

serve the interests of Masonry in this jurisdiction. I sincerely hope that we may each one of us be able to lay aside all individual considerations, and to forget any private differences if any unhappily exist amongst us, and that every effort shall be put forth to advance the cause of our beloved order. If we disagree as to any measure or measures, let us differ as Brethren should, and in all our considerations let us be inspired with that noble emulation of who can best work and best agree.

I feel that at this time it is necessary that an extra exertion should be made by those who have the good of Masonry at heart, as I am under the impression that there is a lukewarmness and apathy existing amongst us, which must be overcome if we wish our institution to flourish.

Our jurisdiction is limited in extent with few lodges, and the membership necessarily small; therefore the greater reason that harmony and unanimity should prevail and that all should give a helping hand.

Our by-laws provide for the appointment by the Grand Master of competent brethren to visit the different lodges, and though I would gladly visit all personally, I find that my business and other engagements will not permit me to do that which I would like, and to conform to the constitution as nearly as possible I have, during the past year, commissioned a number of the members of the Grand Lodge to visit the subordinate lodges as my representatives, and have requested them to furnish to the Grand Lodge at this Annual Communication a report in writing of their doings, and trust that all have attended to their duty, as I am of opinion that the lodges should be visited by the Grand Master or other officer or member of the Grand Lodge at least once a year.