

**"MASONIC TROWEL" HAS  
NEW OWNER AND EDITOR**

**Col. George Thornburgh Re-  
tires as Active Head of  
Publication.**

Announcement was made recently of the change in the editorial department of the Masonic Trowel, whereby David McLees succeeds Col. George Thornburgh as editor of the paper. The Trowel is the official organ of Free Masonry in Arkansas and was founded by Colonel Thornburgh 32 years ago. It has prospered until now the Trowel is recognized as one of the leading Masonic publications in the South.

Mr. McLees has been engaged in the grain and feed business in Little Rock for some time, having been employed by the Hayes feed stores and the Leifer Bros. Seed Company. At present he is devoting his entire time to the organization of his paper so as to serve the maximum amount of usefulness to Arkansas Masons.

The Trowel is the oldest paper in Arkansas having the same editor, and the oldest Masonic paper in the United States, under the charge of one man continually. The policy of the paper will be unchanged by the transfer of the editor's chair, and Colonel Thornburgh will retain an honorary connection with it.

Colonel Thornburgh's resignation was made necessary by his increasing age. He has been one of the most active Masons in Arkansas for many years and will continue to do Masonic work of other kinds. He is the author of the Masonic Monitor and the History of Freemasonry, which two publications he will continue to sell.

## Thornburgh retires from Mason paper, 7-17-1919

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