

bring our business to a speedy close, and important matters have been brought forward and disposed of without getting that due consideration to which they were entitled. Brethren, this should not be the case. The prosperity and well-being of Masonry within this jurisdiction mainly depends upon our enacting judicious laws for their government. I trust we shall realize the responsibility of our positions, and be prepared to give the necessary time to well and carefully weigh all matters which are submitted for our consideration.

In January last, an official communication was received from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, announcing the death of their Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Allan Hill Crowe, who departed this life on the 10th November last, in the 47th year of his age. We sincerely sympathize with our sister Grand Lodge in the great loss which they have sustained.

I have also to announce the death of the R. W. Grand Secretary of Wyoming Territory, Bro. William G. Tonn. He was called to eternal rest on the 23rd January last, whilst going to Arkansas for treatment.

Before closing this brief address, allow me to thank you once again for the honor which you have so often conferred upon me, by continuing me in the distinguished station I now occupy in our Order. From the time I first assumed this position up to the present, I have received the most kindly courtesy and consideration not only from the officers and members of Grand Lodge, but from each member of the fraternity with whom I have come in contact. My regret is that during my term of office I have been able to accomplish so little towards the advancement of the Craft.

Trusting that the harmony and good feeling which has