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OF
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Held at Raleigh,
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GRAND MASTER OF NORTH CAROLINA 1899.

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GRAND LODGE
OF
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OF
NORTH CAROLINA.

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ADDRESSES OF GRAND OFFICERS

ELECTED OFFICERS.

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| B. S. ROYSTER..... | GRAND MASTER..... | Oxford. |
| II. I. CLARK..... | DEPUTY GRAND MASTER..... | Hamilton. |
| W. S. LIDDELL..... | SENIOR GRAND WARDEN..... | Charlotte. |
| F. D. WINSTON..... | JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN..... | Windsor. |
| WILLIAM SIMPSON..... | GRAND TREASURER..... | Raleigh. |
| JOHN C. DREWRY..... | GRAND SECRETARY..... | Raleigh. |

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

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| THOMAS BELL..... | GRAND CHAPLAIN..... | Wilson. |
| B. W. HATCHER..... | GRAND LECTURER..... | Liberty. |
| S. M. GATTIS..... | SENIOR GRAND DEACON..... | Hillsboro. |
| T. J. REED..... | JUNIOR GRAND DEACON..... | Biltmore. |
| J. C. BIGGS..... | GRAND MARSHAL..... | Durham. |
| A. K. SMITH..... | GRAND SWORD BEARER..... | Smithfield. |
| T. L. FARROW..... | GRAND PURSUIVANT..... | Winston. |
| K. N. HACKETT..... | GRAND STEWARD..... | Wilkesboro. |
| F. M. WINCHESTER..... | GRAND STEWARD..... | Charlotte. |
| R. H. BRADLEY..... | GRAND TILER..... | Raleigh. |

GRAND OFFICERS

A LIST OF THE PAST GRAND MASTERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF
NORTH CAROLINA, FROM 1787 TO 1900, INCLUSIVE, AND
DATES WHEN ELECTED.

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| Samuel Johnson..... | 1787 | A. T. Jerkins..... | 1850, 1851, 1852 |
| Richard Caswell..... | 1788 | Clement H. Jordan..... | 1853, 1854 |
| Samuel Johnson..... | 1789, '90, '91 | P. A. Holt..... | 1855, 1855 |
| William R. Davie..... | 1792, '93, '94, '95, '96, '97, '98. | Alfred Martin..... | 1857, 1858 |
| William Polk..... | 1799, 1800, 1801 | Lewis S. Williams..... | 1859, 1860 |
| John Louis Taylor..... | 1802, 1803, 1804 | W. G. Hill..... | 1861 |
| John Hall..... | 1805, 1806, 1807 | E. F. Watson..... | 1862, 1863 |
| Benjamin Smith..... | 1808, 1809, 1810 | John McCormick..... | 1864 |
| Robert Williams..... | 1811, 1812, 1813 | E. G. Reade..... | 1865, 1866 |
| John Louis Taylor..... | 1814, 1815, 1816 | R. W. Best..... | 1867 |
| Calvin Jones..... | 1817, 1818, 1819 | Robert B. Vance..... | 1868, 1869 |
| John A. Cameron..... | 1820, 1821 | Charles C. Clark..... | 1870, 1871 |
| James Smith..... | 1822 | John Nichols..... | 1872, 1873 |
| Robert Strange..... | 1823, 1824, | George W. Blount..... | 1874, 1875 |
| H. G. Burton..... | 1825, 1826 | Horace H. Munson..... | 1876, 1877 |
| L. D. Wilson..... | 1827, 1828, 1829 | William R. Cox..... | 1878, 1879 |
| R. D. Speight..... | 1830, 1831 | Henry F. Grainger..... | 1880, 1881 |
| S. J. Baker..... | 1832 | Robert Bingham..... | 1882, 1884 |
| S. F. Patterson..... | 1833, 1834 | Fabius H. Busbee..... | 1885, 1886 |
| L. H. Marsteller..... | 1835, 1836 | Charles Robinson..... | 1887, 1888 |
| D. W. Stone..... | 1837, 1838, 1839 | Samuel H. Smith..... | 1889, 1890 |
| S. J. Baker..... | 1840 | Hezekiah A. Gudger..... | 1891, 1892 |
| D. L. Crenshaw..... | 1841 | John W. Cotton..... | 1893, 1894 |
| J. H. Wheeler..... | 1842, 1843 | Francis M. Moye..... | 1895, 1899 |
| P. W. Fanning..... | 1844, 1845, 1846 | Walter E. Moore..... | 1897, 1898 |
| Wm. F. Collins..... | 1847, 1848, 1849 | Richard J. Noble..... | 1899 |
| | | B. S. Royster..... | 1900 |

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PROCEEDINGS.

THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NORTH CAROLINA convened in its One Hundred and Thirteenth Annual Communication at the Masonic Hall in the city of Raleigh on Tuesday evening, January 9th, A. D. 1900, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M., and was opened in ample form, it appearing that a constitutional number of Lodges were represented.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

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| M. W. R. J. NOBLE..... | GRAND MASTER. |
| R. W. B. S. ROYSTER..... | DEPUTY GRAND MASTER. |
| “ H. I. CLARK..... | SENIOR GRAND WARDEN. |
| “ W. S. LIDDELL..... | JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN. |
| “ WILLIAM SIMPSON..... | GRAND TREASURER. |
| “ JOHN C. DREWRY..... | GRAND SECRETARY. |
| W. A. M. SIMS..... | GRAND CHAPLAIN. |
| “ B. W. HATCHER..... | GRAND LECTURER. |
| “ F. D. WINSTON..... | SENIOR GRAND DEACON. |
| “ MARTIN S. WILLARD..... | JUNIOR GRAND DEACON. |
| “ S. M. GATTIS..... | GRAND MARSHAL. |
| “ A. K. SMITH..... | as GRAND SWORD BEARER. |
| “ A. B. ANDREWS, JR..... | as GRAND PURSUIVANT. |
| “ F. D. JONES..... | GRAND STEWARD. |
| “ T. L. FARROW..... | GRAND STEWARD. |
| “ ROBERT H. BRADLEY..... | GRAND TILER. |

Past Grand Officers present :

F. H. Busbee, P. G. M.; John Nichols, P. G. M.; Samuel H. Smith, P. G. M.; John W. Cotten, P. G. M.; F. M. Moye, P. G. M.; Walter E. Moore, P. G. M.; G. Rosenthal, Past Grand Secretary; W. H. Bain, Past Grand Secretary.

Grand Representatives present :

Arkansas—F. H. Busbee, of Raleigh, N. C.
 California—John C. Drewry, of Raleigh, N. C.
 Delaware—W. A. Withers, of Raleigh, N. C.
 Oregon—John W. Cotten, of Tarboro, N. C.
 New Jersey—W. H. Bain, of Raleigh, N. C.
 New York—N. B. Broughton, of Raleigh, N. C.
 Virginia—F. M. Moye, of Wilson, N. C.
 Sweden—W. W. Willson, of Raleigh, N. C.
 West Virginia—B. S. Royster, of Oxford, N. C.
 Wisconsin—R. J. Noble, of Selma, N. C.
 South Dakota—A. B. Andrews, Jr., of Raleigh, N. C.
 Nebraska—Will X. Coley, of Oxford, N. C.
 Minnesota—F. D. Winston, of Windsor, N. C.
 Tennessee—John L. Currin, of Henderson, N. C.
 Connecticut—W. L. London, of Pittsboro, N. C.
 Maryland—Thomas J. Reed, of Biltmore, N. C.
 British Columbia—H. I. Clark, of Hamilton, N. C.
 Missouri—Walter E. Moore, of Webster, N. C.
 Idaho—Walter Clark, of Raleigh, N. C.

Bro. D. S. Hamilton, from the Committee on Credentials, presented a report, which, on motion, was accepted and recommitted, with instructions to record the names of the representatives as they presented themselves.

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| ST. JOHN'S | No. 1.... | W. H. Fowler, proxy for officers. |
| ROYAL WHITE HART | " 2.... | G. Rosenthal, proxy for W. M. and S. W. |
| ST. JOHN'S | " 3.... | T. A. Green, proxy for officers. |
| CHARITY..... | " 5.... | Dr. H. V. Dunston, W. M., and proxy for J. W., F. D. Winston, S. W. |
| PHOENIX | " 8.... | Charles H. Williams, W. M. |
| AMERICAN GEORGE ... | " 17.... | D. S. Hamilton, proxy for officers |
| PHALANX..... | " 31.... | N. M. Lawrence, W. M., C. E. Stener- son, S. W., J. G. Shannonhouse, J. W. |
| DAVIE | " 39.... | G. T. Parker, J. W. |
| HIRAM. | " 40.... | W. W. Parish, W. M., W. W. Willson, S. W., John Nichols, J. W. |
| LIBERTY..... | " 45.... | R. N. Hackett, W. M., E. O. Masten, J. W. |
| HALL..... | " 53.... | S. M. Beasley, proxy for officers. |

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| KING SOLOMON..... | No. 56.... | R. L. Stephenson, W. M., H. L. Stephenson, proxy for S. W., J. J. Crews, proxy for J. W. |
| CONCORD..... | " 58.... | George Howard, W. M., G. L. Heilbroner, proxy for S. W. |
| KILWINNING..... | " 64.... | J. C. Hines, proxy for officers. |
| EAGLE..... | " 71.... | S. M. Gattis, W. M., J. S. Spurgeon, S.W., E. J. Sherrill, proxy for J. W. |
| GOLDEN FLEECE..... | " 74.... | John S. Cunningham, Representative. |
| GREENSBORO..... | " 76.... | W. Landis, proxy for officers. |
| LA FAYETTE..... | " 83.... | E. M. Koonce, W. M., H. D. Murrill, J. W. |
| FELLOWSHIP..... | " 84.... | A. K. Smith, W. M., Elias Rose, proxy for S. and J. W. |
| MORNING STAR..... | " 85.... | Charles L. Johnson, S. W. |
| SKEWARKEY..... | " 90.... | T. H. Purvis, proxy for officers. |
| JOSEPH WARREN..... | " 92.... | W. H. Applewhite, proxy for officers. |
| NEUSE..... | " 97.... | J. H. Fleming, W. M. |
| HIRAM..... | " 98.... | Dr. R. E. Lee and George L. Peterson, proxy for officers. |
| FULTON..... | " 99.... | J. C. Sowers, J. W., J. F. Griffith, proxy for W. M. and S. W. |
| COLUMBUS..... | " 102.... | W. M. Eubanks, W. M., and proxy for J. W., T. H. Calvert, S. W. |
| PERQUIMANS..... | " 106.... | C. W. Morgan, W. M., J. P. Jessup, S. W. |
| WAYNE..... | " 112.... | C. F. Herring, W. M., A. C. Davis, proxy for S. W., John H. Hill, proxy for J. W. |
| HOLLY SPRINGS..... | " 115.... | James T. Adams, W. M. |
| MOUNT LEBANON..... | " 117.... | Rev. Thomas Bell, proxy for J. W., B. W. Hargraves, proxy for W. M. and S. W. |
| MOUNT HERMON..... | " 118.... | J. H. Drakeford, W. M. |
| FRANKLINTON..... | " 123.... | W. D. Spruill and B. J. Blackley, proxies for officers. |
| MILL CREEK..... | " 125.... | J. H. Hill, W. M. |
| HANKS..... | " 128.... | B. W. Hatcher, proxy for officers. |
| MOCKSVILLE..... | " 134.... | V. E. Swain, W. M. |
| LINCOLN..... | " 137.... | R. S. Reinhardt, J. W., and proxy for officers. |
| KING SOLOMON..... | " 138.... | John C. Drewry, proxy for officers. |
| MOUNT ENERGY..... | " 140.... | M. L. Winston, proxy for officers. |
| CAROLINA..... | " 141.... | John C. Drewry, proxy for officers. |

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| CHEROKEE | ...No. 146 | John C. Drewry, Representative. |
| PALMYRA | ... " 147 | W. W. Parrish, proxy for officers. |
| ADONIRAM | ... " 149 | J. N. Watkins, J. W., R. T. Pittart, proxy for W. M. and S. W. |
| CHALMERS | ... " 151 | J. P. Gilliam, J. W. |
| ROLESVILLE | ... " 156 | J. M. Fleming, W. M., Dr. L. B. Young, S. W., J. D. Peoples, proxy for J. W. |
| MOUNT PLEASANT | ... " 157 | J. D. R. Allen, J. W. |
| KNAP OF REEDS | ... " 158 | C. J. Roberts, S. W., W. H. Hall, proxy for J. W. |
| YADKIN | ... " 162 | C. P. Snuggs, proxy for officers. |
| DEEP RIVER | ... " 164 | G. Rosenthal, proxy for officers. |
| ARCHER | ... " 165 | B. W. Hatcher, proxy for W. M., and R. A. Wall, J. W. |
| WINSTON | ... " 167 | M. D. Bailey, W. M. |
| GEORGE WASHINGTON | ... " 174 | Wiley Goodwin and J. A. Stone, proxies for officers. |
| POLLOKSVILLE | ... " 175 | P. M. Pearsall, proxy for W. M. |
| MECKLENBURG | ... " 176 | E. L. Houston, W. M., W. H. Wooten, S. W. |
| SILOAM | ... " 178 | W. W. Willson, proxy for officers. |
| SANDY CREEK | ... " 185 | C. E. Gupton, W. M., E. C. Jones, proxy for S. W., E. M. Gupton, proxy for J. W. |
| CENTRAL CROSS | ... " 187 | Geo. L. Wheelless, W. M., C. S. Mitchell. |
| BALFOUR | ... " 188 | W. P. Wood, W. M. |
| GRANITE | ... " 191 | D. H. Williams, W. M. |
| BURNSVILLE | ... " 192 | W. J. Weir, proxy for officers. |
| CARY | ... " 198 | H. B. Jordan, W. M. |
| CLEVELAND | ... " 202 | S. E. Gidney, W. M. |
| ROANOKE | ... " 203 | W. H. Brown, proxy for officers. |
| BEREA | ... " 204 | A. F. Smith, proxy for W. M., B. D. Howard, S. W., A. L. Gooch, J. W. |
| LONG CREEK | ... " 205 | F. M. Winchester, proxy for officers. |
| MINGO | ... " 206 | Jesse F. Wilson, W. M. |
| THOMASVILLE | ... " 214 | Thomas F. Harris, proxy for officers. |
| WILLIAM G. HILL | ... " 218 | W. E. Jones, W. M., A. B. Andrews, Jr., S. W., J. H. Mullins, J. W. |
| JONESVILLE | ... " 227 | W. W. Willson, proxy for officers. |
| MCCORMICK | ... " 228 | W. W. Willson, proxy for officers. |
| HENDERSON | ... " 229 | John L. Currin, W. M., A. J. Harris, proxy for J. W. |
| CORINTHIAN | ... " 230 | J. G. Snyder, W. M., and proxy for S. W., T. M. Arrington, proxy for J. W. |

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| WILLIAM T. BAIN..... | No. 231..... | W. S. Turner, W. M., John W. Thompson, proxy for S. W. |
| GUNTER..... | " 232..... | B. A. Spence, proxy for officers. |
| COKESBURY..... | " 235 | N. B. Broughton, proxy for officers. |
| ROUNTREE..... | " 243..... | J. E. Cameron, S. W. |
| MONROE | " 244..... | A. S. Monroe, S. W. |
| LEE | " 253..... | J. L. Gwaltney, W. M., T. J. Fortner, S. W. |
| BEULAH..... | " 257..... | H. C. Rose, W. M. |
| HARNETT | " 258..... | A. L. Baughcom, S. W. |
| EXCELSIOR | " 261..... | F. M. Winchester, W. M. |
| HIBRITEN..... | " 262..... | M. E. Shell, W. M. |
| FARMINGTON..... | " 265..... | C. F. Bahnson, W. M. |
| DURBIN..... | " 266..... | Chas. H. Williams, proxy for officers. |
| DUNN'S ROCK..... | " 267..... | Walter S. Liddell, proxy for officers. |
| UNAKA | " 268..... | Walter E. Moore, Representative. |
| BINGHAM | " 272..... | T. W. Moore, W. M. |
| WATAUGA..... | " 273..... | J. B. Clarke, W. M. |
| GREEN LEVEL | " 277..... | A. Herndon, S. W. |
| GREENVILLE..... | " 284..... | R. Williams, W. M. |
| CEDAR ROCK | " 286..... | T. S. Collie, W. M., W. M. Boone, J. W., W. J. Johnson, proxy for S. W. |
| SALEM | " 289..... | C. E. Bennett, J. W. |
| FRENCH BROAD..... | " 292..... | C. A. Clark, W. M., L. M. Bryan, J. W. |
| STONEWALL..... | " 296..... | W. R. Whitchard, Jr., W. M., T. H. Bailey, J. W., and proxy for S. W. |
| TOISNOT | " 298..... | F. M. Moye, proxy for officers. |
| LILLINGTON..... | " 302..... | O. J. Spears, Representative. |
| LAURINBURG | " 305..... | A. A. James, J. W. |
| PATTERSON | " 307..... | C. F. Bahnson, proxy for officers. |
| HATCHER..... | " 310..... | William Hinnant, W. M. |
| NEW LEBANON..... | " 314..... | George H. Riggs, proxy for officers. |
| EUREKA..... | " 317..... | Dr. John B. Griggs, W. M. |
| WILMINGTON..... | " 319..... | W. B. McKoy, W. M. |
| SELMA..... | " 320..... | John Whitelaw, proxy for officers. |
| WHITE HILL..... | " 321..... | Rev. W. G. King, W. M., Hugh Jackson, proxy for J. W., R. L. McIntosh, proxy for S. W. |
| BAYBORO..... | " 331..... | W. D. Alfred, W. M. |
| IONIC..... | " 337..... | J. P. Suggs, W. M., Ira T. Hunt, proxy for S. and J. W. |
| HARMONY..... | " 340..... | Albert Aycock, J. W., T. T. Pate, proxy for W. M. |

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| HICKORY..... | No. 343.. | John Whitelaw, proxy for officers. |
| STANLY..... | " 348.. | J. W. Littleton, proxy for officers. |
| DURHAM..... | " 352.. | E. T. Rollins, W. M. |
| MORAVIAN..... | " 353.. | W. R. Bradshaw, proxy for officers. |
| MOUNT VERNON..... | " 359.. | C. R. McClees, proxy for W. M. and J. W., W. T. Caho, S. W. |
| SNOW..... | " 363.. | J. B. Clark, proxy for officers. |
| CRAIGHEAD..... | " 366.. | W. D. Blythe, proxy for officers. |
| BETHEL..... | " 372.. | J. H. Hines, W. M. |
| ELK..... | " 373.. | Dr. S. L. Perkins, proxy for officers. |
| STATE LINE..... | " 375.. | J. A. Ellis, W. M. |
| YOUNGSVILLE..... | " 377.. | J. W. Woodlief, W. M., W. T. Barrow, S. W. |
| SEABOARD..... | " 378.. | B. B. Stancill, W. M. |
| GRANVILLE..... | " 380.. | William Simpson, proxy for officers. |
| KEDRON..... | " 387.. | William Simpson, proxy for officers. |
| COPELAND..... | " 390.. | D. S. Hamilton, proxy for officers. |
| TALLY HO..... | " 393.. | S. A. Green, W. M., E. D. Hunt, J. W. |
| CAPE FEAR..... | " 394.. | John A. Rayner, proxy for officers. |
| ORIENT..... | " 395.. | James W. Jackson, W. M., A. M. Wad- dell, Jr., J. W. |
| OXFORD..... | " 396.. | W. B. Ballou, W. M., Dr. J. G. Hunt, S. W., S. W. Minor, J. W. |
| BALD CREEK..... | " 397.. | Will X. Coley, proxy for officers. |
| CONOHO..... | " 399.. | T. H. Purvis, proxy for officers. |
| DOBSON..... | " 402.. | A. L. Norman, proxy for officers. |
| SILER CITY..... | " 403.. | John W. Cotten, proxy for officers. |
| FARMERS..... | " 404.. | J. M. Dawson, proxy for officers. |
| LIBERTY GROVE..... | " 407.. | W. R. Bradshaw, proxy for officers. |
| BULA..... | " 409.. | J. M. Tisdale, W. M., J. W. Cates, S. W., S. C. Ramsey, J. W. |
| ROCKVILLE..... | " 411.. | V. A. J. Glover, S. W. |
| HENRY F. GRAINGER..... | " 412.. | J. G. Hunt, proxy for W. M. and S. W. |
| LOUISBURG..... | " 413.. | George S. Baker, proxy for officers. |
| NEW HOPE..... | " 415.. | R. H. Bradley, proxy for officers. |
| MANTON..... | " 417.. | E. L. McCormac and A. T. Wishant, proxies for S. W. and J. W. |
| POTECASI..... | " 418.. | T. B. Murphy, W. M. |
| EASTERN STAR..... | " 425.. | A. B. Andrews, Jr., proxy for officers. |
| SEA SIDE..... | " 429.. | E. M. Koonce, proxy for officers. |
| ROCKYFORD..... | " 430.. | W. H. Bain, proxy for officers. |
| RELIEF..... | " 431.. | Edward L. Hall, W. M., Alonzo Par- rish, S. W., C. P. Jones, proxy for J. W. |

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| VANCEBORO..... | No. 433.... | S. J. Lane, S. W. |
| BLUE RIDGE..... | " 435.... | Walter E. Moore, Representative. |
| STAR..... | " 437.... | William T. Harper, W. M. |
| MARBLE SPRING..... | " 439.... | A. B. Andrews, Jr., proxy for officers. |
| CLINGMAN..... | " 440.... | N. B. Broughton, proxy for officers. |
| ROPER..... | " 443.... | W. A. Forbes, W. M. |
| MARIETTA..... | " 444.... | I. F. Craven, proxy for officers. |
| BILTMORE..... | " 446.... | T. J. Reed, W. M. |
| ENFIELD..... | " 447.... | J. M. Currin, proxy for officers. |
| INGOLD..... | " 448.... | N. B. Broughton, proxy for officers. |
| LONE OAK..... | " 449.... | A. B. Andrews, Jr., Representative. |
| POLENTA..... | " 450.... | Claude Stephenson, W. M., J. L. Tarlton, proxy for S. W. and J. W. |
| ASHLER..... | " 451.... | F. W. Hunnicutt, proxy for officers. |
| ELKIN..... | " 454.... | W. R. Bradshaw, proxy for officers. |
| PINEVILLE..... | " 455.... | R. N. Hackett, proxy for officers. |
| RUSK..... | " 456.... | A. L. Norman, proxy for officers. |
| SOUTH FORK..... | " 462.... | B. W. Hatcher, proxy for officers. |
| CURRITUCK..... | " 463.... | S. M. Beasley, W. M., and proxy for S. W., D. W. Woodhouse, proxy for J. W. |
| BOILING SPRINGS..... | " 464.... | W. J. Weir, proxy for officers. |
| GULF..... | " 465.... | F. D. Jones, proxy for W. M. and J. W. |
| MILLINGPORT..... | " 468.... | R. H. Bradley, proxy for officers. |
| SANFORD..... | " 469.... | C. H. Smith, W. M., A. L. McNeil. S. W., T. L. Bass, proxy for J. W. |
| GRASSY KNOB..... | " 471.... | R. N. Hackett, proxy for officers. |
| LEXINGTON..... | " 473.... | J. M. Dodson, W. M., H. B. Varner, S. W. |
| ST. PAUL'S..... | " 474.... | Dr. T. L. Northrop, J. W. |
| GRIMESLAND..... | " 475.... | Alston Grimes, proxy for officers. |
| FOUR OAKS..... | " 478.... | S. R. Young, W. M. |
| RAINBOW..... | " 479.... | W. T. Caho, proxy for officers. |
| MILL CREEK..... | " 480.... | B. W. Hatcher, proxy for officers. |
| SPRING HOPE..... | " 481.... | T. R. Christman, W. M., Levi Green, proxy for S. and J. W. |
| STATESVILLE..... | " 487.... | S. L. Parks, S. W., Dr. L. Harrill, proxy for W. M. and J. W. |
| RICH SQUARE..... | " 488.... | F. W. Hunnicutt, proxy for officers. |
| HOMINY..... | " 491.... | D. S. Hamilton, proxy for officers. |
| PILOT..... | " 493.... | W. A. Withers, proxy for officers. |
| JOHN A. GRAVES..... | " 494— | W. O. Spencer, W. M. |
| ROCKINGHAM..... | " 495.... | W. J. Fulford, W. M. |
| MOORESVILLE..... | " 496.... | S. L. Parks, proxy for officers. |
| ROYAL HART..... | " 497.... | Thomas N. Harrison, W. M. |

CREEDMOOR..... " 499...J. L. Peed, W. M., T. M. Thomasson,
S. W.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. HAMILTON,
C. P. SNUGGS,
A. B. ANDREWS, JR.
Committee.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Grand Master delivered his address, which was, on motion, referred to a special committee, which the Deputy Grand Master announced as follows: Past Grand Masters John W. Cotten, F. M. Moye and Walter E. Moore.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Another year, with its duties, failures and triumphs, has passed and we are again favored with the happy privilege of assembling for the purpose of transacting such business as will redound to the good of the Craft and the prosperity of the Order.

These Annual Communications are but oases in the journey of life, and can not be too highly appreciated by every brother from the youngest to the oldest. The hearty grasp of the hand and the fraternal greetings all tend to unite us as one person in the erection of that superb moral edifice that Masons should build for the protection of every brother.

I desire to congratulate the Craft on the progress that has been made by the Order during the past Masonic year. New Lodges have been established, dormant ones resuscitated, several new halls have been built, old ones refurnished, two magnificent temples erected, many new members added, and a laudable ambition has been manifested on the part of the Lodges to procure and conform to the demands of the authorized work of the Grand Lodge.

I appointed as Deputy Grand Master Worshipful Brother Henry Harding, of Ayden, to install the officers of Ayden Lodge, No. 498; Worshipful Brother M. L. Winston to install the officers of Creedmoor Lodge, No. 499, and Worshipful Brother Reuben Reid to install the officers of Leaksville Lodge, No. 136.

I appointed as the representatives of this Grand Lodge near other Grand Jurisdictions the following brethren:

Worshipful Brother Israel B. B. Sprague, of Minnesota.
Worshipful Brother J. B. Baker, of Melbourne, Arkansas.
Worshipful Brother W. T. Williamson, of Salem, Oregon.
Worshipful Brother A. C. Robeson, of Athens, Tennessee.

MEMBERS EXCLUDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

"Members excluded for non-payment of dues." I would ask that the status of brethren excluded for non-payment of dues be defined—how they are to be excluded and how they are to be reinstated. I have been asked several times "what must we do with a brother who will not pay his dues and pays no attention to a legal summons to appear and show cause why he should not be *excluded* for non-payment of dues." I have told them in every instance, where a brother pays no attention to a legal summons, to prefer charges against him for disobeying a legal summons and suspend or expel him. I must confess that I do not exactly understand the term, "Excluded for non-payment of dues," nor do I know how to exclude him. What is he—a non-affiliate, a suspended or an expelled Mason?

ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS.

Upon the recommendation of the Grand Lecturer, on the 18th of January I appointed and commissioned Brethren Charles F. Balnson, of Farmington, John B. Griggs, of Elizabeth City, A. J. Harrell, of Goldsboro, and W. A. Foster, of Roseboro, and, on December 5th, W. P. Williams, of Davidson, as Assistant Grand Lecturers. In August I wrote to each of the Grand Lecturers asking them to make a report to me by December 1st of the number of Lodges lectured, the average attendance of the officers and brethren, whether due obedience is paid to the constitution, laws and teachings of Masonry, and the general state of the Craft. The reports received are highly gratifying, and show the Craft to be in a prosperous condition, and the effort on the part of the Lodges to procure the authorized work is unprecedented in the history of the Craft. This is due to the guarantee given by the Grand Lodge as to the permanency of the work and that a uniform system of teaching is practiced by the several Lecturers.

DECISIONS.

The decisions that I have made were more interpretations of the law than decisions.

"Can a Lodge of E. A. or F. C. be opened at a called meeting for the purpose of conferring a degree as E. A. or F. C. without first opening as Master Masons and calling from labor to refreshment? Answered, "No." Every Lodge must first be opened in the Master Mason's degree, then labor dispensed with in the Master Mason's degree for the purpose of opening a Lodge on the first or second degree for work and instruction.

I have been asked several times for a dispensation to allow a man

without a hand or foot to be given the degrees of Masonry. I have refused them in every case, and have referred them to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of 1899, which says:

"In either form we regard the amendment as an attempted innovation upon the ancient landmarks, and we recommend that it do not pass."

Statesville Lodge, No. 487, says: A brother who was in good and regular standing of Statesville Lodge, No. 383, when it surrendered its charter, petitioned Statesville Lodge, No. 487, for membership, which petition was acted on August 2d, 1898, unfavorably. At the request of the petitioner the same petition was called up, or presented, again on August 15th, 1899, and acted on favorably at the same communication. What is the status of the brother? I ruled that the brother was a member of Statesville Lodge; that, while the action of the Lodge was irregular, it was no fault of the brother that the Lodge did not proceed regularly.

Central Cross Lodge, No. 187, received a petition for membership and acted upon it favorably at the same meeting. The brother attended the Lodge for some months as a member, when it was suggested that the brother had not been received regularly, and that he ought to send in another petition, which he did, and was rejected. What was his status? I ruled that he was a member of Central Cross Lodge, No. 187; that he should not be made to suffer for the irregular action of the Lodge, as he acted in good faith.

I would suggest that the law be made plainer, if possible, to prevent a repetition of such cases.

I was asked how many ballots can be taken when balloting on a candidate for the degrees? Answer, "Two."

Has an officer the right to say how many black balls there are in a ballot? Answer, "No."

If a Mason thinks the age of a petitioner will not entitle him to the degrees of Masonry, can he cast a black ball without being held up to be criticised by members of the Lodge? Answer, "Yes."

It seems that a Lodge (Perquimans, No. 106,) took three ballots upon a petitioner for the degrees. I was asked, "Was the third ballot legal?" The Code says: "A second ballot may be demanded to be satisfied of no mistake, *which ballot can not be reconsidered.*" Therefore the third ballot was illegal, and the candidate was rejected.

I was asked, "In a Masonic trial, where the Master is the prosecutor, can he preside?" Answered, "If present he must preside."

Can a Lodge appoint a committee to investigate a case, out of the Lodge, where the Master would be the defendant? Answered, "No."

It seems in the above two questions that behind them is a question as to who is in the right, the Master or a brother. The brother claims

that he has been wronged by the Master and wishes to prefer charges against the Master, but no one heard the conversation but profanes, and unless the Lodge appointed a committee to investigate he can not get the requisite number of Masons to sign the charges. The Master then prefers charges against the brother, and upon the brother asking to have his case disposed of, the Master calls a special communication "to pay dues and transact such business as may come before the Lodge." Of course the case could not come up at that communication, and I so wrote them. I asked could not the committee of reference settle the matter? I have heard nothing from them since, so I hope it is settled.

In December, 1889, a candidate received the Entered Apprentice degree in Fayetteville Lodge, No. —, paying, as I understand it, the full fees for the three degrees. Four years after, while the brother was still an Entered Apprentice, Fayetteville Lodge merged into Phoenix Lodge, No. 8, Phoenix Lodge, No. 8, taking all of the property of Fayetteville Lodge. In March, 1899, nine years after taking the Entered Apprentice degree, the brother asks Phoenix Lodge, No. 8, to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Mason's degrees. Phoenix Lodge asks if he belongs to them and must it confer the degrees without his paying for them? I answered, "Yes." That when Fayetteville Lodge surrendered its charter its Entered Apprentice became the material of Phoenix Lodge, No. 8, and as, by agreement, Phoenix Lodge, No. 8, inherited all of the property of Fayetteville Lodge, it would seem right and proper for Phoenix Lodge, No. 8, to assume its liabilities. If the candidate has behaved himself in such a way, since his initiation, as *not* to entitle him to the other two degrees, a ballot should be requested before he is passed, and stop him.

I received a letter from the Secretary of Roper Lodge, No. 443, saying "that a brother had asked for a dimit, but, as he was under a cloud, it was laid over." (The brother was then living in Virginia). "Soon after we received a letter from some friends of the brother who said they thought we had done the brother an injustice; that he was in delicate health and wanted the dimit at once. So a special communication was called on Tuesday night and the dimit granted, which was sent him Wednesday morning. Wednesday evening a letter was received stating that the brother died Tuesday morning, twelve hours before the dimit was granted. Was he a member of Roper Lodge in good standing when he died? Answered, "Yes."

A. B. sent in a petition for membership, which was referred to a committee as usual. At the next regular communication, none of the committee being present, the Lodge proceeded to ballot on the petition and it was rejected. *Question*.—Could the Lodge ballot on the petition without a report from the committee? Answered, "No." That the

committee must report before a ballot could be taken. The report of the committee must be in writing if they are absent, or it may be verbally if present; that the ballot was illegal, and the candidate not rejected.

"What is, in your opinion, meant by 'abroad' in the fifth line of section 3, article x, of The Code; and, is it within the province of the Master of a Lodge to decide for himself when such an emergency exists and to act without a dispensation from the Grand Master?" To define what is meant by "abroad" is hard to do, for it may have different meanings under different circumstances. For instance, a man living in a town where there is a prosperous Lodge cares nothing for Masonry and does not see fit to petition until he is going to move from the town or join the army. Here he is about to travel "abroad"; but he is evidently asking to be made a Mason in order that he may be benefited by Masonry, not that he cares to benefit Masonry, and a dispensation should be refused. In another case a civil engineer who is on the move all the time, never living in one place long enough to acquire Masonic residence, is returning home for a vacation, desires to be made a Mason. This being the first opportunity he has had, and does not know how long he will be at home before he is ordered to travel "abroad," a dispensation should be granted in this case.

I think that the Grand Master should be asked for a dispensation in all cases.

CHARITY COMMITTEE.

I have to thank our brother, Most Worshipful Walter E. Moore, for his suggestion that a Committee of Charity be appointed, as it has taken a great deal of work off my hands. On that committee I appointed John Nichols, Past Grand Master, George N. Walters and John W. Thompson, who have performed their arduous and exacting labor well, for which they should have the thanks of the Craft.

LODGES.

There have been dispensations for three new Lodges—one at Red Springs, Robeson county; one at Cookville, Catawba county; the other at Raleigh.

Before granting a dispensation the officers of the new Lodges were required to promise to secure a lecturer and start with the work of the Grand Lodge, or to get a certificate from one of the Grand Lecturers that they had the work of the Grand Lodge and were competent to confer the degrees. Those that were organized early in the year are doing good work and are in a prosperous condition, I am glad to say, and I would suggest that in future all brethren wishing a dispensation to form a new Lodge be required to send with the petition a certificate

from a Grand Lecturer that they have the authorized work of the Grand Lodge in addition to the certificate of the Master of the nearest Lodge, and that the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge (Section 3, Article VI,) be so amended. I mean no reflection on the Master and Wardens of the Lodges, but we all know that when the brethren wish to form a new Lodge we are anxious to help them.

The charters of Blackmer Lodge, No. 127, and East La Porte, No. 385, have been restored, and the brethren of Carthage Lodge, No. 181, are taking the necessary steps to have their charters restored to them.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

There have been nine Special Communications of the Grand Lodge during the year. It has been my privilege and great pleasure to be present and preside at seven of them.

The first was at Selma, on January 31st, to dedicate the hall of Selma Lodge, No. 320. We had several of the Grand Officers with us and a goodly number of brethren of other Lodges, but not so many as we would have had had the weather permitted. The hall was comfortably filled by an appreciative audience, who listened with pleasure to an address by our Worshipful Brother, Francis D. Winston. After the dedicatory ceremonies and address ice cream and cake was served to all. It was a most delightful occasion, and will be long remembered by all in Selma.

The second was at Wilmington, on the 18th day of May, to lay the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple. As it was to lay the corner-stone of the first Masonic Temple in the State, I called the Grand Lodge together, and I am glad to say that most of the Grand Officers responded. It was an occasion long to be remembered. The Masons did everything in their power to make it pleasant for the Grand Lodge, and I can assure them that they succeeded.

The third was at Oxford, on June 24th, to consider the repeal of the resolution passed at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in regard to abolishing the position of "Lady Supervisor" at the Orphan Asylum. I received the following letter from the Board of Directors:

RALEIGH, N. C., May 22, 1899.

Dr. R. J. Noble, G. M., Selma, N. C.:

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The Grand Lodge at its last annual meeting adopted a resolution instructing the Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum to abolish the office of Lady Supervisor. We believe there is a false impression as to the duties of the Lady Supervisor and the vast amount of work she is now doing in the institution. Her duties are not in the Superintendent's office, as seemed to be the impres-

sion, but, being a lady of exceptional character, unusual training and fine tact as a teacher and manager, she was made supervisor of all school work, of kitchen and dining room, of sewing room and laundry, and of all general housework, including the care of clothing, beds, bedding, etc. This is strictly woman's work, and the present incumbent has performed her duties in a thorough, systematic and satisfactory manner.

We have the welfare of our institution deeply at heart, and believe it to be the grandest and noblest charity in North Carolina, and would regret to see anything done to retard its usefulness.

The position of Lady Supervisor is not a new one in orphanage and school work, and experience has shown the wisdom of same. In our humble judgment the services of a first-class lady in this capacity are indispensable to the success and economical management of the institution and to the proper training, future happiness and comfort of the children. We feel that a strict compliance of the resolution of the Grand Lodge will be fraught with such harmful consequences to the children of the Asylum that we have thought best to consult with the Grand Master in the absence of the Grand Lodge.

We have endeavored to merit your confidence, and have managed the affairs of the Asylum to the best of our ability. Our sole object has been to advance the best interests of the institution and add to the comfort and happiness of the children in giving them the very best intellectual, moral and religious training at the lowest cost consistent with safety. We believe that an efficient Lady Supervisor is necessary to the welfare of the children, and as business men well acquainted with the conditions and surroundings of the Asylum we certainly would recommend the retaining of a position which, in our honest opinion, is useful, wise and economical.

We should be glad to have any intelligent, unprejudiced lady or gentleman, or a committee of both ladies and gentlemen, who knew the institution well in the past years, examine it now in every department, including finances, and see whether we have acted wisely or not.

Yours Fraternally,

(Signed) G. ROSENTHAL,
J. S. CARR,
J. M. CURRIN,
N. B. BROUGHTON,
T. A. GREEN,
Of Board of Directors.

And as I believed it to be a matter of so much importance to the Craft, I wrote the following letter to the Lodges :

SELMA, N. C., May 29, 1899.

To the Worshipful Master:

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I submit herewith to the Subordinate Lodges in this State a copy of a letter just received from the Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum.

The resolution of the Grand Lodge touching the displacement of the Lady Principal by the Directors when the scholastic year ends is likely to cause most serious impairment along the lines on which the institution is now projected. I have given to the control and management of the Oxford Orphan Asylum much serious thought, and I now realize that it was a very serious mistake, and if it is enforced, as it will be unless rescinded by the Grand Lodge, it will, in my humble judgment, result in consequences to the Asylum of a ruinous nature.

The Asylum has never been better managed than it is now. The children are better fed, better clothed and better trained than ever before, and the Asylum is a model of neatness, system and order, and we must continue to conduct our great work so as to retain the confidence of the State and those good people who give so generously to its support. *It is our greatest care.*

The Directors are earnest, conscientious and faithful, and they are building up for us one of the grandest institutions in America. They are successful business men who are giving their time and means to the enlargement and growth of our property from absolutely pure and unselfish motives. It seems to me it would be wrong for us to throttle them in their purposes by passing resolutions which, from their more intimate connection with the Asylum, they know to be harmful to the best interests of the Grand Lodge and the dear wards whom we are fostering and caring for at that institution.

The Superintendent cannot perform the duties which are now assigned to the Lady Principal. We have there more than one hundred girls, and a man can not give them such supervision as should be given. There must be some head in the management of the girls by one of their own sex. In the person who now acts as Lady Principal the Board of Directors have secured a lady who combines the finest powers of supervision with first-class talent for school work.

The duties of superintendent of so large an enterprise can not permit of a close intercourse with the pupils or their teaching. He can exercise general oversight and supervision, but there must be some one in charge of the institution as a school and not as a whole. The duties of the Superintendent take him away a great deal, making him a soliciting agent, and entail innumerable other labors which can not be intelligently performed if he looks after the details of each department. The work of the Orphan Asylum must be systematized. Every

female school in this land has a lady principal or supervisor, and one is necessary in an institution like ours. We should have one who will maintain system and order and conduct the school along economic lines. An officer who receives the lowest salary is not always the cheapest or the best. The Lady Supervisor now at the Asylum is doing a great work there. She is a woman pre-eminently qualified for the duties of her office, and is actually saving to the institution, in the way of expenses, more than the amount of her salary.

Now, in consideration of the above facts, I deem it my duty to convene the Grand Lodge in Special Communication at Oxford, N. C., on June 24th, 1899, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to consider the repeal of the resolution, and I ask that your Lodge send a representative with power to act in this matter. Should this not reach you in time to be acted upon at a regular communication of your Lodge, you will call a special communication to consider it.

Asking the guidance of our Supreme Grand Master in this matter,

I am, fraternally,

R. J. NOBLE,

Grand Master.

Attest:

[Seal] JOHN C. DREWRY,

Grand Secretary.

The vote on the question was as follows: For repeal, 320; against repeal, 66; total, 386. A report of the transaction was printed and sent to the Lodges.

The fourth was at Raleigh, on June 28th, to lay the corner-stone of the First Presbyterian church.

The fifth was at Currituck to lay the corner-stone of Currituck Methodist Episcopal church. It was impossible for me to attend, so I appointed Worshipful Brother J. B. Griggs to officiate as Grand Master.

The sixth was at Statesville, Iredell county, on the 27th of August, to lay the corner-stone of the new court-house of Iredell county. There were a great many brethren present, — Lodges being represented. The brethren of Statesville were very kind and attentive to the Grand Officers present, for which we thank them.

The seventh was at Wilmington, on the 21st of November, to dedicate the magnificent Temple, the corner-stone of which I laid in May. The brethren of Wilmington are to be commended for their zeal and enthusiasm in building the temple. It was a great pleasure to me to open their Masonic Fair on November 20th, which I am assured was a financial success.

The eighth was at Asheville, on November 30th, to bury our beloved brother, Most Worshipful Robert Brank Vance, Past Grand

Master, who has passed over the river and is now receiving that reward which all good Masons hope at last to receive. As it was impossible for me to be present, I appointed Worshipful J. H. Drakeford, Master of Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 118, to officiate as Grand Master.

The ninth was at Rocky Mount, on January 3d, 1900, to lay the corner-stone and also dedicate the Masonic Temple. The brethren have a splendid building, in which is an opera house. Worshipful Brother F. D. Winston delivered an address after the corner-stone was laid to a large and enthusiastic audience. The hall was then dedicated, after which a delightful banquet was served, which was enjoyed by all present.

DISPENSATIONS.

On February 27th I issued a dispensation to Rockingham Lodge, No. 495, authorizing them to return the initiation fee to a party who, after being accepted, decided that he did not want to belong to the Order if the degrees were to be conferred on a person whom he considered unfit. The degrees to the objectionable person were to be given at the request of a sister Lodge.

On February 20th a dispensation to Deep River Lodge, No. 164, to elect officers at their next regular communication.

On March 9th to Corinthian Lodge, No. 230, to elect and install a secretary at the next regular communication, the secretary having resigned.

On May 9th to Fellowship Lodge, No. 84, to confer the Master Mason's degree without having the candidate to make the necessary proficiency in the Fellowship degree, as the candidate was about to travel "abroad."

On June 9th a dispensation to Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 157, to elect officers at a special communication to be held June 16th and to install them as soon thereafter as practicable.

On June 10th a dispensation to Mount Pisgah Lodge, No. 368, to elect officers at its next regular communication.

On June 19th a dispensation to Selma Lodge, No. 320, to elect officers and transact the business that would have been before the Lodge at its regular communication at a special communication to be held June 21st—due notice to be given.

On June 22d to St. John Lodge, No. 3, to elect and install the officers at a special communication to be held June 28th.

On August 5th to Eagle Springs Lodge, No. 71, to have the officers publicly installed at a pic-nic at Occoneechee Farm, near Hillsboro, August 5th.

On September 9th to Charity Lodge, No. 5, to elect and install a Master to fill the unexpired term of Worshipful Brother Henry V. Dunstan, whose resignation had been accepted by the Lodge and approved by me on October 2d.

As I have been repeatedly asked to grant a dispensation allowing a Lodge to receive and ballot on the petition of a person who has not resided within its jurisdiction the required time (twelve months), I would refer all who in future wish to make such requests to Sections 5, 6 and 7 of Article X of The Code, especially Section 5, which says:

"The application of a petitioner whose residence is nearer to some other Lodge shall not be entertained without the written consent of such Lodge."

Now, when a person removes from the jurisdiction of a Lodge and desires to be made a Mason he should ask the consent of the Lodge from whose jurisdiction he has moved. As I understand it, it does not take a unanimous ballot—only a majority. His vote simply allows the other Lodge to entertain the petition and waives its right to the fee. I do not think the Grand Master has the power to over-ride the by-laws at will.

Dispensations to allow a Lodge to receive and act upon a petition for the degrees at the same meeting, or for advancement without making due proficiency in the preceding degree, should not be granted unless there is pressing need or where it is not the fault of the petitioner. I have only granted three such dispensations—one to Fellowship Lodge, No. 84, to confer the third degree without the candidate making the necessary proficiency, as he was to be North for several months, and as it was through no fault of the candidate that the second degree had not been conferred sooner; one to Winston Lodge, No. 167, to receive and ballot on a petition for the degrees at the same meeting, also to confer the degrees without due proficiency being made. This was a case of a civil engineer returning home on a vacation, and, not knowing how long he would remain, wanted to be made a Mason. I ordered that a notice be served on each member that such petition would be received and acted on. This would prevent any undue advantage being taken. The other to Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 118, to receive a petition and act on it at the same meeting. This was where the candidate had signed the petition but was called out of town by the sickness of a sister before the Master called for it. The Master assured me that this was a case in which the dispensation should be granted; that the candidate would be required to learn the degrees before being advanced, and that it would be for the good of Masonry.

SUSPENSIONS.

On the 9th day of May, on charges of drunkenness being preferred by six members of Cherokee Lodge, No. 146, against Worshipful P. H. Sword, the Master of said Lodge, I suspended him from the chair until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, and directed the Senior Warden to act as Master until the next regular election. In October I received several letters from the secretary and members of Cherokee Lodge, No. 146, asking me to restore Brother P. H. Sword to the chair; that in their opinion he had reformed and was in a position to be an honor to himself and the fraternity. I thought the reformation was of very short duration, but as we should not withdraw the hand that might support a falling brother and aid him in a reformation, I accordingly restored him to the chair with the hope that he would not abuse the confidence of his brethren, as expressed in their letters to me; but this I did not do until all who had preferred the charges had signed the petition asking for his restoration.

There seems to be an idea that where a Fellowcraft is raised by request that he is a non-affiliate and can petition any Lodge for membership. Such is not the case. He must sign the by-laws of the Lodge that accepted him. See Code 1897, page 36, Section 4, Article X.

A duplicate charter was issued to Forest City Lodge, No. 381, the charter having been rendered illegible by dampness. Also to Notla, No. 312, her charter having been burned.

After considerable correspondence with Brother T. B. Bailey, of Mocksville, in regard to the old hall of County Line Lodge, No. 224, I received the following letter from Brother Bailey:

"The only offer I can get for the property is from A. F. Crater. He offers \$75.00—\$65.00 cash and \$10.00 on short time. It must have cost several hundred dollars, but it is now in a very dilapidated condition, needs a new roof, etc. It is located in a neighborhood where there is very little demand for such property. Under the circumstances I advise that this offer be accepted."

So I decided it was best to sell it and made the deed to A. F. Crater. The \$65.00 was paid at once and the remaining \$10.00 has not been paid.

RESIGNATION OF OFFICERS OF LODGES.

On February 6th I approved the action of Knapp of Reeds Lodge, No. 158, in accepting the resignation of Brother J. L. Peed as Senior Deacon.

On February 6th I also approved the action of Corinthian Lodge,

No. 230, in accepting the resignation of Brother H. J. Downing as Secretary.

On ———, ———, I approved the action of Charity Lodge, No. 5, in accepting the resignation of Worshipful Brother Henry V. Dunstan as Master. Brother Dunstan had served the Lodge for years as Master, and it was with regret that the Lodge accepted his resignation.

Brother Francis D. Winston was elected and installed Master of Charity Lodge, No. 5, on October 2d, 1899.

On November 11th I approved the action of Black Creek Lodge, No. 330, in accepting the resignation of Brother P. T. Lucas as Junior Warden and Brother Jesse B. Farrell as Steward.

SUGGESTIONS.

I would suggest that a committee of one (or three) be appointed to look up all the decisions made by the Grand Masters for the past thirty-five (35) years and copy them into a book to be kept by the Grand Master for reference. It would be of great benefit to him in his work.

OXFORD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

It is with genuine pleasure that I mention our greatest charity, the Oxford Orphan Asylum—an institution which is the pride of every Mason in North Carolina—which was founded by our Order, is our property, and is under our management. Within its walls are the 219 jewels which are so precious to the Craft and for whose welfare we work so diligently. Brethren, the Asylum is now in better shape than ever before. The Masons of North Carolina have so rallied to its support, in answer to appeals for aid, that it is now practically out of debt. No money has been borrowed this year for the support of the orphans, and the directors have managed so well that they have paid a goodly sum on the old debt, and I am sure that at an early day the sums promised by individuals and the Subordinate Lodges for the erection of the girls' buildings will all be paid, and then the Asylum will be entirely out of debt.

The receipts for the past three years are as follows: 1897, \$22,587.78; 1898, \$23,956.85; 1899, \$24,949.14. From this you see that your Asylum still continues to grow steadily in favor with the Craft and the general public.

Two bequests have been made during the year to the Asylum—one by Brother David Oettinger, of Wilson, of \$100.00; the other by Mr. Samuel Fogle, of Winston, of \$50.00.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

With sorrow I announce that death has again entered the circle of Past Masters and removed from our midst our beloved Most Worshipful Brother Robert Brank Vance, who died at his home, near Asheville, on November 28th, 1899.

Robert C. Jordan, Past Grand Master of Nebraska, died at Omaha January 9th, 1899, aged seventy-four. He was the first Grand Master of Nebraska, holding that exalted station from 1857 to 1860. He established Omaha Chapter, No. 1, and Mount Calvary Commandery, No. 1, at Omaha, and was at the head of each for many years. He was one of the first Scottish Rite Masons in Nebraska. Grand Master Young, of Nebraska, says: "Admiring his many virtues, reverencing his exalted character, affectionately cherishing his friendship while living, let us, one and all, keep his example and endeavor to live up to the standard of excellence he so undeviatingly maintained among us."

Past Grand Master DeWitt C. Creiger, of Illinois, died November 9th, 1898. Brother Creiger was Grand Master of Illinois when the great Chicago fire devastated that city, and took charge of the distribution of more than \$90,000 contributed by Masonic zeal to the suffering thousands of the Craft.

On Friday, April 14th, 1899, Past Grand Master George M. Stroud, of Oregon, was called to the Celestial Lodge above full of Masonic honors.

Past Grand Master James H. VanHoose, of Arkansas, died at his home, near Fayetteville, Ark., May 6th, 1899. His brethren mourn his loss with genuine sorrow.

Past Grand Master John S. Gross, of Michigan, died at his home, in Bangor, September 18th, 1899, and was buried by the Grand Lodge with all the honors of the Craft.

Past Grand Master Byron L. Carr, of Colorado, died April 22d, 1899. He was a man of prominence, not only in Masonic but in public life.

Past Grand Master John J. Sumpter, of Arkansas, died June 22d, 1899, and was buried with Grand Lodge honors.

Grand Secretary William R. Bowen was, at the time of his death, serving his twenty-seventh year as Secretary of the Grand Jurisdiction of Nebraska, and for more than a quarter of a century had served in a similar capacity his Grand Chapter, Council and Commandery. Truly his brethren have lost a "faithful servant and a cultivated Christian gentleman."

Past Grand Master Alphonso Barto, of Minnesota, died on November 4th, 1899, respected by all as an upright man and Mason.

Wright Phelps, Past Grand Master of Connecticut, died September 3d, 1899. As a Craftsman he was enthusiastic and unassuming.

Christian Hartman, Grand Master of Nebraska, died October 15th, 1899. He filled many public positions of importance acceptably to the people, and never betrayed any trust reposed in him.

Edmund T. Mahon, Past Deputy Grand Master of Nova Scotia, died March 8th, 1899. He was always at his place at the Lodge or in committee.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF GEORGE WASHINGTON.

The one hundredth anniversary of the death of Worshipful George Washington, December 14th of last year, was an event of international and historic interest. I had the honor, with the other Grand Officers, of representing this jurisdiction in the imposing ceremonies incident to that occasion. On December 13th the Grand Lodge of our sister jurisdiction of Virginia met with the brethren of the historic Alexandria-Washington Lodge. In this Lodge the Father of his Country was the first Master. Most of the States were present by duly accredited delegates with our Virginia brethren. The meeting was turned into a Lodge of Fellowship and Brotherly Love, and the words of greeting and good cheer that fell from the eminent brethren the world over testified to the universality of our ancient institution.

On the next morning a bright sun ushered in the day that will be memorable in the historic dates of our Order. The delegates assembled in front of the Ebbitt House, which was Masonic headquarters. Carriages carried the brethren to the Potomac and by boat thence to Mount Vernon. As we passed Alexandria the Grand Lodge of Virginia were taking boat for the grave of Washington. We stood uncovered and gave three cheers for our Virginia brethren.

At Mount Vernon the line was formed, and, led by Brother William McKinley, the head of this nation of States, we repaired to the tomb, where an interesting ceremonial was held and laurel wreaths placed thereon. From the porch of the mansion our distinguished brother spoke of the eminent Masonic virtues of his illustrious predecessor in office. It was a grand occasion—spectacular in its gorgeous paraphernalia and splendid in the wonderful lesson it will teach.

All at Mount Vernon is interesting, but among the ancient relics is the Master's apron made for Washington by Madame LaFayette.

At night a banquet was held at Willard's Hotel, and patriotic and fraternal addresses were made.

I congratulate the jurisdiction upon the showing made by our Grand Officers. Their splendid appearance, genial greeting and proper observance of the proprieties of the occasion, as well as the beautiful regalia, made them the subject of much admiration and most favorable comment. North Carolina's place was near the head of the column.

It but typifies the place it occupied as the foremost in all good works and in preserving the teachings of our ancient institution.

And now, in conclusion, I desire to say that I have given you an account of all the business that has passed through my office. I have given to each and every one a patient hearing; have tried to do equal justice to all, and have made it a point to answer all letters at once. I thank you for the courtesy that has been shown me and the confidence you have reposed in me. How well I have merited the confidence is for you to say. I have earnestly tried to do my full duty and merit the confidence displayed toward me, and if I have not, it was an error of the head and not of my heart.

Faternally submitted,

R. J. NOBLE,

January 10th, 1900.

Grand Master.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following report, which was read and referred to the Finance Committee:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

I have the honor to submit herewith my ninth annual report as Grand Treasurer for the year ending January 9th, 1900:

William Simpson, Grand Treasurer,

In account with the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

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| 1899 | | | | |
| Jan. | 7 | To cash on hand as per last report..... | | \$5,518 69 |
| | 20 | To interest from Ellington note | \$80 00 | |
| | | To cash..... | 1 45 | |
| April | 22 | To cash J. C. Drewry, Grand Secretary.... | 857 40 | |
| Aug. | 1 | To cash J. C. Drewry, Grand Secretary.... | 276 60 | |
| | 30 | To cash J. C. Drewry, Grand Secretary.... | 600 00 | |
| Nov. | 17 | To cash J. C. Drewry, Grand Secretary.... | 795 80 | |
| | 28 | To cash J. C. Drewry, Grand Secretary.... | 612 20 | |
| Dec. | 16 | To cash J. C. Drewry, Grand Secretary.... | 752 40 | |
| | 27 | To cash J. C. Drewry, Grand Secretary.... | 715 80 | |
| 1900 | | | | |
| Jan. | 6 | To cash J. C. Drewry, Grand Secretary.... | 712 80 | |
| " | | To cash J. C. Drewry, Grand Secretary.... | 769 20 | |
| " | | To cash J. C. Drewry, Grand Secretary.... | 174 50 | |
| " | | To cash J. C. Drewry, Grand Secretary.... | 84 00 | 6,432 15 |
| | | | | 9,950 84 |

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| 1899 | | | |
| Jan. | 7 | By cash paid Samuel H. Smith, P. G. M..... | \$ 3 75 |
| | 12 | By cash paid Walter E. Moore, G. M..... | 150 00 |
| | 12 | By cash paid M. L. Winston, P. G. C..... | 7 00 |
| | 12 | By cash paid Samuel H. Rountree, G. L..... | 10 50 |
| | 12 | By cash paid B. S. Royster, S. G. W..... | 9 45 |
| | 12 | By cash paid T. J. Reid..... | 16 30 |
| | 12 | By cash paid R. J. Noble, D. G. M..... | 4 00 |
| | 12 | By cash paid J. L. Currin, Grand Marshal..... | 6 75 |
| | 12 | By cash paid F. J. Tilson, G. S. B..... | 21 00 |
| | 12 | By cash paid J. B. Griggs, G. L..... | 30 00 |
| | 12 | By cash paid John W. Cotten, P. G. M..... | 9 65 |
| | 12 | By cash paid H. I. Clark, G. J. W..... | 16 50 |
| | 12 | By cash paid W. W. Willson, Asst. Gr. Sec'y..... | 50 00 |
| | 12 | By cash paid A. J. Harrell, G. L..... | 10 75 |
| | 12 | By cash paid B. W. Hatcher, G. L..... | 18 00 |
| | 13 | By cash paid Fred. A. Watson..... | 18 50 |
| | 13 | By cash paid Charles F. Bahnson, G. L..... | 12 50 |
| | 14 | By cash paid Jerry Petty, janitor..... | 6 00 |
| | 16 | By cash paid R. H. Bradley, Grand Tiler..... | 68 40 |
| | 17 | By cash paid John C. Drewry, postage..... | 20 00 |
| | 17 | By cash paid James F. Griffith, Gr. St..... | 14 75 |
| | 18 | By cash paid C. P. Wharton..... | 16 25 |
| Feb. | 7 | By cash paid John C. Drewry, G. Sec'y..... | 700 00 |
| | 8 | By cash paid News and Observer..... | 5 70 |
| | 18 | By cash paid Royal & Borden..... | 11 00 |
| | 23 | By cash paid Drewry, Thompson & Co., insurance..... | 120 00 |
| | 23 | By cash paid G. Rosenthal, Treasurer, Miss Baird bequest..... | 100 00 |
| | 23 | By cash paid G. Rosenthal, int. Ellington note.... | 80 00 |
| | 23 | By cash paid G. Rosenthal, G. L. appropriation.. | 2,000 00 |
| | 23 | By cash paid Thomas & Campbell..... | 6 00 |
| | 17 | By cash paid Alfred Williams & Co..... | 3 65 |
| April | 10 | By cash paid William G. Hill Lodge..... | 50 00 |
| | 22 | By cash paid F. M. Moye, P. G. M..... | 8 95 |
| | 24 | By cash paid John C. Drewry, G. Sec'y, postage.. | 30 00 |
| | 25 | By cash paid John C. Drewry, G. Sec'y, postage.. | 20 00 |
| | 27 | By cash paid M. C. Lilley & Co..... | 144 00 |
| May | 1 | By cash paid expressage on proceedings..... | 46 60 |
| | 6 | By cash paid Southern Express Company..... | 5 57 |
| | 6 | By cash paid Pettibone Manufacturing Company.. | 47 00 |
| | 6 | By cash paid W. S. Primrose, agent, insurance.... | 30 00 |
| | 13 | By cash paid John C. Drewry, stamps..... | 30 00 |
| | 20 | By cash paid T. L. Farrow..... | 9 95 |
| | 22 | By cash paid W. H. Hunt, agent, insurance..... | 30 00 |
| | 22 | By cash paid John A. Collins..... | 100 00 |
| | 22 | By cash paid A. M. Simms, Grand Chaplain..... | 8 90 |
| | 22 | By cash paid R. H. Bradley, Grand Tiler..... | 19 05 |
| | 24 | By cash paid Pettibone Manufacturing Company.. | 11 86 |
| | 26 | By cash paid T. C. Linn, G. S. B..... | 17 95 |
| | | Amount carried forward..... | 4,156 23 |

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| 1899 | | Amount brought forward..... | 4,156 23 |
| May | 26 | By cash paid revenue stamps..... | 1 00 |
| June | 1 | By cash paid B. S. Royster, D. G. M..... | 12 75 |
| | 10 | By cash paid William T. Harding..... | 6 50 |
| | 19 | By cash paid Fred Pleasants, chairman..... | 50 00 |
| | 26 | By cash paid S. M. Gattis, Grand Marshal..... | 19 15 |
| | 26 | By cash paid W. W. Willson, Assis't Gr. Sec'y..... | 4 15 |
| | 27 | By cash paid R. J. Noble, G. M..... | 25 00 |
| | 28 | By cash paid R. H. Bradley, Grand Tiler..... | 21 15 |
| | 29 | By cash paid A. M. Simms, Grand Chaplain..... | 2 50 |
| | 29 | By cash paid F. M. Moye, P. G. M..... | 5 50 |
| | 30 | By cash paid William Simpson, Grand Treasurer.. | 75 00 |
| July | 8 | By cash paid H. I. Clark..... | 17 95 |
| | 12 | By cash paid Francis D. Winston..... | 22 50 |
| | 13 | By cash paid Frank D. Jones, G. St..... | 10 15 |
| | 28 | By cash paid W. S. Liddell..... | 28 20 |
| Aug. | 2 | By cash paid Miss Sue W. Hall..... | 28 25 |
| | 30 | By cash paid A. M. Simms, Grand Chaplain..... | 7 75 |
| | 30 | By cash paid R. H. Bradley, Grand Tiler..... | 13 90 |
| | 31 | By cash paid John C. Drewry, postage..... | 30 00 |
| | 31 | By cash paid Wm. W. Willson, Asst. Gr. Sec'y.... | 8 75 |
| | 31 | By cash paid John C. Drewry, expenses..... | 40 80 |
| Sept. | 2 | By cash paid Orphans' Friend, printing..... | 658 94 |
| | 12 | By cash paid Edwards & Broughton..... | 17 00 |
| | 16 | By cash paid Edwards & Broughton..... | 19 25 |
| Nov. | 18 | By cash paid W. W. Willson, Asst. Sec'y, stamps.. | 10 00 |
| | 23 | By cash paid R. H. Bradley, Grand Tiler..... | 13 35 |
| | 29 | By cash paid N. C. Home Insurance Company..... | 13 00 |
| Dec. | 12 | By cash paid John C. Drewry, G. Sec'y, postage.. | 20 00 |
| | 12 | By cash paid B. S. Royster, D. G. M..... | 13 50 |
| | 20 | By cash paid R. H. Bradley, Grand Tiler..... | 25 00 |
| | 20 | By cash paid Alford, Bynum & Christophers..... | 7 50 |
| | 31 | By cash paid William Simpson, Grand Treasurer.. | 75 00 |
| | | By cash paid G. Rosenthal, Treasurer..... | 500 00 |
| | | By cash paid Edwards & Broughton..... | 11 75 |
| 1900 | | | |
| Jan. | 9 | By cash on hand..... | 3,979 37 |
| | | | 9,950 84 |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM SIMPSON,

Grand Treasurer.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report, which was read and referred to the Finance Committee :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

It affords me genuine pleasure to be able once more to report progress in the matter of promptness and accuracy with which returns from the Subordinate Lodges are sent in to my office. When I was first honored with the position of Grand Secretary I found the custom prevailing, with many of the Lodges, to wait until the meeting of the Grand Lodge to send in their returns and remitting Grand Lodge dues. This custom produced considerable confusion at the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and caused the secretaries of the Subordinate Lodges to delay their collections, which frequently resulted in the Lodges getting behind financially, which entailed a loss of revenue to the Grand Lodge and frequently a surrender of charter. It is very rarely the case now that any of our Lodges fail to pay their annual dues, consequently we have had but a few Lodges to become dormant in recent years, and there has been a gradual and constant increase in our membership every year.

I have labored kindly and patiently with the secretaries of the Subordinate Lodges to bring about this healthy condition, but even yet some of them adhere to the old custom. I shall continue to exert my best energies in this direction as long as I have the honor and the pleasure of serving you as Grand Secretary, believing that by so doing I am best serving the interest of this Grand Lodge.

No Lodge can faithfully perform its mission and measure up to the full standard of its duty as long as its secretary is careless or negligent in the discharge of his duties, thereby permitting the main body of his Lodge to become diseased by inactivity, which is soon followed by a financial wreck. I can say with pride that we have but few such officers in this Grand Jurisdiction.

There has been a very decided improvement this year over that of any previous year in regard to the promptness with which these reports have been sent in, and especially in the completeness and neatness with which they have been executed. The returns from 259 Lodges had been received in my office in good and correct form before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, which left only 52 Lodges yet to report. The most of these will send in their returns at this session of the Grand Lodge. I sincerely hope that the time is not far distant when every Lodge will send in its returns before the meeting of the Grand

Lodge, in order that they may be carefully checked over and properly compiled before the meeting of this Grand Body.

NEW LODGES.

New Lodges have been established under the dispensation of the Grand Master as follows :

1899.

March 2—*Red Springs Lodge*, at Red Springs, Robeson county.

June 1—*Cookville Lodge*, at Cookville, Catawba county.

December 26—*Raleigh Lodge*, at Raleigh, Wake county.

LODGES REVIVED.

The charters of the following Lodges have been restored and they have resumed work :

1899.

Blackmer Lodge, No. 127, at Mount Gilead, Montgomery county.

East La Porte Lodge, No. 358, at Tuckaseegee, Jackson county.

DUPLICATE CHARTERS.

The following Lodges, by order of the Grand Master, had duplicate charters issued to them, it appearing that the original had been lost or destroyed by fire :

1899.

June 16—*Forest City*, No. 381, at Forest City, Rutherford county.

November 18—*Notla*, No. 312, at Culberson, Cherokee county.

CONTINUED UNDER DISPENSATION.

The following Lodges were continued under dispensation at the last session of the Grand Lodge :

Lucia, at Lucia, Gaston county.

Buie's Creek, at Poe's, Harnett county.

CHARTERS SURRENDERED.

The following Lodges have surrendered their charters and ceased to work :

Asheville, No. 410, at Asheville, in Buncombe county, consolidated with Mount Hermon Lodge.

Galatia, No. 306, at Hope Mills, Cumberland county. They desire to move the Lodge to Raeford, in Cumberland county.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following appointments of Grand Representatives have been made during the year, and they have been commissioned accordingly :

From this Grand Lodge near other Grand Lodges :

- R. W. W. T. Williamson, Salem, Oregon, for Oregon.
- R. W. J. B. Baker, Melbourne, Arkansas, for Arkansas.
- R. W. B. B. Sprague, St. Paul, Minnesota, for Minnesota.
- R. W. A. C. Robeson, Athens, Tennessee, for Tennessee.
- R. W. Melville R. Hopewell, Tokenah, Nebraska, for Nebraska.

From other Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge :

- R. W. Walter Clark, Raleigh, N. C., for Idaho.
- R. W. J. L. Currin, Henderson, N. C., for Tennessee.
- R. W. William L. London, Pittsboro, N. C., for Connecticut.
- R. W. J. Frank Tilson, Grapevine, N. C., for Nevada.
- R. W. Thomas J. Reed, Biltmore, N. C., for Maryland.
- R. W. H. I. Clark, Hamilton, N. C., for British Columbia.
- R. W. W. E. Moore, P. G. M., Webster, N. C., for Missouri.
- R. W. William Richardson, Selma, N. C., for North Dakota.
- R. W. Irskine Pope, Red Springs, N. C., for Victoria.
- R. W. F. D. Winston, Windsor, N. C., for Minnesota.

LODGES REMOVED.

Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 359, moved from Stonewall, Pamlico county, to Oriental, in Pamlico county.

LIBRARY.

The following report from the Grand Librarian, Robt. H. Bradley, shows what has been done in that department during the year :

RALEIGH, N. C., January 8, 1900.

MR. JOHN C. DREWRY,

Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I herewith submit my report as Librarian of the Grand Lodge for the year 1899.

I have had no proceedings of sister Grand Lodges bound since my last report for reasons stated in that report. There has been only one addition to our Library, viz.: a volume entitled, "A History of Freemasonry and Concordant Orders," except the regular exchanges. The "History of Freemasonry and Concordant Orders" is a most valuable book for students of our Order.

None of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges reported short last year have been received except New Brunswick. I mention them once more with the hope that the Grand Secretaries will aid us all they can to complete our sets. They are as follows : Arizona, 1893; British Columbia, 1896-7; Colorado, 1897; Delaware, 1892-93-97; Geor-

gia, 1897; Illinois, 1897; Indiana, 1885-87; Kentucky, 1897; Massachusetts, 1888-90-91; Michigan, 1897; Nebraska, 1897, Nevada, 1895; New Mexico, 1888, Ohio, 1897; Quebec, 1897; Wisconsin, 1896.

In addition to the above, I have failed to receive for the past year Colorado, Georgia, Kentucky, Manitoba, Ohio, Rhode Island and South Carolina, which I hope will not be long delayed.

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT H. BRADLEY,
Librarian.

I was directed at the last session of the Grand Lodge to secure a portrait of our late brother, John H. Mills, and have it placed in the chapel at the Asylum, which institution sprang into life at his suggestion and was shaped and formed in its infancy mainly through his wisdom and the tenderness of his heart. A very fine oil painting was secured at an exceedingly reasonable price, and was duly presented to the Grand Lodge at its Special Communication at Oxford on the 24th day of June, 1899.

The Grand Tiler was directed at the last session of the Grand Lodge to purchase new and suitable jewels and paraphernalia for the Grand Lodge. He has performed that duty faithfully and well, to which fact the beautiful aprons and jewels which we now wear most abundantly testify. This paraphernalia was more universally admired at the recent grand meeting at Mount Vernon than that of any other Grand Lodge, and the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due Brother Bradley, our worthy and competent Grand Tiler, for this manifestation of neatness and good taste.

REVENUE.

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| Receipts to December 1st from all sources..... | \$ 6,550 70 |
| From Lodge dues..... | \$ 6,092 20 |
| Bequest Mrs. Rebecca Baird..... | 100 00 |
| Charter fees, less Grand Secretary's fees..... | 57 00 |
| Dispensation fees, less Grand Secretary's fees.... | 27 00 |
| Sale of Codes, certificates and other items..... | 74 50 |
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| | 6,350 70 |
| Paid to William Simpson, Grand Treasurer, as per his receipts..... | <hr/> |
| | 6,350 70 |

 RECAPITULATION OF RETURNS.

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| Number of Lodges in the Jurisdiction | 311 | |
| Number of Lodges that have made returns | 259 | |
| Number of Master Masons at date of last report | | 10,954 |
| Number initiated | 695 | |
| Number passed | 616 | |
| Number raised | | 673 |
| Number admitted | | 301 |
| Number reinstated | | 101 |
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| Total | | 12,029 |
| Number suspended | 32 | |
| Number expelled | 11 | |
| Number excluded | 228 | |
| Number withdrawn | 230 | |
| Number died | 168 | |
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| Number of Master Masons October 31st, 1899 | | 11,360 |

The two statements above given show a very healthy condition of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, and that there has been progress of a substantial nature in every branch of our work. In 1895, when I was first elected Grand Secretary, the total receipts of the Grand Lodge at that time were \$4,799.50. The total receipts this year are \$6,350.70. At that time the number of Master Masons in good standing in North Carolina was 9,824. We now have 11,360.

You will notice fuather that the increase in our membership has been of the best nature and quality. This increase has been within the borders of the old Lodges heretofore organized, as only three new Lodges have been organized during the year, while three old Lodges have been revived and not a Lodge has surrendered its charter except for the purpose of uniting with another Lodge or for purposes of removal.

These facts are very encouraging, and standing as we are upon the threshold of a new century, let us gather wisdom from the past and strive to make even greater progress in the future. In striving to aid this progress in our Order, let our first care be to build character and enlarge a spirit of true fraternal brotherhood. We should endeavor to practice the teachings of St. Paul when he says, "For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another." We are all members of a common household, bound together by ties of indissoluble love, and we should aim not only to

mellow our own hearts by this noble affection, but see that it grows until it extends into every section of our State and has softened the heart and mind of every one in this Grand Jurisdiction.

We may not all be able to accomplish some great achievement, but we can all do something. It is the little things in life which beautify and perfume our pathway. Even a cup of cold water given in the proper spirit is as precious in the sight of the Supreme Grand Master as the magnificent gift of the millionaire. We can all do something to relieve suffering and want. We can visit the sick and give good counsel to an erring brother. We can at least speak a kind word and extend the warm, sympathetic hand of a brother, which always gladdens a sad heart and sends a ray of sunshine into a dark corner. As your Grand Secretary I am in closer touch with the heart-beat of every Lodge in this State than any one else, and I feel that the greatest blessing which can come to the fraternity in this Grand Jurisdiction will flow from a deeper, broader and higher sense of brotherly love. Let us all try to do our part toward the attainment of this end during the new century, so that it may be called the century of love, the era of good fellowship, in North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. DREWRY,

Grand Secretary.

The Grand Orator, Brother E. W. Pou, being present, was introduced and delivered the annual address. The address was replete with eloquence, and was well received and much enjoyed by all present.

Brother B. W. Hatcher introduced the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are extended to Brother Pou for his excellent address, and that the same be incorporated in the minutes of this Grand Communication.

GRAND ORATOR'S ADDRESS.

THE TRUE PURPOSE OF MASONIC LIFE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

As man stands in the presence of some prodigy of nature, appalled and silent, striving yet helpless to comprehend its greatness and abounding beauties, so stand I here in the presence of three thousand

years of growth and development, in the presence of a life whose mission has been to elevate and civilize mankind, to inculcate principles of liberty and to teach of the greatness of God, utterly appalled at the task you have set before me and powerless to do my subject justice.

Men build monuments in honor of the citizens or of the event, and unveiling them require the brightest intellect of the land to speak its best thought. A nation listens, and eagerly catching the words, preserves them for posterity. Our monument, my brethren, is builded everywhere builded in memory of no individual, in honor of no event, but erected to God and dedicated to the service of our fellow citizens. Our thought this hour can center around no single monument, but where the tongue of man is heard, wherever his habitation is, there is our monument builded, and there will it remain forever. As the last rays of the setting sun shall linger and cling at the foot of one, so that very instant shall his first morning beams play about and kiss the summit of another.

Let us examine for a moment the spirit of Masonry. What is the natural condition of man? It is combat. The life of man in his natural state is but an effort to acquire what belongs to some one else. His fellow man is his enemy. To enrich himself with booty taken from his neighbor is the goal of his ambition.

In civilized life even this condition still obtains to some extent. Wealth rules poverty; military strength prevails over military weakness, and in the fierce struggle for ascendancy the poor and the weak are crushed. Combined wealth stands forth as a mailed Philistine and doggedly defies the will of the people. Demand that he obey the law of the land, he strikes at you and demands more power for himself. The laboring man is treated with contempt by him, and the cry of the poor for bread is denounced as the song of anarchy. Melancholy as they are, these be the words of soberness and of truth. Only look about you at the civilized nations of the earth to see them verified. These things seem to be some of the products of the civilized and progressive life. Now what is the spirit of Masonry? Exactly the opposite. It is that wealth shall divide its bounty with poverty, not forced by law, but in love and charity; that a nation's strength shall not be prostituted for base purposes; that labor is a dignified and honorable condition of man, and that the cry of the poor for bread shall not be heard in vain.

I shall not weary you to-night with a lengthy history of the Masonic order. Indeed, its early history is involved in much doubt. Age is of little credit except it be honorable. The hoary head is only a crown of glory if it be found in the way of righteousness. But the

age of the order is a matter of historical interest. It is likewise true that unworthy organizations do not long survive, as a rule. Truth only lives forever. An institution founded upon falsehood dies. "The truth of the Lord endureth forever" is one of the sayings of the wisest of men. It is, therefore, a logical conclusion that those institutions which have survived very long must have merit in them, and when we find that institution which has survived longest we are warranted in concluding that there is at least nothing hurtful in it.

We are warranted in stating this as a fact that the Masonic order is the oldest organization now existing among men. It antedates all governments, all constitutions, every code of laws save those handed down to us in the Great Book. It antedates the temporal organization of the Church. Nearly three thousand years before Jefferson declared that "all men were born free and equal," Masonry was teaching that man was a brotherhood. A thousand years before Paul was declaring the UNKNOWN GOD to the Athenians, denouncing them for their ignorant worship and beautifully portraying the attributes of the true God, Masonry was reverently worshipping THE GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE, and all loyal Masons were standing with uncovered heads in the presence of the mystic "G."

It is now pretty generally accepted amongst those who have made a study of the subject that an organization similar to the present Masonic order existed among the workmen who aided in the building of King Solomon's temple, about the year 1014 before Christ. Says one standard authority of these men :

"So perfect was the organization among the vast number of workmen, and so systematic the distribution of labor, that Solomon's temple, with all its gorgeous splendor and minute ornaments in detail, was finished in little more than seven years from the laying of the foundation stone, while the temple of Herod, where the accurate arrangement did not exist, occupied thirty-six years; that of Diana at Ephesus two hundred years; St. Peter's Cathedral at Rome one hundred and fifty-five years, and St. Paul's in London thirty-five years in building."

The object of this organization among the workmen on the temple was, of course, not entirely what the object of the order is to-day. Still there is a close analogy in the object of the two. The principal object of the organization among the workmen on the temple was to enable them to get more wages, to better support their families and to make themselves more efficient laborers.

"Principles of brotherly love were taught them also. They were instructed to salute one another in a courteous manner, calling each other brother; freely giving mutual instruction, as might be thought

expedient, without being overseen or overheard, and without encroaching upon each other, or derogating from that respect which was due any brother, were he not a Mason; for although all Masous are as brethren upon the same level, yet Masonry takes no honor from a man that he had before; nay, it rather adds to his honor, especially if he has deserved well of the brotherhood."

After the building of King Solomon's temple was completed these skilled mechanics (for such they were), were left without employment. There was no demand for such labor. There were no more such buildings in course of erection, and the wages which those men probably demanded were higher than those wishing the services of such mechanics could afford to pay. These skilled workmen on the temple, being left without employment, commenced to emigrate to other nations, teaching others and forming brotherhoods of traveling-operative workmen, or Freemasons. It is said that the traces of these traveling workmen have been found in most of the countries of Europe.

In the year 715 before the Christian era the Roman Colleges of Constructors were established, composed of men of learning in all the arts and trades necessary for the execution of civil, religious, naval and hydraulic architecture. Numa Pompilius was the founder of these colleges, and made them at the same time civil and religious societies, with exclusive privilege of building temples and public edifices - their relation to the State and the priesthood being precisely determined by law.

From this period down to the present the history of the Order is very well defined. The order known as Operative Masons, or Free Masons, was soon established in the principal nations of the earth, until to-day it has Lodges in all the civilized nations of the earth, except in one or two, in which its existence is forbidden by law—one of these nations being Russia. But for a thousand years throughout the civilized world, with but little exception, it has established its Lodges, erected its charities and aided in the work of elevating and making mankind better. "No immoral sentiment has ever been traced to its lodge room; no treason has poisoned its teachings"; but at all times it has been loyal to order and to law. For centuries it has been the promoter of education, the preserver of history and literature, the patron of noble arts, the friend of liberty. It has at all times taught virtue and denounced vice. It has been the handmaid of the Church; to the widow it has been a husband; to the orphan it has been a father; it has been the protector of virtue; in death it has been a comforter; its charity has been boundless; its glorious success is now disputed by no one.

Much of this history I have, of course, taken from our Masonic Encyclopædias.

The question I would propound to you to-night is, *H'hy* has Masonry succeeded? Other organizations have been formed only to die and be forgotten. The secret organization of all others has been the most short-lived. All secret organizations are more or less regarded with suspicion by people who do not belong to them and who do not know of their purposes. A society which selects its members, if it would continue pure, must reject some who would apply for membership; and every time an applicant is rejected he usually becomes an enemy of the Order. This, coupled with the suspicion which usually attaches to them, makes their success the more difficult.

Let us examine some of the reasons which have enabled the Masonic society to achieve such phenomenal success. The first of these reasons, and the greatest, which has contributed to its success, is the fact that it believes in God and teaches of His goodness and His greatness. No society, no organization, no individual can long succeed who repudiates the idea of God. National life will perish; social life will become polluted; philanthropy will fail; man will become degraded in the absence of this vitalizing principle. It is as necessary to life as sweet, pure air is to health. The mission of Masonry would have been short indeed had it not been founded upon the great truth of God's existence. Why serve your fellowman? There is no reason in serving man for man. There must be a something greater than man. Every man is about as good as his neighbor, and has no reason to ask any sacrifice at his hands. Without this idea of God the world would become selfish; man would serve man, but the service would be degrading, not elevating. The weak would serve the strong, and the service would be debasing slavery. How different the service when inspired by this conception of an Infinite Principle! "Every time we give a cup of water to the thirsty; every time we say a kind word for a fallen brother; every time we bring a ray of light into the house of sorrow, we manifest the existence of this principle."

Masonry is, therefore, a living rebuke to atheism, agnosticism and infidelity. It offers the largest religious liberty; it encourages the widest thought and research; it requires reflection and investigation, while it inspires man with the very highest motive of human action. This motive is that man should serve man—should live uprightly, should build character, not from the fear of punishment, not to cover himself with glory, nor yet solely to gain immortality for himself, but for the glory of this Infinite Principle and the upbuilding of mankind. What higher motive could inspire human action? Yes, the Mason is taught of God. The covering of the Lodge room is the canopy of heaven. Beyond the stars and the glittering milkyway he believes to be the throne of the Infinite Principle of truth. He is taught that

nature proclaims His existence—that His voice is heard in the sighing of the pine, the melancholy song of the sea wave, the storm in the heavens which terrify man and in the music of the morn. The glory of the morning light and the falling shades of night manifest His existence. The Mason is taught that there is something in all things which speaks of God.

Masonry has succeeded because it has been intensely charitable. It has been charitable for sweet charity's sake. It was the Mason who first grasped the hand of the little orphan, built for him a beautiful home, taught him of the goodness and greatness of God, and made him a useful and honest citizen. If those who have received the benefits of the Order—the boys and girls now grown to be men and women—should this minute join in a song of thanks for its benefits and its blessings, the mountains and the hills and the seashore would break forth in a grand song of praise. And see what this noble example has accomplished. See the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, the Episcopal Orphanage at Charlotte, the Odd Fellows' Orphanage at Goldsboro, the Presbyterian Orphanage, the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh, and perhaps other institutions of like nature which I may have overlooked. The education and enlightenment of the little fatherless boys and girls of North Carolina. Oh! what a sacred trust! The polishing, the shaping, the moulding of the mind—the mind the imperishable, the soul which lives forever—how shall it return to Him who sent it? Groping in ignorance, polluted with crime, contaminated by low associations, or shall we use our best efforts to surround it by influences which will make it clean, spotless, pure, exhaling its fragrance to the glory of the Great Architect and the joy of mankind? This, my brethren, is the trust that is committed to us.

Another reason the Masonic fraternity has succeeded is that it interferes with no man's religion. He may believe what he pleases, may belong to any church of his choice, may belong to no church at all, may be Jew or Gentile, but if he is a worthy and well qualified citizen and recognizes the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man he may become a Mason. To the Lodge room the soul perplexed by religious differences may flee and be at rest. Creed and dogma find no place in its declaration of principles. In the presence of this great fundamental principle minor differences disappear as stars before the dawn of morning. Masonry repudiates no church, but recognizes all as being essential to the happiness and salvation of mankind.

Is it not well that such example should be before us? No man wishes to be narrow-minded, and yet the operation of the mind tends that way. Man should be broad, patriotic and tolerant. He wants to live not in a narrow, contracted sphere, but to embrace within the

expanse of a broad and constantly broadening mind whatever seems to him good.

Again, Masonry admits no political differences in the Lodge room. It questions the political convictions of no man. It would teach men to be patriots, to put love of country and love of right above every consideration. And just here, let us observe, that in this wise provision Masonry has escaped certain destruction. No secret organization ever has or ever can very long exist which has for its object a political purpose. Such organizations are regarded as a menace to liberty—such a menace as liberty will not long tolerate. Secret political organizations bring upon themselves the contempt of liberty-loving people and must soon perish of their own unworthiness. Masonry teaches earnestly the love of country. It discourages sectionalism; it encourages nationalism; it teaches man to look beyond state, beyond section, and to gather every section and every state of the whole union within the limits of his loyalty and his love. Oh, the need of this sentiment to-day! Loyal, faithful, true manhood, where shall we find it best exemplified? There let us catch inspiration.

The Masonic organization has ever been conservative and loyal to government. It has been true to the traditions of our immortal fathers. It has been a most potent agency in sustaining and maintaining true principles of government. It is slow to take hold of new and untried things. It is at all times orthodox. It has been a great ballast to the national ship in times of peril. Our fathers conceived a perfect equilibrium of government. There is danger whenever this equilibrium is disturbed.

We are told that there are two forces in nature which hold the world within the track of its orbit, intended by the Great Architect. The one force draws the earth towards the sun, whilst the other holds away. These two forces are so evenly balanced, so perfectly adjusted, that, it is said, the earth has never appreciably deviated from its course. On perfect time the seasons come and go—flowers forever bloom in spring, autumn crops are garnered, and God's wisdom is revealed unto His children. We are told that if either of these forces were to preponderate the ordination of God would be destroyed and the world's wreck would follow. The life of the nation depends upon the maintenance of this system.

The Masonic Order is the friend and protector of individual liberty and of local self-government. Let us continue loyal to these fundamental principles. Let us not be carried too far away from our ancient national landmarks. Our children will declare our wisdom and posterity will rise up and call us blessed.

One other teaching of our Order has contributed much to its suc-

cess. It encourages industry and economy, and it is firm in its belief that the rights of property should be respected. Upon its broad shoulders the law of the land has found a powerful support. It is the friend of all legitimate progress, but it has never made a god of money. It teaches that life has a higher mission than the acquirement of wealth. The nation or the people who place the acquirement of wealth first will, sooner or later, become emasculated in other respects and finally go down in decay. The man the world remembers longest is he who loves his fellowman more than he does a dollar.

Out of the agony of war poor old North Carolina offered the nation a Mason of this character. He has left behind him a gentle, fragrant memory. He did not live in vain. His great heart throbbed with love and sympathy to the very end. There was no gloom in his philosophy, no sting in his boundless humor, no offence in his remonstrance. He looked at things with kindly eyes; he loved the people of his State; he felt for the sorrows and frailties of his fellowman. He was charitable; he taught by his life the beautiful gospel of humanity; he made no schisms; he inspired no conflicts but in the cause of right; he lit no fires of hate; he despised money, save when it made man happy. Flowers sprang up about his blameless pathway and truth eternal was his guiding star. Such was the character of our beloved Zebulon Vance. Such a life could not have been produced in the atmosphere of money worship.

Even like him was his lamented brother, Robert B. Vance, a Past Grand Master of our Order, who has but lately crossed over the river and whose portrait to my right is shrouded in crepe here to-night.

And now, my brethren, I have spoken what I conceived to be some of the purposes of our Order. If I have not spoken with entire correctness I crave your pardon. Any temporal organization is what its members make it. Let us go forth into the new year and the new century with higher purposes than ever before, remembering that "No life can be pure in its purpose and strong in its strife but all life will be purer and stronger thereby."

Let us be loyal to our principles and endeavor to execute faithfully the trust committed to us by those who have gone before, that our Order may live on through the ages in the performance of its work, in the interest of mankind.

In conclusion, I dare to make another suggestion. This is a day of new departures. New ideas, untried experiments confront us on every side. In the pulpit we find ministers, claiming to be orthodox, who do not hesitate to indulge in what they are pleased to call a "higher criticism" of the Great Book which has been the great beacon light of the Masonic Order. More than this, we find nations departing from the

safe and hard-beaten paths trod by their founders and which have led the way to national honor and greatness. In the name of a younger generation I suggest that our Order rigidly abstain from a participation in these experiments. We must not enter the modern gambling house. Let us follow without question the pathway trod by those illustrious fathers whose portraits adorn these walls. In this course there is safety ; in any other there is danger.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Bro. T. A. Green, for the Board of Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, submitted the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Orphan Asylum :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

The four cottages on which work was begun in 1898, have been completed and boys and girls are in comfortable quarters.

We regret that the offer made by Mr. B. N. Duke in 1898, to wit: to give \$7,500.00 for the erection of these buildings, provided the Grand Lodge would raise a like amount which offer was accepted by you, has not been carried out.

The report of Bro. F. D. Winston, Chairman of the special Committee, made to this Grand Body one year ago shows that the total amount subscribed to this fund by Lodges and individuals was \$5135.35, falling \$2,364.65 short of \$7,500.00 required, and the report of our Treas., Bro. G. Rosenthal, states only \$3,133.40 has been paid on this, leaving \$2,001.95 due on the subscriptions and \$4,366.60 on the amount you agreed to raise.

We recommend the prompt payment of the unpaid pledges, to enable us to pay the \$4,300.00 which the Asylum still owes and which debt was incurred on the strength of the subscriptions made to the Building Fund. You will learn from the Treasurer's report that he has been enabled to pay the balance we still owed on the wood-working shop and reduce the debt due the Bank of Granville from \$5,000.00 to \$4,300, and has repaid Mr. B. N. Duke \$762.01, leaving still due him \$200.00, which money was advanced to the contractors who erected the cottages.

We have received two legacies during the year—one of \$100.00 from our late Bro. David Oettinger of Wilson, N. C., the other one of \$50.00 from the estate of Samuel Fogle, deceased, of Winston, N. C.

We are now caring for 211 children, educating, feeding and clothing them, and respectfully ask for an appropriation of at least \$3,000.00

for the ensuing Masonic year for their maintenance, in view of the fact that the N. C. Conference of the M. E. Church, South, has partly withdrawn its support from our institution, said Church being about to build an orphanage of their own in Raleigh. The loss of its support will be greatly felt by our Asylum, since the amount contributed by them has amounted to a considerable sum annually. We take pleasure in appending hereto the detailed reports of our Treasurer and Superintendent, and earnestly ask the brethren to peruse them carefully.

We have endeavored conscientiously to conduct the affairs of the Asylum in an economical, systematic and business-like manner.

Fraternally submitted,

R. J. NOBLE,
Chairman ex-officio.

J. S. CARR,
T. A. GREEN,
N. B. BROUGHTON,
J. M. CURRIN,
B. N. DUKE,
J. N. RAMSAY,
C. W. TOMS,
G. ROSENTHAL,

November 30, 1899.

Directors.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF OXFORD ORPHAN ASYLUM.

Bro. G. Rosenthal, Treasurer of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, submitted his report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Orphan Asylum :

To the Board of Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum :

It is my duty as Treasurer of the Oxford Orphan Asylum to render a statement of the financial condition of the institution at the close of the fiscal year, ending November 30th last, and in conformity therewith I have the honor to report:

RECEIPTS OF GENERAL FUND FROM DECEMBER 1ST, 1898. TO
NOVEMBER 30TH, 1899.

| | | | |
|--|----|--------|----|
| Balance on hand, December 1st, 1898 | \$ | 2477 | 07 |
| On account of Grand Lodge appropriation..... | | 2000 | 00 |
| Appropriation State of North Carolina..... | | 10,000 | 00 |
| Miss Baird, legacy for 1898 | | 100 | 00 |
| David Oettinger, Wilson, legacy..... | | 100 | 00 |
| Samuel Fogle, Winston, legacy..... | | 50 | 00 |
| Interest for 1898 on B. F. Moore legacy..... | | 80 | 00 |
| Rent from Minneapolis property..... | | 261 | 25 |
| Proceeds of concerts given by singing class..... | | 2271 | 90 |
| Subscriptions to ORPHANS' FRIEND | \$ | 1668 | 50 |
| Job work and Advertising | | 1271 | 81 |
| Sale of Albums..... | | 99 | 45 |
| Total from Printing Department..... | | 3039 | 76 |
| Earnings of Wood-working Shops..... | \$ | 2530 | 29 |
| Sale of refreshments on St. John's Day..... | | 138 | 51 |
| Earnings of Shoe Shop | | 200 | 64 |
| Board..... | | 22 | 05 |
| Sale of Farm products and Sundries | | 85 | 55 |
| Lodges, Individuals, Churches, etc..... | | 3569 | 19 |
| <hr/> | | | |
| Total Receipts..... | | 26,926 | 21 |
| Disbursements | | 23,999 | 52 |
| <hr/> | | | |
| Balance on hand, Nov. 30, 1899 | \$ | 2926 | 69 |

For further particulars of receipts and disbursements I refer to the itemized statements appended hereto.

BUILDING FUND.

| | | | |
|---|----|------|----|
| Balance on hand, Dec. 1st, 1898..... | \$ | 1027 | 09 |
| Receipts from all sources (see itemized statement)..... | | 3186 | 23 |
| <hr/> | | | |
| | | 4213 | 32 |
| Disbursements as per itemized statements..... | | 4152 | 92 |
| <hr/> | | | |
| Balance on hand Nov. 30, 1899..... | | 60 | 40 |

The subscriptions made by Lodges and individuals at the meeting of the Grand Lodge in Oxford in January, 1898, have only been met partially, and the following remain unpaid at this time :

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| Davie Lodge, No. 39..... | \$ 48 00 |
| Hall Lodge, No. 53, Balance | 1 00 |
| Eagle Lodge, No. 71..... | 30 00 |
| Greensboro Lodge, No. 76..... | 52 00 |
| Zion Lodge, No. 81..... | 10 00 |
| Fellowship Lodge, No. 84 | 33 00 |
| Morning Star Lodge, No. 85 | 42 00 |
| Warren Lodge, No. 101 | 12 00 |
| Holly Springs Lodge, No. 115 | 33 00 |
| Mocksville Lodge, No. 134 | 25 00 |
| Lincoln Lodge, No. 137..... | 25 00 |
| Chalmers Lodge, No. 151 | 27 00 |
| Pollocksville Lodge, No. 175 | 10 00 |
| Sandy Creek Lodge, No. 185 | 15 00 |
| Balfour Lodge, No. 188..... | 12 00 |
| Roanoke Lodge, No. 203, Balance..... | 12 00 |
| Lenoir Lodge, No. 233 | 36 00 |
| Cokesbury Lodge, No. 235..... | 20 00 |
| Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 237, Balance | 14 25 |
| Monroe Lodge, No. 244 | 48 00 |
| Catawba Lodge, No. 248, Balance..... | 27 00 |
| Fythagoras Lodge, No. 249, Balance | 2 00 |
| Lilly Valley Lodge, No. 253..... | 25 00 |
| Excelsior Lodge, No. 261, Balance..... | 50 00 |
| Hibriten Lodge, No. 262..... | 30 00 |
| Watauga Lodge, No. 273 | 39 00 |
| Atlantic Lodge, No. 294 | 15 00 |
| Stonewall Lodge, No. 296, Balance..... | 5 00 |
| Pamlico Lodge, No. 300..... | 22 00 |
| King Solomon Lodge, No. 313..... | 7 00 |
| Selma Lodge, No. 320..... | 41 00 |
| Black Creek Lodge, No. 330..... | 10 00 |
| Bayboro Lodge, No. 331 | 36 00 |
| Stanly Lodge, No. 348..... | 33 00 |
| Elk Lodge, No. 373 | 25 00 |
| Youngsville Lodge, No. 377 | 5 00 |
| Mooresboro Lodge, No. 388..... | 21 00 |

Amount carried forward.....

898 25

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|--|--------|
| Amount brought forward..... | 898 25 |
| Capeland Lodge, No. 390 | 25 00 |
| Orient Lodge, No. 395..... | 44 00 |
| Bald Creek Lodge, No. 397..... | 10 00 |
| Conoho Lodge, No. 399, Balance | 27 00 |
| Farmer's Lodge, No. 404, Balance..... | 9 00 |
| H. F. Grainger Lodge, No. 412..... | 25 00 |
| Louisburg Lodge, No. 413 | 31 00 |
| Maxton Lodge, No. 417 | 26 00 |
| Eastern Star Lodge, No. 425..... | 5 00 |
| Oconee Lodge, No. 427, balance..... | 33 00 |
| Stokesdale Lodge, No. 428..... | 15 00 |
| Vanceboro Lodge, No. 433, balance..... | 8 00 |
| Roper Lodge, No. 443 | 25 00 |
| Enfield Lodge, No. 447..... | 50 00 |
| Gulf Lodge, No. 465, balance | 14 00 |
| Millington Lodge, No. 468..... | 10 00 |
| Grassy Knob Lodge, No. 471, balance..... | 7 85 |
| Pilot Lodge, No. 493..... | 15 00 |
| Rockingham Lodge, No. 495..... | 15 00 |
| Oasis Shrine..... | 25 00 |

Amount due by Lodges..... \$ 1,318 10

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|-----------------------------|-------|
| D. W. Dewey..... | 35 00 |
| W. E. Moore | 25 00 |
| H. H. Jordan..... | 10 00 |
| C. E. Gupton..... | 10 00 |
| W. C. Hume..... | 10 00 |
| H. L. Riggan..... | 10 00 |
| H. I. Clark..... | 10 00 |
| J. L. Savage..... | 10 00 |
| J. A. Turner..... | 10 00 |
| H. T. Beasley, balance..... | 5 00 |
| Dr. J. A. Griffith..... | 10 00 |
| F. D. Jones..... | 15 00 |
| W. E. Murchison | 10 00 |
| James Southgate | 10 00 |
| E. Harris..... | 10 00 |
| J. S. Stallings..... | 5 00 |
| W. J. Applewhite..... | 5 00 |
| W. W. Wilson | 5 00 |

Carried forward..... 285 00

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|---|-----------|
| Amount brought forward..... | 285 00 |
| I. G. Lee | 5 00 |
| Dr. F. M. Winchester..... | 5 00 |
| H. B. Varner..... | 5 00 |
| C. B. Elliott..... | 5 00 |
| Dr. N. V. Dunston | 5 00 |
| C. E. Stephenson and wife, balance..... | 13 00 |
| A. J. Harrell | 10 00 |
| J. J. Medford..... | 5 00 |
| H. Rosengarten | 5 00 |
| T. T. French | 10 00 |
| J. F. Tilson..... | 5 00 |
| Wm. Simpson | 5 00 |
| C. P. Snuggs..... | 5 00 |
| H. Harris..... | 5 00 |
| J. J. Allen | 5 00 |
| B. N. Featherston..... | 5 00 |
| B. W. Hatcher..... | 10 00 |
| J. D. Morris..... | 10 00 |
| Amount due by individuals..... | \$ 323 00 |
| Total due by Lodges and Individuals | 1,641 10 |

When the contractors had finished the four Girls' cottages we owed them a balance of \$962.01 and, not having the money to pay it, Mr. B. N. Duke kindly came forward and advanced the money. I have repaid \$762.01 and have sufficient money of the Building Fund to pay the balance. This payment would have been made before the close of the fiscal year, but for illness which prevented me from attending to business for several weeks. One year ago the Asylum owed about \$6500.00. I have the pleasure to inform you to-day that the \$1515.62, principal and interest due on the wood-working shop has been paid and the mortgage canceled, and you now own this property free from any incumbrance whatever.

The debt due the Bank of Granville has been reduced from \$5,000.00 to \$4,300 with an excellent prospect of a further considerable reduction within the next 30 days.

Under date of November 25th, I received a letter from Mr. Weed Munro, Attorney-at-Law, in Minneapolis, Minn. conveying the welcome news that the long-standing dispute with the tenants occupying our property, had at last been compromised and settled and that he had sent a check for \$636.22, our share of the past due rents, to P. G.

M. Bro. F. H. Busbee who has been our faithful Attorney in the case. Owing to Bro. Busbee's frequent absence from the City and my illness this amount does not appear in my receipts of this fiscal year. This settles the rent up to June 1st and September 1st last, respectively, and Mr. Munro's letter, a copy of which is hereto attached, explains fully why nothing has been paid since. In conclusion permit me to say that with your assistance I trust, to be able to report the Oxford Orphan Asylum free from debt at the close of another year.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,

G. ROSENTHAL,

Secretary and Treasurer.

November 30th, 1899.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Nov. 25, 1899.

G. ROSENTHAL, ESQ., Raleigh, N. C.

DEAR SIR:—Herewith I send you copy of letter sent to Mr. Busbee today, with check for \$636.22 as therein stated. I send the check to him inasmuch as remittances in the past have been made in that way.

I suggest that you call upon Mr. Busbee to see the receiver's report which has been sent to him.

As you will see by the letter, all sums due from Bank and Egolf are paid up to June 1, 1899 and Sept. 1, 1899, from which days a new rental must be collected when agreed upon. The letter explains why we have not agreed upon the amounts due. The property, on account of the removal of the C. M. & St. P. Ry Co's. depot a half a block away, has depreciated very greatly in value, as I have heretofore explained in a letter to Mr. Busbee.

I hope this will be satisfactory to you.

Yours truly,

WEED MUNRO.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Nov. 25, 1899.

F. H. BUSBEE, ESQ., Raleigh, N. C. and

O. D. DAVIS, ESQ., Salisbury, N. C.

DEAR SIRS: I am glad to say that at last I have succeeded in getting a settlement of the receivership in the matter of Bradley vs. Davidson College, Oxford Orphan Asylum, et. al. and make the following report:

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|---|------------|--|
| Collected from Benj. Bank on compromise agreement | \$ 1000 00 | |
| Of which there was due to Jaggard and Munro as receivers of Oxford Orphan Asylum, Davidson College, and Bradley heirs | 239 26 | |
| Balance due Oxford Orphan Asylum and college..... | 760 74 | |
| I have also collected from Bank rent to June 1, 1899 | 291 65 | |
| From M. M. Egolf, rent to September 1..... | 275 00 | |
| Total collected account Orphan Asylum and college | 1327 39 | |
| Received from receivers as per enclosed report..... | 195 34 | |
| Total amount received..... | \$ 1522 73 | |
| Paid C. S. Morrill, for taking depositions..... | 79 00 | |
| (For which I enclose his receipt). | | |
| My fee, including expenses to St. Paul..... | 73 62 | |
| Total..... | 152 62 | |
| Balance to be distributed..... | \$ 1370 11 | |
| A letter from Mr. Busbee dated December 7, 1896, shows that of the net rentals collected by the receivers. Davidson College is to have one-third plus one-sixth, that is one-half thereof, and the Oxford Orphan Asylum one-third minus one-sixth, that is one-sixth thereof. | | |
| Total amount received from receivers..... | \$ 195 34 | |
| Therefore, the account as between Davidson College and Oxford Orphan Asylum stands as follows: | | |
| Due Davidson College from receivers | \$ 146 51 | |
| Due Davidson College from me..... | 587 38 | |
| Total | \$ 733 89 | |
| for which I enclose my check on agent account to the order of O. D. Davis, Treasurer of Davidson College. | | |
| Due Oxford Orphan Asylum from receivers..... | \$ 48 83 | |
| Due Oxford Orphan Asylum from me..... | 587 39 | |
| Total | \$ 636 22 | |

for which I enclose my check on agent account to the order of F. H. Busbee. Total distributed in this way, \$1,370 11.

You will notice by the order filed in Court that no provision is made for discharging our bondsmen. The court requires a receipt in full

to be filed before such order can be made. I herewith enclose form of receipt which I will be much obliged if you will sign and return.

I send you my check in the hope that you may have it cashed without exchange, inasmuch as if I get a draft here I shall have to pay exchange at the rate of one dollar per thousand. If the exchange be higher with you, if you return the check I will give you a draft.

This letter is sent in duplicate to F. H. Busbee, Esq., of Raleigh and to O. D. Davis, Esq., of Salisbury, N. C.

We have not yet agreed what should be the rental of Bank's property for the five years ensuing after June 1, or that of the Egolf property for the five years ensuing after Sept. 1, 1899. I fear an appraisal, and so does the other side. I am trying to get them to an agreement, but inasmuch as the corner has been appraised at an annual rental of \$385.00. I am unable to get them to agree to pay any amount. Bradley is contesting the appraisal of the corner, and I sincerely hope that it may be increased, as otherwise the report thereof may come to the knowledge of whatever appraisers we may appoint, and they will place our property at a much smaller rental. Indeed, I shall be surprised if we get \$250.00 if the corner appraisal stands. Still, I would like to have instructions from you.

Will you kindly acknowledge receipt, and sign and return to me the enclosed receipts.

Yours truly,

WEED MUNRO.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Bro. W. W. Willson, for the Superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, submitted his report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Orphan Asylum:

To the Board of Directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum:

GENTLEMEN:—I beg to submit usual statement of receipts and expenditures under the several accounts of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, from December 1st, 1898, to December 1st, 1899:

CLOTHING ACCOUNT.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-----|----|-----------------|
| Cost of clothing and sewing room supplies.. | \$ | 324 | 41 | |
| Salaries of Matrons | | 359 | 95 | \$ 684 36 |
| Less clothing sold..... | | | | 4 15 |
| | | | | ----- \$ 680 21 |

Amount brought forward..... \$ 680 21

PROVISION ACCOUNT.

Cost provisions and kitchen supplies.....\$ 2709 96
 Salaries of matron and baker..... 536 23 \$ 3246 19
 Less provisions sold, board etc..... 188 72
 ----- \$ 3057 47

SHOE SHOP ACCOUNT.

Cost material, new tools etc. \$ 428 81
 Salary of manager \$ 230 55 \$ 659 36
 Less cash received for work 200 64
 ----- \$ 458 72

FARM ACCOUNT.

Labor, seeds, fertilizer etc.....\$ 1443 69
 Salary of Manager..... 458 65 \$ 1902 34
 Less products sold..... 22 64
 ----- \$ 1879 70

GENERAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Cost supplies, postage, telephone etc.....\$ 1050 09
 Salaries Superintendent, Clerk and $\frac{1}{2}$
 salary Lady Supervisor..... 2001 74 \$ 3051 83
 Less sundry articles sold..... 4 30
 ----- \$ 3047 53

Salary Sup't..... 700 00
 $\frac{1}{2}$ Salary Lady Supervisor..... 450 82
 Salary clerk and storekeeper..... 744 17
 Baker for extra work around Asylum... 48 00
 Proportion engineer's salary, engine
 Industrial Bdg..... 58 75

LAUNDRY ACCOUNT.

Cost supplies \$ 149 19
 Salary matron and $\frac{1}{3}$ salary engineer.... 182 80
 ----- \$ 331 99

HOSPITAL ACCOUNT.

Medicine and doctor's bills.....\$ 232 41
 Salary matron..... 182 00
 ----- 414 41

WOOD AND COAL ACCOUNT.

Cost wood and coal.....\$ 1572 54
 $\frac{1}{3}$ salary engineer..... 58 50 \$ 1631 04
 Less rebate freight and sale wood..... 45 71 \$ 1585 33

 Cost maintenance average 209 children.. \$11455 36
 (Wood and coal on hand to value \$608.24).

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| Amount brought forward..... | \$11455 36 |
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SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

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| Cost material, books etc..... | \$ 94 13 | |
| Salaries teachers and ½ salary Lady Supervisor | 2390 23 | \$ 2484 36 |
| Less books etc. sold..... | | 13 85 \$ 2470 51 |
| Net cost maintenance and education..... | | <u>\$13925 87</u> |

SHOP ACCOUNT.

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|-----------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Cost material etc..... | \$1720 64 | |
| Salary of manager | 900 00 | |
| Extra labor..... | 781 32 | \$ 3401 96 |
| Cash received for work..... | | 2530 29 |
| | | <u>\$ 871 67</u> |

PRINTING ACCOUNT.

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|---|------------|------------|
| Cost material, postage, extra labor, gaso- line etc..... | \$ 1315 23 | |
| Salary manager and editor | 1440 00 | \$ 2755 23 |
| Cash earnings printing office..... | 3039 76 | |
| Less expenses as above | 2755 23 | |
| Profit (without regard to inventory ac- counts payable and receivable) | 284 53 | |

REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

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| Cost sundry repairs and permanent im- provements (including shop bill, but not including new cottages)..... | \$ 1033 94 |
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If the wood and coal on hand Dec. 1st, '99 is taken into consideration, per capita expense of maintaining our children for the year has been \$51.90. Otherwise, \$54.81. Deducting singing class receipts from school expenses, as usual, the cost of maintenance and education has been \$55.76. Without this deduction, \$66.63. Net receipts from singing class have been \$2271.90. If both the value of wood and coal on hand and singing class receipts are taken from cost of maintaining and educating our children, per capita expense will be \$52.85.

Ninety boys and girls went on a visit to parents or friends during the months of July and August. This gave a pleasant vacation, has been a factor in reduction of expenses and, I believe, resulted in very little demoralization to the work.

Donations in kind have been received during the year to the value

of \$1170.82 and they have aided us greatly in our efforts to curtail expenditures without injury to the institution.

| | GIRLS. | BOYS. | TOTAL. |
|--|--------|-------|--------|
| Children on roll Dec 1st, 1898. | 115 | 102 | 217 |
| Received during the year. | 36 | 36 | 72 |
| Readmitted during the year. | 6 | 2 | 8 |
| | 157 | 140 | 297 |
| Discharged during the year. | 50 | 36 | 86 |
| In Asylum Dec. 1st, 1899. | 107 | 104 | 211 |
| Of those discharged. | | | |
| 20 girls and 9 boys went to approved homes..... | | | 29 |
| 19 girls and 20 boys went to mother or parent..... | | | 39 |
| 5 girls went to school | | | 5 |
| 6 girls and 3 boys secured employment, with salary | | | 9 |
| 1 boy ran away..... | | | 1 |
| 3 boys died..... | | | 3 |
| Total | | | 86 |

The girls' new cottages, neat, convenient and comfortable homes, were occupied in April. The girls seem to appreciate their new homes and to take a pride in keeping them neat and tidy and clean. Since the removal of children from main building, we have fitted up four new school rooms, which greatly facilitate school work.

The shoe shop and sewing rooms have been removed from the old industrial building. The shoe shop is now on second floor of main building and the sewing rooms are in Masonic Hall over our dining rooms. This saves to the workers in these departments the exposure of the long walk from their cottages to the industrial building and brings the work under better supervision.

Two bath tubs have been placed in the basement to each of the boys' cottages, and the lavatories in the basements of these cottages have been removed to a lighter, better ventilated position.

A house has been built over each of the two wells in front of the main building and other minor changes and permanent improvements have been made.

We arranged an exhibit of the work of our institution for the State Fair, hoping that this display might arouse greater interest on the part of our people in the Asylum. I trust and believe good was done. Capt. Denson, Assistant Secretary N. C. Agricultural Society writes that he will send us very soon a special diploma for our exhibit.

I am glad to be able to report that our singing class tours this year have been most successful. Mr. Will X. Coley has had the business management of these trips and he has been active in his efforts to make the concerts a success. On our last summer's tour, the musical feature of the entertainments was directed by Mrs. Kate Hays Fleming, of Oxford, the greater part of the trip and, upon Mrs. Fleming resuming her school duties, the tour was closed by Miss Eva Minor, music teacher of the institution. Miss Minor had in charge the training of the children for the concerts and she has raised the singing class to a high standard. Both Miss Fleming and Miss Minor are excellent musicians. The cordial reception and the aid given our singing class by brethren and friends has been encouraging and gratifying.

The health of the children during the greater part of the year has been good, but it makes me sad indeed to report the death of three of our little boys. One little fellow, James Kennedy, came to us in delicate health and did not live a month after he entered the Asylum. Tommie Dees died in January and Branch Moore in April. They succumbed to a complication of diseases with pneumonia. The best care and attention was bestowed upon them but it was God's will that they should be taken. When one of our children is taken from us by death, we are made to feel more painfully sensible of the great and awful responsibility resting upon us. May God give us all strength to perform faithfully and lovingly our duty to these orphan boys and girls.

While the temporal interests of our children are of great concern, their spiritual and eternal interests are of greater moment. The importance of the moral and religious instruction in an institution such as ours cannot be over-estimated. We have endeavored to teach truth, to lead our boys and girls into right paths and to give them high ideals of living. We believe God has blessed past efforts along the line of moral and religious teaching and that He will continue His blessing.

KITCHEN, SEWING ROOMS AND LAUNDRY.

Up to June 24th, Miss A. H. Grosz had charge of the kitchen work. It was impracticable for her to return to the Asylum from her summer rest and, on June 24th, Miss Cora Hogan, of University Station, was placed at the head of this department. Miss Hogan has proven faithful and efficient. The kitchen and dining rooms are always neat and clean and the food is well prepared. The children are fond of Miss Hogan and the work is done smoothly and satisfactorily. The waste of food has been exceedingly small. Our boys and girls have

had a plenty of good, wholesome food. Four girls assist the matron in the kitchen and twenty-six little girls do the dining room work.

The removal of the sewing rooms from the old industrial building has proven very helpful to this department. At present, eighteen girls are on sewing room duty half of each day. Misses Mayer and Tucker are still in charge. The results accomplished in our sewing rooms this year have been gratifying. Matrons and girls have worked energetically and faithfully.

The Laundry is still in charge of Miss Fannie Feimster, who was formerly one of our Asylum girls.

SHOE SHOP.

There have been two changes in the management of the shoe department this year. Mr. F. I. Becton resigned Jan. 1st, to attend a business college and the services of Mr. W. A. Propst, of Richmond, an old Asylum boy, were secured. The health of Mr. Propst was not good during his stay at the institution and, upon his resignation, Sept. 1st, Mr. Millard Hill took the work in hand. Mr. Hill is also an old Asylum boy who received training in our shoe shop. Custom work is increasing and this department bids fair to show better results another year. The report given below is not as good as we would desire.

FARM.

Since last January, Mr. J. W. Hunt, of Oxford, has had charge of our farm. Valuable assistance has been rendered him by Mr. J. G. Pendergraph, a young man of great energy and of considerable experience in farming. About forty boys work in this department during the busy season. They are fond of the outdoor life and some of them have made excellent progress in learning to till the soil. The amount expended for the farm this year has been \$1902.34. Crediting this department by amount received from sale of products \$22.64, board of surry horse and work done for the Asylum \$319.33, the net expense of operating the farm has been \$1560.37. Vegetables have been furnished our table more abundantly and regularly than usual and this has been a great factor in reducing the amount expended for provisions this year. The condition of the farm has been improved and much fall plowing has been done. Live stock now consists of four mules, one driving horse, thirty-six head of cattle, and sixty-three head of swine. We have sufficient rough feed and corn for stock during the winter. Have put up twenty-nine and a half dozen half gallon cans of tomatoes this year.

PRINTING OFFICE.

As will be seen from usual statement given below, the printing office shows a profit to the institution this year of \$904.88. Eight boys are being trained in this department. In considering the value of any one of our departments to the institution, let us always reckon the valuable training our children receive, which will enable them to to earn a livelihood when they go out into the world. Training under Mr. Jones, our printing office manager, is valuable indeed. He is efficient and faithful. The proceedings of the last regular communication of the Grand Lodge and of the special communication on June 24th, were printed by this department and elicited much praise for our printing office.

With Mr. Will X. Coley as editor of the "ORPHANS' FRIEND and MASONIC JOURNAL" and the two lady agents in the field, our subscription list now numbers about three thousand and it is steadily growing. Our Grand Lecturer and other prominent Masons have agreed to contribute regularly to the columns of our paper. It is the organ of the Masonic Order in N. C. We are trying to make it a source of Masonic information, a medium of Masonic communication and an exponent of the grand truths and principles of Masonry. The great importance of an extension of the circulation of the "ORPHANS' FRIEND and MASONIC JOURNAL" leads me to again dwell upon this point. If the Masons of the state would heartily support the paper it would mean much to the Oxford Orphan Asylum and to our Order in North Carolina.

WOOD-WORKING SHOPS.

Seven boys are now working in these shops under Mr. L. J. Steed, the manager. Some of the boys can already do good work. They are learning a profitable and valuable trade. Mr. Steed is patient and persevering in his efforts to teach his boys. The usual statement from this department, given below, is a very good one. The amount, \$1382.80 is still due our shops by new building fund for work upon and supplies for girls' new cottages. The payment of this amount into our general fund would greatly facilitate our work.

SCHOOL.

No material change has been made in the conduct of school work since last report. I believe the children have, as a rule, made good progress in their studies. Manual training has been taught this year by Miss Bemis to the profit of our larger boys. Miss Bemis has given the school careful and conscientious thought and active efforts. She has proven eminently fitted for her responsible duties along this line

as well as along all others. I have never known a more capable, energetic worker. Her one thought has been the promotion of the interest of the Oxford Orphan Asylum. We cannot speak too emphatically of her valuable assistance in our efforts to better our beloved institution. Excellent work has also been done by faithful teachers.

I submit usual statement of the operations of printing office, wood-working shops and shoe shop :

PRINTING-OFFICE.

Credit.

| | |
|---|------------|
| Subscriptions "ORPHANS' FRIEND"..... | \$ 1668 50 |
| Advertisements "ORPHANS' FRIEND"..... | 200 52 |
| Job work(including sale of "Albums of Views").... | 1156 04 |
| Sale stationery, etc..... | 14 70 |
| Amount received in trade for "Ads" | 29 00 |
| Work for Asylum..... | 179 95 |
| Accounts receivable..... | 299 00 |
| Paper and stock on hand..... | 282 45 |
| Total | \$ 3830 16 |

Debit.

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|---|-----------------|
| Material on hand December 1, 1898..... | \$ 165 00 |
| Cost paper, stationery, material, freight. etc..... | 953 47 |
| Salary editor and manager..... | 1440 00 |
| Extra labor Grand Lodge Proceedings and during summer vacation of boys..... | 267 87 |
| Postage | 70 45 |
| Gasoline | 23 44 |
| Work by wood-working shops | 5 05 |
| Accounts payable..... | 0 |
| | —————\$ 2925 28 |
| Profit | \$ 904 88 |

WOOD-WORKING SHOPS.

Credit.

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Cash received for work..... | 2530 29 |
| Asylum work..... | 999 05 |
| Accounts receivable (\$1382.80 due by New Building Account) | 1983 89 |
| Material on hand..... | 953 04 |
| | —————\$ 6466 27 |

Debit.

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|-------------------------------------|----|------|----|------------|
| Material on hand last report..... | \$ | 737 | 93 | |
| Expended for lumber, wood, etc..... | | 1720 | 64 | |
| Salary manager | | 900 | 00 | |
| Extra labor..... | | 781 | 32 | |
| Accounts payable | | 238 | 90 | \$ 4378 79 |
| Profit | | | | \$ 2087 48 |

SHOE SHOP.

Credit.

| | | | | |
|---|----|-----|----|-----------|
| Cash for work..... | \$ | 200 | 64 | |
| 297 pairs shoes and slippers, at 1.10..... | | 326 | 70 | |
| Repairing..... | | 265 | 10 | |
| Accounts receivable..... | | 34 | 65 | |
| Material on hand..... | | 78 | 30 | |
| 62 purchased shoes on hand, at 50c..... | | 31 | 00 | |
| New machines and tools purchased during year, on hand..... | | 58 | 19 | |
| | | | | \$ 994 58 |

Debit.

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|---|----|-----|----|----------|
| Material on hand last report..... | \$ | 70 | 00 | |
| Cost material etc. this year..... | | 428 | 81 | |
| Salary manager..... | | 230 | 55 | |
| Accounts payable..... | | 117 | 63 | \$846 99 |
| Profit..... | | | | \$147 59 |
| (Priced shoes at \$1.10 account rise in price of leather and supplies.)..... | | | | |

I am glad to report that, during the year, whenever our treasury has run low, an appeal for aid has usually met with a ready response from Masons and friends. The hearts of our friends are warm toward these orphan boys and girls. For this we are profoundly grateful.

The Eastern North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church, which has heretofore aided liberally our work, has this year withdrawn its support from the Oxford Orphan Asylum and has given its contributions to a great extent to the new Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh. This will necessitate more liberal voluntary contributions from other supporters of our institution.

Since 1872 when, by resolution of our dear Brother J. H. Mills, the Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina started the Oxford Orphan

Asylum upon its glorious mission, God has guided the institution through every time of hardship, trial and peril. The work had its origin in the sweet spirit of brotherly love in the hearts of the Masons of our state. Ruled and governed by our Supreme Grand Master above, the institution has, in the past, accomplished results great and immeasurable. May there still be given wisdom to contrive, strength to support and beauty to adorn our great and important undertaking. May harmony and brotherly love prevail at any sacrifice of personal interest and may our institution go forward, under God, to greater and grander achievements for the destitute orphan boys and girls of North Carolina. May our sole purpose, our only effort, be the promotion of the temporal and spiritual interest of these children, whose support we have assumed and whose care, protection and training is to us a sacred trust.

I thank you for your hearty cooperation and support during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. HICKS.

Oxford, N. C., Dec. 20, 1899.

Superintendent.

Bro. John W. Thompson, on behalf of Dr. Winston, President of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, extended an invitation to the Grand Lodge to visit that institution.

An invitation was also read from Prof. John E. Ray, Principal of the School for Deaf and Blind.

The Grand Secretary was directed to acknowledge these invitations with sincere thanks, and express the regrets of the Grand Lodge being unable to accept owing to the large amount of business claiming its attention.

Bro. John W. Cotten, for the Committee on Grand Master's address, presented their report, which was read and adopted :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

The committee to which was referred the address of the Grand Master beg leave to report :

We congratulate our Grand Master on his able address, it being a full, minute and detailed report of his official acts and the working of

the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction during the past Masonic year. Especially is he to be congratulated upon the evidence of prosperity and growth of the Order at the close of the first year of his administration of its affairs.

We recommend that the various subjects noticed in the Grand Master's address be referred to appropriate committees as follows :

1. All the decisions, dispensations and the status of non-affiliated Masons to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.
2. All that relates to the Orphan Asylum to the Committee on Orphan Asylum.
3. On Fraternal Dead to the Committee on Necrology.

We approve the action of the Grand Master in advising the sale of the old hall of County Line Lodge, No. 224, and recommend that the unpaid balance be collected at once.

As to the suggestion of the Grand Master that the decisions of Grand Masters for the past 35 years be looked up and copied in a book for the use of the Grand Masters, we would say that if the same could be done it would be a great help to Grand Masters in the discharge of their duties and very useful to masters of subordinate lodges, but recommend that the same be not now done, as it would entail considerable expense on the Grand Lodge.

We congratulate our Grand Officers who attended the one hundredth anniversary of the death of Brother George Washington at Mt. Vernon, on December 14, 1899, for their splendid appearance, genial greeting and proper observance of the proprieties of the occasion, as expressed by the Grand Master in his address, thereby reflecting credit and honor upon the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and the entire fraternity of this Jurisdiction.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN W. COTTEN,
F. M. MOYE,
WALTER E. MOORE,
Committee.

Bro. M. L. Winston made an appeal in behalf of Bro. Bernice Walker, a worthy brother who at one time served this Grand Lodge as Grand Lecturer, but who is now in destitute circumstances. On motion, the Grand Lodge appropriated the sum of one hundred dollars for the use and benefit of Bro. Walker.

Standing Committees were announced as follows :

Foreign Correspondence :

Dr. John A. Collins, W. L. London, J. L. Currin.

Finance :

W. S. Primrose, W. T. Harding, A. K. Smith.

Unfinished Business :

George S. Baker, J. B. Clarke, W. J. Fulford.

Propositions and Grievances :

No. 1—W. H. McLaurin, J. H. Drakeford, M. D. Bailey.

No. 2—A. J. Harris, Oscar J. Speers, J. M. Fleming.

Credentials :

D. S. Hamilton, D. H. Williams, C. P. Snuggs.

Appeals :

W. T. Caho, E. T. Rollins, C. F. Herring.

Fraternal Dead :

R. N. Hackett, W. G. King, T. S. Collie, M. E. Shell, R. E. Lee.

Returns of Subordinate Lodges :

No. 1—S. L. Parks, W. O. Spencer, C. A. Clark.

No. 2—J. F. Griffith, E. Q. Houston, C. E. Gupton.

No. 3—E. M. Koonce, W. R. Bradshaw, Claud Stephenson.

Charters and Dispensations :

No. 1—B. W. Hatcher, W. P. Williams, C. H. Smith.

No. 2—C. F. Bahnson, Dudley Peed, T. R. Christman.

Jurisprudence :

F. H. Busbee, H. B. Varner, A. B. Andrews, Jr., F. M. Winchester,
W. W. Parrish, T. W. Moore, J. W. Woodlief, J. H. Fleming.

Orphan Asylum :

F. D. Winston, Dr. John H. Hill, F. H. Busbee, S. M. Gattis, T.
J. Reed, J. A. Smith, C. W. Morgan, W. B. Ballou, John S. Cunningham,
J. G. Snyder.

Special Committee on Charity :

John Nichols, G. N. Walters, J. W. Thompson.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, January 10, 1900.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 10 o'clock, Most Worshipful Grand Master R. J. Noble presiding.

The proceedings of last evening's session were read and approved.

Bro. C. H. Smith, from Committee No. 1 on Charters and Dispensations, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

We, your Committee No. 1 on Charters and Dispensations, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the proceedings and by-laws of the following Lodges: Raleigh, Raleigh, N. C., Wake county; Red Springs, Red Springs, N. C., Robeson county; Cook's, Cookville, N. C., Catawba county, and find them correct, and recommend that charters be granted them, and that their representatives be admitted to seats on the floor.

B. W. HATCHER,
C. H. SMITH,
W. P. WILLIAMS,
Committee.

We also recommend that Carthage Lodge, No. 181, be authorized to resume work as per request by petition filed.

B. W. HATCHER,
C. H. SMITH,
W. P. WILLIAMS,
Committee.

We also recommend that the name of Beulah Lodge, No. 257, be

changed to that of Kenley, as the Lodge was formerly located at Beulah and has recently been removed to Kenley, Johnson county.

B. W. HATCHER,

C. H. SMITH,

W. P. WILLIAMS,

Committee.

Bro. W. T. Harding, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

The Finance Committee has examined the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary, and find all entries supported by proper vouchers and receipts. The books are kept in first-rate shape, and show plainly all of the financial matters of the Grand Lodge in the management of the Grand Secretary. They present the following gratifying facts, viz :

1. That Lodge dues have been paid with even more promptness than was shown by the last report ; and

2. The collections have materially increased, being \$253.50 in advance of the splendid showing of the report of 1899.

For both of these results the Grand Secretary is to be most heartily recommended.

Since the last report made by the Finance Committee, January 11, 1899, receipts have been as follows :

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| Received from dues of Lodges..... | \$ 6,092 20 |
| Received from sales of Codes..... | 9 50 |
| Received from three charters issued..... | 57 00 |
| Received from three dispensations | 27 00 |
| Received from T. B. Bailey, part of purchase price of County Line Lodge property. | 65 00 |
| Received from Theodore F. Davidson, executor of Rebecca Baird, for the Asylum. | 100 00 |
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| Making a grand total of | 6,350 70 |

All of which has been paid over promptly to the Grand Treasurer, as evidenced by the receipts of that office.

Respectfully submitted,

(by proxy) W. S. PRIMROSE,

W. T. HARDING,

ALLEN K. SMITH,

Finance Committee.

Bro. W. T. Harding, from Finance Committee, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

The Finance Committee has examined the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and find them to be correct in all particulars. The books are plainly and neatly kept, and all entries are supported by proper vouchers.

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| At the date of the last report, January 11, 1899, the Grand Treasurer had on hand, deposited in the Citizens' National Bank, of Raleigh, the balance of | \$ 3,518 69 |
| Since received from the Grand Secretary the sum of | 6,350 70 |
| From interest on Moore legacy, Ellington loan | 80 00 |
| From other sources | 1 45 |

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| Making a grand total of | 9,950 84 |
| He has disbursed, supported by vouchers, the sum of | 5,971 47 |

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| Leaving on hand a balance of | 3,979 37 |
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Which is all deposited in the Citizens' National Bank, of Raleigh, N. C., to the credit of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, William Simpson, Grand Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

(by proxy) W. S. PRIMROSE,
WM. T. HARDING,
ALLEN K. SMITH,
Finance Committee.

Bro. F. D. Winston, from the Committee on Orphan Asylum, submitted the following report, which was read, and, on motion, the report was made the special order for this afternoon at 4 o'clock :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your Committee on the Orphan Asylum beg leave to report :

We heartily commend to the Fraternity and the general public the present excellent management of the Oxford Orphan Asylum. Its work in all its branches is thorough, efficient and economical.

The reports of the Directors, of the Treasurer of the Board, and of the Superintendent are printed and have been distributed, and we cite the Fraternity to them for detailed information.

We urge the collection of the unpaid subscriptions to the Girls' Building Fund. The Grand Lodge has bound itself to raise that amount, and indebtedness has been incurred on the faith of that pledge, and the delinquent Lodges should respond at once. We recommend that the Grand Secretary write to the delinquent Lodges and individuals, stating the amount each owes, and asking immediate payment.

Owing to the fact that the Methodist Church is now establishing an orphanage of its own, the liberal and charitable donations from that source will largely cease. And to meet the deficiency likely to be caused from that fact, we recommend that the Grand Lodge appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 the present Masonic year to the support of the Oxford Orphan Asylum. This will be an increase of \$500.00 over the present annual appropriation.

Very respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS D. WINSTON, *Chairman* ;

J. H. HILL,

S. M. GATTIS,

T. J. REID,

C. W. MORGAN,

W. B. BALLOU,

J. S. CUNNINGHAM,

J. G. SNYDER,

Committee.

Bro. John W. Thompson, of the Special Committee on Charity, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted with a vote of thanks to the committee :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

The Special Committee on Charity, provided for at the last annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, to which was to be referred all applications to the Subordinate Lodges of the State for contributions, beg leave to submit their report :

During the year there have been eighteen applications submitted to the committee for their approval, as follows :

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| Destruction of property by fire and otherwise..... | 4 |
| Financial embarrassment, mortgages, etc..... | 5 |
| To build new halls | 3 |
| Old and destitute males | 2 |
| Destitute widows and orphans | 4 |
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The committee approved six of these applications and declined to

approve twelve. Doubtless every one of the eighteen appeals were for worthy objects, but the committee do not understand that Masonic charity is required or expected to embrace such a wide range of financial assistance. The loss of property is a calamity, we all acknowledge, but Masonry is not an insurance company, and the Order at large should not be taxed for the want of care of individuals. Of the four appeals for aid on account of the loss of property by fire or otherwise, it did not appear that in either instance the loser was reduced to poverty or greatly distressed thereby. The same remarks will also apply to the five cases for aid to pay off mortgages and other financial embarrassments.

The building of new Masonic halls is a commendable work for subordinate lodges, but it is purely a local matter; and as long as more than two-thirds of the subordinate lodges of the State are compelled to occupy rented halls, they should not be called upon to aid those more prosperous than themselves,

Masonry is expected and required to help the poor and the needy and to relieve distress. Beyond this nothing is obligatory, and the frequent and persistent appeals for promiscuous financial aid has an unhealthy effect upon the Order, and Masons frequently become annoyed and remain away from their Lodges on account of this persistent begging.

Your committee submit these reflections because they have become convinced by experience that the time has arrived when a halt should be called to a practice which may become an evil.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN NICHOLS,
G. N. WALTERS,
JOHN W. THOMPSON,
Committee.

Bro. George S. Baker, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your committee, after diligent enquiry of the Grand Secretary and examination of the Grand Lodge proceedings of 1899, respectfully report that they find no unfinished business.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE S. BAKER,
J. B. CLARKE,
W. T. FULFORD,

Committee.

January 10, 1900.

Bro. G. Rosenthal read the following communication from Bro. N. M. Lawrence, and his letter in reply thereto, and asked that a committee of reference be appointed to examine his books and the charges made against him. On motion the request was granted. The Grand Master appointed the following committee: Allen K. Smith, George Howard, Jr., Dr. John H. Hill, Thomas M. Arrington, W. L. London.

HOW THAT COMPARATIVE STATEMENT WAS MADE.

Bro. G. Rosenthal, Treasurer, by order of the Board of Directors, has furnished me with the following itemized statement, which he says are the items charged by himself during the periods named in previous communntations, of which I had no knowledge:

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| 1896. | | | |
| Dec. 31. | Howell Cobb, hotel bill of Directors..... | \$ | 13 25 |
| | G. Rosenthal, Secretary, salary..... | | 25 00 |
| | Dr. J. N. Ramsey, Director, expenses, etc..... | | 14 35 |
| | Dr. F. M. Moye, G. M., expenses, etc..... | | 26 10 |
| | D. A. Green, Director, expenses, etc..... | | 18 55 |
| | G. Rosenthal, Director, expenses, etc..... | | 10 80 |
| 1897. | | | |
| January. | Wm. Simpson, Grand Treasurer, amount overpaid.. | | 300 00 |
| | J. S. Carr, per diem two meetings..... | | 4 00 |
| | J. M. Currin, per diem one meeting..... | | 2 00 |
| | B. N. Duke, per diem one moeting..... | | 2 00 |
| March. | F. H. Busbee, attor'y for W. P. Williamson, attor'y.. | | 167 00 |
| April. | G. Rosenthal, Secretary, salary and incidentals..... | | 26 50 |
| | John Nichols, auditing Treasurer's books. | | 5 00 |
| | Repaid building fund..... | | 2,000 00 |
| | N. B. Broughton, paid Director's expenses, etc., Durham | | 30 65 |
| | Hotel Carrolina, bill of Directors..... | | 6 50 |
| May. | B. N. Duke, Director, per diem | | 2 00 |
| | J. M. Currin, Director, per diem | | 2 00 |
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| Dec'r 6. | Edwards & Winston | | 200 00 |
| | Edwards & Winston..... | | 400 00 |

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| January. | G. Rosenthal, Secretary and Treasurer, salary and incidentals | 28 00 |
| | C. W. Toms, Director, per diem | 2 00 |
| | J. M. Currin, Director, per diem and expenses | 4 30 |
| | Dr. J. N. Ramsey, Director, per diem and expenses | 11 80 |
| | T. A. Green, Director, per diem and expenses | 9 00 |
| | N. B. Broughton, Director, per diem and expenses | 3 70 |
| | G. Rosenthal, Director, per diem and expenses | 3 70 |
| | Hotel Carolina, bill of Directors | 9 75 |
| | Bank of Granville, on account of note and interest | 1,045 00 |
| March. | Mrs. W. A. Gattis, board of Aunt Beckie | 6 00 |
| | Mrs. W. A. Gattis, board of Aunt Beckie | 6 00 |
| | G. Rosenthal, Secretary and Treasurer, salary and incidentals | 27 00 |
| April. | Mrs. W. A. Gattis, board of Aunt Beckie | 6 00 |
| May. | J. S. Brown, on note | 600 00 |
| | Mrs. W. A. Gattis, board of Aunt Beckie | 6 00 |
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These figures condensed will show as follows :

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| Auditing Treasurer's books..... | \$ 5 00 |
| W. A. Gattis, board for Aunt Beckie..... | 24 00 |
| G. Rosenthal's salary, etc..... | 106 50 |
| F. H. Busbee, attorney..... | 167 00 |
| Expenses of Directors..... | 176 45 |
| William Simpson, Grand Treasurer, amount overpaid..... | 300 00 |
| Edwards & Winston..... | 600 00 |
| J. S. Brown's note..... | 600 00 |
| Bank of Granville, on account of note and interest..... | 1,045 00 |
| Repaid building fund..... | 2,000 00 |
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| | 5,023 95 |

The item of \$2,000.00 is simply a transfer from one account to another. The Treasurer kept two accounts in the Bank of Granville—one known as general expense account, the other as building account. The building account would sometimes run low and he would transfer a credit to that account from the general account, and, when there were funds sufficient to credit of building account, the amount was trans-

ferred back. This was done at the request of the bank. It was simply a book transaction, and had nothing to do with the expenses of the Asylum.

The item of \$1,045.00 on account of note and interest, if my memory is correct, was money borrowed by the Board of Directors to be used in completing the first five buildings erected, and was not used for the expenses of the Asylum.

The \$600.00 paid J. S. Brown on note was for the purchase of the machine shops and land, and certainly does not belong to the Asylum expense account.

The \$600.00 paid Edwards & Winston was included in my account for November, 1897, and is mentioned in the report of the Treasurer to the Board, which can be seen by referring to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, January, 1898, as follows :

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| Balance | \$ 993 23 |
| Less two checks in favor of Edwards & Winston, not presented at the bank | 600 00 |

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| December 1, 1897, actual amount on hand | 393 23 |
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The \$300.00 paid William Simpson, Grand Treasurer, was simply money refunded to the Grand Treasurer which he had overpaid. Yet this is put down as expenses of the Asylum.

The \$167.00 paid F. H. Busbee was for attorney's fees incurred in litigation relative to the Minneapolis property.

The other items speak for themselves.

Now when the light is turned on these figures, and the true intent of their meaning is apparent, it looks as if there was a deliberate attempt to injure me before the Grand Lodge and the Masons of North Carolina, and that the zeal of Bro. Rosenthal to make a good showing for the present administration has lead him to make a "comparative statement" which is not only misleading but calculated to damage a brother whom he is under obligations to protect and defend.

I summarize again :

\$2,000.00 manipulation of accounts.

1,045.00 on account of money borrowed for building account.

600.00 paid J. S. Brown on account of realty purchase.

600.00 acknowledged to belong to a previous date.

300.00 returned to Grand Treasurer for amount overpaid.

167.00 paid to F. H. Busbee, att'y, account Minneapolis litigation,

4,712.00 besides the other amounts.

Whatever may be said about figures, it is certain that the figures

furnished the Orphan Asylum Committee by Bro. Rosenthal for that "comparative statement" are not "*the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.*" On the contrary, they have made a false impression both upon the Grand Lodge and the Masons of the State.

[Signed] N. M. LAWRENCE.

JANUARY 2, 1900.

DEAR COL. HICKS:

In reply to Bro. N. M. Lawrence's last letter, "How the Comparative Statement was Made," I desire to say that I was directed by the Board of Directors, and perhaps the Committee on Orphan Asylum as well, to make out a statement of the amounts paid by me during the periods heretofore mentioned, as they appeared on my books, I acting in a clerical capacity only.

The amounts given appear on my cash book under the dates I paid them, and I have proper vouchers for them. The \$600.00 to Edwards & Winston, charged by me in December, were given by Bro. Lawrence in November, but the Bank of Granville charged the amount to me as stated, hence I could not bring them in on my November account.

Concerning the sums paid to Mr. J. S. Brown (\$600.00), and the Bank of Granville (\$1045.00), they were on account of debts contracted, as stated, by Bro. Lawrence and charged by me at the time of payment. My books show payments of similar character since Col. Hicks became Superintendent—for instance:

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| July. | To Wilkerson & Lawrence..... | \$ 500 00 |
| Nov. | To Edwards & Winston, note..... | 500 00 |

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| Jan. | To J. S. Brown, balance of note..... | 547 22 |
| Jan. | To H. G. Cooper, cashier, interest..... | 45 30 |
| Mar. | To Wilkerson & Lawrence, repairs..... | 119 42 |
| May. | To Bank of Granville, interest..... | 60 00 |
| July. | To Bank of Granville, interest..... | 45 30 |
| Oct. | To Bank of Granville, on acct. of note and interest..... | 520 20 |
| Nov. | To Bank of Granville, on acct. of note and interest..... | 254 36 |

besides a number of other payments, as salary of secretary, expenses of directors, etc., and there will be more of the same kind in the near future.

I had no intention to injure Bro. Lawrence, or anybody else, when I was asked to give figures from my books. I have never before been accused of manipulating accounts, and, although considered a fairly good accountant, confess my ignorance in that respect.

I might state that the note of \$500 paid by me to Edwards & Winston in November, 1898, was given them by Bro. Lawrence just before he left Oxford, and is therefore hardly chargeable to Bro. Hicks' administration. Bills amounting to more than \$600.00, contracted by Bro. L. quite a little while before June 30, 1898, were found by Col. Hicks and also paid by me.

G. ROSENTHAL, *Treasurer.*

W. J. Hicks, *Superintendent*, Oxford, N. C.:

Add to payments made during your administration nine hundred sixty-eight and forty cents, October 7th last, to J. S. Brown, balance paid of purchase money.

G. ROSENTHAL.

Bro. W. R. Bradshaw, from Committee No. 3 on Returns of Subordinate Lodges, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your Committee No. 3 on Returns of Subordinate Lodges, submit the following report :

We have examined and find the returns of the following Lodges correct :

Davie, No. 39; Ayden, No. 498; Creedmore, No. 499; Rockingham, No. 495; John A. Graves, No. 494; Pilot, No. 493; Thomas M. Holt, No. 492; Hominy, No. 491; Buggaboo, No. 490; Rich Square, No. 488; Statesville, No. 487; Lawndale, No. 486; Brasstown, No. 485; Saluda, No. 482; Four Oaks, No. 478; Spring Hope, No. 481; Royal Hart, No. 497; Mill Creek, No. 480; Rainbow, No. 479; Big Lick, No. 476; Grimesland, No. 475; Louisburg, No. 413; Eagle, No. 71; Rolesville, No. 156; Meeklenburg, No. 176; Mingo, No. 206; Youngsville, No. 377; Hatcher, No. 310; Henry F. Grainger, No. 412; Palmyra, No. 147; Seaboard, No. 378; Stonewall, No. 296; St. Paul's, No. 474; Gunter, No. 232; Henderson, No. 229; Catawba Valley, No. 217; Lebanon, No. 207; Burnsville, No. 192; Mt. Pleasant, No. 157; Holly Springs, No. 115; Selma, No. 320; Lillington, No. 302; Harnett, No. 258; Monroe, No. 244; Lenoir, No. 233; Golden Fleece, No. 74; Pleasant Mount, No. 441; Liberty Grove, No. 407; Tally Ho, No. 373; Mars Hill, No. 370; Mt. Pisgah, No. 368; Bayboro, No. 331; Granite, No. 322.

Returns without seal of Lodge :

Randleman, No. 209; Fellowship, No. 84; Coharie, No. 379; Mooresville, No. 496.

Fraternally submitted,

E. M. KOONCE,

W. R. BRADSHAW,

CLAUDE STEPHENSON,

Committee.

Bro. W. B. McKoy, from Wilmington Lodge, presented the following joint resolution from the Lodges at Wilmington, inviting the Grand Lodge to meet there in the year 1901. Under the rules the resolution was required to lay over until to-morrow for action :

ST. JOHN'S HALL,
WILMINGTON LODGE, NO. 319, A., F. AND A. M.,
WILMINGTON, N. C., December 19, 1899.

To Our Representatives to the Grand Lodge :

At a regular communication of our Lodge, held the above date, the following resolution was passed :

Resolved, That our representatives to the Grand Lodge be requested to co-operate with the representatives of the two other Masonic Lodges and invite the Grand Lodge of North Carolina to hold their next meeting in Wilmington, N. C., and the sessions to be held at the Masonic Temple in 1901.

Attest : THOS. F. BAGLEY,
[Seal] Secretary Wilmington Lodge No. 319, A., F. & A. M.

Bro. Willard offered the following amendment to the by-laws, which also, under the rules, was required to lay over until to-morrow :

Amend Article IV, Section 1, of the By-Laws : The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge shall be held in the city of Wilmington, N. C., on the second Tuesday in January, 1901, and annually thereafter on the second Tuesday in January in the city of Raleigh.

Bro. P. M. Pearsall introduced a substitute for Bro. Willard's amendment, which, under the rules, took the same course :

Amend Article IV, Section 1, of By-Laws : The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge shall be held in the city of Wilmington on the second Tuesday in January, 1901, and annually thereafter on the second Tuesday in January at such place as may be designated by the Grand Lodge.

Bro. R. N. Hackett, from Committee on Fraternal Dead, submitted their report, which was read and adopted :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your Committee on Fraternal Dead beg to submit the following report :

1. A perusal of the Grand Master's address discloses the fact that the Masonic Fraternity in our own and other Grand Jurisdictions has been mournfully bereft by the death of many of its most distinguished members, who, at the call of the Supreme Grand Master, have ceased their labors here below and gone to a well-merited reward.

2. Among these the overshadowing affliction to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina is the loss of our Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, Robert B. Vance, who died November 28, 1899. He was conspicuous not only as a Mason but also as a soldier, citizen and statesman. He served his brethren and country in many positions of trust and honor, and was faithful and distinguished in all. Your committee recommend that a page in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge be dedicated to his memory.

3. Our tenderest sympathy is extended to the other Grand Jurisdictions in their several bereavements.

Fraternally submitted,

R. N. HACKETT,
W. G. KING,
T. S. COLLIE,
M. E. SHELL,
R. E. LEE,

Committee.



ROBERT B. VANCE.

GRAND MASTER, 1868-'69.

ROBERT BRANK VANCE.

Another veteran of the Confederacy has passed over the river, and another hero that followed the Stars and Bars has gone to answer the last roll-call which marks the transition from earthly scenes to the haven of peace in the great beyond. The pictures of two dead yet forever beloved sons of Buncombe hang above the desk in the county's Temple of Justice—the pictures of Robert Brank Vance and Zebulon Bird Vance, brothers, whose names will be revered by their people so long as memory lasts, brothers who served their county and their country, and served them well.

Robert Brank Vance was a typical gentleman of the old school. From boyhood to old age he was of the people; he was close to them, and his gentle, kindly manner and the warm grasp of the hand made every one who came in contact with him feel that here was a friend who would prove himself a friend indeed. He was a Christian gentleman, zealous in the affairs of his church, and this shone forth in all the acts of his life. No man who applied to him for counsel or help went away without either. Simple in his style of address, there was that about his manner which put his hearers in complete sympathy with him, and this, added to a keen sense of the humorous side of things, made him a peculiarly pleasing speaker.

General Vance was born on Reems Creek, Buncombe county, the 28th of April, 1828, and was named for Dr. Robert B. Vance, who was killed in a duel with Samuel P. Carson, October, 1827, at Saluda Mountain, S. C.

He was elected clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Buncombe county in 1848, and served eight years, voluntarily declining a re-election. He followed the mercantile business awhile in Asheville. When the war broke out he raised a company, the Buncombe Life Guards, and was elected captain. At the organization of the regiment he was elected colonel, receiving every vote except his own.

The regiment, the Twenty-ninth North Carolina, was reorganized at Cumberland Gap, Kentucky, in 1862, according to law, and Colonel Vance was re-elected. He was in several engagements at Cumberland Gap, in 1862, and commanded his regiment in the battle of Murfreesboro, under Generals McCrown, Polk and Hardee. Colonel Vance was complimented for gallantry in the report of Gen. McCrown. His horse was killed at Murfreesboro.

After the army under General Bragg fell back to Shelbyville,

Tenn., in 1863, Colonel Vance became ill with typhoid fever, and while down his regiment was ordered to Mississippi, and he never was in command of it afterwards. When he returned to the army in September, 1863, General Bragg assigned him to duty in Western North Carolina, and he was captured at Cosby Creek, Cook County, Tenn., the 14th of January, 1864, by his riding into a squad of Federal troops through a mistake.

General Vance was appointed Brigadier in June, 1863, by President Davis, his commission coming to hand while he was unconscious with typhoid fever.

The general was kept in prison, first at Nashville, then at Louisville, Camp Chase, Ohio, and lastly at Fort Delaware. He was sent home on parole the 14th of March, 1865. His parole read "until exchanged." As he was never exchanged, he was technically a prisoner ever after that time.

General Vance was elected to Congress from the Eighth District of North Carolina in the following years: 1872, 1874, 1876, 1878, 1880, and 1882, and served in the 43d, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th and 48th Congresses. While in Congress he served on a number of important committees and was chairman of the Committee on Patents from the 44th to the 48th inclusive, except in the 47th Congress. At the Congressional convention held in Asheville in 1884 he declined a renomination and withdrew his name from the convention.

General Vance was twice elected Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, and was Deputy High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina. He was also an honored frater of the Knights Templar. He also filled the position of Grand Worthy Patriarch of the Sons of Temperance in his State. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in which capacity he was honored by the church in being several times elected to the General Conference. He was one of the Cape May Commission, which in a measure settled the property question between the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1875. The College of Bishops also appointed him a delegate to the Ecumenical Methodist Conference in London, in 1881.

General Vance lectured in North Carolina, Maryland, Virginia, and in Washington City on Temperance and the Sunday School cause. He was the author of a book of poems called "Heart Throbs from the Mountains."

Bro. C. S. Parks, from Committee No. 1 on Returns of Subordinate Lodges, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your Committee No. 1 on Returns of Subordinate Lodges beg leave to report errors in the following returns, to-wit :

Without seal—St. John, No. 6; Orr, No. 104; Gatesville, No. 126; Belfour, No. 188; Granite, No. 191; Cary, No. 198; Cleveland, No. 202; Cokesbury, No. 235; Rountree, No. 243; Oaks, No. 255; Waynesville, No. 259; Bingham, No. 279.

Lodges whose reports were improperly sealed—Leaksville, No. 136; Adinoram, No. 149; Berea, No. 204; Atlantic, No. 238; Farmington, No. 265; Flat Creek, No. 285.

Lodges whose seals are worn out or too dim and do not make clear impressions, and we respectfully recommend new seals—Phcenix, No. 8; Hall, No. 53; Zion, No. 80; Joseph Warren, No. 92; Blackmer, No. 170; Sandy Creek, No. 185; Fair Bluff, No. 190; Long Creek, No. 205; McCormick, No. 228; W. T. Bain, No. 231; East Bend, No. 269.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. L. PARKS,
W. O. SPENCER,
C. A. CLARKE,
Committee.

Bro. Willard moved that it is the sense of the Grand Lodge that we meet in Wilmington next year (1901) at the same time that the Grand Lodge now meets.

Motion was lost.

Bro. A. B. Andrews, Jr., from Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, presented the following report, which was read, and, after being amended as follows, was adopted as a whole. The Grand Master was sustained in his decisions.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your committee does not desire to revive the discussion concerning dismemberment for non-payment of dues. Under the present by-law the course of the Lodges seem to be clearly marked out. If a member notified that he must appear and show cause why he shall not be dis-

members for non-payment of dues shall appear and fail to show sufficient cause, he shall be excluded or dismembered, not expelled or suspended from all the rights of Masonry, but excluded from Lodge membership.

If he shall fail to appear in reply to a legal summons he shall be tried for the more serious offence of failing to answer a legal summons, and expelled or suspended from all the privileges of Masonry.

It might be well asked why a failure to show cause might not be treated as simply admitting the justice of the exclusion, and the punishment be exclusion, but the Grand Lodge has ordered otherwise. An excluded or dismembered Mason is totally unlike a dimitted non-affiliate, because he is under a cloud and can not petition any Lodge for membership but only the Lodge which excluded him for restoration.

Your committee does not concur with the ruling of the Grand Master on page 5. A Mason tried for illegal carnal communication with a Master Mason's wife is entitled to have the person with whom he is charged to have committed the offence named in the specifications (not in the charges), so that he shall be informed of the charge and enabled to prepare his defense. It is best to give him the names of the witnesses, as otherwise in case he shall be surprised by the testimony he would have a right, in the discretion of the Lodge, to apply for a postponement. Surely the Lodge must have the same right, as any other tribunal, to grant a postponement as a matter of discretion, not of right. We hope this revolting case will not appear in the published proceedings.

We approve the ruling as to opening a Lodge in the Master's degree prior to opening in the second degree.

We concur in the ruling concerning the petition of a man who has lost a foot or hand.

The action of Central Cross Lodge was irregular in violating the plain provision of the by-laws, Article X, Section 3, and we do not concur in the opinion that the by-law can well be made any plainer. We uphold the decision, but the Lodge deserves censure.

We approve the decision on page 7 concerning charges against a Master for the reason that charges can not be preferred against a Master in a subordinate Lodge except in the manner provided in the by-laws.

We approve the decision concerning the application to Phoenix Lodge, No. 8, on page 8.

We approve the decision on page 9 in regard to the member dying in Roper Lodge, No. 443.

The ruling concerning the proper meaning of the word "abroad" is one which is not disapproved. Each case must rest upon its indi-

vidual merits. The Master has no power to act. It must be referred to the Grand Master, and his discretion is final. Of course it ought not to be and will not be abused. It seems to the committee that the distinction between the cases on page 10 is rather finely drawn, and the degrees might have been conferred on the civil engineer at the request of Winston Lodge at the place of his temporary residence, but we do not suggest the disapproval of the decision.

The committee have had much trouble with the case on page 9 of an applicant rejected without a report of the committee. In the case above reported from Central Cross Lodge, No. 187, we condemn the Lodge for voting on a petition at the same communication at which it is presented, but sustain the legality of the action in voting to elect. It is hard to see the difference between this case and the irregularity in voting without the report of the committee, when the vote was unfavorable. The Lodge was wrong in each instance, but we gravely doubt whether a solemn vote of rejection is thereby rendered invalid. We submit the matter to the decision of the Grand Lodge.

We approve the action of the Grand Master in granting dispensations to the several Lodges, but we do recommend that Article XVI, Section 14, on page 52 of Code of 1897, be amended to read as follows: "An installed officer cannot resign his office, but the same must expire by limitation." This is a return to the ancient landmark, which was changed in 1894 by action of the Grand Lodge.

Your committee approves the construction placed by the Grand Master on Article X, Section 5, of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, and concurs with him that the written consent of the Lodge from whom the consent is asked to entertain petition means a majority consent and not a unanimous consent. This does not dispense with the ballot in the Lodge in which he makes application.

We heartily commend the construction placed upon Article X, Section 4, of the Grand Lodge By-Laws that a Master Mason must sign the by-laws of the Lodge in which he is elected to membership, and a Fellowcraft, after being raised, must sign the by-laws of the Lodge in which he is elected to the degrees—this being irrespective of the Lodge that confers the work.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. BUSBEE,

F. M. WINCHESTER,

A. B. ANDREWS, JR.,

T. W. MOORE,

W. W. PARISH,

Committee on Jurisprudence.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, January 10, 1900.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 3 o'clock, P. M., Most Worshipful Grand Master R. J. Noble presiding.

The proceedings of the morning session were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was read, and, on motion, it was ordered that the report be printed as an appendix to the proceedings.

Bro. J. F. Griffith, from Committee No. 2 on Returns of Subordinate Lodges, presented their report, which was read and adopted :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your Committee No. 2 on Returns of Subordinate Lodges, beg leave to report errors in the following returns, viz.:

Without seal—Snow, No. 362; Unity, No. 498; Rockville, No. 411; King's Creek, No. 432; Vanceboro, No. 433; Waxhaw, No. 442; Scottsville, No. 385; Boiling Springs, No. 464; Atlantic, No. 294; Hunting Creek, No. 299; Pleasant Hill, No. 304; Kinston, No. 316; White Hill, No. 321; Winton, No. 327; Ionic, No. 337.

Seal indistinct—Seaside, No. 429; Temperance, No. 389; Stanly, No. 348; Double Shoals, No. 356; New Lebanon, No. 314.

Seal improperly affixed—Shawnee, No. 382; Matamuskeet, No. 328.

Without seal or name of secretary—Blue Ridge, No. 435.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES F. GRIFFITH,
C. E. GUPTON,
O. HOUSTON,

Committee.

Bro. B. S. Royster offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

WHEREAS our worthy brother, Col. W. J. Hicks, Superintendent of our Orphan Asylum, is now passing through the deep waters of affliction on account of the death of his only sister, which occurred in this city on yesterday ; and

WHEREAS this Grand Lodge desires to extend to our brother its condolence and sympathy ; therefore be it

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge extends to Bro. Hicks its deepest sympathy in his sad affliction, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bro. Hicks under the seal of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. W. L. London, from the special committee on the Treasurer's books of the Orphan Asylum, submitted their report, which was read and adopted :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

We, your special committee appointed to investigate the controversy between Bro. N. M. Lawrence and Bro. G. Rosenthal, have met and made a full investigation of all matters in controversy. We find as follows :

That in the comparative statement published in the Grand Lodge report several items were charged as expenses of the Orphan Asylum that should not have been included therein.

That the correct amount from December 1, 1896, to May 31, 1897, should be \$10,109.14.

That the correct amount from December 1, 1897, to May 31, 1898, should be \$10,897.06.

That the correct amount from December 1, 1898, to May 31, 1899, should be \$11,252.75.

Bro. Lawrence stated that he meant no offence whatever to Bro. Rosenthal in using the word "manipulate"; that he simply meant "transfer." We find further that Bro. Rosenthal's books show the statements as rendered by him, but that he had items charged to the expense account that belonged to other accounts.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. LONDON, *Chairman* ;
T. M. ARRINGTON, *Secretary* ;
GEORGE HOWARD, JR.,
J. H. HILL,
ALLEN K. SMITH,
Committee.

The hour for the special order having arrived, the Grand Master announced that the report of the Committee on Orphan Asylum would be taken up. The report was read, and, on motion, was unanimously adopted.

Bro. W. T. Caho, from the Committee on Appeals, submitted majority and minority reports.

The majority report was adopted :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. L. F. Elliott, of Radiance Lodge, No. 132, have carefully examined the transcript of the trial and the proceedings of the said Lodge, and we are of the opinion that the trial was regular and in accordance with the Masonic law in all particulars. But your committee is of the opinion that the punishment imposed by the Lodge is excessive and should be modified. We therefore recommend that the matter be referred back to said Radiance Lodge and recommend that the said Lodge modify its punishment.

W. T. CAHO,
E. T. ROLLINS,
Committee.

Bro. P. M. Pearsall offered the following amendment to the by-laws, which, under the rules, was required to lay over until to-morrow :

Strike out Article IV, Section 1, of the By-Laws and substitute as follows : That the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge shall be held on the second Tuesday in January, and that the communication for 1901 shall be held in the city of Raleigh, and shall be held in said city every two years thereafter, and that on other years said Annual Communication shall be held at such places as the Grand Lodge shall designate.

Bro. A. B. Andrews, Jr., offered the following amendment to the by-laws, which, under the rules, was required to lay over until to-morrow :

Amend Article XVI, Section 14, to read as follows : "An installed officer cannot resign his office."

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 7:30 o'clock, P. M.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, January 10, 1900.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 7:30 P. M., Most Worshipful Grand Master R. J. Noble presiding.

The proceedings of the afternoon session were read and approved.

Bro. Stenerson offered the following resolution, which was read, and, on motion, was laid over until after the election of Grand Officers:

WHEREAS there appears to be considerable friction existing owing to the present administration of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, and it is the desire of the Craft throughout the State and the order of this Grand Body in Grand Lodge assembled that peace and harmony should exist—these virtues being the strength of all institutions *more* especially this of ours—I now move that the Lady Supervisor of the Oxford Orphan Asylum be requested to hand in her resignation, and the Board of Directors be requested and instructed to accept the same.

The hour for the election of Grand Officers having arrived, the Grand Master appointed the following tellers, viz.: M. S. Willard, J. H. Drakeford, W. J. Weir and Thomas M. Arrington.

The election resulted as follows:

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| B. S. ROYSTER..... | Grand Master. |
| H. I. CLARK..... | Deputy Grand Master. |
| W. S. LIDDELL..... | Senior Grand Warden. |
| FRANCIS D. WINSTON..... | Junior Grand Warden. |
| WILLIAM SIMPSON..... | Grand Treasurer. |
| JOHN C. DREWRY..... | Grand Secretary. |

Bro. Moye moved that during the counting of the ballot a collection be taken up for the benefit of the Oxford Orphan Asylum. The amount of the collection was \$58.95.

Bro. N. B. Broughton was elected a Director of the Orphan Asylum.

Bro. W. T. Caho, from Committee on Appeals, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina :

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the matter of appeal of Bro. Wiley C. Lewis, of Liberty Grove, No. 45, respectfully submit the following report :

First. We have carefully examined the transcript of the case, with all the evidence, and after this Grand Lodge has adopted the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, so much thereof as related to the Grand Master's decision in this case at this session of the Grand Lodge, we find that the proceedings of Liberty Lodge were illegal, in that the charges and specifications did not disclose the names of the party or parties with whom the offenses charged were committed ; but in this the said Liberty Lodge did not do this wilfully, but acted on the opinion of the Grand Master, who had, by an error of the head and not of the heart, made an erroneous ruling as expressed by a vote of this Grand Lodge to-day.

Second. That we find that there was no evidence to show that the brother, P. E. Daney, who preferred the charges, was, at the time the offenses alleged were committed, a Master Mason, as appears from the record before us.

Third. That we are of the opinion that the Master of the Lodge committed an error in ruling out certain questions that were asked by defendant's counsel on a cross-examination of the principal witness in the case.

Fourth. That we are of the opinion that the defendant has discovered new evidence since the trial that would be material to his defense from papers we find filed with the transcript by his attorney.

We therefore recommend that the case be remanded back to said Liberty Lodge for amendment of the charges and specifications and a rehearing of the case, and that such evidence as has been taken and filed in this case in the former trial shall be considered as evidence in the new trial, and that each party may introduce such new evidence as

they may have or obtain, and that Liberty Lodge proceed without unnecessary delay to reopen and rehear the case.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. CAHO, *Chairman* ;

J. L. CURRIN,

E. T. ROLLINS,

Committee.

Bro. Caho offered the following amendment to the by-laws, which was read, and, under the rules, was required to lay over :

Amend Section 1, Article XV, by striking out the word "unanimous" in line 2 and add after the word "satisfactory," and before the word "restoration" in line 4, the following words: "That it shall require a two-thirds vote to restore an expelled Mason, and a majority vote to restore a suspended Mason."

Bro. S. M. Gattis offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted :

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge has heard with pleasure of a movement by the Lodges in Raleigh towards the erection of a Masonic Temple—

Resolved, That a committee of five shall be appointed by the Grand Master to co-operate with the committees of the Raleigh Lodges in furthering the erection of a suitable home for Masonry in the Capital City.

The resolution offered by Bro. Stenerson in regard to the Lady Supervisor at the Orphan Asylum was taken up, and on motion it was laid on the table.

Bro. Hackett offered the following amendment to the constitution, which, under the rules, was required to lay over until to-morrow :

Resolved, That Article II, Section 2, of the constitution of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina be amended by striking out in line 8 the words "three successive years" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "one year."

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, January 11, 1900.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 10 o'clock, A. M., Most Worshipful Grand Master R. J. Noble presiding.

The proceedings of last evening's session were read and approved.

Bro. Hackett's amendment to change Article II, Section 2, of the constitution was considered. On motion, the amendment was tabled.

Bro. F. M. Winchester presented an appeal for aid in behalf of Mrs. J. H. Ward, which was read, and on motion was referred to the Committee on Charity.

Resolutions and amendments offered by Bros. McKoy, Willard and Pearsall, respectively, in regard to changing the place of the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, which were introduced yesterday, came up in regular order, and, on motions, they were tabled.

The Committee on Installation reported that they had secured the services of Past Grand Master W. E. Moore to install the Grand Officers and Bro. J. B. Griggs to act as Grand Marshal.

An invitation from Hiram Lodge, No. 40, of Raleigh, N. C., was extended to the Grand Lodge to meet with them next year at the same time and place of the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, the occasion being the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of Hiram Lodge. The invitation was most cordially accepted.

Bro. Griffith offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to our worthy Grand Tiler, Robert H. Bradley, for the excellent taste and good judgment displayed in the purchase of the beautiful regalia.

The amendment recommended by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence in regard to the resignation of installed officers was considered, and, on motion, adopted.

The amendment offered by Bro. Caho to change Article XV, Section 1, in regard to the restoration of expelled members, was considered, and on motion, was tabled.

The Grand Officers were installed by Past Grand Master Walter E. Moore, Bro. J. B. Griggs acting as Grand Marshal.

ELECTED OFFICERS.

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| B. S. ROYSTER..... | GRAND MASTER. |
| H. I. CLARK..... | DEPUTY GRAND MASTER. |
| W. S. LIDDELL..... | SENIOR GRAND WARDEN. |
| F. D. WINSTON..... | JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN. |
| WILLIAM SIMPSON..... | GRAND TREASURER. |
| JOHN C. DREWRY..... | GRAND SECRETARY. |

APPOINTED OFFICERS,

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| THOMAS BELL, Wilson..... | Grand Chaplain. |
| B. W. HATCHER, Liberty..... | Grand Lecturer. |
| S. M. GATTIS, Hillsboro..... | Senior Grand Deacon. |
| T. J. REED, Biltmore..... | Junior Grand Deacon. |
| J. C. BIGGS, Durham..... | Grand Marshal. |
| A. K. SMITH, Smithfield..... | Grand Sword Bearer. |
| T. L. FARROW, Winston..... | Grand Pursuivant. |
| R. N. HACKETT, Wilkesboro..... | Grand Steward. |
| DR. F. M. WINCHESTER, Charlotte..... | Grand Steward. |
| R. H. BRADLEY, Raleigh..... | Grand Tiler. |

Grand Master Royster, in language touching and appropriate, expressed his sincere gratitude for the honor conferred upon him, and pledged his best efforts for the faithful performance of his duties.

Past Grand Master Moore expressed his profound pleasure in being selected to install the Grand Officers, and prophesied the prosperity of Masonry during the coming year.

After the installation one of the most pleasant incidents touching the Grand Lodge then took place. Bro. W. B. McKoy, in the following beautiful language, presented a Past Master's jewel to retiring Grand Master R. J. Noble as a token of love and esteem on the part of the Masons of North Carolina for the faithful manner in which he had served this Grand Lodge during the past year as its official head :

Most Worshipful Grand Master :

A pleasant duty has been assigned to me in the closing ceremonies of this session of the Grand Lodge. Having but a moment ago been called upon, I must of necessity be brief. This duty is to present to the retiring Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, a beautiful jewel in token of their brotherly love and esteem for him. If you deem this an opportune moment I shall proceed :

Worshipful Sir, in this age of change and transition in all things, it is pleasant to greet one who through his administration has been able to hold this grand body and the fraternity true to the ancient traditions and tenets of the Order. It is not the lot of many to attain so eminent a position as you have been raised to by the fraternity. At the building of King Solomon's Temple we are told that there were but three Grand Masters among three thousand three hundred Master Masons, eighty thousand craftsmen and seventy thousand entered apprentices. And as we look upon the several portraits of the Past Grand Masters upon these walls, we realize how few, personally known to us, have attained this eminent station. Among the eleven thousand Masons of North Carolina few indeed dream of securing such eminence. You have been marked for your zeal in behalf of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, but, above all your labors, it will hereafter be remem-

bered that you were Grand Master of North Carolina during the building of the temple in Wilmington, when a new era began, with expanding fame and honor to the Craft.

Take this beautiful jewel, Worshipful Sir, and may the pleasant memories of your administration encircle it with a halo that shall ever increase its rare beauty.

Past Grand Master R. J. Noble feelingly responded in the following language :

Worshipful Sir :

I accept this beautiful jewel from my brethren. I shall wear it as a token of fraternal love, and I trust that when called hence I shall gain admittance to the Grand Lodge above by a name as bright as this sparkling jewel.

Speeches of thanks and congratulations were made by Past Grand Master Samuel H. Smith, Grand Senior Warden Walter S. Liddell and Grand Junior Warden Francis D. Winston.

On motion of Past Grand Master Noble the balance of the \$100.00 appropriated by the Grand Lodge to defray the expenses of the delegates attending the Mount Vernon meeting was ordered to be divided equally among those Grand Officers who did attend the meeting and who were not regular delegates, in part payment of their expenses.

The members of the Grand Lodge were invited to visit Hiram Lodge, of this city, to-night, as the Grand Lecturers had been requested and had kindly consented to exemplify the work. The invitation was accepted.

Standing Committees for the ensuing year were announced as follows :

Jurisprudence :

F. H. Busbee, J. C. Biggs, Walter E. Moore, W. B. McKoy, W. T. Caho.

Propositions and Grievances :

No. 1—W. H. McLaurin, J. B. Reaves, D. S. Hamilton.

No. 2—E. F. Lamb, Austin Grimes, J. G. Snyder.

Foreign Correspondence :

John A. Collins, T. C. Linn, J. F. Griffith.

Finance :

W. S. Primrose, W. T. Hardiug, W. H. Bain.

Special Committee on Masonic Temple :

S. M. Gattis, John W. Cotten, Gen. Julian S. Carr, Col. John S. Cunningham, A. J. Harris.

Credentials :

A. B. Andrews, Jr., Dr. J. G. Hunt, W. W. Parish.

Orphan Asylum :

Samuel H. Smith, C. W. Morgan, W. B. Ballou, F. M. Moye, J. H. Drakeford, S. L. Parks, J. L. Currin, F. D. Jones, W. L. London.

Special Committee on Charity :

John Nichols, John W. Thompson, G. N. Walters.

Bro. A. C. Davis was appointed Grand Orator for the next Annual Communication.

Bro. Robt. H. Bradley was reappointed Grand Librarian.

The Grand Lodge having concluded its business, the proceedings of the morning session were read and approved.

The Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

B. S. ROYSTER,

Attest :

Grand Master.

JOHN C. DREWRY,

Grand Secretary.

SEAL

L O D G E S

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF
NORTH CAROLINA.

| NAME. | NO. | POST-OFFICE. | COUNTY. |
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| St. John's..... | 1 | Wilmington..... | New Hanover. |
| R'y'l White Hart..... | 2 | Halifax..... | Halifax. |
| St. John's..... | 3 | Newbern..... | Craven. |
| Charity..... | 5 | Windsor..... | Bertie. |
| Unanimity..... | 7 | Edenton..... | Chowan. |
| Phœnix..... | 8 | Fayetteville..... | Cumberland. |
| American George..... | 17 | Murfreesboro..... | Hertford. |
| Phalanx..... | 31 | Charlotte..... | Mecklenburg. |
| Stokes..... | 32 | Concord..... | Cabarrus. |
| Davie..... | 39 | Roxobel..... | Bertie. |
| Hiram..... | 40 | Raleigh..... | Wake. |
| Liberty..... | 45 | Wilkesboro..... | Wilkes. |
| Hall..... | 53 | Indian Town..... | Currituck. |
| King Solomon..... | 56 | Jackson..... | Northampton. |
| Concord..... | 58 | Tarboro..... | Edgecombe. |
| Kilwinning..... | 64 | Wadesboro..... | Anson. |
| Eagle..... | 71 | Hillsboro..... | Orange. |
| Golden Fleece..... | 74 | Milton..... | Caswell. |
| Widow's Son..... | 75 | Camden Courthouse..... | Camden. |
| Greensboro..... | 76 | Greensboro..... | Guilford. |
| Zion..... | 81 | Trenton..... | Jones. |
| LaFayette..... | 83 | Jacksonville..... | Onslow. |
| Fellowship..... | 84 | Smithfield..... | Johnston. |
| Morning Star..... | 85 | Nashville..... | Nash. |
| Skewarkey..... | 90 | Williamston..... | Martin. |
| Western Star..... | 91 | Rutherfordton..... | Rutherford. |
| Joseph Warren..... | 92 | Moyton..... | Wilson. |
| Jerusalem..... | 95 | Hookerton..... | Greene. |
| St. John's..... | 96 | Kinston..... | Lenoir. |
| Neuse..... | 97 | Neuse..... | Wake. |
| Hiram..... | 98 | Clinton..... | Sampson. |
| Fulton..... | 99 | Salisbury..... | Rowan. |
| Warren..... | 101 | Kenansville..... | Duplin. |
| Columbus..... | 102 | Pittsboro..... | Chatham. |
| Orr..... | 104 | Washington..... | Beaufort. |
| Perquimans..... | 106 | Hertford..... | Perquimans. |
| Franklin..... | 109 | Beaufort..... | Carteret. |
| Wayne..... | 112 | Goldsboro..... | Wayne. |
| Person..... | 113 | Roxboro..... | Person. |
| St. Albans..... | 114 | Lumberton..... | Robeson. |
| Holly Springs..... | 115 | Holly Springs..... | Wake. |
| Mount Lebanon..... | 117 | Wilson..... | Wilson. |
| Mount Hermon..... | 118 | Asheville..... | Buncombe. |
| Logan..... | 121 | Jamestown..... | Guilford. |
| Franklinton..... | 123 | Franklinton..... | Franklin. |

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| Mill Creek..... | 125 | Newton Grove..... | Sampson. |
| Gatesville..... | 126 | Gatesville..... | Gates. |
| Blackmer..... | 127 | Mt. Gilead..... | Montgomery. |
| Hanks..... | 128 | Franklinsville..... | Randolph. |
| Dan River..... | 129 | Madison..... | Rockingham. |
| Radiance..... | 132 | Snow Hill..... | Greene. |
| Mocksville..... | 134 | Mocksville..... | Davie. |
| Leaksville..... | 136 | Leaksville..... | Rockingham. |
| Lincoln..... | 137 | Lincolnton..... | Lincoln. |
| King Solomon..... | 138 | Burgaw..... | Pender. |
| Mount Energy..... | 140 | Mount Energy..... | Grauville. |
| Carolina..... | 141 | Ansonville..... | Anson. |
| Mount Vernon..... | 143 | Ore Hill..... | Chatham. |
| Junaluska..... | 145 | Franklin..... | Macon. |
| Cherokee..... | 146 | Murphy..... | Cherokee. |
| Palmyra..... | 147 | Dunn..... | Harnett. |
| Adoniram..... | 149 | Adoniram..... | Granville. |
| Chalmers..... | 151 | Tempting..... | Moore. |
| White Stone..... | 155 | Wakefield..... | Wake. |
| Rolesville..... | 156 | Rolesville..... | Wake. |
| Mount Pleasant..... | 157 | Rogers' Store..... | Wake. |
| Knap of Reeds..... | 158 | Knap of Reeds..... | Granville. |
| Yadkin..... | 162 | Yadkinville..... | Yadkin. |
| Deep River..... | 164 | Coleridge..... | Randolph. |
| Archer..... | 165 | Archer Lodge..... | Johnston. |
| Winston..... | 167 | Winston..... | Forsyth. |
| Blackmer..... | 170 | Weaverville..... | Buncombe. |
| Buffalo..... | 172 | Jonesboro..... | Moore. |
| George Washington..... | 174 | Elm Grove..... | Chatham. |
| Polloksville..... | 175 | Polloksville..... | Jones. |
| Mecklenburg..... | 176 | Davidson..... | Mecklenburg. |
| Siloam..... | 178 | Harrell's Store..... | Sampson. |
| Sandy Creek..... | 185 | Laurel..... | Franklin. |
| Pine Forest..... | 186 | Leaflet..... | Harnett. |
| Central Cross..... | 187 | Spring Hope..... | Nash. |
| Balfour..... | 188 | Ashboro..... | Randolph. |
| Fair Bluff..... | 190 | Fair Bluff..... | Columbus. |
| Granite..... | 191 | Clayton..... | Johnston. |
| Burnsville..... | 192 | Burnsville..... | Vancey. |
| Mount Olivet..... | 195 | Erect..... | Randolph. |
| Cary..... | 198 | Cary..... | Wake. |
| Cleveland..... | 202 | Shelby..... | Cleveland. |
| Roanoke..... | 203 | Weldon..... | Halifax. |
| Berea..... | 204 | Berea..... | Granville. |
| Long Creek..... | 205 | Bristow..... | Mecklenburg. |
| Mingo..... | 206 | Bass..... | Sampson. |
| Lebanon..... | 207 | Whiteville..... | Columbus. |
| Randleman..... | 209 | Randleman..... | Randolph. |
| Thomasville..... | 214 | Thomasville..... | Davidson. |
| Catawba Valley..... | 217 | Morganton..... | Burke. |
| William G. Hill..... | 218 | Raleigh..... | Wake. |
| Wilson..... | 226 | Olin..... | Iredell. |
| Jonesville..... | 227 | Jonesville..... | Yadkin. |
| McCormick..... | 228 | Broadway..... | Moore. |

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| Henderson..... | 229 | Henderson..... | Vance. |
| Corinthian..... | 230 | Rocky Mount..... | Nash. |
| William T. Bain..... | 231 | Kader..... | Wake. |
| Gunter..... | 232 | Haywood..... | Chatham. |
| Lenoir..... | 233 | LaGrange..... | Lenoir. |
| Cokesbury..... | 235 | May..... | Harnett. |
| Mystic Tie..... | 237 | Marion..... | McDowell. |
| Atlantic..... | 238 | Moyock..... | Cnrrituck. |
| Rountree..... | 243 | Grifton (Pitt)..... | Lenoir. |
| Monroe..... | 244 | Monroe..... | Union. |
| Catawba..... | 248 | Newton..... | Catawba. |
| Pythagoras..... | 249 | Southport..... | Brunswick. |
| Rockford..... | 251 | Rockford..... | Surry. |
| Lily Valley..... | 252 | Sunbury..... | Gates. |
| Lee..... | 253 | Taylorsville..... | Alexander. |
| Oaks..... | 255 | Oaks..... | Orange. |
| Beulah..... | 257 | Kenly..... | Johnston. |
| Harnett..... | 258 | Bradley's Store..... | Harnett. |
| Waynesville..... | 259 | Waynesville..... | Haywood. |
| Excelsior..... | 261 | Charlotte..... | Mecklenburg. |
| Hibriten..... | 262 | Lenoir..... | Caldwell. |
| Gaston..... | 263 | Dallas..... | Gaston. |
| Farmington..... | 265 | Farmington..... | Davie. |
| Durbin..... | 266 | Autryville..... | Sampson. |
| Dunn's Rock..... | 267 | Brevard..... | Transylvania. |
| Unaka..... | 268 | Webster..... | Jackson. |
| East Bend..... | 269 | East Bend..... | Yadkin. |
| Tobasco..... | 271 | Gibsonville..... | Guilford. |
| Bingham..... | 272 | Haw River..... | Alamance. |
| Watauga..... | 273 | Boone..... | Watauga. |
| Beaver Dam..... | 276 | Warshville..... | Union. |
| Green Level..... | 277 | Ewing..... | Wake. |
| Rehoboth..... | 279 | Teachey's..... | Duplin. |
| Wake Forest..... | 282 | Wake Forest..... | Wake. |
| Eureka..... | 283 | Concord..... | Rowan. |
| Greenville..... | 284 | Greenville..... | Pitt. |
| Flat Creek..... | 285 | Noise..... | Chatham. |
| Cedar Rock..... | 286 | Cedar Rock..... | Franklin. |
| Salem..... | 289 | Salem..... | Forsyth. |
| French Broad..... | 292 | Marshall..... | Madison. |
| Vance..... | 293 | Democrat..... | Buncombe. |
| Atlantic..... | 294 | Swan Quarter..... | Hyde. |
| Stonewall..... | 296 | Robersonville..... | Martin. |
| Toisnot..... | 289 | Elm City..... | Wilson. |
| Hunting Creek..... | 299 | Eagle Mills..... | Iredell. |
| Pamlico..... | 300 | Aurora..... | Beaufort. |
| Clay..... | 301 | Hayesville..... | Clay. |
| Lillington..... | 302 | Lillington..... | Harnett. |
| Evergreen..... | 303 | Spout Springs..... | Harnett. |
| Pleasant Hill..... | 304 | Repose..... | Lenoir. |
| Laurinburg..... | 305 | Laurinburg..... | Richmond. |
| Patterson..... | 307 | Mount Pleasant..... | Cabarrus. |
| Randolph..... | 309 | Troy..... | Montgomery. |
| Hatcher..... | 310 | Boyett..... | Wilson. |

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| Notla | 312 | Culberson. | Cherokee. |
| King Solomon | 313 | Lumber Bridge..... | Robeson. |
| New Lebanon..... | 314 | South Mills..... | Camden. |
| Kinston..... | 316 | Kinston | Lenoir. |
| Eureka..... | 317 | Elizabeth City..... | Pasquotank. |
| Wilmington | 319 | Wilmington..... | New Hanover. |
| Selma | 320 | Selma | Johnston. |
| White Hill. | 321 | Greenwood | Moore. |
| Granite | 322 | Mount Airy..... | Surry. |
| Wentworth | 324 | Wentworth..... | Rockingham. |
| Falling Creek..... | 325 | Graham | Wayne. |
| Winton..... | 327 | Winton..... | Hertford. |
| Mattamuskeet | 328 | Englehard | Hyde. |
| Black Creek..... | 330 | Black Creek..... | Wilson. |
| Bayboro | 331 | Bayboro | Pamlico. |
| Ashpole | 335 | Rowland | Robeson. |
| Ionic | 337 | Kittrell | Vance. |
| Fair View..... | 339 | King's Mountain..... | Cleveland. |
| Harmony..... | 340 | Fremont..... | Wayne. |
| Rock Spring..... | 341 | Triangle..... | Lincoln. |
| Hickory..... | 343 | Hickory | Catawba. |
| Numa F. Reid..... | 344 | High Point..... | Guilford. |
| Stanly | 348 | Albemarle..... | Stanly. |
| Durham | 352 | Durham | Durham. |
| Moravian..... | 353 | Moravian Falls..... | Wilkes. |
| Dellaplane..... | 355 | Straw | Wilkes. |
| Double Shoal..... | 356 | Ballston | Cleveland. |
| Bakersville..... | 357 | Bakersville..... | Mitchell. |
| East LaPorte..... | 358 | Tuckaseegee..... | Jackson. |
| Mount Vernon..... | 359 | Oriental..... | Pamlico. |
| Mayon | 360 | Ammon | Bladen. |
| Snow..... | 363 | Sugar Grove | Watauga. |
| Craighead..... | 366 | Huntersville..... | Mecklenburg. |
| Mount Pisgah..... | 368 | Williams' Mills..... | Chatham. |
| Air Line..... | 369 | Gastonia..... | Gaston. |
| Mars Hill..... | 370 | Mars Hill..... | Madison. |
| Bethel..... | 372 | Morven..... | Anson. |
| Elk | 373 | Todd..... | Watauga. |
| State Line..... | 375 | Grover | Cleveland. |
| Youngsville | 377 | Youngsville | Franklin. |
| Seaboard | 378 | Margarettsville..... | Northampton. |
| Coharrie | 379 | Owenville | Sampson. |
| Granville..... | 380 | Grisson..... | Granville. |
| Forest City..... | 381 | Forest City..... | Rutherford. |
| Shawnee | 382 | Monbo..... | Catawba. |
| Reidsville | 384 | Reidsville | Rockingham. |
| Scottsville..... | 385 | Furches..... | Ashe. |
| Pigeon River..... | 386 | Canton..... | Haywood. |
| Kedron..... | 387 | Hendersonville..... | Henderson. |
| Moore'sboro | 388 | Moore'sboro..... | Cleveland. |
| Temperance..... | 389 | Coxville | Pitt. |
| Copeland | 390 | Copeland..... | Surry. |
| Lebanon | 391 | Hope Mills..... | Cumberland. |
| White Rock..... | 392 | White Rock..... | Madison. |

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| Tally Ho..... | 393 | Hargrove | Granville. |
| Cape Fear..... | 394 | Little River Academy.. | Cumberland. |
| Orient..... | 395 | Wilmington..... | New Hanover. |
| Oxford..... | 396 | Oxford..... | Granville. |
| Bald Creek..... | 397 | Bald Creek..... | Yancey. |
| Centre..... | 398 | Jupiter..... | Buncombe. |
| Conoho..... | 399 | Hamilton..... | Martin. |
| New Found..... | 400 | Leicester..... | Buncombe. |
| Joppa..... | 401 | Old Fort..... | McDowell. |
| Dobson..... | 402 | Dobson..... | Surry. |
| Siler City..... | 403 | Siler City..... | Chatham. |
| Farmers..... | 404 | Farmers..... | Randolph. |
| Ocean..... | 405 | Morehead City..... | Carteret. |
| Ivy..... | 406 | Paint Fork..... | Madison. |
| Liberty Grove..... | 407 | North Wilkesboro..... | Wilkes. |
| University..... | 408 | Chapel Hill..... | Orange. |
| Bula..... | 409 | Burlington..... | Alamance. |
| Rockville..... | 411 | Stanhope..... | Nash. |
| H. F. Grainger..... | 412 | Dabney..... | Vance. |
| Louisburg..... | 413 | Louisburg..... | Franklin. |
| New Hope..... | 415 | Purlear..... | Wilkes. |
| Bellview..... | 416 | Cobbs..... | Cherokee. |
| Maxton..... | 417 | Maxton..... | Robeson. |
| Potecasi..... | 418 | Potecasi..... | Northampton. |
| Greenwood..... | 419 | Godwin..... | Cumberland. |
| Harmon..... | 420 | Cross Roads Church..... | Yadkin. |
| Boonville..... | 421 | Boonville..... | Yadkin. |
| Yadkin Falls..... | 422 | New London..... | Stan'y. |
| Sparta..... | 423 | Sparta..... | Alleghany. |
| Baltimore..... | 424 | Tracadia..... | Yadkin. |
| Eastern Star..... | 425 | Green Mountain..... | Yancey. |
| Montgomery..... | 426 | Ranger..... | Cherokee. |
| Oconee..... | 427 | Bryson City..... | Swain. |
| Stokesdale..... | 428 | Stokesdale..... | Guilford. |
| Sea Side..... | 429 | Swansboro..... | Onslow. |
| Rockyford..... | 430 | Kapp's Mill..... | Surry. |
| Relief..... | 431 | Benson..... | Johnston. |
| King's Creek..... | 432 | Piney Creek..... | Alleghany. |
| Vanceboro..... | 433 | Vanceboro..... | Craver. |
| West Bend..... | 434 | Panther Creek..... | Yadkin. |
| Blue Ridge..... | 435 | Highlands..... | Macou. |
| Star..... | 437 | Star..... | Montgomery. |
| Marble Spring..... | 439 | Marble..... | Cherokee. |
| Clingman..... | 440 | Clingman..... | Wilkes. |
| Pleasant Mount..... | 441 | Absher..... | Wilkes. |
| Waxhaw..... | 442 | Waxhaw..... | Union. |
| Roper..... | 443 | Roper..... | Washington. |
| Marietta..... | 444 | Ramseur..... | Randolph. |
| Mountain Park..... | 445 | Hot Springs..... | Madison. |
| Biltmore..... | 446 | Biltmore..... | Buncombe. |
| Enfield..... | 447 | Enfield..... | Halifax. |
| Ingold..... | 448 | Ingold..... | Sampson. |
| Lone Oak..... | 449 | Robbinsville..... | Graham. |
| Polenta..... | 450 | Polenta..... | Johnston. |

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| Ashler | 451 | Stony Fork | Watauga. |
| Grifton | 452 | Grifton | Pitt. |
| Clyde | 453 | Clyde | Haywood. |
| Elkin | 454 | Elkin | Surry. |
| Pineville | 455 | Pineville | Mecklenburg. |
| Rusk | 456 | Rusk | Surry. |
| Grapevine | 457 | Grapevine | Madison. |
| Dillsboro | 459 | Dillsboro | Jackson. |
| Henrietta | 460 | Henrietta | Rutherford. |
| Matthews | 461 | Matthews | Mecklenburg. |
| South Fork | 462 | McAdensville | Gaston. |
| Currituck | 463 | Coinjock | Currituck. |
| Boiling Springs | 464 | Boiling Springs | Cleveland. |
| Gulf | 465 | Gulf | Chatham. |
| King Hiram | 466 | Edonia | Cumberland. |
| Healing Springs | 467 | Crumpler | Ashe. |
| Millingport | 468 | Millingport | Stanly. |
| Sanford | 469 | Sanford | Moore. |
| Scotland Neck | 470 | Scotland Neck | Halifax. |
| Grassy Knob | 471 | Osbornville | Iredell. |
| Sonoma | 472 | Sonoma | Haywood. |
| Lexington | 473 | Lexington | Davidson. |
| St. Paul's | 474 | St. Paul's | Robeson. |
| Grimesland | 475 | Grimesland | Pitt. |
| Big Lick | 476 | Big Lick | Stanly. |
| Eagle Springs | 477 | Eagle Springs | Moore. |
| Four Oaks | 478 | Four Oaks | Johnston. |
| Rainbow | 479 | Arapahoe | Pamlico. |
| Mill Creek | 480 | Harpers | Johnston. |
| Spring Hope | 481 | Spring Hope | Nash. |
| Saluda | 482 | Saluda | Polk. |
| Trap Hill | 483 | Trap Hill | Wilkes. |
| Aberdeen | 484 | Aberdeen | Moore. |
| Brasstown | 485 | Brasstown | Clay. |
| Lawndale | 486 | Lawndale | Cleveland. |
| Statesville | 487 | Statesville | Iredell. |
| Rich Square | 488 | Rich Square | Northampton. |
| Linville | 489 | Montezuma | Mitchell. |
| Buggaboo | 490 | Benham | Wilkes. |
| Hominy | 491 | Candler | Buncombe. |
| Thomas M. Holt | 492 | Graham | Alamance. |
| Pilot | 493 | Pilot Mountain | Surry. |
| John A. Graves | 494 | Yanceyville | Caswell. |
| Rockingham | 495 | Rockingham | Richmond. |
| Mooresville | 496 | Mooresville | Iredell. |
| Royal Hart | 497 | Littleton | Halifax. |
| Ayden | 498 | Ayden | Pitt. |
| Creedmoor | 499 | Creedmoor | Granville. |
| Raleigh | 500 | Raleigh | Wake. |
| Red Springs | 501 | Red Springs | Robeson. |
| Cookville | 502 | Henry | Catawba. |

STATEMENT OF LODGES GIVEN ACCORDING TO COUNTIES.

| NAMES OF LODGES. | NO. | NAMES OF LODGES. | NO. |
|----------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| ALAMANCE. | | CALDWELL. | |
| Thomas M. Holt..... | 492 | Hibriten..... | 262 |
| Bingham..... | 272 | CAMDEN. | |
| Bula..... | 409 | New Lebanon..... | 314 |
| ALEXANDER. | | Widow's Son..... | 75 |
| Lee..... | 253 | CARTERET. | |
| ALLEGHANY. | | Franklin..... | 109 |
| King's Creek..... | 432 | Ocean..... | 405 |
| Sparta..... | 423 | CASWELL. | |
| ANSON. | | John A. Graves..... | 494 |
| Bethel..... | 372 | Golden Fleece..... | 74 |
| Carolina..... | 141 | CATAWBA. | |
| Kilwinning..... | 64 | Catawba..... | 248 |
| ASHE, | | Cookville..... | 502 |
| Scottsville..... | 385 | Hickory..... | 343 |
| Healing Springs..... | 467 | Shawnee..... | 382 |
| BEAUFORT. | | CHATHAM. | |
| Orr..... | 104 | Columbus..... | 102 |
| Panlico..... | 300 | Flat Creek..... | 285 |
| BERTIE. | | George Washington..... | 174 |
| Charity..... | 5 | Gunter..... | 232 |
| Davie..... | 39 | Mount Pisgah..... | 368 |
| BLADEN. | | Mount Vernon..... | 143 |
| Mayon..... | 360 | Siler City..... | 403 |
| BRUNSWICK. | | Gulf..... | 465 |
| Pythagoras..... | 249 | CHEROKEE. | |
| BUNCOMBE. | | Bellview..... | 416 |
| Biltmore..... | 446 | Cherokee..... | 146 |
| Blackmer..... | 170 | Marble Spring..... | 439 |
| Centre..... | 398 | Montgomery..... | 426 |
| Mount Hermon..... | 118 | Notla..... | 312 |
| Vance..... | 293 | CHOWAN. | |
| Hominy..... | 491 | Unanimity..... | 7 |
| BURKE. | | CLAY. | |
| Catawba Valley..... | 217 | Brasstown..... | 485 |
| CABARRUS. | | Clay..... | 301 |
| Patterson..... | 307 | CLEVELAND. | |
| Stokes..... | 32 | Cleveland..... | 202 |
| | | Double Shoals..... | 356 |
| | | Fairview..... | 339 |
| | | Lawndale..... | 486 |

| NAMES OF LODGES. | NO. | NAMES OF LODGES. | NO. |
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| CLEVELAND— <i>Continued.</i> | | GASTON. | |
| Mooresboro | 388 | Air Line..... | 369 |
| State Line..... | 375 | Gaston..... | 263 |
| Boiling Springs..... | 464 | South Fork..... | 462 |
| COLUMBUS. | | GATES. | |
| Fair Bluff | 190 | Gatesville..... | 126 |
| Lebanon..... | 207 | Lily Valley | 252 |
| CUMBERLAND. | | GRAHAM. | |
| Cape Fear..... | 394 | Lone Oak | 449 |
| Durbin..... | 266 | GRANVILLE. | |
| Greenwood | 419 | Adoniram | 149 |
| Lebanon..... | 391 | Berea..... | 204 |
| Phoenix..... | 8 | Creedmoor..... | 499 |
| King Hiram..... | 466 | Granville..... | 380 |
| CURRITUCK. | | Knap of Reeds..... | 158 |
| Atlantic | 238 | Mount Energy..... | 140 |
| Hall | 53 | Oxford..... | 396 |
| Currituck | 463 | Tally Ho..... | 393 |
| CRAVEN. | | GREENE. | |
| St. John's | 3 | Jerusalem..... | 95 |
| Vanceboro..... | 433 | Radiance | 132 |
| DAVIDSON. | | GUILFORD. | |
| Lexington | 473 | Numa F. Reid | 344 |
| Thomasville | 214 | Greensboro | 76 |
| DAVIE. | | Logan | 121 |
| Farmington..... | 265 | Stokesdale..... | 428 |
| Mocksville | 134 | Tobasco..... | 271 |
| DUPLIN. | | HALIFAX. | |
| Rehoboth..... | 279 | Enfield..... | 447 |
| Warren | 101 | Roanoke..... | 203 |
| DURHAM. | | Royal White Hart..... | 2 |
| Durham | 352 | Royal Hart..... | 497 |
| EDGECOMBE. | | Scotland Neck..... | 470 |
| Concord | 58 | HARNETT. | |
| Rising Sun | 438 | Cokesbury..... | 235 |
| FORSYTH. | | Evergreen | 303 |
| Salem | 289 | Harnett..... | 258 |
| Winston | 167 | Lillington..... | 302 |
| FRANKLIN. | | Palmyra..... | 147 |
| Cedar Rock..... | 286 | Pine Forest..... | 186 |
| Franklinton | 123 | HAYWOOD. | |
| Louisburg | 413 | Clyde..... | 453 |
| Sandy Creek..... | 185 | Pigeon River..... | 386 |
| Youngsville..... | 377 | Sonoma..... | 472 |
| | | Waynesville | 259 |

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| HENDERSON. | | MADISON— <i>Continued.</i> | |
| Kedron..... | 387 | Mars Hill..... | 370 |
| HERTFORD. | | Mountain Park..... | 445 |
| American George..... | 17 | White Rock..... | 392 |
| Winton..... | 327 | MARTIN. | |
| HYDE. | | Conoho..... | 399 |
| Atlantic..... | 294 | Skewarkey..... | 90 |
| Mattamuskeet..... | 328 | Stonewall..... | 296 |
| IREDELL. | | M'DOWELL. | |
| Mooresville..... | 496 | Joppa..... | 401 |
| Grassy Knob..... | 471 | Mystic Tie..... | 237 |
| Hunting Creek..... | 299 | MECKLENBURG. | |
| Statesville..... | 487 | Long Creek..... | 205 |
| Wilson..... | 226 | Craighead..... | 366 |
| JACKSON. | | Excelsior..... | 261 |
| Dillsboro..... | 459 | Phalanx..... | 31 |
| Unaka..... | 268 | Pineville..... | 455 |
| East LaPorte..... | 358 | Matthews..... | 461 |
| JOHNSTON. | | Mecklenburg..... | 176 |
| Four Oaks..... | 478 | MITCHELL. | |
| Archer..... | 165 | Linville..... | 489 |
| Beulah..... | 257 | Bakersville..... | 357 |
| Fellowship..... | 84 | MONTGOMERY. | |
| Granite..... | 191 | Randolph..... | 309 |
| Polenta..... | 450 | Star..... | 437 |
| Relief..... | 431 | Blackmer..... | 127 |
| Selma..... | 320 | MOORE. | |
| Mill Creek..... | 480 | Aberdeen..... | 484 |
| JONES. | | Eagle Springs..... | 477 |
| Polloksville..... | 175 | Chalmers..... | 151 |
| Zion..... | 81 | White Hill..... | 321 |
| LENOIR. | | McCormick..... | 228 |
| Kinston..... | 316 | Sanford..... | 469 |
| Lenoir..... | 233 | Buffalo..... | 172 |
| Pleasant Hill..... | 304 | NASH. | |
| Rountree..... | 243 | Central Cross..... | 187 |
| St. John's..... | 96 | Corinthian..... | 230 |
| LINCOLN. | | Morning Star..... | 85 |
| Lincoln..... | 137 | Rockville..... | 411 |
| Rock Spring..... | 341 | Spring Hope..... | 481 |
| MACON. | | NEW HANOVER. | |
| Blue Ridge..... | 435 | Orient..... | 395 |
| Junaluskee..... | 145 | St. John's..... | 1 |
| MADISON. | | Wilmington..... | 319 |
| French Broad..... | 292 | NORTHAMPTON. | |
| Grapevine..... | 457 | King Solomon..... | 56 |
| Ivy..... | 406 | Potecasi..... | 418 |

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|--------------------------------|-----|----------------------------|-----|
| NORTHAMPTON— <i>Continued.</i> | | ROBESON— <i>Continued.</i> | |
| Seaboard | 378 | St. Albans..... | 114 |
| Rich Square..... | 488 | Ashpo'e..... | 335 |
| ONSLow. | | Red Springs..... | 501 |
| LaFayette | 83 | ROCKINGHAM. | |
| Seaside | 429 | Dan River | 129 |
| ORANGE. | | Leaksville | 136 |
| Eagle | 71 | Reidsville..... | 384 |
| Oaks..... | 255 | Wentworth | 324 |
| University..... | 408 | ROWAN. | |
| PAMLICO. | | Eureka | 283 |
| Bayboro | 331 | Fulton..... | 99 |
| Mount Vernon | 359 | RUTHERFORD. | |
| Rainbow | 479 | Forest City..... | 381 |
| PASQUOTANK. | | Henrietta..... | 460 |
| Eureka | 317 | Western Star | 91 |
| PENDER. | | SAMPSON. | |
| King Solomon..... | 138 | Coharie..... | 379 |
| PERSON. | | Hiram..... | 98 |
| Person | 113 | Ingold..... | 448 |
| PERQUIMANS. | | Mill Creek..... | 125 |
| Perquimans | 106 | Mingo | 206 |
| PITT. | | Siloam..... | 178 |
| Grimesland..... | 475 | STANLY. | |
| Greenville | 284 | Big Lick..... | 476 |
| Ayden | 498 | Stanly..... | 348 |
| Grifton | 452 | Yadkin Falls..... | 422 |
| Temperance | 389 | Millingford | 468 |
| POLK. | | SURRY. | |
| Saluda..... | 482 | Pilot..... | 493 |
| RANDOLPH. | | Copeland..... | 390 |
| Randleman | 209 | Dobson | 402 |
| Balfour | 188 | Elkin..... | 454 |
| Deep River..... | 164 | Granite..... | 322 |
| Farmers | 404 | Rockford..... | 251 |
| Hanks | 128 | Rocky Ford..... | 430 |
| Marietta | 444 | Rusk | 456 |
| Mount Olivet..... | 195 | SWAIN. | |
| RICHMOND. | | Oconee | 427 |
| Rockingham..... | 495 | TRANSYLVANIA. | |
| Lanrinburg..... | 305 | Dunn's Rock..... | 267 |
| ROBESON. | | UNION. | |
| St. Paul's..... | 474 | Beaver Dam..... | 276 |
| King Solomon..... | 313 | Monroe..... | 244 |
| Maxton..... | 417 | Waxhaw..... | 442 |
| | | VANCE. | |
| | | Henderson..... | 229 |

| NAMES OF LODGES. | NO. | NAMES OF LODGES. | NO. |
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| VANCE— <i>Continued.</i> | | WILKES. | |
| Henry F. Grainger | 412 | Buggaboo..... | 490 |
| Ionic | 337 | Clingman..... | 440 |
| WAKE | | Dellaplane..... | 335 |
| Green Level..... | 277 | Liberty..... | 45 |
| Hiram..... | 40 | Liberty Grove..... | 407 |
| Holly Springs..... | 115 | Moravian..... | 353 |
| Mount Pleasant..... | 157 | New Hope..... | 415 |
| Neuse..... | 97 | Pleasant Mount..... | 441 |
| Rolesville..... | 156 | Trap Hill..... | 483 |
| Wake Forest..... | 282 | WILSON. | |
| William G. Hill..... | 218 | Black Creek..... | 330 |
| William T. Bain..... | 231 | Hatcher..... | 310 |
| White Stone..... | 155 | Joseph Warren..... | 92 |
| Cary..... | 198 | Mount Lebanon..... | 117 |
| Raleigh..... | 500 | Toisnot..... | 298 |
| WASHINGTON. | | YADKIN. | |
| Roper..... | 443 | Baltimore..... | 424 |
| WATAUGA. | | Boonville..... | 421 |
| Ashler..... | 451 | East Bend..... | 269 |
| Elk..... | 373 | Harmon..... | 420 |
| Snow..... | 363 | Jonesville..... | 227 |
| Watauga..... | 273 | West Bend..... | 434 |
| WAYNE. | | Yadkin..... | 162 |
| Falling Creek..... | 325 | YANCEY. | |
| Harmony..... | 340 | Bald Creek..... | 397 |
| Wayne..... | 112 | Burnsville..... | 192 |
| | | Eastern Star..... | 425 |



LIST OF FOREIGN GRAND LODGES, WITH NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF GRAND SECRETARIES.

| GRAND LODGES. | GRAND SECRETARIES. | ADDRESSES. |
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| Argentine Republic | Otto E. Recke | Buenos Aires. |
| Belgium | Rian Redgrot | Brussels |
| Brazil | Dr. Henrique Valladares | Rio de Janeiro. |
| Bavaria, Grosse Landesloge zur Sonne | G. H. Fischer | Bayreuth, Bavaria |
| Chili | A. Echeverrea | Valparaiso. |
| Columbia | Damaro Zapota | Carthagena. |
| Cuba, Gran Legia Unida | Jose F. Pellon | Habana 55, Habana, Cuba. |
| Denmark | Rasmus Oelgard Neilson | Copenhagen. |
| Egypt | F. F. Oddi | Alexandria. |
| England, United Grand Lodge | Edward Letchworth | Free Masons' Hall, Great Queen St., London, W. C. |
| Frankfort, Eklektic Union | Dr. Emil Wenz | Steinweg, 6, Frankfort, Germany, |
| Greece | Etienne Stephanos, Dr. Ju | 24 Rue Homere, Athens |
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| Hesse-Darmstadt, Grosse Loge zur + intracht | Karl Neiss, Dr. Phil | Roemerstrasse 14, Worms, Germany. |
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| Italy | Ettore Ferrari | Palazzo Poli 42, Rome, Italy. |
| Ireland, Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. | Archib'd St. George, D.G.S. | Free Masons' Hall, Molesworth St., Dublin. |
| Liberia | H. A. Williams | Monrovia, Africa. |
| Mexico | Gamaliel Arenat | Mexico. |
| New South Wales, United Grand Lodge | A. H. Bray | Free Masons' Hall, Castlereagh St., Sydney. |
| New Zealand | William Ronaldson | Auckland, N. Z. |
| Prussia, Grosse Loge Royal York Freundschaft | Karl August Bouche | Wichman-Strasse 2a, Berlin. |
| Prussia, Grosse Loge zu den drie Weltkugeln | Johannes Shuman | Spiligerber-Gasse 3, Berlin. |
| Prussia, Grosse Landesloge | Wilhelm Rabe | Oranienburger-Strasse 72, Berlin. |

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| South Australia, Grand Lodge of..... | J. H. Cunningham..... | Free Masons' Hall, Flinders Street, Adelaide, Australia. |
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| Sweden..... | Hugo Martin..... | Blaisieholmen No. 6, Stockholm, Sweden. |
| Switzerland, Grosse Loge Alpina..... | Charles Beeson..... | Berne, Schewiz. |
| Tasmania..... | J. G. Steele..... | Free Masons' Hall, Hobart, Tasmania. |
| Tunis..... | Edward Murri..... | Valle de la Megherda, Tunis, Africa. |
| Victoria, United Grand Lodge of..... | John Brain..... | Free Masons' Hall, Melbourne, Aus. |
| Venezuela..... | Jose B. Alovzua..... | Caracas. |

GRAND LODGES — MONTH OF MEETINGS — ADDRESSES OF
GRAND SECRETARIES.

| GRAND LODGES. | MEETS. | GRAND SECRETARIES. | ADDRESSES. |
|-------------------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Alabama | December | Henry C. Armstrong. | Montgomery |
| Arizona | November | George J. Roskrige. | Tucson |
| Arkansas | November | Fay Hemstead | Little Rock |
| British Columbia | June. | W. J. Quinlan | Victoria |
| California | October. | George Johnson | San Francisco |
| Canada | July | J. J. Mason | Hamilton, Ont. |
| Colorado | September. | Ed. C. Parmelee | Denver |
| Connecticut | January | John H. Barlow | Hartford |
| Delaware | October | B. F. Bartram | Wilmington |
| District Columbia | November. | W. R. Singleton | Washington |
| Florida | January | Wilbor P. Webster | Jacksonville |
| Georgia | October. | W. A. Wollihin | Macon |
| Idaho | September. | Theo. W. Randall | Boise City |
| Illinois | October. | J. H. C. Dill | Bloomington |
| Indiana | May. | William H. Smythe | Indianapolis |
| Indian Territory | August | J. S. Murrow | Atoka |
| Iowa | June. | Theo. S. Parin | Cedar Rapids |
| Kansas | February | Albert K. Wilson | Topeka |
| Kentucky | October. | H. B. Grant | Louisville |
| Louisiana | February | Richard P. Lambert | New Orleans |
| Maine | May. | Stephen Berry | Portland |
| Manitoba | June. | William G. Scott | Winnipeg |
| Massachusetts | December. | Sereno D. Nickerson | Boston |
| Maryland | November | Jacob H. Medairy | Baltimore |
| Michigan | January. | Jefferson S. Conover | Coldwater |
| Minnesota | January | Thomas Montgomery | St. Paul |
| Mississippi | February | J. L. Power | Jackson |
| Missouri | October. | John D. Vincil | St. Louis |
| Montana | September. | Cornelius Hedges | Helena |
| Nebraska | June | William R. Bowen | Omaha |
| Nevada | June | C. N. Noteware | Carson |
| New Brunswick | April | J. T. Hart | St. John |
| New Hampshire | May. | George P. Cleaves | Concord |
| New Jersey | January | T. H. R. Redway | Trenton |
| New Mexico | October. | A. A. Keen | Albuquerque |
| New York | June | E. M. L. Ehlers | New York |
| North Dakota | June. | Frank J. Thompson | Fargo |
| Nova Scotia | June. | W. Ross | Halifax |
| Ohio | October. | J. H. Bromwell | Cincinnati |
| Oklahoma | February | J. S. Hunt | Stillwater |
| Oregon | June | James F. Robinson | Eugene |
| Pennsylvania | December. | W. A. Sinn | Philadelphia |
| Prince Ed. Island | June. | Neil Mackelvie | Summerside |
| Quebec | January. | John H. Isaacson | Montreal |
| Rhode Island | May | Edwin Baker | Providence |
| South Carolina | December. | Charles Inglesby | Charleston |
| South Dakota | June. | George A. Pettigrew | Flandreau |
| Tennessee | January. | John P. Garrett | Nashville |
| Texas | December | John Watson | Houston |
| Utah | January. | Christopher Diehl | Salt Lake City |
| Vermont | June. | Warren J. Reynolds | Burlington |
| Virginia | December | Geo. W. Carrington | Richmond |
| West Virginia | November | George W. Atkinson | Charleston |
| Wisconsin | June. | John W. Laffin | Milwaukee |
| Wyoming | December. | W. L. Kuekendall | Saratoga |

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| Ohio..... | Albert M. Noble..... | Selma |
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| Sweden..... | W. W. Wilson..... | Raleigh |
| Tennessee..... | J. L. Currin..... | Henderson |
| Victoria..... | Irskine Pope..... | Red Springs |
| Vermont..... | Samuel Northorp..... | Wilmington |
| Virginia..... | Dr. F. M. Moye..... | Moyton |
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| Wisconsin..... | Richard J. Noble..... | Selma |

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ABSTRACT

OF

Returns from Subordinate Lodges.

Abstract of Returns from Subordinate Lodges for Masonic year ending October 31, 1899.

| NAME OF LODGE | Number. | Initiated. | Passed. | Raised. | Admitted. | Reinstated. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Excluded for non-payment of dues. | Withdrawn. | Died. | Rejected. | Members. | Resident Masons not members. | Whole number. | Amount of dues for 1899. | Dues paid. | Balance due. |
|------------------|---------|------------|---------|---------|-----------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|------------|-------|-----------|----------|------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------|
| St. John's..... | 1 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 3 | | | | 1 | 3 | | | 81 | 11 | 92 | \$48 60 | \$48 60 | |
| R'y'l White Hart | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | 11 | 9 | 20 | 6 60 | 6 60 | |
| St. John's..... | 3 | | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | | 68 | | 68 | 40 80 | 40 80 | |
| Charity..... | 5 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 | | 51 | 1 | 52 | 30 60 | 30 60 | |
| Unanimity..... | 7 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 3 | | | | | 1 | | 6 | 33 | 10 | 43 | 19 80 | 19 80 | |
| Phoenix..... | 8 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 4 | | | | 5 | 2 | | | 53 | 24 | 77 | 31 80 | 31 80 | |
| Am'ric'n George | 17 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 2 | | | | | 2 | 1 | | 18 | 2 | 20 | 10 80 | 10 80 | |
| Phalanx..... | 31 | 10 | 7 | 3 | 6 | | | | | | | | 72 | | 72 | 43 20 | 43 20 | |
| Stokes..... | 32 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | | | 46 | 26 | 72 | 27 60 | 27 60 | |
| Davie..... | 39 | 4 | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | 50 | 3 | 53 | 30 00 | 30 00 | |
| Hiram..... | 40 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | 2 | | 66 | 7 | 73 | 39 60 | 39 60 | |
| Liberty..... | 45 | 1 | 2 | 2 | | | 1 | | | 2 | | | 27 | 3 | 30 | 16 20 | 16 20 | |
| Hall..... | 53 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | 22 | 4 | 26 | 13 20 | 13 20 | |
| King Solomon | 56 | 1 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 38 | 2 | 40 | 22 80 | 22 80 | |
| Concord..... | 58 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 1 | | 1 | | | | 2 | 2 | 54 | 10 | 64 | 32 40 | 32 40 | |
| Kilwinning..... | 64 | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | 31 | | 31 | 18 60 | 18 60 | |
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| Mill Creek | 125 | | | | 1 | 1 | 29 | 16 | 45 | 17 40 |
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| Lincoln | 137 | | | | | | 44 | 5 | 49 | 26 40 |
| King Solomon | 138 | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 32 | 7 | 39 | 19 20 |
| Mount Energy | 140 | | | 7 | 19 | | 29 | 4 | 33 | 17 40 |
| Carolina | 141 | | | | | 1 | 17 | 14 | 31 | 10 20 |
| Junaluska | 145 | | | | | 1 | 51 | 3 | 54 | 30 60 |
| Cherokee | 146 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 45 | | 45 | 27 00 |
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| Granite..... | 191 | 1 | 1 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 2 | ... | 25 | ... | 25 | 15 00 | 15 00 | |
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| Dunn's Rock | 267 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | | | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 59 | 22 | 81 | 35 40 | 35 40 | |
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| Marble Spring..... | 439 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | 2 | | | | | 1 | 1 | 37 | | 37 | 22 20 | 22 20 | |
| Clingman..... | 440 | 2 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | 1 | | | 30 | | 30 | 18 00 | 18 00 | |
| Pleasant Mount..... | 441 | | | | | | | | | | | | 16 | 3 | 19 | 9 60 | 9 60 | 9 60 |
| Waxhaw..... | 442 | | | | | | | | 2 | | | | 25 | | 25 | 15 00 | 15 00 | |
| Roper..... | 443 | 7 | 7 | 4 | | | | | | 3 | 1 | 1 | 45 | 8 | 53 | 27 00 | 27 00 | |
| Marietta..... | 444 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | 1 | | 3 | | | 49 | | 49 | 29 40 | 29 40 | |
| Baltimore..... | 446 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | | 44 | | 44 | 26 40 | 26 40 | |
| Enfield..... | 447 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 1 | | | | | | 1 | 2 | 58 | 6 | 64 | 34 80 | 34 80 | |
| Ingold..... | 448 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 13 | | 13 | 7 80 | 7 80 | |
| Lone Oak..... | 449 | 4 | 9 | 9 | 2 | | | | | 1 | 1 | 7 | 65 | | 65 | 39 00 | 39 00 | |
| Polenta..... | 450 | | | | | | | | | 2 | 1 | | 18 | | 18 | 10 80 | 10 80 | |
| Ashler..... | 451 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | | | 1 | | | | 43 | | 43 | 25 80 | 25 80 | |
| Grifton..... | 452 | 5 | 5 | 6 | | | | | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 19 | 2 | 21 | 11 40 | 11 40 | |

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| Clyde | 453 | 3 | 3 | 6 | | | | | 1 | 45 | 45 | 27 00 |
| Elkin | 454 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | | | 2 | | 25 | 25 | 15 00 |
| Pineville | 455 | | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 15 | 19 | 9 00 |
| Rusk | 456 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 20 | 24 | 12 00 |
| Dillsboro | 459 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | 33 | 36 | 19 80 |
| Henrietta | 460 | | | | 3 | | | | | 43 | 43 | 25 80 |
| Matthews | 461 | 11 | 7 | 8 | | | | | | 30 | 30 | 18 00 |
| South Fork | 462 | 10 | 8 | 7 | | 1 | | | 3 | 44 | 44 | 26 40 |
| Currituck | 463 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 1 | | | 4 | 1 | 35 | 35 | 21 00 |
| Boiling Springs. | 464 | | | | | 1 | | | | 29 | 30 | 17 40 |
| Gulf. | 465 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | | 15 | 19 | 9 00 |
| King Hiram | 466 | 5 | 5 | 5 | | | 1 | 1 | | 27 | 31 | 16 20 |
| Healing Springs | 467 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 2 | | | | | 35 | 36 | 21 00 |
| Millington | 468 | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | 36 | 36 | 21 60 |
| Sanford | 469 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 2 | | | 23 | 26 | 13 80 |
| Scotland Neck | 470 | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | 33 | 33 | 19 80 |
| Grassy Knob | 471 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | | | | 46 | 46 | 27 60 |
| Sonoma | 472 | 3 | 2 | 4 | | | | | 2 | 31 | 31 | 18 60 |
| Lexington | 473 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | | | 2 | 33 | 40 | 19 80 |
| St. Paul's | 474 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | | | 2 | 1 | 36 | 36 | 21 60 |
| Grimesland | 475 | 4 | 2 | 4 | | | | | | 38 | 38 | 22 80 |
| Big Lick | 476 | 4 | 4 | 3 | | | | | | 27 | 32 | 16 20 |
| Eagle Springs | 477 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 1 | | | | 1 | 24 | 27 | 14 40 |
| Four Oaks | 478 | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | 22 | 22 | 13 20 |
| Rainbow | 479 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 11 | 11 | 6 60 |
| Mill Creek | 480 | 1 | 2 | 2 | | | | | 1 | 15 | 19 | 9 00 |
| Spring Hope | 481 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | 20 | 20 | 12 00 |
| Saluda | 482 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 15 | 16 | 9 00 |
| Trap Hill | 483 | | | | | | | | | | | 18 60 |
| Brasstown | 485 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 1 | | | 1 | | 23 | 25 | 13 80 |
| Lawndale | 486 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | 22 | 22 | 13 20 |
| Statesville | 487 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 4 | | 1 | 1 | | 40 | 58 | 24 00 |
| Rich Square | 488 | | 1 | 2 | | | | 2 | | 16 | 19 | 9 60 |
| Buggaboo | 490 | | | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 20 | 21 | 12 00 |

ABSTRACT—Continued.

| NAME OF LODGE | Number. | Initiated. | Passed. | Raised. | Admitted. | Reinstated. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Excluded for non-payment of dues. | Withdrawn. | Died. | Rejected. | Members. | Resident Masons not members. | Whole number. | Amount of dues for 1899. | Dues paid. | Balance due. |
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| Honiny..... | 491 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 16 | 15 | 9 00 | 9 00 | 0 00 |
| Thomas M. Holt | 492 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 22 | 22 | 38 | 13 20 | 13 20 | 0 00 |
| Pilot..... | 493 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 9 | 23 | 8 40 | 8 40 | 0 00 |
| John A. Graves.. | 494 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 31 | 10 | 41 | 18 60 | 18 60 | 0 00 |
| Rockingham..... | 495 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 36 | 10 | 36 | 21 60 | 21 60 | 0 00 |
| Mooreville..... | 496 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 44 | 13 | 57 | 26 40 | 26 40 | 0 00 |
| Royal Hart..... | 497 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 21 | 2 | 26 | 12 60 | 12 60 | 0 00 |
| Ayden..... | 498 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 24 | 2 | 26 | 14 40 | 14 40 | 0 00 |
| Creedmoor..... | 499 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 30 | 2 | 30 | 18 00 | 18 00 | 0 00 |
| | 629 | 563 | 584 | 584 | 240 | 85 | 32 | 12 | 228 | 243 | 175 | 135 | 10,221 | 1,463 | 11,684 | 6,132 60 | 5,887 90 | 265 10 |

The following Lodges have not sent in their returns for the year 1899, viz.: Jerusalem, No. 95; Warren, No. 101; St. Albans, No. 114; Logan, No. 121; Dan River, No. 129; Mount Vernon, No. 143; White Stone, No. 155; Buffalo, No. 172; Mount Olivet, No. 195; Wilson, No. 226; Wake Forest, No. 282; Pamlico, No. 300; Falling Creek, No. 325; Fair View, No. 339; Numa F. Reid, No. 344; Dellaplane, No. 355; Ocean, No. 405; Sparta, No. 423; Mountain Park, No. 445; Grapevine, No. 457; Trap Hill, No. 483; Aberdeen, No. 484; Linville, No. 489.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

THE GRAND LODGE of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina convened in Special Communication at Masonic Hall, in the town of Selma, on Tuesday, January 31, 1899, at 8 o'clock, P. M., and was opened in ample form, it appearing that a constitutional number of Lodges were represented.

Prayer was led by the Grand Chaplain.

Grand Officers present :

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| M. W. R. J. NOBLE..... | Grand Master. |
| R. W. W. H. HARE..... | as Deputy Grand Master. |
| R. W. R. R. EASON..... | as Senior Grand Warden. |
| R. W. WILLIAM RICHARDSON..... | as Junior Grand Warden. |
| R. W. W. H. ETHEREDGE..... | as Grand Treasurer. |
| R. W. N. E. EDGERTON..... | as Grand Secretary. |
| W. A. M. SIMMS..... | Grand Chaplain. |
| W. H. D. WILLIAMS..... | as Grand Lecturer. |
| W. FRANCIS D. WINSTON..... | Grand Senior Deacon. |
| W. O. D. GREEN..... | as Grand Junior Deacon. |
| W. CHARLES S. POWELL..... | as Grand Marshal. |
| W. S. W. PARKER..... | as Grand Sword Bearer. |
| W. J. H. WILLIAMS..... | as Grand Pursuivant. |
| W. CHARLES TALTON..... | as Grand Steward. |
| W. H. B. PEARCE..... | as Grand Steward. |
| W. R. H. BRADLEY..... | Grand Tiler. |

The following Lodges were represented :

Fellowship, No. 84; Archer, No. 165; Granite, No. 195; Polenta, No. 450; Relief, No. 431; Four Oaks, No. 478; Beulah, No. 257; Selma, No. 320; Wayne, No. 112; Hiram, No. 40; William G. Hill, No. 218; Charity, No. 5; Palmyra, No. 147.

The Grand Master stated that this Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was convened for the purpose of dedicating the hall of Selma Lodge, No. 320.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to dedicate the hall of Selma Lodge, No. 320, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, with the usual impressive ceremonies, after which Brother R. R. Eason read an historical sketch of Selma Lodge, which was ordered spread on the minutes of this meeting.

SKETCH OF SELMA LODGE, NO. 320, BY R. R. EASON.

In 1871, A. M. Noble, S. H. Hood, J. C. Scarboro, W. B. Harrill, W. H. Avera, J. W. Talton, R. W. Crumpler, L. D. Bailey and Perry Godwin resolved themselves into a Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, and applied for a charter. After meeting with many difficulties and waiting for more than a year, J. P. Batchelor, then Deputy Grand Master, ordered that they be examined and charter granted if they should be found worthy and well qualified.

On December 10, 1872, Selma Lodge, No. 320, was duly chartered and held its first regular communication with Capt. A. M. Noble as Worshipful Master, J. C. Scarboro, Senior Warden, and S. H. Hood, Junior Warden.

The Lodge has met regularly since that time, and has been acknowledged as one of the leading factors in the moral and intellectual development of our town and community. During these years A. M. Noble, S. H. Hood, R. J. Noble, H. D. Hood, J. M. Tisdale and W. H. Hare, all men of worth and influence, have filled the chair as Worshipful Masters. No Lodge in North Carolina can boast of a line of presiding officers more devoted to duty nor more interested in the public weal than these illustrious brethren. Their influence has always been for holding to the true tenets of our ancient and honorable order, and we hope ere long to see the walls of our new hall adorned with their portraits.

Nor has the influence of Selma Lodge been confined to home alone. The name of B. W. Hatcher is honored and respected throughout North Carolina. No man has done more in developing Masonry and putting it on a higher plane than our present Grand Custodian, B. W. Hatcher.

Masonry and education have always gone hand in hand, and during the dark ages it was our ancient Craft that preserved learning and transmitted it to modern times in all of its purity and beauty. The same has been true in North Carolina. After the dark days of reconstruction, when the Northern carpet-bagger and the Southern negro had squandered our splendid public school fund, and North Carolina

was threatened with the dark pall of ignorance and superstition, it was our first Senior Warden, Hon. J. C. Scarboro, that sacrificed a life of means to devote the same to the cause of public education; and whatever the public school system of North Carolina amounts to to-day is due to the untiring energy of this devoted son of North Carolina. There should be raised in Raleigh a monument to his name second only to that of the illustrious Vance.

Another name that we are all proud to mention is that of our fellow-townsmen, Dr. R. J. Noble. Dr. Noble was one of the first to be initiated in Selma Lodge. He has twice held the position of Worshipful Master. He has filled several offices in the Grand Lodge, and now adorns the East in that distinguished body. He is considered one of the brightest Masons in North Carolina, and has for more than twenty years been one of the shining lights in our ancient order. Dr. Noble is not only a bright Mason but spends much of his time and means for the advancement of the better side of Freemasonry. When a few months ago we had outgrown our old quarters and it was decided to build a new Lodge, it was Dr. Noble who took the lead, and it is to him in a large degree that we are indebted for our excellent hall to which we welcome you to-night.

While all of our members have not had the good fortune to reach the distinction that those already mentioned, yet they have, almost without an exception, been men of worth and integrity, and in whatever station found are laboring patiently for the uplifting of humanity and the betterment of our beloved Southland.

Excuse me for mentioning one other name before I close. I feel that I would be untrue to myself should I fail to mention the name of Capt. A. M. Noble, our first worthy Worshipful Master. His name is so intimately connected with Selma and her institutions that no paper on this subject would be complete without his name. He was one of the first to locate at this place. He gave our town its name, and has always labored for her advancement. There have been times in her history when most of us despaired, but Capt. Noble never lost hope; and now, my brethren and friends, let me insist that as this grand old man nears the silent majority we all unite to bestow upon him the honor so justly merited by a long life devoted to duty and love for his fellow man. May his last days be pleasant, and at last when he shall be called from "labor to refreshment" may he gain admittance into that Lodge above where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides.

Bro. Francis D. Winston then delivered an oration, which for eloquence and diction could not be surpassed.

On motion, Bro. Winston was thanked for his beautiful address, and was requested to furnish a copy to be published with the proceedings.

The thanks of the Grand Lodge were given to the choir which furnished the music.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form, after which all were feasted upon ice cream and cake furnished by the wives, daughters and sisters of the brethren of Selma Lodge.

R. J. NOBLE,

N. E. EDGERTON,

Grand Master.

as Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina convened in Special Communication at Masonic Hall, in the city of Wilmington, Thursday afternoon, May 18th, A. D. 1899, at 4:00 o'clock, and was opened in ample form, it appearing that a constitutional number of Lodges were represented.

Prayer was led by the Grand Chaplain.

Grand Officers present :

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| M. W. R. J. NOBLE | Grand Master. |
| R. W. B. S. ROYSTER | Deputy Grand Master. |
| R. W. H. I. CLARK | Senior Grand Warden. |
| R. W. W. S. LIDDELL | Junior Grand Warden. |
| R. W. J. C. MUNDS | as Grand Treasurer. |
| R. W. JOHN C. DREWRY | Grand Secretary. |
| R. W. A. M. SIMMS | Grand Chaplain. |
| W. H. P. WEST | as Grand Lecturer. |
| W. F. D. WINSTON | Senior Grand Deacon. |
| W. M. S. WILLARD | Junior Grand Deacon. |
| W. S. M. GATTIS | Grand Marshal. |
| W. T. C. LINN | Grand Sword Bearer. |
| W. A. M. WADDELL, JR. | as Grand Pursuivant. |
| W. A. B. ANDREWS, JR. | as Grand Steward. |
| W. T. L. FARROW | Grand Steward. |
| W. R. H. BRADLEY | Grand Tiler. |

Past Grand Officers present :

H. H. MUNSON.....Past Grand Master.
 CHARLES H. ROBINSONPast Grand Master.

The following Lodges were represented :

St. John's, No. 1; Wilmington, No. 319; Orient, Do 195; William G. Hill, No. 318; Eagle, No. 71; King Solomon, No. 138; Pythagoras, No. 249; LaFayette, No. 83; Fulton, No. 99; Charity, No. 5; Winston, No. 167. Fellowship, No. 84. Phalanx, No. 31; Kilwinning, No. 64; Oxford, No. 396; Durham, No. 352; Conoho, No. 399; Rehoboth, No. 279; Marion, No. 360; Mt. Lebanon, No. 117; Franklin, No. 209; Vanceboro, No. 433; Seaside, No. 429; Altamahaw, No. 227, Johnson Station, Ga.; Louistown, No. 203, Pennsylvania; Owens, No. 164, Norfolk, Va.; Union, No. —, Junction City, Kansas; Andrew Jackson, No. 120, Virginia; J. H. B. Latrobe, No. 165, Maryland.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master informed the Lodge that the Special Communication was called for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple. The procession was then formed under the direction of the Grand Marshal and the Grand Lodge proceeded in a body to the place where the new Masonic Temple is being built, and there performed in a most impressive manner the beautiful and appropriate Masonic ceremonies of laying the corner-stone.

The Grand Orator, Bro. Julian S. Carr, was then introduced in a happy and felicitous manner by Bro. A. M. Waddell, and delivered a fine address. The oration was a gem of rare thought and beauty.

The Grand Lodge then returned to the Masonic Hall.

The following resolution was then introduced by Bro. F. D. Winston and unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to Bro. Carr for his able, ornate and beautifully polished address, which has been much enjoyed by every one present as it rang out clearly in

silver tones, giving expression and emphasis to the true Masonic spirit which should animate all loyal Masons.

There being no further business, the Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

R. J. NOBLE,

Attest :

Grand Master.



JOHN C. DREWRY,

Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina convened in Special Communication at Masonic Hall, in the city of Raleigh, Wednesday morning, June 28th, A. D. 1899, and was opened in ample form, it appearing that a constitutional number of Lodges were represented.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Grand Officers present :

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| M. W. R. J. NOBLE..... | Grand Master. |
| R. W. B. S. ROYSTER..... | Deputy Grand Master. |
| R. W. D. S. HAMILTON..... | as Senior Grand Warden. |
| R. W. W. T. HARDING..... | as Junior Grand Warden. |
| R. W. WILLIAM SIMPSON..... | Grand Treasurer. |
| R. W. JOHN C. DREWRY..... | Grand Secretary. |
| W. EUGENE DANIEL..... | as Grand Chaplain. |
| W. B. R. LACY..... | as Senior Grand Deacon. |
| W. W. W. PARRISH..... | as Junior Grand Deacon. |
| W. JOHN W. THOMPSON..... | as Grand Marshal. |
| W. W. W. WILLSON..... | as Grand Sword Bearer. |
| W. Z. P. SMITH..... | as Grand Pursuivant. |
| W. O. D. GREEN..... | as Grand Steward. |
| W. T. W. BLAKE..... | as Grand Steward. |
| W. R. H. BRADLEY..... | Grand Tiler. |
| W. JOHN WHITELAW..... | Grand Architect. |

The following Lodges were represented :

Hiram, No. 40; William G. Hill, No. 218; Oxford, No. 396; Lincoln, No. 437; St. John's, No. 3; Hickory, No. 343.

The Grand Master stated the object of the called meeting, which was for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Presbyterian church in this city.

A procession was then formed under the direction of the Grand Marshal, and the Grand Lodge proceeded in a body to the place where the building is to be erected, where the usual Masonic ceremonies were performed in a beautiful and impressive manner.

Proclamation by the Grand Master.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Music.

Corner-stone was then tested by the Square, the Level and the Plumb.
Music.

The box containing the following articles was then deposited in the receptacle in the corner-stone :

List of pastor, officers and members of the church at present time.

List of superintendent, officers, teachers and scholars, by classes, of the Sunday school.

Statistical statement of church and Sunday school through the session to Albemarle Presbytery.

Financial statement of church and Sunday school for year ending March 31, 1899.

Westminster Catechism.

Photographs of old church built in 1817-'8, renovated and repaired several times and removed for new building in 1899. Also one of old Sunday school built in 1823 and removed for new building in 1896-'7, and afterwards used as a Baptist church at Pilot Mills, Raleigh.

Historical sketch of church.

Officers and members Ladies' Foreign and Home Mission Societies.

Senior and junior divisions of Busy Bee Band, Foreign Missions.

Ladies' Aid Society, officers and members.

Historical sketch of Ladies' Aid Society, prepared by Mrs. E. E. Moffitt, president of the Society.

List Young Ladies' Auxiliary Society, officers and members.

List of officers and members Junior Presbyterians.

Roll of active members of the Westminster League of the church.

List of Building Committee of new church and Sunday school.

List of Finance Committee of new church and Sunday school.

Sessions Committee on corner-stone.

List of officers participating in the laying of the corner-stone by Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina.

List of members of Chamber of Commerce of the city of Raleigh.

The first money received for the new building fund, being a silver dollar contributed by George C. Jordan, Esq., and donated to the box in corner-stone by Mr. Chester G. Whiting, one of the deacons, who put another dollar in the fund for Mr. Jordan's.

Church papers—Southwest Presbyterian, Birmingham; Christian Observer, Louisville; Central Presbyterian, Richmond; Presbyterian Standard, Charlotte, N. C.

Other papers—The Orphans' Friend; the Morning Post, Raleigh; the News and Observer, Raleigh; the Times-Visitor, Raleigh; the Farmer and Mechanic and Carolinian.

Pamphlets, etc.—Peace Institute, Davidson College, North Carolina College Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, Minutes Albemarle Presbytery, Missionary, Raleigh Male Academy, Turner's Almanac, 1899, Raleigh Public Schools, Health Department, Biblical Recorder, Christian Advocate, St. Mary's School.

List of Grand Lodge Officers for 1899.

Music.

Corn of Nourishment scattered over the stone.

Music.

Wine of Joy was then poured on the stone.

Music.

Oil of Peace was then poured over the stone.

Music—"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Implements of Architecture delivered into the hands of the Grand Architect.

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Music.

Benediction.

The procession was again formed and returned to the hall.

Rev. Bro. Eugene Daniel returned thanks to the Grand Lodge for assisting in laying the corner-stone, and said it

was singularly appropriate that the Masons should lay this corner-stone, as the church was originally used as a place of worship for all denominations and therefore stood for the whole family of man.

There being no further business, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

R. J. NOBLE,
Grand Master.

Attest:

JOHN C. DREWRY,
[SEAL] *Grand Secretary.*

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina convened at Narrow Shore, N. C., on Thursday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock, July 20, 1899, in the public school house.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form with J. B. Griggs, under commission from the Grand Master of North Carolina, R. J. Noble, presiding as Most Worshipful Grand Master.

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| S. M. BEASLEY..... | as Deputy Grand Master. |
| TILMAN SEWARK..... | as Senior Grand Warden. |
| H. M. GALLOP..... | as Junior Grand Warden. |
| S. S. BALLANCE..... | as Grand Tiler |
| B. F. BARCO..... | as Grand Treasurer. |
| D. W. LINDSEY..... | as Grand Secretary. |
| J. E. WARD..... | as Grand Senior Deacon. |
| P. G. GALLOP..... | as Grand Junior Deacon. |
| EDGAR O'NEAL..... | as Grand Steward. |
| WILLIAM BRUMSEY..... | as Grand Steward. |
| L. C. BRICKHOUSE..... | as Grand Chaplain. |
| J. T. SEWARK..... | as Grand Marshal. |

The following Subordinate Lodges were represented :

Hall Lodge, No. 53; Widow's Son Lodge, No. 75; Franklin Lodge, No. 109; Donovan Lodge, No. 75; Virginia ; Bodytop Lodge, No. 7, Virginia.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master informed the Grand Lodge that the Special Communication was called for the purpose of laying, by request, the corner-stone of the New Ebenezer Methodist church at Narrow Shore ; and then the Lodge proceeded to the site of the new church where, after appropriate exercises, the corner-stone was laid with true Masonic ceremonies.

The Grand Lodge then returned to the public school house, where, after the minutes had been read and approved, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

D. W. LINDSEY,
Acting as Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina convened in Special Communication at Masonic Hall, in the town of Statesville, Tuesday afternoon, August 29th, A. D. 1899, at 1:30 o'clock, and was opened in ample form, it appearing that a constitutional number of Lodges were represented.

Prayer was led by the Grand Chaplain.

Grand Officers present :

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| M. W. R. J. NOBLE | Grand Master. |
| R. W. H. C. COWLES | as Deputy Grand Master. |
| R. W. S. L. PARKS..... | as Senior Grand Warden. |
| R. W. A. TURNER..... | as Junior Grand Warden. |
| R. W. W. W. WILLSON..... | as Grand Treasurer. |
| R. W. JOHN C. DREWRY..... | Grand Secretary. |
| W. A. M. SIMMS | Grand Chaplain. |
| W. J. C. IRVIN..... | as Grand Lecturer. |
| W. J. T. HUDSON..... | as Senior Grand Deacon. |
| W. A. B. ANDREWS, JR..... | as Junior Grand Deacon. |
| W. C. F. BAHNSON | as Grand Marshal. |
| W. T. C. LINN..... | Grand Sword Bearer. |
| W. D. C. RUFTY..... | as Grand Pursuivant. |
| W. C. E. STENERSON..... | as Grand Steward. |
| W. J. A. STIKELEATHER..... | as Grand Steward. |
| W. R. H. BRADLEY | Grand Tiler. |

The following Lodges were represented :

Statesville, No. 487; Hunting Creek. No. 299; Hiram, No. 40; William G. Hill, No. 218; Mooresville, No. 496; Fulton, No. 99; Farmington, No. 265; Phalanx, No. 31; Mocksville, No. 134; Craighead, No. 366; Wilson, No. 226; Lee, No. 253; Grassy Knob, No. 471; Shawnee, No. 382.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master informed the Grand Lodge that the Special Communication was called for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the new court-house of Iredell county.

A procession was formed under the direction of the

Grand Marshal and the Grand Lodge proceeded in a body to the place where the handsome new court-house of Iredell county is being erected and there performed, with due solemnity, the beautiful and impressive Masonic ceremonies of laying the corner-stone.

The following list of articles were deposited :

Charter of Statesville, list of city officials, copies of Landmark, Mascot, Herald, and Reporter, rolls of Knights of Pythias, Knights of Honor, Royal Arcanum, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, Heptosaphs, Woodmen of the World, Junior Order United American Mechanics, county officials, Bible, list of churches and pastors, 1899; committee Grand Lodge, A., F. and A. M.; Shop Talk ; selling and buying price list of Wallace Bros Co.; piece of ginseng, Confederate and Continental money, plug of tobacco from Irvin & Posten ; Charlotte Observer of August 27, 1899; list of officers and members of Mooresville Lodge, No. 496; list of taxable real and personal property of Iredell county; documents city of Mooresville, N. C.; list of band officers and members.

The following programme was carried out in an impressive manner :

ORDER OF PROCESSION.

Civic, Military and other Fraternal Bodies.

Tiler, with drawn Sword.

Stewards, with Rods.

Master Masons.

Two Deacons, with Rods.

Secretary and Treasurer.

Past Wardens.

Two Wardens.

Past Masters.

Music (Band.)

Grand Tiler, with drawn Sword.

Grand Stewards, with White Rods.

Principal Architect, with Square, Level and Plumb.

Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

Bible, Square and Compasses, carried by Master of a Lodge, supported by two Stewards.

Grand Chaplain.

Past Grand Wardens.

Past Deputy Grand Masters.

Past Grand Masters.

Junior Grand Warden, carrying the Silver Vessel with Oil.

Senior Grand Warden, carrying the Silver Vessel with Wine.

Deputy Grand Master, carrying the Golden Vessel with Corn.

Grand Master, supported by two Deacons with Rods.

Grand Pursuivant.

Grand Sword Bearer, with drawn Sword.

[The Procession, on arriving at the Building, opens to right and left, and, uncovering, the Grand Master and his Officers will pass through the lines to the platform, while the rest of the Brethren surround the platform, forming a hollow square.]

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

Proclamation by Grand Master, as soon as Lodge is seated.

Music (Vocal.)

O Lord of Hosts, whose glory fills
The bounds of the eternal hills,
And yet vouchsafes, in Christian lands,
To dwell in temples made with hands.

Grant that all we, who here to-day,
Rejoicing this foundation lay,
May be in very deed Thine own,
Built on the precious corner stone.

The heads that guide endue with skill,
The hands that work preserve from ill,
That we, who these foundations lay,
May raise the topstone in its day.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain—Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee, and dost promise that, where two or three are gathered together in Thy name, Thou wilt grant their requests, fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

Response : So mote it be.

Grand Treasurer deposits Documents, etc., in Box.

Stone let into position to solemn Music.

Architect gives Grand Master Implements of Masonry.

Grand Master hands Implements to Grand Officers.

Music (Vocal.)

Behold the sure foundation stone
Which God in Zion lays,
To build our heavenly hopes upon
And His eternal praise.

Testing Stone, by Deputy Grand Master.

Music (Vocal.)

Chosen of God, to sinners dear,
And Saints adore His name,
They trust their whole salvation here,
Nor shall they suffer shame.

Testing Stone, by Senior Grand Warden.

Music (Vocal.)

Come, craftsmen, assembled our pleasures to share,
Who walk by the Plumb, and work by the Square,
While travelling in love on the Level of time,
Sweet hope shall light on to a far better clime.

Testing Stone, by Junior Grand Warden.

Music (Vocal.)

We'll seek in our labors the Spirit Divine,
Our Temple to bless our hearts to refine,
And thus to our altar a tribute will bring,
While joined in true friendship our anthem we sing.

Grand Master declares Stone to be Correctly Laid.

Elements of Consecration presented :

By Deputy Grand Master.

Music (Band.)

By Senior Grand Warden.

Music (Band.)

By Junior Grand Warden.

Music (Band.)

Invocation, by Grand Master.

Grand Master strikes Stone three times, and Public Grand Honors are given.

Grand Master delivers Implements to Architect.

Music (Vocal.)

When earth's foundation first was laid
By the Almighty Artist's hand,
'Twas then our perfect laws were made,
Established by His strict command.

In vain mankind for shelter sought,
In vain from place to place did roam,
Until from heaven he was taught
To plan, to build, to fix his home.

Historical Address, by C. H. ARMPFIELD, Statesville, N. C.

Music (Band.)

Masonic Address, by W. S. LIDDELL, Junior Grand Warden, Charlotte, N. C.

Doxology.

Benediction by Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Lodge then returned to the hall.

The following resolutions were then introduced by Bro. Linn, which, on motion, were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to Bro. Liddell because of his able Masonic address, which rang out like sweet-toned bells, sounding clearly the doctrines and teachings of our Order.

Resolved, That Bro. Liddell be requested to furnish a copy of his address to the Grand Secretary for publication, and regret that Bro. Liddell could not be with us in flesh as well as in spirit,

There being no further business, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

R. J. NOBLE,
Grand Master.

Attest :

JOHN C. DREWRY,
Grand Secretary.

[SEAL.]

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Nov. 30, 1899, A. L., 5899.

Acting upon the following dispensation :

The Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina

"To J. H. DRAKEFORD, W. M.—*Greeting :*

"We, reposing special trust and confidence in your integrity, zeal and Masonic knowledge, do by these presents appoint you Grand Master for the purpose of opening the Grand Lodge of North Carolina in Special Communication in the city of Asheville, N. C., on Thursday, November 30, 1899, at 2 o'clock, P. M., called for the purpose of burying our late brother, Most Worshipful Robert Brank Vance, Past Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, and do hereby confer upon you all the rights, privileges and powers useful and necessary to the just and proper discharge of the duties of your appointment.

"In witness whereof the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina hath signed with his hand these presents and caused the seal of his office to be affixed.

"Done at Selma, N. C., this 29th day of November, 1899, A. L. 5899.

[Signed]

"R. J. NOBLE.

"Grand Master."

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons in North Carolina convened in Special Communication for the purpose of burying with Masonic honors Most Worshipful Robert Brank Vance, Past Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina.

The Lodge was opened in ample form, it appearing that a constitutional number of Lodges being represented, by the following officers :

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| J. H. DRAKEFORD | as Grand Master. |
| W. B. WEAVER | as Senior Grand Warden. |
| J. H. REED | as Junior Grand Warden. |
| R. L. FITZPATRICK | as Grand Treasurer. |
| J. T. BYNUM | as Grand Secretary. |
| A. H. STUBBS | as Grand Chaplain. |
| J. B. SHOPE | as Senior Grand Deacon. |
| E. E. BROWN | as Junior Grand Deacon. |
| W. T. WEAVER | as Grand Marshal. |
| WILLIAM ARTHUR | as Grand Steward. |
| J. W. NEELY | as Grand Steward. |
| J. J. YATES | as Grand Tiler. |
| HAROLD TURNER | Bearer of Holy Writings. |

The following representatives being present from the Lodges as follows :

Mount Hermon, No. 118—D. S. Hildebrand, G. H. Morris, R. L. Frances, E. C. Chambers, B. Y. Dickson, J. H. Lange, A. W. Drakeford, J. B. Shope, F. M. Weaver, J. W. Neely, R. L. Fitzpatrick, M. W. Robertson, E. E. Painter, R. J. Sherrill, C. G. King, A. H. Stubbs, E. E. Brown, W. F. Randolph, J. M. Green, A. H. Cobb, J. H. Weaver, J. G. Colvin, G. A. Greer, J. H. Drakeford, J. W. Neely, S. J. Cain, W. L. Shope, W. T. Weaver, L. B. Alexander, J. W. Schartle, J. A. Gorman, J. T. Bynum, J. J. Yates.

Blackmer, No. 170—W. B. Weaver, A. T. Weaver, C. P. West, A. M. Roberts, John Cairns, L. M. Penland.

Liberty, No. 45—R. A. Burroughs.

Cleveland, No. 202—Sam Kennedy.

Durham, No. 352—Harold Turner.

Centre, No. 398—A. A. Hamlet.

Joppa, No. 401—E. T. Adams.

Ivy, No. 406—G. W. Stephens.

Oconee, No. 427—William Arthur.

Piedmont, No. 446—J. H. Reed and J. W. Goodlake.

Hominy, No. 491—E. J. Rhoads and T. H. Creasman.

OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

Clinton, No. 155, New York—F. E. Pinkman.

Meherrin, No. 119, Virginia—A. L. Haskius.

The following pall-bearers—D. S. Hildebrand, L. B. Alexander, E. C. Chambers, G. H. Morris, F. M. Weaver, J. B. Shope—having been selected and the usual ceremonies performed, the procession was formed by the Grand Marshal and marched to Central Methodist church, where, after religious services were said, the body of our late Most Worshipful Robert Brank Vance was conveyed to Riverside Cemetery and there buried with the honors of the Grand Lodge of Masons in North Carolina.

Having reassembled in the Grand Lodge, a motion was passed thanking Cyrene Commandery, No. 5, Knights Templar, for their escort to and from the grave.

There being nothing further to come before this Grand Lodge, it was closed in ample form.

J. T. BYNUM,
as Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina convened in Special Communication at the new Masonic Temple, in Rocky Mount, on Wednesday afternoon, January 3d, A. D. 1900, at 5:15 o'clock, and was opened in ample form, it appearing that a constitutional number of Lodges were represented.

Prayer was led by the Grand Chaplain.

Grand Officers present:

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| M. W. R. J. NOBLE | Grand Master. |
| R. W. J. G. SNYDER | as Deputy Grand Master. |
| R. W. H. I. CLARK | Senior Grand Warden. |
| R. W. F. L. PIPPIN | as Junior Grand Warden. |
| R. W. J. C. HALES | as Grand Treasurer. |
| R. W. JOHN C. DREWRY | Grand Secretary. |
| W. T. R. CHRISTMAN | as Grand Lecturer. |
| W. THOMAS BELL | as Grand Chaplain. |
| W. F. D. WINSTON | Senior Grand Deacon. |
| W. DAN ABRAMS | as Junior Grand Deacon. |
| W. DR. N. R. BRASWELL | as Grand Marshal. |
| W. L. I. MOORE | as Grand Sword Bearer. |
| W. J. L. ARRINGTON | as Grand Pursuivant. |
| W. DR. J. T. SHUBRICK | as Grand Steward, |
| W. E. B. GRANTHAM | as Grand Steward. |
| W. R. H. BRADLEY | Grand Tiler. |

The following Lodges were represented:

Corinthian, No. 230; William G. Hill, No. 218; Spring Hope, No. 481; Charity, No. 5; Mount Lebanon, No. 117; Enfield, No. 447; Conoho, 399; Stonewall, No. 296; Greenville, No. 284; Concord, No. 58; Toisnot, No. 298; Morning Star, No. 85; St. John's, No. 1; Perquimans, No. 106; Skewarkey, No. 90; Mount Hermon, No. 118; Plrides, No. 478, Chicago, Ill.; Ivey, No. 397, Elmira, N. Y.

A procession was formed under the direction of the Grand Marshal and the Grand Lodge proceeded in a body to the northeast corner of the new Temple and there performed in a most impressive manner the beautiful and appropriate Masonic ceremonies of laying the corner-stone.

The procession then reformed and marched to the Opera House, where a cultured and refined address was delivered by Bro. Francis D. Winston.

The Grand Lodge then returned to the hall.

The following resolution was introduced by Bro. H. I. Clarke and unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are extended to Bro. Winston for his interesting and instructive address, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of the address to the Grand Secretary for publication with the proceedings of this special meeting.

The Grand Master, with the assistance of the other Grand Officers, then proceeded to dedicate the magnificent hall recently erected by the skill, patience and perseverance of the faithful and loyal brethren of Corinthian Lodge.

Bro. Snyder then announced the programme of entertainment for the evening.

There being no further business, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

R. J. NOBLE,
Grand Master.

JOHN C. DREWRY,
Grand Secretary.

RETURNS

FROM THE

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

(PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE GRAND LODGE).

The postoffices of Lodges are given on foregoing pages. The place mentioned at the head of each of the following returns is the locality of the Lodge, which is, in some instances, remote from the postoffice.

This information was taken from the returns of 1899—whenever Lodges had made report for that year—and from returns for previous years when returns had not been made for 1899.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1—WILMINGTON.

OFFICERS.

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| John C. Stout.....M. | W. G. EvansS. D. |
| Jesse Wilder.....S. W. | A. H. ZoellerJ. D. |
| T. J. Pratt.....J. W. | B. A. Merritt..... |
| B. H. Scott.....Treas. | J. F. Maunder..... |
| William M. Poisson.....Sec'y. | T. H. Johnson.....Tiler. |
| T. Page Ricaud.....Chaplain. | |

Orphan Asylum Committee—R. C. Merritt, J. W. Monroe, J. H. Davis.

MEMBERS.

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ROYAL WHITE HART LODGE, No. 2—HALIFAX.

OFFICERS.

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| B. H. Hale..... | J. W. | J. A. Norfleet..... | } Stew'ds. |
| B. V. Butts..... | Treas. | W. K. Pellman..... | |
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MEMBER.

N. B. Dickins.

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OFFICERS.

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| James Redmond..... | J. W. | W. S. Gaskins..... | } Stew'ds. |
| T. A. Green..... | Treas. | G. M. Cragon..... | |
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CHARITY LODGE, No. 5—WINDSOR.

OFFICERS.

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UNANIMITY LODGE, No. 7—EDENTON.

OFFICERS.

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PHOENIX LODGE, No. 8—FAYETTEVILLE.

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PHALANX LODGE, No. 31—CHARLOTTE.

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HIRAM LODGE, No. 40—RALEIGH.

OFFICERS.

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| Jke Seligson.....J. W. | J. W. Coffey.....} Stew'ds. |
| Thomas W. Blake.....Treas. | R. P. Jones.....} |
| Ed. B. Thomas.....Sec'y. | S. W. Walker.....Tiler. |

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APPENDIX.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina :

Your Committee on Correspondence respectfully presents this preliminary report, or preface, to its fourth annual review of the proceedings of fifty-four of the Grand Lodges with which the Grand Lodge of North Carolina holds fraternal relations—viz :

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The proceedings of Indian Territory, Manitoba, South Australia, New Zealand and Rhode Island have not been received.

This summary of the transactions of all English-speaking Grand Lodges which have been received will, it is believed, be of service to the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction, in that it briefly lays before them the methods and aspirations of the Craft in its pursuit of the highest ideals of Masonry. And that Masonry is steadily marching to a higher plane, not by innovation or change within the body of the institution, but by character-building among its votaries and by a more rigid inspection of the material offered for acceptance, will be fully attested by the records of the Grand Lodges examined. At best, Masons are only men, subject to all the frailties of humanity ; but for all that, it is cause for sincere thankfulness to find that the sentiments of Relief, Brotherly Love and Truth animate the Craft Universal to willing obedience to every noble impulse.

Many subjects which heretofore engaged the earnest attention of the Fraternity, such as Mexican Masonry, Perpetual Jurisdiction, Physical Perfection, the non-affiliate and other questions affecting the domestic concerns of Grand Lodges have, within the last year or two, received but passing notice, owing to the engrossing interest, if not dread, excited by the deplorable action which the Grand Lodge of Washington has been induced to take on the subject of NEGRO MASONRY. Fortunately for the peace and permanence of Masonry, that Grand Lodge has fraternally receded from the position it had been persuaded to take by able and influential and sincere brethren of its own household, and has once more aligned herself with all the Grand Lodges of the United States in repudiation of this malodorous heresy.

Such old and conservative Grand Jurisdictions as Massa-

chusetts, Maine, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and others had long ago settled the status of negro Masonry, and had denounced these claimants to Masonic recognition as fraudulent, spurious and clandestine, and had thus removed the question entirely from the domain of sectional politics or alleged race prejudice, and that, too, at a time when the "bloody chasm" had not been so securely bridged as it is to-day.

The committee of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, reporting on this subject at the communication held December 14, 1898, after reciting the story of negro Masonry in that State, says of Prince Hall, who arrogated to himself the functions and powers of a Grand Master :

' Prince Hall was their Master. By and by with a certain assurance, of which his race has never been devoid, he began to act as if he were a full-blown English Provincial Grand Master, although the United States had for many years been independent of the mother country, and Massachusetts had long had her own Grand Lodge.'

If there were any doubt of the persistency of "the assurance" to which the Massachusetts committee refers, it will be removed by an inspection of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Michigan for 1899, in which it is seen that three men, presumably negroes, and signing themselves—the first as Master of a Lodge, the second as Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, and the third without any official insignia—say to the Grand Lodge of Michigan :

" We therefore submit our cause to your Grand Lodge, praying for that recognition due from one brother Mason to another."

Happily this menace to the usefulness and perpetuity of Free Masonry in the United States, at least, has been repelled, and, it is to be hoped, will never present its hideous front again.

The Craft throughout the world, so far as known to your committee, is harmonious and prosperous and devoting itself to the practice of brotherly love and universal benevolence.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN A. COLLINS,

For the Committee.

ALABAMA—1898.

78TH ANNUAL.

MONTGOMERY

December 6, 7.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was held in Montgomery on September 13, 1898, for the purpose of giving Masonic burial to the body of Past Grand Master Henry Clay Tompkins, a distinguished Mason and one of the most eminent citizens of Alabama. The following extract from the memorial will show the loss sustained by the Craft and the State in the death of this brother, who was still in the zenith of his intellectual power:

"As a Grand Master he was laborious, painstaking, conscientious, broad, liberal and discriminating. Every question submitted to him which involved a construction of Masonic law was thoroughly and carefully investigated, and when promulgated his decisions always stood the test of the most critical scrutiny. For a number of years, he has been chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence of our Grand Lodge, and has discharged the difficult and often delicate duties incident to that position with marked ability and to the entire satisfaction of the Craft.

"Brother Tompkins was a strong man from whatever point of view regarded; he was one whom nature had fitted for leadership; wherever fate or his own action might have placed him he would have been first; he was a man of powerful intellect, broad-minded, a lawyer of great ability, a steadfast friend, a wise counselor, a loyal, devoted Mason. His place among us will not soon be filled."

The address of the Grand Master, James A. Bilbro, is a Masonic paper of unusual excellence, and gives abundant evidence of his zeal for the cause of Masonry. Of the thirty-eight Grand Masters only nine are alive, and of those who have crossed the river the Grand Master says "they have left behind a record of noble deeds." The Grand Master paid this tender tribute to the rank and file of the Brotherhood who have forever laid down their working tools:

"And what shall I say of that greater number of true and faithful brethren who, unknown beyond the humble walks of life, halted not

in going upon errands of mercy and peace, and stayed not their hands in tender ministrations to the suffering and distressed. They have gone to their reward, leaving to us the legacy of noble lives from which to make our lives sublime. This evening we drop the evergreen once more upon the graves of our departed dead and devoutly thank God that He gave them to us to honor in their day and generation the great cause of Masonry."

Great satisfaction is expressed for the sober second thought which urged the Grand Lodge of Peru to correct a wrong and retrace its steps.

In reference to the Masonic Temple, a wood-cut of which appears on the first cover page, Bro. Bilbro says:

"For the first time in the history of the Grand Lodge we meet around our altar in our own home. To this period we have anxiously looked for many years, and the fulfillment this evening of our long cherished hopes gives rise to the most pleasant emotions. Something over a year ago we commenced its erection. At the last communication of the Grand Lodge we laid its corner-stone with humble invocation to God that He would bless and protect the workmen in their labors and assist them in the erection and completion of the building. And now that it is before us a finished Temple we are ready, with becoming reverence and gratitude, to dedicate it to God's glory and the cause of Masonry."

Three dispensations for the formation of new Lodges were reported. Eighteen decisions reported by the Grand Master, and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, are held up until next year.

Under the head of MASONIC HOME the Grand Master reports only \$66.60 yet contributed for this purpose, and deploras the indifference existing in reference to it which is manifest in a large majority of the subordinate Lodges. A plan to impose an annual per capita tax of fifty cents to form a Home sinking fund met with disastrous defeat in the subordinate Lodges, and this coldness on the subject has very much discouraged the Grand Master. As it looks to this reporter, it is not coldness or indifference to the calls of distress that shuts the hands of the brethren, but sheer inability; and this inability, to a greater or lesser extent, is found in all the cotton-growing States. With reasonable prosperity the Masons of the South would be the most generous in the world, and Alabama would be no exception.

The Grand Master counsels earnestly against dissensions and bickerings, against intemperance and profanity and against all other vices that would bring discredit upon Masonry.

Before closing his address the Grand Master made four recommendations, all very good, the last being as follows:

"I recommend that at the regular Communications of a subordinate Lodge the following questions be asked by the Master before closing the Lodge :

"1. Are any of the brethren sick ?

"2. Is there a Master Mason or member of his family, in the jurisdiction of this Lodge, in want or distress ?

"3. Are the brethren living in peace and harmony ?"

The report of the Committee on Correspondence in reference to the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington on negro Masonry was adopted, and the resolution severing fraternal relations with that Grand Jurisdiction concurred in.

The masters of one hundred and eleven Lodges which failed to take a vote on the constitutional amendment, according to the edict of the Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication, are summoned to show cause of this failure at the next Regular Communication.

The following extract from the minutes of the second day's proceedings is deemed worthy of reproduction :

"At this moment our venerable and dearly beloved State Grand Lecturer, R. W. Bro. James M. Brundidge, entered the Grand Lodge hall, whereupon the M. W. Grand Master rapped the delegates of the Grand Lodge to their feet and requested Past Grand Masters Harris and Cobb to escort the venerable and distinguished brother to the Grand East.

"The R. W. Grand Secretary then announced that a souvenir of this memorable and important epoch in the history of Alabama Masonry had been prepared for the occasion in the form of an appropriate badge bearing the inscription, 'Dedication of the Masonic Temple, Montgomery, Alabama, December 7th, 1898,' with a medalion pendant bearing the well-known features of one of the oldest, truest and most useful members of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction—one who for fifty-three out of the past fifty-four Annual Grand Communications of this Grand Lodge has been present to discharge willingly, cheerfully and zealously every Masonic duty assigned him ; one who has in fact well-nigh burned out his long and useful life around the altars of Masonry—I allude to our venerable and much-beloved State Grand Lecturer, R. W. James M. Brundidge. One thousand of these souvenirs have been prepared and are now presented to the Grand Lodge, with the suggestion that they be distributed among the delegates and worn by them during the remaining sessions of this Grand Lodge.

"The M. W. Grand Master invested R. W. Brother Brundidge with one of the badges, and the latter feelingly expressed his grateful appreciation of this evidence of the esteem and affection of his Masonic brethren. The Grand Master then seated the Grand Lodge and caused

the souvenirs to be distributed among the delegates, the same to be worn during the remaining session of the Grand Lodge."

Naturally the dedication of the Temple just completed was a ceremony to which the Craft looked forward with more than usual interest, and the function itself was a memorable one to the Fraternity of Alabama. Music and oratory united to make the occasion attractive and instructive.

The jurisdiction of Alabama has 375 Lodges under its obedience, and a total membership of less than 12,000.

The Report on Correspondence is a review of the proceedings of 55 Grand Lodges. It is from the pen of Brother William Y. Titcomb, who calls himself "a new hand at the bellows." Although Brother Titcomb shows no sign of weariness in keeping the Masonic fires aglow, still he must needs be alive to his duties if he maintain the place vacated by our deceased Brother Pillans. The proceedings of North Carolina for 1898 receive fraternal review. We forgive the little skyrocket display and welcome you to the round table, Brother Titcomb.

B. DUDLEY WILLIAMS, *Grand Master*.

H. CLAY ARMSTRONG, *Grand Secretary*.

ARKANSAS.

59TH ANNUAL.

LITTLE ROCK.

November 15, 16.

The address of Grand Master J. B. Baker covers the usual topics discussed in these papers, and possesses the merits of clearness and brevity.

The Grand Master congratulates the Fraternity for having escaped the dissensions growing out of political and industrial agitation, and has these hopeful words to say of the condition of the Craft:

"It is with great pleasure that I report to you a healthy condition and growth of our beloved institution throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, and from all reports received by me am able to say that peace and harmony prevail."

After reporting the issue of dispensations for the formation of six new Lodges, the Grand Master expresses his opinion of that kind of growth in this wise:

"My brethren, while I have granted these dispensations for the formation of six new Lodges, I am loath to believe that it is for the best interest of Masonry, and would respectfully submit to the representatives here assembled that your respective Lodges ought to be very careful in recommending petitions for new Lodges, for, in my opinion, it would be better to have fewer stronger Lodges than so many weak ones."

Special Communications of the Grand Lodge were held several times for the purpose of laying corner-stones of schools and churches.

Twenty-three decisions are reported, and these generally received the approval of the Committee on Masonic Law and Usage and the Grand Lodge as well. One of the two which were disapproved is as follows :

"No. 2. *Question*—Arkadelphia Lodge granted a brother a dimit. Upon investigation the secretary found the brother in arrears for dues, and the brother refused to pay same. At the next meeting of the Lodge the Lodge donated the dues to said brother without his request and presented him a dimit. Did we do right ?

"*Answer*—No. The Lodge exceeded its authority in granting the brother a dimit until he was clear of all charges against him for dues, and the Lodge had no authority to donate his dues unless he should ask for the same and for a good cause. The action of the Lodge is therefore void, and the brother is still a member of your Lodge, but he is entitled to a dimit under the first action of the Lodge by paying his dues."

The Committee on Law and Usage says of this :

"That decision No. 2 be disapproved. A Lodge has full jurisdiction as to the disposition of dues, and for cause may remit the dues of a member without a request from him. We presume that the Lodge acted in this case upon proper grounds, and as it had jurisdiction of the matter, its action was not void but legal."

The debt which was created by the erection of the Masonic Temple is a source of real embarrassment to the Grand Lodge, and grows no smaller, but the brethren are determined to make a vigorous effort for its reduction and final liquidation. It is calculated that by holding biennial sessions for the next six years, and suspending the publication of the Correspondence Reports, that a sufficient amount will be saved to put the Temple debt in manageable shape. The Grand Lodge adopted this plan.

Miss Maud Williams was re-elected to the scholarship given by Galloway College, and her reception by the Grand Lodge is thus related in the minutes :

"The Grand Lodge being at refreshment, members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and a large number of brethren assembled in the Grand Lodge hall at the above hour. Miss Maud Williams, escorted by Brother J. W. Sorrels, Past Grand Master, was conducted to the platform in the East. After appropriate remarks by Brother Sorrels, Miss Williams briefly addressed the members of the Grand Lodge with expressions of thanks for the favor they had extended to her in bestowing upon her the scholarship in Galloway College, at Searcy, and her determination to do all in her power to

show her appreciation of so great a benefit. The time having arrived for the opening of the Grand Lodge, Miss Williams and the visitors withdrew to admit of such being done."

The generosity of Galloway College is imitated by Ouachita College, which makes an offer of two scholarships:

"Brother F. S. Wright, Worshipful Master of Arkadelphia Lodge, No. 381, presented the following from the president of Ouachita College at Arkadelphia, donating two scholarships in said college to this Grand Lodge, to-wit:

"To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Arkansas:

"Ouchita College, of Arkadelphia, Ark., desires to give to your Grand Body one scholarship in the collegiate department, valued at \$50, to be voted to the daughter of a deceased Master Mason, in any manner that you may see proper.

"Also one scholarship in the Conservatory of Fine Arts, valued at \$50—good in either music, art, or elocution—to be voted to the daughter of a deceased Master Mason in any manner that you may see proper.

Respectfully,

"J. W. CONGER, President Ouachita College.

"By F. S. WRIGHT, W. M., Arkadelphia Lodge, No. 381

"Arkadelphia, Ark., November 14, 1898.

"On motion, the donation was accepted with the grateful thanks of this Grand Lodge, and the matter was referred to a special committee appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, consisting of Brothers C. A. Bridewell, Past Grand Master W. R. Chestnut and Hamp Williams, to formulate a plan under which the beneficiaries to the two scholarships should be selected."

The National Grand Lodge of Sweden received fraternal recognition and the proposal of an interchange of representatives was accepted.

A very able report was presented by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in relation to the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington on Negro Masonry, and the report, together with a resolution of non-intercourse, were adopted.

The address of the Grand Orator, Bro. Edgar E. Bryant, occupies forty pages of the volume, and is full of interest and instruction from the beginning to the end. Bro. Bryant deserves the thanks extended to him by the Grand Lodge.

In the Grand Jurisdiction there is a total of 448 Lodges, 6 of them working under dispensation, and a membership of 12,522.

The Report on Correspondence is the work of Bro. Sam H. Davidson, who, although off the tripod for some time, has not lost the knack of wielding a graceful quill. The proceedings of 50 Grand Lodges

have been reviewed, and North Carolina for 1898 comes in for a share of his fraternal good will. For the kindly personal reference this reporter is grateful to Brother Davidson.

ROBERT M. SMITH, *Grand Master*

FAY HEMPSTEAD, *Grand Secretary*.

ARIZONA—1898.

17TH ANNUAL.

GLOBE.

November 15, 16, 17.

At the opening of the Grand Lodge there were present its officers, nine Past Grand Officers, and the representatives of eleven chartered Lodges.

The Grand Master, Joseph B. Creamer, in his address makes appropriate reference to Craftsmen at home and abroad who have been called from labor forever.

Foreign relations are reported to be pleasant and fraternal.

The Grand Lodge has accepted the invitation of the Grand Lodge of Virginia to be represented at the Washington Memorial Observances on December 14, 1899, by the Grand Master or his alternate.

This decision of the Grand Master failed to receive the approval of the Grand Lodge, and, as it seems, very properly :

"No. 1—My decision was: That while it was optional with the Lodge as to whether or not it would grant a recommendatory certificate with a dimit, it is equally optional with the member applying for dimit whether or not he will accept a dimit without a recommendatory certificate. If the brother refuses to accept such a dimit, the action of the Lodge is without force, and the brother remains a member of the Lodge."

The suggestion offered by the Grand Master that a permanent meeting place of the Grand Lodge be fixed upon was referred to a special committee, which reported in favor of Tucson, and the report was adopted, thus giving the Grand Lodge a permanent resting place.

The determination last year to create a Widows' and Orphans' Fund for twenty years before any disbursements should be made gives promise of bearing fruit bountifully. The fund is now \$1,401.

The oration of Brother Charles D. Belden on the subject, "Freemasonry, the Divine Plan of Life," was very interesting and received the commendation of the brethren.

There is no Correspondence Report, but the committee considered the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington, and thus closes a very brief report :

"The question of the admission of negroes, either by initiation,

affiliation or visitation, has never, to this committee's knowledge, come before any Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction; and your committee is of the opinion that when the question does arise a strict compliance with the requirements of the constitution and ritual will solve all difficulties without the necessity of allusion to or drawing of the color line. A desire for notoriety, rather than a desire to right a wrong, is probably the cause of this cloud occasionally obscuring the Masonic horizon."

A motion to pay officers and representatives in the Grand Lodge one-half railway fares failed to pass, and was referred to the Grand Lodge at its next session.

There are 14 Lodges, one less than last year. Glendale Lodge, U. D., having surrendered its dispensation. The total membership is 701, a gain of 84.

ANTHONY ARTHUR JOHNS, *Grand Master*.

GEORGE J. ROSKRUGE, *Grand Secretary*.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—1899.

28TH ANNUAL.

KAMLOOPS.

June 22, 23.

The address of the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother D. Wilson, is a paper of unusual excellence.

Friendly relations are reported with all other Jurisdictions, and under this head of Foreign Relations the Grand Master makes brief reference to the subject of Negro Masonry. While expressing no positive opinion he seems disposed to sustain the contention of the Grand Lodge of Washington. He says:

"Some very harsh language has been used in describing the action of our neighboring Grand Lodge, but I am unable to see that any landmark of the Order has been broken in the course pursued, although one may well doubt its propriety under all the circumstances."

Many pleasant official visits are reported.

In the list of Grand Representatives commissioned appears the name of Bro.^d H. I. Clark, of Hamilton, near the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Dispensations for the formation of three new Lodges were issued only after mature consideration, and the Grand Master's views of this matter are shared by other Grand Masters. He says:

"The duty of establishing new Lodges is an important and responsible one. Therefore the desire to form additional centres from which to extend the benefits of Freemasonry must be carefully held in check in order that none but vigorous Lodges may be established. Holding these views, however, I found it advisable to grant all the dispensations

for new Lodges that were petitioned for."

Under the head of "Dispensations Granted" the Grand Master has this to say:

"Among the powers of the Grand Master is that of 'granting such dispensations as may be applied for in accordance with the law of the Grand Lodge.' Now, I understand that among Masonic writers the word 'dispensation' is used in two senses. 'In one sense, a dispensation is a permission to do an act which the law says shall not be done without permission. In the other it is a warrant importing to authorize the doing of an act which the law says shall not be done at all—in other words, a dispensing with the law.'

"It would thus appear that under our constitution, section 47 (part of which is quoted in the first sentence of the preceding paragraph), dispensations of the second class are unlawful in this Jurisdiction. That such dispensations are ever issued is undoubtedly due to the erroneous conception by a Grand Master that there is inherent in his office—independent of the constitution—power to dispense with the law. Indeed, I fear that at the outset of my career a similar conception of my power led to the unintentional commission of an error which was not, however, altogether without what might be regarded as good and sufficient reason for the action taken."

On the subject of right of a stranger to visit Lodges, the Grand Master is of opinion that ability to prove himself should be supplemented with documentary evidence. This is the rule in some Jurisdictions, and it would be a safe one to adopt generally. The Grand Master says:

"That strict trial without the production of satisfactory paper credentials is insufficient proof of the right to visit must be apparent, 'for if a stranger be examined and can show that he is in possession of our secrets it by no means follows either that, 1st, he may have obtained them unlawfully; or, 2d, he may have acquired them under a Jurisdiction never recognized by our Grand Lodge, or with whom it is not at the time in fraternal relations; or, 3d, he may have been expelled by his Grand Lodge, or be under suspension. . . The first is a hardly possible contingency. The second and third are more likely to occur, and must consequently be guarded against as more dangerous, for, 1st, There are spurious and unrecognized bodies in existence; 2d, Grand Jurisdictions perfectly regular in themselves may not happen to be on terms of Masonic intercourse with us, therefore visitors hailing from them cannot be received into our Lodges; and, 3d, Though an expelled brother, or one under suspension, might still pass, yet the production of his paper vouchers will in almost every case prove a considerable obstacle in his way' The inevitable conclusion is that the secrets

without the accrediting papers, or the papers without the secrets, fail to prove the right to visit a Lodge ; both are clearly requisite "

The value of Masonic literature to the Craft in general and to the individual Mason is presented forcibly by the Grand Master.

The Deputy Grand Master also submitted a report of visitations.

A very clear report is made by the Grand Secretary, who finds it necessary to stir up the secretaries and to offer them some good advice as to their conduct of the Lodge business. His recapitulation shows the number of Lodges to be 27 and the membership 1639. Notwithstanding its small numbers there is a charity fund of over \$6,000 and a balance in the general fund.

The reports from the six District Deputy Grand Masters show that no Lodge will be permitted to languish or die for want of proper treatment.

Brother W. A. De Wolf-Smith presents a Report on Correspondence marked by ability of a high order and meriting fully the encomiums of the Grand Master, which we appropriate as our own without leave or license :

"I consider it incumbent upon me to refer to the work of Worshipful Brother W. A. DeWolf-Smith in connection with Foreign Correspondence. Few will credit the amount of work, patience and judgment required to prepare a report such as was published in our last annual. As soon as copies of foreign proceedings are received, the task—but I think it is a labor of love with our brother—must be begun, and kept up almost from day to day during the year. If there is a fault that can be found with the report named, perhaps one might be justified in saying that Brother Smith has done more than well. On the merit of his report there cannot be two opinions among those who read the interesting and useful Masonic information he has gathered with such good judgment from every available source, but without deprecating the value of his services, I think that a document of considerably less than one hundred and fifty pages would suffice for a numerically small Jurisdiction like ours."

North Carolina's transactions for 1899 receive very considerate treatment from Brother DeWolf-Smith.

R. EDEN WALKER, *Grand Master*

W. J. QUINLAN, *Grand Secretary.* ❧

CANADA—1899.

44TH ANNUAL

OTTAWA

July 19, 20.

Four Special Communications of the Grand Lodge were held, two

in 1898 and as many more in 1899, for the purpose of laying corner-stones of churches. In the address of welcome to the Grand Lodge at the Special Communication held at Marmora, June 13, 1899, the reeve or mayor of the town, Brother William Hilton, has this to say about the Masonic history of the place :

"Our village may seem small to you coming from the city of Toronto; but when I mention a small bit of Masonic history you will see that when Marmora village was founded Toronto was not very extensive. At the time Morgan was creating some excitement, I can not tell the exact date, some seventy-five or eighty years ago, there was a meeting of the Craft called at New York for the purpose of taking his case in consideration. A delegate attended that meeting from Marmora. He recommended that Morgan be kept on a farm in the back woods of Canada—the farm I now occupy—not a very hard sentence if it had been carried out "

The portraits of five Past Grand Masters—Col W. M. Wilson, T. D. Harington, W. B. Simpson, Col A. A. Stevenson and James, Seymour—occupy the first pages of the volume.

In the strong address of Grand Master E. T. Malone every topic is clearly and forcibly presented, and in his exordium presents this bright picture :

"I bring you tidings of peace and prosperity from all parts of the Jurisdiction. Our Lodges are in a flourishing condition ; our Craftsmen are engaged in works of love and charity ; our financial returns will show an increase over that of any previous year, and our Grand Lodge is in cordial and fraternal relations with every legitimate Grand Lodge in the world. We are a favored people ; our country is in a prosperous and peaceful condition with bright prospects for a continuation of such blessings. Let us therefore at the commencement of our labors return thanks to Almighty God for the abundant mercies bestowed upon us, and pray that the business of the session may be conducted under His watchful care."

Much of this volume is taken up with the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and of these faithful servants of the Craft the Grand Master has these appreciative words :

"I have no hesitation in affirming that the great success and prosperity which we now enjoy are due to these enthusiastic brethren. They are entitled to your gratitude and plaudits. I desire to place on record my gratitude to them for the assistance given to me in bringing into fellowship with us those of our brethren who were unaffiliated or under suspension for non-payment of dues. We have met with marked success, and continued efforts in this line will remove what I consider a stain on the institution. The fact of good men and good citizens not surrendering their dimits and affiliating with our Lodges ; the fact of

respectable, moral men, who are held in high estimation by their neighbors, guilty of no crime unless you call poverty a crime, being under the ban of suspension for non-payment of dues, gives the world an opportunity of unjustly criticizing our beloved Order. This state of affairs is a reflection on our boasted claim as a benefactor to the human race."

The action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in recognizing clandestine Masons, and its later repeal of those resolutions, receives the thoughtful and fraternal consideration of Most Worshipful Brother Malone.

The official visits of the Grand Master are reported as having been pleasant and profitable

Reports from other Grand Officers show the Craft of the Province to be in most satisfactory condition in every way.

These Canadian brethren are deserving of high praise for the large amounts contributed to benevolence and as well for the manner of bestowal. The sum of \$15,230.74 was contributed to the cause of benevolence in 1898, and very much more than this was disbursed by the Grand Lodge and private Lodges, to say nothing of individual charities.

There are 361 Lodges, and all of these except five have been visited once or oftener by a Deputy Grand Master. The membership is 24,957

The Report on Correspondence is by Brother Henry Robertson, who furnishes a condensed review of the transactions of 63 Grand Lodges, North Carolina for 1899 receiving fraternal notice

In our opinion the Grand Lodge acted wisely in re-electing Brother Malone to the Grand East and in keeping Brother J. J. Mason at the Grand Secretary's desk.

CALIFORNIA—1898.

49TH ANNUAL.

SAN FRANCISCO.

October 11, 1898.

The address of the Grand Master, Thomas Plint, Jr., is a compact business paper in which his official acts for the year are reported. He makes the following tender reference to a deceased Grand Tiler, Bro. James Oglesby, who died in San Francisco on December 20, 1897:

"On the 23d day of December last, under the auspices of this Grand Lodge in the hall which for nearly two generations had been his especial charge, in the midst of sorrowing brethren and friends, the last sad rites of the Order were performed over all that remained on earth of our beloved brother. We mournfully bore his remains to the place of interment, and then left him to rest beneath the soil of the

State of his adoption. When we, too, shall have crossed the dark river, and stand before the outer door of the Grand Lodge above, may we not believe that we shall again meet our brother in this accustomed station to usher us into the presence of the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe?"

The decisions of the Grand Master were approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence and by the Grand Lodge, except these two:

"II. There is nothing unconstitutional in the adoption by a Lodge of the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That every application for dues being remitted must be made in writing or in person by the delinquent himself, stating his reasons for his inability to comply with the financial requisitions of the laws of the Lodge."

"Your committee are compelled to dissent from the foregoing decision for the reason that the resolution under consideration modifies, or restricts, the provisions of Section 11 of Article III of Part III of the Constitution, the first portion of which section reads as follows:

"SEC. 11. No Lodge shall expel a member for non-payment of his dues; but, in case any member shall have refused or neglected to pay his regular dues during a period of six months, he shall be notified by the Secretary that, unless at the next stated meeting either his dues be paid *or sickness or inability to pay be shown as the cause* of such refusal or neglect, he will be suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

"It is a well recognized provision of law that the provisions of a constitution can neither be extended nor restricted by legislation. The resolution under consideration is, in effect, an attempt to restrict the application of the following clause of the section above quoted, viz:

"*Or sickness or inability be shown as the cause.*"

"The constitution provides no particular method by which the 'inability be shown,' while the resolution says that it can be shown only 'in writing or in person' by the delinquent himself. We are of the opinion that, for this reason, the resolution is unconstitutional.

"III. An application to a Lodge for permission to form a new Lodge must be accompanied by a proper dimit in the case of each brother signing the application. No one while a member of a Lodge should vote on his own application to form a new Lodge."

"We agree with the Grand Master so far as the foregoing decision relates to the *propriety* of a member voting on his own application for permission to form a new Lodge from a subdivision of the Lodge of which he is a member; but, on the other hand, we know of no law or regulation in Masonry by which a member who is present at a meeting, and is in good standing in his Lodge, can be arbitrarily deprived of the

privilege of voting on any and every proposition which is submitted to the vote of the members of the Lodge."

The thoughtful provision made for the convenience and comfort of the members of the Craft who had entered the military service of their country is thus briefly told :

"At the suggestion of a number of the brethren I authorized the erection of Masonic headquarters among the soldiers located at Camp Merritt. By this means the brethren of the different Grand Jurisdictions were enabled to become acquainted, information of a Masonic character was furnished to all inquirers, an opportunity was given for reading, writing and social intercourse, and, in general, everything possible was done for the comfort and accommodation of our soldier brethren. To those who conceived the idea, and so faithfully carried out the plan in all its details, I extend my personal thanks and trust that the Grand Lodge will give its approval of the same."

The Fraternity of California, under the leadership of devoted and energetic brethren, deserves all that the Grand Master says in this reference to the Masonic Home :

"I congratulate you, brethren, upon the fact that the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, which for so many years has engaged the time and attention of the Craft, has at last been completed, and that this Grand Lodge will at this communication dedicate it to the purposes for which it has been erected.

"May those in whose minds the idea was conceived, and those by whose intelligence, business ability and pertainacy this work has been accomplished, receive from this Grand Lodge the thanks that to them are due. The struggle has been long, the task difficult, but at last success has been achieved, and on to-morrow the widows and fatherless will have a 'Home' to shelter them from the cold blasts of adversity and from the trials and vexations of life.

"The future support and maintenance of this institution should now receive the attention of the Fraternity, and I urge upon you a careful consideration of this subject."

In compliance with the recommendation of the trustees the Grand Lodge appropriated \$7,000 for furnishing the Home and \$15,000 to meet current expenses until such time as the per capita tax of one dollar becomes available. This tax on the membership is to be paid annually just as Grand Lodge dues are now paid. It is, however, more than probable that the good women of the Eastern Star will undertake the labor of fitting the establishment for the reception of its guests and relieve the Grand Lodge of this expense.

The Grand Lodge has under its jurisdiction two Lodges in the

Hawaiian Islands, and these seek for guidance from the mother Grand Lodge as to the course they should pursue in the event of the erection of an independent Grand Lodge on the islands. They desire to continue their obedience to the Grand Lodge of California, but fear that the other Lodges, now owing allegiance to European Grand Lodges, may unite to form a Hawaiian Grand Lodge and thus absorb the Americans in the new organization. The Committee on Jurisprudence, to which the matter was referred, made the following report, which was concurred in :

“Your committee, to whom was referred the several questions submitted by Hawaiian Lodge, No. 21, beg to report that they have had the same under consideration. The questions came into our hands only last evening, and we have not had the opportunity to give to them that careful review which their importance demands. Owing to the new problems of Masonic law and precedent arising out of the conditions resulting from the acquisition of new territory by the United States, these questions are invested with international importance. We therefore respectfully ask that the questions be referred to our successors, with the recommendation that they prepare a statement of their answers at the earliest practicable date. That such answers, when agreed upon by the committee, be submitted to the Grand Master for his consideration. If approved by him, they shall be forwarded to our brethren in Hawaii as the ruling and edict of this Grand Lodge.”

The Masonic Boards of Relief continue to disburse large amounts in aid of needy brethren and their families, and the beneficiaries come from every clime under the sun. It is observed that one North Carolinian received from the San Francisco board \$20.40 and did not forget to repay it. Another received from the board at Oakland \$229 15, and there is a charge of \$61 against North Carolina by the board of Los Angeles.

After a review of the history of the *Gran Dieta* in its efforts for fraternal recognition by the Grand Lodge, the Committee on Jurisprudence recommended that friendly relations be established, and the recommendation was adopted.

The annual oration is a marked feature of the Communications of the Grand Lodge, and, so far as we have seen, they have all been of a very high order of excellence. Brother Edward Spalding Lippitt, the orator on this occasion, did honor to himself and to the Grand Lodge in his discussion of Masonry as a builder of character. We take space for a brief quotation :

“Through all the ages, from Egypt to Spain, the rule of the priest has been the degradation of the people. It has been the dogma of

king and priest that men were for their benefit, having no inalienable rights in themselves. In Masonry, king and priest and peasant are brothers, having the same Great Father and the same common destiny. Man must stand alone. No king or priest can act as proxy for him, in respect to the laws of nature or the mandates of heaven. He alone must investigate, he alone decide. No priest or church can answer for him. It is his glory that he stands alone in his environment, with full power to freely think and act."

The total number of Lodges in the Jurisdiction is 265 with a membership of 19,542, a net gain for the year of 734

The Report on Correspondence, able and comprehensive, is the work of Past Grand Master William A. Davies, and that announcement will be sufficient guaranty of its good quality. The proceedings of 58 Grand Lodges receive careful review, North Carolina for 1898 being of the number.

FRANK M. ANGELOTTI, *Grand Master*.

GEORGE JOHNSON, *Grand Secretary*.

COLORADO—1898.

38TH ANNUAL.

DENVER.

September 20, 21.

Cordial greetings were extended to the brethren of the Grand Lodge by the Grand Master, Brother Cromwell Tucker, who referred in grateful acknowledgement to the blessings which had come to all the people in the State and in the country at large.

The Grand Master paid this very high tribute to the memory of Past Deputy Grand Master John W. Widderfield, who had died on July 4, 1898:

"In his secular life he enjoyed the implicit confidence of all with whom he came in contact, and his ever-ready sympathy and pecuniary assistance was a benison to the suffering and afflicted. As a public official he was a model of honesty and fidelity, true to every trust reposed in him and zealous in guarding the interests committed to his care. In the disbursement of official charity he displayed a rare discernment, and, while quick to detect the imposter, he was equally prompt in discovering the wants of the sick and needy and in contributing to their relief."

From information and his own observation the Grand Master is led to believe that the prospect for improvement in the condition of the Craft is very favorable.

The decisions of the Grand Master seem to be in accord with the

general Masonic law, albeit the Grand Lodge did not entirely agree with him in one or two. The Grand Master reports having declined to make a decision. He says :

"The following question was submitted by one of our Lodges : 'Is it a violation of Masonic law for a Mason to be a candidate on a high license ticket in a town election ?' After making diligent inquiry regarding the necessity of a decision upon this subject, and being informed that a political campaign was in progress, in which a ruling would be used detrimentally, I felt constrained to make the following reply : The question, *apparently*, has been raised at this time more for the purpose of affecting a political issue at your place than for the good of the Craft in general, and for this reason I must decline to formulate a decision."

A very pleasant item in the Grand Master's report is the publication of a brief correspondence between himself and Worshipful Brother Adna A. Treat, on the occasion of the latter having passed the one hundred and first anniversary of his birth. A basket of flowers on the 8th of April accompanied the letter to the venerable brother.

Very many pleasant and profitable visits are reported, and this wise and fraternal suggestion offered :

"When I have had the time during my visitations I have made it a practice to call upon the sick and afflicted, and this is a custom which, I believe, might with advantage be perpetuated. No one could witness the brightening of the countenances of the sick brethren and hear their glad acknowledgment of the fraternal courtesy without being deeply impressed with the conviction that it is more blessed to give than to receive."

In reference to begging circulars to the Subordinate Lodges within the Jurisdiction the Grand Master expresses his emphatic disapproval, and recommends that they should be submitted to the Grand Master and meet his approval before going out to the Craft. This is the usage in North Carolina. The Grand Master says :

"Some of these appeals for the exercise of Masonic charity were worthy in their object, but appeared to be ill-timed and not of proper origin, while others were not entitled to serious consideration."

The requests of the Grand Orient of Belgium and of the *Gran Dieta* of Mexico for fraternal recognition were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, which recommended its reference to the Committee on Masonic Correspondence for report at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Brother Ed. C. Parmelee, the Grand Secretary, submits his thirty-

second annual report, and it is very clear that he merits this acknowledgment of the Grand Master :

“ I am especially indebted to our Worthy Grand Secretary, on whom I have been almost a daily caller, for his many acts of fraternal courtesy and for his store of Masonic knowledge which has always been open to my demands.”

The oration of R. W. Leopold Freudenthal is a paper of great interest to the Mason, and indicates wide knowledge of the Hebrew scriptures, especially in their relation to Speculative Masonry.

The Grand Lodge of Colorado having taken the initiative in the purpose of holding solemn memorial services at the grave of Washington on the centennial of his death, has lost none of its zeal in the cause, and has made ample provision for furnishing such money as may be needed to make the occasion memorable in the annals of the Craft in America. All honor to the Grand Lodge of Colorado !

From the tabular statement of the Grand Secretary it will be seen that in this Grand Jurisdiction there are 91 working Lodges with a total membership of 7,605.

The announcement that the review of the proceedings of fifty-eight Grand Lodges is the handiwork of Past Grand Master Lawrence N. Greenleaf will carry with it the assurance that the report is of the best quality, and that no 'prentice hand has left a mark upon it. The proceedings of North Carolina for 1898 receives fraternal notice, and the address of Grand Master Moore the compliment of a quotation in regard to the evils of strong drink and the dangers that should stop at the ballot-box.

In his conclusion Brother Greenleaf discusses in very moderate language the question of non-payment of dues, but his opening paragraph expresses his views, and is as follows :

“ There is no more disintegrating factor in the Masonic Fraternity to-day than this ever-recurring question of non-payment of dues. Like Banquo's ghost, it walks the earth but with a predilection for the Masonic pavement. If its shadowy and disturbing presence is ever effectually laid, it will be when Masons return to more pacific ways in dealing with those who are found to be in conspicuous evidence on the debit side of the Lodge ledger.”

Brother Greenleaf pays this tribute to the members of the guild who have laid aside their pens forever :

“ Since our last report some of the most widely known writers of the guild have ceased their earthly labors, among whom we recall the names of Brothers John Q. A. Fellows, of Louisiana ; Palmer J. Pillans, of Alabama ; William F. Drinkard, of Virginia, and Charles C.

Stevenson, of Idaho. The best years of their lives were devoted to this service, and their works are a priceless legacy to the Craft.

“Ah, brothers, who have gone before

Across the silent sea,

Remembered still for evermore,

We raise our song to thee.”

HORACE T. DELONG, *Grand Master*.

ED. C. PARMELEE, *Grand Secretary*.

CONNECTICUT—1899.

(NINTH ANNUAL.

NEW HAVEN.

January 18, 19.

A fine engraving of Grand Master Frank W. Havens and an interior view of the Grand Secretary's office are real embellishments to this elegant volume of proceedings.

The address of the Grand Master is a dignified and unpretentious presentation of his official acts during the year. He thus recognizes the value of the work done by the District Deputies:

“Much of the welfare of the Craft and the harmony existing throughout the Jurisdiction, as well as the success achieved and enthusiasm displayed by the officers and members of the Lodges, is due to the tact, courtesy and skill of the District Deputies. I have been fortunate in having these positions occupied by those who possessed all these traits in a large degree, besides being themselves unusually skillful in the science of Masonry. I desire here to extend to these brothers my sincere appreciation of the cheerfulness, zeal and courtesy with which every call made upon them has been answered.”

Three decisions are reported, and they seem to be not only in accord with Masonic law but with common sense.

The Worshipful Master and Secretary of one of the Lodges defied the authority of the Grand Master and escaped with only a temporary suspension from office. Of this matter the Grand Master says:

“This was the most unpleasant occurrence in my administration and required a wide spreading of the mantle of charity to find excuse for not preferring charges, and bringing the matter to the attention of the Grand Lodge in a more practical form, but haply the penitent and submissive behavior of the suspended officers effected an opportunity for exercising the utmost degree of leniency.”

The Grand Lodge of Washington receives the following notice from the Grand Master:

“Much comment has been made, and no little feeling engendered

among our sister jurisdictions, by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Washington in its hasty, illogical and unwarranted action in passing a series of resolutions, which apparently recognize the existence, or right to exist within its own territorial limits, of a so-called African Grand Lodge. Some of the Grand Lodges have gone so far as to issue edicts of non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Washington on account of this action.

I have not deemed it best to enter into any controversy in regard to this matter, nor to open a correspondence which I felt would lead to no good ends if attempted.

Neither race, nation, creed or color furnish a criterion by which to measure the legitimacy of Masonry, but when the Grand Lodge of any jurisdiction goes so far as to admit that another Grand Body may exist within its own territorial limits, it violates a fundamental principle of American Masonic jurisprudence, and its action must not be countenanced."

Many visitations were made, and it is evident that they were pleasant and profitable.

The Masonic Home has now 46 inmates, old men and women, and three orphan boys. The institution is conducted very economically, considering the requirements for the comfort and care of these old people. The men average 72 years and the women 74.

The Grand Master is enthusiastic as to the possibilities of the Home and says in part:

"As often as lay in my power, so to do, I have visited this noble institution which stands an evidence of the Masonic spirit of charity and brotherly love permeating the jurisdiction of Connecticut, and is the pride of every Mason within her border.

The oftener I visit the Home, look into the happy faces of our brothers and sisters there, listen to the heart-felt expressions of love and gratitude which fall from their lips, note the neat and orderly methods which pertain to its management, cast my eye over the broad acres that stretch out so fair and beautiful to view, the oftener I am possessed of a feeling of gratitude that I have been permitted to be a partaker in providing and maintaining that splendid monument."

The Grand Master having had unmeasured opportunity of seeing the immense amount of work done in the Grand Secretary's office, suggested that the compensation was entirely inadequate, and Grand Lodge raised the salary from \$1,000.00 to \$15,000.00 by an unanimous vote. Well done!

Of Mexican Masonry the Grand Master thus expresses himself:

"Among other important matters which have come to the attention of the Grand Master is the request of the governing Grand Body

of Mexico for fraternal recognition and fellowship. It seems to me that until Masonry in the jurisdiction of Mexico has settled more solidly upon the bed-rock of ancient landmarks and shown by the lapse of time, that its erratic methods have become forever obsolete, its entrance into the brotherhood of the faithful may with impunity be delayed."

The Grand Lodge is adding to its membership year by year but is going very slow indeed, and wisely so, in erecting new lodges. In this regard there has been no change in several years, so that now the number of lodges is 109 and the membership 17232, an increase of 183.

The Report on Correspondence is the work of Past Grand Master John H. Barlow and is throughout of excellent quality. Sixty-four Grand Lodge transactions are reviewed by Bro. Barlow and North Carolina for 1898 receives very liberal space and kindly notice. In his "conclusion" Bro. Barlow thus summarizes the topics of leading interest:

"The principal topics presented, in addition to physical qualifications, perpetual jurisdiction and the like, have been the status of Mexican Masonry, which we think has received the recognition of seven Grand Jurisdictions—only one or two more than reported one year ago. and we think, as stated one year since, that the time has not yet come for a general recognition by American Grand Lodges; another disturbing topic is the recognition of negro Masonry by the Grand Lodge of Washington, which has been followed by edict of non-intercourse with that Grand Lodge by the Grand Masters or Grand Lodges of Kentucky, Maryland, Arkansas, South Carolina, New York and Texas, and so far as we have heard, the unanimous sentiment is of disapproval, as it violates an important principal of American Jurisprudence—two Grand Lodges exercising jurisdiction in the same territory. We have given this important matter considerable space in our report, endeavoring to present both sides of the question."

GEORGE G. McNALL, *Grand Master*.

JOHN H. BARLOW, P. G. M., *Grand Secretary*.

DELAWARE—1899.

93RD. ANNUAL.

WILMINGTON.

October 4, 5,

The likeness of the Grand Master, J. Harmer Rile, occupies the fly-leaf of the volume.

A special communication of Grand Lodge was held on July 6,

1899, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of a new M. E. church at the town of Houston.

The condition of the Craft is shown to be prosperous and harmonious and the membership making a steady increase.

The few decisions reported were approved by Grand Lodge except the following, which to our mind clearly shows the Grand Master to be in error:

"A member of one of the lodges committed suicide and as his family desired him to be buried by his lodge with Masonic ceremonies, the Worshipful Master referred the matter to me for decision. he stating that the family held that the act was committed while temporarily insane. A decision of a former Grand Master and accepted by Grand Lodge is that 'Masonic honors at a funeral of a suicide are only permissible in cases where the act was the result of insanity. temporary or otherwise, brought on by sickness or other unavoidable causes.'

I decided that the question of sanity must have previously been determined by legal process, and the suicide have been under restraint either privately or in a public institution for the insane.

Masonic burial for a suicide is inimical to the spirit of the institution, and in my opinion, there should be no qualifying law on this subject, in this jurisdiction, and I would recommend that this law, above referred to be rescinded."

Every lodge in the jurisdiction has been visited, some of them more than once, by the Grand Master, and the occasions made productive of good to the fraternity.

In severing fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Washington the Grand Master received the unanimous approval of his brethren of the Grand Lodge. In regard to the more recent action of that Grand Lodge in its apparent revocation, on June 14, 1899, of the doctrine announced in 1898, the Grand Master has these pertinent remarks:

"The Grand Lodge of Washington met in Annual Communication June 14, 1899, and probably realizing that her territory was in danger of being declared masonically unoccupied, adopted a committee report purporting to repeal the obnoxious resolutions passed one year before.

Although indulging in a great deal of verbal juggling, and apparently withdrawing from their position, 'convinced against their will they are of the same opinion still;' they stubbornly declare, 'Nor can this Grand Lodge consent to tolerate the idea that her Lodges do not possess the right to determine for themselves, but for no one else, subject to review by nobody but herself, the status of all persons claiming to be Masons, who knock at her doors either for the purpose of visiting or as applicants for affiliation.

This means that the Grand Lodge of Washington asserts the right of its subordinate lodges to receive by affiliation any one, black or white, professing to be a Mason, hailing from lodges which are not recognized as such by the Grand Lodge occupying the territory from which the said Mason professes to hail.

This is a dangerous doctrine and if accepted by all jurisdictions, would ultimately undermine the exclusive jurisdiction of every Grand Lodge in its own territory.

In my opinion, the Grand Lodge of Washington, stands on precisely the same ground after the repealing of the negro resolutions as she did when she originally adopted them."

Quite a number of distinguished visitors from the neighboring jurisdictions of New Jersey and Pennsylvania were received with the grand honors.

In Delaware there are 21 constituent lodges and a total membership of 2,235, a net gain of 59.

Condensed in 80 pages the Report on Correspondence by Bro. L. H. Jackson is an excellent review of the most important doings of 60 Grand Lodges. North Carolina is indebted to Bro. Jackson for a full summary of the work done in 1899, and this reporter for pleasant personal reference.

WILLIAM W. BLACK, JR., *Grand Master*.

BENJAMIN F. BARTRAM, *Grand Secretary*.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1898.

88TH ANNUAL.

WASHINGTON.

November 9th.

A Special Communication was held March 30th for exemplification of the work of the several degrees and the reception of the reports of committees; another on May 16th for the purpose of burying with Masonic ceremonies Bro. Peter H. Hooe, Past Deputy Grand Master; and another on October 18th for laying the cornerstone of a church.

At the semi-annual of May 11th fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Peru were formally suspended.

In his address at the Annual Communication Grand Master Samuel C. Palmer gave an account of his stewardship, which received the approval of Grand Lodge.

The opening paragraph has this gratifying statement as to the condition of the Craft:

"I congratulate you upon the happy auspices under which we are permitted to assemble in this the Eighty-seventh Annual Commu-

nication of the Grand Lodge. Harmony and prosperity prevail throughout the lodges of the jurisdiction, and our fraternal relations with sister Grand Lodges, with the exception of Peru, have been undisturbed; and I anticipate with pleasure the probable resumption of intercourse with that Grand Body, within whose jurisdiction the 'Great Light of Masonry' has been restored upon their altars."

Appropriate reference to the fraternal dead is made, and also a suggestion that memorial pages be inscribed to the memory of deceased brethren of the jurisdiction.

Many dispensations for conferring degrees out of statutory time are reported, and approved.

Two decisions are reported and both approved as in accordance with the laws of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master gives high praise to the good work of the Masonic Board of Relief in its efforts to protect the Craft from imposition, as well as to aid and assist meritorious and needy brethren.

Of the Order of the Eastern Star the Grand Master has only kind words:

"This order is composed of Master Masons, their wives, daughters, sisters, mothers, and widows, and is in a most flourishing condition in this District, where its chapters are permitted to hold their meetings in lodge rooms dedicated to Masonic purposes. At the meeting of the General Grand Chapter in this city, September 27-30, 1898, the local Grand Chapter reported eight constituent chapters, with a membership of about 1,400. The work of the order is beautiful, and its teachings instructive and elevating, and I commend it to our brethren as a valuable auxiliary in the benevolent work of our lodges."

The Masonic Mutual Relief Association of the District of Columbia has been in successful operation for thirty-two years and, unlike other organizations of similar name, seems to be doing a good work and is warmly commended by the Grand Master.

The Committees on Jurisprudence and Appeals had no reports to make, which certainly indicates harmony in the fraternity of the District. On December 27th the "Installation Communication" was held and the Grand Master and the other elective officers were duly inducted into their respective offices.

The number of lodges is 25, and the membership 5,298.

The Report on Correspondence, the twenty-ninth from the venerable and beloved Bro. Wm. R. Singleton, is of like kind with those which have preceded it—rich in its fruitage of Masonic learning, and its criticisms softened by Masonic charity and brotherly love. May years of physical and mental vigor yet be meted out to him. His

discussion of Negro Masonry under Kentucky is a paper of great force and should bring conviction to any unbiased mind.

The proceedings of North Carolina for 1898 receive fraternal notice.

JOHN H. SMALL, *Grand Master*.

WM. R. SINGLETON, *Grand Secretary*.

FLORIDA—1899.

70TH ANNUAL.

JACKSONVILLE.

January 17, 18, 19

Grand Master James M. Hilliard in the opening of his address referred to the war with Spain and its consequences with mingled feelings of gladness and sorrow—pride for the glory achieved by our arms and sympathy for the bereaved.

He paid affectionate tribute to the virtues of three members of Grand Lodge—Past Grand Master, W. A. McLean, Past Junior Grand Warden, Alfred L. Williams and Past Grand Master H. J. Stewart, all of whom had died within the year.

He found it necessary to refuse permission to form a Military Lodge by the members at Tampa, and later on to refuse to concur with the Grand Master of Virginia in a like purpose.

Grand Lodge decided to participate in the Washington Memorial Services and appropriated funds for the purpose.

Five Lodges are reported as having surrendered their charters. A long list of special dispensations is reported, and of some of these the Grand Master gives the following explanation :

“You will note that many of the above dispensations, are given for the purpose of balloting for and conferring the degrees out of regular order. In most of the cases, this was done to furnish material for the exemplification of the work, either at a district convention or when a District Deputy was visiting officially. In all cases, where it was possible, I required that the candidate should qualify as to his proficiency before the degree was conferred, and in no case, was a dispensation granted for the purpose of accommodating individual candidates.”

The Reports of the District Deputies show the Craft generally to be prosperous and harmonious, although there are some exceptions as to the matter of prosperity.

The few rulings of the Grand Master are reported by the Law Committee as in accordance with the Constitution and laws and edicts of the Grand Lodge.

The Special Committee to which the action of the Grand Lodge

of Washington on Negro Masonry was referred made report and recommended the suspension of fraternal relations, and the report was unanimously adopted.

The deadly influence of the liquor traffic is denounced by the Grand Master in very emphatic words. He says in part :

"I know in some instances, it has worked to the detriment of our order, and, as we are called upon to legislate for the best interests of the order, why should we leave open one of the most dangerous openings for all that is bad and ruinous.

Why should we say that a man can sell damnation to the members, and become one of us.

Let me cite to you one instance. A certain Lodge in this jurisdiction, allowed one of its members to engage in the business (do not know whether or not he was made a Mason while engaged in the business). The lodge was located in a small place, and the bar-room soon became the public loafing place and headquarters for all parties, and soon the members of the lodge began to frequent this place. At last one of the members was gradually weaned away from his wife, home and little ones, although she had made frequent appeals to the Brother running the rum-mill, to stop selling her husband drinks, he persisted in doing so, and finally the result was, ruination and death, caused by rum sold to the Mason by a Mason ; his home broken up, his once happy wife and little ones broken-hearted.

After his death, the members in order to testify to their devotion to this departed brother, went to his home to attend the burial services. As they approached the home, they were met by the broken-hearted widow, and asked why they had come? When told that they had come to bury her husband, she looked in horror and said, "No. you have killed him, but you shall not bury him." They returned to the lodge room without attending the funeral of the brother that one of their members had killed."

The Jurisprudence Committee reported a compromise measure which, though not so radical as was desired, is a victory for temperance and Masonry :

Resolved, that the liquor traffic is demoralizing in its effects, has been productive of great evil, misery and suffering, and has caused the downfall of many Brother Masons, therefore the Particular Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction are advised and instructed not to accept the petitions of those engaged in it when they apply for admission to our Order."

Upon the recommendation of the Grand Master and after favorable report from the Committee on Finance to which the matter had

been referred, the Grand Lodge decided to return to the practice of printing in the proceedings the Report on Correspondence.

The erection of a handsome tombstone at the grave of Bro. DeWitt C. Dawkins, Grand Master in 1860-61-62, is reported by the Grand Secretary. The widow of the deceased Brother made grateful acknowledgement for this mark of loving remembrance.

The Oration of Bro. Reginald H. Weller received the highest compliment the Grand Lodge could give—to have it published—and the thanks of Grand Lodge were tendered to Bro. Weller for his really fine address.

The number of active Lodges is 144, and the membership 4187. The average membership is not quite thirty for each Lodge.

SILAS B. WRIGHT, *Grand Master*.

WILBER P. WEBSTER, *Grand Secretary*.

GEORGIA—1898.

112TH ANNUAL.

MACON.

October 25-27.

The portrait of Grand Master James W. Taylor adorns the fly-leaf of this volume.

The annual address covers thirty pages. The value of annual gatherings to the individual and to the fraternity is told in pleasant and forcible language by the Grand Master, and the practice of the Masonic virtues eloquently enjoined.

The Grand Master paid an eloquent tribute to the memory of Dr. Wm. Abram Love, an eminent citizen and distinguished Mason, from which we quote:

“Brother Love was endowed by nature with brilliant mental scope, and his sympathy for humanity was as broad as the blue canopy of heaven. As a physician, his charity knew no bounds, ever willing and ready to relieve the distresses of his fellowman, without the hope of fee or reward, except the consciousness of having done his duty. As a Mason, his fidelity blazed forth to the world with such mighty effulgence that the ravages of time can never obliterate it, and the evidence of his unflinching zeal and devotion to the cause is found in every printed Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, for nearly one half a century. In early life he took a prominent stand in the counsels of the Grand Lodge, forging promptly to the front, in her every effort for purity and progress, and remained there, honored and loved by his brethren, until God called him from his labors. Learned in his profession, learned in the literature of the day, pro-

found in Masonic knowledge, a Godly man, the example of his life will edify generations yet unborn."

A few decisions are reported and these approved by Grand Lodge, except No. 3, the Jurisprudence Committee holding that residence, not citizenship, confers Masonic jurisdiction. The decision is:

"3. An Englishman not having been naturalized, though living in America several years, is still a subject of England and not an American citizen, and is not eligible to the degrees without the consent of the Grand Lodge of England. This decision being based upon an Edict of this Grand Lodge declaring 'a man's home is determined by the place where he votes and pays poll tax.'"

Dispensations for the formation of three new lodges were granted and more than that number were refused. Five lodges were constituted.

There were many corner-stone layings by brethren specially deputed by the Grand Master.

By authority conferred by the Grand Lodge in October 1897, the Grand Master recognized the Grand Dicta Simbalica of Mexico as a sovereign and independent Grand Lodge of Masons, but the Grand Master is nevertheless apologetic in his report of the matter. The Grand Lodge however gave its unqualified approval of his action.

A detailed history of the action of the Grand Lodge of Peru in banishing the Bible from its altars by the edict of Dr. Christian Dam at the time Grand Master of Masons in Peru, is given in the address. The later action of the Grand Lodge of Peru in the repudiation of the course pursued by Dr. Dam and his associates is fully noted.

The Grand Orient of Belgium was recognized as a regular Masonic body, and fraternal intercourse authorized.

The Grand Master pays a high compliment to his associate officers of the Grand Lodge for their efficiency and zeal at all times.

The Craft in Georgia is reported to be in a prosperous condition, in regard to which the Grand Master says:

"I find upon investigation that our financial status is better than at any time during the year just ended, our indebtedness having been reduced nearly two thousand dollars. Every department is economizing to such an extent that the prospect is good to soon liquidate our outstanding indebtedness. Your Treasurer and Secretary, ably assisted by the Finance Committee, have managed the finances admirably well, making the expenses less the past year than formerly. The financial outlook of the Grand Lodge is very flattering."

The special committee having in charge the erection of a monument to the memory of the late Grand Secretary, Andrew M. Wollihin,

reported that the work had been satisfactorily performed and marked "the spot where sleeps our loved brother, who is not dead, but gone before."

A special memorial session of the Grand Lodge was held on the afternoon of the first day for the purpose of putting "in permanent form a memorial of our lamented brother, Right Worshipful William Abram Love." Besides the report of the committee on the life and services of the deceased brother, eulogies of uncommon eloquence were delivered by several of the brethren. We have space only for the closing sentence of the brief eulogy of Bro. Charles Wessolawsky:

"The earth which bears the dead bears not alive a truer gentleman, a truer or nobler Mason."

At the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge a special committee was appointed charged with the duty of investigating, in conjunction with the grand officers and Finance Committee, the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, and of recommending such changes as were deemed necessary. The committee submitted a unanimous report which was adopted without change, and it is believed that four thousand dollars a year will in this way be saved to the Grand Lodge.

After his installation the Grand Master-elect made this frank statement:

"To say that I have not been ambitious to obtain this high office would be untrue. It is a position to which any man might well aspire, and feel proud even in his aspiration, but I have had no ambition, no aspiration that has not been held in abject subordination to the interest of the order. Without ambition all high attainments are impossible, but there is no happiness in vain sublunary ambition. Ambition uncontrolled and unrestrained breeds discord, desolation and despair. There is an ambition which blots out the sun of hope, rolls man up in self and selfishness, and pushes the whole world to the doleful cavern of eternal woe."

The Grand Lodge of Georgia has under its jurisdiction 423 subordinate lodges and a total membership of 18,611, a gain of three lodges and 428 members.

The Report on Correspondence is the work of Bro. W. S. Ramsay, and reviews the proceedings of sixty-two Grand Lodges. The transactions of North Carolina for 1898 received kindly notice and generous space. Bro. Ramsay is entitled to the compliment given by Grand Master Taylor in his address:

"The report of your able Committee on Foreign Correspondence

is very gratifying, and reflects great credit upon the author, showing the fertility of his brain and the goodness of his big heart. I would advise that you peruse it carefully, for in every line it breathes the spirit of true Masonry and all of its teachings, and shows prosperity of the cause in every Grand Jurisdiction with which we are in fraternal correspondence."

W. A. DAVIS, *Grand Master*.

W. A. WOLIHIN, *Grand Secretary*.

IDAHO—1898.

31ST ANNUAL

BOISE.

September 13, 14, 15.

Distributed through this volume of proceedings are to be found the portraits of four of Idaho's Grand Masters in the order of their service—George L. Shoup, 1889; John H. Meyer, 1891; George M. Waterhouse, 1897; and George H. Storer, 1898.

An Emergent Communication was held on March 3, 1898, for the purpose of giving Masonic burial to a distinguished member of Grand Lodge, R. W. Charles Coburn Stevenson, its Grand Secretary and Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. The Grand Master says of him: "No man in the Grand Jurisdiction was so well and favorably known throughout the Masonic world for his thorough knowledge of Masonic law and his versatility as a Masonic writer." We condole with the fraternity of Idaho in the death of this young brother in whom there was so great promise of usefulness to the Craft and to the State.

A few months after this bereavement to the Order the Grand Lodge was again assembled to pay its last tribute of respect to one of its Grand Masters, Brother Isidore Samuel Weiller, who passed to rest July 1st, 1898.

Owing to his absence from the Jurisdiction the address of Grand Master Waterhouse was read by Grand Secretary Theo. W. Randall, who succeeds the lamented Stevenson in this office.

The decisions and other official acts of the Grand Master, after reference to the proper Committees, were all approved by the Grand Lodge.

The remarks of the Grand Master on the subject of NON-ATTENDANCE and the evils growing out of it are so wise that no excuse will be asked for making this extract:

"The subject of non-attendance is to my mind one of the greatest evils we have to contend with, and I believe eventually leads to more

suspensions for non-payment of dues than any other one thing. Occasionally a brother will lose interest in lodge work and will not attend regularly at first and will finally cease attendance altogether. This loss of interest usually begins at a time when the lodge is not increasing in membership, by work, and the lodge does not substitute something else of interest to take its place, but will meet, open and close, or having "nothing to do," will not meet at all.

This apathy is fatal to the success of a lodge and should be a subject for consideration by the Masters and other members as well, that they may overcome it some way and make their meetings so interesting that lodge nights will not be forgotten but will be looked forward to as a mental feast, so that the members will consider it a special privilege to be present, instead of feeling that it is a duty that they must perform to make a quorum, etc.

"This may be done in many ways, viz. Rehearsing the work of the several degrees; by organizing regular classes and placing the members in different positions each evening so that each one may become proficient in any station from Master to Tiler; by taking up some good Masonic history, reading and discussing it; reading the Grand Lodge reports, not by title, but word for word, discussing each point brought out and endeavoring to devise plans for the better government of this Grand Jurisdiction, that your representatives to the next Grand Lodge may present them."

The absence of the Grand Master and the grave illness of the Deputy Grand Master made the Senior Grand Warden, George H. Storer, the acting ruler of the Craft from the middle of May to the meeting of the Grand Lodge. At that time Brother Storer was elected Grand Master.

The report of the Grand Secretary gives a very clear statement of the affairs of his office, and is a condensed history, general and financial, of the Grand Lodge.

The Orphan Fund of the Grand Lodge has now reached the large sum of \$28,227.74, after having disbursed \$475 in aid of orphans and indigent Masons.

Fraternal greetings were exchanged between the Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodges of Montana and Wyoming, then in session.

The retiring Grand Master transferred to his successor the signet ring or private seal of the Grand Master, and the speeches of both brethren on the occasion were eloquent and eminently appropriate.

The Lodges are 29 in number, the same as last year, and it is probable that there has been little change in the membership since the last report.

The untimely death of Brother Stevenson left a vacancy in the

Correspondence Department which has been filled to the satisfaction of his brethren by Past Grand Master Fred G. Mock. After a pleasant review of our proceedings of 1898, Brother Mock says :

“ And now, Brother Collins, we must close our review. We have tarried longer with your proceedings than with many others, but being the representative of North Carolina, we naturally felt a deeper interest in your doings than for other Jurisdictions. It is our sincere wish that we may sometime visit this State, where our father first saw the light of day, and clasp hands with all you good brethren.”

It is probable that the father of Brother Mock was born in Davie county, where the family name is perpetuated in the town of Mocksville. This town and county have a population distinguished for all the qualities that go to make a patriotic, liberty-loving citizenship, and Brother Mock may not feel ashamed of his extraction.

GEORGE H. STORER, *Grand Master*

THEO. W. RANDALL, *Grand Secretary*.

IDAHO—1899.

32D ANNUAL.

BOISE.

September 12, 13, 14.

There is a group picture of the Grand Lodge officers and representatives which in its reduced size fails to show fully the fine heads and faces of the brethren, but a magnifying lens will correct this fault and show that Idaho has men whose “counterfeits” attest to ability and character. There are also portraits of Past Grand Master Cartee, the founder of the Orphan Fund, and of the newly-elected Grand Master, John C. Muerman.

The address of Grand Master George H. Storer is a very fine paper, in which all his official acts are reported and his views frankly expressed on matters affecting the Craft in that Jurisdiction. Much of this address might be profitably considered by other Grand Masters and by all Masters of Lodges. These extracts show that he appreciates the cause of the evils to which he calls attention :

“ In visiting among the constituent Lodges I find that in a few of them there is a lagging of interest shown by their failure to hold regular communications. I cannot help contributing a great amount of the blame for this to the officers of the lodges. They never do anything other than the regular work of the lodge. They go through the form of opening and closing, month after month, without any variation whatever. If they have any degrees to confer, what should be inter-

esting and instructive lessons often become meaningless botch. The result of all this soon becomes apparent—no work, no interest, no meetings. I think these evils could be remedied if the officers would in some way add interest and variety to their meetings, by different commendable means, such as reviewing the Masonic Code, whereby the brethren may become familiar with the rules by which they are governed; by practicing the floor work: by holding schools of instruction, and in many other ways endeavoring to conduct their meetings in such manner that the brethren will attend for the enjoyment thereby obtained, and not from a mere sense of duty.

“Our Holy and Ancient Order is growing in Idaho as it has never grown before. The strong arm of brotherly love and fraternal greeting is reaching out in every part of the State. As we travel in the northern counties we behold the humble home of the Brother Mason out in the forests and on the farms, and similar conditions exist in the southeastern counties, and here in the western part of the State we again find the homes of our brethren dotted here and there amid the beautiful villages, towns and cities of a populous and prosperous people.

“The promise of increased prosperity in the near future exacts from the Craft a large measure of caution. The popularity of a fraternal society may easily become a source of danger. Masonry, in this jurisdiction, is growing with sufficient rapidity, and care should be taken in the selection of candidates in order that we do not receive any unworthy material into our sacred institution. We ought to teach more earnestly that those who become Masons do not become so through any personal motives, but to practice its principles and maintain it in its ancient integrity. Ancient, Free and Accepted Masonry was originally intended for the few whose intelligence was such as would entitle them to appreciate its beauties, and whose morals were such as would enable them to exemplify its virtues. Though not another Mason should ever be made, we should guard our doors securely against those who seek to wear our badge for mercenary purposes and whose daily lives of debauchery, profanity and vulgarity give the lie to their professions of faith in the tenets of our Craft.”

He has this to say of his visitations, which goes to show that his presence was entirely on business:

“I did not write to any member of any lodge, before leaving home, that I was going to, make them an official visit so that they would put on their best and have anything more than usual for my reception. By this means I was better enabled to see them as they were, and, in most cases, I am pleased to say, were in a healthy and prosperous condition. I found in the majority of the lodges that the secretaries were keeping

their books neat and in proper form. In a few instances I found it necessary to make suggestions that I thought would improve their appearance, and should the Grand Lodge at any time require a transcript of their proceedings they would be the better enabled to furnish the information required."

Three dispensations are reported, one of them for the wholesome purpose of decorating the graves of deceased brethren and of holding suitable memorial services.

The decisions, dispensations and requests granted by the Grand Master were approved by the Grand Lodge. One of these decisions, under the law of the Jurisdiction, is the exclusion of an applicant on account of loss of sight in one eye. There are defects worse than total blindness in many candidates in many Grand Jurisdictions, and a radical modification of the physical perfection laws seems to be desirable.

As to the more recent action of the Grand Lodge of Washington, Most Worthy Brother Storer says :

"I have the pleasure of announcing to this Grand Lodge that official notice has been received by our Right Worshipful Grand Secretary that the Grand Lodge of Washington at its session of June, 1899, repealed the resolution which caused so much perturbation in the Masonic world, and sister Grand Lodges who had severed their fraternal relationship with the Grand Lodge of Washington are now revoking the edicts issued, thus restoring the fraternal intercourse which formerly existed between them. I sincerely hope and trust that in the future nothing may ever arise which may or can cloud the Masonic horizon or mar the peace and harmony which should, and I hope ever will, exist between all Masonic Grand Lodges throughout the world."

The reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer show the Craft to be prosperous and the funds ample and safely invested. Nearly a thousand dollars was dispensed from the interest of the Charity Fund for the use of indigent Masons and the orphans of deceased brethren.

The number of Lodges is 29 and the total membership 1143.

The Report on Correspondence is again the work of Brother Fred. G. Mock, the representative of North Carolina at the court of Idaho. In his preface he refers to the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in this way :

"The Grand Lodge of Washington has rescinded its action in the matter of 'Negro Masonry' and congratulations are due the brethren of our sister on the west for this wise and timely step. I would ask

you, therefore, to join with me in singing that soul-stirring melody, 'All Coons Look Alike to Me,' especially so-called Masons of African descent."

The Grand Lodge of Idaho doesn't want any unaffiliates in the Jurisdiction, and under New Jersey Brother Mock thus discourses on the evil and its remedy :

"On unaffiliates, he asks that their law be so changed denying Masonic priviles to those drones. Why not try a little Idaho remedy—one prescribed at our Thirtieth Annual. It is not exactly what might be called 'Homeopathic,' some think it not systemeoatic, but it's bitter and has cured some very obdurate cases. The really true Idaho name is, we believe Forcemeodrastic, and one dose either kills or cures. The names of Past Grand Masters Ainslie and Clark are blown in the bottle, and is of course to be 'well shaken before taken.'"

Fifty-four Grand Lodge transactions pass under review, North Carolina for 1899 being one of the lucky number. This report is bright and crisp and readable, without a dull page in the eighty.

We congratulate Brother Mock on his complete recovery from the eye trouble which so sorely afflicted him, but it was not at any time of sufficient gravity to affect his Masonic perceptions.

JOHN C. MUERMAN, *Grand Master*,

THEOPHILUS W. RANDALL, *Grand Secretary*.

ILLINOIS—1899.

60TH ANNUAL.

CHICAGO.

October 3, 4, 5.

This volume of proceedings is well printed and with so copious an index to Grand Lodge transactions and to the topics of the Correspondence report that the labor of review is materially lightened. We find in it the likenesses of Grand Master Edward Cook and of Past Grand Masters James A. Hawley and DeWitt C. Cregier—both of the latter gone to their reward. In his address the Grand Master makes this loving reference to the departed brethren :

"When I was in Amboy as a young teacher in 1859, BROTHER HAWLEY was County Superintendent of Schools for Lee county, and as such was in a position to be of great service to me. The kindness he then exhibited, both officially and personally, and the helping hand he extended, were characteristic of his generous nature, and among the pleasantest experiences of my life. The friendship which was then formed, and which was subsequently cemented by fraternal ties

when I became a Mason, continued without interruption for almost forty years, and will remain as one of the fragrant and grateful memories of a life-time."

"My acquaintance with BROTHER CREGIER dates from my first admission into a Masonic Lodge. It was his hand grasp and assurance of security that encouraged my progress from darkness toward light. He was my Masonic guide, instructor, friend and brother, for more than a third of a century, and if I have been able to achieve anything in Masonry I gratefully acknowledge that I owe it in great measure to his encouragement, counsel and example."

The loss sustained by the Craft in the death of other useful Masons at home and abroad is referred to in the address.

Two Lodges were constituted; one Lodge continued under dispensation, and several applications for the formation of new lodges were for good reason refused.

The contribution of \$20 a month for the relief of the oldest Past Grand Master in the Jurisdiction is continued by the Grand Lodge, and is evidence of the true Masonic spirit which prompts the Brethren. This venerable Brother, 88 years old, is enabled to spend his last years at home among his kindred, his wants supplied by brothers and friends.

The Schools of Instruction receive the highest commendation of the Grand Master, who says in part:

"Schools were held at Carlinville, Carbondale, Charleston, La Harpe, and El Paso. All the members of the board of Grand Examiners were in attendance at each place and forty-four Deputy Grand Lecturers were present at one or more of the schools. Two hundred and sixty-five lodges were represented and nine hundred and fifty-two names were registered. This shows that the schools are appreciated by the Craft and any one who was present can testify to the interest shown."

Last year the Grand Master expressed his disapproval of the tendency of the wealthier lodges for theatrical display in the work, and the majority discontinued the practice at once. Some few of the lodges unwilling to leave off their fine trappings were convinced only after the issue of an edict, part of which is thus forcibly expressed:

"In furtherance of the purpose of this edict and to promote uniformity of work and maintain the purity and impressiveness of our ritual, the introduction of military drills, stage settings, theatrical scenes, inappropriate music, stereopticon views (other than of the emblems or symbols given in the monitor and the charts) and the use

of robes, uniforms, and costumes others than those sanctioned by the standard work of this grand jurisdiction and taught and practiced in the schools of instruction held by the Grand Examiners, are hereby expressly prohibited.

The sale, distribution, use, or possession of any pretended exposes, or of any written or printed form of the esoteric work is not only a violation of obligation but it is also in direct disregard of the Edict of Grand Master Scott on this subject, issued April 10, 1896, to which your attention is called, and which is in full force and authority."

A few cases of discipline are reported, and their rarity in so large an army of Masons, fifty-five thousand strong, is weighty evidence of the excellence of the governing machinery.

Four decisions are reported and approved by the Law Committee and by the Grand Lodge.

The Washington Centennial Memorial Ceremonies are referred to by the Grand Master, but diligent search fails to find any action taken on the subject.

"Rotation in office" receives the consideration of the Grand Master, and he is right in the view that there should be a happy medium between life tenure and the rapid transit which creates a Past Master every year. But this is something Grand Lodges cannot very well control, and of the two extremes there is really less danger from the ambitious rusher than from the drone, whose only similitude is that of a bump on a log—the power to stay and rot.

The "parting thanks" and the "conclusion" of the Grand Master are couched in such eloquent phrase that the Committee on Grand Master's Address are entirely at sea as to what Past Grand Master shall receive the crown of poet-laureate—he or some of his predecessors.

Very notable in the Grand Master's address is the omission of any reference to the question of Negro Masonry, and it may be assumed that the Grand Lodge of Washington having withdrawn from its position, the matter was considered settled.

In the Jurisdiction of Illinois there are 723 Lodges and a membership of 55,120.

The Report on Correspondence is, as it should be so long as he can wield the pen, the work of Past Grand Master Joseph Robbins, and pursues the same arrangement as that of last year, the topical form. Brother Robbins defends vigorously the action taken by the Grand Lodge of Washington in 1898 on Negro Masonry. When there is practical unanimity among all American Grand Lodges, North, South, East and West, it seems a waste of energy to attempt to persuade them that Negro Masonry is legitimate and regular, and the

only fruits of the controversy, so far seen, are acrimonious words and bitter feeling. After a thorough study of every phase of the subject, Brother Robbins comes to the conclusion that *race prejudice only* is at the bottom of the hostility to Negro Masonry, and all the disclaimers in that regard of all the Grand Lodges of the United States fail to carry conviction even of their sincerity to the mind of Brother Robbins.

He has fairly and ably discussed every topic which he has selected as subjects of this report, and if he fails to carry conviction to every mind his readers must at least pay tribute to his sincerity and courage. We very gladly subscribe to his views concerning the inadvisability of dispensing Masouic charity in homes which are unduly costly in construction and maintenance. These brief extracts will disclose his position :

"This subject is still a matter of great interest, particularly in those jurisdictions that have homes in process of erection, or having them completed and in operation, are yearly brought face to face with the question of ways and means. But there has been comparatively little home building or home projecting during the past year, and those undertaken in the future will be begun after much more careful preliminary thought and ciphering than have preceded the erection of some now existing. * * *

"When we get a class of wealthy Masons in this country who are willing to voluntarily support these palaces, and leave lodge and individual resources unimpaired for the help of the occasionally sick and needy, we will all be glad to see such great enduring monuments—albeit we hope not more enduring than the spirit of unostentatious Masonic charity."

CHARLES F. HITCHCOCK, *Grand Master*

J. H. C. DILL, *Grand Secretary*.

INDIANA—1899.

78TH ANNUAL.

INDIANAPOLIS.

May 23, 24.

Portraits of Grand Master William Geake and of Alexander A Meek, second in the line of Grand Masters, who ruled the Craft from 1818 to 1820, occupy the fly-leaves of this beautifully printed and indexed volume.

In the opening of his address Grand Master Simeon S. Johnson states that there is present prosperity and a bright future for the Craft of Indiana. He thus writes of the Masons who gave their lives for their country :

"Though we do not erect a mausoleum over the graves of our dead brothers, or raise a monument to the virtues of the living soldier, let us place on record a tribute to the memory of the dead and write our appreciation of the living, that in all time it may be known how the Masons of Indiana treasure the memory of those brethren who died in the performance of duty and those who served at their country's call."

Appropriate reference is made to the distinguished dead who have passed away within the year.

Dispensations were issued for the formation of five new Lodges and the charter of one surrendered. Four Lodges were constituted and the charters of two Lodges arrested.

Begging circulars of various kinds came to the Grand Master, but they all made "water hauls."

Many special dispensations were granted, but none of them to confer degrees out of time.

The thirty-seven decisions of the Grand Master were distinguished for their brevity and clearness, and well all approved.

A request to permit the formation of an Army Lodge met the disapproval of the Grand Master, and he says in part :

"I am well aware that there were 'Army Lodges' during the war of 1861-'5, but I am not aware that they were established by virtue of any law. I am sure the history of those Lodges is such that no thinking Mason would wish such history repeated. Rather would we agree with Past Grand Master Hacker, who said in 1865, 'Had I my two years Grand Mastership to live over, and knowing what I now do, I do not think I would issue any dispensations whatever to organize Lodges connected with the army.'"

The Grand Master directs the attention of the Grand Lodge to the reported free use of cipher rituals in very many of the Lodges, and recommends some prompt action for the suppression of the evil. The Jurisprudence Committee presented a resolution, denominated an *edict*, giving the Grand Master full power to suspend any Master of a Lodge convicted of using, or permitting the use of, one of these keys, and the resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Grand Lodge appropriated \$300 for the erection of a monument to the memory of Past Grand Master Meek and \$20 to pay for a picture of the deceased brother.

The Grand Master deplores the failure of the brethren to read the able Reports on Correspondence which are furnished at considerable expense for the information of the Craft generally, and makes this suggestion :

"If some way could be devised by which such reports could be brought to the notice of our brethren, it ought to be done. It is possible a cheap edition could be gotten out, much of the statistical parts omitted, and in this manner such reports furnished the Lodges in numbers sufficient for every brother to read."

The Grand Lodge severed fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Washington on account of its recognition of clandestine Masons. In the report of the special committee, which was adopted unanimously, occurs this pungent paragraph:

"Self-respect and a high appreciation of the important duty devolving upon us causes us to pause for a moment to grasp, if possible, the motive prompting the author of all this uncalled-for meddlesomeness. Notoriety, glorious or inglorious, is the chief aim of some men. Notoriety at the expense of the fair name and fame of Freemasonry would be a natural deduction from the object-lesson set before us as illustrated by the forensic power of a very young Mason in the State of Washington. Young in years, young in Masonry, and a babe in Masonic knowledge, brushes aside Drummond, Moore, Mackey and others of equal knowledge and renown, and to gain notoriety and power forces the Grand Lodge of Washington to proclaim as 'legitimate Masonic Grand Lodges' Lodges that had solemnly issued a 'Declaration of Independence,' and that renounced all allegiance to the Mother Grand Lodge of the world—the Grand Lodge of England."

Past Grand Master S. S. Johnson, Grand Master Geake and the Grand Secretary, Brother William H. Smythe were appointed to represent the Grand Lodge at the memorial services at the tomb of Washington on December 14, 1899.

The Grand Secretary's report opens with this statement of his long service:

"BRETHREN—Herewith I fraternally submit my *twenty-first* annual report showing in detail the receipts and disbursements of the Grand Lodge for the fiscal year ending May 18, A. D. 1899, A. L. 5899, and, in this connection, I desire to state that since I have been your servant—embracing the period from May 29, 1878, to May 23, 1899, being a period of *twenty-one years*—I have received and turned over to the Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer the sum of (\$551,961.90) *five hundred and fifty-one thousand nine hundred and sixty-one dollars and ninety cents*, for all of which said sum I hold the receipts of the Grand Treasurer."

There are 488 Lodges in this strong Jurisdiction, and a membership of 30,901, a gain of 947.

The very fine Report on Correspondence is the labor of Past Grand Master Nicholas R. Ruckle, and is a combined topical and historical review of 56 Grand Lodges, North Carolina for 1898 receiving due consideration.

WILLIAM GEAKE, *Grand Master*.

WILLIAM H. SMYTHE, *Grand Secretary*.

IOWA—1899.

56TH ANNUAL.

MASON CITY.

June 6-8.

This very handsome volume of proceedings is adorned with a group picture of the five elective grand officers—Grand Master Thos. Lambert; Senior Grand Warden R. M. Hunter; Junior Grand Warden Wm. E. Randall; Grand Treasurer Ora L. Wright; and Grand Secretary T. S. Parvin.

There are also portraits of Grand Master Bowen and of Past Grand Treasurer Samuel Cooper Dunn, who died January 4th, 1899.

Naturally and appropriately there is a pictorial view of the interior of the library, with its lady visitors, and the venerable Grand Secretary in the foreground.

In his address the Grand Master, Crom. Bowen, gives a clear and unpretentious account of his official acts during the year, and his zeal and fidelity are appreciated and commended by his brethren of the Grand Lodge.

Speaking of the large number who demit from their Lodges and remain permanent non-affiliates the Grand Master says:

“The question, however, is, should we undertake to compel Masons by legislation to retain membership in particular Lodges? If we should succeed, would the Order be benefited thereby? We would be the gainer by the amount of the few dollars we have thereby compelled them to contribute, and our annual returns would undoubtedly show a larger gain in membership. But, after all, is it worth our while? I take it few there be who thus demit because of an inability to pay dues. I assume that every subordinate lodge would, without the asking, cheerfully remit the dues of all such. The large majority of those becoming non-affiliates are of those who do not believe that “it is more blessed to give than to receive.” Many, perhaps, became Masons through purely selfish motives, hoping to use it as a stepping-stone to further some ambition, political or otherwise, and becoming convinced of their error, avail themselves of the right to demit; of such a class did the poet write:

“Constant at church and change his gains were sure.
His givings rare, save farthings to the poor.”

Such men are no benefit to Masonry, and the individual lodge is in most cases better off without than with them.”

The resumption of fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Peru is reported by the Grand Master.

Upon the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington the Grand Master has this to say :

“It seemed to me that in the adoption of the foregoing resolutions, the Grand Lodge of Washington had recognized as legitimate Masons, with all the attendant rights and privileges of Masonry, those whom the Grand Lodge of Iowa has always held to be clandestine within its jurisdiction. It was, in my judgment, a matter of such importance that it ought to have the careful consideration of this Grand Lodge at this session. In order that a more thorough and complete investigation might be had than could be through a committee appointed at this session, I determined to appoint a special committee in advance of the session, that there might be no delay in taking such action thereon as might be deemed necessary and appropriate. Accordingly, in January last, I appointed Brother L. E. Fellows, Past Grand Master ; Brother W. L. Eaton, Past Junior Grand Warden ; and Brother F. W. Craig (110) as such special committee, with a request that they make such investigation of the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington, and report at this session what action, if any, this Grand Lodge should take in the premises. The report of this special committee, I have no doubt, will be before you during the session.”

The Special Committee presented an able report which was unanimously adopted and closed with the following dispassionate statement of the position of the Grand Lodge :

“Sincerely regretting the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in renewing the agitation of a question deemed, long since settled, and regarding such action ill-advised, and well calculated to disturb the harmony so essential to the welfare and prosperity of the fraternity, the Grand Lodge of Iowa deems its present duty fully performed in expressing the earnest hope that on further consideration the Grand Lodge of Washington will rescind its former action, and place itself in-line with the well recognized doctrine and Masonic sentiment of this country ; and placing upon record for the government of the craft of our own jurisdiction that under what this Grand Lodge understands to be well settled Masonic law and usage, and clearly expressed in our written constitution and laws, there can be no recognition of

any pretended Masonic Lodge in Iowa not deriving its charter from our Grand Lodge, or of any irregular lodge in any other Grand Jurisdiction, or of any pretended Mason claiming to have been made in any such irregular lodge, either in this or any other Grand Jurisdiction; such pretended lodges and Masons being declared by our law to be clandestine."

The Grand Master reports that he was obliged to refuse dispensation for the formation of a Military Lodge to the colonel and fourteen other officers and men of the Fifty-first Iowa regiment of Volunteers then serving in the Philippine Islands. The petitioners were Master Masons in good standing, but Grand Lodge approved the course of Grand Master Bowen as eminently wise, although some enthusiastic brethren wanted a charter for the "soldier boys" anyhow.

Dispensations for the formation of three new lodges were issued and the Grand Master expresses the fear that it was not altogether the right thing to do; mainly on account of proximity to established lodges.

At the close of his address the Grand Master said:

"For nearly two hundred years has speculative Masonry existed in its present form, purely as a charitable and humane institution, holding out no inducements to its votaries or members, except that of doing good to their fellows and "communicating happiness." Yet during all that time, though sometimes beset with dangers, it has had a slow but constant and steady growth, until it has become strong and powerful for good and has spread its beneficent influences throughout the confines of the globe."

The report of the Grand Secretary is quite lengthy and discusses a variety of subjects, as well as those belonging technically to his office, in a very interesting way.

The Librarian's Report shows clearly Bro. Parvin's love of his pet, and the things of value contained in it—the library.

The yearly addition of valuable and rare books makes the demand for more room imperative. Bro. I. R. Lindsay in his report on the Library says:

"Our Library is now rendering valuable service to Masonry, and, indirectly, to humanity. By reason of it the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and all Iowa Masons, enjoy high prestige in the Masonic world. Masonic scholars and writers are delving among its treasures, and the result of their labors is of distinct advantage to the fraternity at large. It is visited in great numbers by the profane, including students from our various colleges, and it is impossible to estimate its silent

influence in inducing them to conceive a favorable idea of the fraternity, and an earnest desire to be enrolled among its members. There is nothing like it in the wide world. We should maintain and foster it; we should strive to make it the Masonic center of the country; we should strive to make it the Mecca of all seeking further light in Masonry.

In this Grand Jurisdiction there are 486 working Lodges with a membership of 28,430, a net gain of 369 over last year.

The Report on Correspondence, a review of the transactions of 61 Grand Jurisdictions, is the work of Brother J. C. W. Coxe, and the announcement of the author is sufficient guaranty of the high quality of his work. The North Carolina journal loitered on the way and, as Brother Coxe says, came just in the nick of time to receive any notice—four months after publication.

In his "conclusion" Brother Coxe directs attention to some new inaccuracies of statement by the officials of the *Gran Dieta* as to the number of Lodges under its obedience and as to the number of Grand Lodges which have recognized the Mexican Grand Lodge.

After a very calm and forceful summing up of the controversy growing out of the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington against Negro Masonry, Brother Coxe closes the matter in these manly and charitable words:

"We record our conviction that the Grand Lodge of Washington made a serious mistake in promulgating its views on issues quite beyond any query addressed to them, and which involved the honor of other Grand Lodges. The primary question is one of courtesy to sister Jurisdictions, and the rights of courtesy, we think, have been invaded by the far-reaching conclusions promulgated by the Grand Lodge of Washington, and all without any real justification. The alleged 'rights' of Bailey and Rideout are no nearer concession now than they were a twelve-month ago, if, indeed, their case and that of those whom they represent has not been damaged by this Washington action. We deprecate the severe language which has been dealt out to our brethren of Washington by some Jurisdictions; we endorse the firm yet fraternal utterances of the Jurisdictions most directly interested in the original question, and we sincerely hope that our brethren of the Chinook Jurisdiction will see their way clear, without fear or favor, with no compromise of self-respect, but with fraternal regard for the peace and harmony of the Craft at large, to reconsider their action, and thus restore the friendly relations which have been interrupted by this unfortunate episode.

THOMAS LAMBERT, *Grand Master*.

T. S. PARVIN, *Grand Secretary*.

KANSAS—1899.

43D ANNUAL.

LEAVENWORTH.

February 15-16.

The address of the Grand Master, Maurice L. Stone, is a full accounting of his official acts and merits the following commendation from the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers :

"The brevity, conciseness and valuable recommendations of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's address, merit special mention. Couched in forcible phrases, well selected as to its topics, complete in its reference to the vital interests of Symbolic Masonry in this Jurisdiction, it forms a fitting conclusion to an administration that merits the hearty approval of the Craft.

"We desire to especially commend the forcible remarks of the Most Worshipful Grand Master relative to the use by Lodges of what purports to be aids to the work, more commonly known as ciphers or keys. This practice is reprehensible, cannot be too strongly condemned, and if prevailing to any extent, merits rigid discipline at the hands of this Grand Lodge or its executive officer."

The Craft is reported to be free from dissensions and prosperous.

The Grand Master called the attention of the Grand Lodge to the valuable labors of the Grand Secretary in elaborating a Masonic Historical Registry, which is perfect. He says in part :

"It is the only Masonic Grand Lodge Registry of its kind in existence. A number of Grand Jurisdictions possess an historical registry arranged in an alphabetical form by Lodges, from which it is possible to ascertain the Masonic history of any brother who was ever a member in the Jurisdiction, providing the particular Lodge with which he was affiliated is indicated. Kansas, however, now possesses the only Masonic registry in which the entire membership of the Jurisdiction, past and present, is alphabetically arranged as a whole, and is consequently the only registry which can promptly and accurately answer such a query as : Was John Henry Smith ever a Mason in Kansas ?"

Fraternal relations were resumed with the Grand Lodge of Peru. Four Lodges were constituted.

In his patriotic ardor the Grand Master exercised the prerogative of giving rapid transit to candidates who were going to the war, and thus reports his acts :

"At the outset it was my intention to require the most emergent showing before I would grant permission to confer degrees out of time, little thinking of the emergency so soon to arise, when many grand

and patriotic men responded to their country's call, to fight for humanity and their country's honor, desiring to become members of the fraternity before going to the field of battle.

"Unlike one of my Most Worshipful brothers in another Grand Jurisdiction, who, in his report, remarks that 'on account of a precedent of thirty years standing, as much as I wished to grant the request of the brave volunteers, I have not granted one,' I have responded favorably to every one who offered as his excuse 'enlisted,' and in several cases, where the time required it, by wire, and in two instances where the degrees have been conferred by request in San Francisco."

The Grand Master referred to in the above quotation is evidently Brother Crom. Bowen, of Iowa, but Brother Bowen plumbed the track of the law and received the endorsement of his Grand Lodge.

The decisions of the Grand Master, two in number, were approved.

The Grand Lodge was very generous in its provision for the Washington Centennial Celebration, having appropriated two hundred dollars to the Grand Lodge of Virginia and six hundred dollars to meet the expenses of five delegates.

Many official visits are reported, and as usual resulted in pleasure for the Grand Master and profit to the Coaft.

The following is part of what the Grand Master says of the Masonic Home :

"Masonic Homes are established in each of the following named Grand Jurisdictions : California, Connecticut, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, Ohio, New Jersey, and ere we meet again several other Grand Lodges will be added to this list, who have materially responded to the call of want and the cry of the orphan

"We are to-day assembled in the hall where the first steps were taken to render it possible, in accordance with our Constitution, to materially provide for a Masonic Home in Kansas. And now we have a home upon which we can look with pride—a Home that shelters and provides for our brother when old age or physical infirmity overtakes him—gives a comfortable home to the aged wife or widow, who, after a life perhaps of toil and many cares, finds here a quiet resting place. and gives to the orphan the tender care and protection of a Christian home, providing for their many wants, training them in useful work, giving them the advantages of education—adopting them in fact into our own Masonic family.

"The Home has, during this year, cared for fifteen of our aged brothers, three of our aged sisters, and in its broadest sense given a home to fourteen of our brothers' orphans. Is not this a material answer as to why we became Masons?"

In the report of the Superintendent it is found that the average number sheltered in the Home is thirty-two, and the cost of maintenance \$2.74 a week or \$142.48 per capita a year. This cost is small as compared with that of other institutions of the kind

The report of the Grand Secretary, Brother Albert K. Wilson, is voluminous, but interesting in its account of the details of the plan of registry originated by him and which seems to be of great value to the Craft.

The address of the Grand Orator, Brother Lucius H. Perkins, is very readable as well as instructive, and gives evidence of extensive research in its preparation. No apology is necessary for making this extract :

“Freemasonry is altogether a human institution, wrought out and perfected by man. Like the great systems of ethics taught by the Greeks, it has drawn without stint upon the wisdom of the ages. It has appropriated, as by divine right, any convenient law of the physical universe and has not neglected the decalogue. It has laid hands upon any great moral principle and made it its own. It has drawn lessons from any source, sacred or profane. Whatever eternal truths seem best calculated to regenerate man and lift him from his fallen state, subdue his selfishness and open his soul to the light, were adopted into the system as by the right of discovery.”

The number of chartered Lodges is 359, with a membership of 20,103, a net gain of 215.

Past Grand Master John C. Postlethwaite furnishes an excellent Report on Correspondence, which occupies 175 pages of the volume. North Carolina's transactions for 1898 receive fraternal notice and generous space—two and a-half pages.

HENRY C. LOOMIS, *Grand Master*

ALBERT K. WILSON, *Grand Secretary*.

KENTUCKY—1898.

99TH ANNUAL.

LOUISVILLE.

October 18, 19, 20.

Tha likeness of the Grand Master and a picture of the children of the Home as they appeared when presented to the Grand Lodge adorn the volume.

The Grand Master refers to the action of Christian Dam while Grand Master of Peru in ordering the removal of the Bible from Masonic altars, and commends those faithful brethren who were instrumental in bringing the Grand Lodge back to its duty.

The action of the Grand Lodge of Washington on the subject of Negro Masonry receives the attention of the Grand Master, who, after reviewing that matter, says in part :

"The Grand Lodge of Washington has been misled, by its committee, into hastily recognizing the negro bodies without even waiting to ascertain whether the negro bodies recognized it as a legitimate body or not. I consider this action unnecessary, undignified and unmasonic. It is revolutionary and uncalled for, and is certain to create discord * * * I think the Grand Lodge of Washington has fallen into a grievous error, and that this Grand Lodge should so declare, and that it should do so promptly and emphatically. For this reason I some time since appointed a special committee of three, consisting of Past Grand Master J. Soule Smith, Past Grand Master James W. Staton, and Past Grand Master Bernard G. Witt, to consider and report at this session in order that the Grand Lodge may act advisedly in the premises."

The committee selected by the Grand Master submitted a report unequalled by any that we have yet seen and from which the following extracts are made :

"Your committee, to whom was referred the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington, F. and A. M., in regard to Negro Masons, would respectfully report :—

"The action of that Grand Lodge was based upon the report of a committee, appointed in 1897, to consider the petition of two negroes claiming to be Masons, and setting forth their pedigrees as such.

"Upon the face of the petition the petitioners were clandestine, and, by receiving it and appointing a committee to consider it, the Grand Lodge of Washington demeaned itself. At the outset the case was prejudged; the appointment of a committee to consider such a petition, at this late day, foreshadowed the report to be made, and the approval of that report was perfunctory and surplusage. The question was long ago '*res adjudicata*, and, as the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts said in 1869, on a similar application, the 'petitioners (should) have leave to withdraw.' That was the only decent, appropriate and Masonic conclusion.

"Neither the Negro Grand Lodge, nor any of its subordinate Lodges, asked recognition of the Grand Lodge of Washington. By no act of theirs has the Grand Lodge of Washington been recognized as legitimate. But, upon the petition of two individual negroes, who could bind nobody except themselves, the Grand Lodge of Washington has hastened to adjudicate a case not presented to it, and to embrace an organization of Africans who have not sought their caresses. It is a disgusting lechery which savors of rape.

"Any action on this subject, at this time, by the Grand Lodge of Washington was improper and unnecessary. The question was not presented in such manner as to make a decision of it binding upon the negro Lodges. The Negro Grand Lodge seems to have had a more exalted idea of its own dignity than the Grand Lodge of Washington. It did not ask recognition for itself, or its subordinates. Had it done so, it would have recognized the legitimacy of the body from whom it sought this favor. It was pursuing the even tenor of its way, doing its own work among its own people, unmolested by any one, asking no favors and needing none. Any Lodge under the jurisdiction of Washington Grand Lodge could, if it chose, receive a free-born negro as a member, and any Lodge of Masons in Kentucky or Massachusetts has the same right. In Massachusetts negroes are members of Masonic Lodges, and sit as representatives in the Grand Lodge. Yet Massachusetts is foremost in maintaining its own dignity, and most forceful of all American Grand Lodges in declaring the negro lodges clandestine and illegitimate. As a wise parent, it knows its own children; as a chaste mother, it resents the intrusion of a bastard into the family.

"No American Mason, no American Lodge of Masons—Grand or Subordinate—has ill-will toward the negro as a negro, or the negro lodges as such. The negroes are satisfied with their Masonry, their Odd Fellowship, their other secret orders, and no white man, with the instincts of a gentleman, desires to curtail their privileges or intrude himself among them. Nor do the negroes, as a rule, desire to thrust themselves upon the whites. In slave times the negro and his master belonged to the same church and worshipped in the same congregation. But, with freedom, came a sense of responsibility to the negro, and he built his own church and chose his own pastor. This arrangement was better for all concerned, and, with a fine sense of propriety, the negro keeps to himself, and worships God in his own congregation. And, in Masonry, the instincts of the negro have taught him the same lesson. He has erected a Masonic edifice of his own into which no white man has the right to intrude, and in which he can dwell in happiness and peace. He is satisfied, and there is no occasion to investigate his title to the property. But, in order to protect him against an imaginary eviction, the Grand Lodge of Washington lays down a rule of Masonic law which would invalidate the title of every other Masonic body, and leave its unprotected territory to become food for the lust of every pillager. It not only issues a quit-claim deed to its own domain, but also a letter patent authorizing the plunder of its neighbors. Such an action the Grand Lodge of Kentucky can not tolerate.

"It may be said that Kentuckians have prejudices against the negro, and we therefore array the sober scholarship of Massachusetts

and Vermont against the hysterical vaporings of the fiery and untamed committee of Washington Grand Lodge. We do not hesitate to quote a Gardner, a Woodbury, a Tucker against the misinformation which darkens the councils of our Western brothers. As for Kentucky, she has ever been conservative but steadfast in maintaining her own rights, and according their just rights to her sisters. She would resent the intrusion of any one upon the jurisdiction of Washington as upon her own. She believes in the 'American doctrine' of Masonic jurisdiction. It is founded upon courtesy, upon right, upon justice. We will not intrude upon the territory of Missouri or Illinois, nor would we allow them to invade our jurisdiction. Much less would we insult the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts by putting the seal of our approval upon an invasion of her territory, and declaring legitimate those from her household whom she has repeatedly declared bastard.

"We have no quarrel with the negro, and certainly seek none with the Grand Lodge of Washington. We have no wish to curtail its privileges, or infringe upon its rights. It can select its own associates, and we shall select ours. It has proclaimed as fact, what is controverted by history. It has announced a principle whose acceptance means death to American Masonry. It has contemptuously set aside the doctrine of jurisdiction upon which our system is founded, and this it has done at the mere request of two irresponsible negroes, and upon what seems to have been an agreed case. It has scoffed at the conclusions of a century; it has reopened a question settled wisely, and justly, long ago, even when the passions of our Civil War were not abated. It has been forgetful of its own dignity, reckless of its own honor, and zealous to disturb the harmony of the Craft. We approve the utterances of the Grand Master upon this subject, and agree with him, that this Grand Lodge should speak with no uncertain sound."

A formal decree of non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Washington was unanimously adopted.

The decisions and other official acts of Grand Master received the endorsement of his brethren of the Grand Lodge.

The issuing of dispensation for the formation of an Army Lodge for the benefit of Kentucky Masons who were in the volunteer service of their country was reported by the Grand Master and received the hearty approval of the Grand Lodge.

Many irregularities, some of them inexcusable, have come to the notice of the Grand Master, and he recommends that some plan of inspection should be adopted, and the Committee on Jurisprudence approves the suggestion but thinks that a matter of so much importance should not be hastily considered, and that it should be referred to a special committee for report at the next Annual Communication.

The use of cipher codes in the Jurisdiction and their sale to uninformed brethren on the alleged sanction of the Grand Lodge, has been reported to the Grand Master, and he recommends legislation for the suppression of the practice. We fail to find the record of any action in this regard.

Of the Masonic Home, the just pride of Kentucky Masons, the Grand Master says :

"Our Home, I am happy to say, still stands pre-eminent among all the institutions of our country for careful, conscientious and successful management. Our brethren can not fully appreciate, because they do not know, the labor, the time and the tremendous responsibility involved in the successful management of this most important trust. It is seldom that the most extensive business enterprise demands such sound judgment, so much laborious attention to details, and such careful circumspection; yet all this is freely rendered by our excellent President and the Board of Directors, without compensation or reward, save the happy consciousness of duty done. Their devotion and fidelity deserve all praise. We shall never know how much we are indebted to our excellent president, and to the older members of that Board, until they have gone to their reward and we come to fill their places. We have been extremely fortunate in securing the services of Brother Kelly and his excellent wife as superintendent and matron. Their management has been highly satisfactory to the Board, and, I am quite sure, to the inmates of the Home."

Grand Master Thompson makes an earnest plea for a closer scrutiny of "the lives and characters of those who petition for initiation," and certainly there is no more important duty imposed upon Masons than this close inspection of material. Its faithful performance would exclude many who afterwards bring discredit to the Craft.

The Grand Lodge exchanged fraternal greetings with the Grand Lodges of Missouri and Ohio.

There are 464 Lodges on the roll, and a total membership of 18,402.

The Report on Correspondence is the work of Past Grand Master W. W. Clark, who for the first time has adopted the topical arrangement in his review. His report is a reproduction of the views held in different Jurisdictions upon the following subjects :

"Introduction; the Bible in Peru; Mexican Masonry; Anti-Masonic Congress; Wisconsin's Plan of Relief; Non-Affiliation; Non-Payment of Dues; Physical Qualifications; Excluding Members by W. M.; Rights of Visitors to Vote; Calling Off for Funerals; Public Grand Honors; Use of the Word Masonic; Antiquity of Masonry; Mnemonics; Powers of Grand Masters; Manner of Wearing Apron;

Cuba ; Liquor Traffic ; Washington Memorial ; Negro Masonry ; Where Should Knocks Begin ; Perpetual Jurisdiction."

Brother Clark explains the reasons which prompted the change from the easy-going method generally pursued to the present more imposing plan :

" Your committee this year changes the form of its report, adopting that for so many years so eminently pursued by the late chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, the lamented Fellows. We can pay him no higher compliment than to endeavor to follow the designs laid down by him ; and, indeed, when we determined to adopt this form of report first used by him, it was with the purpose of following his lead and not to take up his work, which none other can do so well.

" We have reached this determination, we frankly confess, not without some degree of regret, inasmuch as the old form gave many opportunities of saying of our fellows in this work many kind things and words of praise richly deserved, which the more formal report now adopted does not admit of. Its very formality robs it of that personal element which added much to the pleasure and lightened the labor of preparation. We are, however, of opinion that the interests of the Order and of the Grand Lodge, whose servant we are, will be subserved, and, so believing it becomes a duty to adopt the form of report now presented."

JAMES E. WILHELM, *Grand Master*.

H. B. GRANT, *Grand Secretary*.

LOUISIANA—1899.

87TH ANNUAL.

NEW ORLEANS.

February 13-14-15.

The address of the Grand Master, A. C. Allen, is a strong paper and indicates in every line the conservatism, moderation and good sense which should be guides of every occupant of the Grand East. In his opening he says in part :

" While the honor conferred is the highest that can be bestowed upon any one by his fellow-men, the duties and obligations attending it have been correspondingly difficult, delicate and oftentimes fraught with intricacies so grave and serious as to almost defy solution. He who is selected to preside over the affairs of men in matters relating to their civil government, has always an arduous and tedious task to perform ; but much greater are the responsibilities of him who has

been chosen to manage for a time the destiny, to preserve the integrity and keep inviolate the purity of the principles of a great moral institution like ours, which for centuries has wrought so potential an influence in advancing and preserving the civilization and enlightenment of the people of the earth. I have been mindful of the gravity of those duties and have endeavored throughout my administration to act strictly, but humanely, in accordance with our laws, and with an eye single to the betterment of our beloved Order in all its developments of government."

The Grand Master deploras the failure of the Fraternity to make appreciable gains in numbers, and very properly finds the cause in the depression growing out of short crops, low prices and the visitations of pestilence.

But he counsels the brethren with these encouraging words :

"Notwithstanding these unfavorable conditions of affairs the morale of the Order is excellent, and its usefulness has been borne onward under the faithful guidance and loyalty of the subordinate Lodges. Their duties have been well performed—their energies have been unlagging. Let us be hopeful that the coming Masonic year will be auspicious of a brighter era, and let us confidently send forth the message that, while God reigns in the hearts of men, Masonry will live and prosper."

The invitation of the Grand Lodge of Virginia to participate in the Memorial Ceremonies at the tomb of George Washington was accepted, and the Grand Master authorized to make provision financially for the representation of Grand Lodge on that occasion.

The action of the Grand Lodge of Washington is reviewed by the Grand Master calmly and courteously, and after reference to the Committee on Correspondence, the Grand Lodge adopted a resolution of non-intercourse.

The Grand Lodge of New Zealand and Tasmania received fraternal recognition.

The question of joint occupancy of Masonic Lodges by Masonic and other secret organizations received the consideration of the Grand Lodge and was mildly disapproved.

The very few decisions made by the Grand Master were sustained by the law committee and by Grand Lodge.

The erection of a costly Masonic Temple on borrowed money and the creation of a large debt has been a source of embarrassment to Grand Lodge for years. Loans have been made from time to time by generous Masons, but the incubus was not removed.

The Grand Master determined to handle the matter vigorously and, inspired by his enthusiasm and good sense, Grand Lodge decided to impose an additional per capita assessment of one dollar a year until the Temple debt became easier to carry.

The Report of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Richard Lambert, gives a very clear statement of the immense amount of work done in his office, and the Grand Master makes frank acknowledgment of the great value to him and to Grand Lodge of Bro. Lambert's services. And there are many Lamberts along the line of Grand Lodges, and fortunately for the Fraternity these hard worked brethren are properly valued.

This statement as a preface to the financial Report of Louisiana Relief Lodge will give some idea of the scope of the duties assumed and nobly performed by its officers :

"BRETHREN—The forty-fifth year of the organization of Louisiana Relief Lodge is nearing an end. The charter was granted July 1st, 1854.

A relief board was in existence for several years prior to this time, making nearly half a century that the Masons of Louisiana have been granting relief to brethren from other jurisdictions who, through misfortune, are compelled to ask for assistance.

Brethren, this is a proud record. Shall the work continue? It remains with you. Our funds are exhausted.

The constituent Lodges of the city have nobly responded to our appeal. Few of the brethren have any idea of the irksome duties devolving on the officers of the Relief Lodge.

Day and night calls to visit the bedside of a dying brother, to hear the appeals of the widows and orphans, is our duty, which is done cheerfully, realizing the fact that some of us must give our time for this cause."

The total number of lodges is 133, with a membership of 5476, showing a net gain of only 3 in a year.

A. C. ALLEN, *Grand Master*.

RICHARD LAMBERT, *Grand Secretary*.

MAINE—1899.

80TH ANNUAL.

PORTLAND.

May 2, 3, 4.

A steel engraving of the Grand Master, Joseph A. Locke, adorns the volume, and but for the statement that twenty-nine years ago he first presented himself in the Grand Lodge, we should not reckon his age as high as fifty. He wears his years lightly.

He draws this pen picture of the sentiments which prompt the brethren to be present at these annual gatherings of the Craft :

“ Like as the Mohammedans of old, in the splendid times of the Caliphs, turned their eyes towards Mecca, and went thither on their annual pilgrimages, so as the time draws nigh we look forward with pleasant anticipation to these annual communications and come hither with hearts overflowing with kindness and good will. We delight to meet those whom we have known for years, whom we have learned to love and respect, and these meetings grow dearer and dearer as the years roll by. We cordially welcome those coming for the first time, and trust that this coming may be but the prelude to many years of usefulness in the cause we so much love, and of great benefit to themselves.”

He makes appropriate and tender reference to the distinguished craftsmen who have answered the final summons.

Three Lodges were constituted, and on each occasion there was the usual banquet and its attendant pleasant intercourse.

Several Masonic halls were dedicated, and installations held in public on two occasions.

District conventions, or schools of instruction, were held at different parts of the State, and of them the Grand Master says :

“ I cordially recommend these district conventions. They bring together the officers and members of the different Lodges, make them well acquainted with each other, create an *esprit de corps* that nothing else can produce, and redound to the general good of the craft. Allow me to call your attention to my report on this subject made a year since.”

The condition of the Craft is reported to be stronger and more united than ever before, although a small numerical loss appears.

The decisions of the Grand Master reported at this session will be passed upon by the Jurisprudence Committee and Grand Lodge not before next year. These decisions seem to be in accord with Masonic law, except the following, which applies a new qualification to candidates, *that they should not be Catholics* :

Question—Is it contrary to Masonic rules to initiate a Catholic into a Masonic Lodge? I answered in substance as follows: Masonry does not undertake to interfere with any man's religious belief, provided he believes in God, the Supreme Intelligence; but the Pope, and through him the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church, have denounced the Masonic Fraternity and forbidden any of its members joining the same. On this account, if the applicant is a Roman Catholic, I should deem it advisable not to receive his application."

We cannot agree with the Grand Master in the foregoing decision, but we thoroughly endorse these views:

"I call your attention to these matters as a reminder that our Lodges should be more careful as to the quality and kind of men who are admitted. Better have fewer members, each a man, in the true sense of the word, than a great number with some decayed or rotten sticks thrown in. An organization is judged by its membership, and poor material gives no credit—it is an injury. No Lodge should be dependent upon its 'work' to keep up an interest. It is the companionship and converse of men who respect each other that gives strength and stability."

The Grand Master calls the attention of the Grand Lodge to the departure of the Grand Lodge of Washington in its recognition of clandestine Masons, and the Committee on Correspondence submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Maine again re-affirms the doctrine that every regular Grand Lodge has, *by inherent right*, exclusive jurisdiction within its own territory, and especially that no lawful Lodge can be created or exist, and that no person can be made a regular Mason in that territory save under its authority.

"*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Washington, in adopting resolutions allowing its subordinates and the members of its obedience to recognize as regular Masons, parties made in Lodges in another jurisdiction held by the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction to be irregular and clandestine, has infringed upon a law held by all other English-speaking Grand Lodges to be binding upon *all* Grand Lodges.

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge fraternally but most earnestly, requests the Grand Lodge of Washington to rescind those resolutions, to the end that the peace of the Craft may be restored and the interests of legitimate Masonry subserved."

The Grand Lodge appointed the Grand Master, Winfield S. Choate, and Past Grand Master Josiah H. Drummond as its representatives at

the Washington Memorial Ceremonies, and made provision for the necessary expenses.

The Grand Orient of Belgium was recognized as an independent Masonic body, and the Grand Master requested to ask for an interchange of representatives

It was deemed advisable to delay answering the request of recognition from the Grand Orient Lusitano Unido of Portugal.

Fifty-seven pages of the proceedings are occupied by the reports of the twenty-five District Deputy Grand Masters, and by this means the condition of every Lodge, the personnel of its officers and their fitness for the posts they fill are generally made known.

The Charity Fund, safely invested, amounts to \$33,649.43.

The number of Lodges is 195, and every one made returns in time. The membership is 22,165, a loss of 26.

The Report on Correspondence is the work of Past Grand Master Josiah H. Drummond, and he places North Carolina under obligation for his kindly review of the proceedings of 1899. Brother Drummond's review of the subject of so-called Negro Masonry is the most exhaustive yet examined, and supports the action taken by American Grand Lodges in condemnation of the deplorable mistake of the Grand Lodge of Washington in its recognition of clandestine Masonic bodies, and this error Brother Drummond thus explains :

"The mistake of the Grand Lodge of Washington is all the more remarkable, as it is the result of the anties of one man, not yet ten years a Mason, for whom the utmost that Masonic charity can say is that while he has scarcely a superficial knowledge of the principles, laws and usages of Masonry, *he really thinks he knows them all*, and holds that the founders of Masonry in America and of our system of Grand Lodges and their successors in the past, such as Moore, Mackey, Lewis, Mellen, Vaux, Fellows and others, went to their graves not only in ignorance, but with false views of the laws and usages of Masonry, and especially those regulating the relations of Grand Lodges to the whole body of the Craft and to each other. We doubt whether there can be found in history another so signal illustration of the truth that "a little learning is a dangerous thing."

The Grand Lodge of Washington in June, 1899, rescinded its action of 1898 on Negro Masonry, and in doing so adopted a report signed by seven Past Grand Masters to whom the matter had been referred. Of this report Brother Drummond has something to say in this wise :

"It is manifest upon the face of it that the report was written by Grand Master Upton, and we shall so treat it. We, however, must say that to some extent we agree in opinions already expressed by others,

that the committee, to let him down easily, in the kindness of their hearts have gone further than Masonic law justifies. However, there is no danger that the grandiloquent talk and implied threats will ever be practically carried out by that Grand Lodge, but they must be taken in a Pickwickian sense."

WINFIELD S. CHOATE, *Grand Master.*

STEPHEN BERRY, *Grand Secretary.*

MARYLAND—1898.

112TH ANNUAL.

BALTIMORE.

November 15.

On the 14th of June, 1898, the Grand Lodge met in Special Communication for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the monument to be erected in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Frederick, Maryland, to the memory of Francis Scott Key, the author of the Star Spangled Banner. The Masonic ceremonies were impressive, and an address by Past Grand Master John M. Carter gave added interest to the occasion. Near the close Bro. Carter said:

"At the foot of this shaft will repose the ashes of a man who died more than half a century ago. He was neither king nor kaiser; no great military chieftain, nor yet the leader of the Republic. His greatest deeds were in the interest of charity and mercy. His greatest ambition seemed to be to do his best duty to God and his fellowmen. But, in the trying hours of that eventful night, his tongue was touched with a live coal from off the "altar." The lines he then wrote have burned into the hearts of succeeding generations. Little children, scarce able to comprehend the meaning of the words, are taught to sing the melody in the schools throughout the land. Adult assemblages rise in their seats and cheer to the echo whenever the orchestra renders the air. Soldiers in battle take fresh courage and renew the faltering assault at the first strains of the music."

The address of the Grand Master, Thomas J. Shryock, is a model report of his official acts for the year. Harmony, peace and prosperity prevail among the Craft, and the prospect for the future is most satisfactory.

Sorrowful reference is made to the startling action of the Grand Lodge of Washington recognizing officially clandestine Masonry, and the hope expressed that the erring sister will retrace her steps.

In evidence of the value of the regulation which requires the laws of Grand Lodge to be read in every subordinate lodge the Grand Mas-

ter reports that in twelve months he has not been required to render a Masonic decision.

A dispensation was granted for the formation of a Military Lodge, to be named Maryland Army Lodge, U. D., attached to the First Maryland Regiment, United States Volunteers ; and of this action the Grand Master says :

"The officers of this Lodge are extremely discreet, one of them being Past Senior Grand Warden of our Grand Lodge, and another a Grand Inspector at the time he enlisted. So I feel perfectly safe in advising the Grand Lodge that this Lodge will do nothing but what will reflect credit upon the fraternity in Maryland. I felt, as these brethren had offered their lives as a sacrifice on the altar of their country's honor, they were entitled to all the privileges that we, as Masons, could confer upon them, and that of having the privilege of meeting in Lodge fellowship was the highest in our power to bestow."

The report of the Correspondence Committee—Brothers Edward T. Schultz, John M. Carter and Thomas Footer—on the vexing subject of Negro Masonry is an exceedingly able and temperate review of the matter. Space is taken for only this quotation from the report :

"The Committee of the Grand Lodge of Washington admit the correctness of the facts as given above as to the origin and history of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, with all the irregularities attendant thereupon, and base their argument as to the legitimacy of these bodies solely upon the ground that other organizations, in the early days, were equally as irregular as was the body. They say : 'We must remember that nineteenth century usages cannot always be safely applied to eighteenth century acts.' They then cite a number of instances where irregularities were committed and afterward condoned by the governing bodies ; among these the case of Mother Kilwinning Lodge, which continued to warrant Lodges long after the Grand Lodge of Scotland was organized, and which Lodges were subsequently recognized by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. They also cite several instances in Virginia in which subordinate Lodges assumed the powers of a Mother Lodge in the formation of other Lodges, which were subsequently made regular by the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

"'In the opinion of your committee, herein lies the gist of the whole matter, In all the instances mentioned by the committee, the irregularities were *condoned and legalized* by the authority having control.'"

The Grand Lodge of New Zealand was cordially recognized and fraternal greetings extended, but it was believed that the request of

the Grand Orient of Belgium should be denied for the present at least.

A very interesting address on the life and character of Dr. John Coats, the first Grand Master of Masons in Maryland, was delivered by Brother D. C. Avery and ordered to be printed in the proceedings.

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was held on December 27, 1898, for the purpose of presenting to Brother E. T. Schultz a substantial testimonial of the love of his brethren and their appreciation of his labors in the cause of Masonry. It will be remembered that last year the serious impairment of his eyesight prevented Brother Schultz from submitting his usual Report on Correspondence, and now the hope of any improvement in his vision has been given up. This affliction, borne cheerfully and bravely, has elicited expressions of sincere sorrow from those who know him personally as well as from those who knew him only by the work of his pen. The Grand Master, upon the arrival of Brother Schultz in the Grand Lodge, thus addressed him :

"My Dear Brother Schultz,—This Special Communication of the Grand Lodge on St. John's Day has been convened for the purpose of rendering to you merited honor. At the late Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge a committee was appointed to procure and present to you some fitting testimonial in recognition of the long and valued services you have rendered the Craft. It has been the unanimous wish of the brethren that the presentation of the testimonial devised for your acceptance should be made the occasion of a gathering of the Craft, to the end that your many brethren and friends might participate in a formal ceremony most agreeable to us and of necessity gratifying to yourself. You have grown old and blind in the service of Masonry. Your many labors have been unrewarded, save by the general thanks of your brethren. You can not see the pleased expression upon the many countenances now beaming upon you, but you may hear their expressions of esteem and regard, recognize the voices with which you are familiar, and feel the warm grasp of the hands of those you have long esteemed as your best friends.

"We have sought to make this occasion one of dignity and importance. We are here to do honor to one to whom honor is due, and we trust that the exercises of the evening will be as grateful to you as agreeable to ourselves."

The testimonial prepared for Brother Schultz is thus described in the address of Past Grand Master John M. Carter :

"The selection made—a loving cup, executed in the highest style of the silversmith's art—rests upon yon pedestal, visible to every

brother present save the recipient, who must be content with digital examination to discover the beauty and grace of its form and decoration."

The likeness of Brother Schultz and a cut of the silver token are appropriately found in the proceedings of the Special Communication.

There is no Report on Correspondence in the sense of a review of the annual transactions of the Grand Lodges, but there is a topical review of many subjects of interest to the Craft universal, and the treatment of these questions is in every way creditable to Brother Schultz's judgment and learning. The Grand Lodge refused unanimously to accept his resignation from the Committee on Correspondence

The number of the Lodges is 103 and the membership 7528

THOMAS J. SHRYOCK, *Grand Master*.

JACOB H. MEDAIRY, *Grand Secretary*.

MASSACHUSETTS—1898-1899.

165TH ANNIVERSARY.

BOSTON.

This volume contains the transactions of the Quarterly Communication of December 14th and the Stated Communication of December 27th, 1898.

The Grand Master, Charles Carroll Hutchinson, at the beginning of his address, makes reference to the death of Right Worshipful Brother Charles Levi Woodbury, but we have not received the proceedings to which he refers:

"The fates have been propitious to us during the year just closed, inasmuch as we have been called to mourn the loss of only one of our Permanent Members, although he was a host in himself. A most appropriate and appreciative memorial of Right Worshipful Brother Charles Levi Woodbury was furnished for our records at the Quarterly Communication in September last."

Eight Special Communications were held for the purpose of dedicating Masonic halls, laying corner-stones or attending centennial celebrations of some of the younger Lodges.

The visitations of the Grand Master were numerous, and while always pleasant, were usually made solely for the benefit of the Craft.

Thirteen special warrants were issued to Deputy Grand Masters for exemplification of the work.

The Grand Master makes this showing of the numerical strength of the Craft:

" There are two hundred and thirty-five Lodges under our jurisdiction, including four in Chile and one in China. In this respect there has been no change during the past year. The number of affiliated members was :

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| August 31, 1898..... | 39,334 |
| August 31, 1897..... | 38,485 |

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| Increase..... | 849 |
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This does not include the membership of the four Lodges under our jurisdiction in Chile, the returns of those Lodges for the current year not having been received.

The number of initiates for the year ending August 31, 1897, was..1,896
In 1898 it was.....1,853

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| Decrease..... | 43 |
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The Grand Master reports the progress made on the new Temple, and the expenditures so far, \$190,000, the expenditures of the Grand Lodge for fixed charges (about \$30,000) and the amounts to the credit of the separate funds. They are :

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| Education and Charity Fund..... | \$ 123,292 74 |
| Sigourney Fund | 6,576 92 |
| Anthony Jones Fund..... | 128 00 |
| Lodge of St. Andrew Fund..... | 2,643 53 |
| John H. Collamore Fund..... | 20,284 76 |

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| Total..... | 152,925 95 |
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Negro Masonry engaged the attention of the Grand Lodge, and a committee submitted a strong report on the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington, in which the Grand Lodge demanded that the Grand Lodge of Washington should rescind its action. Replying to the resolutions, the committee says of the second :

" To the second, the so-called Lodges and Grand Lodges tracing their origin to Prince Hall may justly be regarded as legitimate Masonic Lodges and Grand Lodges, we distinctly, as always heretofore, refuse our assent. The story of Prince Hall has been so often told in our records that it needs only the briefest restatement. In 1784 fifteen negroes who, as is supposed on evidence not quite clear, had been made Masons in an English Army Lodge, applied to the Grand Lodge of England for a warrant. They received this, and organized under it in 1787. Prince Hall was their Master. By and by with a certain assurance, of which his race has never been entirely devoid, he began to act

as if he were a full-blown English Provincial Grand Master, although the United States had for many years been independent of the mother country, and Massachusetts had long had her own Grand Lodge. He chartered negro Lodges in neighboring States, which at the time had their own Grand Lodges. From these negro lodges Grand Lodges sprang up which, in their turn, organized Lodges in States other than their own; and so the tide flowed on."

The Grand Lodge accepted the invitation of the Grand Lodge of Virginia to participate in the Washington Memorial Ceremonies, and made generous contribution towards meeting the expense.

Most Worshipful Brother Hutchinson, with most of the Grand Officers, were re-elected for another term.

The Stated Communication was devoted to the installation of Grand Officers and to the enjoyment of the annual feast. The speeches, the noble sentiments expressed, the quiet enjoyment of the brethren and the strengthening of "the tie that binds" them together year after year combine to make this communication the most pleasant and perhaps the most profitable of the year. The last act before separating is the joining of hands and singing "Auld Lang Syne."

At the Quarterly Communication of March 8, 1899, Bro. S. Lathrop Thorndyke presented an eloquent memorial on the life and character of Judge Edwin Wright, a distinguished Mason of that Jurisdiction, and it was ordered by the Grand Lodge to be printed in the proceedings.

The Board of Directors of the Masonic Temple were authorized to borrow \$40,000 to complete "its furnishings, furniture and decorations."

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was held April 10, 1899, in the town of Ayer for the purpose of dedicating to Masonic uses the new hall of St. Paul and Caleb Butler Lodges.

CHARLES CARROLL HUTCHINSON, *Grand Master*.

SERENO D. NICKERSON, *Grand Secretary*.

MICHIGAN—1899.

55TH ANNUAL.

PORT HURON.

January 24, 25.

This volume of proceedings is, in its execution and the richness and variety of its contents, entitled to the highest commendation; and the ability and versatility of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Conover, in furnishing his brethren so much Masonic information in so attractive

form, is above all praise. The likeness of Grand Master James Bradley occupies the fly-leaf, and in the memorial pages we find the portraits of two deceased brethren—Past Grand Master Daniel Striker, and Past Grand Secretary Foster Pratt.

There were present at this Communication the Grand Officers, eleven Past Grand Masters and the representatives of three hundred and eighty-one constituent Lodges—all but seven.

The Grand Master for himself and in behalf of the Masons of Port Huron extended a cordial welcome to Grand Lodge on the occasion of its first visit to that city.

Tender reference is made to the death of two distinguished brethren—Past Grand Master Striker and Past Grand Secretary Pratt—of that Jurisdiction, and to the losses reported from other Grand Lodges.

In the matter of granting dispensations for the formation of new lodges the Grand Master exercised a discretion which met with the hearty endorsement of Grand Lodge, and his wise course in this regard is worthy of imitation by other Grand Masters.

Many functions of dedication and of laying corner-stones were discharged by the Grand Master or his proxies.

As prefatory to his report of decisions on questions of Masonic law which had been submitted to him, the Grand Master has this sensible paragraph on the subject of physical qualifications :

“ The most perplexing questions asked of a Grand Master are those relating to physical qualifications, and while I personally may feel that we should modify to some extent the rulings made in former years, still I have not presumed in any of the numerous questions asked me on this subject to deviate from the law as laid down in our regulations; but think that the law on this subject is not as explicit as it should be; otherwise these questions would not be asked, as in a great many cases the inquiry comes from those well posted in our regulations, and I think that the time is not far distant when this subject will have to receive special attention of the Grand Lodge.”

Eighteen decisions were reported, and each is a model of perspicuous statement of the law in that Grand Jurisdiction. The very able Committee on Jurisprudence pays the Grand Master the following merited compliment :

“ Your Committee on Jurisprudence respectfully report that we have made a careful examination of the decisions of the Grand Master during the year just closed, and we congratulate the Grand Lodge upon the fact that the Grand Master has upheld the dignity of the laws governing this Grand Jurisdiction with fidelity and precision. His decisions are in accord with the laws and regulations of the Grand

Lodge, and the action of the Grand Master in granting and withholding dispensations fully meets our approval, and we recommend that his action in the matters referred to it in this report be adopted and approved."

Under the head of "Domestic Troubles," which are not entirely absent in the best regulated families, the Grand Master mentions the case of a Master of one of the lodges who was regularly engaged in the sale of unauthorized rituals and, when brought to book, justified himself by saying he did not know it was against the law. He was suspended.

Michigan holds to the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction over rejected material, and is worried over the disregard of this law by the Grand Lodges of Colorado and Indiana. The remedy adopted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is suggested by the Grand Master in the following observations :

"It may be that we have no right to criticize our Sister Grand Jurisdictions for holding different views regarding the question of perpetual jurisdiction, still we can question their right to accept our rejected material and then send them back to where they were rejected, as full fledged Masons, by a regulation forbidding any Lodge in this jurisdiction from accepting or recognizing these brothers as Masons, where the facts are as well known as they are in this case."

Negro Masonry, having received quasi recognition from the Grand Lodge of Washington, encouraged three persons, presumably negroes, to ask Grand Lodge for "such action that will recognise the negro as a Mason within this jurisdiction." This paper is signed by "Robert C. Barnes, W. M., of Pythagoras Lodge, No. 14. Detroit ; J. Frank Rickards, R. E. Grand Commander Grand Commandery K. T., for the State of Michigan ; and Walter H. Stowers."

As an additional reason why they should be recognized by Grand Lodge they say :

"We wish to state further that at the last communication of our Grand Lodge the following amendment to our Grand Lodge Constitution was unanimously adopted, to-wit :

"*Any and all organizations, associations or persons within the State of Michigan, except the Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan of white men and Masons, professing to have any authority, power or privilege in ancient craft Masonry, are declared to be clandestine.*"

The resolutions adopted by the Grand Lodge of Washington, and the later communication of Grand Master Upton explaining and defending that action were submitted to the Grand Lodge, and later referred

to a Special Committee of the most eminent Masons in the jurisdiction—Bros. Hugh McCurdy, Lou B. Winsor and E. L. Bowring. This Committee submitted the following report :

“ Your special committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master’s address as relates to the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington at its last communication, on the subject of Negro Masonry, so-called, beg leave to report :

“ The action of the Grand Lodge of Washington on this question is one of great importance to the Grand Lodges of this country, far-reaching in its conclusions and tends to unsettle the Masonic law governing Grand Lodges since 1872. To properly investigate this question and present it to Grand Lodge for action requires far more time than your committee has at its command ; as it does not believe in severing Masonic and fraternal relations with a Sovereign Grand Body hastily and without due investigation. Your committee therefore, in the most fraternal spirit of brotherly love, asks our Sister Grand Lodge of Washington at its annual communication, to review its action on this question, and in the interest of harmony repeal its action and spread the cement of brotherly love, that which will reunite the great Sisterhood of Grand Lodges into one grand and complete whole, among who no contention should ever exist, but that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who can best work and best agree.

“ Your committee, relying upon the kindness and forgiving disposition of this Grand Lodge, which is ever ready to cover mistakes and extend the royal right hand of fellowship, requests that it have until the next annual communication to make its report ; and in the earnest hope that ere that time the cause for a report will be done away with by the fraternal action of the Grand Lodge of Washington.

“ The report was adopted, and Brother McCurdy moved that the same committee have until the next annual communication to prepare a report upon the matter of the petition of certain (so-called) colored Masons for recognition, which request was granted.”

The question of “ the recognition of one of the numerous sections of Mexican Masonry ” is, by advise of committee, relegated to the future.

It goes without saying that the report of the Grand Secretary, Bro. J. S. Conover, is of excellent character and gives a very clear statement of all matters coming under his supervision.

His report closes with this satisfactory statement :

“ The net gain in membership is a little more than 900, almost exactly the same as in the preceding year. We have passed by, several hundred, the 40,000 mark, and retain our place as the fifth Grand Lodge in America in point of membership and general standing.”

The report of the Grand Lecturer shows that fifty-five lodges of instruction have been held and that the total attendance of officers and members aggregates 10,711. The Lodges are prosperous and the new material is only good.

From the report of the Board of Control of the Masonic Home it is seen that there are 44 eurolled inmates and that the per capita assessment will be sufficient to meet all expenses except table supplies. Grand Lodge appropriated \$800 to the Home. The Board says :

"It seems to us, in view of the limited number that can be admitted to the Home, and of the small number relatively of Lodges whose inmates can be accommodated, and in view of the duty of Lodges to their own membership, Lodges sending inmates to the Home should be required to contribute towards the support of those sent."

The number of active Lodges is 388, and the membership 40,387.

The report on Correspondence, prepared by Bro. Conover, consists of a summary of the business transacted in each Grand Lodge, and an immense amount of other work to which he thus makes reference in the opening of his report :

"In this report is given, first, a very brief synopsis of the business done at the various Grand Lodge meetings, in the familiar alphabetical order. This is followed by a report, prepared with considerable labor, showing in detail what it costs to keep the various Grand Lodges of this country running. I especially ask you to read this part of the report, believing that it will not be devoid of interest to you. Following this will be found a digest of the principal decisions on Masonic Law which have been made and approved in the year. Then I have collected together the principal things said about our Grand Lodge by other writers who have reviewed our proceedings. The balance of the report is made up of selections from Grand Masters' addresses, reports of officers, committees, etc., upon subjects which are now receiving attention at the hands of those who are interested in the Masonic questions of the day. These I have classed under the heads of "Masonic Homes," "Masonic Insurance," "Mexican Masonry," "The Grand Lodge of Peru," "Negro Masonry," "Ritual and Work," and "Miscellaneous Subjects."

North Carolina for 1898 received very kindly notice and liberal space.

FRANK T. LODGE, (Detroit) *Grand Master*.

JEFFERSON S. CONOVER, (Coldwater) *Grand Secretary*.

MINNESOTA—1899.

46TH ANNUAL.

ST. PAUL.

January 11, 12.

The portraits of Grand Master Alonzo T. Stebbins and of Brother George R. Metcalf, President of the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota, add interest to the volume.

In his address Brother Stebbins extended fraternal greeting to the brethren present, and gave expression to the sentiments of patriotism and loyalty which should find a home in every Mason's heart.

The fraternal dead are tenderly referred to, and among the number is the name of Charles T. Stearns, who died in New Orleans, aged 92 years, and who was, as the Grand Master says, "the last surviving founder of this Grand Lodge."

Two Lodges were constituted and dispensations issued for the formation of three new Lodges. Several applications of this kind were denied, because, in the opinion of the Grand Master, the prospects of growth and development were not promising.

After very careful consideration he reluctantly refused to grant dispensation for the erection of an Army Lodge.

Three decisions are reported and endorsed by the Grand Lodge.

As related to the visitations of the Grand Master in promoting harmony, enthusiasm and skill in the work, the Grand Master has these true words to say of the District Deputies :

"Pardon me for the deep interest I take in the District Deputies. They are the arteries through which flow the life's blood of our institution. It is only through them that the Lodges can hope to receive annual visitations from Grand Lodge officers, and these visitations not only awaken renewed interest, but they create a desire on the part of the members for more light in Masonry. In closing this subject, let me say that, in my opinion, we do not give the honor and dignity to the District Deputy that his office demands. He should be received everywhere with all the courtesy due the representative of the Grand Master, and should be accorded the honors due his rank."

Upon the recommendation of the Grand Master the Grand Lodge accepted the invitation to participate in the George Washington Memorial Services, and made suitable pecuniary provision for its observance.

The engrossing topic of Negro Masonry in its relation to the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington is adverted to by the Grand Master, and the following report of the Committee on Ancient Landmarks was adopted :

"The Committee on Ancient Landmarks, to whom was referred so much of the Most Worshipful Grand Master's address as relates to the

action of the Grand Lodge of the State of Washington pertaining to colored Masonry, have had the same under consideration, and report that they do not feel warranted in passing judgment on said action without full access to the arguments, claims and history presented to that Grand Body, and without time to prosecute a full and fair investigation of the true merits of the case. From the address it seems that the Grand Lodges of Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Georgia and Delaware have taken no action upon this matter, evidently preferring a thorough examination prior to the announcement of conclusions reached. So far as colored Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction is concerned, its status was fully defined and affirmed by this Grand Lodge in 1877, as appears in the printed proceedings of that year, page 36."

The report of the Grand Secretary, Brother Thomas Montgomery, gives evidence of thoughtful and diligent labor in his office. Like many others who hold similar positions in the Grand Lodges, Brother Montgomery does very much of the thinking and prepares the way for some of the most useful work done in the Grand Lodge. All honor to this skillful corps of workers!

An inspection of the Grand Treasurer's report shows the Widows and Orphans' Fund to be more than \$21,000, of which \$20,000 is safely invested, and it shows besides that nearly \$3,000 was disbursed in allowances for the relief of needy brethren, their widows and orphans. Nor was this charity doled out with any niggard hand, but largely and generously.

The Grand Orator, Brother Henry R. Adams, departed from the beaten path to find a suitable theme, and delighted the boys and perhaps some of the graybeards with an eloquent disquisition on "Love."

The number of Lodges is 211 and the membership 15,908.

The Report on Correspondence, a review of the transactions of fifty-six Grand Jurisdictions, is written by Brother Irving Todd, who compresses within a hundred pages every important act of each Grand Lodge and still has ample space for friendly criticism. On Negro Masonry, under Washington, he has this to say:

"The special committee on Negro Masonry submitted a voluminous report, prepared by the Grand Master elect. It is based upon a petition of two alleged Masons of African descent, asking that some way be devised to bring them into fraternal communication with the Craft in that Jurisdiction. This Brother Upton proceeds to do, with all the zeal of a young convert. The text of the letter or petition is not given, only a synopsis, but from its allusions to the Kanaka, the Arab, and the Egyptian it may possibly be inferred that our learned brother had a prominent part in its composition, for reasons best known

to himself He says, 'in other words, they raise the large question of the legitimacy of the so-called Negro Masonry of the United States.' They have sown the wind, and Brother Upton shall reap the whirlwind."

North Carolina for 1898 received very kindly notice and a summary of its proceedings.

ALONZO T. STEBBINS, *Grand Master*

THOMAS MONTGOMERY, *Grand Secretary*.

MISSISSIPPI—1899.

SIST ANNUAL.

VICKSBURG.

February 8, 9.

Portraits of Past Grand Master W. G. Paxton and of Grand Master J. M. Stoue adorn the volume under review.

The address of Grand Master Stoue is devoted mostly to the consideration of domestic matters, and these receive very careful attention from him. His views upon a Masonic Home seem so eminently wise and sensible that no excuse is necessary for quoting part of what he says :

"I approach the subject of the Masonic Home with the gravest misgivings because of the harsh and unjust construction that some may place upon what I shall say, but I ask that you be not hasty in your conclusions, and slow to condemn until all may be heard and understood. If it can be made to appear to my satisfaction that the enterprise is practicable, and that we shall, at any time, have and maintain a home for the infirm and indigent Masons of the State, and the destitute widows and helpless orphans of Masons, as such home should be had and maintained, then I am heart and soul with you in this great work. But when we view the magnitude of the enterprise, and begin to compute the amount of money that will be required to complete the work, and then the further amount required annually to maintain the Home, considering, at the same time the small amount these years of toil and anxiety have accumulated, we must shrink appalled before the fearful obstacles that rise up before us. We may go on from year to year, adding little by little to this fund for a Masonic Home, and in the course of years the Home may become a living fact, but then it will be only a burden to carry unless we have the means to maintain it, and without some endowment, such as we can never expect or even hope for, the Home must be left upon the hands of our far-off successors, a veritable poor-house, which must be abandoned forever, with all it shall have cost the Masons of Mississippi to avoid a perpetual burden too heavy to be borne.

"Let us look this matter squarely in the face and meet the issue bravely, and if we see that we can establish and maintain the Home, let us continue the work, with renewed energy and confidence. But, if on the other hand, it shall appear that we have undertaken that which we can never perform, let us, like men and Masons, make the confession, and appropriate the funds to such other charitable purposes as the wisdom of the Grand Lodge may determine."

The special committee to which that part of the Grand Master's address was referred agrees with the Grand Master that the time is not ripe for the establishment of the Home just now, but is not willing to abandon the project or permit the diversion of the fund already accumulated to any other purpose. This is the report of the committee :

"Your Special Committee, to which was referred so much of the Grand Master's address as refers to the Masonic Home, beg leave to report that this committee most heartily endorses the views expressed by our Grand Master in his excellent and able address touching the founding of the Masonic Home at this time. Your committee does not regard the founding of such a Home at this time as practicable or advisable. We do not, however, recommend that the funds collected for this Home be diverted to any other purpose or institution. We believe that within a few years this fund will be large enough to insure the ultimate success of this enterprise."

In the matter of foreign relations the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington excited the interest of the Grand Lodge to an unusual degree, with the result of suspending fraternal intercourse. On this subject the Grand Master says in part :

"The resolutions adopted by the Grand Lodge of Washington, at its last Grand Annual Communication, placed the Masons of that Grand Jurisdiction beyond the possibility of fraternal relations with us so long as those resolutions remain unrepealed and are recognized by them as binding.

"The negro Lodges of the world have sought no recognition from or affiliation with Lodges composed of the white race. They want nothing to do with them, and they will have nothing to do with them, not even so much as to admit a white Mason, as a visitor, into their Lodges.

"No negro Grand Lodge has asked recognition of the Washington Grand Lodge for itself or any of its subordinates. They have been doing their work among their own people in their own way, asking no favors of the Grand Lodge of Washington or that of any other State or country, and all was moving smoothly along until these two designing incendiaries cast their inflammatory brands among the ignorant and timid members of the Grand Lodge of Washington."

The Washington Centennial Celebration was cordially endorsed by the Grand Lodge, and the sum of one hundred dollars appropriated toward paying the expenses

The report of the Grand Secretary, Brother J. L. Power, the thirtieth of the kind, is a paper of very great interest, and shows the brother to possess capacity for any amount of work and the versatility to do each kind well. We can readily appreciate the pleasure afforded the good brother by the circumstance to which he thus refers :

“The most interesting fact, to me, connected with this thirtieth annual report is that my youngest son, born nine years after I was elected Grand Secretary, will be initiated by Vicksburg Lodge, No. 26, to-night, in the presence of the Grand Lodge.”

From the statistical summary of the Grand Secretary we find the number of Lodges to be 279 and the membership 9341, a gain of 119 over last year

Compressed within the compass of 96 pages, Brother Andrew H. Barkley has presented an excellent Report on Correspondence, North Carolina for 1898 receiving very kindly notice. Brother Barkley's report on Negro Masonry is an able exposition of the true status of so-called negro Masonic bodies—spurious and clandestine. So far as our investigation has gone there is little difference of opinion on this subject between American Grand Lodges. Thanks, brother, for your good opinion of our work at the round table.

WILLIAM STARLING, *Grand Master*.

J. L. POWER, *Grand Secretary*.

MISSOURI—1899.

79TH ANNUAL.

KANSAS CITY.

October 17.

A delicately executed photographic delineation of the Grand Master, Ethelbert F. Allen, is found in the fly-leaf of this volume, and a brief biography, by John D. Vincil, toward the close of the proceedings.

Just after the opening of the Grand Lodge the officers of the Grand Lodge of Kansas were introduced and received with a cordial welcome by the Grand Master, and the visiting brethren made suitable response, the Deputy Grand Master, Brother Charles J. Webb, being their spokesman.

In his exordium the Grand Master is inspired with the poetic afflatus in his description of Missouri and the refining influences of Masonry, but let him speak for himself :

"We live in the midst of the most brilliant civilization of the world. Our State, which is at the very heart's center of the garden-land of the universe (through the efforts of human genius, and the blessings of God, regardless of destruction by the ruthless hand of ignorance and devastation by war), has been gradually changing from an Eden of beauty into a garden of industry with even additional beauty and grandeur; our fields of harvest, our mines with their varied products, the wealth of our forests and streams, the exuberance of our climate, through the agencies of the mart, the factory, the railway, and the boat, serve industrious mankind with a bountiful supply of 'the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment, and the oil of joy.' Almost coeval with the first settlements on Missouri soil were the lights placed upon the altars of Masonry, and from then until now it has carried its humanizing influences, its charities, its social pleasures, its craft ambitions, in the advance guard of our civilization. The perfume from the altars of Masonry has permeated the lives of many thousands of our citizens. It has entered the home and gladdened the hearts of those about the fireside; it has been continually upon the highway, in the office and place of business or occupation, in the factory, upon the farm, at the mine, in the courts of justice and halls of legislation; Freemasonry has established more lasting friendships than any known institution of the world."

The Grand Master reports having chartered nine Lodges.

A recommendation of the Grand Master that the Grand Lodge bond its officers in a safe guaranty company was referred by the committee on distribution to the committee of ways and means, but it seems to have been lost. The Grand Master's suggestion commends itself as eminently wise.

On recommendation of the Grand Master an amendment to the by-laws was proposed looking to the election of Grand Officers on the second day of the session instead of the last, so as to give the Grand Master-elect time to select appointive officers and committees. The Jurisprudence Committee formulated an amendment to this end for action at the Grand Lodge meeting.

Several dispensations, granted or refused, were approved by the Grand Lodge.

Discipline had to be administered several times and charters arrested.

Four schools of instruction for the special benefit of the District Lecturers were held by the Grand Lecturer, Brother McDowell, at different points of the State, and the Grand Master himself opened and presided in nine Lodges of Instruction.

The proxies of the Grand Master had the opportunity of practicing the ceremonial followed in laying corner-stones eight times.

The decisions of the Grand Master were all approved as in accord with the laws of the Jurisdiction.

Mexican Masonry was briefly referred to by the Grand Master, and the special committee having the matter in charge expressed the opinion, adopted by the Grand Lodge, that it was "inexpedient to extend recognition to the *Gran Dieta*."

The Washington Memorial Observances are patriotically approved by the Grand Lodge, and a generous appropriation made for the Grand Lodge to be properly represented on the occasion.

A very earnest and a very elequent oration was delivered by Brö. W. W. Boyd, D. D., on the spiritual side of Masonry, for which the thanks of the Grand Lodge were unanimously tendered the reverend brother.

The total number of Lodges is 556 and the membership is 32,153.

The special committee charged with the erection of a monument over the grave of Past Grand Master James W. Mitchell at Griffin, Ga., reported that a handsome stone, suitably inscribed, had been placed in position, at a total cost to the Grand Lodge of about \$400.

The Masonic Home continues to be indeed a home and refuge for those in need of its care—the indigent Mason, the widow and the orphan—the good result largely of the zeal and tenderness of the women of the Eastern Star. May the Lord prosper them and make them happy! The number of inmates is not given, but calculating from 107 reported last year there are now about 115 in the Home. The Superintendent, Brother C. C. Woods, closes his report with these words:

"The unfailing sympathy and moral support of the Board have strengthened and sustained the management in the difficult and trying responsibility and labors of the year, and without this, so generously given, even a partial success would have been impossible. We are glad to state that all departments of the Home are working smoothly, and the most perfect peace and harmony prevails."

Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary John D. Vincil writes the Report on Correspondence, and an excellent one it is. As a reviewer Brother Vincil takes rank with the foremost men in the guild, and in his efforts to place practical, every-day Masonry on the highest plane of morals and character he yields first place to none. The proceedings of North Carolina for 1899 receive fraternal notice, the work of the Orphan Asylum is heartily commended, and this scribe is placed under renewed obligations for kind expressions.

C. H. BRIGGS, *Grand Master*.

JOHN D. VINCIL, *Grand Secretary*.

MONTANA—1899.

35TH ANNUAL.

HELENA.

September 20, 21.

The photographic delineation of Grand Master, M. W. Charles W. Pomeroy, represents a man young in years, but his address points him out as one well equipped with Masonic learning.

Of the two Special Communications of Grand Lodge, that held on July 4, 1899, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the State Capitol Building, was a notable gathering of the Craft in Montana. Eloquent speeches were made by distinguished citizens, but that of Past Grand Master Wilbur F. Sanders, published in this volume, is, in its diction, arrangement and noble thoughts, a very fine production and there is not a paragraph that is not worthy of reproduction. Want of space forbids anything but this poor reference.

The address of the Grand Master is a full report of his official doings for the year, and in that regard received the commendation of his brethren.

Four lodges were constituted by the Grand Master or his proxies.

The subject of the establishment of a Masonic Home is referred to as being urgently needed, although but 22 needy Master Masons are reported, 4 widows and 6 orphans. Our own opinion is that the interest on the money required to build and equip the proposed Home would be sufficient to care for all the needy for many years to come, but if the ladies of the Eastern Star want the establishment, they are going to have it—and don't you forget it.

All the Decisions of the Grand Master were approved except the 8th, as follows :

“ One who has had his left leg amputated below the knee, and supplies the defect with an artificial foot, is not within the requirements of our craft to receive the degrees.”

To this the Jurisprudence Committee answered .

“ We recommend the following as a true construction of the law on the subject :

“ A candidate for the degree of Entered Apprentice should be able, physically as well as intellectually, to receive and impart all the essentials of Masonic recognition, and this the lodge may determine.”

We quite agree with Bro. Pomeroy as to the benefits to the fraternity growing out of the visits of the Grand Master :

“ I had hoped to make a more general visitation of the lodges, and thus be able to present to you the true condition of the Craft in this

jurisdiction, but found it was not possible to spare the time and means to do so. Great good would come to the fraternity from general visitation and inspection of the lodges by the Grand Master. We have generally elected busy men to the office, and they have felt that they could not sacrifice both the time and means to this duty. No fund has been provided for such visitations, owing to other heavy charges upon the Grand Lodge treasury. Since our last communication, the railroads of the state have reduced fares from five to four cents per mile. I would recommend that the mileage allowed members of the Grand Lodge, for travel by rail, be reduced from five to four cents, and that the amount thus saved be used to defray the expenses of the Grand Master in visiting the lodges of the jurisdiction."

We feel warranted in taking space for the following questions submitted to Masters of lodges for answer:

"1. Is it the custom of your lodge to allow Wardens to confer degrees?

"2. What, if any, plan have you for increasing the interest in your lodge meetings, aside from degree work?

"3. Has your lodge any charity fund? If so, upon what plan is it raised?

"4. What sum does your lodge charge for the degrees of Masonry?

"5. What sum does your lodge charge its members as annual dues?

"6. What sum does your lodge pay for rent of hall per month?

"7. How many regular and special meetings has your lodge held during the year ending July 31, 1899?

"8. How much cash is there in your lodge treasury at this date?

"9. How many Master Masons, widows, and orphans of Master Masons are there in your lodge jurisdiction that would need the benefits of a Masonic Home, if established?

"10. When were the accounts of your Secretary and Treasurer last audited by your Finance Committee?"

The finances of Grand Lodge are in a healthy condition, and more than enough for its needs in the treasury.

In this growing jurisdiction there are 46 subordinate lodges, with a membership of 3000, showing a net increase of 150.

The Report on Correspondence is another delightful history of Bro. Hedges' flying visits through the domains of fifty-seven Masonic Kingdoms, praising when he can and mildly criticising when he must. His discussion of Negro Masonry in its relation to the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in 1898 is pervaded with a spirit of jus-

tice, moderation and charity, that commends itself to the respectful consideration of the Craft in every land North Carolina in 1899 received one of those fraternal visits from our Montana Brother, and his account of it leaves a pleasant and grateful memory.

ANTHONY H. BARRETT, *Grand Master*.

CORNELIUS HEDGES, *Grand Secretary*.

NEBRASKA—1898.

41ST ANNUAL.

OMAHA.

June 15, 16, 17.

At this communication of "The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska" there were represented 219 of the 229 chartered Lodges of the Jurisdiction.

An engraved portrait of the Grand Master, John B. Dinsmore, adorns this attractive volume of proceedings, and only an index is needed to make it perfect as a specimen of the printer's art.

The address of the Grand Master is a complete accounting of his official doings for the year just ended.

Appropriate reference is made to the list of illustrious Masons at home and abroad who have been called from labor to everlasting repose.

Two decisions on the saloon question, and made in accordance with existing law on the subject in Nebraska, gave rise to majority and minority reports, neither of which was adopted, and their further consideration carried over to next year. These are the decisions:

"1. Is a man who is on a saloon petition a fit man to be made a Mason? No.

"2. Is it un-Masonic for a man to sign a saloon petition? Yes."

The minority and majority reports of the Committee on Jurisprudence are here reproduced:

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred the several decisions of the Grand Master, would report upon decisions Nos. 1 and 2, that we have carefully considered the same, and are of the opinion that the views of this Grand Lodge on the liquor question in all its phases has been too often announced to require any further pronouncement on the subject. We think this Grand Lodge has clearly stated its position, and that the two decisions under consideration go farther than Masonic law or principle demand. We therefore recommend that decisions Nos. 1 and 2 be not sustained."

“The undersigned members of the Committee on Jurisprudence would respectfully present that they are unable to agree to the other report of committee, upon decisions numbered 1 and 2 made by the Grand Master, and therefore beg leave to report that in their opinion the said decisions of the Grand Master should be approved, and we so recommend. These decisions are the only logical ones that could have been made, consistent with the former utterances of this Grand Lodge.”

It will be recalled that Grand Master Phelps exercised the prerogative of making his son a Mason at sight, and that the Grand Lodge, after denying the existence of any such power, directed the present Grand Master, in person or by proxy, to heal the young brother, who was declared an irregularly made Mason. Now the Grand Master reports having obeyed the order of the Grand Lodge through his proxy, Brother Walter W. Wells, Worshipful Master of Acacia Lodge, No. 34.

Two dispensations were granted to confer degrees out of time, and of these the Grand Master says :

“In the case of the first dispensation to confer degree out of time, the brother is a traveling salesman whose territory lies outside of the State, and as it would be very inconvenient for him to be present at a regular meeting, permission was sought to confer the degree while on a visit to his father. In the second case, the brother was about leaving the State to be gone for some months, possibly permanently. I deemed both good and sufficient reasons for my action.”

The Grand Master reports the constitution of George Armstrong Lodge, No. 24, at Craig, and granting permission to Plumb Lodge, No. 186, to surrender its charter. Of this latter action the Grand Master says :

“Thus another one of our subordinate Lodges became extinct through no fault of the brothers, but simply from the fact that it was established in a section of the State where the brethren could not remain and support themselves and families during the extreme depression we have had, accompanied by the loss of crops incident to the drought which visited that part of the State in 1894 and 1895. I ask your approval of my act.”

The Grand Master and other officers of the Grand Lodge, past and present, visited the Grand Lodge of Iowa while in session at Council Bluffs on June 7th, and thus speaks of the pleasure and profit of these friendly visits :

“The brethren of Iowa met us in a most hospitable manner. The three or four hours spent in their society at the Lodge and hotel was a

most agreeable time—one of profit to me, and, I hope, to all who participated in this pleasant interchange of Fraternal sentiments. I extended to the brethren of Iowa, individually and collectively, an invitation to visit us at this time and participate in the fraternal love-feast incident to an annual session of this Grand Body. I cannot help but feel that these visitations between the members of different jurisdictions are a means of closer uniting Masons, and of bringing about a more hearty and brotherly feeling."

The financial weakness growing out of failure of Lodges to collect dues receives the attention of the Grand Master, and the suggestion of making the Masters of Lodges pay more attention to this matter is made the subject of consideration at the next Communication of the Grand Lodge. The condition and proposed cure are thus stated :

"Correspondence had with quite a number of the Lodges discloses the fact that they are in straightened financial condition, for the reason that they have allowed the dues to remain uncollected so long that in some instances the Lodge officers are afraid to use the powers they possess to compel payment, lest by so doing they suspend so many as to not leave the requisite number to open and close a Lodge. There should be some means devised whereby the failure to collect the Lodge dues would be an official misconduct on the part of the Master."

Notwithstanding the disasters which befell the entire State of Nebraska by reason of general crop failures some years ago, the Grand Lodge is in a prosperous condition. The General Fund has a comfortable balance, and so also of the Masonic Home and Relief Funds. The Orphans' Educational Fund has grown to \$30,802.40.

In further evidence of the growing prosperity of the Fraternity, the Grand Lodge adopted the report of the Committee on Ways and Means appropriating the sum of \$8,386.72 to meet the estimated expenses of the year. It is pleasant to note that some provision has been made for a Report on Correspondence for 1899.

The number of Lodges is 229, and the membership 11,775, a net gain of 12,

FRANK H. YOUNG, *Grand Master*.

WILLIAM R. BOWEN, *Grand Secretary*.

NEBRASKA—1899.

42D ANNUAL.

LINCOLN.

June 7, 8, 9.

A fine steel-plate likeness of Grand Master Frank H. Young adorns this volume of proceedings.

A special meeting of the Grand Lodge was held on January 13, 1899, at Omaha, for the purpose of attending the funeral of Most Worshipful Robt. C. Jordan, the first Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska.

On May 9, 1899, the sudden death of Right Worshipful William R. Bowen, the Grand Secretary, called the Grand Lodge in special session for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to this eminent and beloved brother. The eulogies delivered by those who knew him most intimately conclusively attest the merited esteem in which he was held by the Craft. In our review of Nebraska for 1897 the evidence of Brother Bowen having been over-worked was so apparent that we hazarded this suggestion :

“These Grand Secretaries are wonderful working machines, and one of them—Brother Bowen—ought to be pulled away from his desk, at least for a season.”

In his address the Grand Master has these appreciative words to say of the dead Mason :

“And now, my brethren, I come to the saddest event of my Masonic life. Our friend, our brother, and our guide, William R. Bowen, has departed to render to our Father who is in Heaven an account of his stewardship on earth. I firmly believe that at that solemn time he will be found to have merited, and will fully receive, that kind indulgence for his frailties, and pardoning grace for his errors, which has been promised us by that infinite source of all wisdom, truth, and mercy.

“From a personal acquaintance of forty years, and a fraternal intimacy of half that period, I can truthfully say that Brother Bowen was as conscientious and sincere in the performance of his duties to his family, his brethren, and his religion, as any man I ever knew. Had he not been so scrupulously exact and painstaking in all the details of his service for his brethren, he would not have worn himself out so quickly. He fell a martyr to his zeal in the discharge of his duty as he saw it, and the ancient Craft has lost a most devoted Freemason.”

Many special dispensations to install and to confer degrees out of time are reported, and others refused on account of failure to pay the fees required by the Grand Lodge.

Two of the eighteen decisions were disapproved as follows, and others modified :

"A petition may be received and acted upon before the petitioner is twenty-one years old.

"A brother continues to hold an office into which he has been installed until his successor has been installed, even though he is elected and installed into another office."

The Grand Master closed his address in the following words :

"And now, my brethren, after a continuous Grand Lodge service of twenty annual sessions, encouraged and promoted by your ever-increasing kindness and good will, I have reached the summit of my ambition.

"I can not express to you in words my grateful appreciation of your favors, nor can I estimate the value to myself of my Masonic associations and lessons. I have grown up with Freemasonry from boyhood, and hope, with the blessings of Divine Providence, to continue in accordance with its teachings, and in association with its members, until death's final summons. Until that time I shall cherish for you all my liveliest friendship, and look forward with ever-increasing fondness to our future meetings "

The Grand Master having assumed the work of Brother Bowen on the death of the latter, did a very graceful act when, on his motion, the salary of the Grand Secretary to date was ordered to be paid to the widow of the departed brother. Well done, Brother Young!

The Lodges number 226 and the membership 11,948, a net gain of 173.

Past Grand Master Charles J. Phelps furnishes the Report on Correspondence, very brief and in the topical form, but a pleasant symposium on matters of interest. As the successor of the lamented and able Bowen, he must needs be a master workman to hold his place, and this he shows he can do. Very properly the report begins with the speeches commemorating the virtues and Masonic labors of Brother William R. Bowen, and they are indeed eloquent and loving tributes to his worth.

WILLIAM W. KEYSOR, *Grand Master*.

FRANCIS E. WHITE, *Grand Secretary*

NEVADA - 1899.

35TH ANNUAL.

VIRGINIA CITY.

June 13, 14.

The address of the Grand Master, Matthew Kyle, is a dignified and well-written paper in which appears a very full account of his administration.

After a cordial welcome to the brethren the Grand Master takes this broad view of the condition of the Craft in Nevada :

"A review of the returns from the various Constituent Lodges shows a slight decrease in numbers, but Masonry is not measured by numbers. It is the innate strength of the individual Mason, his work in the community, and his standing as a man, that measures the worth of our glorious Fraternity. My observation of the ever constant influence of Masonry has convinced me that when a man becomes a Mason he becomes a better man, and if I have any injunction to give the Brethren it is to exhort them to conform with earnestness to the teachings of Masonry. A faithful reliance upon its precepts will aid us in every battle and encourage us in our struggle for higher ideals."

Proper reference is made to those who have gone before.

The action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in reference to Negro Masonry received the consideration of the Grand Master, of a Special Committee and of Grand Lodge, with the result of requesting that Grand Lodge to reconsider its action under the penalty of suspending fraternal intercourse until it is done. This course was adopted by Grand Lodge with only one dissenting vote.

The letter of Grand Master Kyle in reply to the explanatory circular issued by Grand Master W. H. Upton, of Washington, is admirable for its fraternal spirit and the force of its argument. One paragraph will give an idea of the character of the whole :

"Now, my dear Brother, as I believe that my construction of what your Grand Lodge actually did do, is correct, and fully warranted by the text of the report of its committee, I am therefore forced to consider that your Grand Lodge made a grievous error in adopting the report of its committee, and by so doing it has, perforce, created an antagonism with nearly, if not all, the Grand Lodges of the United States—an antagonism that will surely exist so long as your Grand Lodge maintains the position I conceive it to have taken. I therefore earnestly and fraternally beg that your Grand Lodge will reconsider its action in this particular at its earliest opportunity, thereby restoring that peace and harmony which has ever existed between it and its sister Grand Lodges."

Grand Master Rumsey of Wyoming suggested to Grand Master Kyle that it might be advisable to discuss the need of a Supreme Grand Lodge clothed with authority to settle such controversies as that provoked by the Grand Lodge of Washington, but Brother Kyle showed very plainly the impossibility of such a body ever being formed.

Grand Lodge appropriated twenty-five dollars toward paying its share of the expenses of the Washington Memorial Celebration—very much more than its assessed per capita

Some visitations were made but not so many as Grand Master desired.

Two decisions are reported, and both approved.

The three years term of Grand Representatives was changed to a period limited only by will and pleasure of the Grand Master.

The salary of the Grand Secretary was raised from \$300 to \$400 per annum

In a Supplement to the Report on Correspondence appears the report of a Committee of seven Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Washington in which they recommend that the resolutions adopted a year ago recognising Negro Masonry be rescinded. This report was adopted, "the vote being almost unanimous."

In consequence of this action of the Grand Lodge of Washington the Grand Master elect, John M. McCormack, issued an edict revoking the sentence of non-intercourse and extending a hearty welcome to the sister returning to the fold.

The number of lodges is 20, and the membership something over 800.

The Report on Correspondence is a review of the proceedings of 59 Grand Lodges, North Carolina for 1898 being of the number, and is prepared by Bro. A. D. Bird, who has condensed a fair summary within ninety-three pages.

JOHN M. McCORMACK, *Grand Master.*

CHAUNCEY N. NOTEWARE, *Grand Secretary.*

NEW BRUNSWICK—1898.

31ST ANNUAL.

SAINT JOHN.

August 23.

The address of the Grand Master, Thomas Walker, is a model of brevity and clearness, occupying less than eight pages of the proceedings, but leaving nothing of importance untold.

The Grand Master thus refers to the pleasure and profit of official visitations :

“To me the most pleasing duty connected with the office of Grand Master is that associated with official visitations. To renew acquaintance with the active members of the different Lodges, to instruct them in the ritual, to point out to them the aims and aspirations of our fraternity is to me a pleasure and a privilege.”

The Grand Master reported having constituted Carleton Lodge, No. 35, and of having nominated a number of brethren as representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. He reports also the request of the Grand Orient of Belgium for closer fraternal relations and an exchange of representatives. Later on this request was granted, and the Grand Orient of Belgium recognized as a regular Masonic body.

Reference is made to the proposed memorial observances on the centennial of Washington's death on December 14, 1899, and it is the desire of the Grand Lodge that the present Grand Master take part in the ceremonial as the representative of New Brunswick.

The committee on Grand Master's address says it can not wholly concur with his decision that “the jurisdiction of each Lodge extends in every direction half way to the nearest Lodge,” but is inclined to think that the distance should be measured by the usual means of communication. The matter was referred to the Board of General Purposes for report at the next annual meeting.

The falling off in the membership of subordinate Lodges led the Grand Lodge to investigate the matter through a special committee, which reported the cause of loss to be :

“1. That the falling off in membership is due to lack of interest, which leads to non-payment of dues, suspensions, retiring on dimit, etc., etc.

“2. Past Masters having no official duties lose their interest.

“3. Members are made without being called upon to pass examinations.

“4. Officers are advanced who do not make an effort to get up the work, the only object being to get through the chair.

“5. That the Grand Lodge is not made interesting enough to the members.”

The cure suggested is to put the Grand Lodge on wheels and to make the following changes :

“1. That Worshipful Masters be requested to see that no candidate be advanced who has not passed a successful examination ; that no appointive officer be advanced who is not posted in his work, and that he personally interest himself in seeing that the members attend ;

that in the absence of degree work the Worshipful Master instruct the Lodge, calling upon Past Masters as much as possible to assist him.

"2. That this Board of General Purposes be authorized to engage a lecturer, whose duty it will be to visit, instruct and aid in every way subordinate Lodges.

"3. That your committee is of opinion that monthly quarterly collection of dues would be beneficial, and that the relief from dues after twenty-one years is good."

In the Jurisdiction there are thirty-one chartered Lodges and one under dispensation. The total membership is 1757.

The Grand Lodge has done well in re-electing the Grand Master and Grand Secretary—Dr. Thomas Walker and Brother J. Twining Hartt.

NEW JERSEY—1899.

112TH ANNUAL.

TRENTON.

January 25, 26.

An Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge was held in the city of Paterson on June 18, 1898, for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of the United States Postoffice Building. The ceremonies were impressive and were enlivened by oratory and music, which added to the dignity of the function.

Six days later, on June 24th, the Masonic Home was dedicated "to the purposes of MASONIC CHARITY and the comfort of those who may be gathered within its walls." A great concourse of Masons from New Jersey and nearby States, citizens eminent in every walk of life, assembled for the purpose of sharing in the joy of the Jersey brethren at the happy and prompt completion of this great charity. It was a grand display of Masonic effort and energy, and was properly celebrated with imposing ceremony.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was attended by its officers, a large number of Past Grand officers, Grand Masters and representatives of 163 Lodges. There were, besides, the grand representatives of 46 Grand Lodges, altogether a notable assemblage of Masons.

The comprehensive address of the Grand Master, Josiah W. Ewan, covers forty-two pages of the volume, and discusses every matter of importance to the Craft.

After adverting to the fraternal relations subsisting with other Grand Jurisdictions, the Grand Master thus speaks of the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in reference to Negro Masonry :

"While it is true, as just stated, that our relations with the Grand Lodges of the world are undisturbed at the present moment, yet there is a cloud on the horizon, betokening a storm, which is now centered in the State of Washington, which, if not speedily dispelled, may disturb the peace and harmony of the fraternity. I refer to the action of the Grand Lodge of the State of Washington, in adopting the report of a committee, which the present Grand Master of that Jurisdiction prepared, which considered the subject of Negro Masonry, and the legitimacy of the so-called Negro Lodges, and the regularity of their members, etc."

After quoting the conclusions of the Grand Lodge of Washington Grand Master Ewan says in part :

"Such a declaration is so startling in its character that it may well be wondered whether the Grand Lodge of Washington fully realizes its position in its relation to other Grand Lodges by the adoption of such a radical principle.

"I cannot believe that New Jersey is willing to accept or approve such declarations as are contained in this report. In fact, I may say that New Jersey, in Grand Lodge assembled, many years ago, placed itself on record upon this very subject, and the wisdom of the decision then determined has been fully demonstrated.

"The question of 'white' or 'colored' may be left entirely out of the discussion and only the questions of 'Clandestine Masons' and 'Exclusive Territorial Jurisdiction' considered, and we can arrive at but one conclusion

"I shall request the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to prepare a special report on this subject, which shall express the sentiment of this Grand Lodge. I desire to say, however, that, in my opinion, the Grand Lodge cannot do otherwise than decidedly disapprove of such principles as have been thus promulgated by the Grand Lodge of Washington.

"There is no exchange of representatives between the Grand Lodges of Washington and New Jersey, hence this becomes a subject for the direct action of the Grand Lodge.

"I may be permitted to express the hope that the Grand Lodge of Washington will, as quickly as possible, recede from its unwise position and remain within the sunshine of Masonic intercourse with her sister Jurisdictions."

The most important ceremonial mentioned by the Grand Master is that of the dedication of the Masonic Home near the city of Burlington, and in this connection the statement of Most Worshipful Brother

Ewan that "each and every Lodge in the Jurisdiction has paid not less than \$2 per capita " is very gratifying.

The Grand Lodge of New Jersey is a strict constructionist of the law as to physical qualifications, but its observance is likely to give rise to complications, of which the Grand Master observes :

"I have in mind a young man, who could not, by reason of a physical defect, join a New Jersey Lodge. He was granted a waiver, and subsequently joined a Lodge in a sister Jurisdiction, and is a frequent and welcome visitor to the Lodges in the city of New Jersey in which he resided. I have been expecting to be asked whether he could affiliate with a New Jersey Lodge on dimit, and if not, why not.

"Our sister Jurisdiction has been benefited by his initiation fees and dues. He is a Mason in good standing, and associates with us as such. It may well be asked why the Grand Lodge of New Jersey will permit a man to be made a Mason in a sister Jurisdiction whom it will not allow to be made in its own. I will venture a decision : Applicants for waiver of Jurisdiction must possess the same physical qualifications as required by those applying to a Lodge of this Jurisdiction, and their eligibility determined in the same manner."

The Grand Master believes that the unaffiliate can be removed by legislation, but no law can reach an evil ingrained in the individual. The law of North Carolina is identical with the new enactment of New Jersey, and yet the unaffiliate is here. He says :

"I regret to say that there are too many unaffiliated Masons within our Jurisdiction. I am constrained to believe that this condition is largely by reason of there not being sufficient legislation upon this subject. As an instance, my attention has been called to the case of a brother who has been unaffiliated for 15 years, and boasts of the enjoyment which he obtains by visiting the various Lodges of his city, especially on festive occasions, and that during all these years his Masonry has not cost him a penny.

"Our law in New Jersey should be made sufficiently stringent to absolutely prevent an unaffiliated Mason from enjoying Masonic privileges, after a reasonable time has elapsed for him to make application, and, in my judgment, he should not be permitted to visit a Lodge more than once, and I would recommend the enactment of some legislation in this direction, which will eliminate these drones from the Masonic hive."

Of the Masonic tramps and imposter's, the Grand Master's opinion is sustained by those having experience of the nuisance in all parts of the world :

“It would seem, from the frequency of these cases of swindling, that the Craft should be more thoroughly on its guard. I am of the opinion that no money should be paid to strangers, applying for Masonic assistance, until the telegraph or telephone has been used to ascertain whether they are worthy or not. My experience has demonstrated that 99 per cent. of those soliciting Masonic aid are unworthy of it, and should be debarred from receiving it by every possible precaution.”

The Craft in New Jersey has no excuse for not being bright and polished with such a corps of District Deputies as he describes the present officers to be :

“Without disparaging any previous corps of District Deputies, I remark, without fear of contradiction, that this Grand Lodge never had a more zealous, faithful company of men and true Masons than has honored your Grand Master the past year, and to each of them would I extend my sincere thanks for their prompt and intelligent attention to every duty.”

The Grand Master reports many visitations, which were means of pleasure to him and of profit to the Craft.

In the closing paragraph of his address Grand Master Ewan thus expresses his ideal of Masonry :

“My ideal of Masonry is high, perhaps to some too high, but I would raise it still higher, and higher, so that when a person wished to become a member of the fraternity it would be because he truly desired knowledge that he might be of service to his fellow-creatures, and when he became a member that the world would know that he was one to whom the burdened heart might pour out its sorrow ; to whom distress might prefer its suit, whose hand was guided by justice, and whose heart was expanded by benevolence.”

The distinguished Masons composing the Committee on Masonic Home received a vote of thanks for the efficient manner in which they had performed their duties.

There are in the Home twenty-three inmates, old men and women, except one, a promising lad of fourteen.

Right Worshipful Jacob Ringla presented to the Grand Lodge a stone which he had brought from the quarries of King Solomon, on Mt. Moriah. Appropriate speeches gave interest to the presentation.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in reference to the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington on Negro Masonry was received and its recommendation unanimously adopted. The Grand Lodge in 1871 had disposed of this matter, after investiga-

tion by "the most distinguished and able committee in the history of this Grand Lodge." The recommendation is as follows :

"*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that the Grand Lodge of Washington, by its recognition of irregular and clandestine Masons, has placed itself without the pale of regularity ; in the assent it has volunteered in preparing the way for the formation of clandestine Lodges, and a Grand Lodge within the occupancy of its own territorial jurisdiction, to the detriment of the Masonic Fraternity and to the confusion of interests in other Masonic jurisdictions with which alliance has been of mutual accord ; by assailment of the principle of Grand Lodge sovereignty, in an association abhorrent to the Craft of regular Free and Accepted Masons, by which it has itself derogated to the condition of clandestinity.

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge reiterates the irregular and clandestine status affixed to certain men claiming to be Masons at the Annual Communication of 1871 ; in avowment of the preservation of legitimate Masonry, and the purity of its source, essential to true Craftsmen, hereby orders the severance of fraternal relations and intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Washington, its subordinates and the members thereof. This interdict to be of immediate force."

The Bible used upon the altar at this Communication was one loaned for the time by Brother George B. Edwards, and the Book itself was remarkable for its age and beautiful illuminations. It was printed November 10th, 1478, fourteen years before Columbus discovered America.

The number of chartered Lodges is 167, and one Lodge under dispensation. Membership, 16,970.

The Report on Correspondence, like that of last year, is from the capable hand of Brother George B. Edwards, who submits a review of the proceedings of sixty-one Grand Lodges, that of North Carolina for 1898 of the number. Thanks for ample space and kindly notice.

JOSIAH W. EWAN, *Grand Master*.

THOMAS H. R. REDWAY, *Grand Secretary*.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1899.

110TH ANNUAL.

CONCORD.

May 17.

This beautifully printed volume of proceedings is embellished with a handsome group picture of the elective Grand Officers and a cut of the Masonic Temple, at Wilton. Only an index is needed to make it perfect.

At the semi-annual on December 28, 1898, a large assemblage of the Fraternity witnessed the exemplification of the work in the three degrees by Gideon Lodge, No. 84, Rising Sun Lodge, No. 39, and Washington Lodge, No. 61.

In his annual address Grand Master John McLane thus notes the condition of the Craft:

"I congratulate you that Freemasonry in New Hampshire is in a strong and prosperous condition, increasing in power and numbers, and my observation leads me to the firm conviction that when judged by higher and more perfect standards still greater progress in moral and spiritual growth will be observed."

Two Masonic halls were dedicated with appropriate ceremonies. One of these, at Wilton, was the gift of a generous brother to Clinton Lodge, No. 52. Of the building itself the Grand Master says:

"No single Lodge in the State has a Temple that will equal this one for elegance and beauty of design or rich and costly workmanship."

The invitation to participate in the Washington Memorial Observance was accepted and suitable appropriation made for the purpose.

New Hampshire is going to have a Masonic Home, although it has but recently given attention to the matter. The Grand Master makes this announcement:

"I am happy to announce that the lot of land secured some time ago for the Masonic Home has all been paid for through the generosity of our Manchester brethren. Considerable sums of money have been subscribed by Masons and Lodges throughout the State for the purpose of building this Home, and as it is a project that commends itself to every Mason in New Hampshire, I trust that the agent of the trustees who will soon call on each Lodge will be received with a spirit of liberality worthy of this noble charity."

The Grand Master calls attention to the departure of the Grand Lodge of Washington in its recognition of Negro Masonry as regular

and legitimate. The Committee on Jurisprudence presented a strong and calm report, from which the following extracts are taken :

"The history of their origin and growth has been so many times reviewed in Masonic books and papers and so thoroughly and exhaustively considered by the Grand Master in his address, that it would be a useless waste of time to go over the ground again. We assume, upon the facts which have been so many times set forth and established beyond all question, and with which the Fraternity must be very familiar, that these so-called Lodges and Grand Lodges are not only not regular or lawful, but are utterly without law or right in a Masonic point of view.

"Their origin was in defiance of the jurisdictional rights and authority of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, their existence and outgrowth have been governed by the same disregard of the government and powers of the Grand Lodges of the various States, and, so far as they seem to know, it was an utter contempt of Masonic principle.

"Indeed, they do not claim to be legitimate, or acknowledge the authority of any Grand Lodge, and tested by the rules that the Fraternity established for its government more than a hundred years ago, and which have been observed and upheld ever since, all of these organizations of so-called Negro Masonry are not only clandestine and spurious, but with few exceptions seem to be entirely satisfied with their own independent existence and the practice of their system.

"The questions of race and qualification are not involved. The subject does not require their consideration, for it must be disposed of upon other grounds. These organizations, however worthy and commendable for the good that they may have accomplished, however they may draw forth the sympathy and encouragement of philanthropic persons, are not within the domain of Masonry, and cannot be so regarded."

Number of Lodges 78 and membership 9240, a net gain of 16.

The Report on Correspondence is the work of Brother A. S. Wait, and is, in many ways, admirable. His style is clear and vigorous, his Masonic learning extensive, and his fraternal courtesy never deserts him. His successful tilts with the most renowned jurists of the Craft point him out as a strong man and safe adviser. North Carolina for 1898 receives kindly notice.

JOHN McLANE, *Grand Master.*

GEORGE P. CLEAVES, *Grand Secretary.*

NEW MEXICO—1898.

21ST ANNUAL.

ALBUQUERQUE.

October 3, 4.

This volume of proceedings is beautifully printed and is adorned with portraits of two of its Past Grand Masters—James H. Wroth, 1895–1896, and Charles Bowmer, 1896–1897.

The Grand Master, John W. Poe, after extending a warm welcome to the assembled brethren, gave an excellent account of his official doings for the year just past. As to the condition of the Craft, the Grand Master makes the following report :

“All things considered, the year just closed has, I believe, been a fairly prosperous one for the Craft in this Jurisdiction. I think so because of the increased interest and more healthy tone generally manifested by the Lodges, and especially the weaker and more isolated ones. Some of those which, one or two years ago were seriously considering the surrender of their charters, seem to have found new courage, and are hopefully looking forward to a brighter future. This I think may be accounted for, in the main, by the greatly improved business conditions of the past year within our Territory. We are at peace with all of our sister Jurisdictions. Harmony is the rule within our own. A majority of our Lodges are making a healthy growth in membership, and, judging from reports I have received, and, from my own observations, the material which is being brought up is good and desirable.”

In reply to a request from a master of one of the Lodges for dispensation to bury a non-affiliate with Masonic honors, the Grand Master granted the request, and gave the following sensible reason for doing so :

“While under our by-laws a non-affiliate is not entitled to Masonic burial, I did not construe this law to be absolutely prohibitory, and deeming it not inconsistent, but rather in harmony with the spirit and teachings of our order for the Grand Master to grant a dispensation for this purpose when a majority of the members of a Lodge desire it.”

One of the Grand Master's rulings, and to our mind eminently proper, is this :

“In the absence of law upon the subject in this Jurisdiction, and knowing of no precedent, when the matter came up, which might aid me in reaching a decision, I was guided entirely by my own individual judgment, and inasmuch as this ruling seems to have given rise to considerable discussion, *pro* and *con*, among some of the brethren, I

deem it not out of place to here briefly state the grounds upon which it is based : First, I am firmly convinced that no perfectly sane person will attempt suicide : second, insanity, I believe, excuses from crime ; therefore, if these conclusions are correct, it would be uncharitable, to say the least, to deny Masonic burial to a Master Mason solely on the ground that he had been so pitifully unfortunate as to commit suicide. Charity is one of the chief corner-stones upon which our speculative Masonic structure stands, and is the greatest of all Masonic virtues ; hence my affirmative ruling. But I at the same time further held that 'it is possible that there might be cases wherein for a Lodge to conduct the funeral of a member who had committed suicide would be to sacrifice its dignity and the respect of the community. In possible cases of this kind the Master should exercise discretion.'

As to the duty of the older members of Lodges in healing breaches made by the jealousies and quarrels of members, the Grand Master presents this wise thought :

"In such cases the older, more influential and experienced members are, I believe, usually at fault ; as by giving a reasonable amount of attention to the welfare of their Lodges, and, by making a proper use of the influence which their age and experience must necessarily give them, peace and harmony would be preserved, the principles of Masonry better understood and our Order immeasurably benefitted."

The Grand Master reports the satisfactory adjustment of a claim made by a Lodge in Colorado against one of the New Mexico Lodges on account of disbursements made for the relief of a member of the latter.

As to the necessity of uniform work and ritual in the Jurisdiction, the Grand Master says in part :

"The best interests of Masonry in our Jurisdiction demand that these unsettled conditions in regard to our work be put an end to as speedily as possible. The work as revised by our 'Custodians of the Ritual,' and which is now being taught by the Grand Lecturer, is, in my judgment, good, true and square work, and should be permanently adhered to as the work of New Mexico. I am also of the opinion that the method adopted at our last Annual Communication for preserving the Ritual, viz : That of placing it in charge of a Board of Custodians, instead of relying entirely upon the memory of the Grand Lecturer, is the safest, surest and best that can be devised, and should be permanently adhered to."

There are in the Grand Jurisdiction 20 chartered Lodges and one continued under dispensation, with a total membership of 881, a net gain of 28.

The Report on Correspondence is made by the committee, each member having his special work assigned to him. Two members, Brothers Frost and Seamon, presented reviews of the proceedings of 33 American Grand Lodges and extracts from the New York report of foreign Grand Lodges. The work of Brother Curran, the tardy member, came in too late, and that's why North Carolina isn't it this time.

ROBERT C. STEWART, *Grand Master*.

ALPHEUS A. KEEN, *Grand Secretary*.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

JUNE, 1898, TO JUNE, 1899.

Five Special and four Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge were held during the year. The last of the special meetings was for the purpose principally of installing the officers-elect, and was held July 24, 1899.

The examination of this small volume impresses one with the belief that the principal business of the Grand Lodge is the practice of every-day benevolence toward indigent worthy brothers and their dependents.

From the report of the Grand Treasurer we find the Fund of Benevolence amounts to £6273.7.11, and the General Fund £3228.17.9. The Board of Benevolence reports an expenditure of £1056.2.6, and in closing its itemized statement says :

"In reviewing the work of the past year, during which period they have voted the sum of £1056.2.6, your Board have at all times exercised the power vested in them, which under our constitution recognizes that a worthy Freemason in distress of any country or constitution is entitled to our assistance ; and while it is a matter of deep regret that so many brethren were unfortunately in such need, we have reason for congratulation that our Fund of Benevolence has been ample and continues to increase."

Akin to the foregoing benefactions of the Grand Lodge to worthy Master Masons in distress, of whatever race or clime, is the work of the Freemasons' Orphan Society and the Freemasons' Benevolent Institution. Seventeen orphan children received permanent allowances of £13 for every six months, and were permitted to remain in charge of kindred and friends. The Society has more than £20,000 in the Fund, and it continues to grow.

The Freemasons' Benevolent Institution reports a growing fund of over £5,000, although only in its eighth year. The following statement tells briefly what the institution is doing :

" The total amounts paid to annuitants since 1893 is £1792.12.6. The year commenced with 29 annuitants and closed with 28. Eleven new applications were received, and of these seven were granted annuities. Eight annuitants died during the year, and those remaining continue to live in their own districts, each cared for by the Lodge whose Worshipful Master regularly receives the monthly payment and applies it as he thinks best in the interests of the unfortunate aged brother."

At the close of the annual meeting of the Institution Right Worshipful Brother Rofe read the report, from which we take this extract :

" During the year the committee had had several applications for relief, and as far as the means allowed, and as far as the applicants they thought worthy, relief had been extended to them. The output for the year exceeds that of any previous year. The annuitants are chosen from brethren who, in better days, probably helped the institution. It is, therefore, our duty to extend towards them that relief which distinguishes our Masonic Craft. He referred to the only assistance hitherto available in the shape of Government Institutions (wisely there were such institutions), but the unfortunate men were placed in one department and their wives in another. At the very time when association is most dear they are separated. We try to keep our aged brethren and their wives together. We try as far as possible to place the husband and wife in the care of the same person, and we consider this the most humane policy. As the Institution goes on from year to year we hope we shall be able to provide in this manner for all our aged and distressed brethren. We hope year by year to strengthen our cause, and he still urged the brethren to do in their own Lodge as much as possible to forward the objects of the noble Institution."

These proofs of the kindness of heart of these noble brethren beyond seas have been so attractive that we have skipped to get to the end of this prosaic Masonic story.

The number of Lodges is 186 and the membership 7164.

The Report on Correspondence, covering a review of the proceedings of fifty-three Grand Jurisdictions, is the work of the entire committee of five, but the chairman, Brother J. B. Trivett, seems to have carried the laboring oar. North Carolina for 1899 receives flattering notice, for which we thank our Brother J. B. T.

JOHN C. REMINGTON, *Grand Master*.

ARTHUR H. BRAY, *Grand Secretary*

NEW YORK—1899.

118TH ANNUAL.

NEW YORK CITY.

June 6, 7 8.

Portraits of Past Grand Treasurers W. J. McDonald and George Hayes occupy the fly-leaves of the volume. There is also the likeness of the venerable brother, Adna Adams Treat, of Denver, Colorado, now in the 102d year of his age.

The address of the Grand Master, William A. Sutherland, is an admirable Masonic state paper, and covers everything of importance to the Craft in that powerful Jurisdiction. In his opening he gives this summary of the financial condition of the Grand Lodge :

“In obedience to the constitution the officers of the Grand Lodge present accounts of their stewardship. These reports show disbursements by the Grand Treasurer amounting to \$77,648.48, leaving a balance in his hands on this date of \$48,298.90. The Trustees of the Hall and Asylum report disbursements in support of the 250 inmates of the Home, and permanent improvements, \$61,557.46, and general expenses amounting to \$3,045.72, with a balance of cash on hand amounting to \$7,919.84, with a reserve fund amounting to \$198,605.38, nearly all invested in bond and mortgages. The Trustees of the Permanent Fund show a balance of \$77,586.19. The aggregate of the funds and investments in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, the Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund, and the Trustees of the Permanent Fund, amounts to \$332,410.31.

“In the building and equipment of our Home at Utica we have already expended upwards of \$375,000.00, and the Temple in which we are now assembled, though not adequate nor wholly suitable to the uses of the Craft, was, when built, ample and convenient for the requirements of that day. This building, including the site, reasonably valued at \$1,500,000, brings our entire possessions up to a total of over \$2,200,000.

Eloquent and tender reference is made to the distinguished Masons who have died within the year, and brief and merited eulogy offered to their memories. Of one of these brethren who occupied comparatively modest station he says :

“John F. Kyle was elected Master of his Lodge at Avon in December, 1898. Addressing himself to perfection in the ritual, and skill in the use of the working tools of the Craft, the ‘Masonic Monitor’ was his constant companion. It was his habit upon retiring for the night to read himself asleep from the pages of the printed portion of our ritual. On the evening of January 25th last he retired as usual, and in

the morning his 'Masonic Monitor' was found upon the floor by the side of the bed which supported his lifeless body. His last thoughts on earth doubtless centred upon the work of his Masonic Lodge. He was a plain farmer, of modest and retiring disposition, warm-hearted, tender, and absolutely devoted to every interest with which he was connected. He stood four-square to every wind that blows, and was in every respect an upright man and Mason."

It is matter of congratulation that in so large a Jurisdiction only one Lodge and the Master of another became subjects of severe discipline.

Dispensations were granted for the formation of three new Lodges. Foreign relations are reported cordial, "with one painful exception"—the Grand Lodge of Washington.

The Masonic Home at Utica received considerable space in the address, and the fitness and zeal of the Superintendent, Past Grand Master Jesse B. Anthony, are thus commended by the Grand Master :

"In the Superintendent, Most Worshipful Jesse B. Anthony, and his accomplished and estimable wife, we are fortunate beyond fondest expectations. Having kept in close touch with the Home and its management since the day it was opened, and particularly as Grand Master having made myself intimately acquainted with its management, I do no less than discharge an obvious duty in paying to him a tribute so gloriously earned by the Most Worshipful Brother who stands at the head of this institution and conducts its affairs. Having acquired considerable knowledge of the difficulties he has had to contend with from various sources, it is but scant acknowledgement of the tact, the good judgment, the patience, and the unflagging devotion he and his wife have both displayed to say that their places we can hardly hope ever to fill. The two have been most emphatically one in striving to place the Masonic Home of this Jurisdiction on so high a plane as to make it the model for all others upon the American continent. Notwithstanding our Most Worshipful Brother has been honored by official station the most exalted within the gift of the Grand Lodge, and had already received the highest honor open to Craftsmen in the State of New York by attaining the rank of a Past Grand Master, there still remained for him this great and illustrious work to which he has brought the judgment of his mature years, and in the accomplishment of which the lustre of his service as Grand Master and his fame as the scholarly chairman of our Committee on Foreign Correspondence is dimmed by the more glorious radiance of his administration of our Home."

There is so much of interest to the Craft universal in this volume that the temptation to quote is very strong, and, if indulged, would be

acceptable and instructive to every reader, but the space is limited and forbids extensive notice.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we find there are 745 Lodges, that every one has made returns, and that all but one "have paid dues to date," and that the membership is 98,180, a net gain of 2,700.

The Report on Correspondence, marvelously rich in the abundance of Masonic information which it contains, is a review of the proceedings of 49 American Grand Lodges, 7 in the Dominion of Canada and 25 beyond seas, and is furnished by Past Grand Master Jesse B. Anthony. The tabular statements, always found in these reports, have made the New York transactions a bureau of exact information for those in quest of statistical knowledge. North Carolina for 1898 receives very kindly notice. We beg leave to assure Brother Anthony that in our reference to the comparative cost of maintenance of the Oxford Orphan Asylum and the Home at Utica we knew there was no basis of a just comparison and had no intention of instituting one. The Home suits the conditions of the Craft in New York and is a monument to its charity, in keeping with its ability and wealth; the Orphan Asylum is maintained only in part by the Masons of North Carolina, the larger part being given by the State and by individuals. However much we may differ from Brother Anthony and others as to the best method of dispensing permanent Masonic relief, we do not give place to any one in our hearty commendation of any plan when in actual operation. We have only words of praise for the Home at Utica and the other Homes established in other States—they are all doing service to God and humanity.

WRIGHT D. POWNALL, *Grand Master*

EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, *Grand Secretary*.

NORTH DAKOTA—1898.

9TH ANNUAL.

FARGO.

June 21, 22.

Portraits of the Grand Master, Robert M. Carothers, and of the Grand Secretary, Frank J. Thompson, adorn this volume of proceedings.

In the opening of his address the Grand Master delivered a very good lecture on the symbolism of the working tools of the three degrees, and arrived at this conclusion:

"Ignorance of the teachings of our Order often leads us into error of speech and action. After receiving the Master's degree, we too frequently fall into the serious fault of thinking we are masters. The brother contents himself with thinking he is possessed of the body of Masonry when, in fact, all he possesses is the skeleton. The Mason who, having become familiar with the ritual of the Order, thinks himself well posted is as far from the fact as the child who, having learned the alphabet, believes himself well educated. Both have made a good beginning and both have that which, if followed, will lead to the desired result; but which, if it inspires contentment, will leave the one as lacking as the other. We do not all have time to read a great amount of Masonic literature, but we deprive ourselves of many of the best lessons intended to be taught by neglecting to study some of it."

A departure that was new was made by a Master of one of the Lodges, and the Grand Lodge thinks so well of it as to make its observance a standing requirement of all Lodges in the Jurisdiction. The plan inaugurated is to put into the hands of each Master Mason, after his raising, a copy of Albert Pike's "Morals and Dogmas of the Symbolic Degrees," the study of which, it is believed, will give a wider knowledge of the philosophy of Masonry.

The Grand Master called attention to a proposition which was presented to the Grand Lodge at its last meeting, which had for its object the examination of every Master Mason, within sixty days after his raising, upon the lectures of the third degree up to and including the obligation. After much discussion the proposition was laid on the table.

The Grand Master refers at length to the fraternal dead of his own and other Grand Jurisdictions, and says that "for the first time in the history of the Grand Lodge a brother who has occupied an elective office in this Grand Lodge has passed away." This reference is to Past Grand Master William H. Best, who died May 3, 1898, while occupying the position of Grand Lecturer, and who was one of the most prominent and useful members of the Craft in the State.

Dispensation for the formation of a Military Lodge is thus reported by the Grand Master:

"On June 1, 1898, I signed a dispensation for a Military Lodge to be attached to a battalion of troops from our State in the Philippine Islands. Lieut.-Col. William C. Treumann, of Grafton, was named as Worshipful Master; Major Frank White, of Valley City, as Senior Warden, and Captain, now Major, John H. Fraine, of Grafton, as Junior Warden. Few, if any, of my official acts have given me greater

pleasure than this. Nearly every commissioned officer in the command signed the petition for dispensation. Through what channel can the officer and soldier be brought nearer together in friendship and mutual understanding than through a Masonic Lodge? Many of the members are of our newly-made brethren, to whom this Lodge will be a means of inspiration and instruction. Every meeting will be a reminder of some of the last scenes in the homeland, and in the hands of such of her sons the honor of our beloved country is safe. When our brothers return and deposit with this Grand Lodge the furniture and records of their movable Lodge, North Dakota Military Lodge will have passed into history crowned with the memory of men who did their duties in defense of principles all Masons love."

The decisions of the Grand Master are all approved by the Grand Lodge, but No. 6 seems to be so repugnant to the doctrines of Masonry and to the dictates of justice that it is here reproduced :

"Question 6—L. Lodge has two applications for membership; both are good men from a moral standpoint and worthy to be admitted to our Order. One of them is hard of hearing, the other has a stiff left leg. Can they be considered?

"Answer 6—The matter of physical defects should rest in the sound discretion of the particular Lodge. The degree of the hardness of hearing must control. If the hearing of the applicant is so defective that he cannot hear a whisper without what is said being heard by others standing near, he should be rejected, not because of his misfortune but for the protection of the Order. With reference to the man with a stiff leg, it is clearly your duty to reject him. While mental and moral qualifications are to be required in all cases, these, where serious physical defects exist, should not be deemed sufficient. (See Approved Decisions, Code 1897, pages 71, 72. Hearing. Page 73, General Qualifications.)"

Presumably these two unfortunate brethren were, at the time of their making, sound in body, mind and morals, but accident has lamed one and accident or disease has made the other hard of hearing. Must they be punished for their misfortunes, and only by those who are bound to them by the most solemn ties? If this treatment of worthy brethren is in obedience to the law, the brethren of North Dakota can not be too speedy in repealing the law.

The Grand Secretary, for reasons of economy in part, but mostly owing to other demands upon his time, was not able to furnish a Report on Correspondence. The conditions resembled those of last year in this regard. The Library and the Grand Lodge Registry had prior claims upon Brother Thompson's time and labor.

In the Jurisdiction there are 48 chartered Lodges and two Lodges under dispensation. The membership is 2871, a gain of 169 over last year.

GEORGE H. KEYES, *Grand Master*.

FRANK J. THOMPSON, *Grand Secretary*.

NORTH DAKOTA—1899.

10TH ANNUAL.

FARGO.

June 20, 21.

Portraits of Grand Master George H. Keyes, of Past Grand Treasurer Frank H. Briggs, at the time of his death Governor of the State, and of Past Grand Secretary Thomas J. Wilder, who died October 25, 1898, are found in different parts of the volume.

Cuts of the imposing temple, at Fargo, and of the modest one-story building used by the military Lodge at Manila, Philippine Islands, are also shown.

In his address Grand Master Keyes gives more than usual space to the ravages made by death in the ranks of the Fraternity, and, in connection with the untimely death of Brother William R. Bowen, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, has these appreciative words to say of Grand Secretaries :

“ Here let me add that the success and reputation of a Grand Lodge depends as much, if not more, upon the efficiency of its Grand Secretary than it does upon the annual sessions. It is too often the case that Grand Lodges, while demanding brains from their Grand Secretaries, make them perform too much of the manual toil which can be obtained readily by the employment of competent assistants. These latter are cheap and numerous, while a brother who is competent to fill the office of Grand Secretary, and who will, for the salary that is paid, devote his life to the service of the Craft is hard to find.”

The few decisions of the Grand Master are approved by the Jurisprudence Committee as in accord with the Masonic law, after some slight verbal changes.

The Grand Lodge, for reasons of economy, did not feel disposed to contribute anything toward meeting the expenses of the Washington Memorial Observances, or of having any representation on that occasion.

It was decided that the sessions of the Grand Lodge for the years 1900-1904, inclusive, be held in the Masonic Temple at Fargo.

From the Grand Secretary's report it is seen that the financial condition of the Grand Lodge is now better than ever before.

Fraternal greetings were cabled to the brethren in the military service of the country in the Philippines.

There are 30 chartered Lodges and five under dispensation, with a total membership of 3169.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

JOHN A. PERCIVAL, *Grand Master*

FRANK J. THOMPSON, *Grand Secretary*.

NOVA SCOTIA—1898.

33D ANNUAL.

LUNENBURG.

June 8.

This volume of transactions contains the proceedings of Grand Lodge, full statistics of the Fraternity, the constitution as revised to June, 1897, and a full Report on Correspondence, covering a review of sixty-two Grand Lodges. We regret that the proceedings of 1897 have not come to hand.

The officers and members of the Grand Lodge and visiting Masons marched to St John's church and listened to an eloquent sermon by Rev. George Haslam, rector of the church and Worshipful Master of Unity Lodge, No. 4, of the town of Lunenburg.

The address of Grand Master Thomas B. Flint contains a detailed statement of his official doings for the year, with tender reference to those who have "crossed over the river," and a recital of visitations.

Non-affiliation receives the consideration of the Grand Master in this wise :

"I would add my honest recommendation to those of my predecessors that all Masons in every locality throughout the Jurisdiction should remain connected as active members with the Lodges. Non-affiliation has been properly condemned by all Masons who have observed its deadening effect upon Masonry. I sincerely trust that the influence of these repeated admonitions may result in the return of non-affiliated Masons to their Lodges. Their financial aid is sorely needed in many Lodges, but above all, their moral, social and intellectual influence is desirable.

"I would press upon the members of the Craft present to urge this step of affiliation upon every non-affiliated brother with whom they come in contact. It is neither Masonic nor honorable for Masons

to enjoy the many Masonic privileges and advantages yet accorded to non-affiliates, while the Craft in many particulars suffers for the need of their practical assistance."

The financial condition of the Grand Lodge, while not flourishing, is pronounced satisfactory.

The question of the establishment of a Masonic Home for the Maritime Provinces is still engaging the attention of the Fraternity, but at present with little hope of accomplishment.

So also the proposed union of the Grand Lodges of Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia into one compact organization is only talked about, but it certainly seems that the consolidation is desirable and would be of profit to all.

The Symbolic Grand Lodge of Hungary having been recognized as an independent Masonic body, there was an interchange of representatives.

The Grand Lodge accepted the invitation of the Grand Lodge of Virginia to send one or more representatives to the Washington Memorial services on December 14, 1899.

A considerable part of the address (thirteen pages) is devoted to the history of the action of the Grand Lodge of Peru in excluding the Bible from its altars. That has now (1899) grown to be an old story.

The report of the Grand Secretary, Brother William Ross, is not, he says, as good as he would like to present, but these concluding words are very gratifying:

"A retrospect over the past year makes me conclude that Freemasonry is holding its own, and it is to be hoped that more than this can be said during the ensuing year. Peace, good order and harmony prevails, and not a single record of un-Masonic conduct among the 3453 who now are active members of our Order."

There are 61 chartered Lodges and a total membership of 3453.

The Report on Correspondence is the product of the joint labors of Brothers T. V. B. Bingay, W. E. Thompson and William Ross, the Grand Secretary. Brother Ross was forced to assume the *role* of Correspondent or else let the work go undone. Notwithstanding "the defective education" of Brother Ross, it does not affect the interest of his work.

The review of North Carolina for 1898 is done by Brother W. E. Thompson, and the space allotted is very generous.

Most Worshipful Thomas B. Flint was re-elected Grand Master and Right Worshipful William Ross, Grand Secretary.

OHIO—1898.

89TH ANNUAL.

COLUMBUS.

October 19, 20

The fly-leaf of this imposing volume of transactions is adorned with the portrait of Grand Master Nelson Williams, and the journal itself is well printed, well arranged, and full of valuable information to Masons everywhere, but in an especial manner to the Craft of Ohio.

The address of the Grand Master, although bearing evidence of condensation, is necessarily voluminous and covers fifty-five of its five hundred and thirty-two pages. The berth of Grand Master of Masons in Ohio is no sinecure, and evidently Brother Williams knew that before hand and was prepared for the work before him. His report makes an excellent showing of the success of his administration. Apropos of this part of his official labors, we quote from the conclusion :

"Brethren, my work is before you for your inspection, your criticism, or commendation. That I have made mistakes is to repeat that I am human. During the year I have written fifteen hundred letters, dedicated five Lodge-rooms, laid six corner-stones, visited four Valleys of the Scottish Rite, and forty-five Lodges, and traveled a little over six thousand miles in the performance of my duties as I saw them. This has taken much of my time, but it has been given cheerfully, in the hope that I might do something to honor the Order which has so highly honored me."

The Grand Master makes the following delicate reference to his wife, who was much of the time the companion of his itinerary :

"I know you will pardon me for a brief reference to one who, although a much better Mason than the the Grand Master, and whose sacrifices during the year have been greater than his, is not permitted, under the rules of our Order, to participate in these deliberations. On many of these occasions I have been accompanied by Mrs. Williams, and the careful attention to her every want, and distinguished consideration shown her by the Master Masons of the State, have testified to the manliness, the gentility, and noble qualities which harmonize in the exemplary Mason. For these attentions I am profoundly thankful, and we have both been deeply touched thereby."

In reporting his refusal to grant dispensations to receive and ballot on petitions and to confer degrees out of time the Grand Master says :

“ No landmark of our Order is more clearly established than the one which invests the Grand Master with the prerogative to grant such Dispensations ; but for more than thirty years our Grand Masters nearly all of whom are still living, have refused to grant them, because they believed that hasty work was not for the best interests of the Craft. With an abiding faith in the judgment of these distinguished Brethren, I have made the rule inflexible. I had one request for a Dispensation to enable a Lodge to hold a Special Meeting for the purpose of electing to membership a Brother who had been holding a dimit from the Lodge for fourteen years, and who was on his death-bed, and wanted to affiliate in order that he might die a Mason. To this request I responded that the present Grand Master is not a firm believer in death-bed repentance.”

Dispensations were granted for the formation of three new Lodges, and upon the exercise of this power the Grand Master wisely remarks :

“ In granting the foregoing Dispensations I have been governed by the one question as to whether the Craft at large would be benefited by the establishment of the new Lodges. My fear is, that we have entirely too many Lodges ; and it is a fact that many of our Lodges to-day are a burden upon the Grand Lodge ; they pay in to it less than their Representative draws out of it. Enthusiastic Brethren in different communities become ambitious to have Lodges established in their midst, and do not fully consider the question of the probable future of such Lodge. With the growing population of this State, new Lodges must of necessity, and of right, be established from time to time ; but great care should be exercised in establishing only such Lodges as will be prosperous and self-supporting. During the year I have discouraged a number of Brethren who have desired to present Petitions for Dispensations.”

The revocation of the charter of one of the Lodges is reported because of dissensions and bickerings among the members—it would be a misnomer to say brethren. This Lodge possessed the material elements of prosperity and usefulness—a good membership of intelligent and refined men and an ample treasury balance—but lacking in the spirit of charity and toleration.

Many corner-stone laying and dedications of Masonic Halls are reported.

Very much of the Grand Master's time was devoted to official visitations, to the pleasure of that officer and the profit of the Craft.

The decisions of the Grand Master were all approved, but assuming that the inmates of the Masonic Home seek its shelter on account of poverty, No. 6 seems somewhat out of joint. It is :

"6. Held: That the fact that a member of a Lodge becomes an inmate of the Masonic Home does not relieve him from the payment of annual dues to his Lodge "

The Fraternity of Ohio has been troubled for some years with a clandestine Grand Lodge which at present has a following of between thirty-five and forty subordinate Lodges, and the Grand Master publishes a list of these lodges, so far as known, and warns the Craft that they "*are irregular, clandestine and un-Masonic.*"

The Grand Orient of Belgium was recognized as an Independent Grand Body.

Of the Masonic Home the Grand Master says :

"On an elevation overlooking the enterprising city of Springfield, and crowning the most beautiful spot in the neighborhood, stands our magnificent monument to the beneficence of Ohio Free Masons. Finished according to original designs, and paid for, it rises in beauty and grandeur to please the eye and gladden the heart of every Brother who is privileged to look upon it. A detailed report of the condition of the Ohio Masonic Home will be presented to you by the Board of Trustees, through their Secretary, at this Communication of the Grand Lodge, and I do not deem it important or necessary that I should reiterate what will be shown by their report. It is sufficient to say that the affairs of the Home are in good hands, and are moving naturally and smoothly, and at the end of eighteen months it is meeting the expectation of its most enthusiastic advocates."

From the report of the Superintendent, Bro. John W. Parsons, it is seen that there are now in the home 89 inmates, of whom 43 are old men, 15 women, 18 boys and 13 girls. Of the educational progress of the children the Superintendent says :

"Our school is being conducted successfully. The children are studious and obedient, and are making good progress in their studies."

In this large Jurisdiction there are 500 Lodges, with an aggregate membership of 42,848, a net gain of 1135.

The Report on Correspondence is a review of the transactions of fifty-nine English-speaking Grand Lodges, and of eleven non-English-speaking Grand Lodges, and takes up 269 pages of the volume of proceedings. There is not a dull page in the report, and he must be a self-satisfied Mason who cannot derive pleasure and profit from its perusal. Past Grand Master William M. Cunningham is the author of this as of the report of last year, and it is needless to say that his labors in this field receive the hearty commendation of his fellows. North Carolina for 1898 receives fraternal notice, and approving quo-

tations are made from the address of Grand Master Moore and from our Report on Correspondence. Bro. Cunningham's endorsement is accepted as high praise.

E. C. GULLIFORD, *Grand Master.*

J. H. BROMWELL, *Grand Secretary.*

OKLAHOMA—1899.

7TH ANNUAL.

OKLAHOMA CITY.

February 14, 15.

Portraits of the Grand Master, Enoch M. Bamford, and of Grand Secretary James S. Hunt adorn the volume.

The address of the Grand Master is quite a lengthy document, but it gives the brethren in detail his official work for the year.

The usual patriotic reference to the war with Spain is made by the Grand Master, and the Craft congratulated for the record made by its members on land and sea. The year is reported as one of prosperity and increase in membership by initiation and affiliation.

Only a few official visitations are reported, and these were pleasant and profitable.

Two Lodges were constituted, and dispensations granted for the formation of eight new ones.

The Grand Master reports twenty-one decisions, two of which were disapproved by the Grand Lodge and two others modified.

The Committee on Law and Usage entered a vigorous protest against the numerous special dispensations for conferring degrees and balloting out of time, and the Grand Lodge sustained the committee.

Negro Masonry, of course, engaged the attention of the Grand Lodge, and the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington was mildly condemned and the brethren of that Grand Jurisdiction fraternally advised to come back in the ways of harmony and peace.

No action seems to have been taken on the Washington Memorial Ceremonies, although referred to by the Grand Master.

The report of the Grand Secretary, Brother James S. Hunt, is very interesting, and shows that this young Grand Jurisdiction, while neither rich nor numerically strong, is on the right road to pay as she goes, having in cash for needed demands \$1,628.35.

The Grand Lecturer, Brother W. R. Brown, congratulates the Grand Lodge for the substantial advance made by the Craft the past year.

Right Worshipful Brother Charles Day delivered the oration, from which we clip this contrast between the old and the new in material things:

"We live in a fast age. Old-time methods are rapidly giving way to the new. No longer do we await the tired postman for last week's news, neither tarry at the wayside inn for the familiar rattle of the old stage coach and the merry bugle call announcing the approach of long-looked-for friends. Nor are we content with the old freighters' slow and cumbrous outfit for exchange of commodities with our neighbor county and State. Subjugated steam, harnessed lightning, and man's ingenuity have relegated these slow methods to the past. To-day the iron horse, propelled by wings of steam, is transferring our people and our products from State to State and from continent to continent with the rapidity of the wind, and by the skilled finger touch of the electric button news from all the world is transmitted more rapidly than time itself. Not since the stars sang together in primeval morn has such rapid change been made as in this, our day and age, and with equal rapidity comes growing greed for worldly goods—making money the god to be worshipped."

The Grand Jurisdiction has 44 constituent Lodges and a total membership of 1895.

The Grand Secretary, Brother James S. Hunt, presents a very readable Correspondence Report, in which the transactions of fifty-six Grand Lodges are reviewed, North Carolina for 1898 of the number. Brother Hunt says he is new to the work of the reviewer and cannot "take kindly to new pursuits," but he handles his pen, and other things, too, with wonderful facility, which would seem to indicate that he needed only the opportunity to bring out the latent talent.

W. L. EAGLETON, *Grand Master.*

JAMES S. HUNT, *Grand Secretary*

OREGON—1899.

49TH ANNUAL.

PORTLAND.

June 14, 15, 16.

The address of the Grand Master, John B. Cleland, is a paper of great value and indicates that its author has zeal, ability and character. Patriotic reference is made to the brilliant achievements of our sailors and soldiers in the recent unpleasantness with Spain, and the citizen soldiery of Oregon contributed its share to the national glory. The Grand Master paid loving tribute to the memory of Past Grand Master George M. Stroud and Past Grand Junior Warden Thos. L. Wallace, and to all the Masonic dead in other Jurisdictions.

During the year many Grand Representatives were commissioned, Brother W. T. Williamson being the representative of North Carolina at the court of Oregon.

The performance of many domestic duties are reported, such as the constitution of two Lodges, the dedication of two Masonic temples, laying of corner-stones, official visitations and granting dispensations.

Twenty-seven decisions were rendered, of which the Jurisprudence Committee says :

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the official decisions of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, report that we have carefully examined each and every one of said decisions, and find them to be in accord with Masonic usage and the law of this Jurisdiction."

The Educational Fund has grown from \$150 in 1854 to \$100,000 in 1899, and has never been put to the use for which it was created. After following the history and growth of this fund, the Grand Master literally brought the brethren to their feet with a mighty plain talk, part of which is thus strongly stated :

"This review, which is fully supported by the record, presents for determination the question what disposition shall be made of the fund. This problem is so important it ought to be the subject of discussion upon the floor of this Grand Lodge until some satisfactory solution is reached.

"The ordinary course, reference to committee, has in the past proved an idle ceremony, and it is fair to presume no more permanent result can be expected from any future appointment. The position of the Grand Lodge is a novel one. It is the custodian of a fund which has grown until it amounts to \$100,000, and for almost half a century has been either unable or unwilling to adopt any plan by which the income can be applied to any useful purpose. It is certain the situation will not be relieved of embarrassment by increasing the fund or the income thereof "

Up to this awakening of the Grand Lodge by Brother Cleland no bond was required of the trustee, although he had cash in hand amounting to \$16,632.34. A bond for \$25,000 is now required of the trustee. The following resolution looking to a partial use of this fund was adopted :

"*Resolved*, That whenever the Master of a subordinate Lodge shall find a child of a Mason in the jurisdiction of his Lodge which needs assistance in obtaining an education, it shall be his duty to report the same to the Grand Master. The Grand Master and Committee on

Educational Fund shall examine into all such cases, and on the first of September and February of each year shall appropriate to such children such sums as in their judgment are required for their assistance ; *Provided*, that the total amount so appropriated shall not exceed the total amount of the income from the Educational Fund for the preceding six months "

The charters of two Lodges were arrested and that of a third lodge surrendered.

A proposed amendment to the constitution, brought over from last year, limiting the force of rejection to five years, as in Maine, failed of passage, although supported by the Law Committee.

On the recommendation of the Grand Master the Grand Lodge decided to have three custodians of the work instead of a Grand Lecturer as heretofore.

The Grand Lodge is enthusiastic on the subject of the Washington Memorial Ceremonies, and made provision for representation on that occasion.

On "Negro Masonry" the Grand Master is dispassionate but forcible. After quoting the conclusion of the Grand Lodge of Washington the Grand Master says :

"Accepting, for the purposes of the present discussion, this construction, what is the legal effect of the declaration ? Manifestly the same that would have followed if the petitioners had presented themselves as visitors to any subordinate Lodge owing obedience to the Grand Lodge of Washington, been denied admittance for the reason the brethren believed a negro initiated in a Lodge which traced its origin to Prince Hall was not a Mason, had thereupon appealed to the Grand Lodge, and these resolutions been adopted as a decision of the appeal.

"The question was brought directly before the Grand Lodge without preliminary proceedings before a subordinate Lodge. The Grand Lodge is the supreme Masonic tribunal, and, while it might have refused to entertain the application of the petitioners on the ground that the regular method of procedure required them to first apply to a subordinate Lodge, and if denied relief, appeal, still, when it proceeded without objection to consider the merits of the case and pronounce judgment, no one can now successfully maintain the decision is not binding upon Washington Lodges and Master Masons. Hereafter in that Grand Jurisdiction it must be held that the right of recognition of a negro who has been initiated in a Lodge which can trace its origin to Prince Hall has been passed upon by the Grand Lodge. True, any member of a Lodge may by objection exclude the applicant from

the Lodge of which the objector is a member. But unless the persons are members of the same Lodge, one may exclude the other not a member from the Lodge, even if the latter is in good standing. This right is a personal privilege, and may be exercised against a Mason whose Masonic record is unimpeachable. The result is, the Grand Lodge of Washington has declared that negroes who have been initiated in Lodges which can trace their origin to Prince Hall are regular Masons and entitled to all Masonic privileges and to recognition as such."

Brother Cleland closes his address with this hopeful prognostication of the future of Masonry in Oregon, and we heartily say, "So mote it be":

"The future of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction is one of great promise. There is a distinct movement toward the Fraternity; accessions are numerous and the material excellent. Let us all with patience, wisdom and zeal endeavor to perform our share of the great work 'while it is yet day; for the night cometh, when no man can work.'"

The number of Lodges is 99 and the membership 5143.

The Report on Correspondence is, like that of last year, by Past Grand Master Robert Clow, and comprises a review of the transactions of fifty-three Grand Lodges, and occupies 189 pages of the volume. North Carolina's proceedings for 1898 failed to reach Brother Clow at all, and we therefore miss his pleasant talk on the work of our Grand Lodge.

J. M. HODSON, *Grand Master*.

JAMES F. ROBINSON, *Grand Secretary*.

PENNSYLVANIA—1898.

This volume is adorned with fine engravings of William A. Sinn, Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, A. Bournonville and James Hutchinson, Right Worshipful Grand Masters in 1852-1853 and 1854-1855, respectively.

At the Quarterly Communication of March 2, 1898, a letter was read from King Oscar of Sweden, in which he acknowledges the fraternal greetings of the Grand Lodge on the occasion of the jubilee service commemorating the 25th year of his rule over the National Grand Lodge of Sweden. He commends the brethren of Pennsylvania to the keeping of the Most High.

On the 30th of March a Special Communication of Grand Lodge was held for the purpose of "making Masons at sight" of John

Wanamaker, Joseph Krauskopf and John L. Kinsey. These gentlemen had doubtless earned the favor of the Grand Master and were deemed worthy of this distinction.

At the June Quarterly, on the recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was recognized as a Sovereign Grand Lodge and fraternal regards extended.

The Quarterly Communication of September 7th had a representation of 100 Lodges, and, beside routine business, considered the report of the trustees of the Stephen Taylor bequest, which had a net value of \$9,689.84, and is to be safely invested.

At the Quarterly of December 7th there were representatives of 361 Lodges present. The election of officers, the consideration of the immense interests of the Grand Lodge and attention to other matters of interest to the Fraternity kept the brethren in continuous session from 10 A. M. to 9:15 P. M.

A pleasant incident of the session was the presentation of a loving cup, elaborately ornamented, to Brother Thomas R. Patton, the Grand Treasurer for twenty-five years, by twenty-five of his brethren, as a testimonial of their love and appreciation. Besides the loving cup a beautifully engrossed set of complimentary resolutions was presented by the Grand Lodge.

At the Annual Grand Communication, held December 27th, the Committee on Correspondence presented a special report on the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in its recognition of clandestine Masons, which was at once temperate but positive in its disapproval. It closed the report in these words:

"The Grand Master of Washington asserts that their action in this matter is a matter of 'internal affairs' and 'private judgment,' and so it is. But it is also a matter of external or foreign concern in its effect upon other Grand Lodges when it trenches upon their Jurisdiction and authority. The Grand Lodge of Washington must recognize and fraternize with either one or the other of the Grand Lodges in this Jurisdiction, but it can not maintain fraternal relations with both. Having recognized a Grand Lodge in this Jurisdiction which is clandestine, it has given us cause of complaint which our self-respect compels us to notice and govern ourselves accordingly. We therefore recommend that fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Washington be suspended until that Grand Lodge shall have withdrawn its recognition of the clandestine Lodge in this Jurisdiction."

In an historical address by Brother Julius F. Sachse documentary evidence in the handwriting of Benjamin Franklin, and found in the archives of the American Philosophical Society, at Philadelphia, was

adduced to prove that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and not that of Massachusetts, was the oldest Grand Lodge on the Western Continent.

The outgoing Grand Master, Right Worshipful William J. Kelly, delivered his address just before the installation of his successor, and makes this gratifying statement of the condition of the Craft :

"In ending my term I most devoutly thank God that I give to my successor the office clear of all complications of whatever nature, with our membership united, prosperous and zealous in the full discharge of all the duties that they owe to us. I also give him a perfectly clean sheet in our relations with foreign Jurisdictions. There is not a single question left open, either of a domestic or foreign character, that can in any way affect the peace and harmony of this Jurisdiction.

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| The membership of Grand Lodge December 27, 1897, was ... | 52,043 |
| The membership on December 27, 1898, was about..... | 53,100 |

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| Showing an increase of about | 1,057 |
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| The debt of Grand Lodge December 27, 1896, was..... | \$411,800 00 |
| Present debt..... | 258,150 00 |

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| Showing a decrease of | 153,650 00 |
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He made a full report of every important official act, and received the unstinted commendation of his brethren.

The incoming Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Henry W. Williams, delivered a brief address, in which he pledged himself to keep "clearly within the limits of the old and well-beaten paths."

This is the condition of Masonry in Pennsylvania as depicted by the Grand Master :

"The general outlook over this Jurisdiction is a cheerful and hopeful one. The growth of the Fraternity has not been phenomenal, but it has been healthful, steady, permanent, and now embraces among its membership many of the brightest and most useful citizens of the Commonwealth. The last three Governors elected by our people have been active Masons. In legislative and judicial positions. in professional and in business walks, among employees and employed, our brethren may be counted in considerable numbers. The sound business characteristics and high intellectual character of the individual members of this great organization has been steadily reflected and illustrated in the membership of this Grand Lodge, whose business and Masonic career has been patient conservatism."

The labor in producing the Report on Correspondence is apportioned to the five distinguished Masons forming the committee—Michael Arnold, S. Kingston McCay, Bushrod Washington James, Charles J. McClary and James M. Lamberton. Fifty-six Grand Lodge proceedings are reviewed discriminatingly and fraternally. North Carolina for 1898 receives three and a-half pages of kindly notice from the pen of Brother McClary.

HENRY W. WILLIAMS, *Grand Master*.

WILLIAM A. SINN, *Grand Secretary*

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—1899.

24TH ANNUAL.

CHARLOTTETOWN.

June 26.

Special Communications were held on June 27th and July 9, 1898, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of a Methodist Church and of dedicating a Masonic Hall, respectively.

In a very brief address the Grand Master, Leonard Morris, reported his official acts for the year. Few visitations were made, some special dispensations granted and five Grand Representatives appointed one of whom, R. W. Bro. R. E. Sobey, was the representative of North Carolina.

Only one decision was reported—sustaining the general view that an objection was equivalent to a black ball—and was of course approved.

Negro Masonry is adverted to by the Grand Master, and the hope expressed by Grand Lodge that the Grand Lodge of Washington will retrace its steps.

The Grand Master closes his address in the following words :

“ I love Masonry. It is a noble institution. Its object is to promote the happiness of man—its laws are reason—its intention, peace. Nearly a million of the best men on this side of the Atlantic are its votaries. May it prove a mighty factor in hastening the time when swords shall be beaten into plow-shares and spears into pruning hooks, when the reign of peace shall become universal and eternal. May our beloved Fraternity enjoy the smile of Heaven, and grow in wisdom, strength and beauty until the whole earth be full of Royal Art.”

The Benevolent Fund amounts to \$301.54. with a promise from a Brother that he would add to it \$100.00 more.

A committee was appointed to confer with similar committees from the Grand Lodges of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, looking to the amalgamation of the Masons of the Maritime Provinces into one Grand Lodge.

Thirteen Lodges are reported with a membership of 526.

JOHN A. MESSERVEY, *Grand Master*.

NEIL MCKELVIE, *Grand Secretary*.

QUEBEC—1899.

29TH ANNUAL.

MONTREAL.

January 25.

The portraits of three Grand Masters, two of them in regalia, adorn this volume. They are Isaac Henry Stearns, 1889-90; Frank Edgar, 1891-92; and Lieut.-Col. Thomas Page Butler, 1893.

Two Special Communications were held—one for the purpose of constituting a Lodge at Valleyfield, and the other for the dedication of a Masonic Hall at Cookshire.

At the Annual Communication there were present the officers of Grand Lodge, a long list of Past Grand Officers and the representatives of fifty constituent lodges.

In his address the Grand Master, E. T. D. Chambers, reported fully all his official acts for the year, and these relate mostly to domestic matters.

These two decisions are reported by the Grand Master, and the first is reproduced only for the purpose of showing its relation to the second:

“In the case of a complaint that a member of a Lodge had openly threatened that a candidate would be rejected, I advised that charges for un-Masonic conduct should be preferred against him.”

It seems strange that the lodge in this case should lay claim to any part of the proposition fee. It gave the applicant nothing and had no right to his money.

The Craft is reported by the District Deputies to be growing in numbers, in financial prosperity and in the improved quality of new material.

The monies belonging to Grand Lodge amount to \$14,156.59, divided as follows:

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| General Fund..... | \$ 1909 07 |
| Benevolent Fund..... | 11,547 52 |
| Masonic Home..... | 700 00 |

There are 57 Lodges in the Jurisdiction, with a membership of 3643. a net gain of 53.

The Report on Correspondence is, like that of last year, presented by Bro. Will H. Whyte, and is a review of the transactions of 58 Grand Lodges. Bro. Whyte's work at the Reporter's table for the last two years has been creditable to him and to Grand Lodge. He retires from the service and Past Grand Master Chambers, after two years in the East, naturally resumes his place on the tripod.

Bro. Whyte has given North Carolina for 1898 kindly notice, and quotes approvingly what Grand Master Moore says of guarding the ballot box.

B. TOOKE, *Grand Master*.

J. H. ISAACSON, *Grand Secretary*.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1898.

122d ANNUAL.

CHARLESTON.

December 13, 14.

In the conclusion of his address the Grand Master, Jacob T. Barron, says "I have placed before you, in as brief, simple and business-like way as I can, an account of my official labors for the past year," and he has succeeded admirably in telling tersely and forcibly what he has done.

Of a deceased Brother, Richard S. Porcher, the Grand Master says :

"Brother Porcher was quiet, modest and unassuming in his nature, and of lovely disposition, yet firm and steadfast in his convictions ; he never sacrificed a principle nor shirked a duty, but always promptly and faithfully discharged every work assigned to him. His death is truly a great loss to the Fraternity. He had an abiding faith in the power of the "lion of the tribe of Judah," and his safety can not be doubted."

The condition of the Craft is reported to be encouraging, if not entirely satisfactory, and numerical increase alone is not considered of much importance by the Grand Master.

In his visitations the Grand Master has been influenced sometimes by the invitations of the Lodges, but more frequently by the promptings of his sense of duty to the fraternity and the service of his presence in lodges needing encouragement.

The dispensations and decisions of the Grand Master received the

endorsement of the Grand Lodge. Only two decisions are reported, and both in accordance with the laws of the jurisdiction, on the subject of physical qualifications. They are as follows :

" 1. *Question.* A man is able to give and receive both the manual and pedal signs, being in possession of all the functionary organs thereto appertaining. He is, however, a so-called "cripple." In his youth he sustained some injury, which made one part of his body contract, and he limps very noticeably ; however, without the aid of either stick, crutch or other assistance. Is he eligible ?

" *Answer.* He is not, under Art. III of the Constitution, which says the candidate must be " not deformed or dismembered at the time of making, but of hale and entire limbs, organs and members, as a man ought to be."

" 2. *Question.* A man wished to apply for initiation who got his right arm hurt, which caused his little finger and the one next to it to crook in. Will that debar him ?

" *Answer.* Yes. Art. III of the Constitution requires that every applicant shall be " of hale and entire limbs, organs and members as a man ought to be." It cannot be claimed that even a man's little finger and one next to it ought to be crooked in. If they ought not to be crooked in, he is debarred under that Article of the Constitution, for under its terms, anything that is not as it ought to be, debars the applicant."

The foregoing strict construction of the perfect youth requirement of Operative Masonry has led to a proposed amendment to the Constitution to be considered at the next annual meeting. It is almost certain that Grand Lodge will recede from the position it has so long held in this regard.

On the subject of Negro Masonry and the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington the Grand Master makes the following temperate statement :

" Perhaps the most momentous questions now engaging the attention of the Craft throughout the United States is the action of the Grand Lodge of the State of Washington in extending fraternal recognition to the so-called negro Grand Lodges of our country.

" Our very able Grand Secretary has so clearly and exhaustively treated the subject in his Report on Foreign Correspondence, that I shall not weary you with a discussion of it.

" This subject has been frequently brought to the attention of a number of Grand Lodges, with the result that it has been repeatedly and clearly shown that the organization of these negro Lodges is

grossly irregular and illegal. Again, the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington violates the established law of American Grand Lodges, that a Grand Lodge first organized in a State or Territory has supreme control over symbolic Masonry within its territorial limits and is the exclusive judge of who are and who are not Masons therein. Two supreme bodies of legitimate Masons cannot co-exist in the same territory.

"For this reason, I trust that this Grand Lodge will take some appropriate action emphasizing its absolute disapproval of the conclusions and determination of the Grand Lodge of Washington, which, if generally acquiesced in, will bring about confusion and discord, the results of which will be more disastrous than any opposition or persecution which our Order has ever encountered in this land of freedom."

The Masonic Board of Relief makes the subjoined statement in its report, showing that nearly one-half the applicants were undeserving :

"During the year ending this date twelve applicants for assistance have been examined, who are classified according to sex : eight males and four females. According to Masonic Jurisdiction : Georgia three, Maine one, Nova Scotia one, Pennsylvania one, Scotland one, and South Carolina five.

"Of this number seven were found worthy, and received such aid as their necessities required. The remaining five having been denounced as unworthy, were dismissed."

There are 182 Chartered Lodges and two under dispensation, with a total membership of five thousand, eight hundred and forty.

In his Report on Correspondence, Bro. Charles Inglesby reviews the proceedings of sixty-five Grand Lodges in such excellent manner as to elicit the hearty approval of Grand Lodge. His notice of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for 1898 is an accurate summary of that year's transactions, and is fraternal and complimentary.

His review of Negro Masonry at the close of his report gives interesting and profitable reading.

BARTLETT J. WITHERSPOON, *Grand Master*

CHARLES INGLESBY, *Grand Secretary*.

SOUTH DAKOTA—1899.

25TH ANNUAL.

YANKTON.

June 13, 14.

This very handsome volume is pre-eminently pictorial, there being no less than thirty-eight portraits of Grand or Past Grand Officers. Among these is the likeness of the distinguished Mason, Brother T. S. Parvin, the venerable Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, "who constituted and installed all the Grand Bodies in this Jurisdiction" twenty-four years before.

In his address Grand Master Louis G. Levoy recites fully his official doings and ably considers the needs of the Craft. He presents this contrast between the present condition of Masonry and what it was at the time of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Dakota:

"Contrasting the Grand Lodge at its session in this city twenty-four years ago and to-day, we find much to interest us. At the Annual Communication in 1876 there were six Lodges (all on the roll) and twelve delegates; to-day there are ninety-three Lodges and about three hundred representatives present, and when we consider that from the original territory another State and Grand Lodge has been erected, whose report in 1898 shows fifty Lodges and 2,871 members, we cannot but be impressed by the magnitude of its growth, which assures us that Masonry has kept step with other institutions in this age of progress."

The Grand Master reports having signed articles of incorporation on September 7, 1898, thus making the Grand Lodge a body corporate, but on page 92 is entered this record, which somewhat beclouds the statement of the Grand Master:

"A resolution introduced by Brother William C. Allen, P. G. M., in regard to the incorporation of the Grand Lodge, was laid upon the table for one year."

Tribute to the dead is made by the Grand Master, and handsome memorial pages perpetuate the memory of the departed.

The most of the Charity Fund has been loaned on mortgage—\$1,200 or more—at 7 and 8 per cent. interest.

Eleven decisions are reported and approved, except these two, marked 2 and 6, as follows:

"2. In the absence of the warrant officers of a Lodge the Junior Past Master may open the Lodge and transact its business. Dispensation is unnecessary.

"6. Jurisdiction over rejected material while continuing to reside within the State is perpetual. Another Lodge may acquire jurisdiction only by securing waiver from the rejecting Lodge."

A request by one of the Lodges to act as escort in a funeral conducted by Knights Templar is thus refused :

"Minnehaha Lodge can not act as escort, if the Lodge is present ; it alone must bury him with the ceremonies of and as a Master Mason. Dispensation refused."

A commission was issued to Brother A. B. Andrews as the representative of South Dakota near the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

As to the ill effect of non-payment of dues, we agree entirely, except as to laying the blame upon the secretaries. He says, and it is a bad showing, but probably no worse than in other Jurisdictions :

"The greatest menace to the welfare of the Lodges appears to be the amount of unpaid dues carried by so many of the Lodges. It is from this source that we have so many suspensions, each year increasing in numbers, and I can not but charge it up to the negligence of the secretaries who permit such a state of affairs to exist, and who, if they were guided by or paid attention to the laws as they stand, such a condition would be impossible. The total unpaid dues to-day owing the several Lodges amount to \$10,689 50."

Non-affiliation, intemperance, want of interest and qualifications of officers are practically and earnestly discussed by Brother Leroy and must certainly be productive of good.

Negro Masonry receives consideration from the Grand Master and the Committee on Correspondence as well. The action of the Grand Lodge of Washington is deplored and fraternally disapproved.

After some correspondence waiver of jurisdiction over Bishop William Hobart Hare, of Dakota, was granted to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania so as to give the Grand Master of that Jurisdiction the opportunity of making the reverend gentleman "a Mason at sight," which was done later.

The reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer show the Craft and the funds slowly growing. In the former report is published a "Roll of Honor," containing the names of brethren who responded to their country's call and entered the volunteer or regular army.

The celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge was matter of great interest, and was celebrated in a befitting manner with song and story and oratory and—the delightful banquet.

A very pleasant episode in the lull before the closing ceremony was the presentation of a fine watch to Brother William Blatt by his brethren, Brother Theodore S. Parvin being the spokesman and representative of the Grand Lodge on the occasion.

The number of Lodges is 92 and the membership 4437.

The Report on Correspondence is again the work of Past Grand Master William Blatt, and affords not only pleasant but profitable reading. It is to be regretted that business affairs will take him from the Jurisdiction, and that this is probably his last report. We have very much enjoyed his companionship at the round table, and cordially unite with the brethren of his Grand Lodge in wishing him every blessing which may be invoked for the upright man and Mason,

WILLIAM H. RODDLE, *Grand Master*.

GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, *Grand Secretary*.

TENNESSEE—1899.

85TH ANNUAL.

NASHVILLE.

January 25, 26, 27.

The address of the Grand Master, William H. Bumpas, is a full history of his stewardship over the affairs of the Craft during the Masonic year just passed. Brother Bumpas has the satisfaction of knowing that his brethren appreciate his services. The Grand Master has this to say of the work which has fallen to his hands :

"We have no apology to make for our shortcomings, for the reason that we have given to you our best ability, our best thoughts, and our best time after we had discharged those duties which we first owed to our God and to our family. During the year every letter has received a reply; every question has been answered; every brother that has asked counsel has received aid; every address that it was possible to make has been delivered; every visit that could be made without detriment to our business or health, has been made; hundreds of letters were written to advance the cause of Masonry, and to build up her Widows and Orphans' Home."

Dispensations were issued for the erection of two new Lodges.

In reference to the Masonic Home, the Grand Master says in part :

"The Home, which has for many years been dear to the hearts of all good Masons, has been the property of the Grand Lodge for two years, and we doubt if there is a Mason in her Jurisdiction but that realizes the fact that the wise provisions made for its support have been heartily approved and met by the entire Fraternity. We have nothing to bring from this grand and flourishing institution but good news. We bring to each and every one of you a hearty hand-shake and a loving welcome from the inmates.

"The people of the Home have been loyal, and in no instance have we been apprised of discontent or discord, but dwelling as one great family they have lived and labored for the good of the institution and those who are dependent upon it. We can not but rejoice at the outcome of this splendid effort to provide for the Masonic poor and friendless, and we are well assured by brethren throughout the Jurisdiction with whom we have conversed, that the Home is being constantly more firmly rooted in the hearts of Masonry. It is the exponent of our profession, and the principles which we enunciate and by which we are governed in our lives are set forth and exemplified by the beneficence here bestowed."

The plea made for the care of THE OLD MASON by Brother Bumpas is very earnest and convincing, but the Grand Lodge can not see any safe way of making this enlargement of its benefactions, and the Jurisprudence Committee expresses the opinion that the times are not propitious for this undertaking.

The action of the Grand Lodge of Washington on Negro Masonry is thus referred to by the Jurisprudence Committee at the close of its report, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge :

"This resolution stands unrepealed, and expresses the convictions of Freemasons in this State now as fairly as it did in 1865. We believe these associations to be spurious, illegal and clandestine now, as they were in 1865.

"The Grand Lodge of Washington not only expresses a contrary and repugnant opinion, but even goes to the length of abdicating its sole and exclusive sovereignty in that State, where its own Lodges were first established and its supreme authority unquestionable, and acknowledges the equal powers and rights of another Grand Body and of subordinates thereunder to exercise sovereignty and jurisdiction within the boundaries of that State. By so doing the Grand Lodge of Washington has forfeited all claim to our Masonic recognition and placed itself beyond the pale of fraternal relations: We therefore recommend the adoption by this Grand Lodge of the following resolution :

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Tennessee hereby indefinitely suspends all fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons hitherto exercising jurisdiction in the State of Washington."

The Grand Master lays this chaplet upon the grave of a deceased brother :

"Shall we not pause for a moment beside a grave in the Jewish

cemetery? It is that of Ben Herman, one of the founders of the Masonic Home, one of its strongest, and dearest, and best friends. He was a director from its organization until the Home was adopted by the Grand Lodge. In every move made for the advancement of the Home Brother Herman was ready and willing to give his support. By his own personal and individual effort he placed fifty life memberships, besides contributing largely from his own means. At his death he remembered the Home in a handsome donation of \$500, with which we have erected upon the grounds a workshop for the boys. His memory will live long with the people of the Home, and in the ranks of the Fraternity Ben Herman will ever stand as a model man, a true friend, just, and upright, and honest, and noble in all the departments of life. We make this tribute to his memory because of his lofty character, his pure friendship for the unfortunate, as well as his personal attachment to the founders of the Home."

The wish of the Grand Master that fraternal relations be established with the *Gran Dieta* of Mexico is not shared by the Grand Lodge, which says through its Jurisprudence Committee that "the facts in its possession would not justify a recommendation on the subject."

At the close of his address the Grand Master gives good counsel on many subjects of importance to Lodges and to individual Masons—such as qualifications for office, make the Lodge attractive, profanity, intemperance, the cultivated Mason, and the honor of Masonry.

The report of the Board of Control of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home is of very great interest, and shows a marvelously low cost of maintenance. The following extracts are taken from this report:

"The school at the Home has been maintained for nine months during the year, and has been conducted by Misses Daisy Anderson and Beulah Bang. These young ladies have been faithful and efficient in the discharge of their onerous duties, and the children have shown marked improvement.

"A kind Providence has kept watch over the widows and orphans under our charge, and with grateful hearts we report that there have been no deaths among the inmates, neither has there been any serious illness. May His sheltering wings continue to shield them from all harm, while we praise Him for the fulfillment of His promise to be 'a husband to the widow and a father to the fatherless.'

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| " Net current expenses for the year | \$6,030 88 |
| " Divided among 108.35 inmates is, per capita..... | 55 66 |
| " Or, per month, a fraction over..... | 4 63 |

"It will be observed that the cost for maintaining each inmate has exceeded that of the previous year just 24 cents, or two cents per month. We are satisfied that this is more than offset by the increased cost of provisions during the past year, on the one hand, and in a considerable degree by the failure to rent more land for the raising of corn and hay, and thus necessitating the purchase of large quantities of feed for cattle to take the place thereof. Still, the showing is a remarkable one, as compared with other institutions of the kind, and has been attained by constant vigilance, not only on the part of your Board of Control, but by the hearty co-operation and efficient management of Mr. and Mrs. Goodlett, as superintendent and matron. This Board desires to express its appreciation of the services of these two in their endeavor to carry out the policy of the Board in its administration, and for the exceedingly pleasant manner that they have discharged every obligation. Under their supervision every thing has worked smoothly throughout the year, while harmony has prevailed, and a thorough discipline been maintained."

The Endowment Fund of the Home is steadily growing, and within two years has reached the sum of \$3,533.36.

In reply to an inquiry, the Grand Lodge decided, in unmistakable terms, that a saloon-keeper should not be installed Master of a Lodge in the Jurisdiction.

The number of Lodges is 428 and the total membership 17,288

The Report on Correspondence, the third from his pen, is the work of Past Grand Master Geo. H. Morgan, and is a pleasant review of the transactions of 59 Grand Lodges. The North Carolina proceedings of 1898 receive fraternal treatment at the hands of Brother Morgan, and Grand Master Moore the compliment of a long extract from his address. Brother Morgan's report closes with these beautiful lines :

"To my brethren of the reportorial staff throughout the world, and to all who shall read what I have written, this, though the language of another, I make mine here, and say it is—

"TO YOU.

"As one who, walking in the twilight gloom,
Hears round about him voices as it darkens,
And seeing not the forms from which they come,
Pauses from time to time, and turns and hearkens ;

"So walking here in twilight, O my friends !
I hear your voices, softened by the distance,
And pause, and turn to listen, as each sends
His words of friendship, comfort, and assistance.

“ If any thought of mine or sung or told,
Has ever given delight or consolation,
Ye have repaid me back a thousand-fold,
By every friendly sign and salutation.

“ Thanks for the sympathies that ye have shown !
Thanks for each kindly word, each silent token,
That teaches me, when seeming most alone,
Friends are around us, though no word be spoken.

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“ Perhaps on earth I never shall behold,
With eye of sense, your outward form and semblance ;
Therefore to me ye will never grow old,
But live forever young in my remembrance.

“ Never grow old, nor change, nor pass away !
Your gentle voice will flow on forever,
When life grows bare and tarnished with decay,
As through a leafless landscape flows a river.

“ Not chance of birth or place has made us friends,
Being oftentimes of different tongues and nations,
But the endeavor for the selfsame ends,
With the same hopes, and fears, and aspirations.

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“ Therefore I hope, as no unwelcome guest,
At your warm fireside, when the lamps ere lighted,
To have my place reserved among the rest,
Nor stand as one unsought and uninvited ! ”

Brother Joseph H. Bullock, whose portrait occupies the fly-leaf, was elected Grand Master, and Brother John B. Garrett was re-elected Grand Secretary.

TEXAS—1898.

63D ANNUAL.

HOUSTON.

December 6, 7, 8.

The Grand Master, John L. Terrell, gave a clear and succinct account of his official acts during the year.

The Lodges are reported to be prosperous, and peace and harmony to prevail among the brethren.

Ten Lodges were chartered and dispensations granted for the formation of six new Lodges. Five Lodges being in a dormant condition their charters and property were taken in charge by the Deputy Grand Masters of the districts in which they were located.

Many Special Dispensations were granted for such purposes as dedications, installations, laying corner-stones, conveying Lodge property, and conferring degrees out of time, in proper cases. It is not, however, to be understood that no applications were denied, for the Grand Master found it necessary to deny Masonic burial to "a man who was very prominent and much beloved in Texas, but who had been suspended from his lodge for non-payment of dues."

A dispensation to form a Military Lodge was refused, as were also many other petitions seemingly meritorious on their face, but evidently the Grand Master decided these requests only after careful scrutiny.

The necessity for a decision like the first reported by the Grand Master seems so remotely probable that it is here reproduced :

"One J. W. Adair made application to Dalby Springs Lodge, No. 684, for affiliation, presenting with his petition what purported to be a dinit from a Lodge in Arkansas.

"He was elected to membership without having been vouched for as a Mason, and thereafter upon attempting to visit the Lodge, he failed to prove himself a Mason.

"It was afterward learned that the Lodge in Arkansas never had such a member and that his pretended dinit was a forgery. I declared the election of Adair to membership in Dalby Springs Lodge void, and instructed the Master to have his name stricken from the roll, and by letter censured the Lodge for having elected the man to membership without knowing him to be a Mason."

The status of the Widows' and Orphans' Home is thus presented by the Grand Master :

"After some delay the Board of Directors of the Home accepted the title to about 200 acres of land near the City of Fort Worth, and have let the contract for the erection of the building. The Board of Directors will report to you in detail."

" I congratulate the entire Craft in Texas that they have seen fit, in a spirit of Masonic love, to contribute to this great and laudable institution for the care and education of the widows and orphans of our deceased brothers.

" The generosity and zeal of your efficient Board of Directors have made possible at this time this great work, and they deserve your highest commendation."

The greatly increased demand on Grand Lodge treasury arising from the building and equipment of the Home, and the care of its inmates, when it is completed, are matters of so much importance that the Grand Master made the request to refer this part of his address to a Special Committee consisting of the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Home, the Chairman of the Finance Committee and to a member of the Committee on Work. It was apparent that to meet the needs of the Home in the near future the expenses must be curtailed or an additional tax imposed.

The Committee submitted majority and minority reports, that of majority recommending a reduction of the large amounts disbursed in recent years for holding schools of instruction commended itself to Grand Lodge and was, after full discussion, adopted.

The question of Negro Masonry as presented by the Grand Lodge of Washington received the attention of Grand Lodge and elicited a very able report from Bro. M. F. Mott, the Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee. Fraternal relations were suspended between Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Washington.

The Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Sam R. Hamilton, also presented an address, giving an account of his official acts. There seems to be no essential difference in these two reports, only that the Deputy Grand Master made more numerous decisions. There is no record of the sickness or absence of the Grand Master while the Deputy was doing so much independent official work, and it seems as if they were of equal authority. The following resolution, and its adoption by Grand Lodge after having been reported by the Committee on Jurisprudence, indicates that there was a misconstruction of the law defining the powers of Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master :

" Bro. J. W. Blake offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence :

Resolved, That a proper construction of Art. 3, Chapter 3, Section 3, of the constitution of the Grand Lodge, is that the powers therein granted to the Deputy Grand Master are to be exercised only in the absence of the Grand Master from the State, or in case of his disability to act.

“Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Bro. J. W. Blake, construing Article 3, Chapter 3, Section 3, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, have had the same under consideration and recommend its adoption.”

The Grand Secretary's Report shows that there are 617 chartered lodges and 9 lodges under dispensation, having a total membership of 27,718.

The Report on Correspondence includes a review of the proceedings of forty-five American Grand Lodges and six in the Dominion of Canada—fifty-one in all.

The work is of the excellent kind which always comes from the hands of our genial Brother, Past Grand Master Thomas M. Matthews. and we regret North Carolina's proceedings failed to show up.

SAM R. HAMILTON, *Grand Master*.

JOHN WATSON, *Grand Secretary*

UTAH—1899.

28TH ANNUAL.

SALT LAKE CITY.

January 17, 18.

Portraits of the incoming Grand Master, James David Murdock, and of two deceased brethren—Past Grand Master Edmund Pelton Johnston and Past Senior Grand Warden Stephen Smith Schramm—adorn this volume of proceedings. Loving biographies of the dead Masons are furnished by Bro. Christopher Diehl, and it is apparent that Grand Lodge has lost two craftsmen eminent in her councils.

The address of Grand Master John Francis Hardie is an unpretentious business like paper in which he reports everything of importance to the Fraternity. He makes a very gratifying statement of the condition of the Craft in the following words:

“It is with special gratification that I report to you that peace and harmony prevails among the Fraternity throughout the State and I believe that at no time since the organization of this Grand Lodge has there been a warmer and more cordial union among the Brethren than exists to-day.

“It is also a pleasure to state, that in admitting new material into the several Lodges, the Brethren have exercised due caution and judgment, and while our own numbers are not so large as in Sister Jurisdictions, we are consoled with the knowledge that it is quality, not quantity, that wins in the long run. In order that our Lodge

meeting may have a larger attendance and so induce Brethren who are carrying their demits in their pockets to join our ranks in this State, I would recommend for your approval and encouragement a revival of the pleasant practice we followed here in Salt Lake City some years ago, of visiting each other in a friendly and informal manner."

Two Lodges, Uintah, No. 7, and Daniascus, No. 10, were wiped out by fire, and the disaster was especially felt by the latter, which on account of its youth, had not accumulated a Lodge fund. The brethren, however, made good the loss and at once placed this young Lodge on its feet.

The Grand Master gives this account of a dispensation granted :

"I also on the 9th of July issued a Dispensation to Uintah Lodge to hold an open air meeting on the top of a high mountain overlooking Park City on the evening of the 13th day of the same month ; the site chosen for this event, was on the top of a mountain almost due north from Park City, with a plateau running east and west. A finer situation could not have been found anywhere, and being over 8,000 feet above the level of the sea, the view was of the grandest description. Having chartered a special train over the Utah Central, with Jos. G. Cywater, Past Master of Mt. Moriah, No. 2, engineer, and accompanied by 181 brethren from our Utah Lodges, and 27 from Sister Jurisdictions we left Salt Lake City at 4:30 p. m., on the afternoon of the 13th of July, arriving in Park City in due time, where we were met by the brethren of Uintah Lodge and escorted by them to the chosen place of meeting. Sentinels having been stationed to guard against the approach of cowans and eaves-droppers, the Lodge was opened in due form, and the regular business was proceeded with, first in order being the receiving of the Grand Lodge Officers, and the dedicating of the altar, and the mountain top to Masonic uses ; speeches bearing on the importance and solemnity of the occasion were made by Past Grand Masters Dalby, Scott, Gash and myself, our Grand Secretary, and the Worshipful Masters of Wasatch, Mt. Moriah, Argenta, Story, Weber and Tintic Lodges. It was after 11 o'clock when the Lodge was closed, and torches being procured we made the descent of the mountain, reaching our train without accident, and after having spent a most delightful time with our Park City brethren and partaken of their bountiful hospitality, we started for home, arriving there in the "wee sma' hours ayont the twal."

The Grand Master had no decisions to report, which is evidence that the Masters of Lodges keep up with the law.

The physical perfection law is relaxed sufficiently to permit the reception of petition from a candidate with a stiff knee, being otherwise well qualified.

The request for recognition by the Grand Orient of Belgium was considered to the extent of advising delay in a matter of so much importance.

In reference to the Washington Memorial Ceremonies the Grand Lodge advised to meet on the 14th of December, 1899, and conduct suitable services in honor of the Father of his Country, and directed that the per capita tax of one cent be forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

The Grand Lodge of Utah deplors the hasty action of the Grand Lodge of Washington on the subject of Negro Masonry and expresses the hope that this error will be speedily corrected.

The ceremony of transmitting the Signet Ring to his successor was made the occasion of furnishing two very neat speeches to the members.

The very efficient Grand Secretary, Brother Christopher Diehl, received well merited commendation from his brethren of Grand Lodge, but if they would read and study his Reports on Correspondence they would soon perceive that their love of this useful Brother was shared by the Fraternity at large and especially by those who sit at the Round Table.

This Report includes a review of fifty-six Grand Lodges, among them North Carolina for 1898. Brother Diehl has kind words for the Oxford Orphan Asylum and those who keep it in operation.

Utah has only nine subordinate Lodges and 807 members, but the quality, the essential thing at last, is there and can be seen of all men.

JAMES D. MURDOCK, *Grand Master.*

CHRISTOPHER DIEHL, *Grand Secretary.*

VERMONT—1899.

106TH ANNUAL.

BURLINGTON.

June 14, 15.

A biographical sketch of Grand Master Daniel N. Nicholson and a fine engraved portrait of the brother occupy the first pages of this attractive volume of transactions.

Besides the officers of the Grand Lodge there were many Past Grand Officers and a number of Grand Representatives, Right Worshipful Brother Theo. L. Snow doing service for North Carolina.

The address of Grand Master Nicholson is a very lengthy document, more than fifty pages, but is entirely clear upon every topic

discussed. In his consideration of the subject of Negro Masonry, as brought to the fore by the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington, the Grand Master simply publishes the action of the Grand Lodge of Vermont in 1856. The following extracts are taken from the report of the Committee on Correspondence, Brothers Marsh O. Perkins and Delos M. Bacon, as showing the attitude of this old and conservative Grand Lodge on this important matter :

“It is no new question before this Grand Lodge, as the principles involved have received construction by such eminent brethren as Tucker, Hall, Davis, Smith and others, whenever raised ; and the action and expression of Vermont has been uniform and emphatic. It is not a question of racial eligibility to Masonry ; it is not whether a ‘free-born’ man, without regard to race or color, can be admitted, for no one has ever questioned that proposition ; it does not involve the right or expediency of changing our regulations by substituting the word ‘free’ for ‘free-born,’ as has been done in England and Canada, thereby removing the bar of ‘previous condition of servitude ;’ but the resolutions adopted by the Grand Lodge of Washington are a direct blow at Grand Lodge sovereignty, a fundamental law of American Masonry.

“It in effect says it will recognize Lodges irregularly formed and never healed, and will admit as visitors members of such spurious Lodges in defiance of the principles recognized as Masonic law throughout America, as reaffirmed by this Grand Lodge in 1872.

“There remains but one consistent course for us to follow, viz.: To fraternally urge the Grand Lodge of Washington to reconsider its action and again place itself in accord with the Grand Lodges of this country upon this all-important question ; failing to do so, however unpleasant it may be, and however much we may regret the step. Masonic intercourse should be severed, temporarily at least, permanently if necessary.”

On the recommendation of the same committee the Grand Orient of Belgium was recognized as a legitimate and independent Masonic body, and the Grand Lodge of Peru was congratulated for its return to the old faith and practice

The Grand Master reports that there was occasionally need for the application of Masonic power, but the law always prevailed in the end.

The Jurisprudence Committee could not entirely agree with the Grand Master's decisions, and modified two of them so as to be in conformity with the law of that Jurisdiction.

The Grand Master says that Freemasonry stands high in the Green Mountain State, and is growing in numbers and the high character of its members. Surely a proud position !

The affairs of the Masonic Temple and the application of its revenues received the attention of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge. The sentiment expressed by the Grand Master that the Temple should be kept in the best possible condition, its debt paid off and its income afterwards applied to purposes of charity, met with the approval of the brethren.

The Washington Memorial Services receive the patriotic commendation of the Grand Lodge, and provision is made for the attendance of a representative, but its financial condition forbids any contribution towards meeting the possibly lavish expense which may be incurred.

The number of Lodges is 102 and the membership 10,166, a gain of 280 since last year.

The Correspondence Report, a review of the proceedings of 54 Grand Lodges, is the work of Brother Marsh O. Perkins, and needs no praise other than that which comes spontaneously from its perusal. It is a source of regret that the North Carolina journal for 1898 failed to come in time to receive the touch of his friendly pen. In his conclusion Brother Perkins expresses a suspicion in reference to the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington which has probably obtruded itself into the minds of other reporters, and certainly seems not to be unwarranted :

“The regret is deep and widespread because of the deplorable action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in following the leadership of designing and ambitious (?) brethren, who have only brought contumely upon her fair name by hurling the brand of discord among the workmen on the Temple. And the hope is equally strong and universal that she, too, may be constrained by the sober, second thought to quickly free herself such unnatural and entangling influences, and resume her once proud position in entire peace and harmony with her sister Grand Lodges.”

W. SCOTT NAY, *Grand Master*.

WARREN G. REYNOLDS, *Grand Secretary*.

VIRGINIA—1898.

121ST ANNUAL.

RICHMOND

December 6, 7, 8.

The portrait of the Grand Master, R. T. W. Duke, Jr., adorns the volume. In his address he renders an account of his official doings for the year, and makes the following allusion to the loss sustained by the Grand Lodge in the death of eminent brethren, and the bereavement brought to himself through the death of his father :

“ These annual gatherings of ours are sources of great delight, as well as usefulness, but to-night we assemble in the shadow of the greatest affliction that has ever in one year fallen upon the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and since I last met you my own life has sustained its bitterest loss ”

The decisions of the Grand Master were all sustained by the Grand Lodge. His fourth decision is thus reported in part by the Grand Master :

“ 4. I decided, but with much reluctance, that a non-affiliate had *no rights* in Masonry. He has *privileges*, but no rights. I say ‘with reluctance,’ for it seems to me we treat non-affiliates with a harshness which should not exist. When a man enters our institution he obtains certain inalienable rights. When for some reason, best known to himself, he deserts, he is still a Mason—a Mason in every sense of the word, except that he is not a member of a Lodge. The great aim and object, I respectfully submit, of all law on this subject should be to get all the good non-affiliates back into Lodges. We can never do it with a club. I have found from personal experience that a little kindly talk, an invitation to come to Lodge, a hearty welcome when he came, and an assurance that he was still a brother, though not a Lodge member, has brought back in the Lodge more than one man, whom all the terrors of the law could not have restored to the fold. This equally applies to the unfortunate brother suspended for non-payment of dues. We punish him with a severity it seems to me his offence does not justify, making the failure to pay three dollars in one year as great an offence as drunkenness or misbehavior, and placing the unfortunate brother in the class of suspended Masons with whom to hold converse upon Masonic subjects is one of the greatest offences.”

On the subject of the Masonic Home, which is very dear to the Grand Master’s heart, he says :

“ I commend to you the careful reading of the report of the Board of Governors of this our dearest jewel. I would to God, brethren,

some means could be devised to raise more funds for this noble institution. Especially to establish in it the means of teaching our boys and girls such handicrafts as will enable them to make their own living. The serious question confronts you and the Board of Governors as to what we should do with these children as they grow up and leave the Home. In order to teach them useful arts and how to labor we must have appliances and more teachers. These cost money, and it is for you to say how the money is to be raised. I congratulate and thank the Lodges for their very liberal and prompt voluntary contributions made this year in response to my circular. The God of the orphan and widow will reward you, brethren. I trust to see this liberality continued next year."

From the Grand Master's review of the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington we make the following extracts :

"My attention was called, soon after its action, to the remarkable course of the Grand Lodge of the State of Washington on the subject of the so-called negro Masons, and much comment has been caused in Masonic circles and in the various Grand Lodges by this action.

"The remarkable part of this whole action is, that no Lodge or Grand Lodge of so-called Masons of African descent ever asked anything of the Grand Lodge of Washington. Two colored men claiming to be Free and Accepted Masons presented a petition appealing to the Grand Lodge 'to devise some way by which *they*, as true and tried and trusty Masons, can be brought in communication with and enjoy the fraternal confidence of the members of the Craft in this (*i. e.*, Washington) State.'

"Upon the request of these two unvouched for, unexamined, and as the law stands, clandestine Masons, if they ever were Masons at all, the Grand Lodge of Washington actually appointed a committee and solemnly did what no one asked them to do—recognized as legal the negro, so-called, Lodge of so-called Free Masons of Prince Hall descent, and these clandestine Lodges and clandestinely-made Masons are given a legitimate standing in the State of Washington."

Naturally the appropriate celebration of the Washington Memorial Services is a matter of great moment to the Craft of Virginia, as indicated by the following words of Brother Duke :

"The occasion should be, and must be, a grand tribute to the memory of that immortal man, whose greatness grows with the centuries, and whose fame defies alike death and forgetfulness. He was a Virginian first, an American always, and a Mason, the latter making him a citizen of the world. It therefore well becomes the Masons of

the world, led by the Grand Lodge to whom he owed obeisance, to gather about his dust and end the century with honours to his majestic memory."

The Grand Master makes this report of the manner in which an eminent clergyman was made a Mason :

"In order that no misunderstanding can take place in regard to the publication referred to, about eight months ago the dearly beloved minister, and I am now glad to add, Brother, Rev. Moses D. Hoge, expressed an earnest desire to be made a Mason, and I was requested to make him one at sight. I declined, saying he must pass the ballot-box like any other man. He was accordingly balloted for and elected, and I then proceeded to Richmond and at the request of the Master of Dove Lodge I, myself, with the assistance of Brothers Wellford, Carington and Courtney, and other distinguished Masons, conferred all three degrees. Dove Lodge was opened in special communication and we then repaired to the gentleman's home, to which he had been confined by an accident, and there the degrees were conferred, I in my capacity as Grand Master dispensing with such portions of our ceremonies as I thought the occasion and the condition of the gentleman required."

This admirable paper of the Grand Master closes with a few wise suggestions, one in reference to the cultivation of the social feature of Lodge meetings is in part as follows :

"Little can be accomplished in formal business meetings, where even warmest friends sometimes clash. There must be friendly association in social converse, and I know of nothing better calculated to bring men together than entertainments in the nature of our old-time suppers, dinners and receptions. The supper need not be that of Lucullus, the dinner cooked by a *chef* and served by trained attendants, nor the reception an affair of dress suits and studied formality. Nay, better the dinner of herbs where love is, than the stalled ox where love is not; and better an humble entertainment where the opportunity is given for friendly chat, a merry song or two, a few pleasant, clean jokes, and an early home-going, than stiff entertainment, no matter how elegantly served, if constraint is there. Cultivate our social features, brethren. Have at least once a quarter a modest entertainment in your Lodges. Don't meet and eat and run, but meet and eat and stay and talk and learn to know each other better. You will find it pays not only in the money chest, but in that treasury—which, if empty, God pity us all—the treasury of the human heart."

From the reports of the District Deputies it is seen that the condition of the Craft is harmonious and fairly prosperous.

The Masonic Home shelters and cares for forty-six orphan children—fifteen girls and thirty-one boys.

In Virginia there are 269 Lodges and a membership of 12,904.

The Report on Correspondence covers 121 pages of the volume, and is written by Brother J. W. Eggleston in a bright and sparkling manner. His comments are to the point, forcible and fraternal. North Carolina for 1898 meets the approval of Brother Eggleston to the extent of quoting in commendation from the address of Grand Master Moore.

R. T. W. DUKE, JR., *Grand Master*.

GEORGE W. CARRINGTON, *Grand Secretary*.

WEST VIRGINIA—1898.

34TH ANNUAL.

WHEELING.

November 15. 16.

The portrait of the Grand Master-elect, M. W. Brother Joseph Hall, adorns the fly-leaf of this volume of proceedings, and a short biography by G. W. A. shows what manner of man he is;—"The brethren know him for his strong common sense, his energy and enthusiasm. He will fill his present exalted position with credit to himself and honor to the Order."

Nine Special Communications were held, mostly for laying corner-stones. One of these on March 6, 1898, was presided over by the Grand Master in person "for the purpose of paying the last sad tribute of respect, and burying with Masonic ceremonies, Past Grand Master Gustav Brown."

The address of the Grand Master, Dr. S. N. Myers, is a strong paper in which his official acts are reported in good, plain English. In like style he adverts to some shortcomings of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and offers no apology for this kind of talk:

"It is next to impossible for the Grand Master to give an intelligent report of the condition of the Order so long as the District Deputy Grand Masters continue to send in their reports in straggling order, some of which are delayed until the last minute of the eleventh hour prior to the time of the Annual Communication.

"The reports as rendered should always show additionally an accurate statement of the number of communications held by the several Lodges, the average attendance of each, the amount of funds on hand, and the amount outstanding on dues. This would indicate the interest that is being manifested, and show the existing financial condition of the order in this jurisdiction, both of which are important essentials.

The information extracted from one or two earlier reports is of no especial value. It is the data obtained by a careful perusal of all that is of use to the Grand Master, and he should have them in time to utilize and prepare their essential features for presentation to the Grand Lodge. Owing to this dereliction by the District Deputy Grand Masters, the Grand Lodge in 1899 passed the following resolution: [See proceedings of 1899, p. 1352.]

"*Resolved*, That a D. D. G. Master who fails to send his report to the Grand Master on or before October 1st shall be deemed in default, and shall not be entitled to any compensation from the Grand Lodge for his attendance on the same.

"This resolution, more honored in the breach than in its observance, for I doubt if it has ever been enforced, is a most excellent one, if complied with and duly enforced; and as the present deputies may not have been aware of such rule, even though ignorance of the law excuses no one, I would submit the enforcement or not of this resolution in their case at this time to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers; and recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to have the resolution printed on the back of each D. D. Grand Master's commission, which, being done, all infractions of the rule in future should be met by a rigid enforcement of the resolution."

The Craft in West Virginia is reported as being in a prosperous condition with a steady increase in numbers.

The Grand Master's eulogy upon the life and character and Masonic services of Grand Master O. S. Long is very fine. Here is his pen picture of the dead Mason:

"He was a gentleman; refined, courteous in manner, eloquent of speech, of great, generous heart, true as steel, and ever full of active sympathy for those in trouble or distress. With our grief that he has died shall be mingled our thankfulness that he has lived."

Dispensations for the formation of four new lodges were issued during the year.

Ten decisions are reported and all sustained by Grand Lodge, eliciting this endorsement from the Committee on Jurisprudence:

"We heartily approve all the Decisions of Grand Master Myers, being numbered from one to ten (both inclusive); and we congratulate him on the ability shown by him in the discharge of his various duties."

The subject of Mexican Masonry is referred to in the following:

"This topic has engaged the attention of not a few of the Grand Masters in the recent past, and there is considerable diversity of opin-

ion still existing as to the final outcome. I confess to having given this matter little attention, and am possibly treading on dangerous ground in venturing to express an opinion on a matter not thoroughly understood by myself; but from sources of information had from those in position to know, it would seem as if at no distant day the *Gran Dieta Symbolica* will be accepted and proclaimed the only true and legitimate exponent of Masonry in the Republic of Mexico. Quite a number of the Grand Lodges in the United States are already in fellowship with the *Gran Dieta*, and it is to be hoped that ere long fraternal recognition by our Grand Lodges may become general."

The Grand Master is outspoken in the belief that Masonry should express its unqualified disapproval of the liquor traffic, but Grand Lodge seems to have taken no action on the recommendation of the Grand Master touching this subject. As to the malign influences of the saloon, Bro. Myers makes these forcible utterances :

"It is unquestionably a step in the right direction, and this Grand Lodge should not be among the last to adopt a measure that has for its object the admission to our Order of only good men and true. Such an occupation, the very atmosphere of which is contaminating, not only acts as a moral depressant, but places respectability below par, and renders undesirable for Masonic purposes nearly, if not all, who are so engaged. It is not regarded in any Christian community as being on the same plane as other mercantile pursuits, and no order can long maintain its moral standing that will continue to accept members from a class that suffers, as they do, from social ostracism."

The Grand Master reports having been forced to refuse applications of several lodges to permit the Order of the Eastern Star to meet in their lodge rooms but is of the opinion that Grand Lodge should revoke the law against joint occupancy in its relation to the Eastern Star. Speaking of the work of the good women the Grand Master says :

"They help us to bear life's burdens, share in our joys and sorrows, aid us in many of our cares and perplexities, and, in fact, are, as it were, a part of our very existence; and to bar them from holding their meetings in our halls is, to my mind, selfish, churlish and exceedingly ungallant.

"No cogent reason can be adduced to the contrary, and I hope our rule in this respect may be so modified as to permit joint occupancy."

The Grand Lodge has taken its first step towards the erection of a Masonic Home by appropriating \$2,000 as a nucleus of a permanent fund for this purpose. Judging by the actions of other Grand Lodges

in work of this kind, it is only necessary to agree to build a Home and the work is soon accomplished.

An effort was made to dispense with the banquet at the close of Grand Lodge sessions, and we are glad to say the proposal did not meet with favor, but the cost of the spread is not to exceed one hundred and fifty dollars.

"A Lodge of Sorrow was held to take notice of the deaths of Past Grand Masters Odell Squier Long and Gustav Brown, and Past Grand Chaplain C. J. Trippett,"

On this occasion many addresses of eulogy were delivered in honor of the departed brethren by members of Grand Lodge who had been selected by the Grand Master.

Number of Chartered Lodges, 111 ; Lodges under dispensation, 5 ; membership 6251, a gain of 263 over last year.

The Report on Correspondence is furnished by Past Grand Master G. W. Atkinson, and is a review of the proceedings of fifty-six Grand Lodges. North Carolina acknowledges kind treatment at the hands of the reviewer, and trusts that he will long retain his seat at the Round Table.

In his Correspondence talk with Bro. Reed, of Washington, Bro. Atkinson makes this admission, and seemingly without the least contrition :—"I confess to the charge of being governor of my State."

While opposed to the recognition of Negro Masonry, Bro. Atkinson says :

"In my humble judgment the most important question of the hour is the recognition of Negro Freemasonry by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Washington. Absolutely I have no personal prejudice in this matter. While I am a Virginian by birth, I was educated in Ohio, where prejudice against the colored race has always been at a low ebb. My views upon this question are, therefore, without prejudice or bias. I have given more or less attention to this subject for years. I am moderately well informed as to when, how, and the authority under which the first charter of a negro Lodge in this country was issued. I have again, and again, gone over the matter carefully, and I think without prejudice. I went through college with a negro a portion of the time in my class. Others withdrew from the school because a colored man was allowed to enter our university. I did not. I felt then, as now, that no man should be proscribed because of race, color, or previous condition of servitude. Upon that broad platform I stand to-day, and shall continue to stand. It is not, therefore, to me as a Southern man, a question of race or prejudice, but wholly a question of law and right and jurisdiction."

JOSEPH HALL, *Grand Master*

GEORGE W. ATKINSON. *Grand Secretary.*

WISCONSIN—1899.

55TH ANNUAL.

MILWAUKEE.

June 13, 14, 15.

In devout recognition of the loving care and protection of the Father of all, the Grand Master, James G. Monahan, "asked the brethren to arise, place the right hand over the heart, and together repeat the Lord's Prayer."

The condition of the Craft is reported to be harmonious and prosperous, with a substantial gain in membership.

Appropriate reference is made to the fraternal dead.

Thirty-six dispensations were granted and nearly as many more refused. In regard to some of these dispensations the Grand Master says :

"I refused eight applications to permit Lodges to receive petition, ballot for, and, if elected, confer degrees on the candidate, dispensing with constitutional time. I am very much opposed to the custom. In the two cases granted the petitioners were volunteer soldiers who had just reached the age of twenty-one years. Their fathers were ardent Masons, and the petitioners were unanimously recommended by their respective Lodges. I felt that these boys, who were willing to leave home and friends to fight for country, God and humanity, should carry into battle the shield of Masonry, if they desired it. Hence I granted the dispensation."

The Masonic hall at New Richmond having been destroyed by a cyclone on the preceding night, the Grand Lodge, by the recommendation of the Committee on Expenditures, decided to send an appeal to all the subordinate Lodges to contribute \$1 per capita for the relief of these destitute brethren, several of whom were killed, including Bro. J. B. Hicks, Past Grand Junior Warden. The Grand Lodge appropriated \$500 for immediate distribution to the sufferers.

The Grand Lodge was convened in special session six times during the year for the purpose of dedicating Masonic halls and laying cornerstones.

Grand Master Monahan refused to grant dispensation for a Military Lodge.

The suggestion of the Grand Master that the writer of the Report on Correspondence should receive some substantial recognition of his service led to the appropriation of \$200 for that purpose ; and, if the merits of Brother Jenks' report should be the measure of the honorarium, the Grand Lodge would "go broke."

The Order of the Eastern Star commends itself to the Grand Master, who has only words of praise for it, and we thoroughly endorse these sensible words :

"No man can stand in the presence of a pure, sweet woman without becoming a better individual; and no organization, such as ours, can feel woman's influence without being benefited. What woman is to the home, the Star is and will become to Masonry. In Lodge rooms where Chapters of the Eastern Star have been instituted, the cobwebs have vanished from the ceiling and the spittoons from the floor, and in many ways the refining and ennobling influence of woman has made itself felt. Man is essentially a social being, and where can he find closer companions or warmer friends than among his Masonic brothers and sisters? I would open the Lodge room to all innocent pleasures and amusements that are practiced in the home, and make it the center of Masonic life in each community. God never designed that it should be four walls, with closely drawn curtains, filled with foul, musty air. Roll up the curtains and let God's sunshine kiss the east, west and south. Raise the windows and let God's pure air blow the dust of months from the altar and Holy Writings. Let its floor resound with the stately tread of strong men's feet; let the room be glorified and love-lighted by the presence and influence of pure, sweet womanhood, and let the roof and rafters echo and resound with the ring of childhood's happy laugh. In just so much as this is done are you living up to the privileges and enjoyments of present civilization."

The eight decisions of the Grand Master are all approved except the seventh, as follows:

"A sentence of suspension or expulsion from a Lodge suspends or expels from all Masonic bodies; and the members of a Lodge, Chapter, Commandery or Consistory who, knowingly, permit a Mason, while under such sentence, to sit in their meetings, or converse upon the subject of Masonry with him, are guilty of un-Masonic conduct, and can be disciplined by their respective Lodges."

And upon this the Jurisprudence Committee offered the following amendment;

"In last paragraph, strike out the words, 'but the Grand Lodge has no authority to determine the status of a suspended or expelled Mason in any other Masonic body.' After considerable discussion the report of the committee as presented was adopted."

We are disposed to stand with the Grand Master in this matter, and it does not appear that the amendment militates against his position. If a Mason is adjudged, after a fair trial, to be unfit to sit in a Blue Lodge, it is hard to see how he can be a desirable member of the Chapter, Commandery or Consistory, or how these bodies could retain him, knowing that he had been made the subject of discipline in the Lodge.

The Grand Master thus alludes to the troublous times in which the Grand Lodge was organized :

" Fifty-five years ago three Lodges—Mineral Point, No. 1, Melody No. 2, and Kilbourn, No. 3—met at Madison, by their representatives, and organized the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. There were seven delegates at that gathering, representing seventy-nine Masons—all there were in the then Territory of Wisconsin. To-day our Grand Lodge meets with over seven hundred delegates, representing nearly eighteen thousand Masons. Then persecution assailed the Order, both openly and secretly, and in many communities to be known as a Free Mason meant social ostracism, financial embarrassment and political death. It was an hour that tried men's souls. The Prince of Darkness had been unchained, the gall of bigotry had embittered the hearts of the race, the clouds of superstition and darkness shut out the light of truth, the creeds had triumphed over the Christ. The spirit of intolerance, like a blighting hot wind, swept over the land. It saw the ranks of Masonry shattered and dispersed, her Lodge room doors sealed, her lesser lights extinguished, and proclaimed to the world that Masonry was no more."

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported on papers submitted by the Grand Secretary that Wisconsin Lodges or Masons could not recognize as Masons those hailing from the *Gran Dieta* of Mexico, or the Grand Lodge of Cuba, for the reason that they had no knowledge of those so-called Masonic bodies.

The Grand Lecturer, Brother M. L. Youngs, made a very interesting report covering forty-two years in which he had been custodian of the work, and congratulated himself for his agency in bringing the work and ritual to its present satisfactory condition.

Number of Lodges 237 and membership 17,421, a net gain of 195.

By recommendation of the Special Committee on Negro Masonry, the Grand Lodge severed fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of the State of Washington until such time as the latter "shall rescind its action on the subject complained of."

The Report on Correspondence, 134 pages, is a review of the proceedings of fifty-seven Grand Lodges, six of them being for two years, and is the work of Past Grand Master Aldro Jenks. North Carolina for 1898 receives fraternal notice. Brother Jenks in his discussion of Negro Masonry has added a conspicuous contribution to the literature of this subject.

In explanation of the omission of Wisconsin from our last report we regret to say that the proceedings never came to our hands, and we regret it.

CHARLES E. WHELAN, *Grand Master*.

JOHN W. LAFLIN, *Grand Secretary*.

WYOMING—1898.

24TH ANNUAL.

CASPER.

September 14.

In his address the Grand Master, E. P. Rhorbaugh, gives a report of his official acts and of the condition of the Craft in Wyoming, from which it will be seen that though comparatively weak in numbers the Grand Lodge is in a healthy condition.

The decisions of the Grand Master, indeed all his official doings, were approved by the Grand Lodge, and no complaint made of his abounding rhetoric.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance of cash in hand amounting to \$2,676 45.

The Grand Lodge found it necessary to express its disapproval of "the election of any brother as Worshipful Master until he is able to confer the three degrees of Freemasonry." Not many Grand Jurisdictions are entirely free of the condition that the Grand Lodge is trying to correct.

The Grand Officers-elect were publicly "installed in the presence of Master Masons, their wives, daughters and invited guests by the Grand Master, Brother E. P. Rhorbaugh, in his usual impressive manner." After the installation came the banquet and eloquence and good-fellowship, of which the Grand Secretary gives this account in a foot note :

"Our Northern brethren are noted for entertainments and how to make them a success. Casper's record in that line is unsurpassed. The banquet did not lessen the renown of that thriving town for entertaining guests within its gates. On the contrary, everything in the culinary line was in the best of form and abundant enough to feed a regiment of Cuban soldiers. The grace and beauty of the town were all there to enhance the charm of the scene, for without the ladies a banquet is a dull and listless affair. Brother Brooks was in his element as toast-master, and those who had been selected for the slaughter were happiest when not responding. Everybody except the speakers seemed to be glad they were there. May the good people, Masons, and especially the ladies of Casper, live long, be happy and prosper."

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances was happy to say there was no business for it to perform.

The Grand Lodge was mindful of the brethren who were in the service of their country in the volunteer or regular army, and passed resolutions of greeting and commendation to the far-away soldier boys,

and offered its prayers for their health and safety and happy home-coming.

There are fifteen chartered Lodges and one working under dispensation, with a membership of 985, a slight loss from last year.

The Report on Correspondence is the handiwork of Brother W. L. Kuykendall, and it goes without saying that it is of excellent quality. All moot questions before the Craft—the antiquity of speculative Masonry, making of Masons at sight, perpetual jurisdiction, and the perfect youth requirement—receive fraternal but exceedingly vigorous handling. The proceedings of North Carolina for 1898 receive favorable review. Brother Kuykendall is something of an iconoclast, and, if for that reason only, is doing earnest service in the cause of purely speculative Masonry, and we bid him a hearty God-speed. As indicating the manner of mind behind his quill we can do no better than to make this quotation from his “conclusion”:

“To all of our readers who are inclined, at first glance, to be Doubting Thomases regarding a few of our arguments and comments, we say, first banish fairy tales, myths, legends and traditions having no foundation in fact that were believed one hundred years ago to be good, sound Masonic gospel truth, but had then, as now, no record or other evidence to support them except in the imagination of brothers who were making an unwritten code of laws to be handed down for our day and generation. The searchlight of truth has disposed of many fallacies regarding matters Masonic then implicitly believed, and the fact has been demonstrated that those who were supposed to be speculative Masons prior to the organization of the Grand Lodge of England, if now present in the flesh, would not know anything more about our system of Masonry and its esoteric work than that of the Knights of Pythias. Assertions to the contrary, unless supported by something tangible, count for naught. To all our brother reviewers we extend the right hand of fellowship, with best wishes for their happiness and prosperity.”

J. M. RUMSEY, *Grand Master*.

WILLIAM L. KUYKENDALL, *Grand Secretary*.

WYOMING—1899.

25TH ANNUAL.

CHEYENNE.

September 13.

The portrait of Grand Master J. M. Rumsey adorns the fly-leaf of this neat but comparatively small volume.

A Special Communication was held at Cheyenne on June 17, 1899, for laying the corner-stone of a public building, the ceremonies being conducted by Past Grand Master De Forrest Richards in the absence of the Grand Master.

In the annual address all matters of interest touching his administration are reported by the Grand Master.

He expresses surprise at the general prosperity following a war, but many are of the opinion that the war is the cause of the prosperity, by reason of the immense sums of money put in circulation.

Two dispensations for conferring degrees out of statutory time are reported.

The Grand Master calls attention to the circular letter which he addressed to the Grand Masters throughout the United States in favor of the erection of a Supreme Grand Lodge, and recites his arguments for trying the experiment. Of the reception given the proposition he says :

“ The reception accorded to my suggestions by the different Grand Masters has been various, and I will frankly state it. Some endorse the idea, while feeling that a unanimous approval is not to be expected at present ; some approve it, with certain safeguards and modifications ; some are sympathetic, while non-committal, while others are opposed to the scheme in any shape or form.”

The Grand Master is doubtless correct in the foregoing statement, but so far we can recall no endorsement of the plan.

Reference is made to Negro Masonry by the Grand Master, who, when notified of the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington, requested Bro. W. L. Kuykendall to prepare a special report on the subject for the information of Grand Lodge.

No decisions are reported, reference to the law being sufficient whenever a ruling was asked for.

The Jurisprudence Committee could not accept most of the recommendation of the Grand Master, notably those requiring payment of dues accruing during the period of suspension, before restoration to membership should be granted; the reconsideration of the action of Grand Lodge some years ago in abolishing the Grand Representative system and the immediate preparation for the erection of a Ma-

sonic Home. Properly the first recommendation was disapproved by the Committee and the Grand Lodge, but other matters were referred to committees for report at the next session. It is to be hoped that the Home project will never be entertained until Grand Lodge has the ready money.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance in hand of \$2,779.90.

As we approach the end of the proceedings we find the portrait of Past Grand Master F. E. Addoms, who ruled the Craft from October, 1876, to October, 1877.

In Wyoming there are 16 Lodges and a membership of 1044.

The Report on Correspondence is again the work of that able reviewer and sterling gentleman, Bro. W. L. Kuykendall, who has prepared it under the shadow of the sorest bereavement that can enter any man's heart—the death of his wife, who for more than forty years had been his companion, helpmeet and best and truest friend in all their wanderings. We sincerely sympathize with our Brother in distant Wyoming, but feel that in his affliction words are meaningless and that the balm to his bruised heart must come from the Divine Healer who was himself a man of sorrows.

Like his other reports, this is direct in dealing with any subject that deserves attention from his pen. Some phases of the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington he presents very forcibly, notably the *animus* which deliberately based the discussion on a case agreed. North Carolina receives fraternal notice.

E. P. BOWMAN, *Grand Master*.

W. L. KUYKENDALL, *Grand Secretary*.



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NEXT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

*The next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge will
be held in the City of Raleigh, commencing at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.,
on the second Tuesday (8th day) of January, 1901.*