

I received a cordial and fraternal invitation from the Most M. W. Grand Master, Brother Kenyon, of Providence, R. I., to be present and participate at the Centennial Celebration of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, to be held in the city of Providence to-day.

I regret I was unable to accept the kind invitation.

During the year that has just ended, the kind greetings I have received from the Brethren throughout the jurisdiction has been of the most pleasing nature. Peace and harmony prevails in all our Lodges, and to the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary (Brother Higgs), my thanks are due for his valuable services and zeal in the duties of his office.

About to retire from the station to which the partiality of my Brethren assigned me twelve months ago, it will now devolve upon you to seek out from among yourselves a Brother to preside over your deliberations, and it shall be no less my pleasure, than my duty, to invest him with the emblem of his authority, and ask for him the same kind indulgence granted to me during the past year. And may that All Seeing Eye which for so many centuries has watched over our ancient and honorable institution, direct us in the future, and when we shall be removed from the labors of this earthly Grand Lodge, may we all be received into the Everlasting Lodge, not made with hands eternal in the heavens, where the Supreme Architect of the universe for ever presides.

JNO. WM. MORRISON,
Grand Master.