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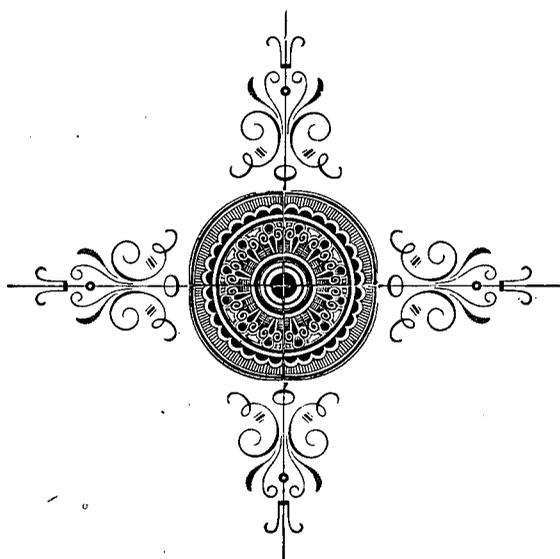
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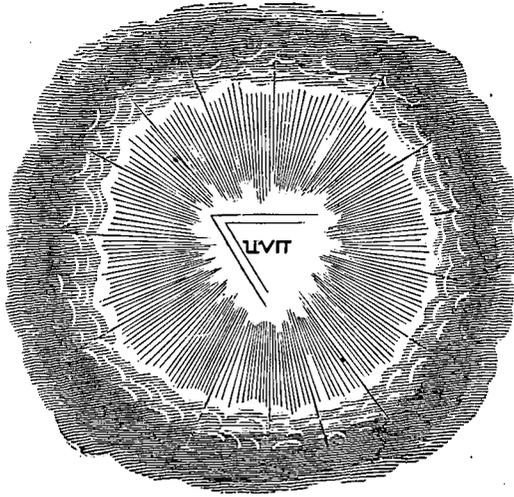
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ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL R. & S. M'S.
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

GRAND COUNCIL ROOMS,
MASONIC TEMPLE, COR. SIXTH AVE. AND 23D ST.

The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters
of the State of New York convened in Annual Assembly in the
City of New York, on Tuesday, September 7th, A.D. 1886, Anno.
Dep.: 2886, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

PRESENT.

M.·III.· JOHN W. COBURN	GRAND MASTER.
R.·III.· JOHN L. BROTHERS	GRAND DEPUTY MASTER.
R.·III.· RALPH C. CHRISTIANCE.....	GRAND P. C. OF W.
R.·III.· JOHN F. BALDWIN	“ TREASURER.
R.·III.· GEORGE VAN VLIET.....	“ RECORDER.
R.·III.· E. M. L. EHLERS.....	“ C. OF THE G.
R.·III.· JOHN N. MACOMB, JR.....	“ C. OF THE C.
R.·III.· ALEX. B. KING.....	“ MARSHAL.
R.·III.· Rev. JOHN G. WEBSTER	“ CHAPLAIN.
R.·III.· SAMUEL C. PIERCE.....	“ LECTURER.
R.·III.· GEORGE A. NEWELL.....	“ STEWARD.
III.· JOHN HOOLE.....	“ SENTINEL.

Together with the Representatives of the following Councils :

COLUMBIAN.....No. 1	DUNKIRK.....No. 25
UNION.....“ 2	PALMYRA.....“ 26
BROOKLYN.....“ 4	UTICA.....“ 28
ADELPHIC.....“ 7	OLEAN.....“ 33
BLOSS.....“ 14	HORNELLSVILLE.....“ 35
BRUCE.....“ 15	CORNING.....“ 53
SOUTHERN TIER.....“ 16	PEEKSKILL.....“ 55
DORIC.....“ 19	HUDSON.....“ 62
KEYSTONE.....“ 20	ITHACA.....“ 68
DEWITT CLINTON.....“ 22	NEPPERHAN.....“ 70
ONTARIO.....“ 23	ALPH-OMEGA.....“ 71

And permanent members as follows:

G. FRED. WILTSIE.....	PAST M. I. G. M.
GEO. M. OSGOODBY.....	“ “
CHARLES W. BROWN.....	“ “
JOHN J. MARTIN.....	“ “
THOS. GLIDDON.....	“ “
P. M. W. VERHOEVEN.....	PAST G. C. OF C.
JESSE B. ANTHONY.....	PAST T. I. M.

With Representatives from the following Grand Councils :

ALABAMA.....	Represented by Comp.	JOHN W. COBURN.
CALIFORNIA.....	“ “	THOMAS GLIDDON.
CONNECTICUT.....	“ “	P. M. W. VERHOEVEN.
FLORIDA.....	“ “	JOHN F. BALDWIN.
GEORGIA.....	“ “	GEO. M. OSGOODBY.
ILLINOIS.....	“ “	W. M. POSTLEY.
KENTUCKY.....	“ “	E. M. L. EHLERS.
MAINE.....	“ “	G. FRED. WILTSIE.
MASSACHUSETTS.....	“ “	JOHN J. MARTIN.
MISSOURI.....	“ “	JOHN L. BROTHERS.
MINNESOTA.....	“ “	ALEX. B. KING.
MARYLAND.....	“ “	WILLIAM DOWNES.
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	“ “	GEO. VAN VLIET.
RHODE ISLAND.....	“ “	CHARLES W. BROWN.
TENNESSEE.....	“ “	JOHN N. MACOMB, JR.
VERMONT.....	“ “	RALPH C. CHRISTIANCE.

The Grand Council was opened in ample form, and with prayer by R. Ill. and Rev. JOHN G. WEBSTER.

The Grand Master received and welcomed the Representatives of other Grand Councils, and tendered through them, to the several Grand Bodies of which they were the representatives, the greetings of the Grand Council of the State of New York.

On motion, all Companions Select Masters in good standing were invited to seats, as visitors, during this Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, except at such times as prohibited by the Constitution.

On motion, the reading of the Minutes of the previous Assembly was dispensed with (printed copies being in the hands of the Representatives).

M.·Ill.· JOHN W. COBURN, Grand Master, then delivered the following

ADDRESS.

COMPANIONS :

I bid you hearty welcome in Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, where again we meet to criticise the work of a past year; to consult upon a subject very dear to us, the interest of our loved rite in the future.

While gathering around our Sacred Altar, in fullness of heart we offer up thanksgivings for protection and guidance, and for the mercies and blessings given us during the year, let us petition the Supreme Master that he may interpose the Almighty hand and save from the grasp of Death and Destruction the stricken city of the South; that he may soothe the hearts of our suffering companions with the assurance of Fatherly love and protection, leading them to that condition of thought, that will cause each to

" Kiss the rod
And in thy chastening sorrows see
The hand of God."

Our companions suffer, how shall we be fully glad; to them goes out our sympathy, with earnest hope of release from danger and the return to their firesides of the Angel of Peace granting rest and comfort, bringing joy and prosperity.

Even in our own family, this bright and joyous day, there is not unalloyed happiness; with us is one whose smile is saddened, whose heart is sore—who mourns a great loss; the companion of his youth, the partner of his joys and sorrows for more than two score years, has been called by the Great I AM to the Life Everlasting. May the spirit of the Power that in the fullness of time called her hence, prevail in the heart of our companion who has "labored so faithfully and long," but whose "work is not yet finished," giving peace and rest.

" There is a calm for those who weep,
A rest for weary pilgrims found;
And while the mouldering ashes sleep
Low in the ground,
" The Soul, of origin divine,
God's glorious image, freed from clay
In Heaven's eternal sphere shall shine,
A star of day.
" The Sun is but a spark of fire—
A transient meteor in the sky;
The Soul, immortal as its Sire,
SHALL NEVER DIE."

Companions, let the greeting to R.·I.·Companion HOOLE be warmer; let

the hand pressure be stronger; let our loving sympathy help lighten the burden now upon him.

IN MEMORIAM.

We have gathered to lengthen, to brighten, to strengthen the "chain of friendship," and as we forge upon it new links, we must not forget that on some added in the past we are required to engrave "In Memoriam." Those who joined with us in placing them in the chain, are here no more, passed on before us—on through the Secret Vault of Death, on to the Discovery and to the presence of the Divine Master; but as we look upon the chain the celestially brightened links bring before us memories of the past.

R. I. Companion CHARLES H. THOMSON, Grand Representative of the Grand Council of New Jersey.

Comp. THOMSON was Master of Painted Post Lodge No. 117, F. & A. M., 1868-1869; a member of Corning Chapter No. 190, R. A. M.; Master of Corning Council No. 53, R. & S. M., 1875-1879, and an officer of Corning Consistory A. and A. Rite, 1866-1879.

T. I. Companion JOHN BRIGGS, of Buffalo Council No. 17

Comp. JOHN BRIGGS was born at Cornhill, Eng., on Dec. 11, 1814, and was therefore somewhat over 71 years old. Buffalo had been his home ever since 1849, and for a quarter of a century he was known as a successful and prosperous contractor and builder. Among the buildings which he had erected in late years or for which he held contracts for a portion of the work were the Young Men's Christian Association, the Coal and Iron Exchange, and the New York Central station on Exchange Street. He was also known as a successful builder of churches. He was a zealous Mason, and was Past Master of Erie Lodge; Past High Priest of Buffalo Chapter; served four years as Master of Buffalo Council, and was a member of Rochester Consistory, 32d Degree, and at the time of his death was Acting Prelate of Lake Erie Commandery. He was a man of many fine qualities of heart and mind, and his loss will be sincerely mourned.

T. I. Companion TIMOTHY S. JACKSON, of Palmyra Council No. 26.

TIMOTHY S. JACKSON, Past Master of Palmyra Council No. 26, died at his home in Palmyra, N. Y., April 7th, after a lingering illness, in the 65th year of his age. Comp. JACKSON was greeted as a Select Master in Palmyra Council, April 23d, 1866, and from the first took an active part in the labors of the Council, rarely missing an Assembly. In 1867 he was elected Dep. Master, and continued in that position until 1874, when he was chosen T. I. M., serving in that capacity two years. He was also active in the other branches of Masonry, being a Past Master of Palmyra Lodge No. 248, and a member of Palmyra Eagle Chapter No. 79, and Zenobia Commandery No. 41, K. T. He was a most zealous, devoted and enthusiastic Mason, and his death is a severe loss to the fraternity of Palmyra.

T. I. Companion FRANKLIN E. SMITH, of Ontario Council No. 23.

Companion FRANKLIN E. SMITH died at his home in Penn Yan on the 11th day of January, 1886, in the sixty-third year of his age. It had always been his residence and was the place of his birth. In private life he was quiet and unostentatious, a ready helper to those who needed assistance; a true man, just

in his dealings. He had given much of his time and attention to the study and practice of Freemasonry, and was at the time of his death an active member of all the Masonic Bodies. He was a Past Master of Milo Lodge No. 108; a Past High Priest of Penn Yan Chapter No. 100; a Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Ontario Council No. 23, and a Past Commander of Jerusalem Commandery No. 17. He had also attained the 18th Degree of the A. A. S. Scottish Rite, and was connected with the Bodies of that Rite in Rochester.

"Death loves a shining mark."

I received through our Grand Recorder the following communication from the Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Canada, announcing the death of their Grand Master, M. I. Companion ROBERT RAMSAY, and suggest action may be taken showing our sympathy for our sorrowing Companions.

Rt. Ill. Comp. E. H. RAYMOUR,
St. Thomas, Ont.
Acting Grand Master.
M. I. Comp. J. ROSS ROBERTSON,
55 King St., West, Toronto,
Grand Recorder.

OFFICE OF
THE GRAND RECORDER,
GRAND COUNCIL OF CANADA,
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS,
TORONTO, Can., 18th Jan., 1886.

DEAR SIR AND RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANION :

It is with feelings of deep regret that I announce to you the demise of our Most Illustrious Companion, ROBERT RAMSAY, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Canada. This sad event took place in this city on Monday evening, the 4th instant; the cause, heart disease. At one moment our beloved companion seemed in perfect health, the next, the pallid messenger who approaches with silent foot-fall beckoned him to come, and our friend, brother and companion had passed into the Beyond—to the shore of that mysterious sea that never yet has borne on any wave the shadow of a returning sail. We bow our heads in grief and mourn his loss.

"The path of sorrow, and that path alone,
Leads to the lands where sorrow is unknown."

Our companion as a man, a citizen and brother, had all those qualities which endears a man to men, and his presence will be sadly missed from our counsels. His ready pen, which for the past quarter of a century has brightened the pages of almost every Masonic publication in the world, will answer his will no more. His fund of knowledge gained by years of study and reading, always at the disposal of his brethren, will enrich the minds of the brethren he has left behind, and the interest he was wont to take in our fraternal gatherings makes his loss to us one that words cannot express.

The Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, E. H. RAYMOUR, of St. Thomas, will assume the functions of the Grand Master until the next annual election, and all communications for him should be sent to his address at St. Thomas, Ont.

Yours fraternally,

J. ROSS ROBERTSON,
Grand Recorder.

OFFICIAL VISITING.

In November last I arranged the visitation of the Grand Officers by the following circular:

JNO. W. COBURN,
Grand Master.

GRAND COUNCIL OF
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS,
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

MORRISANIA, N. Y. City, Nov. 23, A. Dep., 2885.

In accordance with the resolution of the Grand Council, apportionment of the Councils for visitation by the Grand Officers is hereby made.

The system of visitation having proved of great benefit in aiding and encouraging the advancement of our Rite, it is urged that every Council shall be visited during the year.

The report of visitation should be forwarded to the Grand Master by the first day of September next at the latest.

Comp. JOHN L. BROTHERS, R. .III. .G. D. M.
Buffalo, N. Y.

No. 15, BRUCE.....Lockport.
No. 25, DUNKIRK.....Dunkirk.
No. 33, OLEAN.....Olean.

Comp. RALPH C. CHRISTIANCE, R. .III. .G. P. C. of W.
Ithaca, N. Y.

No. 16, SOUTHERN TIER.....Elmira.
No. 19, DORIC.....Rochester.
No. 26, PALMYRA.....Palmyra.

Comp. JOHN F. BALDWIN, R. .III. .G. Treas.

42 Vesey Street, New York City.

No. 7, ADELPHIC.....New York.
No. 70, NEPPERHAN.....Yonkers.

Comp. GEO. VAN VLIET, R. .III. .G. Rec.

Cor. West and Bethune Streets, N. Y. City.

No. 2, UNION.....New York.
No. 31, KING SOLOMON.....Poughkeepsie.

Comp. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, R. .III. .G. C. of G.

Masonic Hall, New York City.

No. 1, COLUMBIAN.....New York.
No. 4, BROOKLYN.....Brooklyn.
No. 64, SING SING.....Sing-Sing.

Comp. JOHN N. MACOMB, JR., R. .III. .G. C. of C.

Branchport, N. Y.

No. 68, ITHACA.....Ithaca.
No. 69, ADDISON.....Addison.
No. 71, ALPH-OMEGA.....Albion.

Comp. Rev. JOHN G. WEBSTER, R. .III. .G. Chaplain.

Greenbush, N. Y.

No. 7, BLOSS.....Troy.
No. 62, HUDSON.....Hudson.

Comp. SAM'L. S. PIERCE, R. Ill. G. Lecturer.
Rochester, N. Y.

- No. 23, ONTARIO Penn Yan.
- No. 40, KONHOCTON..... Bath.
- No. 53, CORNING Corning.

Comp. ALEX. B. KING, R. Ill. G. Marshal.
Troy, N. Y.

- No. 22, DEWITT CLINTON..... Albany.
- No. 28, UTICA Utica.
- No. 55, PEEKSKILL..... Peekskill.

Comp. GEO. A. NEWELL, R. Ill. G. S.
Medina, N. Y.

- No. 17, BUFFALO Buffalo.
- No. 20, KEYSTONE..... Buffalo.
- No. 35, HORNELLSVILLE Hornellsville.

By order of the Grand Master.

{SEAL}
{G. C.}

GEO. VAN VLIET,
Grand Recorder.

I have personally visited Union, Brooklyn, Adelpic, Southern Tier and DeWitt Clinton Councils. The visitation to the latter, made in company with M. P. Comp. GEO. M. OSGOODBY, G. G. M., M. I. Comp. WILTSIE, P. G. M., and R. I. Comp. Rev. JOHN G. WEBSTER, G. Chaplain, was a memorable event, being on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the institution of the Council. After the conferring of the degrees, a pleasing programme was offered, including a carefully compiled historical address by the Master, T. I. Comp. BISHOP. A gift to the Council of a finely executed portrait of General Grand Master OSGOODBY, which was received by the Master with eloquently expressed thanks, was the surprise of the evening. At the finish called "Festivities" the Companions fully sustained their well known reputation of hospitality.

CONDITION.

From the reports of the Grand Officers, information from the Grand Recorder and my own observation, I am pleased to be able to inform you of our prosperous condition; everywhere throughout the jurisdiction harmony prevails, peace reigns supreme. It is true that here and there may be found a Council that might have advanced further had there been just a little more earnest effort, and I trust witnessing the success attendant upon the activity of the majority will cause them to renew and increase their zeal in the coming year.

NEW COUNCILS.

From correspondence with active R. A. Companions I am led to believe there is a strong possibility of request for dispensation for a large Council at Oswego, and the likelihood of an application from Glens Falls.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

During the year I have commissioned Right Illustrious Companion JAMES DOUGLASS as our Representative at the Grand Council of Illinois, and Right Illustrious Companion CHAS. LORD FIELD our Representative at the Grand Council of California.

M. I. Companion THOS. GLIDDON, being desirous of accepting the representation of the Grand Council of California, resigned his commission as Representative of the Grand Council of Michigan, when I accredited him as the Representative of the former Grand Council. I have also accredited R. I. Comp. WASHINGTON M. POSTLEY, of Union Council, as the Representative of the Grand Council of Illinois; R. I. Companion WILLIAM SHERER, of Brooklyn Council, as the Representative of Grand Council of Oregon, and R. I. Companion WILLIAM DOWNES, of Adelpic Council, as the Representative of Grand Council of Maryland.

In obedience to the request of the Grand Council that no Companion should represent more than one Grand Council, M. P. Companion GEO. M. OSGOODBY surrendered the representation of the Grand Council of Maryland, and M. Ill. Companion G. FRED. WILTSIE that of New Brunswick. In the list of Grand Representatives, as now revised, no Companion represents more than one Grand Council.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted dispensations to three Councils to elect and install officers, they having failed to do so at the time prescribed by the Constitution.

DECISION.

A Council being for a length of time non-active, in failing to meet, although its charter has not been declared forfeited, ceases to be a factor in our work, and in my opinion its active rights and privileges are suspended while remaining in this dormant condition; therefore, I decided that the application of a candidate, resident within the territorial jurisdiction of a dormant Council, may be received and acted upon by the nearest active Council.

Would it not be wise on our part to take definite action regarding these dormant Councils, in declaring their charters forfeited, upon a failure to re-organize after notice and a reasonable time for the purpose.

My official duties have not been arduous, and their performance has been to me source of pleasure. I thank my associate Grand Officers for their uni-

form kindness and assistance. I may be pardoned in naming one who, in years gone by as Recorder in the Subordinate Council, gave me of his extensive knowledge and experience, and who in the relationship of Grand Recorder has not failed me, but added to favors already so freely given. A kindly word to my appointed Grand Officers for the year of faithful and loyal service rendered.

And to you, Companions, who from the time I first came among you have never given me other than great kindness, repeated again and again, I most earnestly pledge you in return all I have to give, my fraternal love and gratitude. In returning the emblem of the power you placed in my hands I thank you for your confidence, and trust I have merited your approbation.

And now in resuming our labor let the fraternal love which ever has prevailed among us continue to influence our deliberations.

On motion, the address was referred for sub-division and reference of its several parts to appropriate Committees, to Companions

JOHN HODGE,

C. S. HANKS,

B. S. FRISBIE.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following as his Annual Report, which was, on motion, received and referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed:

TO THE M.:P.:GRAND COUNCIL OF R.: AND S.:M.:’s
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

Your Grand Treasurer presents the following as his Annual Report:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, as per last Report.....	\$ 280 22
Received from the Grand Recorder.....	1,136 50
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	\$1,416 72

DISBURSEMENTS.

Warrant 541 Grand Recorder for Salary and Expenses.....	\$262 75	
“ 542 Chairman of Com. on For. Cor.	50 00	
“ 543 Rent of Room and Safe	20 00	
“ 544 Grand Master’s Expenses.....	15 00	
“ 545 “ Sentinel.....	5 00	
“ 546 Cleaning Aprons.....	2 00	
“ 547 Pay of Representatives	468 68	
“ 548 Library Committee.....	100 00	
“ 549 General Grand Council for Dues	37 00	
“ 550 Printing Proceedings and Constitution.....	347 79	\$1,308 22
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Balance on hand.....		\$108 50

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. BALDWIN,

NEW YORK, Sept. 7, 1886.

Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Recorder presented the following as his Annual Report, which was, on motion, received and referred to the Committee on Finance:

TO THE M. P. GRAND COUNCIL OF R. AND S. M.'S
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

The receipts of the Grand Council for the current year have been as follows:

For dues, as acknowledged in printed Proceedings of Annual Assembly, held Sept. 8, 1885.....	\$1,134 50
Attaching seal to four certificates.....	2 00
	\$1,136 50

I have entered in the Grand Council Registry to the present time the names of..... 4,013 Companions.
among whom the following changes have occurred:

Suspended for non-payment of dues.....	797
Died.....	276
Demitted.....	242
Expelled.....	7
	1,322

Leaving a registered membership in good standing of..... 2,691 Companions.

Respectfully submitted,



Grand Recorder.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committees:

On Credentials and Returns.

GEO. VAN VLIET, THOS. J. BISHOP, E. A. ROCKWOOD.

On Warrants and Dispensations.

THOS. GLIDDON, D. D. HOUGHTALING, C. WEHNES.

On Constitution and By-Laws.

GEO. M. OSGOODBY, JOHN N. MACOMB, JR. R. A. SEARING.

On Finance and Accounts.

ALEX. B. KING, E. M. L. EHLERS, GEORGE MCGOWN.

On Unfinished Business.

JOHN J. MARTIN, WM. M. SMITH, EDWIN A. QUICK.

On Fraternal Dead.

REV. JOHN G. WEBSTER, G. FRED. WILTSIE, CHAS. D. ROSS.

On Grievances and Appeals.

CHAS. F. T. BEALE, HENRY J. GIBBS, JR. GEO. B. HILL.

On motion, it was decided that when this morning's session adjourns, it do so until two o'clock this afternoon, and that the afternoon's session be continued until all the business of this Annual Assembly is concluded.

On motion, the election of officers was made a special order for this afternoon at three o'clock.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns presented the following report, which was, on motion, received:

TO THE M. P. GRAND COUNCIL OF R. AND S. M.'s
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

Your Committee on Credentials and Returns report that, in addition to the Grand Officers and permanent members of this Grand Council, the following Councils have made returns and paid dues, and their Representatives as designated below, are entitled to seats in this Grand Body:

COLUMBIAN	.....	No. 1.	P. M. W. Verhoeven	...Proxy.
UNION	.....	" 2.	W. M. Postley	.....T. I. M.
BROOKLYN	.....	" 4.	W. M. Smith	.....T. I. M.
"	.....	" 4.	Wm. P. Howell	.....Dep. M.
ADELPHIC	.....	" 7.	Edwin Adams	....P. C. of W.
BLOSS	.....	" 14.	D. D. Houghtaling	....T. I. M.
BRUCE	.....	" 15.	John Hodge"
SOUTHERN TIER	.....	" 16.	Conrad Wehnes"
DORIC	.....	" 19.	R. A. Searing	.....Dep. M.
"	.....	" 19.	S. Edw. Hitchcock	....Proxy for P. C. of W.
KEYSTONE	.....	" 20.	E. A. Rockwood	....T. I. M.
DEWITT CLINTON	.....	" 22.	Thos. J. Bishop"
ONTARIO	.....	" 23.	John N. Macomb, Jr.	...Proxy.
DUNKIRK	.....	" 25.	H. J. Gibbs, Jr.	....T. I. M.
PALMYRA	.....	" 26.	Geo. McGown	.....Proxy.

UTICA.....	No. 28.	B. S. Frisbie.....	T. I. M.
OLEAN.....	" 33.	C. S. Hanks.....	"
HORNELLVILLE..	" 35.	J. I. Bentley.....	"
CORNING.....	" 53.	Geo. B. Hill.....	"
PEEKSKILL.....	" 55.	David Griffin.....	"
HUDSON.....	" 62.	C. F. T. Beale.....	"
ITHACA.....	" 68.	A. B. Wood.....	"
NEPPERHAN.....	" 70.	Edwin A. Quick.....	"
ALPH-OMEGA.....	" 71.	Chas. D. Ross.....	Dep. M.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. VAN VLIET, }
 THOS. J. BISHOP, } Committee.
 E. A. ROCKWOOD, }

NEW YORK, *Sept. 7, 1886.*

M. Ill. GEO. M. OSGOODBY, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the report of said Committee as follows, which was, on motion, received and ordered printed, in the Proceedings:

TO THE M. P. GRAND COUNCIL OF R. AND S. M.'S
 OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

Your Committee on Correspondence would most respectfully report, that they have again had the pleasure of reviewing the Proceedings of their Sister Grand Councils, and also of other States and Bodies which are connected in a measure with the interests of Cryptic Masonry, and find much to encourage the friends of the Rite which we are endeavoring to advance. The general outlook is of a character which leads us to believe that the time is not far distant when the government of the Rite will be placed under its legally constituted authorities altogether.

While our report is not of such an extended nature as it has been on some occasions heretofore, we are satisfied that you will find that it covers nearly every jurisdiction that we wot of. We have not included in the report as now presented, any review upon the General Grand Council, for the reason that the Triennial Assembly of that Body is so near at hand that comments thereon should be reserved to be presented to that Assembly, and not now be presented in advance of its gathering.

We leave our work with you for your consideration, simply bespeaking a careful reading thereof by our Companions of this jurisdiction, in order to satisfy them that the work is still progressing and that our advance is upward and onward.

We present for your consideration a review of the following:

ALABAMA	1885	MICHIGAN.....	1886
ARKANSAS.....	1885	MINNESOTA.....	1885
CALIFORNIA	1886	MISSISSIPPI.....	1886
CANADA.....	1886	MISSOURI.....	1885
CONNECTICUT.....	1886	NEBRASKA	1885
ENGLAND AND WALES.....	1886	NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	1886
FLORIDA.....	1886	NEW JERSEY.....	1886
GEORGIA.....	1886	OHIO.....	1885
ILLINOIS.....	1885	OREGON.....	1886
INDIANA.....	1885	PENNSYLVANIA.....	1886
IOWA	1885	RHODE ISLAND.....	No Proceedings
KANSAS.....	1886	SOUTH CAROLINA...	"
KENTUCKY.....	1885	TENNESSEE.....	"
MAINE.....	1885	VERMONT.....	1886
MARYLAND.....	1885	WISCONSIN.....	1885-6
MASSACHUSETTS.....	1885		

ALABAMA—1885.

Held December 7th, at Montgomery; M. I. WILLIAM M. McCOLLUM, presiding; five Councils represented, R. I. BENJAMIN F. POPE, Representative from New York was present.

The address is very brief, and of local importance only. No report on Correspondence. The prospects of the Rite in this jurisdiction being governed by the prosperity or adversity of Capitular Masonry, and the fact that that branch is not making much advancement at present, is equal to saying that our own Rite is not as prosperous as might be desired; but with brighter times, and a more thorough waking up of Capitular Masonry here, the Cryptic Rite will advance in about the same ratio.

Grand Master McCOLLUM was re-elected (address Briarfield); and R. I. DANIEL SAYRE, Montgomery, Grand Recorder. Next Assembly at Montgomery, December 6, 1886.

ARKANSAS—1885.

Held at Little Rock, November 26, M. I. JAMES M. HARVEY, G. M., presiding; seven Councils represented. New York has no Representative in Arkansas.

The address is short and is devoted to the local business of the Body. There is some more encouragement for the future of the Rite, in that there is a better representation and one reorganization of a Council which had been sleeping from its origin down to June, 1885. It now starts off with good prospects.

One Council U. D.

A novel, to us, proceeding took place at this Assembly; two Companions, Royal Arch Masons, presented their petitions to the Grand Council for the Cryptic Degrees, reference was made to a committee, report thereon, a *ballot* had which resulted in their election; and the candidates, together with another Companion of Lonoke Chapter, who had been previously elected in said Chapter, being in waiting, were introduced and honored with the degrees of Royal and Select Master.

We confess that we do not understand this manner of procedure, and presume there must have been some omission, in the printing of the Proceedings which would make the darkness light before us.

No report on correspondence. Please give us one, Companions.

M. I. LOGAN H. ROOTS, G. M., and R. I. JAMES M. HENRY, G. R., address Little Rock. Next Assembly, November 25, 1886.

CALIFORNIA—1886.

Was held at San Francisco, April 26; present, M. I. FRANKLIN H. DAY, G. M.. Eight subordinates were represented. Our beloved Companion, CHARLES LORD FIELD, who is our Representative, was present.

By the Annual Address, we are informed that IRA COLBURN ROOT, the Grand Sentinel of this Body, who had arrived at an age exceeding three score years and ten, ripe in experience, faithful in the discharge of his trust, courteous, kind and charitable, loved by all who knew him, received on the 4th of July, 1885, that summons which called him beyond the portals of the tomb and into his rest in the presence of the Most Supreme Master. A memorial page was set apart to his memory. Cordial and fraternal greeting was extended to the Grand Council of Oregon. The main features of this address are of local interest, but we are informed by it that the Rite is prosperous, and that there is a greatly increased interest in the Order in reference to Cryptic matters, and which has resulted in quite an addition to its numbers during the past year. The Grand Master states in the closing of his address that while he is "content to enjoy the reputation denominated Royal and Select," he "bespeaks for his successor such success as shall justly entitle his labors to that of *Super-Excellent*." The report on Correspondence covers twenty-two jurisdictions, including our own of 1885, and after quoting what the writer had to say in reference to the knowledge of Comp. CASWELL about juleps, cocktails, etc., in our report of last year, Comp. CASWELL comments thusly:

"If Comp. OSGOODBY thinks that we, at our time of life, can go sloshing around with our *back* full of jalap, without inconvenience, he has greatly mistaken our retentive qualities. We are not stuck after jalap as 'studdy tippie,' and any man in California who would suggest such abominable beverage, would be at once *purged* of life and decently *in-terred*." Oh!

Comp. CASWELL makes some other quotations from our report of 1885, which he is pleased to term "an exceedingly able and interesting one," which we appreciate, coming from such a veteran as Comp. CASWELL.

Under Illinois, in reference to the address of the Grand Master of that State, he says:

“His opening sentence is entitled to the champion medal; we challenge the world to produce its equal in the English language. Peruse it with all reverence—O, ye Most Puissant and Thrice Illustrious Masters, for it will be long ere you look upon its like again, here it is: ‘The golden ball in the pendulum of time swinging through the mighty arc of Heaven approaches the point which marks another second in the affairs of man.’ Great Cæsar? We thought California was the only locality where the pendulum of time had a golden ball hitched on to it; but these Illinois folks always *do* try to get ahead of everybody else, and now they pretend that they have golden balls hung to their pendulums, all for grandeur, but we are ‘sceptic’ on this point.”

He does not agree with the ideas in the address of the G. M. of Illinois in relation to the suggestion made, that the Cryptic Degrees be conferred after that of Master Mason, and no longer requiring the candidate to be in possession of the Capitular Degrees as a pre-requisite to those of the Cryptic Rite. We have elsewhere expressed our coincidence with Comp. CASWELL'S views. Under Maine, speaking of Comp. DRUMMOND'S discussion with Comp. GRANT, of Kentucky, he says that the former “utterly paralyzes the latter and teaches him that the ‘hurling of dornicks’ is a game that two can play at, and that the dornick like the boomerang is a dangerous weapon that sometimes come home to roost.” And after quoting the remarks of Comp. DRUMMOND in his review of Comp. GRANT'S report he concludes it by giving as his opinion, “that Comp. GRANT will hurl no more ‘dornicks’ is taken for *Grant-ed*.”

Throughout his report there runs a vein of humor which enlivens and makes it interesting while he inculcates lessons of wisdom in relation to Cryptic matters. We wish that we could quote more freely, but receiving the Proceedings by way of an advance copy just in time for the press we must forbear, and with a quotation from his conclusion, we pass on to other matters of interest in this jurisdiction.

In relation to the merger project he says:

“The Mississippi bantling has departed this life; is dead! dead!! dead!!! While a few mourners cling around the corpse, loth to acknowledge its actual demise, most of those who rallied to its standard have deserted and returned to the regular army. This we predicted would be the result from the first.”

The Degree of Super-Excellent Master, it was resolved, should be recognized by this Body, and the conferring of the same be left optional with the several Councils, which is a modification of the resolution adopted at its last Assembly which recognized it as one of the Council degrees. Comp. CHARLES LORD FIELD, whom we had the pleasure of knowing as a most enthusiastic devotee of the Cryptic Rite in Doric Council, at Rochester, in our own jurisdiction, was elected Grand Master. From our knowledge of him, we know, judging from his past history, that our Companions of California will be well pleased with their choice of him when his labors are made up. His address, together with that of THOMAS H. CASWELL, G. R., is San Francisco.

The next Assembly will be held April 25, 1887, at San Francisco.

CANADA—1886.

Held July 16, at Windsor, R. I. E. H. RAMOUR, D. G. M., presiding, acting as Grand Master in consequence of the decease of M. I. ROBERT RAMSAY, G. M., which occurred January 4th, last.

A touching and eloquent eulogy was offered to his memory by Comp. RANTOUL, who delivered the annual address at this Assembly. The Proceedings are not yet printed owing to the absence of the Grand Recorder in Europe; but we have obtained through the courtesy of the present G. M. a *resume* of the proceedings and will "dish" them out for information of the craft. As far as a report on Correspondence is concerned we have no advices and can only give general results, etc., but which will keep us alive in interest until we can get some strong meat in the future of this jurisdiction. We hope that the present G. M. will give us an extended review on Correspondence next year. The address is an extra good one, and considering the circumstances under which it was delivered, as it were, over the grave of the G. M., its author is entitled to the credit of having performed his sorrowful task well. He gives an extended history of the Masonic life and acts of the deceased, but which we are unable to present at length, for the reason that the papers are only at hand, after our report was all finished, and just as it was about to be presented to this Assembly. Suffice it to say, that the deceased had passed through the whole of the Ancient York Rite and had received all the degrees of the Scottish Rite to and including the 32°. He devoted much of his time to literary pursuits in his profession of medicine, but particularly to subjects of interest to the Craft; and as such his reputation is not confined to his own country but extend, to many others; his Masonic writings had their commencement while a resident of Cleveland, O., and his exhaustive studies in that field made his Works of great interest, and much sought after by the Masonic student; but, when least expected, the Book of his Life was closed by the Destroying Angel, and his fertile brain teeming with brilliant thoughts was chilled and placed at rest in "God's Acre."

"Beyond Life's toils and cares,
Its hopes and joys; its weariness and sorrows;
Its sleepless nights; its days of smiles and tears,
There will be a long sweet life unmarked by years,
One bright unending morrow."

May we all yet experience it, and sometimes we think, the sooner the better.

The condition of the Rite is not as good as we would like to see it. Many reasons conspire to this result, not least among them is the untimely decease of the G. M., which, as a matter of course, unsettled all of the plans for the year's work.

The address is of a local character but shows the one who delivered it was well entitled to an invitation to "step up higher," which he received.

Eleven Councils were represented. One Council, Orrilla, was removed to and consolidated with Barrie Council.

M. I. E. H. RAMOUR, G. M., St. Thomas, and J. ROSS ROBERTSON, G. R., Toronto.

CONNECTICUT—1886.

Held at Hartford, May 10, M. I. JOB F. SEAMANS, G. M., presiding. The Representative of New York, R. I. JAMES S. GOULD, was *not* present. Eighteen Councils represented.

The exhibit of work by the Grand Master and his staff is of such a character that the Rite could not stand still. It will advance with such efficient helpers. The address is filled with the details of transactions of business.

The report on Correspondence, by Comp. LEE, is most, exceedingly brief. Ah! too brief; but brief as it is, the well known position of the Body towards the G. G. Council and other sister Bodies is reiterated, *i. e.* "kindly feeling and good wishes towards all our great fraternity," and that strikes the keynote which vibrates through the heart of each of the Bodies, and vibrating, touches again the inner heart of the Bodies, the great body of its Companions, and finds an echo in the response that comes welling up from each and all, in harmony and in peace.

While we don't feel like excusing Comp. LEE for not giving us our usual report in his review we are obliged to do so, but don't you do so again?

M. I. FRANK G. BASSETT, G. M., Seymour; R. I. J. K. WHEELER, G. R., Hartford. Next Assembly May 10, 1887, Hartford.

ENGLAND AND WALES—1886.

Held at Masonic Hall, No. 8a Red Lion Square, London, W. C., January 7. In the absence of M. I. Comp. the Rev. Canon G. RAYMOND PORTAL, G. M., R. I. F. C. WALLS, D. G. M., presided.

The Proceedings are not printed, but from a circular letter received from R. I. Comp. CHARLES FITZGERALD MATIER, G. R., we are informed that an election of officers was held after nomination made for the office of Grand Master, and M. I. Comp. PORTAL's name being the only one placed in nomination for the office, he was declared duly elected, and the same was proclaimed, and he received the salutations of his Companions according to ancient customs. The G. M. holds his office in this jurisdiction for three years, and has the privilege, as appurtenant to his office, of appointing the other officers of the Body, and which is done annually. After the election of the Grand Master the other officers were duly appointed, invested and saluted. From the letter received, we quote :

"The State Grand Councils of America are on terms of amity and concord with this Grand Council, and the Most Ill. G. M. Rev. Canon PORTAL, M. A. has accepted the office of Representative of the General Grand Council of the

United States. This Grand Council is represented near the following Grand Councils: General Grand Council, U. S. A., Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, New Jersey, Tennessee, Ohio, Kentucky, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Michigan, New York, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Vermont and Scotland, and the cordial thanks of the Grand Council are due to these Grand Bodies for copies of their Proceedings."

M. I. CHARLES FITZGERALD MATIER, G. R., 8a Red Lion Square.

FLORIDA—1886.

This Body did not have any Annual Assembly at its appointed time this year, not however for the reason that there was not sufficient life or interest felt in holding it, but for the reason that by some inadvertence the date for which the Assembly was appointed fell upon the same day appointed for the dedication of the new Masonic Hall at Pensacola, and the Body could not convene and transact its business and also participate in the ceremonies of the dedication. The schedules of the railroads were so arranged that it could not accomplish both, without having a special train run through to Pensacola. In response to a letter of enquiry, R. I. Comp. CARLOVITZ says:

"Florida is not dead, neither physically nor financially, because the Grand Council does not need any money as long as every member pays his own expenses, and if necessary chips in a little to pay for extras to keep every body cool and comfortable. Physically we are all alive and have as much Cryptic Masonry at heart as ever."

Well, if the Companions of Florida feel that way we wouldn't much object to go down there this hot weather, this "chipping in" to keep a fellow "cool and comfortable" we assume means "mint juleps, sherry cobbler, etc." Please inform us whereabouts you 'uns hold out an' we'll be ther'. Don't however fix a place in East Florida, where most of the unsophisticated Northerners go to enjoy (?) gnat, mosquito and alligator, and to take in that expensive luxury an "orange grove," that gives them the privilege of paying out their money (and not taking their choice either), we don't want any such arrant humbug in our julep; rather fix a place in West Florida where the hunting and fishing is abundant, and where one can take in the delights of a sportsman's paradise, and not have to endure the hum of the gnat or mosquito, or to have their bills continually presented for immediate liquidation in a libation of blood. But then human nature likes to be humbugged, and the northern capitalist is not an exception, so give him all the orange groves he will pay for; you can buy them back again shortly, if you will, at a discount of seventy-five per cent.

GEORGIA—1886.

Held April 28, at Macon. In the absence of M. I. C. F. LEWIS, G. M., the Assembly was presided over by R. I. HENRY C. BARR, D. G. M. R. I. ANSELM STONE, Representative of New York, present. Eight Councils were represented.

Grand Master LEWIS though absent in person, spoke in spirit to the Body in cheering words of interest and wisdom, referring to the brighter outlook of the Rite throughout the different jurisdictions.

One new Council instituted, and with healthy prospects. The Proceedings of nineteen Grand Bodies were briefly reviewed, New York included, and which has a pleasant mention. The attendance of the Representatives to the General Grand Council was provided for.

This jurisdiction is alive, not dormant by any means, and means business.

Grand Master LEWIS re elected, address Augusta, Ga.; G. R., A. M. WOLHIN, Macon, Ga. Next Assembly April 27, 1887, at Atlanta.

ILLINOIS—1885.

Held October 28, at Chicago; M. I. HARVEY E. HUSTON, G. M., presiding. Ninety-eight Councils represented.

The Address on this occasion consumes twenty pages printed matter. We will brief it down for our readers.

The Angel of Death has not been idle in the ranks of our fraternity in the past year. In this jurisdiction Past Grand Master HIRAM W. HUBBARD, and Comp. ARNOLD ROBINSON, for thirty-two years Grand Sentinel of the Body, have been called to their reward.

The past year is stated to have been one of considerable activity, not so much in upbuilding, as in clearing away the rubbish for the new Temple to occupy. The State was districted for systematic work, and we are informed that of the Subordinates there are twenty Councils defunct, forty still in life, seven in a comatose state; of the forty alive, twenty-three are classed as successful, twelve hopeful and five doubtful.

Proxies to heal Companions receiving the Rite in Chapter Councils were issued, but the healing balm was not received with great favor by the victims of the disease, and the G. M. recommends that a resolution be incorporated in their fundamental law to the effect that all such Companions be declared healed, and argues that if there be any one at fault in the conferring of the Rite, those who innocently received the degrees are entitled in common justice to such necessary action as would put the question of their legitimacy beyond cavil. With this we agree. Three new Councils instituted, U. D.

Suggestions are offered for a simplification of the titles used for the different officers, and which seems to us not only worthy of consideration, but of positive action in all jurisdictions. The ritual was discussed and a commission recommended for the consideration of its revision, to report at a future Assembly.

In relation to the General Grand Council the G. M. says:

“While the Grand Council of Illinois has heretofore not deemed it expedient to unite its fortunes with that of the General Grand Council, yet we can have none but the most fraternal feelings in regard to it.”

A suggestion is also made in relation to the probability of a greater advancement of the Cryptic Rite in the event that the Chapter pre-requisite was removed, thus enabling the Councils to draw their material directly from the Lodges. Without doubt, this would advance the numerical strength and financial ability of the Councils, but it would be a most revolutionary way of grasping after such prosperity; and would it not be questionable whether it would be prosperity in truth? We doubt its wisdom, expediency or legality. Our fundamental law is otherwise.

The proposed new Constitution and By-Laws laid over from the preceding year were called up and adopted as a whole.

The Committee on Necrology, M. I. P. G. M. JEROME, chairman, presented a most finished and beautiful piece of work. Would that we had space to transcribe it all.

The Committee on Jurisprudence in their report recommended upon the healing subject, the following:

Resolved, That in case information may come to the presiding officer of this Grand Council, that any Companion of this jurisdiction has been denied any right or privilege, in any other jurisdiction, by reason of any action had, or done by him or this Grand Council, under a treaty made and ratified by this Grand Council with the M. E. Grand R. A. Chapter of the State of Illinois, he shall at once make due inquiry of the Grand Council holding jurisdiction, and if such action appear to have been warranted, by authority of said Grand Council, shall at once issue an edict of non-intercourse between all Councils and Companions R. and S. Masters of said jurisdiction."

Which we are glad to state was not adopted, but was after discussion laid over to another year for consideration. We think it would be much better to "heal" by an addition to the fundamental law as recommended by the G. M.'s address, rather than to adopt such a resolution which might immediately bring their jurisdiction in conflict with others.

The reports presented by the District Officers of visitations and as to the condition of the Councils under their respective charges, exhibits a degree of faithfulness on their part which should entitle them to the highest degree of praise.

There is no report on Correspondence, which we much regret. Why is it that with all the Masonic light and wisdom concentrated in this Grand Body we cannot have the benefit of it in a "review" of the Architecture of the other jurisdictions?

The Grand Master and Grand Recorder was re-elected of course, such efficient workers could not be spared.

Next Assembly at Chicago, October 27, 1886.

INDIANA—1885.

Held at Indianapolis, October 20 and 21. M. I. HEZEKIAH R. MARLOTT, G. M., presiding; forty-one Councils represented. R. I. A. FOOTE, Representative from New York, was present.

There was one new Council instituted under warrant, and three under U. D.,

and two of which were warranted. The Rite is prosperous and advancing. One petition for a new Council U. D. was received at the Assembly and referred to the G. M. elect for his action. The Proceedings are full of interest, but in our opinion the most interesting part of them is the report of Comp. AUSTIN, covering fifteen jurisdictions, amongst which New York has kindly mention and at length. Comp. AUSTIN refers under New York to criticisms on New Jersey; and to the emphatic statement of Comp. BORDEN in reference to a certain action at Denver. As we were not favored with, and have never seen the Proceedings for 1885 of New Jersey, we hardly know how it can be replied to in any other way than we have noted it under review of New Jersey, and the only way we know of it is from Comp. AUSTIN's review. It is said that the Proceedings for that year was sent to our Grand Recorder who reports he did not receive any, and the writer did not, so we shall continue to feel tolerably comfortable until the day of reckoning comes along when the luckless wight who misdistributed Uncle Sam's mail may possibly have to explain *his* work. Unless some of our expected Proceedings come to hand we shall borrow from Comp. AUSTIN's report—shine under his plumage somewhat.

M. I. AUGUSTUS M. SINK, G. M., Connersville, and the old veteran, R. I. JOHN M. BROWNELL, of Indianapolis; G. R. Next Assembly, October 19, 1886, at same city.

IOWA—1885.

One hundred rituals have been distributed among the Chapters in this State. It is now recommended that the Grand Chapter stop the supply and let the subordinates pay their own bills for rituals hereafter. We presume that the Grand Chapter would, however, loan its "original" Simon Pure to anxious inquirers.

There has been a large amount of work done in this State to make a success of the "merger," if success could ever be accomplished in such a manner. The Companions of Iowa have done themselves more credit for their earnest, indefatigable work and perseverance in their attempts to succeed, than any of the other Bodies that went the same road with them; but to what good end has it arrived? The Rite is at a standstill, almost, and we believe it to be for the reason that the Companions who would really like to take the Degrees, hesitate about taking them, knowing that the conferring of them by a Chapter is held to be illegitimate in the great Body of the Rite throughout the World. If the same amount of work had been done in a proper manner, we believe that there would be to-day no more popular and thriving Body in Iowa than the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters. The experience of the past efforts made in Iowa to advance the Rite through the instrumentalities of the Chapter, combined with what may be gathered from the experience of other Bodies in trying to accomplish the same end, ought to be sufficient to induce the trial of the olden and universally acknowledged legitimate way once more. Come Companions, try it on, join hands, and let the dance go bravely on in an unbroken triangle. We wait to greet you.

KANSAS—1886.

Was held and the usual routine of business transacted. The Proceedings are not yet out of the printer's hands.

We are advised by information kindly sent to us by R. I. Grand Recorder that there was nothing done outside the regular business, no legislation, and in fact Kansas does not believe in legislation unless there is something to legislate about; but, on the contrary, believes that there is too much legislation in our Bodies. This is often the case, careless work is worth nothing.

M. I. WILLIAM D. THOMPSON, of Minneapolis, elected G. M., and R. I. JOHN H. BROWN, re-elected G. R., Wyandotte.

KENTUCKY—1885.

Held October 22, at Louisville; M. I. HIRAM BASSETT, G. M., presiding. M. I. Comp. WILLIAM RYAN, Representative of our own Grand Body was present and received with honorable recognition. Nine Councils were represented.

The address shows two new Councils instituted.

The G. M. decided that all Companions who were in actual membership of Subordinate Councils when the work of such Councils was suspended by the action of the Grand Council, must be reported as members when labors are resumed by such subordinates respectively. Which, according to our standpoint, is sound and the correct exposition of the law; perhaps, however, we might not view the matter from the same point; we should approve for the reason that the subordinates having had their labors impeded and suspended unwarrantably; the individual Companions were still entitled to their recognition, rights and privileges in the jurisdiction, and particularly as to those who so caused the suspension of labor without the consent of the Companions who might be affected by their action.

All Councils which, following the example of Ahishar, remained insensible, were recommended to be placed beyond a "resurrection," and, so mote it be, was the action of the Body.

The Rite seems to be healthy, and to be prospering as well as could be expected where there has been such an upheaval and overturning as this jurisdiction has witnessed in the past few years.

No review is given by the Committee on Correspondence of the Proceedings of other jurisdictions—a brief report in which we see little of general interest.

M. I. JAMES W. HOPPER, of Lebanon, G. M.; R. I. LORENZO D. CRONINGER, of Covington, G. R.

MAINE—1885.

Held at Portland, May 6; M. I. HORACE H. BURBANK, G. M., presiding. Ten Councils represented. M. P. Past General Grand Master JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, Representative of New York, was present (as he always is).

The exhibit of work by the Subordinate Councils is stated in detail in the address and shows that the Rite is full of life and vigor in this jurisdiction. The report on Correspondence is from Comp. DRUMMOND, and when we say that, it proclaims that it is from the best pen in the corps of reviewers. It covers twenty sister Grand Councils of 1884 and 1885. If we could have had this review at our last stated Assembly, in 1885, we should have given page after page of it in lieu of or in addition to our own matter, particularly under Connecticut, Kentucky and Ohio.

Under General Grand Council, he says :

“There is no doubt that the General Grand Council is doing grand work, and we regret that all the Grand Councils have not become its constituents. In some cases the only reason seems to be a traditional opposition to National Grand Bodies; in others it seems to be an unwillingness to surrender a little power for the general good, and others have vague fears of central power. The latter especially forget that the National Body is a check upon the State Bodies in favor of the powers of the Subordinate Bodies and their members, so far as it is a check at all; the general principle is that central power of this kind protects the rights of individuals against infringement by the local authority.”

Under New York, Comp. DRUMMOND, pays a merited tribute to P. G. M. GLIDDON as maintaining “his well earned reputation as an enthusiastic and working Mason, and an able and faithful officer,” approves of his decisions in relation to the status of one who received the Cryptic degrees in a Chapter in West Virginia, etc., etc. (see address of G. M. GLIDDON, in Proceedings of 1884), and says “This is in accordance with the law as settled forty years ago, although some of the Mississippi planers seem to think that it originated with the General Grand Council.” For his remarks in relation to the report of the writer in 1884, we doff our hat, pull our forelock, and in addition appreciate deep in our heart the kindly feeling so pleasantly and thoughtfully expressed, and if we deserve a moiety of the merit given us, we shall rest content that our labor has not been altogether in vain, but has been productive of some good to the Rite and to the fraternity at large.

Generous notice is given of and quotations made from our report which we also appreciate.

In conclusion of his report he says:

“The Proceedings received in almost all cases show an increase of membership and a steady growth. They show also a revival of a confidence in the future prosperity of the Rite which was badly shaken by the attempted introduction of the ‘Mississippi plan.’ Whatever may be said to the contrary, the organization of the General Grand Council has proved to be the pillar of support of the Rite. The Mississippi plan is still maintained in Iowa, Nebraska, Mississippi and North Carolina, while Virginia, Texas and West Virginia adhere to their system. We believe that all that prevents the return of the first three named to the Council system is the hope that in consequence of the failure of certain Grand Councils to become constituents of the General Grand Council, the latter Body will be dissolved and the Mississippi plan receive a new boom. We verily believe that if Connecticut, Michigan and New Jersey should give in their adhesion they would be followed by Arkansas, Illinois and

Kentucky, and that in a very short time Iowa, Mississippi and Nebraska would have Grand Councils, and the Rite be established on a firmer basis than ever before."

With all of which we most heartily concur, and, under Nebraska, it will be seen that one of the three States mentioned above has already taken steps which will soon, we believe, have the effect to re-organize a Grand Council.

G.·M.· and G.·R.· both re-elected. Of the last Assembly, held May 5, 1886, we have no advice beyond that M.·I.·CHARLES W. HANEY, of Belfast, was elected G.·M.·, and the G.·R.· re-elected.

MARYLAND—1885.

Annual Assembly was held, and at which five Councils were represented; M.·I.·HENRY C. LARRABEE, G.·M.·, presiding.

The Proceedings of this Grand Council have not been printed for several years past, but we are advised that in November next when the Annual Assembly is to be had, that the past unprinted work of this jurisdiction will be ordered printed, including the November Assembly, for which the entire sisterhood of Grand Councils will unite in congratulations; this will give us an unbroken series of Proceedings of this jurisdiction, from which there is now lacking from 1881 hitherto.

The business of the last Assembly was entirely local. We are advised, however, that the Body is full of life and vigor, that although it has not added to its number of Councils, it has added to its membership and that the future of the Rite is encouraging, and its present condition prosperous. It will be represented at the coming triennial of the General Grand Council in full numbers.

The M.·I.·G.·M.· and G.·R.· were re-elected.

MASSACHUSETTS—1885.

Held a Special Assembly in Brockton, March 20th, for the purpose of constituting Brockton Council; present, M.·I.·SERANUS BROWN, G.·M.·, presiding.

The Proceedings were in the line of the work before the Body and the Council was sent off in good shape, after which a bountiful supply of the refreshments usually seen on such occasions were dispensed, dispersed, disarranged and disposed of in the usual order of things in this cultured jurisdiction.

The Stated Assembly was held at Boston, December 9th; M.·I.·G.·M.· BROWN, presiding. Nineteen Councils represented. The Grand Representative of New York was *not* present, although his address is given us as being in the city where the Assembly was held.

The Grand Master when he entered on the discharge of his duties one year ago found six Councils in arrears, but his work has been so well done that they

were all up to high water mark when he made his address. In speaking of the ways and means of building up a Body, and of some things that tend to discourage and hold back the live workers in a subordinate Body, he said some things that are so applicable to other jurisdictions that we wot of, we feel constrained to quote:

"Another thing that I have seen is one man presiding over a body six or eight years. The cases are very rare in which this is not a mistake. A man who is 'worth his salt' as an officer has some ambition, and when he takes a subordinate position in the Council he should see that earnest and faithful service will, in due time, carry him to the head. You want from time to time to put new blood into your line of officers. Then you can get good work. It is nonsense to claim that there is only one man in a Body that is capable of presiding."

This is too good to keep in that jurisdiction, so we quote that all may read and profit thereby, for it is applicable to many. The G. M. deprecates the communication of Degrees, unless under some very extraordinary circumstances, with which we agree. It inevitably tends to belittle the Degree, the candidate, the officer conferring it and the Body itself. It should only be done to aid in instituting a new Council, by putting Companions in a position where they may apply for a dispensation to organize a new Council. Never, we think, under any other circumstances.

The report on Correspondence was by our well known Companion, Rev. J. W. DADMUN, and that fact, alone, is all that it is necessary to say in order to have the reader know that it was a good one. He covers eighteen jurisdictions, New York having a kindly notice, and in response to the suggestion that we had to assume that there was to be another Assembly held by this Body as there was nothing to be found in its Proceedings indicating any preparations for a funeral, no date being fixed by Proceeding for its next Assembly, Comp. DADMUN says:

"'Preparations for a funeral?' Not much. It would be the liveliest corpse that an undertaker ever attempted to put under ground. According to the latest statistical table we have seen, the old Bay State is numerically head and shoulders above her sister jurisdictions. We have been gathering, Companion OSGOODBY, for future emergencies, although we are not 'spoiling for a fight,' if you, as our General, know of any hard knocks to be given, just sound the bugle call, and we'll be there."

Well, we knew that there was no corpse spoiling in that jurisdiction, but we did want to have the time of the Assembly, and we do expect to take in one of those occasions in a roundabout trip. The other matters of review by Comp. DADMUN are of the same years that we have already covered in our last year's report, and we therefore omit reference to them, although, if we were not a year ahead, we should most gladly "scissors around" considerable in the garden so well filled with choice fruitage as is placed before us by this A No. 1 report.

M. I. SERANUS BROWN, G. M., and R. I. ALFRED A. CHAPMAN, G. R., Boston.

The next Annual Assembly will be held at on the day of as fixed by the Constitution, of which we have no copy at hand, and as we have several engagements for dates, we fear that one of them will fall on the above, and prevent our attendance thereat. Nevertheless, "Thanks" for invitation; perhaps, as a "Hub" expression in response to our "Thanks," we shall hear the echo of "Welk."

MICHIGAN—1886.

Held at Detroit, January 18; M. I. GEORGE H. STEPHENSON, G. M., presiding. Forty-three Councils represented. M. I. H. SHAW NOBLE, Representative from New York was present.

From the address we gather the condition of the Rite is good, even getting burned out, root and branch, does not stop the work amongst the Wolverine Companions. They simply get right up and go to work and don't make any fuss about it. So at least we are to judge from the result of a fire which destroyed the entire effects of the Lodge, Chapter and Council, in Portland. The mythological Phoenix has been discovered there. It rose from its ashes in full life and vigor. The address is of local interest.

The review of Proceedings covering twenty-two jurisdictions by M. I. Comp. GARRA B. NOBLE, is an able and an interesting document. New York has about three pages of it. And the writer is honored in being made use of to fill the links. We always feel an interest in this jurisdiction having many friends of our youth within it, and also on account of it being the birthplace of the General Grand Council.

M. I. ALFRED BALDREY, G. M., St. Josephs; R. I. G. B. NOBLE, G. R., Detroit. Next Assembly January 17, 1887.

MINNESOTA—1885.

Held October 12, at St. Paul; M. I. DWIGHT M. BALDWIN G. M., presiding. Four Councils represented. M. I. GEO. W. COOLEY, Representative from New York, was present.

The address shows an abiding faith in the future of the Rite and a deep interest in its welfare, which found an echo in the hearts of all its Representatives. With such feelings the Rite must be prosperous, and it is, with them.

A very good likeness of Comp. JOHN C. TERRY, the first Grand Master of this Body; adds an attraction and deepens the interest of the volume before us.

The Proceedings of 1878 being out of print were directed reprinted.

Companions honored by being commissioned as Representatives to sister Grand Councils, are not expected to be "ornamental" merely, but to be more than "wallflowers;" if absent for two successive Annual Assemblies of the Bodies to which they are respectively accredited, their commissions lapse and their names are no longer borne on the list of Grand Representatives. This is as it should be. No one should have the honor of a position when they can-

not, or will not, attend to its duties. It would be well for all reviewers to note the presence or absence of Grand Representatives under each State.

The Correspondence report, covering eighteen jurisdictions, is by Comp. GEO. W. COOLEY, and for a beginner, as he facetiously terms himself, is peculiarly apt and timely. New York has some three pages given her and must feel complimented. We should quote from it, but starting out with a determination to be brief we must forbear, besides it is a year behind us.

The G. M. was re-elected, address, Red Wing; R. I. Comp. GEO. W. COOLEY, G. R., Minneapolis. Next Assembly, October 11, 1886, at St. Paul.

MISSISSIPPI—1886.

The Cryptic Rite is, to all appearances, fast asleep in this jurisdiction; nothing is said about it in the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter for their last Convocation, and the only reference that is made to it is in the report on Correspondence, in which some of the other reviewers have their remarks quoted, not however in favor of the plan in vogue in Mississippi, but most decidedly against it. For instance, under California, Comp. CASWELL, the reporter, after quoting the remarks of G. H. P. KIMBROUGH in his annual address, of 1884, in which he (Comp. KIMBROUGH) says:

“I do not feel at liberty to dodge or ignore so important a question as that of the merger or consolidation of Cryptic and Capitular Masonry. This is one of the questions that will not down. That the action of this Grand Chapter has proven unsatisfactory to at least some who favored it, and that the merger did not bring the results or bear the fruit anticipated for it by its advocates, is not now a matter of doubt. That all acted from the purest motives with but one object in view—the good of Masonry—is equally true. But I insist, my Companions, without laying censure anywhere, or to any one, that it is our duty, as honest men and Masons, Companions, to review this question, and then do what is right according to our convictions of duty, whether that action is consistent or inconsistent. The question is not so much ‘was that merger right or wrong, when had with the lights then before us?’ But it is, rather, ‘what ought now to be done?’”

After making an argument, the G. H. P. concluding as follows:

“But aside from all this, I suppose no one will now contend that the merger has been a benefit to either Chapter or Council. * * * * * As it is now, however, I earnestly believe the proper course for this Grand Chapter to pursue in the premises is to declare it has no jurisdiction over the Council Degrees;”

goes on to remark:

“This coming, as it does, from the home of the ‘merger’ question, ought to convince all who favor that proposition of its futility.”

And after stating the fate of the Rite out of the anti-merger committee, says further:

“There are some people, who, having once said the horse was sixteen miles high, will never recede from the untruthful proposition.”

And Companion SAVERY, of Mississippi, responds thusly:

"The truth is, Companion, that delegates to the Grand Chapter who have received the Cryptic Degrees under the merger do not like to vote themselves outside the pale; and so it is not probable that the merger will be dissolved for many years to come. We regret the fact, but it is, nevertheless, true."

This then appears to be the whole sum and substance of the basis of the groundwork upon which the advocates of the "merger" rest themselves for standing out as against the almost unanimous sentiment of the Companions throughout the entire country. If Mississippi would but take the step that reason, right, justice and equity would indicate to be the proper one under the circumstances, there would be no more differences to take time, or to involve the unpleasantness that this subject has engendered in the past; although there is so little of it now, that it does not seem necessary hardly to discuss the matter. The bottom has fell out, and the end approacheth without the hope of a resurrection day. Our Companions of Mississippi need not, however, fear that the door will not be left open for them to come in at; it will be wide open, no guard to prevent their entrance, but a warm and hearty greeting will be extended. They will never be left outside the pale, unless it be by their own choice; they are *now* outside of it, and the only way to get in, is, *to get in*. We hope the time will soon come when there will be no more differences between any of us on this subject.

MISSOURI—1885.

Held May 6, at St. Louis; M. I. WILL. H. DALE, G. M., presiding. Five Councils represented.

From the able address of the G. M. we gather, one new Council instituted. One R. I. Comp. JOHN L. BROTHERS was commissioned as Representative near New York. The decease of Past M. I. WILL. A. PRALL of their Grand Body was appropriately noted. R. I. NOAH GIVEN, our Representative to this Body was present and duly greeted.

This Grand Body appears to be prosperous under the condition of matters in its jurisdiction.

The report on Correspondence while short, is good, and we quote from Comp. MAYO:

"There is no longer any question of the fate of the late Mississippi plan. It has been relegated to the dark shades of the past. The General Grand Council is an established fact, and is growing stronger year by year. 'True as preaching.'"

M. I. P. R. FLITCRAFT, G. M.; W. H. MAYO, G. R., both of St. Louis.

NEBRASKA—1885.

All Hail Nebraska. We greet you with fervency and zeal. The way now seems to be clearing up for the Cryptic Rite in this State. The G. H. P. in

his address to the Grand Chapter at the Convocation held in December last, says:

"With the light that is in me, I am bold in declaring myself heartily in favor of Comp. JORDAN's proposition (see page 1324, 1884 Proceedings), 'for the Grand Chapter to abandon all control over the degrees of Royal and Select Masters.' To my darkened vision we might with just as much propriety, merge with the Commandery."

This bore fruit, for it was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who made its report thereon in these words:

"Upon the subject of the merger of the Chapter and Council degrees in this jurisdiction, your Committee would say: That as soon as any legally and duly constituted Cryptic authority shall signify its willingness and ability to take control of, and confer the Council degrees; whether the late Grand Council of the State of Nebraska, or the General Grand Council of the United States, this Grand Chapter will surrender jurisdiction over the same."

This report and recommendation was adopted. Subsequently, the subject came up again; and Comp. ITHAMAR T. BENJAMIN, who, by the way, we know to have formerly been one of the bright Masons of New York, offered this resolution:

"Resolved, That this Grand Chapter waive and surrender all jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal and Select Master."

In consideration that this matter has already been acted upon by the adoption of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, it was held to be out of order. We cannot see that this ruling was correct, as it was sought by the resolution to do still more than had been done by the resolution adopted on the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, and which was surely in order. A resolution was then offered to this effect:

"Resolved, That the Grand High Priest be and he is hereby authorized to release all authority of this Grand Chapter over the Cryptic Degrees of Royal and Select Masters, to and upon the request of any Grand or Subordinate Council so requesting; said release of jurisdiction to include surrender of funds or property belonging to such Council, Grand or Subordinate."

This was amended so as to read *in addition* to the above:

"Provided, However, that the body to which such degrees are surrendered, shall be requested to provide that Companions who shall have received such degrees in a Nebraska Chapter shall be entitled to all the benefits thereof as though such jurisdiction had not been relinquished."

And as thus amended, the resolution was adopted. This put the Cryptic Rite in Nebraska in a position to enter upon its heritage and to enjoy its own. The action was one to be expected of the Companions of Nebraska, whole-souled fellows, desirous of not only doing right by themselves, but to do justice to others. So endeth this chapter of the past. A Grand Council has been already following up this action, re-organized there, and there will be no difficulty put in the way of those who had the degrees of the Cryptic Rite conferred upon them in Chapters, of being recognized as regular under the plan adopted as

stated below. The same spirit with which this action has been taken, must be returned in full faith, and Masonic intercourse must have in the future uninterrupted course.

The Companions of Nebraska did themselves proud by this step. We always liked them, and when the line between Cryptic and Capitular Masonry was broken down, as we thought, without Masonic right, it was like tearing out a "heart string" to let them go; but that is now to be buried in the oblivion of the past, and we say in all sincerity of heart, God bless and be with our loved Companions of Nebraska.

On March 9, 1886, a Special Assembly of the Grand Council was convened at Lincoln, by virtue of a proclamation, which states:

"Under the authority provided by the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Nebraska, at its Assembly of December, 1878, to meet the emergency presented by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska at its last Convocation, a Special Assembly of the Grand Council is called, to begin and open at the Masonic Temple, Lincoln, Nebraska, at 4 o'clock P. M., Tuesday, March 9th, 1886, then and there to consider the proposition of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, to release jurisdiction and control over the Royal and Select Degrees.

By order of

ROBERT W. FURNAS,

Grand Master.

WM. R. BOWEN,

Grand Recorder.

Freemason's Hall, Omaha, *February 27, 1886.*

On the day appointed by the above proclamation, the Assembly was held, at which a majority of the Grand Officers were present, together with the Representatives of four subordinate Councils. The G. M. was prevented from being present by the dangerous illness of his wife, and the D. G. M. presided. The resolutions adopted by the Grand Chapter, which we have given above were presented, referred to a Committee, who reported as follows:

"To the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the resolution and action of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska, at its last Annual Convocation, relative to releasing all authority over the Cryptic Degrees of Royal and Select Masters, beg leave to recommend and report as follows:

FIRST. *Resolved*, That the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters does hereby request the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons to release all authority over the Cryptic Degrees of Royal and Select Masters, and to surrender the funds and property belonging to such Grand and subordinate Councils, and that this Grand Council does hereby resume its authority and assumes exclusive control and jurisdiction over the Cryptic Degrees of Royal and Select Masters to take effect at such time as shall hereafter be designated by the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska.

SECOND. *Resolved*, That all Companions who have received the Cryptic Degrees in a Council of Royal and Select Masters, under the authority of the

Grand Chapter of Nebraska, shall be recognized and acknowledged as regular Royal and Select Masters after being formally healed by the Grand Master, his deputy or proxy, or in a regular Council.

THIRD. *Resolved*, That the Grand Recorder of this Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, communicate to the Grand Chapter of Nebraska and to the subordinate Councils of Royal and Select Masters in this jurisdiction, the action taken at this Assembly, in reference to resumption of authority over the degrees of Royal and Select Masters."

This report was adopted, and upon motion of R. I. Comp. WILL. R. BOWEN the following resolution was then adopted:

"*Resolved*, all constituent Councils consenting, That the Grand Council of Nebraska, Royal and Select Masters, approves and accepts the Constitution of the General Grand Council of the United States, and unites with it as one of its constituents."

The Special Assembly having thus transacted the business for which it was convened, adjourned.

On March 18th, following, the Grand High Priest issued his Proclamation by which the Grand Chapter released all control and authority over the Cryptic Degrees, and directed its subordinates to deliver all funds and property belonging to such Councils on March 31st, 1886, and complied with all the requests of the Grand Council made known to it.

Thus we are to greet a sister Grand Council of Nebraska to our triangle, and let there be no lukewarmness about this greeting; the Companions of Nebraska have shown themselves to be men and Masons deserving in the highest degree the confidence of the Craft. We would reach way out there and shake every one of them by the hand if we could, almost got a mind to lie down and see if we can't reach them that way, but even 5-18 would not accomplish it, so we must wait until our General Grand Assembly on the 28th, proximo.

M. I. ROBERT W. FURNAS, G. M., Brownville; and R. I. WILLEAM R. BOWEN, G. R., Omaha. Next Assembly at Omaha, December 14, 1886.

In a letter received from Comp. BOWEN, he says, after extending thanks for an invitation given to him to visit the General Grand Council on the 28th inst.:

"You have, I think, our Proceedings of last March when we unmerged, emerged, or resumed, as the case may be. Very little has been done thus far by the five existing Councils, but when cool weather comes (it has been a terrible hot summer), I presume we shall wheel into line."

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1886.

Held May 17th, at Concord; M. I. ELLIOTT B. HODGE, G. M., presiding. Eight Councils represented. M. I. HENRY P. GLIDDEN, Representative of New York, was present.

Death in his cycle did not fail to call upon our Companions of this jurisdiction, and to remove some of its valued members to another life. The address

was devoted to local matters. A resolution was adopted to the following effect:

Resolved, That the Representatives of the Grand Council of New Hampshire, at the next session of the General Grand Council of the United States of America, be instructed, to use such means as may be in their power to cause action to be taken by that Body looking to a regulation by the Grand Encampment, that all applicants for the orders conferred in Commanderies of Knights Templar shall have regularly received the degrees known as the Degree of Cryptic Masonry."

Fifty dollars was appropriated towards the expenses of Representatives' attendance at the General Grand Council.

The degrees of the Rite were regularly exemplified, and the Grand Council welcomed to a collation after the close of its labors by Horace Chase Council, which was a very pleasant incident in connection with its Assembly.

The report on Correspondence was by Comp. GEO. P. CLEAVES, who has for many years wielded the pen for this Body, to not only its satisfaction but to the pleasure and profit of its members and to the brethren of the "quill" elsewhere. He covers twenty-three States with his report, including New York, nearly all of which were covered by our report of last year, and such as were not are included in this review. The return of Nebraska is noted, and welcomed. Quotations are made from our report of last year to some extent, and we assume with approval, as he does not express any dissent with our views as there "put out."

The Grand Master and Grand Recorder were re-elected, of course, why? because the Companions couldn't help it. They believe in keeping a good thing when they find it, and with officers it is no exception.

NEW JERSEY—1886.

Held January 26, 1886, at Trenton; M. I. EDWARD MILLS, G. M., presiding. Seven Councils represented.

The address is of local interest. The condition of the Rite is said to be strong and healthy, showing a marked improvement in some Councils, and in others keeping up to their standard in strength and efficiency.

This jurisdiction has lost one of its bright lights in Masonry in the decease of Past Grand Master LUDLOW ALLEN, one who was advanced to the highest honors in Lodge, Chapter and Council by his appreciative brethren. A memorial page was set apart to his memory.

The Proceedings of seventeen Grand Councils, including New York, were reviewed by M. I. Comp. CHARLES BECHTEL in his usual felicitous manner. Reference is made to the failure of their Proceedings of 1885 reaching our Grand Recorder, and statement made that they were mailed in March, 1885. The fact is, that to this day the writer has never seen a copy of the Proceedings of that year, which we regret as from an intimation in the "review" in Indiana we note that there might be something "personal" contained in them;

be that as it may; in reference to the request of a General Grand Council badge at Denver, if Comp. BORDEN did not send for one, he was misrepresented, as a request for one was actually made, *accompanied by the statement that it was for him*, and the party asking for it was referred to another party who gave it to him *in accordance with such request*; far be it from the writer to make a statement without a belief that it is founded in fact, and if Comp. BORDEN states he made no such request or that none was made for him to his knowledge, we should believe his statement. We should never have referred to the incident at all but for the reference he made to the General Grand Council in the Proceedings of 1884, and which we thought did not harmonize with his action requesting a badge, and which reference we then believed, and still believe, were uncalled for, and far from being influenced by the principle of Masonic charity, but let this pass, we would prefer to suffer an injury unrebuked than to make a misstatement knowingly of another.

M. I. DANIEL DEMAREST, Passaic, G. M.; R. I. CHARLES BECHTEL, Trenton, G. R. Next Assembly, January 25, 1887, at Trenton.

OHIO—1885.

Held at Cleveland, October 6 and 7; M. I. D. P. CHAMBERLIN, G. M., presiding. Forty-nine Councils represented. M. I. WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM, Representative of New York, was also present.

The exhibit of work is most creditable. One Council instituted U. D. One decision is reported; A. B. who is a member of Lodge, Chapter and Council, was expelled or indefinitely suspended in his Chapter, the query was, "What effect, if any, does it have on his standing in his Council?" Decision—"General Masonic law and usage would deprive him of his rights in the Council while he remains under expulsion or indefinite suspension in his Chapter. He has no Masonic standing in his Council until his disabilities are removed in his Chapter." This was approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence and we agree. If the suspension was for non-payment of dues we should not agree. The G. M. also recommends that when Representatives interchange between Grand Councils fail for two successive Assemblies to attend and report, they should be dropped from the list and others appointed, with which we also concur.

One statement made in closing his address we think possibly may be doubted, in part, that is, in some quarters, for instance among politicians, "This body is composed of Ohio men, and as we all know, Ohio men are always qualified, ready and *willing* to step to the front as occasion requires, I have no fear of any lack of a suitable Companion to fill the important trust which I now return to your keeping." The *only* doubtful part of this statement is that they are "ready and willing to step to the front if occasion requires." Politically, don't they *always* stand back and require *pushing*?

The General Grand Master of the United States was a cordially welcomed and honored visitor on this occasion, remaining two days, throughout the entire

Assembly, and takes this opportunity of expressing his pleasure in its Proceedings and his thanks for the courtesy extended.

The report on Correspondence is most ably prepared by Companion S. S. WILLIAMS (Stack-er Sweet Williams), and covers twenty-four States, but as our own report for 1885 covered the same both as to jurisdiction and Assembly, we must refrain from extending quotation. Under Connecticut, speaking of the decision of the G. .M. . to the effect that the Super-Excellent Degree could not be conferred upon a candidate from another State, even though this Degree was *not* worked in such State, without permission from the Council of which the candidate was a member, he expresses his disapproval thereof. We should think that if the Degree was *not* worked in the candidate's own State, no jurisdiction over it being claimed by such State, that the Degree could be conferred whenever and wherever the candidate was elected, and we should hold him masonically and legally in possession of the Degree with no need of healing. New York is pleasantly mentioned and for which "thanks."

The G. .M. ., of Toledo, and G. .R. .; of Cincinnati, were re-elected. Next Assembly at Toledo, October 7, 1886.

OREGON—1885.

Held January 13, at Corvallis; M. .I. . ASA H. HUDSON, G. .M. ., presiding. Three Councils represented.

This Body, though hardly out of its cradle, as it were, is already a most lusty and lively personage, prompt, loyal, indefatigable and persevering; it is advancing fast and we predict that under its efficient officers and helpful representatives and subordinates, it will soon move forward and more than rank some of its older sisters in influence and position. Cryptic Masonry is prospering under it.

The address of the G. .M. . was, as to be expected from such a newly instituted Body, local in its character but devoted to the interest of the Rite in that jurisdiction.

The Proceedings of our own Body had been received, but for some reason not stated were omitted from review.

This Grand Council is receiving a most royal reception and greeting from all of its sisters in other States.

M. .I. . WALLACE BALDWIN, of Corvallis, G. .M. .; R. .I. . FRELON J. BABCOCK, of Salem, G. .R. . Next Assembly at East Portland, January 12, 1887.

PENNSYLVANIA—1885.

Held at Lancaster, February 18; M. .I. . ANDREW J. KAUFFMAN, G. .M. ., presiding. Eight Councils represented.

The address was very brief and of local interest.

It was resolved unanimously:

"That it is the opinion of this Grand Council that no life member should be made in a subordinate Council, for a less sum than fifty dollars."

Does this include the initiation fee? If so, then calling such fee \$10, leaves \$40, upon which the annual interest is, at legal rate, \$2.40, not only for the lifetime of the life member, but for *all time to come!* We think this would do pretty well, but the principal should be directed kept permanently at interest, if the stability of the Council is to be considered.

The Correspondence Report is from Comp. MEYER, and like the former specimens from his hand and brain, it is an interesting piece of work. Our own Proceedings for 1884 are reviewed, and the compliment done the writer, of giving his report for that year of several States and Territories and jurisdictions, is duly appreciated. Under Kentucky, Comp. MEYER strikes right from the shoulder in response to the attack of Comp. GRANT upon the dignity of the Grand Master of the Keystone State, and being wedded to the system in vogue in his jurisdiction, he strikes hard and with the best of the argument, supported by a solid foundation, his work is well put in.

The Rite is fairly prosperous, and the Companions loyal to the cause as they always have been. Peace, good will and a fraternity of feeling is in full strength towards all its sisters, and while not a constituent of the General Grand Council (neither is the Grand Chapter a constituent of the General Grand Chapter) it is in full sympathy with the work of the GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL, and will co-operate in its work for the advancement of the Rite; in its purity, in every possible way.

M. I. J. LILOND LYTLE, G. M., Pittsburg; R. I. CHARLES E. MEYER, G. R., Philadelphia.

The last Assembly at Allentown, February 17, 1886, of which we have no advices.

VERMONT—1886.

Held June 8, at Burlington; M. I. WILLIAM H. S. WHITCOMB, G. M., presiding. Fourteen Councils represented.

The decease of M. I. EDWARD S. DANA was announced. With the deceased the writer had a most pleasant and profitable acquaintance. It was a pleasure to read his Masonic writings and addresses, and the solid grains of wisdom garnered therefrom were not only of intrinsic value, Masonically speaking, but were so clothed in strength and beauty of language, as to impress the Masonic student with the importance of the lesson thereby sought to be inculcated. If space would permit we should be glad to give his Masonic history in this review, abstracting from G. M. WHITCOMB'S address. Much is to be said of the deceased, "A true man, a true Mason," no greater eulogy to be passed upon him. But we trust some well posted friend of the deceased may give the history of his life to us in a more extended form than it, of necessity, has to take in the limits of an address.

The present condition of the Rite in this jurisdiction is reported as the most prosperous it has ever had, and which should, we opine, entitle G. M. WHITCOMB to the "laurel crown" of the victor. It did entitle him to be his own successor! *And he was.* We do not notice that our Representative was there, although a resident of the same city where the Assembly was held. "If not, Why not?"

No report on Correspondence, but meat is ordered for us in 1887, by resolution duly adopted:

W. H. S. WHITCOMB re-elected G. M., and WARREN G. REYNOLDS, G. R., address Burlington. Next Assembly June 14, 1887, at Burlington.

WISCONSIN—1885-6.

In this State at the Annual Assembly held February 17th, 1885, M. I. E. J. FARR, of Eau Claire, was elected G. M.

No business of importance was transacted at this Assembly; no revenue provided and consequently no Proceedings were printed.

In February, 1886, the Annual Assembly was held at Milwaukee, and M. I. S. H. ALBANS was elected G. M.

There is but little interest evinced in the Rite in this State, not because the degrees have not beauty and merit (as the Grand Recorder writes us), but because there is so much labor in carrying on the work of so many Bodies that it is extremely difficult to find Companions, in the different Councils who will learn the work and qualify themselves for conferring the degrees.

There were forty-five Companions promoted in the different Councils in 1885, and there are 1,549 names borne on the rolls. But little is being done this year.

We derive all of our information from R. I. JOHN W. LAFLIN, G. R., Milwaukee, and tender him our thanks therefor.

We may be mistaken, but we are inclined to the opinion that if there was a most determined effort made to rehabilitate the Grand Council, and put things in the same condition that they were in when the "merger" plan was, in substance at least, adopted in this jurisdiction, and a general taking hold of the Rite as it should be, in order to make a success of it, that things would very soon put on an appearance of real thrift and progress. Until this is done in earnest, and a lot of hard work put in, our Companions of Wisconsin must not expect to get their old standing (before the war), back again.

And now that our labors in this field are drawing towards an end,

IN CONCLUSION,

We can only add, the prospects of the Cryptic Rite were never more bright, never resting on such a firm basis as they are to-day. It has been called to pass through the fires of tribulations, the only effect of which was to purify it, through ordeals that were trying indeed, that well nigh buried it in the ruins

of the Temple; but it has survived all, and rising in renewed strength, vigor and vitality it is engaged in its labors of love, is extending its influence, and by its history and example, its power is being felt for good works.

It is no longer a seeker after a recognition by other branches of our fraternity, that period in its history is forever passed. It is not to be absorbed, it is to absorb. It is to build up and enlarge the Masonic structure; to beautify and to strengthen the Arches and Pillars of the Temple, to do its work worthily in the advancement of the interests of the fraternity, pointing the true way to its devotees, and by a strict adherence to the never dying principles upon which the foundation of the Order is laid, to make its followers better and purer men and Masons; that when their labors are ended here, that a Crown of Life may in reality be found reserved for them in another and better life beyond the grave.

Let it then be our care that our lives all tend towards this goal of life, and so live that our work may pass the inspection of our Supreme Master.

GEO. M. OSGOODBY,
For Committee.

The Special Committee on the Grand Master's Address presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and their recommendations adopted:

TO THE M. P. GRAND COUNCIL OF R. AND S. M.'S OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Address of the M. I. Grand Master for sub-division and reference of its several parts to appropriate Committees, respectfully recommend that so much of the Address as relates to the Fraternal Dead, be referred to a Special Committee of three.

So much as relates to Dormant Councils and Territory occupied by them, to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

And as to the balance of the M. I. Grand Master's able and very appropriate Address, we take great pleasure in endorsing and commending the same to the fraternal consideration of this Grand Council.

JOHN HODGE, }
C. S. HANKS, } Committee.
B. S. FRISBIE. }

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following report, which was, on motion, received:

TO THE M. P. GRAND COUNCIL OF R. AND S. M.'S OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business (appointed at the last Annual

Assembly), beg leave to report that they are unable to find anything unfinished, or material of any kind requiring the immediate inspection of this Grand Council.

CONRAD WEHNES, } Committee.
WM. M. SMITH. }

The Grand Council was then called from labor until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th, 1886—2 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Council resumed its session.

Officers and Representatives as at the morning's session.

The Minutes of the morning's session were read and approved.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals presented the following report, which was, on motion, received:

TO THE M. P. GRAND COUNCIL OF R. AND S. M.'S OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals respectfully report that no business requiring the attention of the Committee or of the Grand Council has been submitted for our consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES F. T. BEALE, } Committee.
H. J. GIBBS, JR., }
GEO. B. HILL, }

Companions JOHN HODGE, GEO. M. OSGOODBY and EDWIN ADAMS were appointed, on motion, a Committee to select a time and place for the next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council.

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and their recommendations adopted:

TO THE M. P. GRAND COUNCIL OF R. AND S. M.'S OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK:

Your Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, to whom was referred that portion of your Grand Master's address relating to his decision upon the question submitted to him upon the subject of jurisdiction of active Councils over

candidates residing actually within the jurisdiction of dormant Councils, respectfully report :

That we approve of the decision as made, to the effect—That the application of a candidate, resident within the territorial jurisdiction of a dormant Council, may be received and acted upon by the nearest active Council.

We recommend that such decision be approved by this Body, and be hereafter considered as a part of the fundamental law of our jurisdiction, and to that end we offer the following :

Resolved, That a candidate for the Cryptic Degrees, resident within the territorial jurisdiction of a dormant Council, may be received and acted upon by the nearest active Council, and, upon election, may receive the degrees of this Rite and become a member of such active Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. M. OSGOODBY,
JOHN N. MACOMB, JR. } Committee.
RICHARD A. SEARING, }

The Committee on Warrants and Dispensations presented the following report, which was, on motion, received:

TO THE M. P. GRAND COUNCIL OF R. AND S. M.'S OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK :

Your Committee on Warrants and Dispensations respectfully report that no business has been presented requiring action by your Committee.

Fraternally submitted,

THOMAS GLIDDON,
D. D. HOUGHTALING, } Committee.
CONRAD WEHNES, }

M. P. GEO. M. OSGOODBY, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States, was formally presented, introduced to the Grand Council, and welcomed by the Grand Master.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts presented the following report, which was, on motion, received, and their recommendations adopted:

TO THE M. P. GRAND COUNCIL OF R. AND S. M.'S OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK :

Your Committee have examined the accounts of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct.

We recommend the payment of the following sums:

To Grand Recorder, for salary and expenses.....	\$262 60
“ Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	50 00
“ Grand Master, for expenses	15 00
“ “ Sentinel, for services.....	5 00
“ pay of Representatives and Grand Officers.....	426 62
“ Library Committee, towards the reprint of the Proceedings.....	100 00

We also recommend the expenditure, by the Grand Recorder of such an amount as may be necessary to print 500 copies of the Proceedings of this Annual Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. KING,	} Committee.
GEO. MCGOWN,	
E. M. L. EHLERS,	

The time (as fixed by special order) for the election of Officers for the ensuing year having arrived, the acting Grand Master appointed as tellers, G. FRED. WILTSIE and JOHN J. MARTIN, when the Grand Council proceeded to the election with the following result:

Comp. JOHN W. COBURN, of Morrisania, elected.....	Grand Master.
“ JOHN L. BROTHERS, of Buffalo, “	“ Dep. Master.
“ RALPH C. CHRISTIANCE, of Ithaca, “	“ P. C. of W.
“ JOHN F. BALDWIN, of New York, “	“ Treasurer.
“ GEO. VAN VLIET, “	“ Recorder.

The Grand Master made the following appointments:

Comp. EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, of New York.....	Grand C. of the G.
“ JOHN N. MACOMB, JR., “ Branchport	“ C. of the C.
“ ALEX. B. KING, “ Troy	“ Marshal.
“ Rev. JOHN G. WEBSTER, “ Greenbush.....	“ Chaplain.
“ SAMUEL C. PEARCE, “ Rochester.....	“ Lecturer.
“ GEORGE A. NEWELL, “ Medina.....	“ Steward.
“ JOHN HOOLE, “ New York	“ Sentinel.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Companions GEO. M. OSGOODBY, CHAS. W. BROWN,
and W. M. SMITH.

Committee on Library.

Companions GEO. VAN VLIET, CHAS. W. BROWN,
and P. M. W. VERHOEVEN.

The Officers (elected and appointed) for the ensuing year were installed in their several stations by M. .P. . GEO. M. OSGOODBY, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, as Installing Officer, assisted by M. .I. . THOMAS GLIDDON, as Grand Marshal.

The Committee on the Fraternal Dead presented the following report, which was received, and its recommendations adopted:

TO THE M. .P. . GRAND COUNCIL OF R. . AND S. .M. .S OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK:

Your Special Committee to which was referred so much of the Grand Master's Address as relates to the Fraternal Dead, would beg leave respectfully to present: That in said Address all was stated, and so well stated, touching the personal merits and Masonic standing of the several Companions, whose departure hence, since we last assembled we all deplore, it requires no further mention here except cordially to assent to every word and sentiment therein uttered. Your Committee would therefore voice the heartfelt fraternal sympathy of the Companions here assembled in Grand Council, and recommend that it be tendered: (1) To our venerable Companion JOHN HOOLE, Grand Sentinel, in his affliction, with the assurance of our trust, that He who has dealt the blow may send the balm to heal the wound; (2) Your Committee would further recommend, that the Grand Council of Canada be assured of our fraternal condolence in its loss by the demise of its Most Illustrious Grand Master; the late ROBERT RAMSAY; (3) The same assurances your Committee would recommend in the several cases of the families of those deceased Companions of this jurisdiction whose names were mentioned in the Address under consideration; and as the said Companions at the time of their decease were honored members of our body, it is fitting that their memories go upon our record.

Your Committee would therefore recommend that pages in our printed Proceedings be devoted respectively *In Memoriam* of R. .I. . Companion CHARLES H. THOMSON, and of T. .I. . Companions TIMOTHY S. JACKSON, FRANKLIN E. SMITH and JOHN BRIGGS.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. WEBSTER, }
G. FRED. WILTSIE, } Committee.
CHAS. D. ROSS, }

On motion, the Grand Recorder was directed to incorporate in our Minutes the comments of M. .P. . JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, of Maine, wherein they refer to our M. .P. . Comp. GEO. M. OSGOODBY.

Comp. DRUMMOND after quoting portions of the report on Foreign Correspondence, says as follows:

"In another place he gives the writer credit, which is largely due to himself. We were not in favor of a General Grand Council: we admitted its value and usefulness, if it could be organized by general consent; but we did not dare hope for the large support which it received. We went to Detroit to consult with the Companions, and to give our best efforts to carry out the plan which should be adopted. But Comp. OSGOODBY went there enthusiastic in favor of a General Grand Council; his enthusiasm was contagious, and the measure was adopted. We deemed that it was due to him to place him at its head: but we yielded to his desire and the desire of others, especially as, if we had declined, the inference might be drawn that we were not willing to assume the responsibility of its success or failure. We believed that it would succeed when we saw the determination of the members of the convention: but whether it was to succeed or fail, we felt that the Companions had a right to assign any duty to us they might deem best, and we acted accordingly: but for all that Bro. GEORGE M. OSGOODBY was the John Adams of the movement."

The following resolution was received, and on motion referred to the Committee on Warrants:

Resolved, That all Councils who have failed to make returns and pay dues for two years shall have their charters declared forfeited.

Comp. E. M. L. EHLERS offered the following Amendment to the Constitution, which was received and laid over for action until our next Annual Assembly:

Amend Sec. 18 of Art. I, by adding to the end thereof the following: "Whenever in future Royal Arch Masons resident within the territorial jurisdiction of a Council that has neglected or refused to make returns and pay dues for two years, desire to become Cryptic Masons, the warrant of the said Council having territorial jurisdiction must first be suspended, before the application of such Royal Arch Mason can be received by any other Council in this jurisdiction."

Comp. GEORGE MCGOWN offered the following Amendment to the Constitution, which was received and laid over for action until our next Annual Assembly:

Amend Sec. 21 of Article II, by transposing the words Recorder and Treasurer.

Comp. THOS. GLIDDON offered the following resolution, which was received, and on motion adopted:

Resolved, That any Companion who holds the credentials of any sister Grand

Council, as its Representative to this Grand Council, and neglects to attend at three consecutive Annual Assemblies of this Body, without making adequate written excuse therefor, be considered to have resigned his commission as such Representative, and the Grand Master is required to notify the Grand Council issuing such commission of this action, and request a new appointment of Representative in place of such delinquent Representative. And in the case of Representatives who have not attended for the three preceding Annual Assemblies of this Body, and who are not in attendance at this Assembly, their commissions be deemed revoked, unless such Representative be present at our next Annual Assembly, or render adequate excuse for such absence in writing.

Comp. JOHN HODGE, from the Special Committee to select a time and place for the next Annual Assembly, presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and their recommendations adopted:

TO THE M. P. GRAND COUNCIL OF R. AND S. M.'S OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK:

Your Committee upon designating time and place for the next Annual Assembly of this Body, would respectfully report.

1st. That the next Annual Assembly be held at the Masonic Temple in the City of New York, on the first Tuesday of September, 1887, at 10 o'clock A. M.

2d. That in the event that any of the subordinate Councils of this jurisdiction desire the next succeeding Annual Assembly of this Body to be held within their territorial jurisdiction, that an invitation to that effect shall be received and considered by this Body, at its next Assembly in September, 1887, for its action thereon.

JOHN HODGE,
GEO. M. OSGOODBY, } Committee.
EDWIN ADAMS,

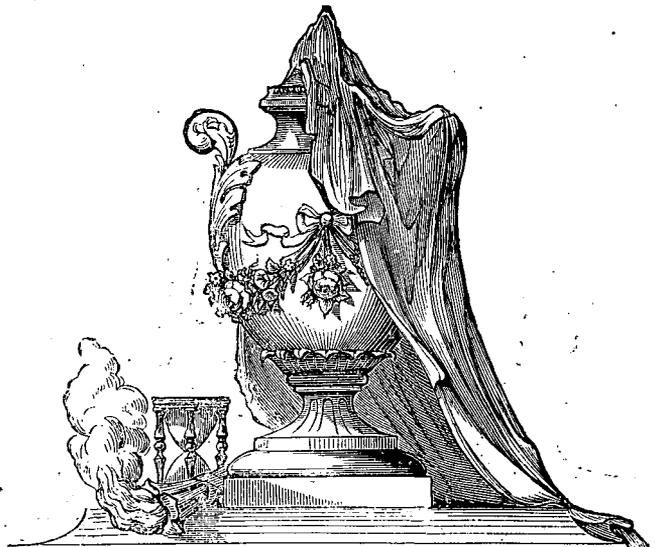
The exemplification of the work at this Annual Assembly was, on motion, dispensed with.

On motion, the Grand Master was requested to apportion the various Councils in this jurisdiction to the several Grand Officers for official visitation.

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York was then closed in ample form.



Grand Recorder.



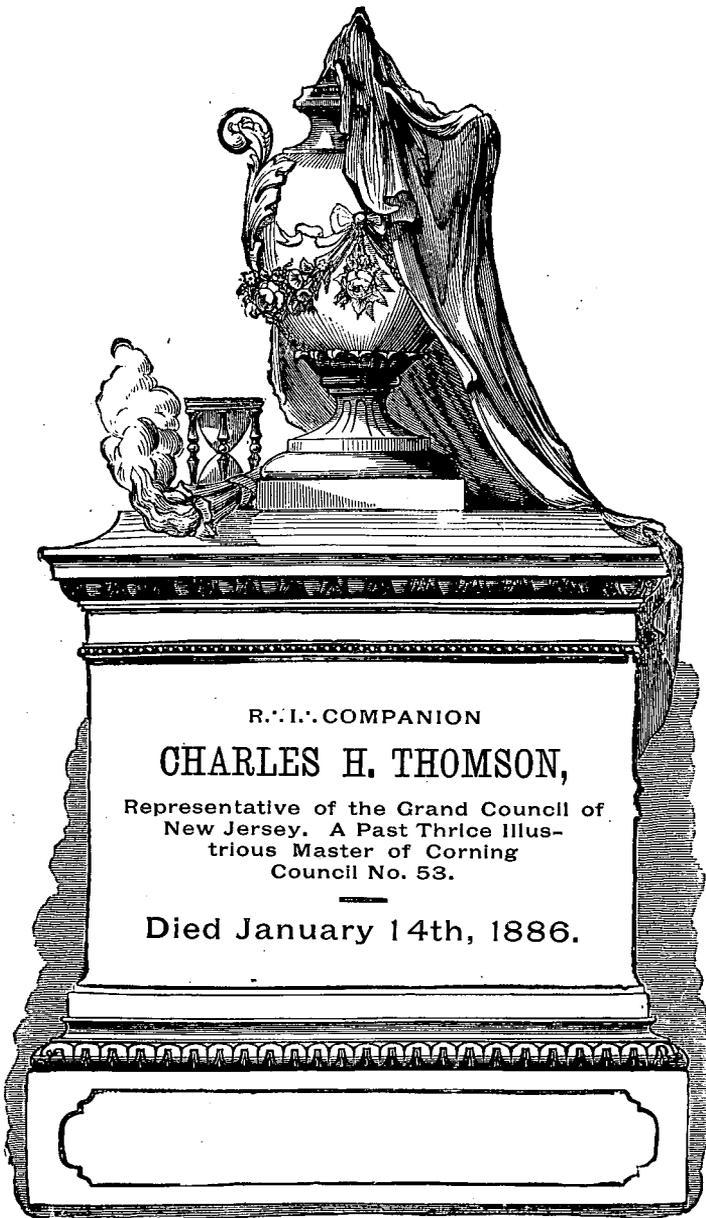
COMPANION

FRANKLIN E. SMITH,

A Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Ontario
Council No. 23.

—
Died January 11th, 1886.



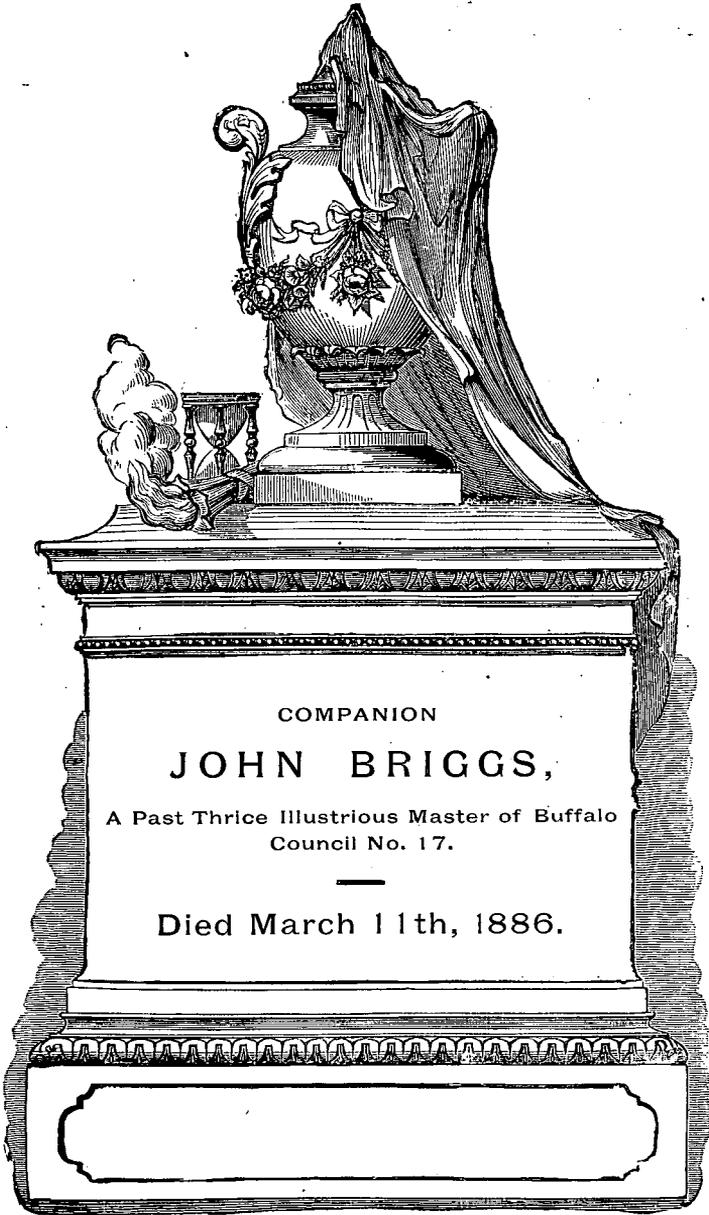


R. I. COMPANION

CHARLES H. THOMSON,

Representative of the Grand Council of
New Jersey. A Past Thrice Illus-
trious Master of Corning
Council No. 53.

Died January 14th, 1886.

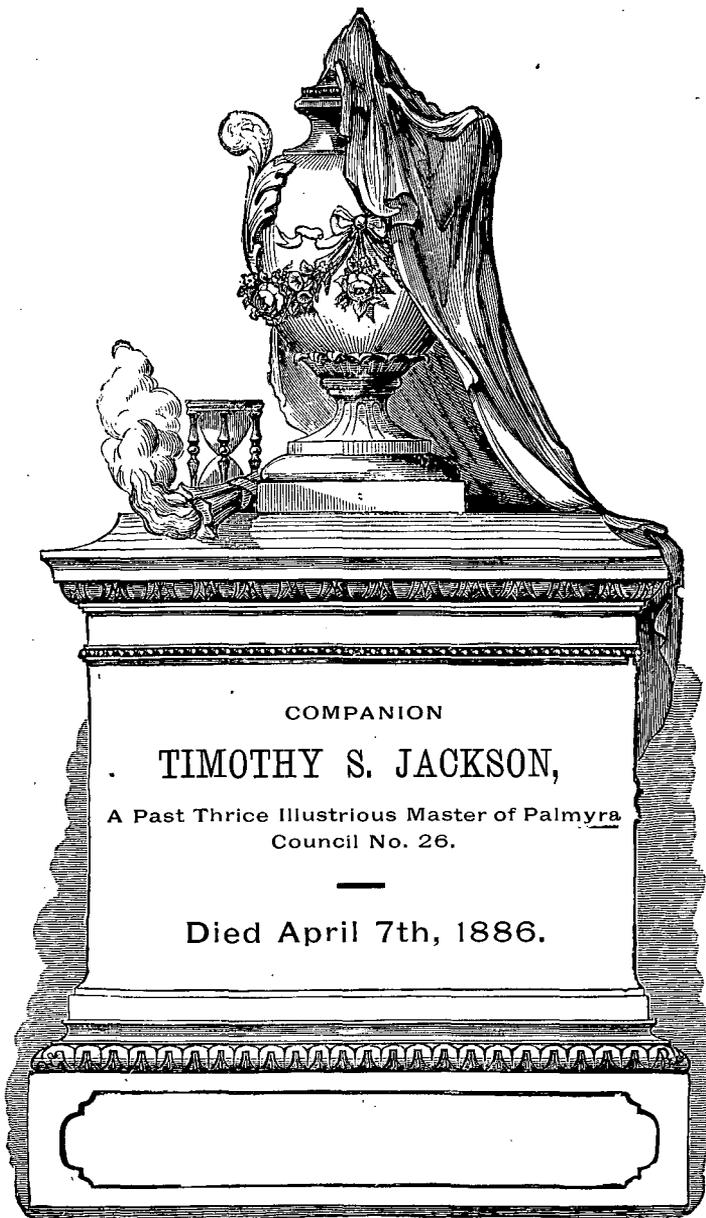


COMPANION

JOHN BRIGGS,

A Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Buffalo
Council No. 17.

—
Died March 11th, 1886.



COMPANION

TIMOTHY S. JACKSON,

A Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Palmyra
Council No. 26.

—
Died April 7th, 1886.

RECEIPTS FOR DUES.

From Columbian	Council No. 1,	for dues to August 1st, 1886....	\$11 00
“ Brooklyn	“ “ 4,	“ “ “	38 00
“ Adelphic	“ “ 7,	“ “ “	75 00
“ Bloss	“ “ 14,	“ “ “	157 50
“ Bruce	“ “ 15,	“ “ “	23 00
“ Southern Tier	“ “ 16,	“ “ “	35 00
“ Doric	“ “ 19,	“ “ “	165 50
“ Keystone	“ “ 20,	“ “ “	68 50
“ DeWitt Clinton	“ “ 22,	“ “ “	106 00
“ Ontario	“ “ 23,	for account “ “	10 00
“ Dunkirk	“ “ 25,	for dues “ “	46 00
“ Palmyra	“ “ 26,	“ “ “	25 50
“ Utica	“ “ 28,	“ “ “	53 50
“ Olean	“ “ 33,	“ “ “	23 50
“ Hornellsville	“ “ 35,	“ “ “	15 50
“ Corning	“ “ 53,	“ “ “	27 00
“ Peekskill	“ “ 55,	“ “ “	13 00
“ Hudson	“ “ 62,	“ “ “	27 50
“ Ithaca	“ “ 68,	“ “ “	39 50
“ Nepperhan	“ “ 70,	“ “ “	18 00
“ Alph-Omega	“ “ 71,	“ “ “	26 00
			\$1,004 50

OFFICERS, LOCATION AND DATE OF MEETINGS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

NAME.	NO.	MASTER.	DEPUTY MASTER.	P. C. OF W.	RECORDER.	WHERE LOCATED.		DATE OF MEETINGS.
						CITY OR TOWN.	COUNTY.	
COLUMBIAN	1	L. H. Raymond.	Thos. Cunningham	Wm. F. J. Thiers.	P. M. W. Verhoeven	New York.	New York.	2d or 4th Monday.
UNION	2	W. M. Postley.	Wm. H. Smith.	Miles W. Goodyear.	E. W. Bradley.	New York.	New York.	3d Saturday.
BROOKLYN	4	W. M. Smith.	Geo. Nicholson.	W. P. Howell.	Wm. Sherer.	Brooklyn.	Kings.	3d Saturday.
ADELPHIC	7	P. C. Benjamin.	Fredk. Kantor.	Edwin Adams.	John W. Coburn.	New York.	New York.	1st Saturday.
BLOSS	14	D. D. Houghtaling	W. M. Peckham.	Albert Smith.	John H. Tappin.	Troy.	Rennselaer.	1st Friday.
BRUCE	15	John Hodge.	Chas. N. Palmer.	Perry Stowell.	Van Ness Douglas.	Lockport.	Niagara.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.
SOUTHERN TIER	16	Conrad Wehnes.	S. D. Wadhams.	J. A. Baty.	W. A. Kingsbury.	Elmira.	Chemung.	3d Monday.
BUFFALO	17	Cyrus K. Porter.	T. L. Wadsworth.	Chas. J. Snyder.	Geo. L. Kingston.	Buffalo.	Erie.	3d Thursday.
DORIC	19	Ezra M. Sparlin.	R. A. Searing.	Edwin W. Horne.	John Alexander.	Rochester.	Monroe.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.
KEYSTONE	20	E. A. Rockwood.	O. G. Nichols.	G. J. Bowen.	John H. Boshier.	Buffalo.	Erie.	3d Saturday.
DEWITT CLINTON	23	Thos. J. Bishop.	John L. Godley.	R. T. Lockley.	J. E. Allanson.	Albany.	Albany.	3d Thursday.
ONTARIO	23	O. F. Randolph.	Edward Kendall.	J. Henry Smith.	James Cairns.	Penn Yan.	Yates.	Last Tuesday.
DUNKIRK	25	H. J. Gibbs, Jr.	Benj. L. Harrison.	John Hilliard.	Charles Blood.	Dunkirk.	Chautauqua.	1st Wednesday.
PALMYRA	26	Mark C. Finley.	Charles Deyo.	E. B. Anderson.	George McGown.	Palmyra.	Wayne.	2d Monday.
UTICA	28	B. S. Frisbie.	R. W. Reese.	E. Lawson.	E. G. Brown.	Utica.	Oneida.	Last Friday.
OLEAN	33	C. S. Hanks.	F. J. Martin.	W. L. Myrick.	L. F. More.	Olean.	Cattaraugus.	1st Wednesday.
HORNELLVILLE	35	J. I. Bentley.	P. M. Nast, Jr.	J. H. Sprong.	W. H. Van Dusen.	Hornellsville.	Steuben.	1st Wednesday.
CORNING	53	George B. Hill.	Wm. A. Wicks.	J. S. Billington.	Geo. Hitchcock.	Corning.	Steuben.	1st & 3d Thursdays.
PEEKSKILL	55	David Griffin.	John Halsted.	Robert Brown.	Thos. J. Hodgkins.	Peekskill.	Westchester.	2d Monday.
HUDSON	62	Chas. F. T. Beale.	Geo. N. Pierson.	Henry Kertz.	F. C. Hanks.	Hudson.	Columbia.	1st Monday.
ITHACA	68	A. B. Wood.	A. H. Esty.	Geo. W. Melotte.	Fred. E. Wilcox.	Ithaca.	Tompkins.	2d Monday.
ADDISON	69	D. M. Darrin.	L. Aldrich.	B. C. Wilson.	E. C. Cowan.	Addison.	Steuben.	2d Tuesday.
NEPPERHAN	70	Edwin A. Quick.	Henry S. Sproull.	Jos. M. Tompkins.	John E. Murphy.	Yonkers.	Westchester.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.
ALPH-Omega	71	Geo. A. Newell.	Charles D. Ross.	Robt. R. Wilkins.	John Bidelman.	Albion.	Orleans.	2d Wednesday.

REPRESENTATIVES
OF OTHER
GRAND COUNCILS NEAR THE GRAND COUNCIL
OF NEW YORK.

ALABAMA.....	John W. Coburn.....	Morrisania.
CONNECTICUT.....	P. M. W. Verhoeven.....	New York City.
CANADA	James McCredie	Buffalo.
CALIFORNIA	Thomas Gliddon.....	Rochester.
ENGLAND, WALES, &C	Albert G. Goodall.....	New York City.
FLORIDA.....	John F. Baldwin.....	“
GEORGIA	Geo. M. Osgoodby.....	Buffalo.
INDIANA	Hawley Klein.....	“
ILLINOIS.....	Washington M. Postley.....	New York City.
KANSAS	John D. Williams.....	Elmira.
KENTUCKY.....	E. M. L. Ehlers.....	New York City.
LOUISIANA	Philander Reed.....	“
MAINE.....	G. Fred. Wiltsie.....	Albany.
MARYLAND	William Downes.....	New York City.
MASSACHUSETTS.....	John J. Martin	Albany.
MISSOURI.....	John L. Brothers	Buffalo.
MINNESOTA.....	Alex. B. King	Troy.
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	Geo. Van Vliet.....	New York City.
OHIO.....	Darwin E. Morgan.....	Buffalo.
OREGON	William Sherer..	Brooklyn.
RHODE ISLAND.....	Charles W. Brown.....	New York City.
TENNESSEE.....	John N. Macomb, Jr.....	Branchport.
VERMONT.....	Ralph C. Christiance.....	Ithaca.

REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
NEAR OTHER GRAND COUNCILS.

ALABAMA.....	Benjamin F. Pope.....	Mobile.
CALIFORNIA.....	Charles Lord Field.....	San Francisco.
CONNECTICUT.....	James S. Gould.....	Bridgeport.
CANADA.....	Daniel Spry.....	Toronto.
ENGLAND, WALES, &C.....	Nathaniel George Philips.....	London, Eng.
FLORIDA.....	James A. Chaffin.....	Milton.
GEORGIA.....	Anselm Sterne.....	Albany.
INDIANA.....	Lucienne A. Foote.....	Crawfordsville.
ILLINOIS.....	James Douglass.....	
KANSAS.....	David Brockway.....	Topeka.
KENTUCKY.....	William Ryan.....	Louisville.
LOUISIANA.....	Rev. Thos. D. Lawson.....	Bastross.
MAINE.....	Josiah H. Drümmond.....	Portland.
MASSACHUSETTS.....	Wm. Porter Anderson.....	Boston.
MISSOURI.....	Noah M. Given.....	St. Louis.
MICHIGAN.....	H. Shaw Noble.....	Monroe.
MINNESOTA.....	Geo. W. Cooley.....	Minneapolis.
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	Henry P. Glidden.....	Dover.
NEW JERSEY.....	Marcus Higginbotham.....	Jersey City.
OHIO.....	Henry Newbégín.....	Circleville.
PENNSYLVANIA.....	Geter C. Shidle.....	Pittsburgh.
RHÔDE ISLAND.....	A. H. Cushman.....	Providence.
TENNESSEE.....	John Frizzell.....	Nashville.
VERMONT.....	Geo. H. Bigelow.....	Burlington.

OFFICERS FOR 1886-7.

JOHN W. COBURN..	... of Morrisania ...	M. I.	Grand Master.
JOHN L. BROTHERS.....	of Buffalo.....	R. I.	Grand Deputy Master.
RALPH C. CHRISTIANCE...of Ithaca.....	" "	P. C. of W.	
JOHN F. BALDWIN.....of New York.....	" "	Treasurer.	
GEO. VAN VLIET.....of New York.....	" "	Recorder.	
EDW. M. L. EHLERS.....of New York.....	" "	C. of the G.	
JOHN N. MACOMB, JR.....of Branchport....	" "	C. of the C.	
ALEX. B. KING.....of Troy.....	" "	Marshal.	
Rev. JOHN G. WEBSTER...of Greenbush....	" "	Chaplain.	
SAMUEL C. PIERCE.....of Rochester.....	" "	Lecturer.	
GEORGE A. NEWELL.....of Medina.....	" "	Steward.	
JOHN HOOLE.....of New York.....	" "	Sentinel.	

OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL
OF THE UNITED STATES.

(Elected September, 1886.)

GEO. J. PINCKARD	of New Orleans, La.	<i>M. P.</i>	<i>General Grand Master.</i>
GEO. W. COOLEY	of Minneapolis, Minn.	<i>R. P.</i>	<i>General Grand Deputy Master.</i>
ORESTES A. B. SENTER... ..	of Columbus, Ohio.	<i>R. P.</i>	<i>General Grand P. C. of W.</i>
FRANK H. BASCOM.....	of Montpelier, Vt.	<i>P.</i>	<i>General Grand Treasurer.</i>
HENRY W. MORDHURST.....	of Fort Wayne, Ind.	<i>P.</i>	<i>General Grand Recorder.</i>
JOHN W. COBURN.....	of Morrisania, N. Y.	<i>P.</i>	<i>General Grand C. of the G.</i>
HENRY SAYRE ORME.....	of Los Angeles, Cal.	<i>P.</i>	<i>General Grand C. of the C.</i>
GEO. L. McCAHAN.....	of Baltimore, Md.	<i>P.</i>	<i>General Grand Marshal.</i>
BRADFORD NICHOL.....	of Tennessee.	<i>P.</i>	<i>General Grand Steward.</i>



Next Annual Assembly, September 6th. 1887.