The work has been thoroughly done, and the success of it has been sure. So to parody the text of dear old Rip Van Winkle.

Here’s to the club and the friends of the Club, may their lives long and prosper.

MACOMB M. G. GRANT.

MODERN MACABRE.

The Caster Tent, No. 119, K. O. T. M. M. which is one of the oldest lodges in the state, was organized in 1868. It began with a membership of 16 and today numbers 575.

The following have served as Commanders since its organization:—Wm. K. Ludwig, G. L. Bledget, H. A. Lockwood, E. G. Gilgley, G. A. Huber, G. F. Heath, A. E. Dunbar, and J. C. Leher.

SHAKESPEARE CLUB.

The poet of the Avon has contributed to the people of the Raisin valley all English speaking people the culture and pleasure that follow from the perusal of his works. But to help the casual reader by fellowship and an exchange of thoughts that stir the mind when reading his dramas the Shakespeare Club was organized in the fall of 1896. The beginning

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Our Governor.

Alexander T. Bliss.

In the twenty-years of its existence it has lost the following members:—Geo. D. Harper, E. M. Mohr, John M. Gutmann, Frank D. Hamilton, David Reseume, Henry P. Harrington, Wm. R. Turner.

Caster Tent has a band of 18 members; an orchestra of seven pieces, a degree team of 16 men with which to exemplify the work and equipped in this way, it is making rapid strides. It meets every third and 4th Thursday at Macabre Temple.

The present officers are,—P. Com., A. E. Dunbar; Com., J. C. Leher; Li. Com., V. J. Berthelette; R. K., A. A. Rupp; F. K., H. J. Mann;

A member of the Michigan Legislature.

Frank S. Neal.