

"One of our number who, almost before he had passed the morning of life, was elevated to the highest office in the gift of our Fraternity; one, whose name was honored, whose life was pure and spotless, whose talents were pre-eminent, and whose fidelity and intelligent zeal in the Craft were never questioned, has passed from the labors of this life and been raised to the refreshment of peace and bliss of all found worthy of admission to 'the Temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.' You all know that I speak of our late Most Worshipful brother, John H. Anthon, who ever strove to do his whole duty in the place to which you had elected him, and which he was so soon to surrender to his successor."

Other illustrious dead are R. W. Benjamin H. Austin, Past Junior Grand Warden, and R. W. Alfred E. Campbell, D. D., Past Grand Chaplain.

The death of M. W. Wm. Mercer Wilson, and R. W. Thos. Bird Harris, respectively Grand Master and Grand Secretary of Canada, are feelingly alluded to in lengthy obituary notices.

A somewhat noteworthy event, was the reception as a Mason, of the Ruler of the Hawaiian Islands, King Kalakaua, at a meeting of New York Lodge, No. 330, where he witnessed the exemplification of the third degree of Masonry by the Grand Lecturer.

The decisions are numerous but none of special interest.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, prepared by Bro. John W. Simons, reviews, in an able manner, the Proceedings of forty American Grand and eight Foreign Grand Lodges, including that of Nova Scotia.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

NORTH CAROLINA—1875.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina held its Eighty-ninth Annual Communication in the City of Raleigh, on Dec. 6, A. L. 5875.

M. W. George W. Blount, Grand Master. R. W. Donald W. Bain, Grand Secretary.

The M. W. Grand Master's address is well written and interesting. We quote one sensible passage:

"I find that in matters of discipline Lodges are apt to be too loose. There is too much disposition to wink at the short-comings of their members. It must be remedied. Our halls must be purified, purged of that which gives offence to the pure Masonic principle. One Lodge with twenty pure men,

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