

I received a notice of the death of M. W. Bro. Israel M. Bullock, Grand Master of Connecticut. He died on the 20th October, 1879, aged 36 years. The memorial committee in their report say of him: "Young in years, mature in judgment, upright in character, honored in his profession, dignified in the performance of duties and beloved by all, he passed away in the vigor of his days." To mortal view verily "his death was untimely," and we stand in the shadow of our bereavement amazed and sorrow-stricken. Worthily did he wear the badge of a Mason which in sadness has been deposited in his grave, and more lasting than the evergreen which has been placed over his remains will be our memory of him.

R. W., Bro. Colin H. Miner, Grand Treasurer, Grand Lodge of Illinois, was called to refreshment in the Grand Lodge above on the 27th May last.

I regret that the suspensions for non-payment of dues have not decreased. There are instances where no doubt it may be necessary to suspend, but I fear that in some cases at least, Lodges in inflicting this penalty, lose sight of the principle taught by the third round of Jacob's ladder. It should be remembered that a suspended brother is deprived of all the rights and privileges of masonry, and that no Lodge has the right of conferring any of these privileges until the brother is legally restored to good standing; therefore the case should be carefully dealt with before the verdict is pronounced.

I am pleased to inform you that the masonic difficulties in Manitoba have terminated, and the brethren in that jurisdiction are now dwelling together in peace and harmony.