

notice the ample funds at the disposal of this prosperous Grand Lodge. Besides this they are erecting a new dormitory building which, when completed, the Home will have seventy-five cots with all modern improvements and appliances. In this connection we quote the following :—

"This institution stands as a living monument to practical Freemasonry in the State of Missouri. It demonstrates that Masonry is not merely 'sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.' The imagination is staggered, as we gaze into the future, to comprehend and appreciate the wonderful amount of good which the Masonic Home of Missouri will accomplish, should it continue to have the hearty support of the 30,000 Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction."

The beloved dead are fittingly referred to. He says :—

"One of the most beautiful sentiments which can be portrayed by man, and especially by a Mason, is respect and reverence for the memory of the dead. I therefore recommend that a session of this Grand Lodge be set apart for the purpose of holding a Memorial Service in honor of our deceased brethren."

The Grand Master pays the highest possible compliments to his Grand Secretary for his valuable support and assistance, and concludes his able and practical address as follows :—

"In the discharge of the duties of the office, I have endeavored to bring to bear thereon the best efforts of which the circumstances would admit. If I have discharged the duties of the office in a satisfactory manner, and in such a way as to meet with your approval, I will feel that I have only in a small measure reciprocated the high honor which you have conferred upon me by electing me to this position."

The Grand Secretary reports that during the year twenty-four new Masonic Halls were dedicated. That the Grand Master, under the Constitution, had granted seven dispensations for permission to re-ballot on rejected petitions. This is something for the Committee appointed by our Grand Lodge to revise our Constitution to take a note of. He further states that six Lodges have gone out of existence since last Annual Communication, and that there are others in a very precarious condition and "to continue them on the roll is a travesty on the idea of Masonic life."