

It takes a kind word here, a gentle action there, a thread from the garments of beloved dead; a thread of sentiment, a strand from the good offices of numerous Brethren, a cord of old associations, another from the purity of our own intentions, yet another from the hope of immortality, and it twists them into a cable that might hold fast a world. That cable, made of the very fibers of our hearts, and intertwined with our most sacred affections, is attached to the derricks of the spiritual temple, that building not made with hands, where the Supreme Architect of the universe is the builder and we but as the stones in its walls. Where there comes neither day nor night, and where dark nor care can ever enter it. Brethren, with such sacred ties duly lived up to, we can not materially err. Neither need we fret over the extinction of Masonic principles in the earth, but buoyed up by the hope that looks beyond, and the consciousness of a life well spent, we may accept the sprig of accacia as an emblem of immortality, and look forward to the convening of the Grand Lodge above with confidence and satisfaction, realizing that whatever our merits may be, there will they be fully appreciated, and the end of our hopes and desires be finally reached."

There are 88 chartered Lodges in this Jurisdiction, and the membership reported is 4,346, being a net increase of 672.

R.W. Bro. Thomas Milburn Reed, Grand Secretary, submitted another of his able Reports on Correspondence, in the introduction to which we find and commend the following :—

"We seek only to know more of that imperishable, unchangeable, godlike principle called TRUTH—that philosophical and scientific acme of all knowledge; and we know of no better helpful method towards its attainment in its relations to Freemasonry, than by free, intelligent and courteous discussion of all Masonic questions upon which there may be difference of opinion. It is chiefly, we believe, through this agency that the clouds of mist and error are made to disappear and the bright sunlight of truth to burst forth in its glory before the mental vision."

Some of the reviews bear the initial "Z" at their foot, showing that they were prepared by our distinguished Brother, Past Grand Master Louis Ziegler. Yet even with this assistance, Bro. Reed was unable to complete his Report, and Quebec's proceedings, amongst others, are laid aside for another year.

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