

It is gratifying to learn that but few suspensions for non-payment of dues have taken place during the past year, and trust the brethren generally will so study the duties they owe to their Lodges as to make the infliction of that penalty the exception in the near future. In many cases the Masters and Secretaries are responsible for the failure to collect dues. Many brethren can pay once in twelve months without inconvenience, and will do so if called on, but are unable to meet an accumulation of years.

We recommend that a page be set apart in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge to the memory of the brethren of this jurisdiction who have preceded us to the Grand Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe forever reigns,—forever presides.

We also recommend that a page be set apart to the memory of the late R. W. Benjamin Curren, for many years Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia; and M. W. Rob. Morris, Past Grand Master of Masons in Kentucky, a great Masonic traveler and a noted Masonic author, crowned Poet Laureate of Free Masonry in New York City, December 17th, 1884. As the author of "We Meet upon the Level and we Part upon the Square," his memory will remain green while Freemasonry shall last.

We note with pleasure the fact that the M. W. Grand Master has not been called upon for any decisions of importance during the past year.

We recommend that the commissions issued during the past year, appointing Representatives of this Grand Lodge near other Grand Lodges, and those recommended by the M. W. Grand Master for appointment near this Grand Lodge, be confirmed.

It gives your Committee very great pleasure to learn that R. W. John W. Morrison has received a commission from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and we are of opinion that a better choice could not have been made, Bro. Morrison having presided over the first and only Lodge in this Province working under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the M. W. Grand Master must have had this fact in view when he recommended him (a Bro. unknown to the officers of that Grand Lodge) for appointment.

We recommend that the Dispensations issued during the past year be approved.

We have no remarks to make on application for recognition from the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, the documents pertaining thereto being in the hands of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.