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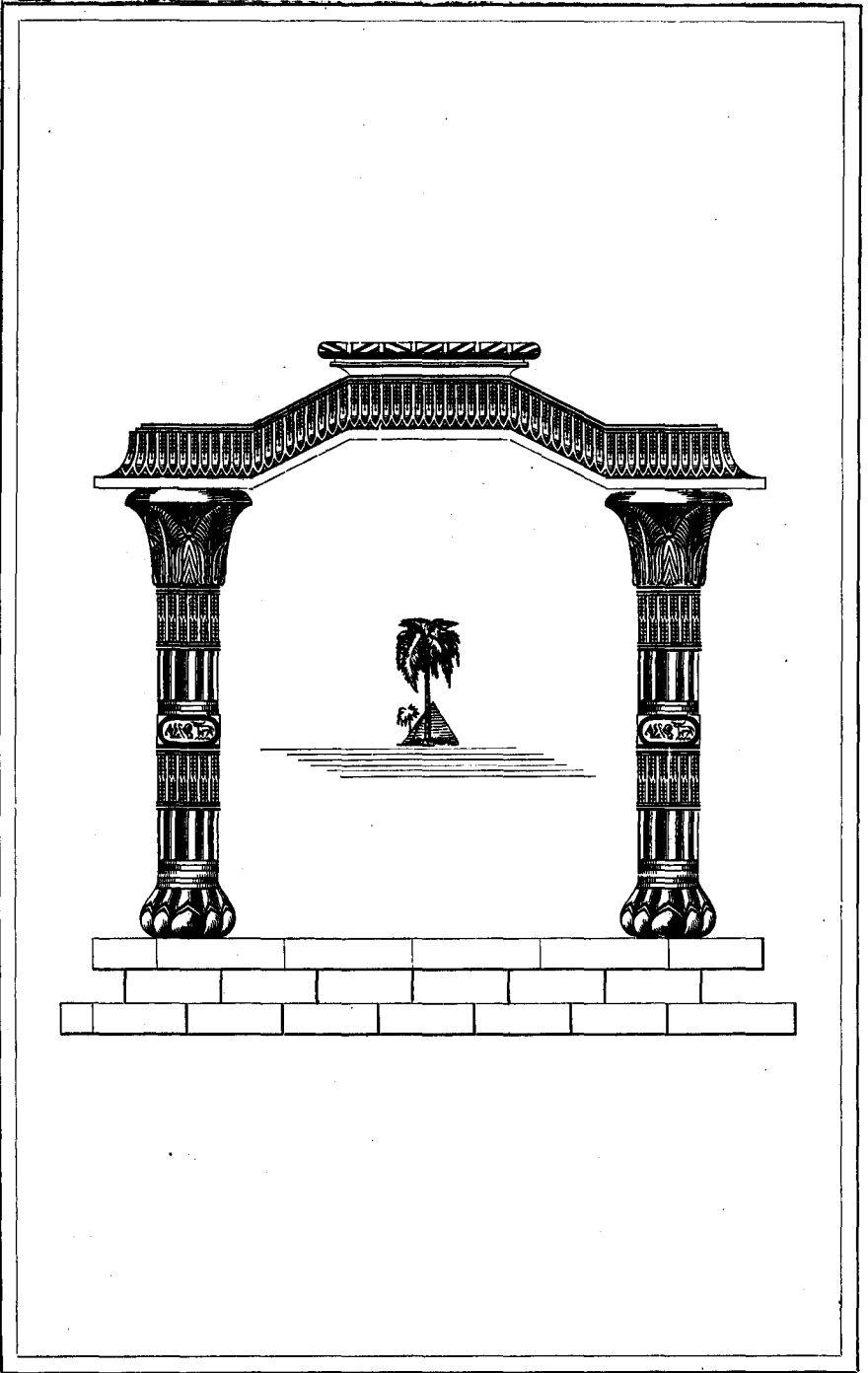
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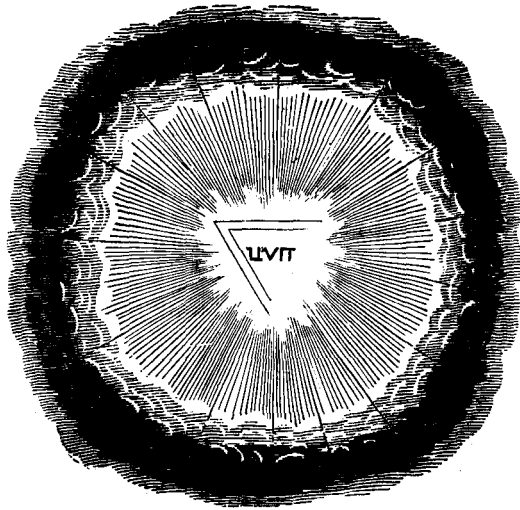
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ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL R.: & S.: M'S.:
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

GRAND COUNCIL 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 11th,
A. D. 1883, Anno: Dep.: 2883, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

PRESENT.

M. III. JOHN J. MARTIN	GRAND MASTER.
R. III. THOMAS GLIDDON	GRAND DEPUTY MASTER.
“ JOHN W. COBURN	GRAND P. C. OF W.
“ JOHN F. BALDWIN	“ TREASURER.
“ GEO. VAN VLIET	“ RECORDER.
“ A. OPPENHEIMER	“ C. OF THE G.
“ A. D. ROBBINS	“ C. OF THE C.
“ P. L. HINMAN	“ MARSHAL.
“ REV. F. W. RAIKES	“ CHAPLAIN.
“	“ LECTURER.
“ P. W. VERHOEVEN	ACTING “ STEWARD.
“ JOHNSTON FOUNTAIN	“ SENTINEL.

Together with the Representatives of the following Councils :

COLUMBIAN	No. 1	PALMYRA	No. 26
UNION	“ 2	UTICA	“ 28
BROOKLYN	“ 4	OLEAN	“ 33
ADELPHIC	“ 7	PENTALPHA	“ 36
BLOSS	“ 14	KONHOCTON	“ 40
BRUCE	“ 15	CORNING	“ 53
SOUTHERN TIER	“ 16	PEEKSKILL	“ 55
BUFFALO	“ 17	SING SING	“ 64
DORIC	“ 19	ITHACA	“ 68
KEYSTONE	“ 20	ADDISON	“ 69
DEWITT CLINTON	“ 22	NEPPERHAN	“ 70
ONTARIO	“ 23	ALPH-OMEGA	“ 71
DUNKIRK	“ 25		

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. D. B. HOWELL	P. G. TREASURER.
R. III. P. W. VERHOEVEN	P. T. I. M.
WILLIAM DOWNES	“
JOHN. G. BARKER	“
E. C. PECK	“
PHILANDER REED	“
JOHN B. HARRIS	“
R. C. CHRISTIANCE	“

With Representatives from the following Grand Councils:

ALABAMA,
CONNECTICUT,
ENGLAND,
FLORIDA,
GEORGIA,
INDIANA,
KANSAS,
LOUISIANA,
MAINE,
MASSACHUSETTS,

MICHIGAN,
MINNESOTA,
MARYLAND,
NEW HAMPSHIRE,
NEW BRUNSWICK (CAN.)
NEW JERSEY,
OHIO,
ONTARIO (CAN.)
PENNSYLVANIA,
RHODE ISLAND,

VERMONT.

The Grand Council was opened in ample form, and with prayer by Rev. Comp. F. W. RAIKES.

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 were dispensed with (printed copies being in the hands of the Representatives.)

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

ADDRESS.

COMPANIONS :

Under the favor of Divine Providence, we are again assembled to discharge, in compliance with our Constitution, the duties pertaining to the legislature of this branch of the Fraternity; and I bid you both personal and official welcome to this annual assembly, that under its sanction we may draw closer the fraternal ties, which should unite our hearts in the bonds of friendship and Brotherly love, renew our devotion to the craft in general, and incite in us especial zeal in the matter committed to our supervision.

Ours is no light task, because we lack the elements that appeal most strongly to the average mind, and must be content to instruct our neophytes, and exemplify our lessons in the silence of the Crypts, without the adventitious aids of banners and martial music; but these reasons appeal all the more strongly to us, in that, they look to our manhood and to our determination, that having enlisted in a good cause, we will not fail at roll call nor be found sleeping at our post, when duty calls upon us to be watchful to the best interests of all that pertains to our beloved Rite.

The official year, now drawing to a close, has been marked by no untoward event, but has been tranquil and reasonably prosperous, as you will discover when the record of the accounting officers shall have been submitted to your inspection.

So far, as it has come to my knowledge, the Angel of death has removed but one member of the Grand Council during the past year. April 3d, CHARLES CRAIG, a member of this Grand Council and Representative of the G. C. of Vermont near this G. C., entered into rest. In 1858 he received the Council Degrees in Adelpic Council No. 7, New York, and with our late Grand Master, Rev. CHARLES H. PLATT, and others, founded in 1859, Bruce Council No. 15. Succeeding M. .I. .Comp. PLATT as T. .I. . Master of Bruce Council, he served as its Master from 1861 until 1880, a period of nineteen consecutive years; he served as High Priest of Ames Chapter four consecutive years; as Prelate of Genesee Commandery eighteen years, and as its Eminent Commander for five years. He was also a Past Master of Cataract Lodge No. 295, F. and A. M., and Lock City Lodge of Perfection, A. and A. Scottish Rite Masons.

The funeral took place April 6th; bad weather caused a postponement of Masonic Services at the grave, the remains being deposited temporarily in the vault at the cemetery. April 23d, the time agreed on for Masonic obsequies, the Brethren assembled in Masonic Hall. At 2 P. M., over an hundred and twenty-five Masons in line, led by the Middleport Cornet Band, started for Glenwood Cemetery, at which place "the metallic casket containing the remains was taken from the vault by the bearers, ten in number, and the procession moved, bearing all that remained of this much loved brother to its last resting place," where our beautiful

and impressive funeral services were conducted by M.:W.: BENJAMIN FLAGLER, Grand Master of the State, assisted by our Dep. Grand Master, R.:I.:Comp. THOMAS GLIDDON.

“ Nothing is here for tears, nothing to wail
Or knock the breast ; no weakness, no contempt,
Dispraise or blame, nothing but well and fair :
And what may quiet as in a death so noble.”

Since writing the above, word has been sent me of the death of another honored member of our Rite: ROBERT HEWITT BROWN, who died at Albion, August 15th, 1883. He was deeply interested in the organization of the Council of the Cryptic Rite in that village, and was chosen first T.:I.:M.: of Alph-Omega Council. He was well-known throughout Western New York for his Masonic character, and who, when prevented by bodily disease from attending to his profession, proved his loyalty to the Fraternity by writing and doing all that lay in his power for the promotion and welfare of Masonry.

His last poetical effusion was a short poem published in the *Democrat and Chronicle* of July 28th, from which the two closing stanzas are reproduced as being especially appropriate in this brief notice of his personal career :

What though contagion and disease
Upon my fainting body seize,
And day by day
I waste away,
By pain tormented and distressed,
“ *Spes mea in Deo est.*”

And when the days of Life are o'er,
And I have crossed the river's shore,
That I may find
A home assigned
Among the mansions of the blest,
“ *Spes mea in Deo est.*”

During the past year peace and harmony has prevailed throughout the jurisdiction. Not a charge preferred, and but the two following questions submitted for decision :

Q. (Copy of proposed section to By-Laws.)—Applications for membership may be presented and balloted for at any regular or special assembly.

A.—It is irregular to propose or ballot for a candidate at a special assembly. No business should be transacted at a special assembly except such work as said meeting was called for.

Q.—Comp. C. was suspended five years ago for non-payment of dues. He now wishes to be restored. Must he pay, in addition, what would have been due the Council had he not been suspended?

A.—That depends on your By-Laws, which must be your rule and guide in the premises. While I hold, that definite suspension does not exonerate a member from payment of dues, yet it seems to me, that in the case of Comp. C., where the suspension was indefinite, dues should not accrue during said suspension.

Sept. 9th, 1882.—Received notice, and approved the same, of the appointment of R. I. Comp. VERHOEVEN as Rep. of the G. C. of Connecticut near our G. C.

Jan. 4th.—Granted Dispensation to Buffalo Council No. 17, to change place and time of meeting, their hall having been destroyed by fire.

Jan. 4th.—For similar reason also granted Dispensation to Keystone Council No. 20 to change time and place of meeting.

Jan. 18th.—Appointed M. I. JOHN FRIZZELL our Rep. near the G. C. of Tennessee.

Jan. 24th.—Received notice, and approved the same, of the appointment of R. I. JOHN N. MACOMB, JR., as Rep. of the G. C. of Tennessee near our G. C.

Quite a number of Comps. have communicated with me in regard to my not apportioning Councils for official visitation. At the last assembly of the Grand Council, for some reason, we neglected to adopt a motion to that effect. After consultation with some of the officers, we deemed it best to let the matter rest for one year. Judging from the past, and from letters received during the year, it inures to the advantage of a Sub-Council to receive an official visit from a Grand Officer during the year, and I recommend the adoption of a motion to that effect.

And now, Companions, as we are about to enter upon the duties of our calling, let us endeavor to be animated by the kindest regard

for each other, by a firm determination to do that, and that only, which, after fraternal consideration, shall appear to us best calculated to maintain peace and harmony among our constituents, and to promote the interests of Cryptic Masonry here and elsewhere.

And, finally, thanking my associate officers, and the Companions generally, for the cordial assistance they have given me in the discharge of my duties, I return to your keeping the powers with which I have been entrusted, with the assurance of my earnest prayer, that to my successor, and to the Craft, the Father may vouchsafe every blessing.

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

W. M. POSTLEY, WM. DOWNES, MARTIN A. LEWIS.

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

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

Your Grand Treasurer presents the following as his Annual Report:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, as per last Report.....	\$123 85
Received from the Grand Recorder	1,156 50
	\$1,280 35

DISBURSEMENTS.

Warrant 517 Grand Recorder's Salary and Expenses.....	\$263 20
“ 518 “ Master's Expenses.....	15 00
“ 519 Chairman Committee on For. Cor.	50 00
“ 520 Rent of Room and Safe.....	35 00
“ 521 Grand Sentinel.....	10 00
“ 522 Pay of Representatives	545 90
“ 523 General Grand Council Dues.....	26 50
“ 524 Printing Proceedings 1882... ..	200 00
	\$1,145 60
Balance on hand.....	\$134 75

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. BALDWIN, *Grand Treasurer.*

NEW YORK, Sept. 11, 1883.

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 1882, as acknowledged in printed Proceedings.....	\$1,136 00
Oct. 18, 1882, from Addison Council No. 69, for dues.....	10 50
May 24, 1883, from Zabud Council No. 46, for dues.....	5 50
For attaching seal to certificates.....	4 50
Total.....	\$1,156 50

I have entered in the Grand Council Registry to the present date3,709 names.
among whom the following changes have occurred:

Suspended for non-payment of dues	670
Died	210
Demitted	163
Expelled	3 1,046 names.

Leaving a registered membership in good standing of.....2,663 Companions.

Respectfully submitted,



Grand Recorder.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committees :

On Credentials and Returns

GEO. VAN VLIET, A. OPPENHEIMER, F. E. SMITH.

On Warrants and Dispensations.

GEO. MCGOWN, C. S. HANKS, WM. SHERER.

On Constitution and By-Laws.

GEO. M. OSGOODBY, G. FRED. WILTSIE R. C. CHRISTIANCE.

On Grievances and Appeals.

E. M. L. EHLERS, J. A. BATY, GEO. A. NEWELL.

On Finance and Accounts.

JOHN W. COBURN, A. B. KING, JOHN G. BARKER.

On Unfinished Business.

JASON COLLIER, GIRARD McVICAR, G. D. POND.

Special Committee on our Fraternal Dead.

G. FRED. WILTSIE, JASON COLLIER, A. OPPENHEIMER.

A letter was received from our Grand Lecturer, Comp. JOHN N. MACOMB, JR., announcing his recent illness and his inability, in consequence thereof, to attend this Annual Assembly of the Grand Council.

M. Ill.: G. FRED. WILTSIE, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and ordered printed in the transactions :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

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

M. I. SIR AND COMPANIONS :

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence would most respectfully report, that during the past year we have received the proceedings of several Grand Jurisdictions of our Rite, and herewith submit our report thereon.

In so doing, we feel a certain delicacy in performing, to us, a pleasant duty; yet, at the same time, one that has for so many years been so ably conducted and so thoroughly performed as to leave no room for improvement, and a serious doubt in our minds as to our ability to present a report that will even bear comparison with those that have preceded it.

The writer, having for many years had the interests of Cryptic Masonry at heart, having been a member of the Rite when in our jurisdiction it was called the "Royal Arch Chapter Annex," held its meetings in Albany at the same time as the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and transacted *all* its labors in a short evening session, has viewed with great pleasure the steady and healthy increase that has followed it, not only in this, but also in sister jurisdictions, and congratulates all companions who have faithfully worked in the "Secret Vault" on the position it now occupies, standing, as it does, fearless and alone, not only entitled to, but as well receiving due recognition, honor and respect from all the other branches of our American system of Free Masonry.

Year by year a marked improvement is visible to all those interested in the beautiful degrees inculcated in our beloved Rite.

In jurisdictions that are not afflicted *with too much Masonry*, a slow but steady increase is clearly seen, and the Cryptic branch of our Masonic tree has many warm and earnest adherents.

With no introduction, we proceed to give you a plain resumé of the proceedings now in our possession. They are as follows :

ALABAMA	1882	MARYLAND	LETTER
ARKANSAS	1882	MICHIGAN	1882
CALIFORNIA	1882	MINNESOTA.....	1882
CONNECTICUT	1883	MISSOURI	1883
ENGLAND AND WALES.....	LETTER	NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	1883
FLORIDA	LETTER	NEW JERSEY.....	1883
ILLINOIS	1882	NORTH CAROLINA	1882-3
INDIANA	1882	OHIO	1882
KANSAS	LETTER	ONTARIO.....	LETTER
KENTUCKY	1882	PENNSYLVANIA	1882
LOUISIANA.....	1882-3	VERMONT.....	1882

ALABAMA—1882.

As alphabetically first in the list of States, so came to hand the proceedings of this Grand Body, which held its 45th Annual Assembly in the City of Montgomery, in December, 1882, and whose proceedings were received early in March following.

M. I. WILLIAM DWIGHT WADSWORTH, G. M., presiding, together with Representatives from seven Subordinate Councils.

His address is brief, and we quote the following :

“During the past year the Cryptic Rite has been in the ascendancy throughout almost the entire country, and the Companions of some of our sister jurisdictions, who had appeared indifferent to the Rite, are resuming their duties within the Ninth Arch with renewed zeal and fidelity, and giving their allegiance to the General Grand Council, which can alone unite and cement the Brotherhood throughout the land. Though no great accessions have been made to our number in this jurisdiction during the past year, yet you have the satisfaction of knowing that by your firmness in keeping unsullied your vows to the Rite, that masonry in the lower degrees has greatly improved, and this new revival that is going on will, in due time, furnish you as much material as you will wish to add to your select number.”

He makes on decision, viz. : Is it illegal or unmasonic to confer the Council Degrees on Sunday ?

HELD, that after a candidate has been regularly elected to receive the Council Degrees, the T. I. M. may at his discretion call a special assembly on Sunday, or at any time that a Subordinate Council may deem it for the good of the Craft.

He eloquently closes thus :

“Companions, our lives are but as mirrors, reflecting upon each year fainter and fainter until we are embraced by mother earth to gain the bright change beyond. Permit me, therefore, in returning to you the emblem of office that was placed in my charge, to return you my most sincere thanks, and as the old Cryptic year makes way for the new, I charge you, as the select few, to keep pure and perpetuate the lessons taught you in the Masonic Circle of Perfection, that by a rectitude of mind and life you may secure true happiness and the applause of your own hearts, and let it be the labor of every day to come as near perfection as it is possible for human nature to get. So that when the Sabbath of Eternity is announced, each may pass through heaven's portals to the region of life eternal, there to receive the reward of Master's wages and see the wise purposes of the Divine Architect displayed in all their splendor.”

The venerable Grand Recorder, as well as Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, R. I. Comp. SAYRE, makes, as is always to be expected, an able report, in which he speaks in highly complimentary terms of our jurisdic-

tion, especially referring to our views on the General Grand Council and heartily endorsing the same.

He reviews the proceedings of twenty Grand Councils, and closes his report as follows :

"It is brief enough, but there is plenty of it unless it were better. We have taken a short walk among the other Grand Councils, and the outlook is not discouraging. The Council Degrees are among the most beautiful in Masonry, and we trust never to see the time when they will not be cultivated.

"The amalgamation plan has been tried, and the experiment, we think, has proved a failure. They hang on to it in Mississippi, but eventually they will be compelled to give it up.

"Kentucky has reorganized her Grand Council, and so has Arkansas; we have remarked upon the former, but the proceedings of the latter has not come to hand.

"And so we bid a temporary farewell to our co-laborers in this department. We trust they will all have a pleasant time until we meet again."

M. I. WILLIAM WALLACE McCOLLUM, of Selma, elected G. M.; R. I. DANIEL SAYRE, of Montgomery, re-elected G. R.

ARKANSAS—1882.

We have before us the Proceedings of the 33d Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of this State, to which is attached the Proceedings of the 20th Annual Assembly of the M. P. Grand Council of R. & S. Masons, which was held at Little Rock, Nov. 25, 1882, in accordance with the order of the Grand Master, duly published in the blank returns sent to the several Councils (there having been no assembly of the Grand Council since 1878), and was opened in ample form, M. P. SAM. W. WILLIAMS, G. M., presiding, with six Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master made no address, nor was there any report on Foreign Correspondence.

"On motion, ORDERED, That the power vested in the Grand Master by resolution adopted on the 19th day of November, 1881, on the reorganization of the Council, be continued, and that the same be printed in the Proceedings of this Grand Assembly, and that the Grand Master be requested to conform thereto, which said resolution is as follows :

"Resolved, That the M. P. G. M. be requested to proceed to ascertain which of the Subordinate Councils were existing, and whose charters had not been forfeited and revoked at the time of the last Annual Assembly of this Grand Council, and take the necessary steps to reorganize and go to work under their charters.

Resolution Second.—That all Worthy and Select Masters made in Councils appended to Chapters of this State may be healed in such constitutional modes

as the M. P. G. M. may direct; and when so healed, may apply for affiliation with such Councils as they may select.

Resolution Third.—That the M. P. G. M. take the legal steps to cut off and revoke the charters of all Councils that do not reorganize, go to work and comply with the provisions of the Constitution in making returns and paying dues.

Resolution Fourth.—That the dues of Councils which were in arrears at the time of the adoption of the plan of Consolidation, and whose charters were not forfeited or revoked at the time, be remitted, provided they promptly make returns and pay dues for the coming year."

There was but little business transacted and that purely of a local character, nor was there any action taken concerning the General Grand Council.

We congratulate our Companions of Arkansas upon their return to the secret recesses of our Grand Cryptic Vault, wishing them much prosperity in the future, hoping to hear good tidings from their next Annual assembly.

M. I. Comp. SAM. W. WILLIAMS elected G. M. R. I. Comp. J. A. HENRY elected G. R.

CALIFORNIA—1882.

22d Annual Assembly, held at San Francisco; seven Councils being represented. M. I. EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, G. M., says many good things in his address.

"Peace and harmony, and a measurable degree of prosperity, reign throughout our jurisdiction. We have made no retrograde movement during the year past; on the contrary, all the Councils have done more or less work, some of them conferring more degrees than during any previous year, and exhibiting a cheering and hopeful revival of interest. There seems to be nothing to discourage, but every reason to anticipate a bright future for Cryptic Masonry in our State. Very cheering reports come from other Grand Jurisdictions also, showing that increased interests is being manifested among the several Councils, and a greater desire to penetrate further into the secrets of our Royal V. The successful organization of the General Grand Council has been followed by very beneficial results. The 'Mississippi Plan,' which at one time seemed about to engulf us, has been effectually killed. Some of the Grand Councils even that had adopted the plan have retraced their steps, re-organized and become constituents of the General Grand Council. So it would seem that the success and perpetuity of our beloved Cryptic Rite is now assured."

The proceedings are printed in a neat form and contain the Constitution of the Grand Council, as well as a full and complete Roster of the Officers and Companions of the Subordinate Councils.

R. I. Comp. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, Grand Recorder, presents the Report on Foreign Correspondence, briefly reviewing the proceedings of seventeen Grand Councils, our own among the number, speaking of the Companions

of the Empire State in highly complimentary terms, more especially of the courteous and intelligent report of our Foreign Correspondence Committee.

The business transacted was purely local in character, nothing of general interest transpiring.

M. I. JOHN WILLIAM ROCK, of Sacramento, was elected G. M. R. I. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, of San Francisco, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT—1883.

Assembled in 65th Annual Assembly at Hartford, May 7, T. I. Comp. DWIGHT WAUGH, M. P. Grand Master, and the Representatives of twenty Subordinate Councils.

The Grand Master's address is brief, and refers principally to his annual visitations. He makes one decision, viz.:

"If Council A black-balls a candidate and at an early day thereafter surrenders jurisdiction in favor of Council B, can Council B at once act upon his application; and if not, how long must his probation be?"

"HELD, That in the absence of any By-Law of the Grand Council upon the subject, all other points of Masonic Law having been complied with, unless Council B had a By-Law itself fixing the time, it could receive and act upon the application of the candidate immediately."

He suggests, in connection with this decision, the expediency of the appointing of a committee "to examine and revise our rather slender code of By-Laws, as I apprehend they may be found lacking in many other important particulars."

A memorial page is set apart in memory of T. I. Comp. O. P. JACOBS.

A pleasing feature of this Grand Body is its custom of ordering a Special Assembly of the Grand Council to be held a day preceding the Annual Assembly, for the purpose of exemplifying the *Work by the Grand Officers*, a custom we most heartily approve of and wish it were adopted by all the Grand Councils.

Our old friend and veteran member of the reportorial corps, WILLIAM WALLACE LEE, comes to the front as usual with one of his loud-ringing reports full of wisdom, humor and general information. We would like to quote from it at length, but were we to commence we much fear that other jurisdictions (whom we wish to notice) might be left out in the cold, as we would not know where and when to stop; he *only* devotes eight closely printed pages to our own State, which we would gladly copy as very many good things are said therein; but we can only recommend our readers to obtain if possible a copy of Connecticut proceedings and read for themselves, promising them a rich treat in so doing.

The Grand Council still maintains its position in refusing to join the General Grand Council.

T. I. Comp. BURTON G. BRYAN, of Waterbury, elected G. M. T. I. Comp. JOSEPH K. WHEELER re-elected Grand Recorder.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

Under date of August 14th, 1883, we learn from R. .I. : Companion DOW M. DEWAR, Grand Recorder :

“ We have so much Masonry here that it is difficult to find days for our meetings and the extension of the Cryptic Degrees; but all who are fortunate enough to receive them value them very highly, and we number amongst our brethren those of the highest social and Masonic rank. My own particular Council, No. 1, is very successful and consists of upwards of one hundred and twenty members, and the ceremonies are thoroughly well done. We have at present eleven Subordinate Councils under the Grand Council.

“ I fully intend to print a report of our last meeting, most probably in October, and shall have pleasure in sending you a copy.”

We notice the above fraternal letter with great pleasure, and venture the hope that our Companions across the water will persevere in the good work, and notwithstanding they are troubled, as we are, with “ too much masonry,” they will see to it, that our beautiful degrees shall hold their place in the regular line as they are justly entitled to. We anticipate much pleasure in receiving the promised copy of proceedings when published.

The Rev. CANON PORTAL is G. .M. . Comp. DOW M. DEWAR, 8 Red Lion Square, London, W. C., is Grand Recorder.

FLORIDA—1883.

Under date of August 12th, 1883, we have tidings from this jurisdiction, R. .I. : Comp. JOHN CARLOVITZ, of Milton, Grand Recorder, informing us, in answer to our request for a copy of proceedings, that those of 1882 will soon be printed and forwarded immediately, and that those of 1883 will not be printed for some time to come, and also that the business transacted was of a local nature only.

It would have afforded us much pleasure to have received the transactions of our sister jurisdiction, as we know full well, judging from the past, that our R. .I. : Comp. Grand Recorder is always first and foremost among his brethren in reportorial work, and we have missed a treat, yet, from necessity, we bow submissively, awaiting good tidings in the future.

ILLINOIS—1882.

The Proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State contain the transactions of the 30th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of R. .& S. . M. ., which was held in the City of Chicago, October 25th, 1882, M. .I. : JOHN O'NEILL, G. .M. ., presiding, and twenty-two Subordinate Councils being represented.

The Grand Recorder read the following, which were approved :

"PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL R. & S. MASONS OF ILLINOIS.

"The 28th Annual Assembly was held at Chicago, October 27th, 1880, all the Grand Officers being present, and the Representatives of eighteen Councils.

"After considerable debate, Comp. BREWSTER moved, that when this Grand Council shall close it shall do so subject to the call of the Most Puissant Grand Master.

"Which motion prevailed, and the Grand Council closed without form.

"M. I. Comp. JOHN M. PEARSON, from the Special Committee to confer with a similar Committee on behalf of the Grand Chapter of R. A. M., in relation to the condition of the Rite reported, and after a general expression from those present, it was

Resolved, That it is expedient to resume control of the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters."

The Grand Council then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, electing a full corps of the same. M. I. Comp. JOHN O'NEILL, Chicago, as G. M., and R. I. Comp. GILBERT W. BARNARD, Chicago, as Grand Recorder.

M. I. Comp. PEARSON presented the following report, which was adopted :

"TO THE GRAND COUNCIL R. & M. OF ILLINOIS :

"Your Committee, to whom was referred the question of the disposition of the Council Degrees, respectfully report, that after a full expression of opinion among themselves, and with the members of the Committee appointed by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois for the same purpose, they believe that the interests of both Capitular and Cryptic Masonry can now be best promoted by the mutual abrogation of the treaty made in A. D. 1879, between the two said Grand Bodies. They therefore recommend the following :

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be, and is hereby instructed to memorialize the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois upon said subject, and ask them to take such steps as they may find necessary to re-commit the care of and the conferring of R. & S. M. to the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Illinois."

Upon resuming labor at the following session, Comp. GEO. W. CURTIS offered the accompanying resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That upon the issuance of an Edict from the M. E. Grand High Priest of the Grand R. A. Chapter of Illinois returning to this Grand Council the authority conferred in them to authorize the conferring of the Council Degrees, and the issuance of an order by the M. P. Grand Master to the Subordinate Councils of this State to resume work, all Royal and Select Masters made under the authority heretofore cited, be and are hereby declared regular non-affiliated R. & S. Masters, entitled to all the rights and benefits of such."

It was further—

Resolved, That all Chapter Councils that have conferred the degrees upon any Companions, be requested to certify over the seal of the Chapter the fact of the Companion having received the Royal and Select Masters Degrees in such Council, and such certificate shall be considered equivalent to a dimit, and be so accepted by all Councils of this Grand Jurisdiction.”

We send greetings to our Companions of Illinois and extend the warm hand of fraternal welcome on their action which brings them back to the position they once held in our circle.

INDIANA—1882.

Grand Council met at Indianapolis; thirty-five out of thirty-eight Subordinate Councils being represented (a showing worthy of imitation by other Grand Jurisdictions,) M. I. PERRY W. GARD, G. M., presiding. His address is among the most interesting of any before us. We clip as follows :

“Again we are permitted to meet around this fraternal altar and clasp the hands of Royal and Select Companions, and once more to look into the friendly faces of the Representatives of more than fifteen hundred of the ‘Good and True;’ and on this our 27th Annual Convocation, it affords me much pleasure to be able to congratulate you on the favorable circumstances under which we come together. Our number is still complete. At the roll-call of this Grand Body every member responds to his name; none of our number have been called during the past year to join the innumerable caravan who have gone before; but these mile stones in our journey are being passed so rapidly we are all reminded that the end is nigh, and the time of our labor is drawing to a close; that we will soon be called on to repair to our several stations to rest in peace. In calling your attention to the condition of the Cryptic Rite in our jurisdiction, I find no cause for discouragement. Peace and harmony, and a measurable degree of prosperity, reign throughout. While I cannot report any marked advance in numbers, yet there has been no retrograde movement during the year past. The murmurings and forebodings of a few years ago have passed away, and the determination is almost universal that the integrity of Cryptic Masonry shall be maintained. There is nothing but the most fraternal feelings for all, and nothing to-day to mar the most cordial relations between all the Grand Councils of this country.”

He makes but one decision, viz.:

“Is a Companion who has never been elected Deputy Illustrious Master or Principal Conductor of the Work, eligible to the office of Illustrious Master?”

“HELD, Yes, in the absence of any Constitutional Rule or By-Law to prevent it. I know of no reason why any Companion in good standing is not eligible to any office in his Council.”

Which decision was unanimously sustained.

A Companion submitted the following question :

“If a Companion is expelled from his Lodge as a Master Mason and the penalty affects his standing in his Council to the extent of expulsion, what is his standing in his Council if the Lodge which expelled him restores him to the condition of a non-affiliated Mason?”

Which, being referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, elicited the following report, which was concurred in by the Grand Council :

“The Committee on Jurisprudence respectfully answers, that by the provisions of Sections 184 and 185 of the Rules for the Government of Subordinate Councils he stands expelled from the Council until the Council, by its own act, shall remove that disability according to the provisions of Sections 100, 101, 102 and 199 of the Rules.”

A memorial page, together with an eloquent tribute of respect to the memory of M. I. Comp. ROBERT FARMER BOWER, P. G. M., of Iowa was received and unanimously adopted.

Companion WILLIAM W. AUSTIN, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made a most elaborate report of 44 pages, covering proceedings of twenty-five Grand Jurisdictions, devoting five pages to New York, and quotes extensively from G. M. BROWN's address, speaking of it, and as well of our Foreign Correspondence report in highly complimentary terms. We would gladly make extracts from Companion AUSTIN's review, but as in Connecticut's case, we hardly know where to commence, and should we do so we would be at a still greater loss to know when and where to stop; so we make our obeisance to our Companions of Indiana, wishing them prosperity in the future as in the past.

M. I. Comp. ALBERT HAYWARD, of Vincennes, elected G. M. R. I. JOHN M. BRAMWELL, of Indianapolis, re-elected G. R. :

KANSAS—1883.

We make but a brief note concerning this Grand Jurisdiction, as we have no data at hand, excepting a short circular-letter bearing date Wyandotte, Feb. 22d, 1883, which informs us that the Annual Assembly was held in the City of Topeka, Feb. 20, 1883, and that the proceedings will not be published until after the Annual Assembly of 1884.

We sincerely regret that our Companions of this jurisdiction have adopted the novel plan of printing their proceedings but once in three years, more especially as we know the active interest Comp. J. H. BROWN has always taken in our Rite; and also that our Companions throughout the States are the losers in hearing only tri-ennially from him. We hope for a change in this matter at their next convened Assembly.

M. I. ROBERT E. TORRINGTON, Emporia, elected G. M. R. I. JOHN H. BROWN, Wyandotte, re-elected G. R. :

KENTUCKY—1882.

We welcome again to our mystic circle the Cryptic Companions of this State, who, having seen the error of their ways, have returned to us and again resumed their places in the S. V. A called assembly was held in the City of Louisville, November 21, 1882, M. I. Comp. CHARLES ERSKINE DUNN, G. M., presiding, who stated that the Grand Council had been convened for the purpose indicated in the following circular:

“GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER,

“OFFICE OF G. H. P.,

“MT. STERLING, KY., October 27, 1882.

“W. LA RUE THOMAS, Esq.,

M. I. G. M. GRAND COUNCIL, R. & S. MASTERS, KY.

“MY DEAR BROTHER,—I am instructed by resolution of the Grand Chapter at its recent session, to request you to convene, at an early day, the officers and members comprising the last Grand Council, that I may formally resign into their hands jurisdiction of the Council Degrees—a trust confided to the Grand Chapter by you and your associates in 1878. The reasons for this action are fully set forth in the Preamble and Resolutions reported to the Grand Chapter last year, with which you are already familiar. I hope to receive early notice of your action in the matter.

“Faithfully and fraternally,

“H. R. FRENCH,

“Grand High Priest.”

All the Subordinate Councils (eight in number) were represented.

M. E. Companion HOWARD R. FRENCH, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Kentucky, then made the following address, which we copy in full, thinking it to be of interest to our readers:

“M. I. GRAND MASTER AND COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL
OF KENTUCKY:

“Four years ago this Grand Council, possessing sovereign power, and exercising it only for wise and beneficent purposes, tendered to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Kentucky jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal and Select Masters, the same to be conferred in Councils opened by its Subordinate Chapters.

“The trust was accepted, and, I doubt not, has been executed faithfully. But the Grand Chapter has determined to resign jurisdiction over these degrees into your hand, and I and my associate Grand Officers were appointed to make formal surrender of the same. The reasons for this course are best expressed in the Preamble and Resolutions adopted by the Grand Chapter at its last session, held in the City of Louisville, October 18, 1882, which I will read:

“ INASMUCH as the Grand Council of R. and S. Masters of the State of Kentucky, did, on the twenty-fourth day of October, 1878, surrender all jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal and Select Masters, and this Grand Chapter, in the interest of the service of speculative Masonry, did accept the trust conferred upon it, being convinced that in the assumption thereof lay the best means of preserving knowledge of almost inestimable value to the Craft, because of the difficulties of maintaining in an agricultural section flourishing Councils of the Cryptic Rite: and,

“ INASMUCH as since that hearty and unanimous action on the part of both the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council, complications having arisen threatening confusion to the Craft, caused by ill-advised measures adopted in the vain hope of conserving the interests of the Rite by persons aside from this jurisdiction, and which leave us no alternative but that of conferring the degrees without privileges:

“ *Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter resign its jurisdiction over the degrees of R. and S. Masters into the hands of the officers and members composing the last Grand Council of such, which met in Louisville, October 24, 1878.

“ *Resolved*, That the M. . E. . G. . H. . P. . , and his associate Grand Officers, be instructed to fraternally request the M. . I. . G. . M. . of the Grand Council last presiding, to convene at an early day, the officers and members composing the last Grand Council, for the purpose of formally resigning into their hands the trust committed to them.

“ *Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer, on proper notification that the above action has been carried out, be instructed to pay over into the hands of the person appointed by the Grand Council to receive the same, the sum of \$45.32, the amount received from the Grand Council on the 17th day of October, 1878, together with any personality which may have likewise accrued to this Grand Chapter.

“ *Resolved*, That when the Grand Council shall have resumed its jurisdiction over the degrees of R. and S. Masters, the M. . E. . G. . H. . P. . and Grand Secretary shall notify the Subordinate Chapters to hold all paraphernalia, books, papers and property which may have been placed in their hands by Subordinate Councils, subject to the order of the M. . I. . G. . M. . , or any person whom he may appoint to see to this matter; and shall further notify them to refrain from the conferring or communicating of the degrees of R. . & S. . M. .

“ *Resolved*, That in this action this Grand Chapter does not for one moment doubt the legality of the action of the two Sovereign Grand Bodies which resulted in the intrusting and assumption of the degrees of R. . & S. . M. . in the month of October, 1878; but, on the contrary, enters its solemn protest against the ambitious and inconsiderate measures taken for the practical extinction of the Cryptic Rite, or the denial of its light to three-fourths of the Royal Craft, and further place itself on record as being compelled to this action only by the solemn duty which it owes to its Chapters to allow no conflicting elements to disturb their harmony, and the equally solemn duty to refrain from conferr-

ing degrees which will not entitle the possessors to travel and receive the wages of fellowship and universal brotherhood.

“*Resolved*, That in the event that the Grand Council restores to her Subordinates their Charters, this Grand Chapter does affectionately invite and exhort her Subordinates to strive in every way to render assistance and comfort to such Councils by opening to them the asylum of their Chapter rooms, and by lending them their co-operation and affiliation to the extent of their ability.’

“In conformity with this expressed will of the Grand Chapter, I have requested this Grand Council to convene, and as Grand High Priest, I do formally resign the trust confided to the Grand Chapter in 1878, and surrender to this Grand Council the jurisdiction conferred at that time. The Grand Secretary, who is present, will deliver into your hands the seal and other property of which he has been the custodian.

“In performing this duty, permit me to leave evidence of the fact, that in accepting and executing this trust, and now on its surrender, no other motive has animated our action than a sincere desire to promote the best interests of the Cryptic Rite. Our private opinions have always been subordinate to the general harmony, and while, as Kentuckians, we are always jealous of our rights, as Masons we know no allegiance except to the common good of a universal brotherhood.”

Comp. H. B. GRANT, on behalf of the Grand Council, then formally accepted the trust.

A committee was appointed to revise the Constitution, By-Laws and General Regulations, and report at the next Annual Assembly.

A resolution was adopted *permitting* Subordinate Councils to confer the Super-Excellent Degree as an *Honorary Degree* if they shall so desire. (A position taken by the writer some years ago when in the Grand East.)

In accordance with the address of the G.·H.·P.·, a circular letter concerning the same was ordered sent to the subordinate chapters of the State.

Welcome back, Kentucky.

M.·I.· Comp. CHARLES ERSKINE DUNN, Louisville, elected G.·M.·.

R.·I.· LORENZO DOW CRONINGER, Covington, elected G.·R.·.

LOUISIANA—1882.

Held its twenty-seventh Annual Assembly at the City of New Orleans, February 16, 1882.

M.·I.· Comp. GEORGE J. PINCKARD, G.·M.·, presiding, and four subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's address is an able and interesting one, containing many good points, among others, concerning the General Grand Council, to which he refers in admirable terms. We would gladly quote, did our space permit, but we know our readers, being fully aware of the loyalty of our Louisiana Companions to the cause of the Cryptic Rite, will also cordially

endorse the address without quotations, especially when they learn that our old friend and highly esteemed Masonic leader, M. I. JOHN QUINCY ADAMS FELLOWS 33°, immediately at its close, submitted the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted (an innovation, perhaps, but an honor justly deserved):

“Resolved, That the address of the Grand Master, without reference to committee, be accepted, his actions and decisions be approved, and the thanks of the Grand Council be tendered him for his active, efficient, and wise action during the past six years in the cause of the Cryptic Rite and of this Grand Council.”

The business transacted was purely of a local nature.

No Report presented from Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

M. I. ALFRED SHAW, New Orleans, elected G. M.

R. I. RICHARD LAMBERT, New Orleans, re-elected G. R.

LOUISIANA—1883.

Twenty-eighth Annual Assembly at New Orleans, February 15, 1883.
M. I. ALFRED SHAW, G. M., presided.

The Grand Master's address is quite brief, and its tone indicates a lull in the Rite in his jurisdiction, which he attributes “to the condition of the bodies of the antecedent degrees from which we must draw our material.” He refers to a visit to New York city in October last, and acknowledges in fitting terms attentions shown him by P. G. M. CHAS. H. BROWN and R. I. Comp. ALBERT G. GOODALL.

The Grand Recorder, beside making the usual routine report, acknowledges by name the receipt of the printed proceedings of nineteen jurisdictions.

This year we have an elaborate Report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, M. I. Comp. GEORGE J. PINCKARD, P. G. M., coming to the front as chairman. We would cheerfully make many quotations did our space permit, and we cannot help referring to a portion of his notes upon our own Grand Council, and in so doing we make no apology, for the very good reason we have none to make. He says, after reviewing seventeen grand jurisdictions, “We have deferred our review of this Grand Council until the very latest moment, hoping to have received the last Proceedings, for which we wrote Comp. VAN VLIET, but they have not come to hand. The Grand Council meets in September, and why it should take such an unconscionable time to get out its Proceedings is a mystery we cannot solve.” He reviews 1881 and 1882, and speaks of Ill. Comp. HUDSON as follows: “We look upon Comp. HUDSON as the very best Cryptic Reporter, not excepting Comp. DRUMMOND. There is a vigor and cheery ring pervading the whole of his writings that sinks deep down into our heart of hearts and elicits our unqualified admiration. We have never been considered by those who know us best as given to undue adulation, nor much of a stockholder in the mutual admiration circle, and our Rev. Comp. will do well to consider these remarks, if they meet his eyes, as entirely spontaneous and genuine.”

He also refers to M. I. Comp. OSGOODBY'S Report, making copious extracts from the same, saying: "We must not, however, undertake to re-write the whole of this Report. We trust our Companions will call upon the Grand Recorder and peruse it as a whole."

We trust in the future that our Proceedings will be on hand early, in order that none of the reportorial corps will be disappointed, as well as delayed, in their work. Our slight experience in the matter has shown us its great inconvenience.

M. I. Comp. ALFRED SHAW, New Orleans, re-elected G. M.

R. I. Comp. RICHARD LAMBERT, Drawer 872, P. O., New Orleans, re-elected G. R.; M. I. Comp. GEORGE J. PINCKARD, P. G. M., Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

MARYLAND—1882.

From this Grand Body we have also received a circular letter informing us that its Annual Assembly was held in the City of Baltimore, November 15, 1882, and advises us of the officers elected at that time; also that the Proceedings will not be published this year, and that the next Annual Assembly will be held at the same place, November 14, 1883.

M. I. Comp. HENRY C. LARRABEE, of Baltimore, elected G. M.

R. I. Comp. GEORGE L. MCCAHAN, of Baltimore, re-elected G. R.

It is a source of especial regret to us that we are not allowed the privilege of reviewing a report on Foreign Correspondence from our old friend and esteemed Companion, GEO. L. MCCAHAN, who is truly a veteran in a Masonic sense, and whose devotion to the interests of our beloved Cryptic Rite is known both far and wide as never tiring and indefatigable. We hope hereafter, Maryland "may come to the front" every time.

MICHIGAN—1883.

Grand Council assembled at Detroit, January 15, 1883. M. I. Comp. WILLIAM G. HUDSON, G. M., presiding, and 41 subordinate Councils represented.

The G. M.'s Address is brief, but to the point. Showing that our Companions of Michigan are earnest workers in the S. V., and refers in touching words to the death of Comp. WILLIAM V. GIFFORD, of Detroit, "who for seventeen years stood sentinel at the door of the Secret Vault," and recommended a memorial page in the Proceedings. We cull the following:

"The past year has been one of peace and harmony. Not a complaint has been made to me, not a charge preferred, and but one question submitted during the year. I believe it to be a matter of congratulation that there has been no dispensations granted for new Councils during the year, while the Charters of several Councils have been forfeited for failure to pay proper respect to this Grand Council. The strength of our Order consists, not in the number of

our Councils, but in the fervency and zeal, the purity, intelligence and morality of their members."

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported direct and to the point on the "merger plan."

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Council unequivocally condemns the action of any of our sister jurisdictions favoring the merging of the Cryptic Degrees with those of the Chapter, and declare that the successful advocacy of such a policy will be fatal to the perpetuation of the Cryptic Degrees in their purity and sublimity wherever such plan is adopted.

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Council enters its solemn protest against the merging of the Cryptic Degrees into the hands of any Grand Chapter, and will hold any Companion who receives the Cryptic Degrees under such authority as clandestinely made; and as such cannot be received with fraternal greeting within the Grand Jurisdiction.

"*Resolved*, That Subordinate Councils are hereby interdicted from receiving or holding any Masonic intercourse with such clandestine Royal and Select Masters."

A ringing report, and one worthy of imitation in other jurisdictions.

Comp. GARRA B. NOBLE makes an extended report on Foreign Correspondence, covering some thirty pages and twenty-two Grand Jurisdictions, our own not among the number (wonder why?), and seven *Foreign Grand Councils*, including *Nebraska, Wisconsin, Iowa and Oregon*.

The Report contains many excellent things which we would gladly copy did our space permit, but our readers must content themselves with his eloquent conclusion. He says:

"We have endeavored to give you a summary sufficient to show the interest taken in Cryptic Masonry throughout the world. We believe that the organization of the General Grand Council has placed Cryptic Masonry upon as firm a foundation as that of Capitular and Templar. Many of the Grand Councils had become languid, whose sentinels were sleeping, have aroused and re-organized, thrown off their lethargy and gone to work."

From the proceedings reviewed we are much pleased to notice the general prosperity evinced by the increase of interest in the work. We believe the outlook for the Cryptic Rite was never more flattering and hopeful throughout the world than at the present time.

M. I. GEORGE H. GREENE, Lansing, elected G. M.

R. I. GARRA B. NOBLE, Detroit, re-elected G. R.

MINNESOTA—1882.

Assembled at St. Paul, October 9, 1882. M. I. GROVE B. COOLEY, G. M., and five Subordinate Councils.

The Grand Master's Address is brief and local in character. We copy as follows:

"It has been a year since last we met in Grand Assembly. To some it has been a year of pain, suffering and sorrow. To some one of tears, grief and tribulation, while to others it has been one of smiles, joy and gladness. It has been just such a year as other years have been that have preceded it; full of joy, care, faith, hope, anxiety and great expectations. It has been another year of man wrestling with his fellow-man for the wages of worldly possessions or political preferment. A year of building up and tearing down, of opulence and adversity, of the rise and fall of man. We of the Cryptic Rite who meet here to-day in Grand Assembly have reason to deem ourselves most fortunate to have lived another year, and to look each other in the face, and to grasp the hand fraternal, and for this good fortune we would give our heartfelt thanks to our Father who is in Heaven."

Warrants were granted to two new Councils.

It is very seldom—in fact, we think this the only Grand Jurisdiction where we find the Grand Master and the Chairman of Foreign Correspondence one and the same person. Comp. COOLEY, however, is equal to the emergency, and presents a report most elaborate, and which cannot be excelled—a report replete with poetry and prose, and which covers *all* the Grand Jurisdictions, thirty in number.

He gives New York an extended review, Comps. BROWN and HUDSON being highly complimented; he quotes the charge to the Grand Lecturer, presented to our Council by R. I. JOHN N. MACOMB, Jr., and cordially endorses the same.

We would like to clip very many of his good sayings, but our space does not permit; we cannot, however, pass over his remarks, in noting our sister jurisdiction, New Jersey, in regard to printing proceedings, we emphatically say Amen to every word and quote in full.

"When we first enlisted in the S. V. in 1876, we found the tide low and the Grand Treasury empty, in fact a debt owing the printer; we, however, wrote a report on correspondence, the first that had been written, and somewhat to our surprise it was ordered printed in the Proceedings. We have continued to write one every year since, and some rather lengthy ones, and all have been cheerfully ordered printed, and every year the Treasury has increased, until now the Grand Council is out of debt and money in the Treasury.

"We pay no mileage or per diem, no salaries to any Grand Officer except the Grand Sentinel.

"I never received a cent for all my labors, on correspondence, as Grand Secretary, or for the performance of any duty. We are willing to work our regular hours for the love we bear to the labor of the S. V.

"When we can print our Proceedings and with it a report on correspondence every year, and that too and be out of debt, then, and only then, will we favor paying anything to Grand Officers except for cash paid out. That is the way we feel.

"If anything we have said we ought not to have said, then you may consider it unsaid."

GROVE B. COOLEY, Minneapolis, re-elected M. I. G. M.
 R. I. WILLIAM CHENEY, Minneapolis, re-elected Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI.—1883.

Held its Eighteenth Annual Assembly at St. Louis, May 2d, 1883.

R. I. WILLIAM G. HALL, Dep. G. M. presiding, and five Subordinate Councils being represented.

The Grand Master being absent his address was ordered printed in the Proceedings; it is very short and purely local, excepting a touching reference to the death of M. I. Comp. ROBERT FARMER BOWER, P. G. M. of IOWA, and R. I. Comp. THOMAS WANNAL, P. D. G. M. of their Grand Jurisdiction.

There was but little business transacted.

R. I. Comp. WILLIAM H. MAYO, Grand Recorder as well as Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, a successor with but the exception of one year of our lamented personal friend, beloved brother and esteemed Companion, "blessed be his memory," GEO. FRANK GOULEY (who for eleven consecutive years filled the position so ably) makes an elaborate report; he reviews fifteen Grand Councils, and in speaking of our own he says: "The Proceedings of New York came to us in a far above the usual or average pamphlet. Grand Master JOHN J. MARTIN rendered a faithful account of his stewardship. He makes frequent quotations from M. I. Comp. OSGOODBY'S Report, and calls it "a most favorable and pains taking report," and sums up as follows:

"We have obeyed instructions and made our Report short; we have culled from several jurisdictions some choice selections by a careful perusal of which our readers may judge somewhat of the general feeling throughout the United States towards the Rite and the General Grand Council, which is now in its infancy. The prospects are a fine, healthy, well developed child for its age. It is a fixed fact now, beyond doubt. To the croakers and constitutional growlers, we say, hold your tongues and pens, try to contain yourselves in peace for a short time, say for a decade, and let us see what will be the result; let the General Grand Council have a chance to give its plans a thorough test, it can result in no disaster or damage to the Rite, and may result in good."

The Proceedings are handsomely printed, and include "The Constitution and General Regulations of the Grand Council of R. & S. Masters of Missouri as amended and adopted May 2d, 1883.

M. I. WILLIAM G. HALL, St. Joseph, elected G. M.

R. I. WILLIAM H. MAYO, St. Louis, re-elected G. R.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1883.

Assembled at Concord, May 14th, 1883. M. I. Comp. RENSSELAER O. WRIGHT, G. M.

His Address is one of unusual interest, referring to his official visitations which were very general.

He makes the following decisions, in which *we most heartily concur.*

"1st.—Can a companion who has been greeted a Select Master sign the By-Laws and become a member of a Council and eligible to office, until he has received the S. . E. . M. . Degree?

"HELD.—He can. Having regularly received, the Select Masters Degree, he is entitled to all the rights and privileges of that Degree, and as such would be eligible to membership and office.

"2d.—Should the S. . E. . M. . Degree be conferred inside a Council of Select Masters or within a Council of S. . E. . Masters appended to a Council of Select Masters?

"HELD.—The Council of Select Masters should be closed and a Council of S. . E. . M. . opened for work separate from, but appended to a Council of Select Masters.

The committee on jurisprudence, however, reported, dissenting from the first decision, and approving the second, which action, it seems to us, is strangely at variance with the custom of sister jurisdictions.

He also says some very sensible things concerning certain other Masonic bodies, which we gladly quote :

"Let us Companions, renew our faith, and repledge ourselves to do all in our power to place Cryptic Masonry in the position its merits entitle it.

Instead of sitting at the gates of the Grand Encampment of the U. S., clothed in sack-cloth and ashes, begging them to make us the least of their outer courts, let us prove ourselves worthy of a place in the Temple of Masonry.

"Should they conclude, after deliberation, that without us the Masonic character is incomplete, it shall be well with them and us. Should they decide otherwise, let us remember that only the skilled and faithful were permitted to know the secrets of the Royal Vault."

The Grand Recorder reported eight Subordinate Councils represented.

M. . I. . Comp. GEORGE P. CLEAVES presents an able Report on Foreign Correspondence, covering twenty-one Grand Jurisdictions, New York receiving a highly complimentary notice, quoting at great length from M. . I. . Comp. OSGOODBY'S Report, and expressing a desire to quote more, did his space permit; in like manner would we also copy from him, were we not placed in a like situation, but as it is, we must content ourselves with his closing remarks which seem to us to be sharp and to the point :

"We find much in the Proceedings to encourage the members of the Rite to press forward.

"That though the country is flooded with degrees and Rites, still our older bodies have not much to fear from them, if we will give the attention to the work of our Councils, which they deserve."

With much satisfaction we congratulate the Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee upon his exaltation to the Grand East by the voice of his associates.

R. I. Comp. FRANK D. WOODBURY, Masonic Temple, Concord, elected G. R.

NEW JERSEY—1883.

Twenty-fifth annual Assembly held at Trenton, January 10th, 1883. M. I. JOHN M. KNAPP, G. M., presiding, and seven Subordinate Councils represented.

The Grand Master's Address is quite interesting; we clip as follows :

"'Tis true, we are few in number, but might does not always dwell with the multitude. Few as we are we can stand shoulder to shoulder. We can put our hearts into the work. We can pray for Divine aid, and in so doing we can labor and hope, having a right to believe that trial and difficulty will in time disappear and this Grand Council advance to future assemblies, greater and stronger than those of present or of former days.

"In our review of the events of the past let us take heed of the admonitions it has placed before us, and be more careful of all our words, thoughts and actions."

He shows a good example to other Grand Masters in officially visiting *all* the Councils in his jurisdiction, and says :

"Again, I urge the Officers and Companions of every Council to become more earnest and work with greater vigor than ever, so that the Cryptic Rite may present a good showing, and reject no candidate who comes under and with a good Masonic Report. Let each and every Companion remember 'tis the darkest hour before the dawn. Not that I mean to say that the past year has been a dark one, but I feel and am fully aware that every Council needs every encouragement possible from the Grand Master and his associate officers and their making frequent official visits to them. I knew this of old as regards the Lodges, and my experience during the past year has led me to see the good of these visits, for in every case I have been repeatedly urged to come again and often."

He most heartily endorses the action of his Grand Council in refusing to become a member of the General Grand Council and boldly says :

"I am not an advocate of General Grand Bodies, and as long as I am a member of this Grand Council, I shall use my humble influence against any action looking toward such a union, and I recommend that the whole matter be disposed of at this Assembly, and that the Grand Council pass a resolution, most respectfully declining to become a member of the General Grand Council of the United States."

Which resolution and recommendation was unanimously adopted. We regret it.

He most feelingly refers to the demise of Rev. Comp. P. G. Chaplain MARSHALL B. SMITH, and a beautiful memorial page is set apart.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence make a *somewhat brief* report, and commending it only to those Grand Jurisdictions who never make a report, we copy the same *in full*:

“The Committee on Foreign Correspondence report that they have received the Reports from all the Grand Councils with whom we are in correspondence. (That is more than we can do).

“Nearly all have adopted the Constitution of the G. Grand Council, thus becoming subordinate to that body.

“The Grand Councils formerly sick unto death with the Mississippi Fever, have all recovered (with the exception of Mississippi) and judging from the work exhibited, are more vigorous since their recovery and bid fair to live long and prosperous lives.

“Your Committee take pleasure in being able to state that a general prosperous condition of the Cryptic Rite appears from these Proceedings and is encouraging.

Signed,

“THE COMMITTEE.”

The first instance on record, we believe, where the whole Committee have put their heads together and labored so long and faithfully. We were informed M. I. Comp. BECHTEL was in poor health, but was not aware of the cause, until we read his joint report.

M. I. Comp. JEROME B. BORDEN, New Brunswick, elected G. M.

M. I. Comp. CHAS. BECHTEL, Trenton, re-elected G. R.

NORTH CAROLINA—1882.

Seventeenth Annual Assembly, held at Wilmington, May 31st, 1882. M. I. J. I. MACKS, G. M., together with the representatives of three Subordinate Councils.

The G. M.'s Address, which also contains a brief review of the proceedings of several Grand Jurisdictions, refers principally to their action concerning the stand they have taken regarding the General Grand Council.

He warmly recommended the adoption of the representative system with other Grand Bodies, which recommendation was unanimously adopted.

A resolution was offered “recommending that this Grand Council, become a constituent member, and acknowledge allegiance to the General Grand Council,” which was lost.

P. G. M. NICHOLS moved the appointment of a Committee to appear before the Grand Chapter of R. A. M. and request the appointment of a similar committee on their part, with a view to the consolidation of the Capitular and Cryptic Degrees, and report at the next Annual Assembly.—

M. I. J. I. MACKS, Wilmington, re-elected G. M.

R. I. DONALD W. BAIN, Raleigh, re-elected G. R.

NORTH CAROLINA—1883.

Some time after writing the above, and as we are about closing our Report, we received a very neatly printed copy of the Proceedings of the Eighteenth Annual Assembly, held at Raleigh, May 17th, 1883.

M. : I. : J. I. MACKS, G. : M. : , presiding.

The G. : M. : again makes a combination address and report on Foreign Correspondence ; he says:

“ My official acts have been few. Not a single dispensation or decision has been applied for during the entire year. Of course, I do not consider this an omen of success. In fact, I am constrained to admit that unless something can be done with the Cryptic Degrees, to append them to Chapters or amalgamate them with the Chapter Degrees, the Grand Council will soon cease to exist. I regret this sincerely, because the work is beautiful and if properly conferred, would make a deep and lasting impression upon those who receive them.

We of North Carolina do not deem it a matter of great importance, whether a General Grand Council exists or not. We are more concerned about our own existence ; we have in this State but few Cities, and in the Country it is impossible to raise a quorum for the transaction of business, and hence Councils soon disappear and become a thing of the past.”

He briefly reviews the doings of fifteen Grand Councils, our own among the number, complimenting us upon our “ excellent Report on Foreign Correspondence.”

The Committee appointed to confer with a similar committee of the Grand Chapter concerning the disposition of the Council Degrees, reported as follows:

“ We met in joint conference, and after fully considering the subject, failed to agree upon any definite arrangement. The Committee of the Grand Chapter reported that fact to its Body, and the Grand Chapter considered the question upon a definite proposition submitted by one of its members. The following was adopted by that Body, as certified to us by its Grand Secretary, and we herewith present it for your consideration:”

“ *Resolved*, That the four principal officers of this Grand Body, and the three principal officers of the Grand Council, said Grand Council assenting, be appointed a joint committee to agree upon terms of transfer of the degrees of the Council to the Grand Chapter, and that their action shall be final.”

• Which report was adopted.

The Grand Council, however, looking to a continued organization, in the event of a failure of the joint Committee of Grand Officers to effect terms of consolidation, proceeded to the election of Grand Officers, re-electing the M. : I. : G. : M. : and the R. : I. : Grand Recorder and adjourned.

In thirteen days thereafter the joint Committee met and agreed virtually as follows:

1st.—Subordinate Councils shall cease to exist, and their members become members of the Chapter in whose jurisdiction they reside.

2d.—The charters, records, seals and funds of the Subordinate Councils shall be deposited with the Grand Recorder of the Grand Council.

3d.—The degrees shall be conferred after the degree of Most Excellent Master and before that of Royal Arch and such part of the ceremony as may be inconsistent with this arrangement, shall be eliminated.

4th.—All Royal Arch Masons who have not received the degrees, shall receive the same without charge. If there should not be in any Chapter a sufficient number of Companions to confer the degrees, a Grand Lecturer, or some other competent Companion shall, by request of the H. P., confer or communicate the same.

5th.—The Grand Chapter is hereby requested to amend its Constitution so as to constitute the permanent members of the Grand Council permanent members of the Grand Chapter.

6th.—A copy of this arrangement, certified by the Grand Secretary of the Chapter, shall be transmitted to each Chapter as an edict which will be its sufficient authority to confer the degrees of Royal and Select Masters.

And thus we loose a sister jurisdiction, we much regret it; and while we will not now question the wisdom of our Companions, of North Carolina, in taking this step, for they have been calm and deliberate in so doing, at the same time we look ahead with some anxiety as to how their plan will succeed; serious obstacles, to us, seem to be in the way of its perfect working.

"Time, patience and perseverance, that accomplishes all things" may work it out to their satisfaction, or after its earnest trial they may conclude to return to the old fold, as have done *others* who have tried the same experiment.

OHIO.—1882.

Forty-second Annual Assembly, held at Newark. M. I. Jos. M. GOODSPEED, G. M., presiding and fifty-two Subordinate Bodies represented.

The G. M. Address is quite brief and purely local in character, have made no decisions, and having granted one dispensation to form a new Council.

A Resolution was adopted, requesting the G. M. to divide the State into districts, and provide for annual visitations, "*the legitimate expenses thereof to be paid from the funds of the Grand Council.*"

Comp. S. STACKER WILLIAMS from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence made an elaborate report reviewing twenty-five Grand Bodies, our own receiving by far the most extended notice, for which we are deeply indebted; we would gladly make extracts, but as we desire to note in full the "Circular for Information," issued by order of the Grand Council, deeming it to be of great value to the Rite in General (should it be adopted generally), our Ill. Companion will, we have no doubt, excuse.

The circular is as follows:

"To the Officers and Members of... Council No...."

"A moments reflection will convince you that a Grand Master cannot visit all the Councils in this State, unless at such a sacrifice of time as to seriously

prejudice his business interests; but a resolution passed at the last Communication of the Grand Council permits the Grand Master to divide the State into districts, assigning to each district one of the Grand Officers, thus securing to each Subordinate Council, during the year, a visit from some one of the Grand Officers, without interfering too largely with his time.

"To the end that such visitations may be profitable to the fraternity, I would suggest that you arrange the time for this visit so as to give an opportunity for complete dissemination of the information among the Companions, and that you make it an occasion for a reunion of your members and associate Companions.

"That a correct impression of the condition of your Council may be obtained, I submit the accompanying questions, and ask that they may be answered by your Thrice Illustrious Master.

"The growth of Symbolic and Capitular Masonry has been progressive; why should not Cryptic Masonry keep step with this increase of light and information? Each one of you possesses in a greater or less degree, the elements necessary to effect this desired growth, and by united action may secure it. Need I say it is your duty to do so.

"Esteemed Companion:

"1st.—How many contributing members have you?

"2d.—How many meetings did your Council hold last year, and at what date?

"3d.—What was the average attendance during those times?

"4th.—How many members are there on the roll of your Council suspended for non-payment of dues, and for what years?

"5th.—What are the annual dues of your Council?

"6th.—What the annual expenditures?

"7th.—When did your Council hold its last election for Officers?

"8th.—How many times have you been present last year?

"9th.—How many times have you served as T. I. M. ?

"10th.—Are you familiar with the work and lectures of your office?

"11th.—Are your subordinate officers familiar with the work and lectures of their respective offices?

"12th.—How many R. A. M. are there in your jurisdiction who can be prevailed upon to join your Council?

"13th.—If a representative of the Grand Master should visit your Council, can you make such visit profitable, either in increasing the interests of the members, or gaining in numbers, or both?

"14th.—If such is the case, when, in the early future, does your Council desire this visit?

"15th.—What suggestions have you to make looking to an increase in interest and membership?

"Please answer the above on this slip, and return it to me at your earliest convenience.

"Yours, fraternally,"

M. I. Comp. LEVI C. GOODALE, Cincinnati, re-elected G. M.

R. I. JOHN D. CALDWELL, Cincinnati, (another veteran) re-elected G. R.

ONTARIO—1883.

We are in receipt of a cordial and fraternal letter from R. I. Companion DANIEL SPRY, of Barrie, Ont., who in response to our communication, informs us that their Grand Council Proceedings have not been printed for the past three years, nor does he think they will be this year.

Companion SPRY has retired from active service in the Cryptic Rite (which we much regret) his duties as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, requiring all his attention; he speaks quite discouragingly of the prospects of our Rite in his Country, and says: "Cryptic Masonry has been at a stand still in Canada for some time, and I do not at present see any prospects of a revival, owing to the *Multiplicity of Rites* in this Canada of ours."

We trust our Canadian Fraters will not become disheartened, but remember they are not the only jurisdiction suffering from "*too much Masonry*," and hold over to the mysteries of the S. V., feeling assured that brighter times will soon be theirs.

M. I. J. ROSS ROBINSON, of Toronto, G. M. P. M. I. JOSHUA G. BEERNS, 150 King Street, East Toronto, Ont., G. R.

PENNSYLVANIA—1882.

As we close our report, this truly Masonic "Keystone State" not having forwarded any Proceedings, we wrote for the same and received in return a copy of transactions of Annual Assembly held at Lancaster, February 15th, 1882.

The same having been received in our last years report we make no further comments, except to state that the annual Assembly for 1883 *was to have been held at Titusville, February 21st, 1883.*

We fear our Companions of Pennsylvania are becoming as tardy in publishing their annual Proceedings, as is a sister jurisdiction, located not far from them.

M. P. JAMES S. BARBER, 623 Commerce Street, Philadelphia, elected G. M.

R. P. CHARLES E. MEYERS, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, re-elected G. R.

VERMONT—1882.

Twenty-ninth Annual Assembly, held at Burlington, June 13th, 1882. M. I. and Rev. FREDERICK S. FISHER, G. M., presiding, and the representatives of eighteen Subordinate Councils.

The G. M. Address is well worthy of note, and we make extracts with much pleasure, hoping they will be read, well knowing if they are, they cannot but be appreciated.

"Custom long honored by obedience, in the Sanctuary as in other and kindred bodies, imposes upon your G. M. the obligation of presenting to the Grand Council the record of his official acts for the past year, for its action,

and also such information as he may possess in regard to the Cryptic Rite, in our own State and abroad.

"For one moment—a few words—before I give the record of the year past and gone, enrolled amid the years of the ages. Believing the different degrees of Masonry, to teach, when studied in their symbols, the hopes and promises, the faith and fears, and the trials and triumphs of the separate stages of Gods dealings with mankind, I think that we can see, by the sign deposited, the connecting link in the Cryptic Rite, between the promises of the Jewish degrees, and their completion in the Christian orders, and needed our degrees to teach this connection, in lesson and lecture, in work and ritual. For they complete the ancient system, and crown the Jewish Rule; in their completion teaching of the time when darkness would be scattered, as the deposit is found, and the will of God revealed.

"For a time the Temple of God is silent, in ruins, its treasure in their secret vault. Its courts have heard the tread of the despoiler as they will hear the words of the Prince of Peace. His Herald says: 'The King, The King cometh.' He comes to his own, when the lost shall be found, and again will glad voices raise in reverence the ineffable name.

"In the teaching of Masonry here is the end of all the dispensations of Israel, and in our Rite end the Jewish degrees: Beyond Christ is the Centre and the Shrine. But necessary every link in the chain connecting the promises of the Father, in the sacrifice of the Son. To this period in degree after degree, we have worked, and with the forms and ceremonies of the true worship preserved, we hail Emanuel!"

He pays a glowing tribute to the memory of the great craftsman and scholar ALBERT GALLATON MACKEY and closes as follows (the address covers fifteen pages of closely printed matter, and we would gladly clip more did our space permit):

"Remember Companions that the Rite cannot prosper of itself alone without zeal and labor on our parts. We must be active, ever alive and wise. Time is marked off by the swing of the pendulum, now high and now low, each stroke marking the flight of time. Thus with popularity, its very fickleness, the high tide and the low tide, each movement changing, should teach us to watch and work to win for our degrees the favor they deserve. We are prospering now, and this in itself should be a warning not to sleep at the door.

Let the cherubin whose wings stretch from wall to wall, guard our treasures from all but Royal and Select Masters, as when circling the Altar of our Tabernacle, they protect the act of devotion, and hear the words of our profession greeted in the Circle."

The Proceedings are handsomely printed, comprise seventy-six pages and are well worthy of a close inspection. Comp. W. H. S. WHITCOMB briefly reviews fifteen Grand Jurisdictions, our own among the number, commending G. M. BROWN's address as "one of the very best, if not the best of the year."

He says he would gladly note more proceedings were they before him, and deprecates his failure to receive them; we most heartily sympathise with him, and we would willingly lay the blame at some-ones door, having had the same experience, for we find we not only fail to get the various reports, but also fail to get replies to letters written requesting them.

He quotes in full the address of the General Grand Master to all Royal and Select Masters and especially to all Grand Councils thereof.

His remarks :

“There now remains a work for the successful to perfect, *i.e.*, get the several Grand Councils on a *paying basis*. We mean by that lay up something for a ‘rainy day’ so that when it comes they will be no years in which from lack of means it will be voted ‘the Proceedings be not printed.’ Hardly anything that can occur in a business run has a more depressing effect upon a Subordinate Council, than, after they have paid their dues, and sent up their returns, followed by the delegates, to have them return simply to say : ‘too poor to print Proceedings.’” *To which we heartily say, Amen.* Taking the book as a whole, we trust as many of our Companions as may be privileged so to do, will obtain a copy, and “read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the same.”

M. : Ill. and Rev. FREDERICK SHUBAEL FISHER, St. Johnsbury, re-elected G. : M. :

R. : I. : ELIHU B. TAFT, Burlington, re-elected G. : R. :

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

Having been one of the first to move in the matter of organization in this Grand Body, the writer would gladly say some good words, concerning it, but modesty forbids. Our Grand Council has so recently been honored so highly in the choice of our P. : G. : M. : GEORGE M. OSGOODBY, as General Grand Master, an honor which we highly appreciate. The M. : P. : G. : G. : M. : having just returned from the Assembly of the General Grand Council, will we trust, in person report to our Grand Council its action, which report will, we know, be far more acceptable, than anything we can say concerning the same.

And now Companions, we bring our Report to a close, a new task to us, we have tried to perform the same as best we could. Gladly would we have noticed jurisdictions from whom we have no tidings, had they even answered our communications asking for the same; all we have received we have reviewed.

Our work is in your hands, at best we are but frail and imperfect, years bring to us new experiences; the noble Craft with which we are connected in its varied branches, steadily advances, constant accessions to its ranks are being made; let us strive, those of us whose lot it is to work in the S. : V. : to more particularly advance the interests of Cryptic Masonry. Much has been

done in the past, much more can be done in the future, if we but exercise our strength.

The tidings we bring (with but few exceptions) show continued prosperity and advancement in our immediate Masonic Branch; the time has passed and is almost forgotten when our beautiful degrees were ignored by those who in their haste to wear the gaudy trappings of a semi-military organization would trample us in the dust.

We hold our position, we are safely entrenched, our Cryptic banner floats boldly to the breeze, we ask nothing but that which is justly our due, to that we are entitled, to that we shall adhere, we stand firmly on the position we have struggled for and have attained, and while we wish success to all branches of our Mystic Craft, we maintain that Royal and Select Masters shall receive the recognition that is justly their due, and by their works and actions show to all about them the value they place on Cryptic Masonry, and the earnestness and zeal with which they are bound to further its advancement.

G. FRED. WILTSIE,
For the Committee.

On motion, the election of officers for the ensuing year, was made a special order for 3 o'clock this afternoon.

On motion, it was decided to continue the session of to-day, until all the business of this Annual Assembly is concluded.

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
UNION.....	" 2.	W. M. Postley.....	T. I. M.
BROOKLYN.....	" 4.	Wm. Sherer.....	"
ADELPHIC.....	" 7.	E. M. L. Ehlers.....	"
"		Alex. B. Butts.....	Dep. M.
BLOSS.....	" 14.	Alex. B. King.....	Proxy
BRUCE.....	" 15.	Jason Collier.....	T. I. M.
SOUTHERN TIER.....	" 16.	J. A. Baty.....	"
BUFFALO.....	" 17.	Girard McVicar.....	"
DORIC.....	" 19.	W. S. Bradt.....	Dep. M.
KEYSTONE.....	" 20.	John L. Brothers.....	T. I. M.
DE WITT CLINTON.....	" 22.	John A. Davis.....	Dep. M.
ONTARIO.....	" 23.	Franklin E. Smith.....	T. I. M.
DUNKIRK.....	" 25.	Benj. L. Harrison.....	"
PALMYRA.....	" 26.	Geo. McGown.....	Proxy
UTICA.....	" 28.	Martin A. Lewis.....	T. I. M.
OLEAN.....	" 33.	C. S. Hanks.....	P. C. of W.
KONHOCTON.....	" 40.		
CORNING.....	" 53.	A. D. Robbins.....	Proxy
PEEKSKILL.....	" 55.		
SING SING.....	" 64.	E. G. Blakeslee.....	T. I. M.
ITHACA.....	" 68.	Geo. W. Melotte.....	"
ADDISON.....	" 69.		
NEPPERHAN.....	" 70.	G. D. Pond.....	T. I. M.
ALPHA-OMEGA.....	" 71.	Geo. A. Newall.....	"

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. VAN VLIET, }
A. OPPENHEIMER, } Committee.
F. E. SMITH. }

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

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

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Address of the 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*,

That so much as relates to the decisions of the Grand Master be referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws;

That so much as refers to the apportionment of the Subordinate Councils for official visitation, be referred to the first three officers of the Grand Council elected at this Annual Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. POSTLEY, }
WM. DOWNES, } Committee.
M. A. LEWIS. }

The Committee on Grievances 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 fraternally report, that no questions of Controversy have been referred to it for investigation.

EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, }
JEHIAL A. BATY, } Committee.
GEO. A. NEWELL. }

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

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

Your Committee on Warrants and Dispensations respectfully report, that after due inquiry they find no business which demands their consideration.

GEO. MCGOWN, }
C. S. HANKS, } Committee.
WM. SHERER. }

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

TUESDAY, September 11th, 1883—2 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Council resumed its session.

Officers and Representatives as at the morning's session.

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

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

Your Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report, that they find no business of an unfinished nature, other than the fulfillment of a resolution adopted at the last Annual Assembly, to the effect, that the Standard Work should be exemplified at each Annual Assembly.

JASON COLLIER,
GIRARD McVICAR, } Committee.
G. D. POND.

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws presented the following report, which was on motion received and their resolutions 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 most respectfully and fraternally report, that no business has been presented to them for their consideration except that portion of the Grand Master's Address in reference to the decisions made by him, upon which we report, as follows:

1st.—That we approve of the first decision therein made in reference to the proposing and balloting for a candidate at a Special Assembly—that such proceeding is not legal, or in the usual order of business of a Council—we, however, suggest, that such course can only be taken by procuring a dispensation therefor, upon a proper representation of the case to the Grand Master.

2d.—That in reference to the second decision, there being no copy of the By-Laws of the Council presented for our consideration, we are unable to form any judgment thereon, or to give the same due consideration.

GEO. M. OSGOODBY, }
G. FRED. WILTSIE, } Committee.
R. C. CHRISTIANCE. }

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 E. M. L. EHLERS and E. G. BLAKESLEE, when the Grand Council proceeded to the election, with the following result:

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

The Grand Master made the following appointments:

Companion	RALPH C. CHRISTIANCE,	of Ithaca,	.....	as Grand C. of the G.
"	P. L. HINMAN,	" Elmira,	.....	" " C. of the C.
"	ALEX. B. KING,	" Troy,	.....	" " Marshal.
"	Rev. JOHN G. WEBSTER	" Palmyra,	}	" " Chaplains.
"	Rev. F. W. RAIKES,	" Dunkirk,		
"	JOHN N. MACOMB, JR.,	" Branchport,	"	" Lecturer.
"	WM. DOWNES,	" New York,	"	" Steward.
"	JOHN HOOLE	" " " "	"	" Sentinel.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence:

Companions GEO. M. OSGOODBY, CHAS. W. BROWN,
and E. G. BLAKESLEE.

Committee on Library:

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

Companion A. B. KING from 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 "	13.00
" Grand Master	9.00
Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	50.00
Rent of Room and Safe.....	20.00
Grand Sentinel for Services at this Assembly.....	5.00
Washing and Preparing Aprons.....	2.25
Mileage and per diem of Representatives.....	451.42

We also recommend that one hundred (100) dollars be placed in the hands of the "Library Committee" toward a fund for the republishing of the early Proceedings of this Grand Council.

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.

JOHN W. COBURN, }
A. B. KING, }
J. G. BARKER. } Committee.

On motion, the second Tuesday in September 1884, at 10 o'clock, A. M., was designated as the time, and New York City as the place for the next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council.

• Companion W. M. POSTLEY offered the following amendment to section 6 of Article 1, of the Constitution:

Strike out the following words in the fifth line: "He may make Royal and Select Masters at sight in a Council," so that the section shall read as follows:

§ 6. The Grand Master has power to convene any Council within this jurisdiction, to preside therein, to inspect its Proceedings and require its conformity to Masonic rules—he may require the attendance of and information from any Grand Officer, respecting his office, he may grant Dispensations for new Councils on proper application, when the Grand Council is not in session, he may appoint and accredit Foreign Representatives to and from this Grand Council, and during the recess of the Grand Council may exercise all its executive functions.

Which amendment was received and laid over for action until our next Annual Assembly.

M.:P.: GEO. M. OSGOODBY, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters

of the United States was announced, introduced and received with the honors due his exalted station.

The Committee on the Fraternal Dead 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 the Illustrious Dead beg leave to submit; that amid the many gracious mercies which have been vouchsafed to us during the past year, our All-wise Father has removed but two of our Illustrious Companions from the labor and turmoil of this life to that of eternal joy.

Touching allusions have been made by our M.: Ill.: Grand Master in his Annual Address, regarding the lives, the labor and the decease of Ill.: Companion CHARLES CRAIG, who for more than a quarter of a century gave the activity of his life to Masonry; and Ill.: Companion ROBERT HEWITT BROWN, whose memory is gratefully cherished by all who were honored with his acquaintance.

Your Committee recommend that memorial pages be printed in the Proceedings of this Annual Assembly in memory of these Illustrious Companions.

Respectfully submitted,

G. FRED. WILTSIE, }
JASON COLLIER, } Committee.
A. OPPENHEIMER, }

The Officers elected and appointed were installed in their several stations (with the exception of the Grand Sentinel) by M.:P.: GEO. M. OSGOODBY, as Installing Officer, assisted by R.:I.: PHILANDER REED, as Grand Marshal.

On motion, the Grand Deputy Master was authorized and requested to install the Grand Sentinel.

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

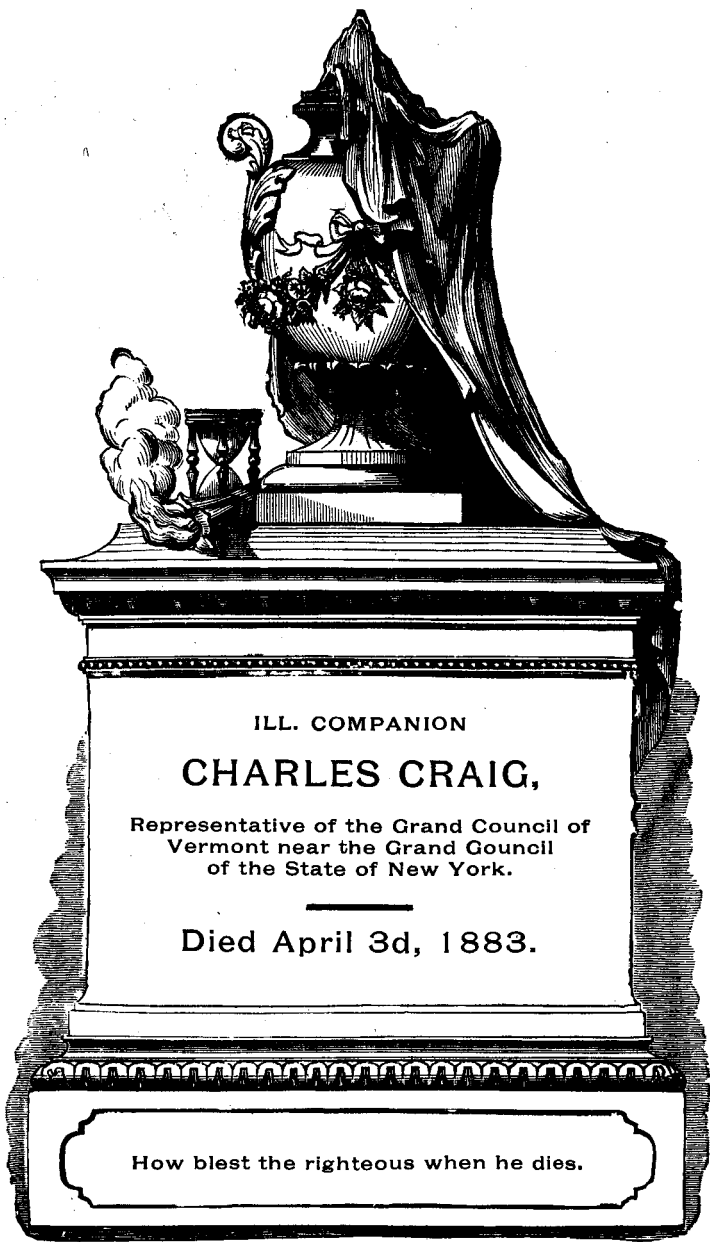
On motion, the thanks of this Grand Council were unanimously tendered to our retiring Grand Master, M.:I.: JOHN J. MARTIN, for the untiring zeal manifested by him during his term of office.

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

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Grand Recorder.

(Next Annual Assembly, September 9th, 1884.)



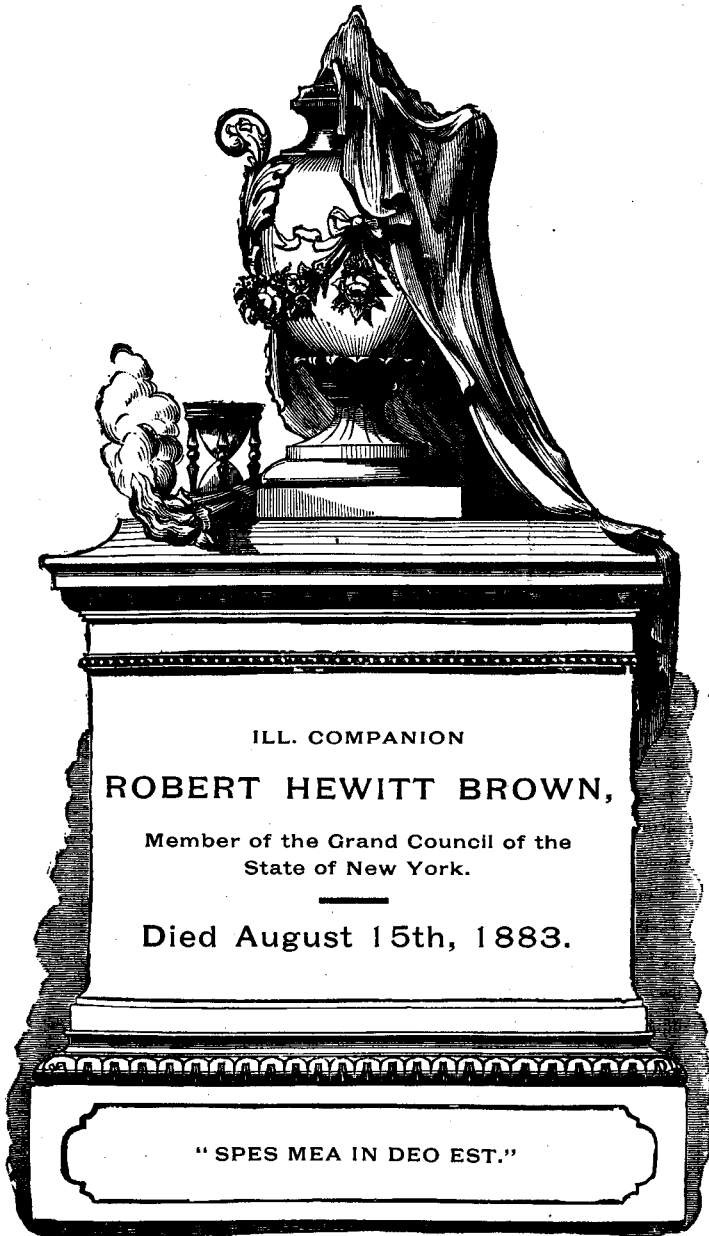
ILL. COMPANION

CHARLES CRAIG,

Representative of the Grand Council of
Vermont near the Grand Council
of the State of New York.

Died April 3d, 1883.

How blest the righteous when he dies.



ILL. COMPANION

ROBERT HEWITT BROWN,

Member of the Grand Council of the
State of New York.

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Died August 15th, 1883.

"SPES MEA IN DEO EST."

RECEIPTS AT ANNUAL ASSEMBLY. 1883.

From Columbian Council, No. 1, for dues to August 1st, 1883.....	\$14 50
“ Union “ “ 2, “ “	47 00
“ Brooklyn “ “ 4, “ “	38 00
“ Adelpic “ “ 7, “ “	74 50
“ Bloss “ “ 14, “ “	140 50
“ Bruce “ “ 15, “ “	26 00
“ Southern Tier “ “ 16, “ “	45 00
“ Buffalo “ “ 17, “ “	60 00
“ Doric “ “ 19, “ “	158 00
“ Keystone “ “ 20, “ “	74 50
“ DeWitt Clinton “ “ 22, “ “	101 00
“ Ontario “ “ 23, “ ac't “	18 00
“ Dunkirk “ “ 25, “ “	58 00
“ Palmyra “ “ 26, “ “	18 50
“ Utica “ “ 28, “ “	50 00
“ Olean “ “ 33, “ “	19 00
“ Hornellsville “ “ 35, “ “	18 50
“ Pentalpha “ “ 36, “ “	12 00
“ Konhocton “ “ 40, “ “	12 50
“ Corning “ “ 53, “ “	15 00
“ Peekskill “ “ 55, “ “	13 00
“ Sing Sing “ “ 64, “ “	20 00
“ Ithaca “ “ 68, “ “	35 00
“ Addison “ “ 69, “ “	9 00
“ Nepperhan “ “ 70, “ “	19 00
“ Alph-Omega “ “ 71, “ “	28 00
	\$1,124 50

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	1	L. H. Raymond.	T. Cunningham.	Wm. F. J. Thiers.	P. Verhoeven.	New York.	New York.	2d or 4th Monday.
UNION	2	W. M. Postley.	Edward Adams.	W. P. Worster.	W. Wolcott Marks.	New York.	New York.	3d Saturday.
BROOKLYN	4	Wm. Sherer.	Geo. Nicholson.	John J. Duff.	Wm. K. Smith.	Brooklyn.	Kings.	3d Saturday.
ADELPHIC.	7	E. M. L. Ehlers.	Alex. B. Butts.	P. C. Benjamin.	John W. Coburn.	New York.	New York.	1st Saturday.
BLOSS	14	John F. Snafer.	Samuel Judd.	S. V. Sturtevant.	George Lobdell.	Troy.	Rensselaer.	1st Friday.
BRUCE	15	Jason Collier.	Lorin King.	Perry Stowell.	V. N. Douglas.	Lockport.	Niagara.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.
SOUTHERN TIER.	16	J. A. Baty.	Conrad Wehnes.	F. E. Cleveland.	W. A. Kingsbury.	Elmira.	Chemung.	3d Monday.
BUFFALO	17	Girard McVicar.	John A. Franke.	Cyrus K. Porter.	Stephen M. Evry.	Buffalo.	Erie.	3d Thursday.
KING HIRAM	18					Auburn.	Cayuga.	
DORIC	19	Thomas Gliddon.	Willard S. Bradt.	Frank H. Vick.	John Alexander.	Rochester.	Monroe.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.
KEYSTONE	20	John L. Brothers.	Wm. Hengerer.	G. J. Bowen.	John H. Boshier.	Buffalo.	Erie.	3d Saturday.
DEWITT CLINTON	23	Wm. H. Whish.	Wm. M. Scott.	John A. Davis.	J. E. Allanson.	Albany.	Albany.	3d Thursday.
ONTARIO	23	F. E. Smith.	Andrew McKay.	Edward Kendall.	James Cairns.	Penn Yan.	Yates.	Last Tuesday.
DUNKIRK	25	Benj. L. Harrison.	John Hilton.	John Hilliard.	Charles Blood.	Dunkirk.	Chautauqua.	1st Wednesday.
PALMYRA	26	Mark C. Finley.	Charles Deyo.	A. Langdon.	George McGown.	Palmyra.	Wayne.	2d Monday.
BATAVIA	27					Batavia.	Genesee.	
UTICA	28	Martin A. Lewis.	Edward Lawson.	J. B. Orendorf.	E. G. Brown.	Utica.	Oneida.	Last Friday.
KING SOLOMON	31	Edgar M. Meeks.	Wm. Scott.	Oliver S. Atkins.	Casper L. Odell.	Poughkeepsie.	Dutchess.	2d Monday.
OLEAN	33	John A. Taylor.	Alfred A. Abbey.	Caleb S. Hanks.	L. F. More.	Olean.	Cattaraugus.	1st Wednesday.
HORNELLSVILLE	35	John I. Bentley.	Solomon Ossoski.	Daniel F. Cridler.	Lewis S. Boardman.	Hornellsville.	Steuben.	1st Wednesday.
PENTALPHA	36	Thomas Darling.	J. T. Chapman.	Fred'k P. Morris.	W. L. Seaman.	Flushing.	Queens.	3d Friday.
KONHOCTON	40	Isaac J. Merrell.	W. H. Shepherd.	H. R. Phillips.	V. Brother.	Bath.	Steuben.	4th Friday.
ZABUD	46					Schuylersville.	Saratoga.	
CORNING	53	T. S. Pritchard.	Edward Clisdell.	Geo. B. Hill.	Geo. Hitchcock.	Corning.	Steuben.	1st & 4th Thursdays.
PEEKSKILL	55	Valentine Hanf.	Robt. J. Post.	Robert Brown.	Thos. J. Hodgkins.	Peekskill.	Westchester.	2d Monday.
HUDSON	62					Hudson.	Columbia.	
SING SING	64	E. G. Blakeslee.	Smith Lent.	Jesse H. Platt.	Geo. Lockwood.	Sing Sing.	Westchester.	1st & 3d Fridays.
ITHACA	68	Geo. W. Melotte.	R. C. Christiance.	A. B. Wood.	C. C. Garrett.	Ithaca.	Tompkins.	2d Monday.
ADDISON	69	Loren Aldrich.	J. L. Wombough.	C. H. Wombough.	D. M. Darrin.	Addison.	Steuben.	3d Tuesday.
NEPPERHAN	70	G. D. Pond.	John E. Murphy.	Jos. M. Tompkins.	Edwin A. Quick.	Yonkers.	Westchester.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.
ALPH-OMEGA	71	Geo. N. Newell.	Alex. Hayes.	Charles D. Ross.	Wm. B. Dye.	Albion.	Oriens.	2d Wednesday.

REPRESENTATIVES

OF OTHER

GRAND COUNCILS NEAR THE GRAND COUNCIL
OF NEW YORK.

ALABAMA	Thomas H. Floyd.....	Utica.
CONNECTICUT	P. M. W. Verhoeven.....	New York.
ENGLAND, WALES, & C	Albert G. Goodall.....	"
FLORIDA.....	John F. Baldwin.....	"
GEORGIA.....	Geo. M. Osgoodby.....	Buffalo.
INDIANA.....	Hawley Klein.....	"
KANSAS.....	John D. Williams.....	Elmira.
LOUISIANA.....	Philander Reed.....	New York.
MAINE.....	G. Fred. Wiltsie.....	Albany.
MASSACHUSETTS.....	John J. Martin.....	"
MICHIGAN.....	Thomas Gliddon.....	Rochester.
MINNESOTA.....	Alex. B. King.....	Troy.
MARYLAND.....	Geo. M. Osgoodby.....	Buffalo.
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	Geo. Van Vliet.....	New York.
NEW BRUNSWICK (CAN.).....	G. Fred. Wiltsie.....	Albany.
NEW JERSEY.....	Charles H. Thomson.....	Corning.
OHIO.....	Darwin E. Morgan.....	Buffalo.
ONTARIO (CAN.).....	James McCredie.....	"
PENNSYLVANIA.....	Robert Macoy.....	New York
RHODE ISLAND.....	Charles W. Brown.....	"
TENNESSEE.....	John N. Macomb, jr.....	Branchport.

REPRESENTATIVES
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 NEAR OTHER GRAND COUNCILS.

ALABAMA	Benjamin F. Pope.....	Mobile.
CONNECTICUT.....	James S. Gould.....	Bridgeport.
ENGLAND, WALES, &C.....	Nathaniel George Philips	London.
FLORIDA.....	James A. Chaffin.....	Milton.
GEORGIA.....	Anselm Sterne.....	Albany.
INDIANA.....	Luciene A. Foote.....	Crawfordsville.
KANSAS.....	David Brockway.....	Topeka.
LOUISIANA.....	Rev. Thos. D. Lawson.....	Bastross.
MAINE.....	Josiah H. Drummond.....	Portland.
MASSACHUSETTS.....	Wm. Porter Anderson.....	Boston.
MICHIGAN.....	H. Shaw Noble.....	Monroe.
MINNESOTA.....	Geo. W. Cooley.....	Minneapolis.
NEW BRUNSWICK (CAN.).....	D. R. Munroe.....	St. Johns.
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	Henry P. Gliddon.....	Dover.
NEW JERSEY.....	Marcus Higginbotham.....	Jersey City.
OHIO.....	Henry Newbegin.....	Circleville.
ONTARIO (CAN.).....	Daniel Spry.....	Toronto.
PENNSYLVANIA.....	Geder C. Skidle.....	Pittsburgh.
RHODE ISLAND.....	A. H. Cushman.....	Providence.
TENNESSEE.....	John Frizzell.....	Nashville.
VERMONT.....	Geo. H. Bigelow.....	Burlington.

OFFICERS FOR 1883-4

THOMAS GLIDDON.....	Rochester.....	M. I. Grand Master.
JOHN W. COBURN.....	Morrisania.....	R. I. Grand Deputy Master.
JOHN L. BROTHERS.....	Buffalo.....	" " P. C. of W.
JOHN F. BALDWIN.....	New York.....	" " Treasurer.
GEO. VAN VLIET.....	".....	" " Recorder.
RALPH C. CHRISTIANCE.....	Ithaca.....	" " C. of the G.
PORTE L. HINMAN.....	Elmira.....	" " C. of the C.
ALEX. B. KING.....	Troy.....	" " Marshal.
REV. JOHN G. WEBSTER.....	Palmyra }.....	" " Chaplains.
REV. F. W. RAIKES.....	Dunkirk }	
JOHN N. MACOMB, Jr.....	Branchport.....	" " Lecturer.
WILLIAM DOWNES.....	New York.....	" " Steward.
JOHN HOOLE.....	".....	" " Sentinel.

Grand Master's Address—Rochester, N. Y.

Grand Recorder's Address—Corner of West and Bethune Streets, New York City.

(Next Annual Assembly, September 9th, 1884.)

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R. P. G. G. P. C. of W. GEO. W. COOLEY.....	of MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA.
P. G. G. TREAS. ORESTES A. B. SENTER.....	of COLUMBUS, OHIO.
P. G. G. REC. BENJAMIN F. HALLER.....	of MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.
P. G. G. C. of G. ROBERT VAN VALZAH.....	of TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA.
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P. G. G. MARSHAL HENRY S. ORME.....	of LAS ANGELOS, CALIFORNIA.
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