

possible. If unable to point to any brilliant achievements, I trust that at least I have done nothing to tarnish the lustre of Freemasonry.

Fraternally submitted,

SIBREE CLARKE,

Grand Master.

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Resolved, that the Address of the Grand Master be referred to a Special Committee.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master appointed as the committee :

M. W. Bro. Marcus Wolfe, R. W. Bro. Grant,
W. Bro. B. Williams.

R. W. Bro. Robt. B. McMicking then read the address of Deputy Grand Master.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of Grand Lodge :—

It is with pleasure, mingled with a degree of sadness, that I meet and welcome you to this our twenty-third Annual Communication.

Pleasure at seeing so many of the old and familiar faces of those whom I am privileged, aye, and commanded to address as "Brother," and of sadness at the remembrance of those faces we miss—not the least noticeable being that of our late V. W. Brother, P. G. Chaplain, who may be said to have fallen across our pathway, as we were travelling toward this typical temple. But why should we sorrow? Has not our distinguished brother, who aided us by his council a year ago, been called from labor, from the cares and anxieties incident to life in this probationary abode, to a higher development—an eternal peace in the habitation of that celestial temple, where the Supreme Grand Master forever presides? And can we doubt his meetness for the Master's presence? Nay brethren, rather let us strive to emulate his virtues, and by a close and consistent practice of the excellent tenets of our Masonic profession, merit a place in that glorious lodge beyond, whither—we have good hope—our brethren have gone before us.

Since last we met, peace and harmony have reigned supreme throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, and prosperity has abided with the