

in the membership of our Lodges during the past year, but will regret very much to find suspension for non-payment of dues still goes on.

Death has dealt lightly with us since our last annual meeting—only two members of Subordinate Lodges having, during that time, “gone to that bourne from which no traveller ere returns.” How thankful we ought to be to the Divine Creator for having dealt so mercifully with us, and for the healthy and bountiful season which we have enjoyed.

Before closing this account of my official acts during the past Masonic year I must again thank you for your continued confidence in retaining me in the high position I occupy. At all times and upon all occasions I have received the most kindly courtesy and brotherly treatment from every member of the Fraternity I have met. I am under special obligations to the R. W. Bro. Higgs our efficient Grand Secretary, and to R. W. Bro. G. W. Wakeford for kind assistance repeatedly given.

And now my Brethren, I must ask you to relieve me from a position which many amongst you can fill much more ably than I have done. I feel sure a change will be beneficial to the Craft in this jurisdiction. From the nature of my private business, it has been in the past, and would be even more so in future, impossible to give the time which the good of the Order requires should be given by the Grand Master.

I trust my successor in office may receive the same generous treatment which you have invariably accorded to me.

Trusting that our present meeting may be characterized by that good feeling which has always existed amongst us, and that our deliberations may be governed by an anxious desire to keep unsullied the principles of our ancient and honored institution.

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