

little Province we have great reason to feel thankful to the Great Architect of the Universe for the many blessings we have enjoyed—a healthy climate and productive soil are advantages which cannot be too highly appreciated, and when we consider how we have been preserved from the ravages of pestilence, tornadoes and floods such as our brethren in parts of the United States have unfortunately passed through within the past year, we have indeed cause to thank the Great Giver of all good for His manifold mercies to us in this beautiful little Island.

The year which has just ended has been one of peace and harmony amongst the fraternity in this jurisdiction.

The membership of our Lodges shows but a slight increase during the year. The number of demits granted and the suspension for non-payment of dues, have almost equalled our gain, in new members you will however be glad to know that but few suspensions for non-payment of dues have taken place within the past year, and we trust this evil will soon be unknown amongst us.

Since our last annual meeting four members of the Subordinate Lodges have gone to that "bourne from whence no traveller ere returns." We trust our loss is their eternal gain.

The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia has sustained a severe loss in the death of their highly esteemed and most efficient Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Benjamin Curran.

In the United States several distinguished Masons have been called to the Grand Lodge above, amongst whom the one best known and most universally respected is Doctor Robert Morris, P. G. M. of Kentucky, and Poet Laureate of Masons in America. The name of Bro. Morris has been a household word amongst Masons; a gifted writer

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