

CONCLUSION.

We have concluded our review of the proceedings of the various Grand Lodges submitted to us for the year.

The work has been enjoyable, though embarrassing. In many instances much satisfaction would have been expressed had we been permitted by the space at our disposal to quote more extensively we have from the very able and interesting addresses, reports statements that were presented. It is most gratifying to observe everywhere the spirits of our brethren are high with hope and confidence; everywhere we find their Grand Masters and their leaders Masonic thought and activity holding aloft the banners of truth, purity, charity and noble endeavour.

The power and strength of Masonry were never more strikingly exhibited. It shows nowhere the slightest signs of weakness or decay, but on the contrary seems, from the study we have been enabled to give of its conditions, to be striking its roots more deeply year by year, and to offer the promise of a future more brilliant and glorious, because more useful to humanity than even its splendid past.

We part with regret from the many colleagues whom we have met, in spirit at least, during the season devoted to these labours. To them and to their brethren in the various Jurisdictions these are our parting words for 1897—

“May you live long and prosper.”

T. B. FLINT, *Chairman.*