

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND :

"Remorseless Time!" that "Fierce spirit of the glass and scythe," has added another year to the many thousands that have gone before, bringing us nearer the end of our life's labour here below.

It is with feelings of the deepest gratitude to our Supreme Grand Master for his manifold blessings, that I now extend to you all a fraternal welcome to this our Nineteenth Annual Communication within the precincts of our own new Temple.

Allow me to congratulate you on the occasion of such a noble structure. May we all live long to enjoy the fraternal shelter of this our Masonic Home; and here, as well as throughout the length and breadth of this jurisdiction, may we, while life lasts, continue to show to the world our belief in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

"Through knowledge we behold the world's creation,
How in his cradle first he fostered was;
And judge of nature's cunning operation,
How things she formed of a formless mass:
By knowledge do we learn ourselves to know,
And what to man and what to God we owe."

Brethren, we are assembled here for the purpose of reviewing our Masonic labours for the year that is gone.

In giving this first annual report of my official acts, I trust that they will redound to the interest of the Craft.

On the 3rd of August, 1893, I called an Emergent Meeting of Grand Lodge in Summerside for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of the new Methodist Church, which was done in ample form, the Grand Master on the occasion being presented with a silver trowel suitably inscribed.

I issued two dispensations: *One*—to confer the third degree at a shorter interval than that required by the constitution:—my reason being that the Brother was about to leave the Island. The *other*—to attend the funeral of our late Brother J. S. Carvell, Lieutenant Governor of our province.

The necessity of this arose from the fact that the family arrangements brought in others than Masons as pall-bearers. As, by resolution of this Grand Lodge, passed two years ago, such

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