

CONCLUSION.

In our Report for 1871, we expressed the opinion that "the Report" would be better performed by one person than by a Committee of three. Our wish has been gratified and the result is before the Grand Lodge, however imperfectly accomplished. The work has been performed this year by the Chairman who has had to go it alone, but the extra toil and labor performed at the sacrifice of "some wee short hours ayont the twal" have altho' onerous, been willingly done, and the writer has been *really* repaid for it, by the pleasure experienced in reading, marking and inwardly digesting the vast volume of valuable papers considered. In reviewing, we have endeavored to bring together the various subjects in our judgment of the greatest interest to our Brethren. If we have erred in any point we must ask, without being considered apologetic, for the kindest consideration, as, not being beyond our own individual opinion, the mouth piece of the Grand Lodge, we have only endeavored to express such sentiments as we honestly believe are in accord with its rule and practice. The task has been pleasant—both in the benefit to ourselves and the opportunity given us of forming a more intimate acquaintance with that "noble army of martyrs"—the corps of Foreign Correspondents,—to whom we offer our sincere regards and hopes of better acquaintance in the future.

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