

GRAND CHAPLAIN KER.

One of our Grand Chaplains, Rev. Robt. Ker, has left our Province to reside in Ontario. We can ill spare such an eloquent, able and fearless advocate of Freemasonry.

We are confident that he will not forget us, though moved from us, and we know that we shall never forget him.

DEATHS.

R. W. Bro. Massie, P. D. D. G. M., of Bedford District, will be with us no more on earth, death having summoned him to meet his Creator. R. W. Bro. McMinn, P. D. D. G. M., of Montreal District, has also been taken from us. They have shaken off this earthly clay to live forever. I would recommend memorial pages for these brethren.

CONCLUSION.

The past year has been a pleasant one. We have had the usual series of attacks made upon us, which will do us no harm, unless those whom we admit as members join the order with the idea that the false opinions expressed in regard to us are true, in which case we weaken ourselves with disappointed men, who find that Freemasonry is not a means for their personal advancement, but a grand medium of enabling them to assist their fellow creatures.

In returning you the gavel, I hope that my successor may have the assistance which all have afforded me, and the universal kindness which it has been my lot to receive at your hands.

J. FRED. WALKER,

GRAND MASTER.

M. Wor. Bro. George O. Tyler moved, seconded by R. Wor. Bro. John Shaw—

"That the address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, just delivered, be forthwith referred to the Committee on 'The State of Masonry,' with instruction to report thereon as soon as possible during the present Session of the Grand Lodge."

The Grand Secretary presented the following report :—

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the M. Wor. The Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M.

I have the honor to submit this my report—

During the past year under the instruction of Grand Lodge I issued a WARRANT OF CONSTITUTION for King Solomon Lodge, at Aylmer, Quebec, bearing the No. 69.

A petition from the Wor. Master and brethren of Portage-du-Fort Lodge, presently working under dispensation, has been recently received at this office, praying that a warrant be granted to them during the present Session. The petition is ac-