

by a close study of the laws and usages of the Order, to prepare myself, so as to meet the demands of the position, and the expectation of the friends who had confided this sacred trust to my keeping.

But while I have endeavored to do my duty, the whole credit for what has been accomplished is not due to the efforts of any one individual. The assistance rendered me by P. R. W. G. T. Hastings and Bro. Joseph Malins, R. W. G. C., has indeed been valuable. I am also under obligations to Sister Mattie McClellan Brown, G. W. V. T.; for kindness and assistance rendered. I have also received valuable assistance from Bro. W. S. Williams, R. W. G. S. My official relations with him have been exceedingly pleasant, and I have found him prompt and active in the discharge of the arduous duties of his office. The Order is certainly under obligations to Bro. Williams for the sacrifices made by him, and for the use of his private funds to meet the demands of the Order while our treasury was depleted.

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