most fraternal manner. Death (who has all seasons for his own) has been busy since we last met, and many voices that we loved to hear are now hushed in eternal silence. M. W. Bro. Robt. Morris, the poet laureate of Freemasonry, who was present at our last annual communication, and who did your Grand Master the honor of dedicating to him the charming poem, "In White Array," has gone to receive his wages from the Grand Master in Heaven; also R. W. Bro. Levi A. Cohen, D. D. G. M. of the Morocco district, was called to rest on the 8th of November last. The death that touches us most nearly is that of M. W. Bro., the Hon. Thomas White, one of the ablest advisers of his Excellency in the Dominion Cabinet. He was called away after a brief illness in the midst of his usefulness, and his removal is regarded by all thoughtful men as a national loss.

And now, dear brethren, I crave your indulgence for the paucity of this address, and for my non-attendance at Grand Lodge. A sore bereavement has come upon me with appalling suddenness, and with such crushing weight that it is with extreme difficulty I can throw these few sentences together. If to some of you it seems a weakness dear brethren, I pray you cover it with the mantle of a Mason's charity, and may our Heavenly Father preserve you from such a sorrow."

The finance report showed a balance in hand after all claims were paid, and