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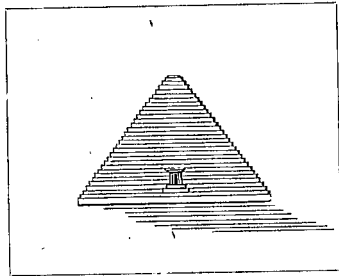
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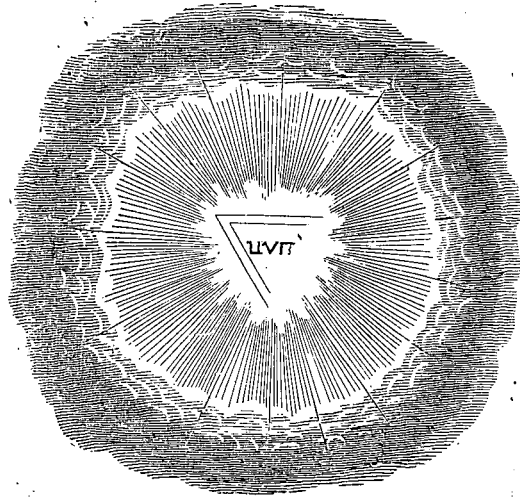
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OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL R. & S. M'S.

OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

GRAND COUNCIL ROOM,
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 As-
sembly, in the City of New York, on Tuesday, September 5th,
A. D. 1882, Anno.: Dep.: 2882.

PRESENT.

M. III. JOHN J. MARTIN	GRAND MASTER.
R. III. THOMAS GLIDDON	GRAND DEPUTY MASTER.
R. III. JOHN W. COBURN	GRAND P. C. OF W.
R. III. DAVID B. HOWELL	" TREASURER.
R. III. GEO. VAN VLIET	" RECORDER.
R. III. A. OPPENHEIMER	" C. OF THE G.
R. III. R. C. CHRISTIANCE	" C. OF THE C.
R. III. JOHN F. BALDWIN	" MARSHAL.
R. III.	" CHAPLAIN.
R. III. JOHN N. MACOMB, JR.	" LECTURER.
R. III. A. D. ROBBINS	" STEWARD.
III. JOHNSTON FOUNTAIN	" SENTINEL.

Together with the Representatives of the following Councils:

COLUMBIAN	No. 1	PALMYRA	No. 26
UNION	" 2	UTICA	" 28
BROOKLYN	" 4	KING SOLOMON	" 31
ADELPHIC	" 7	OLEAN	" 33
BLOSS	" 14	HORNELSVILLE	" 35
BRUCE	" 15	PENTALPHA	" 36
SOUTHERN TIER	" 16	KONHOCTON	" 40
BUFFALO	" 17	CORNING	" 53
DORIC	" 19	PEEKSKILL	" 55
KEYSTONE	" 20	SING SING	" 64
DEWITT CLINTON	" 22	ITHACA	" 68
ONTARIO	" 23	NEPPERHAN	" 70
DUNKIRK	" 25	ALPH-OMEGA	" 71

And permanent members as follows:

M. III. JOHN HOOLE	PAST G. M.
M. III. G. FRED. WILTSIE	"
M. III. GEO. M. OSGOODBY	"
M. III. CHARLES W. BROWN	"
R. III. ALEX. B. KING	P. G. P. C. OF W.
R. III. JOHN W. SIMONS	P. G. TREASURER.
R. III. JOHN L. BROTHERS	P. G. C. OF THE G.
R. III. P. W. VERHOEVEN	P. G. C. OF THE C.
III. PHILANDER REED	P. T. I. M.
III. JESSE B. ANTHONY	"
III. JOHN G. BARKER	"
III. RALPH E. PRIME	"

With Representatives from the following Grand Councils:

CONNECTICUT,
ENGLAND, WALES, &c.,
FLORIDA,
GEORGIA,
LOUISIANA,
MAINE,

MASSACHUSETTS,
MICHIGAN,
MINNESOTA,
MARYLAND,
NEW BRUNSWICK, CAN.
NEW HAMPSHIRE,

RHODE ISLAND.

The Grand Council was opened in ample form.

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. I. JOHN J. MARTIN, Grand Master, then delivered the following address:

ADDRESS.

COMPANIONS:

Since last we met, this earth of ours has traversed its yearly orbit around the sun. The seasons, with their varied attractions, have come and gone. We have seen the forces of Nature lie covered with a pall of snow, and, as gentle Spring advanced, we have noticed vegetation start forth at her approach and bloom in the luxuriant Summer-time. We have observed that each season has its work to perform—its mission to accomplish, and on every side is seen the wisdom of Him

“Who sees with equal eye, as God of all,
A hero perish, or a sparrow fall.”

In 1865, America's ability to control its vast area, with its many diversified interests, surprised Europe and fixed undisputed our position as a great nation. During the past year an event has

taken place which has made the stability and solidity of our Government acknowledged throughout the world. The assassin of our President, having been allowed every means of defense, after a long and careful trial, has paid the legal penalty of his crime. In a country where every man's voice has weight, there could have been no stronger proof of the loyalty and allegiance of the people than the manner in which Guiteau was tried and executed. The Chinese problem has been met and settled. Prosperity reaches from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and in her embrace all departments flourish. In this general thrift our Rite has probably (thanks to the Gen. Grand Council and love of the Comps.) received its full share.

And now, in this beautiful Autumn-time, as we meet to consult the best interests of our beloved Order, only one cloud dims the clear sky of our rejoicing. That is the death of P. G. M. H. F. L. BUNTING. He was a faithful Mason and true friend. An old member of the Grand Council, he endeared himself to all by his courtesy and affability. I have been unable to obtain more than an incomplete record of his Masonic career, and recommend that a more perfect one be obtained and published with our proceedings. I learn from our R. I. G. Recorder that M. I. Comp. BUNTING was made a R. & S. M. in Washington Council No. 1; affiliated with Adelpic U. D., Dec. 24, 1855; was elected its first Master in 1856, served one year; was elected Grand P. C. of W. of the Grand Council, June 19, 1854; was elected R. P. Deputy G. M. of the Grand Council, June 4, 1855; was elected M. P. Grand Master of the Grand Council, June 2, 1856, and served in that capacity *one* year. He died on the 14th and was buried on the 19th of March last. Some five different Masonic organizations were present at the funeral, R. W. Bro. JAMES E. MORRISON officiating.

And from R. I. Bro. J. W. COBURN I learn, that at the time of his death he was an active member of Adelpic Lodge, Sylvan Chapter, Constantine Commandery and Adelpic Council.

He was an earnest lover of the Cryptic Rite; to him the future always appeared bright and hopeful; in her darkest days he never doubted but that our beautiful degrees would, in the end, triumph over all opposition. Judging from report, when for him the time

of the "third watch" arrived, he could truly say "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course."

"The churchyard bears an added stone;
The fireside shows a vacant chair;
Here sadness dwells and weeps alone,
And death displays his banner there.
The life has gone, the health has fled,
And what has been, no more shall be:
The well-known form, the welcome tread,
Oh! where are they, and where is he?"

August 30th. I have just learned of the death of Comp. JOHN R. WILTSIE, the Representative of the G. C. of the State of South Carolina, near this Grand Council. He died on the 16th, and was buried in Poughkeepsie on the 18th of August. He was, what might be called, an "upright man and a Mason," living in accordance with the "Golden Rule," respected and honored by all who knew him, and on his death, leaving to his relations that which is better than riches, a good name. An interesting fact, in connection with his Masonic history, is that the several Masonic Degrees, from E. A. up, were conferred on him by his son, M. I. G. FRED. WILTSIE, P. G. M., of this Grand Council.

During the year I have had the pleasure of visiting a number of Councils, at all of which I was received and greeted in that truly courteous manner customary with Select Masters when visited by a Grand Officer. One visit, particularly worthy of mention, was made on the evening of January 12th, to Buffalo Council No. 17, for installation of officers. On this occasion there were present six of the officers of this Grand Council. Judging from the enthusiasm exhibited on this occasion, both in the Council Chamber and banquet room, R. I. Comp. OPPENHEIMER is very successful in conducting the work of said Council.

To the Masters of Councils, and to the Grand Officers, the following circular was issued:

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTER MASONS,
STATE OF NEW YORK.

ALBANY, OCTOBER 20, A. D. 1881, A. DEP. 2881.

R. I. COMPANION:

In accordance with a resolution adopted at the last Annual Assembly of the

Grand Council, I hereby apportion the several Councils in this jurisdiction for Grand Visitation to the several Grand Officers, as follows :

R. I. THOS. GLIDDON, G. D. M.	COUNCILS Nos.	14, 17, 20, 23, 46.
R. I. J. W. COBURN, G. P. C. OF W.	" "	24, 19, 31, 55, 62.
R. I. A. OPPENHEIMER, G. C. OF G.	" "	15, 22, 25, 26, 27.
R. I. R. C. CHRISTIANCE, G. C. OF C.	" "	28, 33, 36, 53, 71.
R. I. J. F. BALDWIN, G. M.	" "	1, 7, 69, 70.
R. I. A. D. ROBBINS, G. S.	" "	16, 35, 40, 68.

As it is considered of value to the Cryptic Rite to make Official Visits, it is expected that the several Grand Officers will communicate with, and if agreeable, make a visit to the Councils apportioned to them, and make a written report of the same to me on or before the 15th of July, 1882.

Truly and Fraternally yours,

JOHN J. MARTIN,

Grand Master.

Jan. 23d.—Granted a dispensation to Zabud Council No. 46, to elect and install officers, they having failed to do so at the proper time.

Feb. 7th.—By request, appointed R. I. A. M. WOLHIN our Representative near the Grand Council of Georgia.

Feb. 10th.—Granted a dispensation to Ithaca Council No. 68, to install their officers.

Feb. 10th.—Granted a dispensation to King Solomon Council No. 31, to elect and install their officers.

April 1st.—Granted a dispensation to Buffalo Council No. 17, to elect and install a Treasurer in place of SOLOMON TAYLOR, deceased.

Aug. 1st.—Granted a dispensation to Hudson Council No. 62, to install officers for the present year.

In 1874 this Grand Council adopted a standard work recommended by a Convention which the previous year had met in New York. In visiting Councils I have noticed quite a difference in many of the minor details of the work. Whether it is of sufficient importance to appoint a committee to give us a uniform work is for you to determine.

That the General Grand Council has been a success is now beyond all doubt. Eighteen Grand Councils have ratified and become a part of said body, and a number of others are preparing to come in under its provisions.

As the welfare of the Order is dear to all, it must be our unceas-

ing endeavor to advance its highest interests. By our actions toward each other we are known to the world, and it is necessary, for the reputation of the Order, that they be always influenced by brotherly kindness. In the fight of life which must be "waged by everyone of us against a host of foes," a brother's hand may often lighten our burden or help us over a "rough and rugged path." Let it be our aim to have this aid always ready, so that when we shall meet in the Nirvāna of our hopes, after our part in the great drama has been enacted, we may be conscious that we "have kept the faith" and have been loyal to our trust. If this is borne in mind, our Order will ever wax greater and stronger, and the so-called "Mississippi Plan" will be numbered among the schemes of the past.

"All the virtues that attend the good
 Shall still be doubled on her: truth shall nurse her;
 Holy and heavenly thoughts still counsel her:
 She shall be lov'd and fear'd; her own shall bless her;
 Her foes shake like a field of beaten corn,
 And hang their heads with sorrow; good grows with her;
 In her days, every man shall eat in safety
 Under his own vine what he plants, and sing
 The merry songs of peace to all his neighbors.
 God shall be truly known; and those about her
 From her shall read the perfect ways of honor,
 And by those claim their greatness.

On motion, the address was referred for sub-division and reference to Companions

E. M. L. EHLERS. WM. J. MCKELVEY. W. H. WYMAN.

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 submits the following Annual Report:

RECEIPTS.	
Balance on hand, as per last Report:	\$ 13.59
Received from the Grand Recorder.....	1,121.50
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	\$1,135.09

DISBURSEMENTS.

Warrant 509 Grand Master's Expenses.....	\$ 16.00	
“ 510 Grand Recorder's Salary and Expenses.....	266.85	
“ 511 Chairman Committee on For. Cor.....	50.00	
“ 512 Rent of Room and Safe.....	35.00	
“ 513 Grand Sentinel.....	10.00	
“ 514 Testimonial to P. G. M.....	150.00	
“ 515 Pay of Representatives.....	283.39	
“ 516 Printing Proceedings of 1880.....	200.00	\$1,011.24

Balance on hand..... /\$123.85

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. HOWELL, *Grand Treasurer.*

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

During the Annual Assembly of 1881, as acknowledged in printed Proceedings.....	\$1,046.50
Dec. 24, 1881, from Hudson Council No. 62, for dues.....	35.00
Feb. 8, 1882, from Ontario Council No. 23, for dues.....	28.00
Apr. 14, 1882, from Addison Council No. 69, bal. for Warrant.....	10.00
For attaching seal to certificate.....	2.00
Total.....	\$1,121.50

I have entered in the Grand Council Registry to the present date..... 3,568 names,
among whom the following changes have occurred:

Suspended for non-payment of dues.....	642	
Died.....	195	
Dimitted.....	140	
Expelled.....	3	980

Leaving a registered membership in good standing of. 2,588 Companions.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Van Hook
Grand Recorder.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committees:

	<i>On Credentials and Returns.</i>	
GEO. VAN VLIET,	A. OPPENHEIMER,	WM. H. WHISH.
	<i>On Warrants and Dispensations.</i>	
A. D. ROBBINS,	WM. DOWNES,	WM. B. HULL.
	<i>On Constitution and By-Laws.</i>	
GEO. M. OSGOODBY,	CHAS. W. BROWN,	A. G. GOODALL.
	<i>On Grievances and Appeals.</i>	
JOHN N. MACOMB, JR.,	WM. SHERER,	P. L. HINMAN.
	<i>On Finance and Accounts.</i>	
JOHN W. COBURN,	ALEX. B. KING,	W. H. WYMAN.
	<i>On Unfinished Business.</i>	
JOHN L. BROTHERS,	JASON COLLIER.	H. C. WELTEN.

M.·I.·Comp. GEO. M. OSGOODBY, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the following report of said Committee, which was, on motion, received and ordered printed in our proceedings:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE MOST PUISSANT GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT
MASTERS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

COMPANIONS :

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence would most respectfully report, that during the past year we have received the proceedings of most of the Grand Jurisdictions of our Rite, and that we herewith submit our report thereon, including therewith others from which we have not received or had the pleasure of perusing their official proceedings, but from which we have received information indirectly.

Your Committee also believing that it would be well for the Cryptic Rite in our own jurisdiction to have a report of the condition of the Rite in its own bounds, have also included in our work a brief report thereon for the past year; trusting that our work in making this report may be received with that masonic charity and allowance which we are aware it requires, coming, as it does, from inexperienced hands, after having had the able reports of our predecessor, Comp. HUDSON, for so many years. This position was accepted

by us with great reluctance under the circumstances that seemed to force it upon us, and promising that we would repeat the offence again, we proceed: We have included in our report a review of the architecture of the following jurisdictions, having reported upon thirty-four different States and Nations, and including therein forty-one years of work:

ALABAMA.....	1881	MINNESOTA.....	1881
ARKANSAS.....	1880-1	MISSISSIPPI.....	1880
CALIFORNIA.....	1881	MISSOURI.....	1880-1-2
CONNECTICUT.....	1882	NEBRASKA.....	1880-1
ENGLAND AND WALES.....	1881	NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	1882
FLORIDA.....	1881	NEW JERSEY.....	1882
GEORGIA.....	1881	NEW YORK.....	1882
IOWA.....	1880	NORTH CAROLINA.....	1882
ILLINOIS.....	1881	OHIO.....	1881
INDIANA.....	1881	ONTARIO.....	1881-2
KANSAS.....	1882	PENNSYLVANIA.....	1882
KENTUCKY.....	1880	RHODE ISLAND.....	1882
LOUISIANA.....	1882	SCOTLAND.....	1881
MARYLAND.....	1881	SOUTH CAROLINA.....	1881-2
MASSACHUSETTS.....	1881	TENNESSEE.....	1882
MICHIGAN.....	1882	VERMONT.....	1881
MAINE.....	1881	WISCONSIN.....	1881
		UNITED STATES GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.....	1882

We have thought best to start our report with our own State, New York. We congratulate our Companions of our own jurisdiction that the interest in the Cryptic Rite is increasing with us; that there is an inquiry being made in reference to it, and the feeling that there was a disease which had fastened upon its vitals, that in the end, might prove possibly fatal, has been changed to one of confidence and belief in its stability and perpetuity. The Companions of the Rite are not alone in this belief; it is shared by the brethren of the Craft, and by the Companions of the Capitular Rite as well.

The subordinate Councils are doing their work with enthusiasm, adding to their membership steadily, not in large numbers, but, as was the design of the Rite, out of the select of the Royal Craftsmen—those who are proper and fit for the exalted work to which our Select Companions are called.

The reports of our Visiting Officers to the Councils assigned to them respectively, are of a most satisfactory character, and fully demonstrate the fact that the intrinsic value of the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters are gaining ground, not from ulterior motives or influence working in their favor (as they are not a prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood), but from their own beauty and worth as an important and necessary connecting link in the grand Masonic Temple, and as the end and full fruition of Ancient York Masonry.

It has never been the practice of our body in the past to try to save any funds for the future, but to make use of all its income as it came in from year

to year ; this year there was not only a sufficient amount for all of the requirements of the body, but a goodly sum is left in the treasury for future emergencies.

During the past year, two Councils that have lain dormant for years, have been resuscitated and are now working with good results, and are to be represented in our Annual Assembly ; others are beginning to renew their interest, and are taking steps to resume their work.

With the revival of interest in the Rite that has been the direct result of the organization of a General Grand Council and its adoption so universally, the prospects of the future of the Rite are indeed glorious in the State of New York, and not alone here at home, but abroad as well. Take renewed courage then, beloved Companions ; the work upon the grand edifice that we are erecting to the honor and glory of the cause that we have so solemnly vowed to support and sustain, is not to be suspended for want of select craftsmen to complete it ; but it is to progress and be completed in time for you to return to your own country, there to receive the reward that is assured to those who are faithful unto the end.

Your committee are aware that they have taken upon themselves, in speaking of the situation and condition of the Rite in our own jurisdiction, what may, perhaps, be considered as not being within the duty assigned to them ; but the importance of having a true and correct report of such condition, seemed to require that they make this innovation upon the usual custom, and we trust that the interest that we have in the success of the Rite may prove an ample and sufficient excuse for our having trenched upon what may have more properly belonged to another to occupy ; but wherever we have seen in the past any ground unoccupied, that we have thought might be cultivated to advantage, we have tried to get in with such work as would tend, in our opinion, to the benefit of our cause. This is our only excuse—we have no other.

Number of Companions received and greeted in past year.....	185
Number in good standing in jurisdiction.....	2,588

ALABAMA—1881.

The first in our alphabetical list always fills its appointed place. A review of Grand Council proceedings that was not headed by Alabama, would immediately attract attention, and the inquiry would be made as to the reason of its omission. One who never disappoints us when an engagement is made, is sure to be anxiously inquired after if not present at the appointed hour. With this State absent we should not know how to commence.

Its forty-second Annual Assembly was held at Montgomery, with our old friend, WILLIAM DWIGHT WADSWORTH, Grand Master, presiding, with representatives from nine Councils, an increase of two over its last year's representations. The G. M. delivered an address in which he states that the expiring year had been the most important to them of any of the years (42) of its existence. He exhibits his gratification at the consummation of the permanent

organization of the General Grand Council, their duty to which, he says, he knows all within that jurisdiction will abide by with pleasure to themselves and honor to the Craft. From his standpoint, he predicts that within a few years, peace and harmony will prevail throughout the entire Cryptic world, and that from henceforth we will have no contention but that noble contention of who best can work and best agree.

The Rite seems to be prospering within this jurisdiction. The Treasurer's report shows that this body is above par; that it has a balance in the treasury.

A Committee on Work was appointed, comprised of the three principal officers, and that they will make a success of it is assured from the start, for they have put a "lucky" man in the centre of it.

Peace and harmony prevails with them, and prosperity seems to abound. Mobile Council is, he fears, numbered with the dead; but he expresses a hope that the dead may be yet brought to life during the coming year. That is just the kind of talk, followed up by earnest action. Never say "fail" or "dead" in relation to Mobile. Within the limits of that noble city are many who feel as you do on this subject, and a stirring up of the dry bones there may show that they are covered, not only with flesh, but that there are strong muscles there that only lie dormant through inanition. Give them a lively dose of electricity—some blue lightning—when you visit them; no soothing syrup will benefit them any. With the impetus that has been given to the Rite by the concentration of Cryptic energies into a grand head of the bodies, Mobile ought to bestir itself and awake from its lethargy. No Adoniram has yet been appointed to the work to fill the place of Ahishar there, and until one is, and the sentence of death be in process of execution, Ahishar may arouse and resume the place of duty, doing the appointed work, and in due time receive the reserved reward.

The Committee on the Address of the G. M. express their hope that the zeal of the G. M., and his efforts to revive Cryptic Masonry, may result in a general revival throughout that jurisdiction. Cheering words will accomplish wonders in holding up and sustaining those who have to lead and direct the way; but just put your shoulder to the wheel and give it a few more revolutions to the minute and you will be surprised to see what an advance movement the machinery will make. ACTS will prove of immense aid, while words of praise to those entitled, prayers and hopes may avail much—even all these, combined with faith, will not accomplish the desired results without you add to them WORK—earnest, indefatigable and without "let-up;" then, you may reasonably expect to accomplish marvelous results. It is not necessary to ask the Companions of Alabama, as a usual thing, to work; but we want you to work on Mobile. Resuscitate that Council, unless the flesh cleaveth from the bone; if that be the case, if there be no life within the soul, then

Cross her cold hands gently over her breast,
 Breathe a prayer softly, as her spirit flits away;
 Let the Quarries furnish her place of rest,
 Whilst the music of the Craftsmen your sorrows allay.

The time for Councils, whose Charters have been forfeited for default in making returns, to be reinstated, was extended for another year, upon payment of one year's dues.

Comp. SAYRE, as Chairman, &c., reviews the proceedings of sixteen G. C.'s, our own among the number; and, by the way, pays a compliment to the interest and zeal manifested by our Grand Council, making several references to the address of G. M. BROWN, and to the report of our most able predecessor.

We are not advised whether our Grand Representative was present or not. Would it not be well to state hereafter?

M. I. WILLIAM DWIGHT WADSWORTH, of Montgomery re-elected G. M. R. I.; DANIEL SAYRE, of Montgomery, re-elected G. R.

ARKANSAS—1880.

We have cheering news from this State. The Most Excellent Grand Chapter, which met November 19th, 1880, at Little Rock, took decisive action upon the subject of the Cryptic Degrees, and we give the following from the excellent address which was delivered on that occasion by M. E. M. MCGUIRE, G. H. P., upon that subject:

"The question of most vital interest to the Craft in our jurisdiction is, what was done and what we are to do with the Council Degrees? In order for us to understand this question properly, a digression must be made, which I shall make as brief as possible. THE DEGREES OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTER CAME TO US IN AN IRREGULAR MANNER—not necessary here to state.

"At the seventh tri-ennial Convocation of the G. G. Chapter, held in the City of New York, Sept. 10th, 1829, the following report was adopted, which is self-explanatory:

"WHEREAS, It is satisfactorily proved to this G. G. Chapter that the Constitution of Councils of Royal and Select Masters in different parts of the United States, by sundry persons has been without any legitimate authority; and these degrees are conferred in some Chapters; and

"WHEREAS, It was proved that it was the only and sole intention of the Most Excellent Companions from whom those degrees emanated, that they should be conferred under the authority of Royal Arch Chapters; therefore,

"Resolved, That authority be, and is hereby granted to the several Grand Chapters, under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, to make such arrangements as shall be found necessary for conferring the Degrees of Royal and Select Master in Royal Arch Chapters; provided always, that no Grand Chapter, within the limits of which is a Grand Council, shall authorize the Royal Arch Chapters under its jurisdiction to confer such degrees without the consent of such Grand Council.

"Under this authority the Chapters worked in a number of State Grand Jurisdictions for years, and a few are working yet.

"Cryptic Masonry extended until its power and influence were acknowledged in many of the State jurisdictions. Grand Councils were organized in many of the States where Council Masons were numerous, and in 1853, at the tri-ennial session of the G. G. Chapter, held at Lexington, Ky., a select committee of five were appointed, to whom so much of the G. G. H. P.'s address as related to the Cryptic Degrees, was referred. Said committee alluded at length to the conflicting views held by Companions, in the several State jur-

isdictions, and the conflict in jurisdiction occasioned by the irregular manner in which the degrees came to us, submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted:

"Resolved, That the G.:G.: Chapter and the governing bodies of Royal Arch Masonry, affiliated with and holding jurisdiction under it, have no rightful jurisdiction or control over the Degrees of Royal and Select Master.

"Resolved, That this G.:G.: Chapter will hereafter entertain no question or matter growing out of the government or working of these degrees while in this present position.

"At the 23d Tri-ennial Convocation of the G.:G.: Chapter, held at Buffalo, Aug. 21, 1877, the question again came up, on a Memorial from the G.:C.: of Mississippi, which was referred to a special committee. A joint Memorial from the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of N. C. was also filed. The committee, to whom the matter was referred, reported, in substance, that the G.:G.: Chapter had no jurisdiction over the Degrees of Royal and Select Master, and was restricted by the Constitution (Sec. 9, Art. I.) to the Degrees of M. M., P. M., M. E. M., and R. A. After considerable discussion, final action was deferred on the report of the committee until the last session held at Detroit.

"For your further information, as this is a very important question for your consideration at this session, I will allude to the interim between the session of the G.:G.: Chapter, held at Buffalo in 1877, and at Detroit in 1880, and see how the several State jurisdictions stand.

"The Grand Councils of Arkansas, Iowa, Kentucky, Mississippi, Nebraska, South Carolina, and Wisconsin have formally dissolved and surrendered the degrees to be worked appendant to subordinate Chapters.

"The G.: Council of Illinois, in like manner, has voted to surrender, but still claims existence. Measures, looking to the same end, have been taken severally by the Grand Councils of California, Missouri, and North Carolina; and Nevada and Oregon, where no Grand Councils have ever been organized, favor the same plan as worked by our jurisdiction. Several other jurisdictions were ready to follow had the G.:G.: Chapter legislated favorably.

"The G.: Councils of Alabama, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, and Vermont in the U. S., and England, Ontario, and New Brunswick abroad, are keeping up their separate organizations; but several have threatened to give way.

"A Convention of Royal and Select Masters was held at Buffalo, in 1877, at which Comp. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND was President, and adjourned to meet at his call. While it was claimed that the Convention was organized to harmonize the conflicting question, yet only such Companions were appointed on committees or invited to its meetings as opposed plans of consolidation.

"During the late session of the G.:G.: Chapter, held at Detroit, the Convention again met, and was composed of Companions representing the Grand Councils of Alabama, Connecticut, California, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Vermont; and by their action a provisional General Grand Council of the United States was organized. Comp. J. H. DRUMMOND, of Maine, was elected M.:P.:G.:G.: Master, and Comp. GEO. W. COOLEY, of Minnesota, was elected R.:P.:G.:G.: Recorder. The General Grand Council is to become a fixed fact when its Constitution shall be ratified by the Grand Councils of nine State jurisdictions. Said General Grand Council proposes to take similar jurisdiction over the Cryptic Degrees as is held by the General Grand Chapter over the Capitular Degrees. It declares all Royal and Select Masters not made in legally constituted Councils, holding authority from State Grand Councils, or from its own body, clandestine. It proposes to grant dispensations and charters in all States

and Territories where no Grand Councils exist. It wholly ignores the plan on which our jurisdiction is proceeding, and declares our work clandestine.

"In the General Grand Chapter, the question came up at Detroit, as deferred business from the session held at Buffalo. A lengthy protest from the Grand Council of New York, indorsed by sixteen other Grand Councils, was filed, in which the following, in regard to the action of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, in 1853, is brought in:

"In 1853, that accomplished Mason, whose name is hailed in every land where Masonry has found a resting place, and whose gifted talents have been used in advocacy and advancement of the cardinal principles of Masonry in many lands and in many languages, whom the brethren have ever delighted to honor, as their tribute to his worth as a man and Mason, the M. E. ALBERT PIKE, in treating of the subject of the Royal and Select Masters' Degrees, concludes his report to the Grand Chapter of Arkansas upon the subject in these words: 'Whatever may be the action of one or all of the Grand Chapters, or of the General Grand Chapter itself, all regular Council Masons, and we among the number, will ever regard those who received the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters in a Chapter as clandestine until they are healed.'

"And this enunciation of a leading mind was adopted by the General Grand Chapter.

"Thus, it will be seen, notwithstanding our more recent action, our former is put upon the record as against the latter. A Special Committee of nine was appointed by the General Grand Chapter on the Cryptic Rite, consisting of J. H. DRUMMOND, of Maine; FREDERIC-SPEED, of Mississippi; JOHN J. BELL, of New Hampshire; T. S. PARVIN, of Iowa; WILLIAM P. INNES, of Michigan; GIL. W. BARNARD, of Illinois; JAMES C. BENNETT, of Kansas; F. J. S. GORGAS, of Maryland; and ELIHU EDMUNDSON, of Tennessee, to whom the question was referred. Said committee held several lengthy sessions, and being unable to agree on anything different, made the following report, signed by all the committee:

"The select committee, to which was referred various documents in relation to conferring the Royal and Select Masters' Degrees under the authority of Royal Arch Chapters, have considered the same, and recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution:

"Resolved, That the General Grand Chapter has no jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal and Select Masters, that it is inexpedient for the General Grand Chapter to take any action concerning them."

"The report was received, and the resolution adopted by a very large majority, after a lengthy and able debate.

"By the foregoing it will be seen our Grand Chapter can proceed under the consolidation plan adopted two years ago. The General Grand Chapter, possessing 'no power of discipline, admonition or censure,' cannot, and will not, prohibit our Grand Chapter in so doing. Many good and zealous companions favor standing firm, and claim that, sooner or later, the General Grand Chapter will adopt resolutions similar to those of 1829; but we must look facts in the face and act with discretion. While we can confer the Cryptic Degrees according to our plan, we cannot pass the companions so honored only in jurisdictions working as we do. In States keeping up regular Grand Councils, our work is regarded clandestine, and our Companions are denied the right of visitation. The General Grand Council is now a fixed fact, and by it our State is regarded as unoccupied territory. A conflict is sure to arise and dissension spread among the Craft. If we are in error, let us correct that error before serious consequences result therefrom. I have but little faith in keeping up a Grand Council in our jurisdiction. We have tried it and failed. Separate Councils cannot be kept alive unless a change comes over the spirit of our Companions. But we who are regular do not wish to be regarded as clandestine when we step across the borders of our State; nor do we wish to have our

work classed as clandestine; neither do we regard it as justice on our part toward candidates to give them degrees, knowing that they will not be recognized when they travel abroad.

“The importance of this question has caused me to lengthen my address greatly; but I have desired to make the question perfectly plain, so that your action may not be uncertain. I recommend the appointment of a special committee of our most discreet Companions, who shall obtain all the light possible, and report thereon what course our jurisdiction shall pursue.”

A committee was appointed to take this matter into consideration, and to report thereon at the next Annual Convocation. This action was a fair, square thing to do by this body, and commends itself to the careful consideration of other bodies in like positions. There is no desire on the part of those who are connected with the General Grand Council to be captious or technical in regard to this question; but the importance of their taking such measures as will protect their rights in these degrees is not only incumbent upon them, but is absolutely necessary to self-preservation. We who have been interested in this solution of the question, which now appears to be settled forever in our favor, have never had a disposition to do aught except that which was Masonic, just and fair in every particular; and if it has seemed otherwise to those who have occupied an antagonistic position to us, we beg of them to disabuse themselves of such an idea. It is well-known that desperate diseases require desperate remedies, and whatever may have appeared unpleasant in this controversy has been forced upon us in the heat of the contest. Many things have, undoubtedly, been said by both parties which had best been left unsaid; but now the only way is to see which can be the most forbearing towards the other; let criminations and recriminations drop and cease forever.

Let our emulation be to see who best can work and best agree.

ARKANSAS—1881.

We have not been favored with a copy of the Proceedings of the G. Chapter of Arkansas for the last year, and consequently, cannot give its action on report of their committee to whom was referred the subject, only as we may judge what it was by the action of the Royal and Select Companions of that jurisdiction, which, we may assume, was in accordance therewith, and which we give you below under 1881, as follows:

This Grand Council reorganized, we hear from private advices, and with prospects of making a success of it. We rejoice at the good news, and extend our hearty congratulations. Nine Councils were represented. An order was made directing all subordinate Councils to reorganize and resume work under penalty of having their Warrants forfeited upon failure to do so.

No action was taken in reference to the General Grand Council of any character, which we very much regret. Come, Companions, let us join hands in this noble work; let the dead past be buried with the dead past, and we will unite in live works for future usefulness that will tend to perpetuate our beautiful and instructive Rite in all of its original integrity, and bring to our Fraternity an unfading crown of glory.

We hope to hear a good report from this Body at its next assembly, and particularly hope that we shall be able to get such report from a copy of its Proceedings and not by the labor of writing a dozen letters, more or less, as we have had to do, in order to get some proceedings.

M. I. S. W. WILLIAMS, elected G. Master. R. I. L. E. BARBER, Little Rock, re-elected Grand Recorder.

CALIFORNIA—1881.

Assembled at San Francisco; five Councils represented. M. I. EDWARD R. HEDGES, Grand Master, addressed the Body at considerable length and exhibits a great interest in his work. He says:

"The partial settlement of the vexed question of consolidation has caused a rift in the dark and ominous clouds that hovered so threateningly over us, and the sky beyond is bright and hopeful.

"New life has been instilled into the Subordinates, and Cryptic Masonry will now pursue an independent and prosperous course."

The Grand Master visited every Council but one in the State; good for him. Would that all in like positions had the time and the will to go and do likewise. What an upheaving there would be amongst the dry bones of some of the Councils that are now filled with Abishars.

Resolutions in ratification and in approval of the General Grand Council organization were adopted.

For our report in this State we have had to delve around in the different Crypts. No Proceedings were sent us, although we made personal application for a copy as a favor to us. Why is it that this Golden State don't send its Proceedings, or even stop long enough in its pursuit after the root, the love of which has been said to be founded in evil, to answer letters? We pause for a reply, but shall not hold our breath until we get it, for fear that the usual disposition of our letters when sent to the "Golden Shore," would compel us to seek that other "Golden Shore" before the answer would reach us.

M. I. EDWARD R. HEDGES, Stockton, Grand Master. R. I. THOMAS H. CASWELL, San Francisco, Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT—1882.

Assembled at Hartford. M. I. G. M. CHESTER TILDEN presided. Nineteen Councils represented. The address contains nothing of general interest, or of special interest to those outside of the State.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of a ratification of the General Grand Council organization, reported adversely, and their report was adopted. The reasoning of the Committee is decidedly unique. They say, in substance, that if the General Grand Council will divest itself of those portions of its Constitution that interdict Masonic intercourse and communications with clandestine made Royal and Select Masters and those who sustain such clandestine bodies, and continue to turn out their illegal grists day by day, it would

probably commend itself to the favorable consideration of the Grand Council of Connecticut. We don't think it necessary to dig out that coon's hole just now ; the minister is not expected at our house to-day, and we can go without any meat of that quality. We never did hanker after that kind of a dish.

'Now, our old friend and Companion, WILLIAM WALLACE LEE, whose name appears as one of the committee which made this report, we are happy to say, did not present it, or even sign it, though his name appears appended thereto ; some one else put his name to it. This we know, for his genuine signature always has his name written out in full, as we have written it ourselves above. He would have seen the African in the fence right quick. What an idea it would be, To resolve, Not to resolve, eh ? The Committee on Foreign Correspondence for all that this report, which we have referred to, stands in their way, make this broad admission and assertion in their report, Comp. LEE being the Chairman of this committee : "I think that there is no reason to doubt that the General Grand Council is as firmly established, as the General Grand Chapter, and with a greater degree of unanimity than when that was organized." Comp. LEE is a worker, and we were right glad to grasp his hand a few weeks since when he passed through our place with his daughter ; our regret then was that we could not induce them to stay over with us for a longer time. We offered to kill our fatted dog ; but it was useless to offer such a temptation to him on that occasion. May his shadow never grow less.

The Proceedings of twenty-one Grand Councils are reviewed, including our own. We get taken to task for having enlogized our late President ten days before his death. A mistake of the printer on the title page is what's the matter. If our worthy Comp. had read the Proceedings over he would have found that the Assembly met on the day after his death, and that the eulogy of the Grand Master was that day, and the Special Committee's report on the succeeding day.

M. I. DWIGHT WAUGH, of Stamford, elected Grand Master ; R. I. JOSEPH K. WHEELER, of Hartford, re-elected Grand Recorder.

DELAWARE—1881.

This State has never had a Grand Council within its borders. The Cryptic Degrees have been assumed or worked ; that is, to the small extent that they have had an existence, by or under the auspices of the Grand Chapter of that State, as against the rightful control of the Grand Councils having the sole authority over the Rite. This territory, therefore, really belongs to the General Grand Council until such time when a Grand Council shall be organized to take charge of the Rite there.

At the last Convocation of the Grand Chapter, as above stated, the following report from a select committee upon this subject was received and agreed to by that Body :

"Your committee, to whom was referred the question of conferring the Council Degrees upon Chapter members, respectfully report : That as the General Grand Chapter of the United States, at its last Tri-ennial Convocation,

decided that it had no jurisdiction over the Council Degrees; therefore, your committee deem it inexpedient for this Grand Chapter to take any action in relation to the same."

That is right; no matter how beautiful the fruit may appear to the sight or taste, as long as you are not invested with the title to it, let it entirely alone, and you will receive the reward of the approval of your own consciences, and in due time, if found worthy, as we have no doubt but you will be, you shall receive the reward that awaits those who resist temptation and remain virtuous. Sisters of the Triangle, take renewed courage. The leaven continues to work, and the time is not far distant when the entire measure will be leavened. Delaware is coming to the front. Well, we will greet you right cordially. Come quickly; you know the old saying, that "hope deferred maketh the heart sick."

ENGLAND AND WALES.

From this jurisdiction we have had no report during the past year, and the best we can say of it is, that we know of our own personal knowledge that it is alive, and is exhibiting a degree of vitality that it would be well for some other jurisdictions to emulate. The writer had the pleasure last Fall of meeting with some of the officers of this Grand Body, and of being entertained by them in their hearty, cordial English style, at a dinner in London, given by them to him when temporarily sojourning there, and from the information then given to him, it is apparent that the Body is on the highway to a success which will be perpetual. For the kindness, courtesies and attentions then shown by M. I. FREDERICK BINCKES and R. I. Comp. DEWAR, Grand Recorder, and by others, to us, our heart will ever retain a lively remembrance, and we trust that, as time passes along, there will be an opportunity afforded to return in some way those favors under our own vine and fig tree. We trust to be able to give still more information in reference to this jurisdiction before going to press.

Since penning the above, we have received later information, and down to the first of September, by the kindness of R. I. Comp. DOW M. DEWAR, Grand Recorder.

The M. P. Grand Master, Rev. CANON PORTAL, has been in exceedingly poor health for the past year, and has been obliged to spend his time abroad, hence the progress of the Rite has been hindered somewhat. The Gr. Recorder writes:

"I am pleased to inform you that these beautiful Degrees are making satisfactory progress in this country, and more especially in London, where the Grand Masters' Council numbers upwards of 120 members, all of whom are the *élite* of Masonry, and who prize the Cryptic Degrees more and more each time they are present at the various ceremonies, which are worked with precision and impressiveness."

This is very encouraging, and the Grand Council of New York may well feel a pride in the outlook in England, for by its warrant the first Council was instituted in that country.

The present officers are :

Rev. CANON PORTAL.....	M. I. P. Grand Master.
SAMUEL RAWSON.....	R. P. D. Grand Master.
J. C. WALLS.....	G. I. M.
JAMES NEWTON.....	G. C. of W.
Rev. A. W. HALL.....	} G. Chaplains.
Rev. I. F. RAVENSHAW.....	
FRED. DAVIDSON.....	G. Treasurer.
D. M. DEWAR.....	G. Recorder.
H. R. CRIGG.....	G. M. of C.
THOS. POORE.....	G. C. of G.
R. BOGGETT.....	G. C. of C.
ALF. WILLIAMS.....	G. Lecturer.
G. F. LANCASTER.....	} G. Marshals.
ROBERT BEVRIDGE.....	
PENROSE DUNBAR.....	
R. P. SPICE.....	} G. Stewards.
EDWIN HOWARD.....	

FLORIDA—1881.

The Twelfth Annual Assembly of this Body assembled at Pensacola; was presided over by M. I. GEO. S. HALLMARK, Grand Master. Every Council in the State was represented. Our Grand Representative, JAMES A. CHAFFIN, was at his place in the Council. The Grand Master delivered one of his characteristic addresses, beautiful in its imagerie, fervent in zeal, trusting in its faith, and filled with encouragement in its every word. The burning incense upon the altars of this or of any other body will never smoulder and die whilst such coals of fire as are to be found in the Crypts of Florida remain under their altars. The Grand Master, speaking of the organization of the General Grand Council, says :

“Upon us devolves the duty of enrolling ourselves among the number of the faithful; and thus perpetuating the independent existence of our loved and honored Order. This, I cannot permit myself to doubt, will be your prompt and unanimous action.”

And it was. He continues :

“At this point, beloved Brethren and Companions, permit me to remind you that the conservation of Ancient Cryptic Masonry, and the perpetuation of its separate organic unity, is to the heart of every true Mason far more than the triumph of a mere partisan sentiment; far more than the perpetuation of a few mystic sighs, and imposing ceremonials, and instructive symbols, however grand and beautiful; far more than the revelation of hidden secrets, enshrined in the unwritten history of remote antiquity, and bringing to light sacred truths of profound traditional and archaeological interest. These are noble and worthy objects in themselves; but Cryptic Masonry goes deeper and reaches

farther than all these. It is not only the missing link that completes the chain of our traditional history, but it is also a stronger moral link that binds our Masonic affections in a higher, closer unity and fraternity."

We hardly know where to stop in our quotations from this most admirable address.

Among the important acts of this Body was directing the reprinting of its earlier Proceedings, from 1858 to 1876 inclusive; but by so doing we are deprived of the usual report of Comp. CARLOVITZ on Correspondence; this we much regret, for they are always good and have the ring of the true metal. It has been a source of pleasure for years to the writer to read the lessons placed before him as depicted by his graphic pen. To satisfy us that "his intentions are honorable," he must double up on his report next year. The reprint is attached, and is in fact a valuable document. This action should be imitated by other jurisdictions whose histories in their earlier years have so many missing links, our own included.

M. I. GEO. S. HALLMARK, of Warrington, re-elected Grand Master; R. I. JOHN CARLOVITZ, of Milton, re-elected Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA—1881.

No Proceedings at hand; are not yet printed, owing to the neglect of the Grand Recorder in not having taken down the address of Grand Master ARMSTRONG as he delivered it extemporaneously, relying (as we suppose) upon the Recorder doing his duty; he did not try to remember it, and so the Craft suffer the loss. Confusion among the Craft at the building of King Solomon's Temple! Well, we can imagine what it was now. The Grand Master had no designs upon his Trestle Board; so it is in Georgia, but the designs were not prevented being placed there for the same reason; one was prevented by the hand of death; the other by the failure of the Recorder to take down the designs as the Grand Master laid them out for him. This Grand Master was a victim of misplaced confidence. We should have supposed that G. M. ARMSTRONG would have been more careful and not have allowed his Grand Recorder to have been sleeping when he was addressing that Body. We have heard before that a few of the Grand Recorders shirked some of their duties, and here we have it illustrated. However, our good Companion WOLIHIN (not good in reporting addresses as they are delivered), appreciating his delicate position and desiring to atone for taking a nap while the address was being delivered, has kindly furnished us with a brief statement of their action, and promises us a copy of their Proceedings soon (without the address however); so we shall exercise our Masonic charity and forgive him, even if his own G. M. does not. Nine subordinate Councils were represented. He says that Cryptic Masonry is in a better condition than it has been for many years. Proceedings of seventeen Bodies, our own included, were reviewed.

R. I. ANSELM STERN, our Representative, was received and welcomed.

M. I. C. F. LEWIS, of Augusta, elected Grand Master; R. I. A. M. WOLIHIN, of Albany, re-elected Grand Recorder.

INDIANA—1881.

The Proceedings of this jurisdiction are ever a source of instruction, combined with pleasure, to the student of Cryptic Masonry. The twenty sixth annual Assembly was held at Indianapolis. Thirty-two Councils out of a possible thirty-nine were present; ten Past Grand Masters were present; note it ye who receive honors from the Cryptic bodies, and then lazily look on and see others bear the heat and burden of the day. Remember, "honors" are only "honors" when worthily worn; but when the dust of ages of sleeping in the passage way, where the workers have not only been obliged to carry the burden which belongs upon your shoulders, but to carry their own in addition, and that in stepping over the Ahishars the dust from off their feet has well nigh covered you, that in such cases the "honors" that have been bestowed upon one unworthy of them become, in fact, a badge of humiliation. We often hear of those who have been placed in high positions presented, perhaps, with valuable jewels who have never attended a meeting after they have got the "honors." Pardon this digression.

M. I. EWARD S. ROSS, G. M., presided and delivered an address which is devoted to business. This official believes in the efficacy of official visits to the subordinates, and the good results of such work on his part may be seen by the fruits which was brought forth. He says:

"With few exceptions our Grand Jurisdiction is in a prosperous and healthy condition, and the outlook for the future of Cryptic Masonry promises well."

He visited the sick and placed the cup of cold water to the lips of the fainting, with the result that might have been anticipated; new life was infused into the veins, and renewed activity is to be seen in the Councils which were sick unto death. Work of this kind will put flesh and muscles upon dry bones, send new venous blood rushing steadily through the veins, clear off the moss which has grown upon the stone of the Temple while the workmen have taken "yet a little more slumber, a little more sleep." If all of our Grand Masters would only be *Grand Masters* in reality in such work the storms might beat against the foundations, there would be no crumbling, no tottering of the walls, neither would there be any danger of the Temple passing through the throes of approaching dissolution. What an incentive such an example would be to those who take their pattern after the head of their organization; how it would encourage the Companions to resume their work in the erection of that Temple which is being prepared for that higher, better, purer life towards which the footsteps of the true Mason are ever tending and striving.

The officers of this jurisdiction are alive to their work: earnest and faithful believers in Cryptic Masonry, devoted adherents to the G. G. Council. With a live constituency to back it up, Indiana will ever continue to progress and advance, having in view the ultimate results of the teachings of our Rite, it will extend its light for the benefit of all jurisdictions.

Comp. AUSTIN reports upon twenty-two jurisdictions, our own being included. He quotes liberally from the pages of New York, and indulges in compliments that the want of a thick snuff colored veil prevents our repeat-

ing. He also pays a justly merited tribute of praise to our predecessor, III. Comp. HUDSON, whose footsteps we were very loth to even attempt to fill, and whose virtues as a faithful worker, true as steel, one can only emulate, seldom equal, never excel.

Receipts, \$1,700.86; expenses, \$975.58; balance on hand, \$725.28. Another recruit for the army "bloated bond-holders."

M. I. PERRY W. GARD, of Frankfort, G. M.; R. I. J. M. BRAMWELL, of Indianapolis, G. R.

ILLINOIS—1881.

This great Jurisdiction is not dead; it has been sleeping, it is true, but from present appearances it will soon again be an honored member of our Grand Sisterhood of Grand Bodies. When it adopted the course it did, in negotiating for a resting place, even in the capacious bosom of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, a cloud seemed to settle down in the very blackness of darkness upon its sisters of our circle of triangles; and the question was asked in bated breath, Which next? However, with the dawn of a better, brighter, purer day for the Cryptic Rite, we trust that we shall see this State wheel into line and take its place in the leading column again.

The attempt to work the Cryptic Degrees through the medium of the Chapter has not resulted as favorably as many of the advocates predicted and desired. At the last Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this State, held at Chicago, October 27th, 1881, a resolution was adopted as follows:

"That a committee of five be appointed by this Grand Chapter to confer with a like committee from the Grand Council as to the best disposition to be made of the Council Degrees, and that they report to this Grand Chapter at the next annual Convocation."

Some interesting correspondence is found upon the subject of Cryptic Masonry in the Proceedings of the M. E. G. C. of this State, and which we think will well repay, not only the printing, but the perusal, by those who desire to keep posted upon this question. It shows that the great heart of Illinois is not far from the true solution of this question. We omit a portion of the first letter that treats upon another subject.

"CHICAGO, October, 1881.

"TO THE M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST:

* * * * In some of the Chapters the officers complained of the extra labor to be performed by the incorporation of the Council degrees with those of the Chapter, and confess that after perfecting themselves in the 'Capitular Ritual,' they have no desire to go through the additional work of learning the Cryptic, and to avoid this extra labor resort to the courteous assistance of visiting companions. In the course of time this may be remedied by the ambition and zeal of the companions in the very laudable and meritorious endeavor to excel, still I am in doubt, and admit that I think the additional work will be the total destruction of the Cryptic Rite, if not of both, for the number of degrees will inspire a feeling of dread to such an extent that the offices of the Chapter will go begging for companions to fill them, and none will be found.

" Most Excellent Companion, SAMUEL WADDLE, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, wrote me partly on this subject, and with your permission I will give you the contents of his letter and my answer in full to his several interrogations:

" BLOOMINGTON, ILL., October 1; 1881.

" JOHN O'NEIL, Esq., Chicago, Ill. :

" While in Chicago last week I spoke to you in relation to the duty of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons in the relation to the Cryptic degrees, and to remind you of my remark that I would like to have your views on the subject at length. I write this, and I fraternally ask that you will give the matter such careful consideration as its importance demands, and write me your conclusions at as early a date as you can as to the following points :

" 1st. Has the arrangement of 1877 between the Grand Council and Grand Chapter, by which the degrees of Royal and Select Master were transferred from the former to the latter, worked satisfactorily, so far as your observation goes, and are those degrees being conferred by the Chapters according to the spirit of arrangement made between the two Grand Bodies?

" 2d. Assuming a negative reply to the first question, is it, in your judgment, practicable to confer these degrees in the average Chapters of the Grand Jurisdiction, by the officers of the Chapters in the manner they should be conferred?

" 3d. Assuming negative reply to second question, are the several Subordinate Councils of the State any better prepared to assume control of these degrees than the Chapters?

" 4th. Assuming negative reply to third question, can the Council degrees be saved from oblivion, rescued as if from death?

" 5th. If so, how are we going to do it?

" Fraternally,

" SAMUEL W. WADDLE."

" CHICAGO, October 19, 1881.

" SAMUEL W. WADDLE, Esq. :

" DEAR SIR AND M. E. COMP.—Yours of the 11th inst. is received, and in a hasty and undigested manner I reply to your interrogations; notwithstanding the fact that I have frequently contemplated this conjoint action of our Grand Bodies, merging or conjoining the Cryptic with the Capitular degrees.

" 1st interrogatory :

" My answer is, No. The two Grand Bodies have now been four years engaged in laboring in this conjoint field, and each succeeding year has but the more fully demonstrated the arrangement as an unwise proceeding, tending toward a final abandonment of those most beautiful and intellectual degrees. Their exemplification has steadily decreased throughout this jurisdiction. When the work was first given in charge of the Chapters, some zealously engaged in perfecting themselves, and accomplished with commendable success a reasonable proficiency, while some Chapters were indifferent—perhaps so, because the officers exhibited no desire to learn or teach the work, no doubt on account of the additional burden placed upon them; and if a desire was manifested by the Companions to become possessed of the degrees, they were obtained frequently through the courtesy of visiting companions who were educated in the work. So far as I now possess information, this is, or may be, considered the present status throughout this jurisdiction. Now, while these degrees were donated to all R. A. M., free of charge, very many have failed to avail themselves of the opportunity—an undisputed evidence of an indiffer-

ence so discouraging to the Chapter officers that they, too, are allowing the work to fall into inglorious oblivion.

"2d interrogatory :

"If you refer to the ability of the officers of the Chapter to confer the degrees, I would unhesitatingly answer, Yes. He who possesses the qualifications fitting him to confer the Chapter degrees properly, by that act establishes the fact conclusively that he can equally well exemplify, teach and work other degrees.

"But if you refer to the legality of the act of conferring these degrees in a Chapter in accordance with the concurrent action between the Grand Council and the Grand Chapter of 1877, I answer, No.

"3d interrogatory :

"I think they are. The Subordinate Councils in this State still retain their charters, and very many their working paraphernalia, and immediately upon the order of the most Puissant Grand Master, can resume their labors.

"4th Interrogatory :

"Yes, without doubt.

"5th Interrogatory :

"Through the orders of the Most Puissant Grand Master for the Cryptic Craft to resume their labors in the Secret Vault—which can and should be done speedily, and thus preserve a sacred work to the Craft, and also relieve Capitular Masonry of an incubus which has become burdensome.

"Section 9 of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter reads as follows :

"The only degree recognized by the G. G. Chapter to be conferred in Chapters under its jurisdiction are M. M., P. M., M. E. M., and R. A. M., &c., &c.

"This is simple, plain and positive. There is neither chance of misconception, misconstruction or evasion, unless at the expense of a violated law. It plainly, specifically names the degrees to be worked, and they are the only ones, except at the expense of our obligations. Is the manner by which the G. Chapter of this jurisdiction obtained possession of these degrees satisfactory to the Cryptic Craft? Were there views consulted, or did the officers, acting with semblance or authority, appoint a committee to act in conjunction with an 'equally legal,' similarly appointed committee from the Grand Council, which on their meeting, made a satisfactory (to, themselves) arrangement, regardless of law or right?

"If this proceeding was right, and in accordance with law, why not carry the same rule of action further and merge the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter and in a similar manner cede rights, waive obligations and abandon landmarks, which, by this precedent, they have an equal right to do. The whole Masonic world would scout the arrangement, deride the actors and despise the constituency, and by force of indignation, if not by force of arms, if necessary, compel them to correct the error. The manifest injustice of this proceeding to Cryptic Masonry has cried aloud for redress without avail. How long will it be permitted to continue? Are not all the R. and S. Masters of this jurisdiction that have been made under this concurrent 'law,' conjoint action? Brilliant give-away scheme? to place the most favorable construction thereon, are they not 'irregular?' When we carefully reflect upon 'ancient landmarks,' where is the accountability? Has the Grand Chapter a record of proceedings anywhere of how many R. and S. Masters have been made, in the various Chapters in this jurisdiction? Do Secretaries of Chapters make any returns of meetings, actions and makings? Are they all (the Secretaries) R. and S. Masters, and legally qualified to make such returns? Is there any law in the Chapters to compel him, or indeed any officer in the Chapters to even take the degrees? The Subordinate Councils hold allegiance to the Grand Councils, and believe that the G. G. Chapter has no jurisdiction over the degrees

of R. : and S. : Master, and that it is proper in the present status for the G. : G. : Chapter to take some action to legalize, and possibly engraft them on the present restricted number of degrees, as named above, and thus preserve the work to the Craft, which the Grand Chapter has so sacreligiously abandoned.

"My Dear Companion, I believe that a member in good standing in a Chapter, who has attained to the degree of the H. : R. : A. : , when the Chapter is called into a Council of R. : and S. : Masters, may retain his seat in the Chapter, and refuse to receive the degrees and go out, and he cannot be punished for disobedience : for I have failed to see a petition in this jurisdiction that a party is requested to sign that states upon its face he is to receive any more degrees than is specified in Section 9 of the Constitution of the G. : G. : Chapter; and Section 9 of the Constitution further states that no R. : A. : M. : , who shall have regularly received said degrees, shall be excluded from the rights of such by his not being in possession of any other so-called degrees.

"Hoping that I have fully, and to your satisfaction answered your several interrogations, I remain, my dear companion.

Yours, fraternally,

JOHN O'NEIL, M. : P. : G. : M. : "

Now, Companions, we don't want to go out of the way to proffer advice unasked, but, we will say, that there has been a place left vacant, waiting for you with us ; where our old time Sister Grand Body that used in former times to give us so much aid and encouragement, and whose Companions are endeared to us by many years service in the same Cripts will find themselves at home again. Come and fill your old place with us * * * A hearty and cordial welcome awaits you, and you will find none who will give a more sincere grasp of the hand to you than will your Companions of New York.

IOWA—1880.

We will tell you a story, a mercantile house in Boston, a few years since, which had extensive dealings with customers in Iowa, finding that he had, as is often the case at the end of the year, some accounts upon his books that were still outstanding, sent off the entire lot to one of our late Companions, of our late Grand Council of Iowa who was in that particular profession which takes much pleasure in rescuing ones' estate from his enemy * * * keeping a goodly share of it himself and returning the balance, with instructions to force collections as fast as possible. In acknowledging receipt of the claims, the creditor was informed that one of his debtors was DEAD. Subsequently the creditor, forgetting his answer, again writing, urging special efforts to collect from his debtors; again spoke of this same debtor as not having paid up, and made enquiries as to him. Promptly came back the answer, "HE IS STILL DEAD."

The Grand High Priest of Iowa, in his address at the annual convocation in 1880, expressed his intense dislike for the General Grand Council organization in strong terms, and characterized the "Memorial" presented in defence of the rights of the Grand Council's position as an "Epistle of the Pharisees to the Saducees," and as containing "some of the most unmasonic, discourteous and invidious reflections I ever saw in a Masonic publication." He then goes on to quote from the Proceedings of the G. G. Chapter of September 1829 upon

the subject of conferring the Council Degrees, and endeavors to argue himself into the belief, against his own convictions of right and justice, that a Grand Chapter has a right to assume control over and to confer the Council Degrees; but as is generally the case, where a person is knowingly in the wrong, he will try to make up in boisterous talking what he lacks in sound argument and good sense, and especially by calling hard names or discourteous remarks will try to drive those from him who will not descend to the use of the same arguments which he has in such common stock. Now while we do not desire to get into an argument with this Royal Arch Companion, (for we do not know whether he has ever had the Cryptic Degrees conferred upon him regularly or not), but we cannot refrain from showing how he succeeds in stultifying himself upon this question before he gets through with his address. There was an enquiry propounded to him by one of the Chapters which called for his judicial decision, acting in his official capacity which is worthy of attention. He assumes, as we have seen, to hold that the Councils have been and are irrevocably merged in the Chapters; that they have been made one body in all respects, and of course if this be so, then whatever property belonged to the Council when it "merged," went into the treasury or assets of the Chapter to which it was offered as a sacrifice. No other logical conclusion can be arrived at; therefore dues which might be owing from a member to the Council of which he was a member, being a part of the assets of the Council would be absorbed by the Chapter and be owing to it from the member. Now let us see how this valiant G. H. P. settles this question: This question was asked him in his official character: Query.—"At time of consolidation we transferred delinquent dues in Council to books of Chapter. Can a member be suspended for refusing to pay them, and can a Dimit be granted while such charges remain—that is old Council dues?" Answer.—"You cannot suspend from Chapter for those dues. If a Companion pays up all other charges against him he is entitled to a Dimit. The truth is they have no right on your Chapter books, and if they are there, they are **WRONGFULLY THERE AND CANNOT BE ENFORCED.**"

This decision is unquestionably right: but what an unenviable position it leaves our G. H. P. in, to have to eat his own fire. It was a Boomerang that he threw at the score of Grand Councils who approved of this "Memorial" that returns before he is through with his address and he becomes a victim of his own indiscretion.. Out of his own mouth he stands self-stultified.

If there is any fault to be found with this "Memorial," the writer of this article does not desire to shirk any responsibility, he was the author of it, and while it was adopted and approved of by the Convention in regular form, primarily he is responsible for its expressions.

At the Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter in 1881, the same G. H. P. recommends that the Grand Chapter adopt as a General Regulation, a provision that the Grand High Priest declare expelled from the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, as contumacious any companion in its jurisdiction who may become a member of any Grand or subordinate Council which may be

organized within the State of Iowa under any authority other than that of the Grand Chapter of Iowa. This recommendation was referred to a Committee who, while they express themselves as agreeing in spirit with the recommendation, they cannot approve of the letter of the resolution suggested.

The G. H. P. also says (they have been charged with it before, but it has always been denied until now), "In other words, the Royal and Select Masters Degrees are but side degrees to the Chapter." This is going further than the advocates of this "merger" process have ever been willing to admit before. It simply means that they mean the destruction of the Degrees; this does not apply to but a very few of those who have favored "merging" as we believe, and if the statement does not meet with some strictures we miss our guess.

The resolution recommended by the G. H. P. above referred to by us is one partaking of extreme bitterness, and let it be once adopted and the results will establish to the satisfaction of that Body that they have at least made one mistake in their lifetime. We do not believe that there is to be found in that Body a corporal's guard to take such an action. There are many there who would gladly welcome back a reorganization of their Grand Council, but while such utterances are to be heard from those in authority we must not expect to be able to welcome Iowa back in our Grand Sisterhood. Well, we will bide the time, she will surely come; remember the prediction. When that time arrives all the past will be wiped out and forgotten and the glad present and the bright future will make all rejoice in a reunited household of faith.

KANSAS—1882.

We are advised by its Circular from Grand Recorder BROWN that its annual Assembly was held at Wyandotte. Its Proceedings are only published once in three years. The list of officers as elected are also given us by the Circular. We are further advised by the kindness of M. I. Comp. BYINGTON that one new Council was chartered. No other business of especial importance was transacted. We wish this Body would publish its Proceedings every year; it will cost no more, keeps up a livelier interest at home and abroad, presents its views and acts upon live questions, and gives the word of encouragement to its Sisters in other jurisdictions. Come Companions of Kansas up to the front with us and let us hear your words of encouragement, wisdom and aid in the advancement of the great work we are engaged in.

M. I. ANDREW M. CALLAHAN, Topeka, G. M. R. I. JOHN H. BROWN, Wyandotte, G. R.

KENTUCKY—1880.

In the Proceedings of the M. E. G. C. of this State we find the action taken on the subject of the Cryptic Degrees which tends to still further establish us in the faith that the Cryptic Rite never was rightfully under the control of any Grand Chapter, and we shall expect our old friends and Companions

from Kentucky to be again an honored member of our Grand Circle of Triangles. We quote from their actions as follows, and which must forever settle the question in this jurisdiction:

"A G. G. Council was formed, and by resolution holds all as clandestine who receive the Cryptic Degrees by authority of a Royal Arch Chapter. This General Grand Council has become operative, and authoritative, having secured the approval of more than nine Grand Councils, and the Degrees of Royal and Select Master must be regarded as under the jurisdiction and control of this General Grand Body, and have consequently passed away from all connection with the Chapters, Grand or Subordinate, to which they really never did belong."

The relationship of the Cryptic Degrees to the Chapter as at present conferred was referred to a committee which was to report at the next convocation. What this report was we are not informed, but you see the heaven is working and it can only work in this direction with good results. The Grand Chapter of Kentucky holds its honor at altogether too high a standard to make any change from this authoritative decision calmly and deliberately formed with a full understanding of the entire issue which is involved. We have received outside advices which tend to show that the decision above referred to is being followed up by a re-organization of the Grand Council of Kentucky. We shall hold out both hands to welcome you to a place in our circle. Will you come and join us?

LOUISIANA—1882.

The twenty-seventh annual Assembly of this Body met at New Orleans. M. I. GEO. J. PINCKARD, G. M., presiding. He delivered, as we are informed by one who had the pleasure of listening to him, a very able address. We believe it, for we know that he has got it in him and is able to let it out, and is always ready to put his shoulder to the wheel and push on the work. No Proceedings published this year as yet. Four Councils represented. We miss the Proceedings very much. We have always arisen from a perusal of their work with pleasure. This jurisdiction has lost one of its bright lights in the removal of M. I. Comp. Pinckard to Florida for the present, and he declined a re-election in consequence. He was however made Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence so we shall still have his aid in our work of advancement. Next year he promises us a full report. We welcome him to the ranks that we have but so recently entered ourself, and are to have him shoulder to shoulder with us. With such a worker as Comp. Pinckard progress and advancement will go hand in hand.

M. I. ALFRED SHAW, New Orleans, G. M. R. I. RICHARD LAMBERT, New Orleans, G. R.

MAINE—1881.

The twenty-seventh annual Assembly was held at Portland. M. I. G. M. JOHN S. DERBY presided and delivered the usual address. Eleven Councils represented. Seven P. C. M., six P. D. G. M., one P. G. P.

C. W., seventeen Past T. I. M., together with the Grand Representatives of as many different Grand Councils were present. How does this look for a Cryptic Body up in Maine? Don't take any interest up there we reckon, oh no.

The G. M. recommended that they should step into the ranks of the constituents of the G. Council and of course it did so.

The receipts were \$241.72, and expenses \$131.52, balance \$110.20.

Comp. DRUMMOND reviews the Proceedings of twenty-two G. C., rather more briefly than is usual. Speaking of New York, he says:

"We have a pamphlet of 124 pages, and it seems almost wicked to pass it with only a few lines. We hope our Companions will go to our Grand Lodge Library, and read them; they are too valuable to be confined to one jurisdiction, even as large as New York."

Thanks, Companion DRUMMOND. We strive to do our work while the day lasts, and words of encouragement like these stimulate us to greater efforts and more earnest labors.

M. I. ARLINGTON B. MARSTON of Bangor, elected G. M. R. I. IRA BERRY of Portland, re-elected G. R.

MARYLAND—1881.

Here we have an illustration of the vigor of youth; a full report, well written and saying all over its pages "vitality unsurpassed." M. I. G. M. GEO. W. SHEIVE presided at the last Assembly which was held at Baltimore. Four Councils represented. Five P. G. M. and fifteen Grand Representatives were in their places. The Proceedings are ornamented with a portrait of the present G. M. The address was confined strictly to business of value. Receipts, \$76.02, expenses, \$75.73.

The Constitution was amended so as to harmonize with that of the G. G. C. of which this Body is an honored constituent. A resolution was adopted, requiring all Cryptic Masons in the jurisdiction, non-affiliated, to assume the O. B. according to the revised work, as well as that of allegiance to the G. G. C., thus becoming the pioneer in this action, worthy of emulation elsewhere. "Maryland, my Maryland" is always in the front ranks of the true and faithful. Not satisfied with being simply a follower, it takes the lead and says, to those who would falter, "Come on."

Comp. McCANAN reviews the Proceedings of twenty-two G. C. in his usual masterly style. He makes liberal use of our Proceedings for 1880 and says, "The proceedings are contained in a beautiful volume, the typographical merits of which, though great, is more than equaled by the vigor and earnestness that pervades the record throughout." Speaking of the address of the G. M. he says, "He deservedly claims no mean distinction for his Grand Council" &c., &c., and quotes the opening of the address to show in what the claim consists. For the kindly expressions of our Comp. in regard to the work of the writer in times past we are grateful, next to the approval of one's own conscience, is the approval of those who are in a position to judge

impartially, even though they may be biased somewhat in their comments. We must quote a portion of his closing remarks, they are so applicable to the present status of the Rite.

"We close our review with a feeling that the present condition of the Cryptic Rite is more than satisfactory, and much surpasses the expectations of the most sanguine * * * The prompt and general ratification of the work of the Detroit Convention having established the G. G. C., order is brought out of chaos, and the watchword "all is well" is reverberated throughout the land. As to the future, much, if not all, depends upon the legislation of the G. G. C. in 1883. If broad and liberal—and we have no reason to think it will not be so—the permanent existence and influence of the Rite will be assured. The prodigals must be welcomed (amen, we say), the term 'clandestine' as applied to the past must be made void and inapplicable. In fact the work so happily begun must be completed, and no wiser course need be suggested than is recorded in the early history of England."

These views meet with our approval, we might differ in some of the ways of carrying out these ideas; for instance, the term "clandestine" must be of force until those to whom it has, as a matter of principle, been applied, have been duly healed. This is easy of accomplishment; let those who have taken these Degrees under the auspices of a Chapter, and are now working under a Council organization, be healed by taking the O. B. This course, with a reorganization of the Council system under a G. C., will ensure the recognition of itself, carrying with it its subordinates and its members. With this course taken, let the broad mantle of charity and brotherly love be drawn over the past, which from the very nature of things, has caused hard feelings on both sides, let their hands be clasped with a fraternal greeting, the communion of spirit renewed and continued to the end of time, never again to be disturbed by the breaking asunder of the links of our golden chain of fraternity. Comp. McCAHAN continues:

"As to those Grand Chapter Reporters who have wasted so much of their time and talent in the discussion of the Cryptic Rite, and so much of the means of their Grand Bodies in publishing their effusions it is to be hoped that they will find a new field in which to exercise their benevolence, or—dry up."

Good advice, but being volunteered, we fear it will meet the fate of many expressions of sage wisdom and advice which have passed beyond the veil.

M. I. THOMAS J. SHYROCK of Baltimore, G. M. R. I. GEORGE L. McCAHAN of Baltimore, G. R.

MASSACHUSETTS—1881.

Assembled at Boston, the "Hub of the Universe," with sixteen Councils represented, besides fifteen permanent members chiefly composed of Past G. Officers. G. M. A. L. RICHARDSON presided, and every officer filled his place of duty. The address was brief, but we are informed that the subordinate Councils had generally a favorable year and the returns show quite an increase in membership. Their finances are prosperous and they will soon be counted as belonging to the capitalists of our Sisterhood. The G. M. says:

"We may safely say that the heart of the Commonwealth is in active operation, supplying us with new blood and the financial sinews so generally needed in Grand Bodies."

One of the results of having a head to the Order we imagine, for he also says:

"The final adoption of the Constitution of the Convention at Detroit by the requisite number of G. . C. . , warrants a belief in the continuance of harmony and a better acquaintance with our neighbors, which will eventually result in the greater influence and power of the Cryptic Rite."

And so it is found everywhere, that this permanent organization of the G. . G. . C. . has placed it more firmly upon a solid basis, giving it a standing and position before unknown, and has drawn to it the attention and cordial support of many who had either passed it by in silence or assailed it as being unsafe, as liable to totter and fall from lack of sound foundations. A report upon correspondence was presented, but, oh how brief, most exceedingly so; it occupies one and one-third pages. This won't do. Give us bread or we perish. Turn us not away from your doors when perishing with hunger.

R. . I. . ALFRED CHAPMAN of Boston elected G. . M. . M. . I. . JOHN HAIGH of Somerville elected G. . R. .

MICHIGAN—1882.

Assembled at Flint, G. . M. . RUFUS C. HATHEWAY presiding, a full corps of officers present, and thirty-nine Councils represented. The address of the G. . M. . was a most valuable document, although he had been burned entirely out of house, home, furniture, and in fact only escaped with the clothing he had on at the time. If such an accident would have the effect of making some other officials work as this one has worked for the benefit of the Order, it might be a good idea to have that incendiary move around in other States some. He gives an account of the organization of their Grand Council in 1858 by three subordinate Councils, and that its advancement and prosperity has been strong is shown by the fact that it now has forty-three Councils and two others under dispensation.

The outlook for the Cryptic Rite in this jurisdiction is full of encouragement.

A good many questions of jurisprudence were presented for decision to the Grand Master, some of which are purely local, others of general importance, among which we note the following decisions as promulgated: A non-affiliated Royal Arch Mason is not entitled to have his petition received or submitted by a Council. A petition cannot be received or acted upon at a special assembly without a dispensation, or if received and referred at a regular assembly it cannot be acted upon at a special without dispensation.

An elected candidate refusing to present himself for the degrees, can have his fee returned to him by the Council if no objection be made.

A dismissed Royal and Select Master while being a non-affiliated M. . M. . and R. . A. . M. . , cannot have his petition received or acted upon.

A Comp. elected to office in his absence, found to be suspended for non-pay-

ment of dues, cannot by paying his dues and being restored be installed into the office to which he was elected when not eligible.

A R. A. M. who has received the Cryptic Degrees in a Chapter can be admitted into Council only by becoming a member of a Council that is untainted by the Mississippi plan, &c. He must petition regularly, set forth the facts, and if elected, must be formally healed and thus become a member of the Council.

It is necessary to take a vote on an application for a dimit. If objections are made, the objector must file charges, or the dimit may be granted by a majority vote.

We agree in the soundness of these decisions. The G. M. announced that the provisional organization of the G. G. C. had been ratified and approved by more than a Constitutional number of State Grand Councils, and that the G. G. C. was in life.

He expresses his belief that its formation was a step to assist in promoting the cause, and that it called a halt in the amalgamation plan, and he says:

"As an individual State, we certainly would not look well if we were not a constituent part of the General Government."

* * * "I am also of the opinion that the position taken, by the merging G. Bodies fully justifies the action of those who called for the General Convention. * * * I feel free to say that united action is of much importance in this branch of Masonry, and from my extended correspondence I learn a new impetus has been given to the Rite, and an interest awakened that has not been felt for years."

G. M. HATHEWAY is a live worker, no drone is he. The record of his work for the year is strength to the weak, bread and meat to the hungry and wine to the fainting; an example to be emulated by others. He realized that he was not put into his position as a mere ornamental "figure-head," but for work. The appointment of a Grand Lecturer is recommended, and a change in the Constitution so as to require the G. M. or some proficient Comp. as his Deputy to make an annual visit to every Council in the State. The Body failed to carry out these ideas.

The Committee on the G. G. C., report in favor of their ratification and acceptance as a constituent thereof, which report was referred to the subordinate Councils to act upon before the next annual Assembly. We rejoice, as will at least eighteen States, that Michigan, from whose loins the G. G. C. sprang into existence, against its will however, by the action of its G. C., now takes a step forward to become a constituent with us of the G. G. C. This shows to what an elevated and prominent position the Body has arrived at, that Michigan is now desirous of hailing the lusty infant as Chief, whose first breath was drawn under such critical circumstances that its life was dependent upon distant Grand Bodies as wet nurses to furnish sustenance for it. Welcome to you. Make haste and come quickly or you may be the last in the race for a seat.

Speaking of the edict of the G. G. C., which declares all Chapter-made R. and S. Ms. clandestine and forbids its constituents having any intercourse with them as such, the committee say:

"The action of this Grand Body (Michigan) has ever been in the right direction on this question, and we may add, without egotism, the first to plant itself squarely on the question of non-intercourse with all Masons receiving the Council Degrees in, under or by authority of a State Grand Chapter."

Wake up, ye Wolverines! "Egotism"—Well, we should smile. You must have been taking a Rip Van Vinkle nap. Just look at your first action on this question, January 21st, 1879, when you adopted a resolution embodied in a report of a committee on page 35 of your Proceedings of that year; then look at the Proceedings of New York of Sept. 1878, page 19, and you will see that the G. M. recommended the same action, and on pages 84 and 85 you will find that our State got in before you on that question; but for all that we do not claim to be the first to take such action, for Pennsylvania, always right in principle upon questions touching the legitimacy and legality of Masonic landmarks, passed its edict of like character February 20, 1878, and Louisiana on the 14th of the same month took action tending in the same direction, and, finally, without referring to the Proceedings of all the Grand Bodies that preceded you upon this subject, we ask you to read that portion of your G. M.'s address which relates to this subject, on page 27 of your Proceedings of 1879, and you will find that he there mentions nine States that had then already preceded you in this step, all of which was before your G. C. had an opportunity to take action on the subject at all. Now own up on this question, and inscribe on your banner the Gospel motto that the countryman wanted to have printed on a Sunday School Banner for a celebration, "Be sure you're right, then go ahead." Take a back seat on this question. We wonder how such a mistake could have occurred to you, for one of the members of the committee who makes it was a member of the committee of 1879 on the question itself.

The Proceedings of seventeen G. C. are reviewed, our own included.

M. I. WILLIAM G. HUDSON of Ludington elected G. M. R. I. GARRA B. NOBLE of Detroit elected G. R.

MINNESOTA—1881.

Assembled at St. Paul. Three Councils represented. G. M. MERRILL presided. In his address he says:

"We have now reached the sub-stratum on bed-rock; the foundations of our Cryptic Rite are now securely laid."

We have had to rely for our report on outside information as we received no copy of their Proceedings. The report on correspondence is by M. I. GROVE B. COOLEY; he reviews twenty-six jurisdictions, including New York, of which he says:

"No Mason can do justice as a presiding officer over more than one Body at a time. Many a good Mason and good worker has become discouraged and

disheartened by having too many honors showered thick upon him. Let the burdens as well as the honors be distributed."

This is good advice and comes from one well qualified to give advice on the subject: The Judge is right as he most always is.

M. I. GROVE B. COOLEY of St. Paul elected G. M. R. I. WILLIAM CHENEY of St. Paul elected G. R.

MISSOURI—1880.

Assembled at St. Louis, presided over by M. I. G. M. B. P. BAILEY, who delivered a brief address, in which he looked forward with a prophetic eye and thought that the near future which was to have such an effect upon the Cryptic Rite, and his utterances on this subject are echoed by the committee to whom his address was referred. The utility of having a Grand Lecturer is established in this jurisdiction.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of a consolidation of that Body with the Grand Chapter took the bull by the horns squarely and reported:

"That this Grand Council has no right to abandon the Degrees, nor has the Grand Chapter any authority to receive them, and that it would not be beneficial either to Chapter or Council to consolidate them."

This report was adopted by the Body by a unanimous vote. Their treasury is in a good condition.

M. I. JOHN A. DOLMAN of St. Joseph elected G. M. R. I. WILLIAM H. MAYO of St. Louis elected G. R.

MISSOURI—1881.

Assembled at St. Louis, M. I. G. M. JOHN A. DOLMAN presided and delivered a brief address, calling attention to the provisional organization of the G. G. C., and recommending the ratification thereof, which was reported favorably, and the same was adopted by the Body. We extend you a cordial welcome to the ranks of the faithful in the G. G. C., which was first ratified by the Grand Council of New York unanimously.

An increase in the funds of this Body was reported. A brief report on correspondence was made, chiefly devoted to the Proceedings of the Detroit Convention, and to the new life instilled into the Cryptic Rite as the results of its action. The report is enthusiastic and we quote a little on this point:

"Prospects for the Rite are brighter now than they have been for many years, and we believe it is because there is a common or supreme central governing power in the General Grand Council formed at Detroit last August and which was a most important and interesting event to all Royal and Select Masters."

With which, we shall say, we believe it.

M. I. JOHN A. DOLMAN of St. Joseph elected G. M. R. I. WILLIAM H. MAYO of St. Louis elected G. R.

MISSOURI—1882.

Assembled at St. Louis; M. I. G. M. JOHN R. PARSONS presiding; six Councils represented. The address of the G. M. shows that the interest in the Cryptic Rite in Missouri is on the increase. For the purpose of aiding in the establishment of new Councils where there are but few R. A. M., he recommended that the G. M. be invested with power to confer the Degrees upon such as desired to receive them for the purpose of instituting new Bodies. This was not approved of by the committee to whom it was referred, and whose report was adopted; they saying:

“It is not a prerogative of the M. I. G. M., to make Select Masters at sight and we are opposed to having such power given to him by the Grand Council, as establishing a dangerous precedent, contrary to the ‘Ancient Usages.’”

The committee congratulated the Grand Council upon the results of the work of the G. M. as having caused renewed interest in the Rite, and the consequent brighter prospects for Cryptic Masonry in their jurisdiction.

We disagree with the committee in their disapproval of the recommendation above stated. The Grand Council of New York has conferred just such a power upon its G. M. by its Constitution, and no evil effects have ever been experienced thereby. In fact, this power we claim is an inherent right and prerogative of the G. M. by virtue of the “Ancient Usages.” It is a very proper one to be exercised in emergencies, and is in accordance with the “Ancient Landmarks.” We would advise (that is, if our advice was asked), that you confer this power, if it is not a fixed right of your G. M., and if the result is prejudicial to the best interests of your Body, it can be changed again. Remember your Grand Masters have the responsibility resting upon them of building up the Temple, and that they will only select the square, perfect Ashlars wherewith to add to its strength and stability you can rest assured. You will make no mistake if you confer this power by your Constitution; try it.

A balance of \$254.19 in treasury was reported.

Comp. MAYO reviews nineteen Grand Councils including our own. We receive a very favorable notice from him. A goodly portion of G. M. BROWN's address is quoted with approval, and our Comp. HUDSON's report on Correspondence is characterized as excellent. Would that he were making this report instead of the writer: his work has ever been excellent, and his graphic pen and faithful heart should still be engaged in the work where it has accomplished so much, and whose place was assumed by the writer with decided reluctance, and which will pass from him with this, his first and last report. Comp. MAYO's report is of much interest, and we congratulate the Grand Council of Missouri that the Mantle has fallen upon shoulders that can do the work so ably. This jurisdiction is yet to be one of the greatest as it now is one of the best of our Union.

M. I. WILLIAM B. WILSON of Cape Girardeau elected as G. M. R. I. WILLIAM H. MAYO of St. Louis re-elected as G. R.

MISSISSIPPI—1882.

At the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this State, held in 1881, considerable was said in reference to the organization of the General Grand Council, and the mooted question with our Mississippi Companions seemed to be whether such organization would be generally accepted by the Grand Councils of the different States, and what effect such action was to have upon the future of Cryptic Masonry. The time intervening between that convocation and the one of 1882, seems to have settled to a great extent that question, and the action of its last convocation is of a fair, manly, masonic character, and such as will tend to harmonize the different State Bodies and unite all in one perfect triangle. Our Companions of this State, at first, not in good spirits over the result of the Detroit Convention, we think have now taken a sober, second thought and are disposed to accept the result in a fraternal spirit. During the controversy which was carried on over the question of "Merger," many things were said and done that made an unpleasant feeling on both sides of the question that undoubtedly had better been left unsaid and undone; but we assure the Companions who favored the merging proposition that, with the organization of the General Grand Council and the action of the General Grand Chapter on the jurisdictional question over the Cryptic Degrees, all feelings and sentiments (if any other had existence) other than those of a fraternal character, have ceased and ended we trust forever. A construction was put upon part of the language of the "Memorial" referred to in the Convocation of 1881, which it was never intended should have been taken, and was not thought of or intended by the author of it; and there is no reason why there should not exist feelings of the most fraternal character between the Companions of this State and those of others. What is said in the heat of controversy should not be treasured up in the cooler moments of reflection; if otherwise, both sides would have much to rankle like a canker worm near the heart. We would gladly grasp our Companions of Mississippi by the hand and say, "God speed" to them. Their eloquent champions did most able and valiant work for their side of the question, and when led by such as M. E. Companions SPEED and HOWRY naught else could have been expected. A memorial was presented to this Body at its last convocation which was received, and the following action was taken upon it:

"The Merger of Capitular and Cryptic Degrees, Comp. P. M. SAVERY, submitted the following:

"TO THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MISSISSIPPI:

"The undersigned Past High Priests and Representatives of sundry Subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, respectfully request the adoption of the following:

"Resolved, That the resolutions and edicts of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Mississippi, relative to the merger of Cryptic and Capitular Degrees, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

"Resolved, That the Grand Chapter recommend to the dormant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Mississippi, to again resume its functions and powers.

(Signed,)	P. M. SAVERY,	OLIVER CLIFTON,
	B. S. TRICE,	A. L. GUNTARP.
	B. T. KIMBROUGH,	JNO. A. GALBREATH,
	J. E. LEIGH,	J. C. PORTER,
	W. P. TOWLER,	E. C. BOLTON,
	S. C. CONLY,	L. B. MOSBY,
		W. D. FERRISS.

"Which, having been read, the Grand Secretary moved to make the consideration thereof the first special order this afternoon.

"Comp. C. OLTEBURG moved to lay the resolutions on the table.

"Comp. SAVERY made the point of order, that a motion to lay on the table is unmasonic.

"The M. E. Grand High Priest, SPEED, declared the point well taken in a Grand Chapter.

"And the resolutions were made the special order as stated."

At the time appointed, the memorial was taken up and this action had :

"After some discussion, the Companions requested that the paper submitted be considered as a memorial, and asked its reference to a Special Committee of seven, which being agreed to, the M. E. Grand High Priest appointed as said committee, Comps. J. M. HOWRY, E. GEO. DELAP, J. L. POWER, P. M. SAVERY, W. G. PAXTON, B. T. KIMBROUGH, JNO. A. GALBREATH.

"Comp. HOWRY, Chairman of Committee on Memorial as to Council Degrees, asked that the committee have until the next Grand Convocation to report; which was granted.

"On motion of Comp. BOWEN, Comps. SPEED and CLIFTON were added to the committee."

It will be seen that there are four Companions on this committee of those who presented the memorial, and five others, of whom the earnest advocates of the merger process, M. E. Companions SPEED and HOWRY, are two. We trust and believe that this committee will take a broad and comprehensive view of the subject; that they will each and every one of them rise above sectional feeling, and treating the question as involving a grand masonic principle, so decide it that the future will be one of advancement and progression in utmost harmony, and our only emulation be as to which shall do the most for the right :

"Who best shall work and best agree."

M. I. Comp. SAVERY, in his Report on Correspondence, in treating of the Cryptic Rite, after saying that eighteen out of twenty-four Grand Councils have ratified the organization of the General Grand Council, closes as follows :

"From an inspection of the proceedings stated above, we think we find sufficient to say to the Craft of Mississippi, Cryptic Masonry is not dead, nor have but few desired to adopt the Mississippi plan. The General Grand Council is now a fixed fact—a permanent institution, and its effects for good will be felt all over the land. And now, as an individual Companion, and not claiming to assert the opinions of others of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi. I say, with all my heart, God bless and prosper the General Grand Council in its high, fraternal and holy work."

Amen, and Amen. God grant that we may all soon be members of a reunited family in the prosecution of this noble and exalted work. None will rejoice more than your Companions of New York to resume labors in the Crypt with the Companions from Mississippi.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1882.

This jurisdiction is of full age and is able to speak for itself. It arrived at the age of twenty-one years at its last Assembly which convened at Concord. M. I. G. M. EDWARD H. CURRIER presided and had all his officers at their post of duty; with eight Councils represented, seven permanent members and the Representatives of six States, amongst which we do not see our own. The address of the G. M. shows that he is the right man in the right place. He visited every Council in the State during the year and he reports the outlook to be very good; a fair increase in membership, a renewed interest in the Rite and all the marks of prosperity. For the first time this Body has a report on Correspondence, and a good one too. The Proceedings came to hand after our report was made up from information furnished to us by the G. R., to whom we wrote for the same, but we could not let them pass so briefly, and so have hurriedly written it over again upon a hasty review the night before the session of our own G. C.; and if we do not do as ample justice to them this time, our Comps. of that State must be charitable towards us. Proceedings of twenty-one Bodies are reported, one Body for each year of its age. It has been of some use to us in giving light in reference to some States that we had not obtained, and of which we had been picking up, as best we could, material for our report. Thus the light from this addition to your Proceedings has already given to others that which we are all engaged in disseminating—Masonic Light. In return for this assistance, we shall do our best to have those of our earlier records printed over and will send you a copy sure; will go the whole of five—eighteen on getting them re-printed.

New York has a very large portion set aside in review of its work and acts, with favorable notices thereof.

We must quote a part of the closing remarks of Comp. CLEAVES in his report, he says:

“On the whole, the outlook for the Cryptic Rite is more hopeful than ever before within our personal knowledge. With the revival of some Grand Councils, and a discussion of the subject in other jurisdictions, even in the jurisdiction of Mississippi, we may certainly look for a healthy increase in strength if not in numbers. In our own jurisdiction we keep on in the even tenor of our way, making a gradual increase in our membership, with much more interest in our subordinates.”

But we must close up on this review, we have other duties in preparation for the duties of the coming day.

M. I. RENSSELAER O. WRIGHT of Plymouth elected G. M. R. I. GEO. P. CLEAVES of Concord re-elected G. R.

NEBRASKA.

Is still joined unto its idol.

The Grand Chapter in 1880 took some action on the subject of the Cryptic Rite that would be most extremely laughable if it were not a too serious subject for us who have become connected with the G. . G. . Council, and which portends danger to even that body itself. This Grand Chapter had its attention called to the fact that the G. . G. . Chapter had decided that it had no jurisdiction over the Cryptic Degrees and after giving the resolution as adopted by that Body, the G. . Chapter of Nebraska deliberately decides that if the G. . G. . Chapter has no jurisdiction over these Degrees then it belongs as a matter of course to the several Grand Chapters of the States. Logical conclusion. Understanding that the G. . G. . Council had taken action by which it assumed jurisdiction over all territory that was not under the direction and governing power of a Grand Council disconnected with a Grand Chapter, a committee was appointed to consider this threatened infringement upon their jurisdiction (?); This committee reported:

“That if a G. . G. . Council should assume jurisdiction that it should be resisted by all lawful means and the exercise of all lawful powers.”

Just so. Gatling guns would be good. Some of your surplus funds might be judiciously invested in Columbiads, or what would be still more effective, let loose some of your grass-hoppers after us and see us 'uns run. We know that it is hardly fair for us to make these suggestions to you, for it might be construed into furnishing aid and comfort to those who appear to be ready to declare war upon us, but we trust that you will not tell any one that we did so; in fact, our only desire was to help the weaker party; you are now standing almost alone, and we will confess that we always did have a sort of sympathy for the fellow that was down, so don't tell of us.

At its convocation in 1881, last December, no particular action was taken on the subject, so perhaps there will be no use in getting those guns just at present, or taking the chains off of your grass-hoppers: but don't take our word for it, oh no, for perhaps the terrible corps from the invaders are on the march for your stronghold at the present time, who knows?

One act of this Body at this Convocation is worthy of commendation, that is, it ordered the printing of the Proceedings of the Grand Council from its organization to the present time.

We are informed by private advices that the example of Arkansas is quite likely to become contagious in this State. We hope so. There should not be any want of harmony in Masonic matters, and we think when this question is fairly considered the sense of justice that should find a lodgment in every Mason's breast, will have its day and the result will be that there will be a union of heart and hand in these matters.

“Dead Sea Flowers” may be cherished by some, but they are not by those who are in this Grand Sisterhood. We do not wonder that you say:

“The faded garland is no longer pressed,
We loathe the thing that lies upon our breast;
Its treacherous beauty bloomed but to ensnare,
For Dead Sea flowers are false as they are fair.”

It is unquestioned that there were in the plan that was presented for merging the two Bodies, some features that were really attractive, and which at first sight would incline many to accept them; but when the result of the embrace was found to be that one had done another a wrong, had unwittingly, (for it was without due consideration), taken title to that which was not in the party to pass to another, then we can readily see that when the wrong became unquestionable, it would have a tendency to make the subject matter distasteful to the one in possession; and now, that this once beautiful garland having been plucked from its home and left without its guardian spirit in a strange land, should have faded and withered so as to have lost that beauty which it once had in its own home, is not to be wondered at. The transplanting of this garland carried with it the seeds of death to the beautiful Rite. Beautiful and fair as living sea flowers are, when dead, though they may retain their beauty, it is of short duration, as soon as touched they crumble in pieces and thus show their falsity.

Comp. WARREN did not probably intend this application of his poem, but he is welcome to it; seems to be the most fit and proper to be made. His dedication of it to the G. G. Council was a mistake, he should have inscribed it to those who were destroying the "Sea Flowers." We can tell you how to revive them if you would know, so that they will become "a thing of beauty, which is a joy forever." It is this: re organize the Grand Council, give it the same support and attention that it has elsewhere, and you will find that you have living flowers that will in years to come a crown of glory to the fraternity of your State.

The General Grand Council is a fixed and permanent fact and the sooner this is realized and appreciated the sooner will the fraternity be brought together in unity of spirit and harmony. If you would give your Companions in your review of the Grand Chapters, their action on this subject instead of suppressing it, probably unintentionally, and let them have an opportunity of calmly and carefully considering this matter in a fair, understanding way, the next Convocation thereafter would see these Degrees returned to their rightful owners.

NEW JERSEY—1882.

Assembled at Trenton. M. I. Grand Master CHARLES BELCHER presided, who delivered the usual address. Speaking of the different Grand Councils who have ratified the organization of General Grand Council, he terms them "dependents"—Ough! Dependents? Not if the court knows herself. Sovereigns and Independents had better been used. There is nothing to take away the sovereignty of a Grand Council by being a constituent of the General Grand Council.

This Grand Council postpones action until 1883 upon the subject of becoming a "dependent" upon the General Grand Council. From present prospects there will have to be a race between some of the Grand Councils who meet in January next to see which one can get the back seat in the General Grand Council, *i. e.*, see which one is the last to ratify. Hurry up Companions get

out of the old funeral procession started "way down in dixie" and catch on the triumphal cavalcade moving to the inspiring notes of a wedding march. Has a balance in treasury and appears to prosper.

The proceedings of eighteen Grand Councils are reviewed once more among the number for 1881. The Chairman hits our M. I. P. G. M. BROWN a rap for his comments upon the question of the governing powers of the G. G. Council, but, refers with satisfaction to the report of our own committee thereon which saw nothing alarming in the present or future upon that subject. And they rejoice that the originators of the General Grand Council gave it legislative powers, and say without those powers its usefulness, would be impaired. We see clearly that we are to shake hands with our neighbors over the gulf in the ranks of the General Grand Council next August at Denver. Bring some of your favorite lightning with you, for we doubt if the water up there will be sufficient to go around the table.

M. I. JOHN M. KNAPP (who resides all over the State, we suppose, no residence being stated) G. M. R. I. CHARLES BÉCHTEL re-elected G. R.

NORTH CAROLINA—1882.

Met in Wilmington. M. I. J. I. MACKS, G. M. presiding. No proceedings published but will be soon. We are indebted to the Grand Master for information in regard to it. Cryptic Masonry is languishing in this jurisdiction. A committee was appointed and will report next year whether the Grand Council can surrender and the Grand Chapter receive the Degrees. This question has been settled by some twenty Grand Councils in the negative. Is it possible that a Solomon will appear in judgment at this late day on that question. Go slow in that direction Companions, there are many pitfalls in the way and dead men's bones are scattered around the entrance to that harbor, which can be so justly termed a Morgue in which to display the remains of those who commit harikari. Before deciding the question look up the present position of the Body elsewhere and don't try to milk a dry cow. This subject has been well and thoroughly investigated and the conclusion arrived at is nearly unanimous.

M. I. J. I. MACKS of Wilmington re-elected G. M. R. I. DONALD W. BAIN re-elected G. R.

OHIO—1881.

Assembled at Toledo. M. I. G. M. Jos. M. GOODSPEED presided and delivered an able address, confined principally to matters of local importance. Several decisions upon questions of jurisprudence had been made by him during the year, but as the questions were none of them new, and the decisions were in accordance with well established law, it is not necessary to quote them, only to say that the process of "healing" a Chapter-made clandestine Royal and Select Master is in direct following with our own precedents. Ohio always shows itself to be alive and full of vigor.

The Proceedings of only twelve G. C. were reviewed, our own being of the number that were left out; why so?

M. I. Jos. M. GOODSPEED of Toledo elected G. M. R. I. JOHN D. CALDWELL of Cincinnati re-elected G. R.

ONTARIO—1881.

Assembled at Hamilton. M. I. G. M. JOSHUA GEORGE BEERUS presiding. Ten Councils were represented. Proceedings not yet printed. Our Companions over the border have a little different arrangement of their Bodies than we have, but it's all in a name; their hearts are found in the right place every time. The Grand Master reported that the Body was in a fairly prosperous condition and steadily progressing. He took strong grounds against the "Merger Plan," which seems to have got smuggled in some way into their jurisdiction, and in which he was sustained by his constituents unanimously. Reports were made by the Inspectors General of the different districts. Balance in treasury, \$83.30.

M. I. JOSHUA GEORGE BEERUS re-elected G. M. R. I. DANIEL SPRY of Barrie re-elected G. R.

ONTARIO—1882.

The Council of Canada of the United Orders of Royal and Select Masters, Royal-Ark Mariners, and of the Order of Rome and Constantine met in London. M. I. G. M. BEERUS presiding with twelve Councils represented. The address of the G. M. showed that a measure of success had attended the Body in Canada, while in the States some Grand Councils were incorporating themselves with other Bodies. He thought one cause of Masonic Bodies not meeting with the success to which it would seem that they were entitled, was to be found in the fact that many took offices in them who were already burdened with too many cares in other Bodies as officers. He had served for three years in his position as G. M., and he expressed the hope that the G. C. would succeed under his successor and advance more rapidly; for himself, he felt that it was his duty to decline a further election.

M. I. J. ROSS ROBINSON, of Toronto, elected G. M. R. I. DANIEL SPRY, of Barrie, re-elected G. R.

PENNSYLVANIA—1882.

Assembled at Lancaster; M. I. G. M. GEORGE C. JOHNSTON presided; eight Councils were represented. The address of the G. M. was a good one; he believes in the efficacy of work. We cannot quote from it as we would had we not taken up so much space already with some of our sleeping sisters. The financial condition of this Council is good; \$1,847.29 in the treasury after paying expenses, of which \$1,500 was directed to be invested in U. S. Bonds. Another "Bloated Bondholder" in our ranks. When is this sort of thing going to stop? The Grand Master says:

"An increased interest is manifested by the Companions and the future is bright."

The Proceedings of twenty Grand Councils had been received. The report on other States is not what one would like to see from this State; we want more. Two or three pages are not enough for such a State. We quote a part of the closing remarks; but, before doing so, desire to say, that while this State has declined becoming a member of the General Grand Council Union, and has declined to give her allegiance to the Grand Chapter, she has been a constituent of the Grand Encampment for several years past, and we see no objection to her uniting with us in our new Cryptic Union, and fail to see how it can affect her interests prejudicially, and we shall hope yet to greet her in that Body. The loyal heart of that jurisdiction and of its Companions is beyond question—always sound to the core on all matters affecting the grand principles of Masonry, and so we say to the Companions of Pennsylvania, God speed you in your loyal course, and may the noon-tide of bliss be your portion when the hour of rest is proclaimed from the Grand East.

We wonder if we could work our way into their next Annual Assembly? Shall we try? But for that quotation:

“It caused us the greatest pleasure to receive such a large number of Proceedings, more particularly as among the number were several we mourned as dead, and we rejoice to find that they were but, as it were, in a dream, in a trance, a sleep, bearing all the impress of death, but from which there was a glorious awakening. We ask our companions to join with us in thanksgiving for the lives that were spared—California, Missouri, North Carolina and Wisconsin, thrice welcome again to our Secret Vault. Let the past be forgotten; we will never mention it again to wound you. We have cut off your names from our “Memorial” tablet, and were it not a matter of solemn reverence for your sleeping, not departed; sisters, Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Mississippi and Nebraska, we would raze the stone to the earth and grind it to powder and scatter the dust to the four winds of heaven, so there might not remain among men or Masons the least trace to point to the fact of the fainting or dying by the wayside when there was so much work to be done. Sisters, let us again grasp your hands in life, let the sound of your trowels once again reach us in the vaults of our Cryptic Sanctum Sanctorum.

“The formation of a General Grand Council has resulted in much good; it is binding or bringing together more closely the Grand Councils of this country.”

And with this on Pennsylvania we must stop.

M. I. JAMES S. BARBER, of Philadelphia, elected G. M. R. I. CHAS. E. MEYER, of Philadelphia, elected G. R.

RHODE ISLAND—1882.

Publishes no proceedings this year. We are indebted to our Companion, WM. R. GREENE, for a brief statement of its actions, meager though it be, we must be thankful for it. This body decided not to become a constituent of the General Grand Council and will therefore have the best chance to get that last vacant seat in that body. It also decided not to publish its proceedings.

M. I. EDWIN BAKER, of Providence, elected G. M. R. I. WILLIAM R. GREENE re-elected G. R.

SCOTLAND—1881.

This Grand Council was instituted by three Subordinate Councils, chartered by the Grand Council of England. Its organization dates November 4th, 1880, and it has three subordinates. The membership is not large but is, as the Rite implies, "select." It has taken its rank among other sister Grand Councils of the world and we extend to it our hearty fraternal greetings. It has exchanged representations with England, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Massachusetts and is about doing so with Minnesota. New York is ready to do likewise with our brave Scotch Companions.

The progress of the Rite there seems to be quite satisfactory to the Craftsmen. May it long prosper and increase until its shadow shall be like the green bay tree.

We extend the fraternal hand and the cordial greeting of our Cryptic Companions of New York to the Grand Council of Scotland, and hope that it may be the means of bringing our Bodies into close, fraternal bonds of unity.

Its list of officers are as follows:

CAPT. CHAS. HUNTER, 32°	M. P. G. Master.
MAJOR J. CROMBIE, 30°	D. G. Master.
J. T. S. ELLIOT, of Wolfelie, 31°	S. G. Master.
J. D. DUNCAN, 30°	G. P. C. of Work.
REV. W. W. TALLOCK, B. D.	G. Chaplain.
GEO. DICKSON, M. D., 31°	G. Treasurer.
R. S. BROWN, 30°	G. Recorder.
ED. SAVAGE, 32°	G. Lecturer.
COL. J. T. STEWART, 30°	G. Capt. Guard.
GEO. MILLER, C. A., 30°	G. C. of Council.
JOHN GRAHAM, 30°	G. M. of Ceremonies.
FRANCIS LAW, 30°	} G. Marshals.
JAMES PROVAN	
J. MELVERN	} G. Stewards.
W. EDWARDS, 30°	
A. ROBERTSON	G. Sentinel.

COUNCILS.

Cryptic Council, No. 1, Edinburgh.
 Bon Accord Council, No. 2, Aberdeen.
 Glasgow Council, No. 3, Glasgow.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1881.

Assembled at Charleston, M. I. G. M. W. H. D. GALLIARD presiding, who started off with his address in this way:

"Companions, when we last parted, it was at the obsequies of our Grand Council as we then formally dissolved, and supposed that the Grand Council

had ceased to exist, having agreed to remand the control of the Council degrees to the Grand Chapter."

And after referring to the action taken by the General Grand Chapter at Detroit in August, 1880, deciding that body had no jurisdiction over such degrees, with which we are all so familiar, he goes on to state the manly masonic action of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina in relinquishing into the hands of the officers of the last Grand Council the trusts surrendered to them in accordance with the decision of the General Grand Chapter and then says:

"I have resumed control of the Degrees of Royal and Select Master and announce that the Grand Council of South Carolina once again takes her place in the great sisterhood of Grand Bodies. God grant that phoenix like, she may arise from her ashes to put on new beauty and a more vigorous growth and life."

God grant it, say we, and from all the crypts of that sisterhood a sincere and warm hearty "Amen" will resound. Here's our hand. Welcome again our Grand Sister. May the future prove the wisdom of your choice. He announced the provisional organization of the General Grand Council and its ratification by the requisite number of Grand Councils, and that thereby that General Grand Body became a reality, an accomplished fact, and recommended that his Body become a constituent thereof, which it is needless to say after such an address, was promptly done by that Body, and the expression of the committee to whom it was referred was that "We are pleased to learn that steps have been taken to organize a General Grand Council." And in addition thereto the following was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That such Companions as may have received the R. and S. M. degrees in Chapters be requested to affiliate by letter and ballot with their nearest Councils and have the degrees re-conferred, and that no further change be made; and in case of refusal to do so, that no fraternal relation be allowed with them on the part of the Councils."

Amen. Also a smooth Ashler is this Grand Body, one fit for its place in the Grand Masonic Temple. The birth place of the A. and A. S. Rite could not but prove loyal at such an hour and in such emergency. We note these items as worthy of a place at length, although a brief report from a circular was made last year. Eight Councils represented and of course M. I. Comp. GALLIARD was re-elected G. M., and R. I. L. TIMMERMAN DAVIS re-elected G. R.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1882.

Assembled at Charleston, Grand Master GALLIARD presiding with a full attendance of Grand Officers and eight Councils represented. The address of the G. M. is full of business and shows a lively interest in the Rite. Having devoted a goodly space to the Proceedings for 1881, which fully establishes the

right of this Body to be called Grand in more than one sense, we shall make our review brief for this year. The same spirit actuated this Body in 1882 that did in 1881.

This Body directed its representation to attend at the next assembly of the General Grand Council in 1883.

M. I. J. E. BRAZEALE, of Anderson, elected G. M. R. I. D. D. MOORE, of Rock Hill, elected G. R.

TENNESSEE—1882.

Assembled in Nashville, M. I. G. M. EDWIN BURNEY presiding. Ten Councils represented. In the address of the Grand Master he says:

“Cryptic Masonry in Tennessee is becoming more popular each year. With other branches of the fraternity we went to the bottom of the ladder, but I am glad to say now, that with them we have commenced the ascent, and are gradually rising higher and higher, and ere long will occupy the place so justly our due. Our Companions are becoming more and more enlightened each year, and now begin to recognize the fact that the Royal Arch Degree is not complete until the Royal and Select Masters Degrees have been taken.

“Some of our Companions, R. A. Masons, get impatient to wear the gaudy trappings of the Knights Templar, and upon the advice or some poorly informed Sir Knight, hasten forward and assume vows which they no more understand or appreciate than their advisor.”

We would like to take in more but our space is growing limited and we must forbear.

Why don't Tennessee honor the Grand Council of New York with a representation? We reach out longing for an answer. New York will reciprocate every time. “Barkis is willing.”

Tennessee with its indefatigable Committee on Foreign Correspondence goes through twenty-eight Grand Councils, our own has most favorable mention. Those it has not heard from direct it takes secondhand. It gathers pearls wherever they can be found. We have never had a copy of Proceedings of Tennessee for 1881. Who will send one? They are too good to be lost.

M. I. EDWIN BURNEY, of Nashville, re-elected G. M. R. I. JOHN FRIZZEL, of Nashville, re-elected G. R.

VERMONT—1881.

Assembled at Burlington and was presided over by M. I. ALBERT C. HUBBELL, Grand Master. Its Proceedings came to us in a most beautiful form. Eighteen Councils represented.

The Grand Master recommended that the Body ratify the organization of the General Grand Council, and true to itself and its well established integrity in masonic matters it did so without a dissenting vote.

A tax of twenty-five cents per capita upon the active members of the Subordinate Councils was directed. The Ritual work as adopted—When? Where? What is it?—by the General Grand Council was also adopted by this Body.

The Proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Bodies are reported in a most able style, our own among the others of the Grand Sisterhood as M. I. Comp. GALLIARD, of South Carolina, terms our fraternal chain.

M. I. REV. FRED. S. FISHER, Vergennes, G. M. R. I. A. E. BOS WORTH, Springfield, G. R.

WISCONSIN.

We have no Proceedings of this old-time standby, but we have gathered from others what we have failed to get ourselves. The news we thus get is good. We rejoice to hear and to know that it stands up to-day in its integrity, retracing its retrograde steps, it reaches upward and rises above others, from whom, perhaps, better things might be expected than the knarled fruit that is presented to us by them. It is organized under its Constitution of 1878, has a membership of over one thousand and three hundred. Has fifty-two Councils regularly organized and warranted by the Grand Council; how many of these have become lukewarm or dormant we are not advised, but there are a sufficient number left to make a mighty lively body. With our old friends and Companions M. I. FRED. RING (with whom we went on a yacht down Niagara River to Sheenwater in 1877 at Buffalo. Oh, FRED., what a picnic was that, and didn't we enjoy that banquet at the Tiff on our return) as Grand Master, and that untiring workman, M. I. Past Grand Master JOHN W. WOODHULL as G. R., Wisconsin will rise up and be the peer of any like Body of the land.

We greet you gladly, right cordially, and say, God speed to you. None in the list of your friends abroad will rejoice more to hear of your prosperity than will the writer. Let us meet at the next General Grand Council and bury all the past in our really grand reunion. You must be with us.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

Having reviewed the Proceedings of all the different jurisdictions and territories that have been brought to our notice, it is unnecessary to make an extended report on the General Grand Council as the matters of information embodied in the reviews of States, etc., cover to a great extent the matters which might just as properly come under the above heading.

Dispensations have been issued for one Council in Kentucky and for two in Oregon by M. P. General Grand Master JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND.

The following Grand Councils never surrendered to the Merger plan and are constituents of the General Grand Council:

Alabama, California, Florida, Kansas, Indiana, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Tennessee and Vermont.

The Grand Council of South Carolina merged but has reorganized and is a constituent of the General Grand Council.

Connecticut, Michigan, New Jersey, Rhode Island, North Carolina and Pennsylvania never adopted the merger plan but as yet have not become constituents of the G. G. Body though it is still a question under consideration with some of them.

Arkansas and Wisconsin have reorganized, the latter after a peculiar fashion we are lately informed, but which may be yet all right, at least we will not take back what we have said under Wisconsin until we are convinced to the contrary.

Illinois, Kentucky and Mississippi have the re-organization of their Grand Councils under consideration and will probably be with us soon. God speed the happy day of their return.

Iowa is "still dead." See Iowa for further information.

Nebraska still clings to her idols her "Dead Sea Flowers."

And now Companions of the Grand Triangle our report is finished.

We see much for encouragement in the outlook for the future of our Rite. The sun has broken through the dark clouds that have been hanging over the horizon and all is peace and harmony in our Crypts. That our whilom sisters, now separated from us, may soon return and receive a hearty, sincere and cordial welcome is the earnest wish and prayer of all who are united in this Union of ours. And as we retire from this position which came to us unsought and undesired, we bid you all God speed in the prosecution of this most noble work to which our lives are devoted. May we all meet when our appointed work is finished in that inner Sanctum Sanctorum where only those who remain faithful unto the end are allowed to enter and to dwell.

GEO. M. OSGOODBY,
Chairman for Committee.

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. W. Verhoeven, (Proxy for) . . . T. I. M.
UNION	" 2.	A. G. Goodall..... T. I. M.
BROOKLYN	" 4.	Wm. Sherer..... "
		Geo. Nicholson..... Dep. M.

ADELPHIC.....	No. 7.	Wm. Downes.....	T. I. M.
".....	" 7.	E. M. L. Ehlers.....	Dep. M.
BLOSS.....	" 14.	Alex. B. King.....(Proxy for)	T. I. M.
BRUCE.....	" 15.	Jason Collier.....	T. I. M.
SOUTHERN TIER ..	" 16.	P. L. Hinman.....	"
BUFFALO.....	" 17.	A. Oppenheimer.....	"
".....	" 17.	Girard McVicar.....	Dep. M.
DORIC.....	" 19.	Frank H. Vick.....	P. C. of W.
".....	" 19.	Wm. J. McKelvey (Proxy for)	T. I. M.
".....	" 19.	Geo. C. Schminke (Proxy for)	Dep. M.
KEYSTONE.....	" 20.	Warren A. Woodson.....	T. I. M.
".....	" 20.	Wm. M. Smith.....	P. C. of W.
DE WITT CLINTON..	" 22.	Wm. H. Whish.....	Dep. M.
ONTARIO.....	" 23.	J. N. Macomb, Jr. (Proxy for)	T. I. M.
DUNKIRK.....	" 25.	W. H. Wyman.....	T. I. M.
PALMYRA.....	" 26.	Mark C. Finley.....	"
UTICA.....	" 28.	H. C. Welten..... (Proxy for)	T. I. M.
KING SOLOMON.....	" 31.	Wm. B. Hull.....	T. I. M.
OLEAN.....	" 33.	John W. Simons. (Proxy for)	T. I. M.
HORNELLVILLE ..	" 35.	Solomon Ossoski.....	Dep. M.
PENTALPHA.....	" 36.	C. W. Brown..... (Proxy for)	T. I. M.
KONHOCTON.....	" 40.	Isaac J. Merrell.....	T. I. M.
CORNING.....	" 53.	A. D. Robbins.....	"
SING SING.....	" 64.	Thos. Leary.....	"
ITHACA.....	" 68.	A. W. Force.....	"
NEPPERHAN.....	" 70.	G. B. Balch.....	"
		Ralph E. Prime....(Proxy for)	Dep. M.
ALPHA-OMEGA.....	" 71.	Geo. A. Newall.....	Dep. M.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. VAN VLIET,
A. OPPENHEIMER, } Committee.
WM. H. WHISH.

The Special Committee on the Grand Master's Address, 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:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Address of the 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

death of distinguished members of this Grand Council be referred to a Special Committee of Three, and that so much as relates to the uniformity of the work be referred to the Grand Lecturer for investigation and report.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. L. EHLERS, }
W. J. McKELVEY, } Committee.
W. H. WYMAN. }

The election of officers for the ensuing year was made a special order for to-morrow morning, immediately after the reading of the minutes.

On motion, the hours of meeting for this Annual Assembly were fixed at 10 o'clock A. M. and 3 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Council was then called from labor until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

TUESDAY, September 5th, 1882—3 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.

M. I. GEO. SCOTT, P. G. M., M. I. JOHN M. KNAPP, G. M. and R. I. JEROME B. BORDEN, G. D. M. of the Grand Council of the State of New Jersey, being announced, werereceived and greeted with the honors due their respective stations.

The officers appointed by the Grand Master to officially visit the various Councils under this jurisdiction, severally presented the report of their labors during the past year, showing the revival of two Councils and an increased interest in the Cryptic Rite throughout the State.

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:

After due inquiry, your committee have the honor to report, that the only unfinished business remaining for the consideration of this Grand Body is the report of a Special Committee and action upon two amendments to the Constitution.

1st.—Special Committee appointed at the last Annual Assembly, with instructions to report at this meeting upon the advisability of reprinting the early proceedings of this Grand Council.

2d.—Amendment to Section 15, by adding thereto "Every Council shall pay annually for General Grand Council dues fifty cents.

3rd.—Amendment to Section 5, by striking out all after the word "them" on the fourth line of said section.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. BROTHERS, }
JASON COLLIER, } Committee.
H. C. WELTEN, }

Action was then taken on the Amendment to Sections 5 and 15 of the Constitution, and on motion they were again referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Special Committee on the Grand Master's Address the following Companions were appointed as a Special Committee on the "death of distinguished members of this Grand Council."

JOHN F. BALDWIN, A. G. GOODALL, and RALPH E. PRIME.

Comp. A. OPPENHEIMER offered the following resolution, which was on motion received, and action thereon postponed until to-morrow morning's session:

Resolved, That the next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council be held in the City of New York, on the fourth Tuesday in September, 1883, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Comp. G. FRED. WILTSIE offered the following resolution, which was on motion received and adopted:

Resolved, That when this Grand Council meets to-morrow at 10 o'clock, the session be continued until the labors are concluded.

R.:P.: GEO. M. OSGOODBY, General Grand Dep. Master of the General Grand Council of R.: and S.:M's.: of the U. S., was announced, received, and greeted with the honors due his exalted station.

The Representatives of the following Grand Councils were announced, received and cordially greeted, and through them cordial greetings extended to the several jurisdictions they represent :

ENGLAND, WALES, &C.....	by A. G. Goodall.
CONNECTICUT.....	by G. Fred. Wiltsie.
FLORIDA.....	by John F. Baldwin.
GEORGIA.....	by Geo. M. Osgoodby.
LOUISIANA.....	by Philander Reed.
MAINE.....	by G. Fred. Wiltsie.
MASSACHUSETTS.....	by John J. Martin.
MICHIGAN.....	by Thos. Gliddon.
MINNESOTA.....	by A. B. King.
MARYLAND.....	by Geo. M. Osgoodby.
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	by Geo. Van Vliet.
NEW BRUNSWICK (CANADA).....	by G. Fred. Wiltsie.
RHODE ISLAND.....	by Chas. W. Brown.

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:

The Committee on Warrants and Dispensations have made diligent inquiry of the Grand Master and the Grand Recorder for material on which to prepare a report, but have failed to secure the foundation on which to erect a suitable edifice, no dispensations for new bodies having been granted during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. ROBBINS, }
WM. DOWNES, } Committee.
WM. B. HULL. }

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

WEDNESDAY, September 6th, A. D , 1882, Anno Dep., 2882,
10 o'clock A. M.

The Grand Council resumed its session.

Officers and Representatives as at yesterday's session.

The minutes of yesterday afternoon's session were read and approved.

The time (as fixed by special order) for the election of officers for the ensuing year having arrived, the Grand Master appointed as Tellers Companions John F. Baldwin and Wm. H. Whish, when the Grand Council proceeded to the election, with the following result :

JOHN J. MARTIN, elected.....	M. I.	Grand Master.
THOMAS GLIDDON, ".....	R. I.	Dep. Master.
JOHN W. COBURN, ".....	"	P. C. of W.
JOHN F. BALDWIN, ".....	"	Treasurer.
GEO. VAN VLIET, ".....	"	Recorder.

The Grand Master made the following appointments :

A. OPPENHEIMER.....	as	Grand C. of the G.
A. D. ROBBINS.....	"	C. of the C.
P. L. HINMAN.....	"	Marshall.
REV. F. W. RAIKES.....	"	Chaplain.
JOHN N. MACOMB, JR.....	"	Lecturer.
L. H. RAYMOND.....	"	Steward.
JOHNSTON FOUNTAIN.....	"	Sentinel.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence :

G. FRED. WILTSIE, CHAS. W. BROWN, and JOHN L. BROTHERS.

The Grand Lecturer to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's Address as relates "to the uniformity of the work" presented the following report, which was on motion received, and his recommendation adopted :

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

In the year 1874 a convention of R. and S. M's. assembled in the City of New York for the purpose of correcting and revising the standard work. This convention was composed of delegates from nearly all of the then existing Grand Councils, and, after careful study and examination, agreed upon a revised ritual and recommended its adoption by the several Grand Councils.

The work as proposed by this convention was adopted by the Grand Council of New York as the Standard Work at its annual assembly in 1876, and has continued to be regarded as such since that time. It differed materially from the work in use prior to that time and it was the intention of the Grand Council that it should be used by the several subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction.

For some cause this was not done, and while a large number of the active Councils have known no other work since this action was taken by the Grand Council, yet a few are to be found that are still using the *old* work and even in the best working Councils unauthorized changes have from time to time crept into the work which sadly need correction.

In view of these facts, I would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the first three officers of this Grand Council constitute a committee, whose duty it shall be to examine the standard work and cause a certified copy of the same to be made, and such copy placed in the custody of the Grand Lecturer, whose duty it shall be to produce the same at every annual assembly of the Grand Council for examination, and further, that the Grand Council shall cause the standard work to be exemplified at each annual assembly.

I would further recommend that the above committee be requested to ask the General Grand Council to provide a standard work for the United States and to cause the same to be promulgated in the several Grand Councils subject to its jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN N. MACOMB, JR.,

Grand Lecturer.

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 respectfully report, That the only matters which have come before them are as hereinafter stated:

1st.—The proposed amendment, providing that every council should pay annually for General Grand Council dues fifty cents.

Your committee disapprove of this provision and recommend that instead thereof, the following be adopted:

That this Grand Council shall pay each year towards the support of the General Grand Council the sum of fifty cents for each working Council within its jurisdiction, that the Grand Recorder be, and he is directed to make the usual returns from this Body and to remit for such dues whenever payable, from the funds of this Grand Council.

The other subject brought before your committee is the proposed amendment to Section 5 of our Constitution. Your committee report, that they recommend that such section be amended by adding at the end thereof " or by a General Grand Council for the time being."

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. M. OSGOODBY, }
C. W. BROWN, } Committee.
A. G. GOODALL, }

The Special Committee appointed at our last Annual Assembly to report upon the advisability of having the early proceedings of this Grand Council re-printed, 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 appointed to Consider the subject of re-printing the earlier proceedings of this Body from organization to 1873 (including all that were published originally in duo-decimo style), so that the same may be uniform in size with those now published in octavo size, would respectfully report:

That after having estimates made for such re-printing, we have ascertained that there would be in the neighborhood of 450 pages of such work, that the expense would be for the same \$711 for 500 copies and \$810 for 1,000 copies bound in cloth covers.

Realizing the importance of this work, and being of opinion that it would be beneficial to our Body to have it done, we are in favor of procuring it done at as early a date as consistent and proper, and to the end that such result may be attained, we would respectfully report the following resolutions and recommend their passage:

Resolved, That a Library Committee of three be appointed to take measures for the formation of a Masonic Library for this Grand Council, the chairman of whom shall be the Grand Recorder. That the duties of such committee shall be to take in charge all proceedings published by this Body, to distribute

the same to such officers and bodies as are entitled thereto and to such other parties desiring the same under such rules and regulations as may be adopted by them.

Resolved, That such committee take in charge the re-printing of the said earlier proceedings of this Body and procure the same to be done whenever the finances of this body will allow.

Resolved, That such committee be and they are authorized to adopt such rules and regulations for the government of the said library to be formed, as shall be by them deemed proper, subject, however, to change by direction of this Grand Council.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. M. OSGOODBY, } Committee.
C. W. BROWN. }

Sept. 6, 1882.

The Grand Master appointed as such Library Committee:

Comps. GEO. VAN VLIET, CHAS. W. BROWN and JOHN G. BARKER.

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:

The Committee on Grievances and appeals report that nothing has occurred during the past year to impair the general harmony which has always prevailed in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN N. MACOMB, Jr., } Committee.
WM. SHERER, }
P. L. HINMAN. }

The resolution offered by Comp. A. OPPENHEIMER at yesterday's session was taken up for action, and after substituting the "second Tuesday" for the "fourth Tuesday" was adopted, thus making the next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council occur on the second Tuesday of September, 1883.

The officers elected and appointed were installed in their several stations (with the exception of the Grand Steward and

Grand Chaplain) by M.:I.: G. FRED. WILTSIE, assisted by M.:I.: GEO. M. OSGOODBY.

On motion, the Grand P.:C.: of W.: was authorized to install the Grand Steward and the Grand Master authorized to have the Grand Chaplain installed.

The Committee on the "Death of distinguished members of this Grand Council" presented the following report, which was on motion received and their recommendation adopted:

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

Your Committee on the Illustrious Dead report, The Grand Architect has been most kind in the dispensations of His providence during the year that has passed. all wise and merciful, even when the cherished friendships of the Lower Lodge are severed by the taking of a Companion to a higher sphere of labor. During the past year but two have been removed to whom our attention is called.

Companion BUNTING was an earnest and enthusiastic Mason. He was first Master of Adelpic Council and held in succession the three first offices of the Grand Council. It can be well said of him, that he brought dignity and respect to the offices that honored him. He honored office and was not simply honored by it. He did not take all and give nothing. A warm self-respect begets official dignity and is healthy. Respected, he made the office respected, and left behind him pleasant memories of the man and Mason.

Companion WILTSIE'S death leaves a great void in the community in which he had long lived. One of the members of your committee bears testimony of the sterling worth of our deceased Companion. An almost intimate acquaintance of nearly half a century gives the authority of saying that "the world is better for JOHN R. WILTSIE having lived in it." He was in every deed an "upright man and Mason."

Although long a member of our Fraternity, Companion WILTSIE'S diffidence prevented him from accepting any office, "esteeming others better than himself," and the only charge which he could be induced to accept was that of Representative of the Grand Council of the State of South Carolina near the Grand Council of the State of New York, which trust he held at the time of his death.

We recommend that memorial pages in the printed Proceedings of this Assembly be set apart to their memory.

JOHN F. BALDWIN, }
A. G. GOODALL, } Committee.
RALPH E. PRIME, }

The following preamble and resolution, offered by M. I. THOMAS GLIDDON, was unanimously adopted :

Whereas, The office of Grand Treasurer of this Grand Council has been held for several years past by R. I. Comp. DAVID B HOWELL, and at this Annual Assembly (1882) he positively declined to be a candidate for re-election, therefore—

Resolved, That the earnest thanks of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York, be and are hereby tendered to R. I. Comp. HOWELL for the faithful and courteous manner in which he has discharged the duties of Grand Treasurer; and that in voluntarily severing his active connection with this Grand Body as a grand officer, we desire to assure him that his incumbency of that office has endeared him to all of us for the zeal and fidelity with which he has performed its delicate and important duties.

Comp. JOHN N. MACOMB, JR., offered the following preamble and resolution, which was on motion adopted :

That whereas M. I. CHAS. W. BROWN, when Grand Master, by dispensation authorized the removal of Ontario Council, No. 23, from Geneva to Penn Yan, now therefore

Resolved, That such action be ratified and confirmed by this Grand Council.

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 amounts:—

Salary of Grand Recorder.....	\$250.00
Expenses ".....	13.20
" Grand Master.....	15.00
Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence	50.00
Rent of Room and Safe.....	35.00
Grand Sentinel for Services.....	10.00
Mileage and Per Diem.....	546 40

We also recommend that the Grand Recorder be authorized to have printed 500 copies of Proceedings of this Assembly for the use of the Grand Council.

We also recommend that the Grand Recorder be directed to have prepared printed slips for the Representatives use in recording mileage.

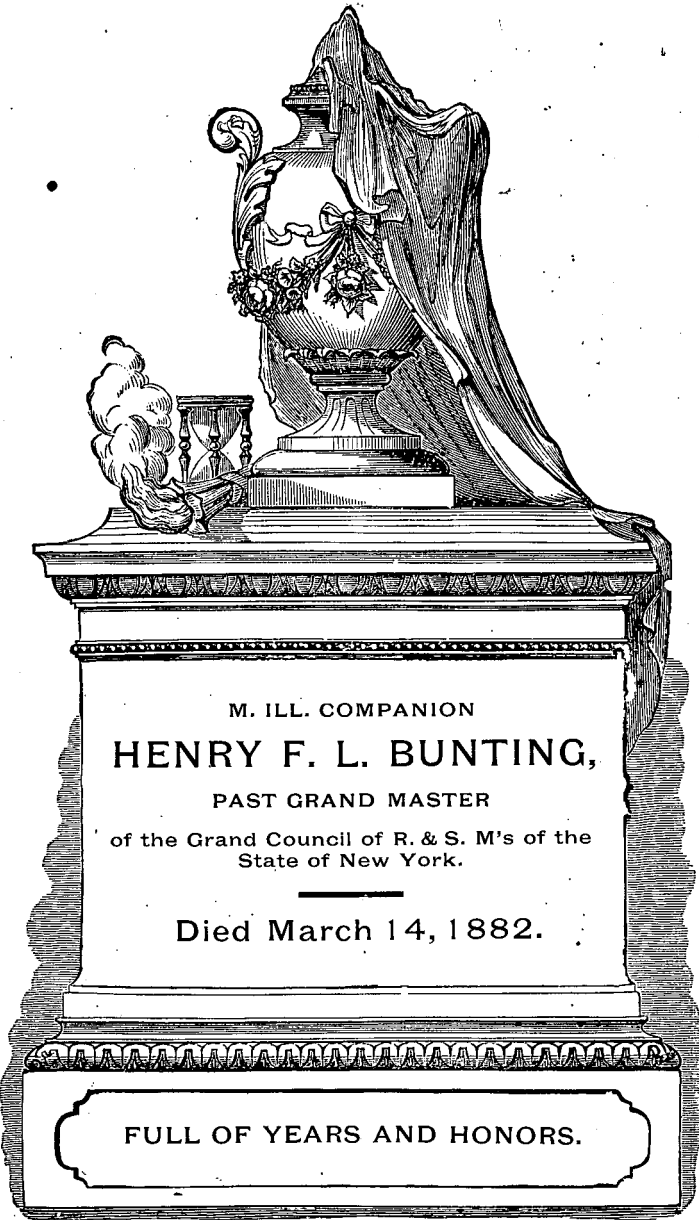
Respectfully submitted,

J. W. COBURN, }
A. B. KING, } Committee.
W. H. WYMAN. }

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. H. Wyman".

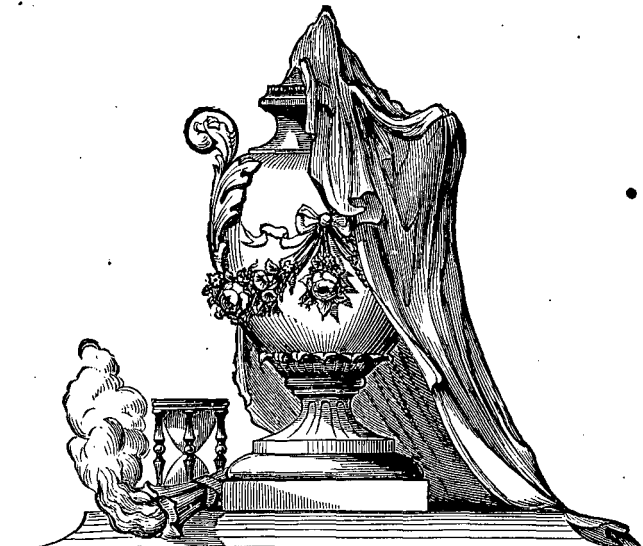
Grand Recorder.



M. ILL. COMPANION
HENRY F. L. BUNTING,
PAST GRAND MASTER
of the Grand Council of R. & S. M's of the
State of New York.

—
Died March 14, 1882.

FULL OF YEARS AND HONORS.



ILL. COMPANION

JOHN R. WILTSIE,

Representative of the Grand Council of the
State of South Carolina near the
Grand Council of the State
of New York.

—
Died August 16, 1882.

LOVED IN LIFE—REGRETED IN DEATH.

• RECEIPTS AT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, 1882.

From Columbian Council, No. 1, for dues to August 1st, 1882.....	\$	14 50
" Union " " 2, " " " "		53 50
" Brooklyn " " 4, " " " "		37 50
" Adelpic " " 7, " " " "		74 50
" Bloss " " 14, " " " "		141 00
" Bruce " " 15, " " " "		24 50
" Southern Tier " " 16, " " " "		47 00
" Buffalo " " 17, " " " "		82 00
" Doric " " 19, " " " "		139 00
" Keystone " " 20 " " " "		80 50
" DeWitt Clinton" " 22, " " " "		100 50
" Dunkirk " " 25, " " " "		37 50
" Palmyra " " 26, " " " "		16 50
" Utica " " 28, " " " "		53 50
" King Solomon" " 31, " " " "		35 00
" Olean " " 33, " " " "		26 50
" Hornellsville " " 35, " " " "		19 50
" Pentalpha " " 36, " " " "		12 00
" Konhocton " " 40, " " " " (2 years)		28 00
" Corning " " 53, " " " "		15 00
" Peekskill " " 55, " " " "		13 00
" Sing Sing " " 64, " " " "		18 00
" Ithaca " " 68, " " " "		25 50
" Nepperhan " " 70, " " " "		19 50
" Alph-Omega " " 71, " " " "		22 00
		<u>\$1,136 00</u>

OFFICERS, LOCATION AND TIME OF MEETING OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

NAME.	No.	MASTER.	DEPUTY MASTER.	P. C. OF W.	RECORDER.	WHERE LOCATED.		DATE OF MEETINGS.
						CITY OR TOWN.	COUNTY.	
COLUMBIAN UNION.....	1	L. H. Raymond.	T. Cunningham.	W. F. J. Thiers.	P. M. W. Verhoeven.	New York.	New York.
BROOKLYN.....	2	A. G. Goodall.	W. M. Postley.	Edward Adams.	W. Wolcott Marks	New York.	New York.	3d Saturday.
ADELPHIC.....	4	Wm. Sherer.	Geo. Nicholson.	John J. Duff.	Wm. K. Smith.	Brooklyn.	Kings.	3d Saturday.
BLOSS.....	7	Wm. Downes.	E. M. L. Ehlers.	J. T. Underhill.	John W. Coburn.	New York.	New York.	1st Saturday.
BRUCE.....	14	Wm. R. Hyde.	John T. Shaffer.	S. V. Sturtevant.	Geo. Lobdell.	Troy.	Rensselaer.	1st Friday.
SOUTHERN TIER.....	15	Jason Collier.	Lorin King.	Perry Stowell.	V. N. Douglas.	Lockport.	Niagara.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.
BUFFALO.....	16	P. L. Hinman.	D. S. Dorr.	F. E. Cleveland.	W. A. Kingsbury.	Elmira.	Chemung.	3d Monday.
DORIC.....	17	A. Oppenheimer.	Girard McVicar.	John A. Franke.	Stephen M. Evry.	Buffalo.	Erie.	2d Thursday.
KEYSTONE.....	19	E. C. Peck.	W. S. Bradt.	Frank H. Vick.	John Alexander.	Rochester.	Monroe.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.
DEWITT CLINTON.....	20	W. A. Woodson.	Wm. Hengerer.	Wm. M. Smith.	John H. Boshier.	Buffalo.	Albany.	3d Saturday.
ONTARIO.....	23	John J. Martin.	Wm. H. Whish.	Geo. L. Cooper.	J. E. Allanson.	Albany.	Yates.	3d Thursday.
DUNKIRK.....	25	Wm. A. McIntire.	F. E. Smith.	Wm. A. Wilson.	W. W. Quackenbush.	Penn Yan.	Chautauqua.	Last Tuesday.
PALMYRA.....	26	W. H. Wyman.	W. Zimmerman.	B. L. Harrison.	Charles Blood.	Dunkirk.	Wayne.	1st Wednesday..
BATAVIA.....	27	Mark C. Finley.	Charles Deyo.	Alonzo Langdon.	Geo. McGown.	Palmyra.	Genesee.	2d Monday.
UTICA.....	28	Lucian E. Bailey.	M. L. Babcock.	John Thomas.	A. V. Cowdin.	Batavia.	Onesida.	1st & 3d Fridays.
KING SOLOMON.....	28	Martin A. Lewis.	Edward Lawson.	John B. Orendorf.	E. G. Brown.	Utica.	Dutchess.	Last Friday.
OLEAN.....	31	Wm. B. Hull.	Wm. Scott.	Oliver S. Atkins.	Casper L. Odell.	Poughkeepsie.	Cattaraugus.	1st Monday.
HORNELLSVILLE.....	33	Geo. W. Norton.	Lafayette Durkee.	E. A. Homer.	L. F. Moore.	Olean.	Steuben.	1st Wednesday.
PENTAGON.....	35	John I. Bentley.	S. Ossoski.	L. S. Boardman.	A. G. Howard.	Hornellsville.	Flushing.	1st Wednesday.
KONHOCTON.....	36	Thomas Darling.	Jas. T. Chapman.	Fred'k P. Morris.	W. L. Seaman.	Flushing.	Stauben.	2d Friday.
ZABUD.....	46	Isaac J. Merrell.	W. H. Shepherd.	Chas. B. Morris.	V. Brocher.	Bath.	Stauben.	4th Friday.
CORNING.....	48	E. R. Lawrence.	Samuel Wells.	E. Doolittle.	R. S. Atwell.	Schuylersville.	Saratoga.	2d & 4th Tuesdays.
PEEKSKILL.....	52	A. D. Robbins.	T. S. Pritchard.	Edward Clisdell.	Geo. Hitchcock.	Corning.	Steuben.	1st & 4th Thursdays.
HUDSON.....	55	John Halstead.	Valentine Hanf.	Robert Brown.	Thos. J. Hodgkins.	Peekskill.	Westchester.	2d Monday.
SING SING.....	62	E. G. Blakeslee.	E. G. Blakeslee.	Smith Lent.	Geo. Lockwood.	Sing Sing.	Westchester.	1st & 3d Fridays.
ITHACA.....	64	Thomas Leary.	R. C. Christiance.	Geo. W. Melotte.	A. B. Wood.	Ithaca.	Tompkins.	2d Monday.
ADDISON.....	68	A. W. Force.	J. L. Wombough.	Lorin Aldrich.	E. L. Crane.	Addison.	Steuben.	2d Tuesday.
NEPPERHAN.....	69	S. A. Bailey.	Jas. H. Jenkins.	John E. Murphy.	Edwin A. Quick.	Yonkers.	Westchester.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.
ALPHA-OMEGA.....	70	G. B. Balch.	Geo. A. Newell.	A. Hayes.	R. Titus Cowan.	Albion.	Orleans.	2d Wednesday.
	71	Albert S. Warner.						

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