

They heartily unite in the expression of devout gratitude to Almighty God for the mercies received, and the loving and Fatherly care bestowed upon us individually since our last Annual Communication, and for the success that has followed the labors of the Craft in this Island.

They are pleased to learn that during the past year several Lodges throughout the jurisdiction were visited officially by the M. W. Grand Master, as well as by other members of this Grand Lodge, deputed by him for that purpose, and that much pleasure was derived from witnessing the work done, and the interest displayed on those occasions, more especially the visit to Orient Lodge, No. 11, Souris, by R. W. Bro. George W. Wakeford, and that chiefly through the efforts of this esteemed Brother is due the resuscitation of this Lodge. And although the members were much discouraged by the loss of their Lodge room, furniture, books, &c., by fire, yet such has been the interest infused and duly manifested that they have again procured and re-furnished their Lodge, and are making rapid progress towards a prosperous future.

Your Committee would also recommend that the Commissions issued to the Brethren, named in the Report, near the Grand Lodges of Illinois and Iowa, as also those recommended for appointment by the Grand Lodges of Ohio, Michigan and South Carolina as their representatives near this Grand Lodge, together with the Dispensations issued during the past year by the M. W. Grand Master, be approved and confirmed by this Grand Lodge.

With pleasure we find that the membership of the Craft has increased, notwithstanding the many suspensions for non-payment of Dues, which latter fact is a matter of regret, and your Committee sincerely hope that a renewed effort of zeal may be more manifest in stirring up our Brethren to greater diligence and duty.

We rejoice to know that during the past year so few of our members have been cut down by the "all-devouring scythe of time," and unite in thankfulness to the "Great Architect of the Universe," that as a body we have been so mercifully preserved in the enjoyment of health and comparative prosperity.

We would, in closing this Report, again tender, on behalf of this Grand Lodge, our most sincere thanks to the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the able and courteous manner in which he has at all times presided over our deliberations, and on all occasions sustained with dignity the exalted position which he has been called to occupy since the organization of this Grand Lodge, and trust that he may be prevailed upon to again accept the high position that this Grand Lodge would feel pleased to bestow; and that in the order of the "all wise

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