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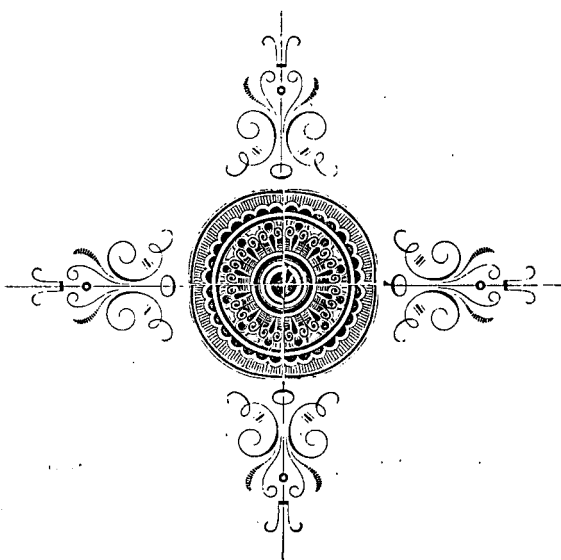


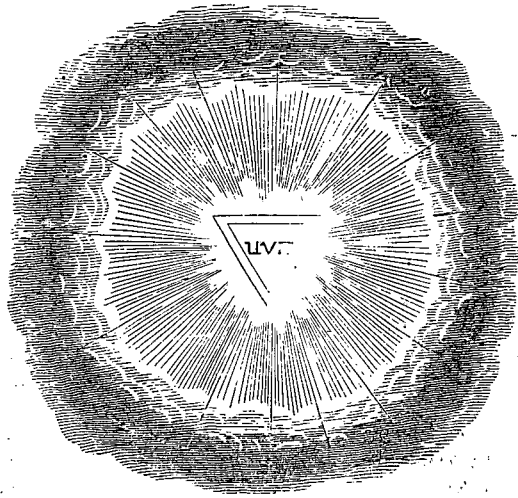
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ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

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
Assembly in the City of New York, on Tuesday, September
6th, A. D. 1887, Anno. Dep. 2887, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

PRESENT.

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

Together with the Representatives of the following Councils :

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

And permanent members as follows :

GEO. M. OSGOODBY	PAST G. M. and PAST G. G. M. of the G. G. C.
G. FRED. WILTSIE	PAST GRAND MASTER.
CHARLES W. BROWN	" "
THOMAS GLIDDON	" "
JOHN HOOLE	PAST DEPUTY "
P. M. W. VERHOEVEN	PAST GRAND C. OF C.
WILLIAM DOWNES	" STEWARD.
JOHN G. BARKER	PAST T. I. M. of Columbian Council.
WM. M. SMITH	" " Brooklyn "
DAVID SEAVER	" " Batavia "

Telegrams were received from Companions

JOHN J. MARTIN.....	PAST GRAND MASTER.
SAMUEL C. PIERCE.....	GRAND LECTURER.
WM. SHERER.....	Representative of Oregon.
JOHN HODGE.....	“ Pennsylvania.
A. W. FORCE.....	“ South Carolina.

announcing their inability to be present at this Annual Assembly.

With Representatives from the following Grand Councils :

ALABAMA.....	Represented by Comp.	JOHN W. COBURN.
ARKANSAS.....	“	C. S. HANKS.
CALIFORNIA.....	“	THOMAS GLIDDON.
CONNECTICUT.....	“	P. M. W. VERHOEVEN.
FLORIDA.....	“	JOHN F. BALDWIN.
GEORGIA.....	“	GEO. M. OSGOODY.
ILLINOIS.....	“	WASHINGTON M. POSTLEY.
KENTUCKY.....	“	E. M. L. EHLERS.
MAINE.....	“	G. FRED. WILTSIE.
MARYLAND.....	“	WILLIAM DOWNES.
MICHIGAN.....	“	PETER FORRESTER.
MISSOURI.....	“	JOHN L. BROTHERS.
MINNESOTA.....	“	ALEX. B. KING.
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	“	GEO. VAN VLIET.
NEW JERSEY.....	“	ROYAL E. DEANE.
RHODE ISLAND.....	“	CHARLES W. BROWN.
TENNESSEE.....	“	JOHN N. MACOMB, JR.
VERMONT.....	“	RALPH C. CHRISTIANCE.

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

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

On motion, all Companions Select Masters in good standing were invited to seats, as visitors, during this Annual Assem-

bly of the Grand Council, except at such times as prohibited by the Constitution.

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

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

ADDRESS.

COMPANIONS:

The labors of another year are about to end. Again we gather in Grand Assembly to review our work and pass judgment upon its result, to reason together as to the course we shall pursue in the coming year to avoid the errors and overcome the omissions of the past; to advance the interests of our well-loved rite, and to add another chapter to our history, completing the record of fourscore years. Here we have opportunity for interchange of views and opinions as to what methods will the better tend to increase the interest, and engage the earnest effort, of our companions in the field of labor of the subordinate council. Now is the hour for the narration of trial and discouragement of the struggling council, and for the rehearsal of the successes of the victorious council; and resultant from the story; the representatives of the one shall return, strengthened and encouraged by the sympathy and commendation they will receive, to continue steadfast in the cause till success is won: and the representatives of the other return with extended knowledge and warmer hearts, to tell of the strengthening of the chain of friendship at the Grand Council.

Bearing in mind the custom of our ancient Royal Master before placing his designs upon the tressel-board, to give

thanks and engage in prayer, so have we with reverentially bowed heads, around our sacred altar, offered thanks to the Divine Master for the mercies of the past, supplicated for the continuance of his loving kindness, and prayed that wisdom be given, us in our deliberations at this assembly.

IN MEMORIAM.

"The strong hand of death shall level all in the humiliation of the grave."

To those of our councils whose records tell of the loss of cherished members, bearing tribute to their virtues; let us say, "We have rejoiced with you in your happiness, we mourn with you in your sorrow."

Looking upon the circle of familiar faces of our Grand Council, we miss

R.:Ill.:Comp. ALBERT GALLATIN GOODALL.

Our records bear testimony of his zeal in our cause, in his active participation in the establishment of the Cryptic Rite in England, leading to the formation of the Grand Council of England and Wales, of which body he was the first Grand Representative to our Grand Council, holding the position to the date of his death, February 19th, 1887.

Companion GOODALL was Past Master of Union Council No. 2; Deputy-Grand Commander of Knights Templar; Past High Priest of Jerusalem Chapter No. 8, R. A. M.; Grand Representative of the United Grand Lodge of England; Past Grand Sword-Bearer of the Grand Lodge; and an active member of the Supreme Council 33°, A.:A.: Scottish Rite, North. Mas. Jur. U. S.

T.:Ill.:Comp. MARTIN A. LEWIS,

died December 18, 1886.

Companion LEWIS was a Past Master of Utica Council No.

28, having served that Council in the principal chair during the years 1882 and 1883, and by his earnest and active labor won the love and esteem of his companions.

“The Almighty hand of the Supreme Master shall prevail and exalt to the glorious companionship where the designs upon the tressel-board will be seen completed.”

FIRE AT BUFFALO.

Our companions of Buffalo and Keystone Councils met with misfortune in the loss of all their properties and officers' jewels by fire on the morning of March 15th; the charters, together with the records of Keystone, alone were saved. Their immediate requests for permission to meet as required by the exigencies of the case, and the tone of their responses to my tender of sympathy, evidenced a determination on their part to carry on the work even in the midst of destruction, and at once begin repairing the loss they had sustained. I have not had opportunity to consult with any of the companions, but I suggest that we offer to lighten their burden by the remission of their dues for the past year.

OFFICIAL VISITATION

of the Grand Officers to the various councils of the jurisdiction in accordance with the resolution of the Grand Council, was arranged by the following circular:

JNO. W. COBURN,
Grand Master.

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

MORRISANIA, N. Y. City, Nov. 23, A. Dep., 2886.

Apportionment of the councils to the Grand Officers for visitation, in compliance with the usual resolution of the Grand Council, is hereby made.

There can be no doubt that the great success and advancement of Cryptic Masonry in the past year, was in a measure accomplished by the benefit resultant from our system of visitation; therefore, the Grand Master earnestly requests every Grand Officer to visit the councils assigned, and fully acquaint himself with their condition, giving to the membership words of encouragement and appreciation of the Grand Council of the work in which they are engaged. The Grand Master requests the masters of councils to at once communicate with the Grand Officer to whom they are assigned, in order that a date of visitation may be arranged, and they shall be enabled to give timely notice thereof to the council.

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

Comp. JOHN L. BROTHERS, R. III. G. D. M.

Buffalo, N. Y.

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

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

Ithaca, N. Y.

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

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

42 Vesey Street, New York City.

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

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

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

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

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

Masonic Hall, New York City.

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

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

Branchport, N. Y.

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

Comp. Rev. JOHN G. WEBSTER, R. Ill. G. Chaplain.
Greenbush, N. Y.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

By order of the Grand Master.

{SEAL}
{G. C.}

GEO. VAN VLIET,
Grand Recorder.

I have personally visited Columbian No. 1, Union No. 2, Adelpic No. 7, and King Solomon No. 31.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL U. S.

I had the pleasure in company of Companions WM. SHERER and GEO. MCGOWN, as proxies of the Grand Deputy Master and Grand P. C. W., and of P. G. M. CHAS. W. BROWN, of representing you at the Second Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council held at Washington, D. C., September 28th and 29th, 1886. The Assembly was fully attended, nearly every constituent being represented. The energy and earnestness in the cause of Cryptic Masonry shown by the companions from all parts of this great Union made our hearts

glad. Companion HUDSON said way back in '76 in closing an able and eloquent address, "A General Grand Council would be one of the best things for the Cryptic Rite." To-day the prophetic words read as in letters of gold.

We may well be proud of our participation in the formation of this body, and of the labors of our OSGOODBY so unweariedly and successfully given to this end. I will not enter upon the details of the Assembly knowing you will prefer to hear them from the late General Grand Master as the Committee on Correspondence, but in passing, will tell you what he will not, that notwithstanding the wishes of many, learning his name had been used for re-election he emphatically requested the legion of his friends to place their votes elsewhere, eloquently referring to the service of others as fully entitled to the succession. Resolutions of thanks and a Jewel were voted to him.

We were most cordially greeted and hospitably entertained by the Companions of Washington; the Companion Royal Arch Masons who were entertaining the General Grand Chapter also in session at that time, extended invitation to us covering every festive occasion. Companions C. G. FOX, General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, and RICHARD H. HUNTINGTON, Grand High Priest of our State, extended me many courtesies.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted dispensations to two councils to elect and install officers, in consequence of a failure to do so at the time prescribed by the Constitution :

One, to install Recorder; unable by reason of sickness to appear at Constitutional time : and,

Two, to the councils at Buffalo to meet on a date and at a place other than prescribed in their By-Laws until such time as they might be enabled to resume their regular date or cause their By-Laws to be changed.

DECISION.

In answer to a question submitted I decided:

Upon the fact of the expulsion of a companion Royal and Select Master by his lodge being brought to the notice of his council, an investigation of the case should be ordered, and when the time of appeal to the proper authorities shall have elapsed without a reversal of the judgment of the lodge, charges should be preferred and acted upon against the companion in his council.

ONTARIO COUNCIL No. 23:

Petitions for a remission of dues (unpaid) for the year 1882, amounting to about twenty dollars, offering the following statement of facts:

“A short time subsequent to the above mentioned date the membership of this council had been quite large, but the members had fallen in arrears of dues, and although suspended for that cause had to be returned for that year, and dues accrued against the council on their account. The council has been represented in the Grand Council every year since 1877 and has paid dues every year except as above stated. During this time its representation has been at no cost to the Grand Council, except in the years 1878, '79, '80 and '83; the other years it has been represented by one of the Grand Officers.”

The petition is endorsed by R.I.: Companion JOHN N. MACOMB, JR. I recommend it be granted.

KING SOLOMON COUNCIL No. 31.

From a correspondence with companion MEEKS, master of this council, begun shortly after the close of the last Grand Assembly, I learned a number of the companions were desirous that the council should return to active life, and at an informal meeting had talked over the situation and con-

cluded that could they be free of the debt of accrued dues to the Grand Council (their treasury being empty), such result might be accomplished. I strongly urged upon them the revival of interest and the re-establishment of labor in their field, and informed them while I had no power to remit any indebtedness to the Grand Council; the policy of that body had ever been liberal in cases where new life and a determination to resume the good work had been shown, and I assured them I had no doubt but what they should ask would be granted. They proceeded to elect officers, and on a visit made the evening of March 4th, I found the newly elected master, T. Ill. Companion A. B. SMITH, thoroughly alive to the necessities of the situation and deeply interested in the success of the council, surrounded by a corps of active and energetic officers with the late master, to whom much credit is due for his earnest and successful effort at revival, at the Recorder's desk. I had the pleasure of witnessing the degrees conferred on nine candidates in an exceptionally able manner.

After the closing of the assembly, at the banquet table and in social circle thereafter, many pledges of attendance and earnest effort in the continuation of this successful start were made. I most certainly think the Grand Council will do well to again act with its accustomed liberality, and I earnestly urge the cancellation of the debt of King Solomon Council to this Grand Council.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

I commissioned as our Grand Representatives to other Grand Councils :

March 3d. Most Illustrious Companion JAS. B. SMALL, of Newark, at the Grand Council of New Jersey.

April 15th. Right Illustrious Companion W. H. D. GAILLARD, of Pendleton, at the Grand Council of South Carolina.

July 23d. Most Illustrious Companion LOGAN H. ROOTS, of Little Rock, at the Grand Council of Arkansas.

By reason of an oversight the name of R.: I.: Companion MILTON S. WOODCOCK, of Corvallis, was omitted in last year's printed proceedings; he was commissioned as our Grand Representative to the Grand Council of Oregon, March 9th, 1886.

I have accredited as Grand Representatives to our Grand Council, R.: I.: Companion A. W. FORCE, of Ithaca Council from the Grand Council of South Carolina; R.: Ill.: Companion PETER FORRESTER, of Columbian Council, from the Grand Council of Michigan; R.: Ill.: Companion ROYAL E. DEANE, of Adelpic Council, from the Grand Council of New Jersey; R.: Ill.: Companion JOHN HODGE, of Bruce Council, from the Grand Council of Pennsylvania, and R.: Ill.: Companion C. S. HANKS, of Olean Council, from the Grand Council of Arkansas.

And now companions as the time approaches when the mantle of authority shall fall from my shoulders upon him whom you shall select to govern in the coming year, in returning to the floor I trust it will be my lot to enjoy a continuance of the respect and love you have given me during my service as your Grand Master.

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

GEO. A. NEWELL,

A. B. SMITH,

THOS. J. BISHOP.

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.

From the Grand Recorder.....	\$1,121 00	
Balance on hand, as per last Report.....	108 50	1,229 50

DISBURSEMENTS.

On Warrant 551 Grand Recorder for Salary, etc.....	\$262 60	
“ 552 Chairman of Comm. on For. Cor.....	50 00	
“ 553 Grand Master's Expenses.....	15 00	
“ 554 “ Sentinel.....	5 00	
“ 555 Room and Safe Rent.....	20 00	
“ 556 Library Committee.....	100 00	
“ 558 Pay of Representatives.....	421 78	
“ 559 Printing Proceedings for 1886.....	200 00	1,074 88
Balance on hand.....		\$155 12

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. BALDWIN,

NEW YORK, Sept. 6, 1887.

Grand Treasurer.

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

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

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

For dues, as acknowledged in printed Proceedings of Annual Assembly, held September 7, 1886.....	\$1,004 50
Attaching seal to four certificates.....	2 00
Dues from Buffalo Council No. 17.....	77 50
“ Union “ “ 2.....	37 00
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	\$1,121 00

I have entered in the Grand Council Registry to the present time the names of 4,143 Companions.
among whom the following changes have occurred:

Suspended for non-payment of dues.....	866	
Died.....	302	
Dimitted.....	261	
Expelled.....	11	1,440

Leaving a registered membership in good standing of..... 2,703 Companions.

Respectfully submitted,



Grand Recorder.

The Grand Masters appointed the following Committees:

On Credentials and Returns.

GEO. VAN VLIET, C. S. HANKS, E. A. ROCKWOOD.

On Warrants and Dispensations.

THOS. GLIDDON, D. D. HOUGHTALING, CONRAD WEHNES.

On Constitution and By-Laws.

GEO. M. OSGOODBY, JOHN N. MACOMB, JR. CHAS. N. PALMER.

On Finance and Accounts.

ALEX. B. KING, W. H. WYMAN, H. M. HIBBARD.

On Unfinished Business.

EDWIN A. QUICK, GEO. S. HUTCHINSON, FRED'K KANTER.

On Fraternal Dead.

REV. JOHN G. WEBSTER, G. FRED. WILTSIE, GEO. C. MOREHOUSE.

On Grievances and Appeals.

WM. M. SMITH, W. P. HOWELL, E. W. HORNE.

On Foreign Correspondence.

GEO. M. OSGOODBY, A. OPPENHEIMER, WM. DOWNES.

On Library.

GEO. VAN VLIET, CHAS. W. BROWN, JOHN G. BARKER,
P. M. W. VERHOEVEN.

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

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

Your Committee on Unfinished Business (appointed at the last Annual Assembly), respectfully report that they have examined the records and find two Amendments to the Constitution to be acted upon, viz:

By Companion E. M. L. EHLERS:
To Amend Section 18 of Article I.

By Companion GEO. MCGOWN:
To Amend Section 21, of Article II, and resolution found on page 45, of the Proceedings.

All of which is respectfully submitted for the action of the Grand Council.

P. M. W. VERHOEVEN, }
WM. M. SMITH, } Committee.
EDWIN A. QUICK. }

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

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

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

That so much as relates to the remission of dues of Buffalo, Keystone, Ontario and King Solomon Councils be referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

That so much as relates to the decision of the Grand Master with regard to charges against a Companion who has been expelled by his Lodge, be referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

And the balance of the able and very appropriate Address we take great pleasure in endorsing, and recommending the same to the fraternal consideration of this Grand Council.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. A. NEWELL, }
A. B. SMITH, } Committee.
THOS. J. BISHOP, }

The Representatives of Buffalo and Keystone Councils stated that their respective Councils did not ask for the remission of their dues, and therefore most respectfully declined the proffered assistance.

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

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

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

COLUMBIAN.....	No. 1.	P. M. W. Verhoeven....	Proxy.
UNION.....	" 2.	Wm. H. Smith.....	T. I. M.
BROOKLYN.....	" 4.	Wm. P. Howell.....	"
"	" 4.	Joseph H. Truman....	P. C. of W.
ADELPHIC.....	" 7.	Fred'k Kanter.....	Dep. M.
"	" 7.	Edward Adams.....	P. C. of W.
BLOSS.....	" 14.	D. D. Houghtaling....	T. I. M.
BRUCE.....	" 15.	Charles N. Palmer....	"
SOUTHERN TIER...	" 16.	Conrad Wehnes.....	"
BUFFALO.....	" 17.	A. Oppenheimer....	Proxy.
DORIC.....	" 19.	E. W. Horne.....	T. I. M.
"	" 19.	Henry J. Sullivan....	Proxy.
KEYSTONE.....	" 20.	E. A. Rockwood.....	"
DEWITT CLINTON..	" 22.	Thomas J. Bishop....	T. I. M.

ONTARIO.....	"	23.	John N. Macomb, Jr....	Proxy.
DUNKIRK.....	"	25.	W. H. Wyman.....	"
PALMYRA.....	"	26.	Mark C. Finley.....	T. I. M.
UTICA.....	"	28.	Geo. C. Morehouse.....	"
KING SOLOMON....	"	31.	A. B. Smith.....	"
OLEAN.....	"	33.	C. S. Hanks.....	"
HORNELLSVILLE....	"	35.	John I. Bentley.....	"
CORNING.....	"	53.	Wm. A. Wicks.....	"
PEEKSKILL.....	"	55.	David Griffin.....	"
ITHACA.....	"	68.	H. M. Hibbard....	Dep. M.
NEPPERHAN.....	"	70.	Edwin A. Quick.....	T. I. M.
ALPH-OMEGA.....	"	71.	Geo. S. Hutchinson....	Dep. M.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. VAN VLIET,)
 C. S. HANKS,) Committee.
 E. A. ROCKWOOD,)

On motion, the Election of Officers was made a special order for this afternoon at three (3) o'clock.

On motion, it was decided to continue this afternoon's session until all the business of the Grand Council is concluded.

Action was then taken on the proposed amendments to the Constitution with the following result:

The Amendment to Section 21, Article II, offered by Comp. GEO. MCGOWN at the last Annual Assembly, was, on motion, "laid upon the table."

The Amendment offered by Comp. E. M. L. EHLERS to Section 18, of Article I, after discussion and slight changes was adopted, so that as amended it shall read as follows:

SECTION 18, of ARTICLE I.—"Except, that whenever in future, Royal Arch Masons resident within the territorial jurisdiction of a Council that has neglected or refused to make returns and pay dues for two years, desire to become Cryptic Masons, the Warrant of the said Council having territorial

jurisdiction must first be suspended, or authority of the Grand Master obtained, before the application of such Royal Arch Masons can be acted upon by any other Council in this jurisdiction."

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th, 1887—2 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Council resumed its session.

Officers and Representatives as at the morning's session.

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

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

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

Your Committee on Warrants, to whom was referred the resolution found on page 45, of printed Proceedings of 1886, respectfully report that ample provision is found in Section 19 of Article I, of the Constitution, to cover the ground referred to in said resolution, therefore we recommend that the resolution be not adopted.

No other business has been presented requiring action by your Committee.
Fraternally submitted,

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

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

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

Your Committee on Correspondence would again respectfully report, that they have reviewed the Proceedings of such of our sister Grand Councils as

have furnished us, but we regret to say that we have found many delinquent in forwarding to us so that we could make a proper review of the "ways and works" of those who are of our brethren and kin; and we must ask those who may find their accustomed place vacant to remember that it is not the fault of your Committee, as we have personally sent to every State whose Proceedings were lacking, to be supplied with a copy, but, for some unaccountable reason (unless it be pure neglect), have failed in being supplied. It is a little too much to wait for these Proceedings and hold off our own Proceedings from publication, and not even then get an answer to a letter sent. For our part, we have about made up our mind that hereafter if our sister bodies do not furnish promptly the necessary information to enable us to do our duty in the premises, we will let them go unreported. The writer has taken a pride in making up these reports in years past in such a manner as to include every jurisdiction; but we find that to do so, we have to write and re-write, sometimes two or three times before we can get an answer. It makes us tired, and we feel that we have reason to complain of it. The past year has been a quiet one in the several branches of Masonry, but we do not see that our branch has reason to complain of it as much as some others. There is a good deal to encourage, but little to discourage. The Rite is advancing, as will be seen by the reports from the jurisdictions that we present to you now.

With this brief introduction we proceed with our duty, and give you the result of our labors in this vineyard, so fruitful and pleasant to those who love our Rite and its advancement.

ALABAMA.

By a circular received we are informed of, and we regret to be obliged to announce, the dissolution of the Grand Council in this jurisdiction. This course seems to have been made necessary from the fact that Freemasonry in all its several branches has been languishing there for years. As the result of this depression, which is general as to all the branches from the Lodge upwards, the Council is always the first to suffer, as it has to sustain itself only from the Chapters, which lacking sustenance from the Lodges causes the lesser body, numerically speaking, to suffer the most.

The State of Alabama is now wholly under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Council, and we understand that steps are soon to be taken by which at least one Council will be warranted by the General Grand Council with fair prospects of ultimate prosperity.

Since writing the above, we are in receipt of a communication from Ill. Comp. SAYRES, G. R., who says:

"Our Grand Council has had no Assembly since 1885, the Proceedings of which year have been briefly referred to by you in 1886. I fear that we shall not meet again. That "Mississippi Plan" broke us up. Should we have an Assembly this year, you will be duly advised."

How many disappointed hopes and fond anticipations of our Companions in this, as well as in many other jurisdictions, have been broken up by this great mistaken idea of our Companions of Mississippi, though far be it from us now, to cast any stones at the "under fellow." We would much prefer to extend a helping hand to all in need of such, and aid one and all to again regain their old and homelike position.

If there is any possible chance of this Grand Council becoming revived, no steps will be taken by the General Grand Council to warrant a Council in the State. The territory, however, cannot be allowed to go to waste, and the Companions there to go without a Council in their State where their memberships cannot be preserved.

ARKANSAS—1886.

The twenty-fourth Assembly was held at Little Rock, November 25, 1886. M. I. LOGAN H. ROOTS, G. M., presiding; seven Councils represented. New York not represented.

The address is not lengthy, but is full of meat. The G. M. says that they are stronger since divorced from the Grand Chapter, and have increased their subordinates fifty per centum, with vitality that cause eleven to make returns and pay dues, as against seven last year. This is progress for our Companions that they may well feel proud of. Well done! The General Grand Council was spoken of in most pleasant terms, and its last Triennial complimented as being an agreeable affair and productive of good. The body were recommended to become constituents thereof, and the body took the preliminary steps to do so. Welcome Companions. We feel like reaching from here to yonder to clasp you by the hand and give you God-speed.

Action was taken to allow Companions of defunct Councils to affiliate with other live bodies upon presenting proper Masonic evidence of their membership in cases where there are no returns on file in the Grand Recorder's office to show such fact, upon also paying all dues which may have been owing to the defunct Council at its dissolution to the Grand Council. Action was also taken to resuscitate dormant Councils, and to heal all members who had received their degrees through a Chapter Council.

A Memorial page was directed to be set apart to the memory of Past Grand Masters LUKE E. BARBER and MERRIT MCGUIRE, who have been called to their reward in the Supreme Council. With these deceased Companions the writer has enjoyed a most pleasant acquaintance and correspondence in years past, and their memory will remain for years to come. How true it is, that our loved friends are passing away, passing away; soon we shall be no longer known here, our works alone live after us, and it behooves each one to so work and live that the influence that is to live after we go hence, will be of a character that will be of good instead of evil. With the deceased, it is, as said in the eulogy of G. M. ROOTS, a "glorious comfort to know that each of

them has left the priceless inheritance of a good name, and the rich legacy of a life well spent," and that in their departure they have each gone to

"That shore
Where storms are hushed, where tempests never rage;
Where angry skies and blackening seas no more
With gusty strength their roaring warfare rage;
By him its peaceful margins shall be trod,
His home be heaven, and his friend be God."

May each of us remember, that we too shall soon pass away and our places will soon be vacant. Let us remember it, keep it in mind, ever before us, and it will be well for our future.

We hope that our Companions of Arkansas will have a representative at our next Assembly. Let us commune together and associate still more intimately.

Comp. GEORGE L. KIMBALL was elected G. M., and Comp. JAS. A. HENRY, of Little Rock, re elected G. R.

CALIFORNIA—1887.

The twenty-seventh Annual Assembly was held at San Francisco, April 25th, G. M. CHARLES LORD FIELD presiding; six Councils represented. The Illustrious Representative of New York (the present Grand Master), was present.

The address of the Grand Master exhibits a very satisfactory condition of the Rite in this jurisdiction, and the activity which has prevailed in almost every Council shows us that the Order is flourishing. The Grand Master visited every Council in his jurisdiction excepting two, a visit to one being prevented by imperative business matters, and the other by a failure to get a quorum present.

He notes and acknowledges his reception of a commission as a Representative of New York, together with the fact that the representative of California, Comp. GLIDDON, resigned his commission from another State, to accept one from California, and that he was present at our Annual Assembly in 1886.

He recommends that a Grand Lecturer be added to the staff of offices of this Grand Council, with which recommendation the Committee did not concur, but recommended that the Grand Master visit every Council, exemplify the work, and see that each Council is provided with proper Ritualistic instruction, believing that more good can be accomplished in that way than by the addition of the Grand Lecturer. To carry out this recommendation the Committee advised an appropriation of \$200 to be made for that purpose, which report was adopted. Thus exemplifying in a striking manner the fact that California has "Golden Sands." We agree, that Grand Master FIELD is a good Field to cultivate.

The other portions of the address, after an appropriate eulogy to the memory of their late Grand Treasurer, Comp. DAVID WHITE LAIRD, deceased, was of a routine character and of local interest.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of our old friend THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, who in a spicy review covers the proceedings of eighteen jurisdictions, including our own jurisdiction for 1886.

Under Indiana, Comp. CASWELL, referring to the "golden balls" and the visage of "mine uncle," says:

"We are not given to nepotism and therefore never patronize our 'uncle;'" and referring to the comments of Comp. DRUMMOND in relation to the Illinois resolution of threatened non-intercourse, he quotes the question of the latter, who "asks if our Illinois companions really believe the tail wags the dog?" and answers it, "We think not."

Under Massachusetts he excuses Comp. DADMUN for not having presented a report on Correspondence in 1886, but accompanies his excuse with the sober admonition:

"All right, Comp. DADMUN; as the school mistress said to the scholar who was detained at home by reason of an increase in the family, 'we will excuse you this once, but don't let it occur again.'"

He regrets the failure of Michigan to adopt the recommendation of its Grand Master that its Grand Council take steps to become a constituent part of the General Grand Council.

New York receives a good share of attention, is quite fully reported, and he makes several quotations from our former report.

For his complimentary words, we say "Thanks."

Referring to the Triennial of the General Grand Council he says, that "A very harmonious session was held, and the best of feeling and warmest zeal was manifested for the Cryptic Rite. Neither an aggrievance or an appeal was brought before the session, showing that peace and harmony prevail in all the Grand jurisdictions in the United States."

And in his conclusion, after deprecating his own report, which was uncalled for, he says:

"In looking over the situation we feel greatly encouraged, for although in some few jurisdictions the Cryptic Rite seems nearly dormant, yet for the most part the prospect looks more flattering than ever before. The General Grand Council has done much to restore confidence to the Councils, and quicken their waning enthusiasm. Let each do his part, and all will be well."

We always like to read Comp. CASWELL'S reports. He is a veteran at the quill, and we never have a chance to join issue with him upon any mooted question.

The Grand Master, LORD, and Grand Recorder, CASWELL, were each re-elected; address San Francisco. Next Annual Assembly at San Francisco, April 16th, 1888.

CONNECTICUT—1887.

The sixty-ninth Assembly was held at New Haven, May 9th, G. .M. . FRANK G. BASSETT presiding. Seventeen Councils represented. The Representative of New York, Ill. .Comp. JAMES L. GOULD, was not present.

The address of the G. .M. . is interesting, and the reports of the Subordinate Councils show a healthy increase in membership. Matters of local interest only are presented in the address, being of the usual routine, but which, taken with the reports of his Deputy-Grand Master, his T. .I. .G. .M. ., and of the G. .C. . of W. ., makes an interesting showing. An assessment was laid upon each Subordinate Council of fifteen cents for each member upon its rolls, excepting such as had removed and not been heard from in five years. The charter of one Council which had been deprived thereof, was restored. Two Councils not making returns were required to show cause at the next Assembly why the penalty for such default should not be imposed. A special Assembly was held for exemplification of the work.

The charter of Hiram Lodge No. 1, having been revoked by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut for cause, it was resolved that no Cryptic Mason, member of such lodge when its charter was so revoked, should be allowed to visit any Council until he should declare his allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Connecticut in form as prescribed by it. No other proceedings of importance appear to have taken place.

The report on Correspondence was made by the old veteran, Comp. WILLIAM WALLACE LEE, who dishes up the menu in good style, taking a unique way of procuring the viands for the table, *i. e.*, by sending out a circular letter offering special inducements to the different Grand Bodies if they would promptly forward their wares to his market for "sampling" purposes. He reviews some fourteen jurisdictions, and incidentally refers to nearly as many more. New York has its usual place.

The most space in the review is devoted to what has been said by other reviewers in relation to the "merger" question, favoring those of course who are independent of the General Grand Council, as his own jurisdiction is, and therefore giving considerable to Comp. GRANT and Comp. JEROME, the undercurrent of whose reviews are unfriendly to anything connected with the General Grand Council, but who, for all that, make very readable reports of much interest to the Rite.

Under Iowa, Comp. LEE says:

"I sent one of my letters there, but it has evoked no response, and has not come back. OSGOODBY says 'they are still dead.'" "But the letter that he sighed for, never came;" so the singer said.

Comp. JAMES H. WELSH, of Danbury, G. .M. ., and JOSEPH K. WHEELER, Hartford, G. .R. . Next Assembly on May 7, 1888, at Hartford.

ENGLAND AND WALES—1887.

An Assembly was held January 10th, 1887. Not having received a copy of its Proceedings we quote from Comp. DRUMMOND, of Maine, as follows:

“The executive council report ‘a considerable increase in the numbers and prosperity of the Cryptic Rite. Council No. 2 has been revived and eighteen members admitted; a Council has been organized at Melbourne, Australia; twelve Councils are on the roll, of these six have done the work and six are dormant, but one of them was about to be revived. The total membership was three hundred and forty-four. The Grand Lecturer had visited the home Councils which had done work, three of the dormant Councils are in ‘the Dependencies,’ and it is doubtful if they can be revived. If the policy of visitation by the Grand Lecturer is continued, the home Councils are likely to prosper.”

We understand that one of its Subordinate Councils is located in Malta, one in Tunis, two in Australia, and others in England.

Rev. Comp. G. RAYMOND PORTAL, G. .M. ., and Comp. CHARLES FITZGERALD MATIER, G. .R. ., address 8a Red Lion Square, London.

GEORGIA—1887.

The forty-fourth Annual Assembly was held at Atlanta, April 27th, G. .M. . CHRISTOPHER F. LEWIS presiding. Ill. .ANSELM STERNÉ, Representative of New York, is always present. Ten Councils represented.

The address of the Grand Master is brief owing to his severe continued sickness, and, what there is of it, is devoted to matters of interest.

In relation to the condition of the Subordinate Councils, he says:

“They are healthful and in good working order. While the accessions during the year have not been so great as could have been wished, the quality of the material thus added to the Arches has been unexceptionably good, as quality is more to be preferred than quantity with us.”

He announces the fact that the next Triennial of the General Grand Council is to be within his jurisdiction, and bespeaks for it an old time Georgia welcome.

The report of Comp. A. M. WOLHIN, the Representative of the General Grand Council made his report of his attendance thereon, and of the great pleasure received thereby.

Proceedings were taken to the end that several Councils, the charters of which had become forfeited, might become re-organized and put in full working condition.

There is no report on Correspondence. The Grand Master was re-elected, address Augusta; and Comp. WOLHIN, of Macon, re-elected G. .R. . Next Assembly at Macon, April 23d, 1888.

ILLINOIS—1886.

The thirty-fourth Annual Assembly was held at Chicago, October 27th, 1886. G. M. HARVEY E. HUSTON presiding. Thirty-one Councils appear on roster. The Representative of New York, Comp. JAMES CHESTER, was not present.

The address of the Grand Master is full of business, and shows plainly that the body mean business. The plan of dividing the jurisdiction into Districts for official visitation, which has been in vogue with us for many years with beneficial results, is in existence among our Companions of Illinois, with the distinction that they call their Districts "Arches," and have nine, the symbolical number of the Rite. We are inclined to think that they have the better name, for many reasons, chief of which is, that the name adopted is symbolic and has a defined meaning.

An important decision was made by the Grand Master to the effect, that "it is not proper for a Council to knowingly receive the petition of a demitted Royal Arch Mason." He clinches his decision with the argument, that "as long as the Capitular degrees are a pre-requisite to the Cryptic, it would seem that a Companion should be in good standing as a Royal Arch Mason, and a member of some Chapter before petitioning for our degrees." With this we agree, as the candidate must have the Capitular degree first as a pre requisite to ours, and to have them, he must have been a member of a Chapter *before* petitioning for ours, but we should add, further, that the candidate must be a member of a Chapter in good standing *at the time* he petitions for our Rite. This decision was not concurred in, however, by the Committee on Jurisprudence which reported against it, but we fail to find by the proceedings, whether the Council adopted the decision or report, as no action seems to have been taken on the report beyond its presentment to the body. The Committee were of the opinion that the decision would be a detriment to the advancement of Cryptic Masonry. We fail to so see it.

An amendment was adopted to the Constitution by which on every special Dispensation hereafter issued by the Grand Master, he is to charge and collect in advance, two dollars therefor. This will bring some sheckels into the treasury probably, and ought to do so, for generally the request for a special Dispensation is brought about by the neglect of officers or members doing their duty on time, and if the fee could be collected of the delinquent party personally, it would tend to bring about a better condition of affairs for all concerned, and save the Grand Master a good deal of needless work.

A (shall we call it) "Declaration of Intention" was adopted in the shape of the following:

"RESOLUTION. *Resolved*, That in case information may come to the presiding officer of the Grand Council, that any Companion of this jurisdiction has been denied any right or privilege, in any other jurisdiction, by reason of any action had, or done by him, or this Grand Council, under a treaty made and ratified by this Grand Council with the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois, he shall at once make due inquiry of the Grand Council hold-

ing jurisdiction, and, if such action shall appear to have been warranted by authority of said Grand Council, shall at once issue an edict of non-intercourse between all Councils and Companions Royal and Select Masters of said jurisdiction and the Companions and Councils of this jurisdiction."

This resolution may mean a good deal, and again it may not. We have been carefully looking over the proceedings of our sister Grand Councils to see if we could see anything that looked like an intention on the part of any to infringe upon the rights and privileges of our Illinois Companions, but have not found the one at whom this resolution is aimed, for it must be pointed at some mark; we cannot think that this Grand Body would adopt such a resolution for "buncombe," it would be belittling itself, if such was the case. If there was a reason for it, let us know what it was and you will find that true Companionship will deliberate, negotiate and hesitate long before adopting such an ultra course as is suggested, until it is seen that there was no reason for it, and that the offending party is not in a mood to make the necessary amendment.

Many years ago there was a query going about the country of supposed considerable importance, but, we believe it has not been solved yet; it may, perhaps, in time be discovered by the wisdom of those who come after us; the query was, "Who struck Billy Patterson?" It is said that one venturesome person, spoiling for a fight, untruthfully responded to the questioner, "I did;" but to his disappointment, he was greeted with the answer, "Sure now, an' ye did it finely." May the result be as harmless in the after life of this "Resolution."

A complete Roster of the membership of the Councils of Illinois is included in the report of its standing, and makes a valuable addition to it.

We are greeted with a rich and grandly good report on Correspondence this year from our olden time friend and Companion, LEVI R. JEROME, who, while he "cuts," also soothes the wounded part. The report covers twenty-two jurisdictions in all, of which our own has pleasant mention for 1884 and 1885. Comp. JEROME brings to his new sphere a fund of Masonic knowledge, information and aptness that marks him as a success in this first attempt at wielding the pen in the correspondents' corner. Under New York, for 1884, he quotes the address given by G. M. HALLMARK, of Florida, which was included in our proceedings for that year with kindly comments, and, after a compliment to the writer, he quotes the "Iowa" review, written facetiously, and does not appear to take it in fun as it was intended. Comp. JEROME must remember, that "a little fun now and then, is relished by the best of men;" that to laugh once in a while is good for the digestion, and may lead to a better state of conscience in the end. For the kindly expressed words of cheer and encouragement given us by his partial pen, we are grateful, and only wish we deserved the words of praise he bestows. He quotes freely from our proceedings, giving some of the bright things contained in Past G. M. GLIDDON'S address, and some eight pages and a half are given to New York for 1884, of which half are applied to our Correspondence report for that year.

Under Oregon, we again refer to this review. For our report of 1885, he finds an error in the wording of our commencement, as printed; if he had read the expression he quotes, "We have found levied contributions," &c., with the word "and" between the words "found" and "levied," he would have read it as it was written by us originally, and saved his torture of conscience by the manner of expression. Whether the mistake was made by the copyist or printer we know not, but we beg to inform our good critic companion that "our intentions were honorable," if the birth was not.

The review for 1885 by Comp. JEROME is a pleasant one, and in a happy vein. We appreciate it fully and only wish that all of our Companions of New York could have the reading of the entire review from "a" to "izzard." We would say more about it but space forbids. He closes with these lines:

"We build a common Temple to the lofty and the low,
We bring the same heart offerings, and in common homage bow;
Our tracing board the same design in every clime has given,
And serving the same Master, we expect the same bright heaven.

Then for the stranger have a place within your mystic band,
Where eye responsive answers eye, and hand unites with hand,
He knows your word, He knows your sign, He asks no better grace,
Than with you here to sit awhile, and greet you face to face."

And we repeat to our new brother of the quill, Welcome to the Correspondents' Corner, right Welcome you are.

Comp. NATHANIEL BOWDITCH, of Aurora, G.:M.: and Comp. GIL. W. BARNARD, 78 Monroe Street, Chicago, G.:R.: Next Assembly October 26, 1887, at Chicago.

INDIANA—1886.

The thirty-first Annual Assembly was held at Indianapolis, October 19th, G.:M.: AUGUSTUS M. SINKS presiding. Ill.: Comp. LUCIEN A. FOOTE, Representative of New York, was present. Thirty-eight Councils represented.

The address of the Grand Master exhibits a condition of the Rite that is encouraging. He says:

"Cryptic Masonry seems to be so well settled, and moving so smoothly upon an even plane of prosperity, that one would scarcely know it were in existence were it not for the energy displayed in the good work, and the happy results that flow from its labors."

Two new Councils were instituted and a Dispensation issued to form one at Peru. A pleasant reference is made to Nebraska, and also to the Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council which he attended with pleasure. He also refers to the Seal adopted by that Body, and says, after giving a description thereof (which will be found under "General Grand Council at length"):

"The design will at once be recognized by all Masons as peculiarly happy and appropriate."

The report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. ALBERT P. CHARLES, who reviews twenty jurisdictions in a pleasant and readable style. New York is given its due place with kind words. We would be glad to quote from it extensively, but the late hour that it came to hand forbids, as our printer is now crying "Copy," with an exclamation point held up to our view. There are many rich and racy items in it that we would place before our readers, but must content ourselves this time with the above brief summary of the "business," trusting that another day we can do better.

Comp. ORLANDO W. BROWNBACK, of Pendleton, was elected G. M., and Comp. JOHN M. BRAMWELL, of Indianapolis, G. R. Next Assembly, October 18, 1887.

KANSAS—1887.

The Annual Assembly was held at Atchinson, February 15th, G. M. WILLIAM D. THOMPSON presiding.

The Proceedings of this Assembly have been in the hands of the printer for about three months. Comp. JOHN H. BROWN, G. R., informs us that he has written to the printer several times spurring him up with no result as yet, that the printer fails to materialize by an answer to his letters or by furnishing the printed Proceedings.

The work was principally of the usual routine character with nothing of special interest to other Grand jurisdictions save that which is always of interest, that the Rite is prospering and progressing.

In Kansas, when they have no business in particular to do, they never go out hunting for it, and when hunting for game they are never known to shoot at chipmunks when there is larger game in the woods. We are promised the Proceedings as soon as they are out, and with this we must be content.

Comp. GEORGE W. POST, Beloit, was elected G. M., and Comp. JOHN H. BROWN, Wyandotte, G. R.

KENTUCKY—1886.

The Annual Assembly was held at Louisville, October 21st, G. M. JAMES W. HOPPER presiding. Ill. Comp. WILLIAM RYAN, Representative of New York, was present.

The address is very short, less than a page in length, and judging from the following, which we quote, the Rite does not appear to be prospering in this jurisdiction as it ought.

"No new Council has been organized during the year. It is a question which may well engage the serious attention of the Grand Council what can be done to awaken a livelier interest in Cryptic Masonry throughout this jurisdiction. Reports received from a number of sister jurisdictions show a much more prosperous state of affairs than exists here. The number, ability and

zeal of the Companions of this State forbid the idea that the beautiful Cryptic Degrees should be allowed permanently to languish. I trust that a revival of interest in them will mark the coming year."

Companions, just come in and try the experiment of working hand in hand as a constituent of the General Grand Council with the rest of us, and see if it does not afford an impetus to the progress of the Rite in Kentucky which it has given to the sister jurisdictions spoken of by your Grand Master. We find no fault (we have no right to), with the fact that the Grand Council of Kentucky is independent, but we believe that its interests would be advanced by union with the large majority of its sisters in a constituency to the General Grand Council.

The report on Correspondence is from the able pen of Comp. GRANT, and is interesting and instructing. With the statement in the introduction thereto that the writer mistook the "pleasantry" of his former report as meant "in all seriousness" while it was not intended as such, we are content and hope that Comp. GRANT will hereafter "be as funny as he can."

Under the pre-requisite question he says:

"There has been considerable agitation of the question of making the Council degrees pre-requisite to the Orders of Knighthood. While it might bring more members into the Council we seriously doubt the desirability of such a law. Members thus gained would make the Council a mere stepping stone, and neglect it as they do the Chapter in most of the jurisdictions. Besides, it would be a sort of incubus to the Commandery, a third or more of whose members have never received the degrees."

And he follows this with a series of conundrums which we, for our part, have not time to answer. Life is too short.

Under Illinois, commenting upon the resolution of non-intercourse, etc., which we have quoted in our review of that jurisdiction, Comp. GRANT lets himself out thusly:

"The disease still rages, and the status of 'appurtenant to Chapter' Companions in other jurisdictions is not settled; therefore the curative process still continues. The Committee on Jurisprudence made a report approving of the healing done by authority of the Grand Master, yet offered a resolution to the effect that the Grand Master should be advised that any Companion was denied any right by reason of receiving the degrees in hand 'appurtenant' Council (as we understand the resolution), the Grand Master should shoot off a non-intercourse edict!"

Ha! Ho! He!

Very funnee!

The necessity for healing is admitted, in effect, but if any body else thinks so,—oph mit 'is 'ed!

Our lively correspondent has dared to make fun of this resolution, and we see he has appreciated, in its broadest scope, the absurdity of the resolution.

We didn't dare to be funny over this matter, being a constituent of the General Grand Council, but endeavored to treat the subject in a semi-serious manner. Comp. GRANT is privileged.

Under New York, speaking of its action in voting down a proposed change of Constitution which would have deprived the Grand Master of his "prerogative" to make Royal and Select Masters at sight, and of the fact that an amendment to strike that provision out of the Constitution was immediately presented or renewed, he says:

"This brings up the question: Is it in accord with good usage to submit a motion to enact a law that has just been defeated? In Parliament a bill once rejected, another of the same substance cannot be brought in again at the same session. (*Hakew, 658; 6 Grey, 392.*)"

Whilst our Companion does not express his own view upon this question in direct terms, we infer that he believes such action is not in accordance with good usage or parliamentary law, and we believe he is right in that position. Speaking of Grand Representatives, while not recognizing any advantage growing out of the representative system, he approves of the action of our Body, taken upon a motion made by the writer, which authorized "the Grand Master to revise the list so that no Companion should represent more than one Grand Council."

In speaking of that "undercurrent" referred to by the writer relative to Comp. GRANT's review in our report of 1885, he says:

"We were unconscious of having entertained any other feeling than that entirely consistent with fraternity, and our 'sense of fairness and justness' is not sufficiently acute to detect any evidence to the contrary that ought to create a desire to 'eliminate many paragraphs' in our report; nor do we know that we shall 'show a change' in this one."

We have considered Comp. GRANT as one of the brightest reviewers in our corps, and we do not as yet see that the conclusion which we then arrived at was in any respect erroneous, taking the literal writing of his then review into consideration, however, we are willing to be forgiven if in error. We appreciate his position as a member of an Independent Grand Council, but for all that, it need not necessarily impel one into saying things which will tend to keep alive old issues, which ought to, and which we hope will soon, be buried in the shades of a past never to be resuscitated. We do not believe in it, and do not think that Comp. GRANT desires to keep up such discussions longer. Our full force and strength should now be devoted to the advancement of the Rite in our several jurisdictions, and with that work, united in hand and in spirit we cannot fail of success.

There are so many matters of interest in this review that we hardly know where to stop. Under Ohio and Pennsylvania we would like to quote at length, but must refrain.

A piece of "Curious History" is given in relation to Louisville Council, No. 4, which was chartered October 2, 1852, by the Grand Council of Kentucky. Previous to that time, in September, 1827, it worked under authority of a Warrant from JOHN BARKER, "K. H. S. P. R. S., Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33", and General Agent of the Supreme Council of the U. S. A."

We like to be informed of these matters of history, they are of great interest to the Masonic student, and whoever has any items of this nature in their possession can do no greater favor to the Body at large, than to make them known to all, by putting the same in shape for preservation upon the records of their Proceedings. There are doubtless many just such choice bits of history in the possession or within the knowledge of our brethren of the reportorial quill, and they would be gladly welcomed by all if presented. Look them up.

We must only add from the "Conclusion" of Comp. GRANT's excellent review:

"Our task is done. It will be the last. We do not aspire to the honor or labors of correspondent, but admit that we have been interested and would have been wholly pleased if we had not been so misunderstood.

"The writer has carefully analyzed his feelings and is sure he entertains nothing but the most friendly feeling for all, including as fully those who differed with him. If he has appeared hypercritical, it is a failing; if unkind, it is not his nature or intent. If the feelings of any one have been hurt, his own will be wounded more deeply when the fact is known. While he has adhered to his own views, he has given reasons, satisfactory to himself, at least, for entertaining them, and has not set down anything in malice."

And to a supplemental report he adds as a

"FINALE. And now, good Companions of the Corps, adieu. Our acquaintance has been too short; we love you every one, and trust to meet again in the 'sweet bye and bye.'"

For our part we have had much enjoyment and interest in reading Comp. GRANT's review. We appreciate his position, we believe him to be honest in his views, and we know he has the ability to, and does, present them in a captivating and interesting manner.

The "adieu," we rejoice is not to be accepted, as he is continued as Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year. We had the pleasure of meeting him at Washington on the occasion of the Triennial, and we trust that the acquaintance there commenced, by personal knowledge of each other, will improve and continue in a most pleasant manner while life lasts; for *our* part we know of no reason why we cannot grasp his hand in as warm and fraternal a greeting, and as quickly and with as much heart interest, as any other friend of the quill. We shall hear from him again in '87.

Comp. CHARLES H. FISK, Covington, was elected G. M., and Comp. LORENZO DOW CRONINGER, Covington, G. R.

Date of next Assembly not given.

LOUISIANA—1887.

The Annual Assembly was held at New Orleans, May 7th, 1887. Ill. RICHARD LAMBERT, Representative of New York, was present.

The Proceedings of this Grand Council have not been printed since 1884, and we have no advices as to the business of this Body, except from a Circular received from the Grand Recorder, which gives the names of officers, and the fact that the Assembly was held, only, and a letter from the Grand Recorder, just received, in which he says:

“Next year we expect to print four year’s proceedings in one pamphlet. Comp. PINCKARD is now our Grand Master and I know he will have Proceedings printed. The Annual Assembly was held in February, but not having a quorum present it was adjourned until May 7th. The three Councils in this State were each represented.”

The printed Proceedings will be most welcome, and knowing Comp. PINCKARD’s enthusiasm in the work of the Rite, we may be assured that the Proceedings will surely come. With them let us have a report on Correspondence.

Comp. GEORGE J. PINCKARD, of New Orleans, G. .M. ., and RICHARD LAMBERT (same address), G. .R. .

MAINE—1887.

The thirty-third Annual Assembly was held at Portland, May 4th, G. .M. . CHARLES W. HANEY presiding. M. .P. . JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, Representative of New York, was present as usual. Twelve Councils represented.

The address of the Grand Master exhibits a satisfactory condition of the Rite in this jurisdiction. It is mostly devoted to local matters.

The Constitution of the General Grand Council together with the Constitution of the Grand Council of Maine with names of all members of Subordinate Councils are published in the Proceedings.

The Report on Correspondence was made by M. .P. . Comp. DRUMMOND, who reviews the Proceedings of twenty jurisdictions, and is somewhat more brief than in preceding reports, and of a more general character.

Under Illinois Comp. DRUMMOND administers some hard blows to the peculiar ideas enunciated by the reviewer of Illinois; he says of him, “he is a strong believer in the ‘Mississippi plan,’ and sees the advantage of it ‘with large eyes,’ * * * * “that the requiring of Chapter made Companions to be healed is a nonsensical idea, and he cannot tell where it originated. We cannot tell our Companion where the idea originated, although it would seem to be a necessary result of fundamental Masonic law, but we can tell him by what authority it was formally declared, and so far as our memory now serves us, the first time it was ever so declared by any Grand Body: that authority was the GRAND COUNCIL OF ILLINOIS. The question was presented to it, was fully

considered and formerly decided, and the applicant was healed by that Grand Council. He asks us if we would refuse to sit in Council with the old veterans made in Chapters before 1853 in that State; we should not, for with that decision in our memory, and the practice of his Grand Council under it, we should have no doubt that they would have been healed, Comp. JEROME's supposition to the contrary notwithstanding. He seems to have fallen into Comp. LEE's notion, that a Grand Council may make such laws as it pleases, without regard to fundamental laws of the Rite. He also resorts to what seems to us a quibble, when he says no Royal and Select Masters have been made in a Chapter since 1853, because the officers of a Chapter, acting as Council officers, open a Council and conferred the degrees; by the same reasoning, the Mark and other degrees are not conferred in a Chapter. He says this was by virtue of dispensations granted by the Grand Council. He is in error in both fact and law; the Grand Council granted no dispensation in the Masonic or proper meaning of the term: if it had, a 'dispensation' or 'warrant' of so general and indefinite a character is in conflict of the laws and usages of the craft. The pure and simple fact is, that the Grand Council undertook to transfer the control of the degrees to the Grand Chapter, which, by virtue of this power and its own, undertook to authorize Chapters through their officers to open Councils and confer the degrees."

We do not see but that Comp. DRUMMOND has established by his argument the error of Comp. JEROME's position upon these questions.

Under New York, Comp. DRUMMOND referring to the decision of its Grand Master in reference to the candidacy of one resident within the territorial jurisdiction of a dormant Council says:

"This is in accordance with the law as we understand it, and is the same principle involved in the question of Comp. GRANT, which we answered in our review of Kentucky." Stating that when he wrote such review he was not aware of the decision made in New York.

He expresses his gratification that our Grand Council ordered the incorporation in its minutes his statement of the part which the writer took in the formation of the General Grand Council; and closes his review of New York with complimentary allusions to the matters contained within its Proceedings of 1886.

We have only space to give a portion of the concluding remarks in this review. He says:

"The Rite is growing. We have given a statement of the work in every Grand Council when practicable, and it will be seen that in the large majority of the jurisdictions there has been an increase, small it may be, but still an increase. In several jurisdictions there has been a decline: but in every instance, except in Pennsylvania, the decline is not confined to this Rite. The decline has been in common with a decline of the other branches of Masonry,

and largely in consequence of that decline. In those jurisdictions where Masonry has grown or even held its own, the Rite has done the same."

We shall have occasion in other parts of our review to refer to his report in other respects.

The work in the degree of Royal Master was exemplified, labor in the Grand Council being suspended, by Dunlap Council of Lewiston upon a *live* candidate.

The Grand Master, of Belfast, and Comp. IRA BERRY, of Portland, G. . R. . , were re-elected. Next Assembly May 2d, 1888, at Portland.

MARYLAND—1886.

The Annual Assembly was held at Baltimore, November 10th. Four Councils were represented. The Representative of New York was present, as he invariably is.

No Proceedings have been printed in this jurisdiction for several years, but we are informed by the Grand Recorder that they hope to be able to furnish us next year with a full report. We have no advices as to what the address was, or of the general condition of the Rite there. The business was of the usual routine character.

We always receive a prompt answer from the Grand Recorder in relation to Cryptic matters in this State whenever we write him, which we desire to give due credit for, inasmuch as we occasionally have to write and re-write, and then write again, to some jurisdictions who possess tardy officials.

HENRY C. LARABEE was elected G. . M. . , and GEORGE L. MCCAHAN, of Baltimore, G. . R. .

MASSACHUSETTS—1886.

The Annual Assembly was held December 8th, at Boston, G. . M. . SERANUS BOWEN presiding. The Representative of New York, Ill. . Comp. W. P. ANDERSON, was not present. Twenty Councils were represented.

The address of the Grand Master states that the Councils in this Grand Jurisdiction have been more prosperous for the year past, but that there was still room for much improvement. Active measures are being taken to revive two Councils which have been inactive with assurances of success.

The Grand Master gave a report of the Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council, and expresses the opinion that it was a success, but is of the opinion that if the Assembly could hereafter be held when the General Grand Chapter is not in session, as many representatives to the one are also members of the other, and it is impossible to be in attendance at the meetings of each when held at the same time, and in attending one the duties of their attendance at the other must necessarily be neglected.

We agree that there is force in this suggestion and hope that the time will soon come when the two bodies will not be called in session at the same time.

The General Grand Council is acquiring a position of independence in every respect and will be soon so situated that the reasons which actuated its representatives to direct these Assemblies at the same date and place of the General Grand Chapter will soon be obviated.

We must quote a portion of this address as it is of a nature which makes it applicable to every Subordinate Council throughout the land:

"What must we do to increase and strengthen Council Masonry in this State? The answer is, work, work well, and always. Do not sit still and mourn because these degrees are not pre-requisite to the Orders of Knighthood. The prosperity of the Rite is committed to your care, and it will be greater or less according to what each individual of you does for it. It is necessary that you should study and understand your ritual, that you may give these beautiful degrees the intelligent rendering they should receive at your hands. Do this, and act and talk so that your fellows shall know and understand that the Council work is richly worthy of every Mason. Make the Councils in your several localities a power to be seen and felt. Do not stand back and allow everything that is done in the way of sociability and good fellowship to be credited to some other Masonic Body, but take and maintain the position that the Council is one of the pleasantest and most sociable bodies in existence. If your own Council is not so now, it is your imperative duty to make it so, and have it at once assume and maintain the position in the Masonic family to which it is justly entitled. Emulate the spirit of the poet who wrote,

" 'Tis not in mortals to command success,
But we'll do more, Sempronius, we'll deserve it."

We wish these truths could be taken home by the officers and members of every Council throughout the land. There is no report on correspondence, which we regret.

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

MICHIGAN—1887.

The twenty-ninth Annual Assembly was held at Detroit, January 17th, G. . M. . ALFRED BAULDREY presiding. The Representative of New York, Ill. . Comp. H. SHAW NOBLE, was in his accustomed place. Forty-two Councils were represented.

The address of the Grand Master is replete with matters of interest both at home and abroad. Some decisions are made which are based upon what are considered as sound principle, and well established, hence it is not necessary to state them in length. He strikes a blow at delinquent Representatives to other Grand Council, for failure to be present, and mildly terms it "scant courtesy" and recommends a change in those who are so neglectful; which is well. Referring to the Grand Council of Nebraska he extends a warm and cordial "Welcome," and says in addition:

"And while we are about it, let us congratulate the General Grand Council upon this additional tribute to its powers of resuscitation."

"In considering the subject of impediments to our progress, and the best remedies for them, the question of making the degrees pre-requisite to the Commandery frequently assumes first place. I am of opinion that this can and will eventually be accomplished through the influence of the General Grand Council. But while I do recognize the full value of such action, and will do anything in my power to secure its accomplishment, I, at the same time, do not consider it of vital importance to us. The true remedy is in our own hands. We, and we only can infuse the life giving material into this organization which will make it perpetual." This is true, and the means of infusing this life and vigor into dormant or sluggish bodies has so often been the subject of our remarks, that, although most forcibly expressed in most winning way, we forbear taking space to repeat the language. But our good Companion is really enthusiastic on the subject of the General Grand Council, hear him:

"The organization of the General Grand Council has proved of so great value to the Rite throughout the whole country, that it is worthy of our respect and support. Organized in 1880, with but *three* Grand Councils as its supporters, it to-day is supported by *twenty-one* Grand Councils, several of whom it has rescued from apparent death in the abyss of Mississippi-ism. While Michigan will, perhaps, derive no benefit from General Grand Council, yet we should be willing to give our support and countenance to anything that will advance the good of the Rite we all so love, and I recommend that this Grand Council now take steps to become a constituent part of the General Grand Council."

This recommendation of the Grand Master was referred to a special Committee, who reported, adverse, but without giving any reasons for so doing.

Michigan, the birth-place of the General Grand Council, with all of its love for the Rite, its appreciation of the work accomplished by the General Grand Council, consideration of what work is necessary for the future to rehabilitate the Rite in places which once knew it but which are now becoming deserts, the desire which should possess it of having this work all accomplished, and the knowledge that with all working in unison, with one grand object in view we shall be able to accomplish *every desired object*, having the perpetuation of the Rite as well as its advancement to that high pinnacle of success which it is worthy of attaining, should no longer hesitate about uniting its forces with us in our labors of love. We prophesy that the day will come when Michigan will take pride in the fact that the General Grand Council first drew the breath of life within its jurisdiction, and will rejoice in the fact that she is a constituent of that body.

The appointment of a Grand Lecturer was recommended, which was reported favorably upon by the Committee, and an amendment to their Constitution was presented, laid over until next Assembly in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, for action thereat.

A report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. GARRY B. NOBLE, covering twenty-two jurisdictions, including New York. The report is general, no special features being noted, and the views of the reviewer are not expressed on many subjects, which we regret, as he knows what he is doing, when he undertakes a job, and how to do it. He winds up his review by saying,

"We think the Cryptic Rite to-day is more prosperous and rests on a firmer basis than ever before."

We think so also, and we think that credit for its position is due to the General Grand Council, not meaning to claim that to which it is not legitimately entitled either. Look back at the situation in August, 1880, when that body was organized, provisionally; see the condition of the Rite then, and see it now.

Think over what has been done and then ask yourselves, Companions of the Cryptic Rite throughout the entire country. "Whose hands have been doing this mighty work?" The response from the inner heart of each and every one will be, "Those who founded and first brought into life and existence the General Grand Council." In fact, the fact that the writer had a part in this work, however indifferently such part was performed, will be to him throughout life a matter of rejoicing and pride. The time will soon come when his voice will no longer be heard in the Councils of the Rite, and his pen will be rusting away, no more to comment or review, to criticize or encourage, and then may that mantle of charity be drawn over his shortcomings and faults which is so often to be used when frail mortal passes to his final account.

"We too, must come to the river side,
One by one
We are nearer the waters, each eventide,
One by one."

And so be it. It is the appointed lot of all. Remember that is pleasant, that which is not let pass to oblivion's shade, one by one.

Comp. ALFRED G. GULLY of South Haven, was elected G. M., and Comp. GARRY B. NOBLE of Detroit, re-elected G. R.. The next Assembly to be held at Grand Rapids, January 16, 1888.

MINNESOTA—1886.

The seventeenth Annual Assembly was held October 11, 12, at St. Paul, P. M. W. S. COMBS, presiding; five Councils represented. M. I. Companion GEORGE W. COOLEY, Representative of New York was present. G. M. DWIGHT M. BALDWIN being unfortunately absent from illness. An abstract of his address was presented by the Grand Recorder, from which we gather that the body is reasonably prosperous, and the Rite advancing, for which credit is given to the influence of the General Grand Council. The body appreciated, not only by the address but by resolution, the promotion of their honored Companion, our representative, in his election as Deputy-General Grand Master of the General Grand Council.

The proceedings were mostly of a routine character.

Companion JOHN R. CAREY, of Duluth, was elected G. .M. ., and WILLIAM CHENEY of Minneapolis, G. .R. . Next Assembly Oct. 10, 1887, at St. Paul.

The Correspondence reports from our representative, Comp. GEORGE W. COOLEY, who reviews twenty jurisdictions, including the General Grand Jurisdiction amongst the number; we find New York for 1886 holds its place, with pleasant words to our G. .M. .and his co-workers. His review is characterized by the same zeal that has been his mainspring for a decade, to our personal knowledge, in advancing the interests of the Rite. Unity and harmony in the common work is his watchword; and with charity toward all, malice toward none, merited success will surely come to every Crypt, is his belief. So be it.

MISSOURI—1887.

The twenty-second Annual Assembly was held at St. Louis, May 11. G. .M. . WILLIAM A. LORD presiding; five Councils represented. Comp. NOAH M. GIVAN, Representative of New York, present.

The address of the G. .M. . is interesting and quite full: five special dispensations were granted to receive and act upon petitions for membership, and two for election of officers. Two Councils revived and in one seventeen have passed the Arch this year, and the other is working "with a vigor which assures its future prosperity." The G. .M. . says he does not view Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction as a "sick man needing powders and lotions, pills and potions, pillows and props." * * * * * The growth of the past Masonic year seems to me more healthful, permanent and promising than for some years in the past. Our work is esoteric, and must begin within and work out. The mysterious preparation of the heart is the first essential to Masonic growth. The other essentials are the proper aggregation of affinities and selection of new elements of accretion; the careful direction of new energies, and the necessary disciplining of all activity and powers. These are results each Council must accomplish for itself. It cannot delegate them for the Grand Council or to another Council.

"I, therefore, exhort you to purge your secret vaults, drive out the still, infectious air of sloth and idleness, select well your workmen, burnish your tools till they reflect the slightest ray, reset your alters, re-light the sacred flame, and feed it with love and perfect fellowship, till each heart shall exclaim !

"O, sacred solitude, divine retreat !
Choice of the prudent, envy of the great !
By thy pure stream, in thy waving shade,
We court fair wisdom, that celestial made."

"Surely we have as much to offer the neophyte as any other Masonic body in two degrees, our symbolism and ceremonies are quite as beautiful and instructive, our precepts quite as pure and ennobling, our fellowship more desirable, since we are bound together by new ties, which make every companion the man of my choice.

"If then we have to offer what is as intrinsically good or better, why should we be timid or doubtful in pressing its claim? It seems to me what we lack as much as anything else, is that belief in ourselves, that consciousness of our merits, which makes every successful man aggressive and bold to encounter and overcome difficulties. The boldest swimmer would sink almost in sight of shore should he lose faith in his power to reach it."

These words of the Grand Master have the ring of the enthusiastic workman. In beginning his address the Grand Master says, "A twelve-month ago I became your accidental choice as Grand Master." It would be well, we opine if an "accidental" choice of the same character could be made of like material for every position in the Crypt. There would be no more cries of dull times, want of work and complaints that the Rite was languishing in jurisdictions we wot of. The way to remedy these ills is to get up and work, let every officer realize the responsibility which rests upon his shoulders and with earnest, enthusiastic and indefatigable efforts on his own part arouse the sleepers and instilling his companions with a moiety of his own zeal, the Cryptic Rite must and will advance to be chief amongst all. We congratulate this Grand Body upon such an "accidental" choice, and they congratulate themselves upon the prosperity which is dawning upon this grand jurisdiction. Take hold and sustain such workers and it will be well for you for all time to come.

The special Committee on condition of Councils, says:

"We find from the reports of the constituent Councils that through the zeal and energy of their respective officers the condition of the Cryptic Rite in Missouri has been much improved during the past year. A continuance of this activity will result in placing the Rite in Missouri in a prosperous condition."

From this outlook the Companions of other jurisdictions will expect a good report for the coming year. There is no report on correspondence. Companions of Missouri, add to your great success of the past year by giving us a review of other jurisdictions in your next Proceedings, will you?

Companion WILLIAM H. STANSBURY, of Harrisonville, was elected G. . M. . , and Comp. WILLIAM H. MAYO, of St. Louis, G. . R. . . The next Assembly to be held at St. Louis, May 9, 1888.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1887.

The twenty-sixth Annual Assembly was held at Concord, May 16th. G. . M. . ELLIOT B. HODGE presided. Ill. HENRY P. GLIDDEN, our Representative, was not present. Five Councils represented.

One new Council was constituted. The finances of this body are in a sound and healthy condition, and its subordinates, with two exceptions, are doing more than average amount of work. The memorial page was set apart to Ill. MOSES OSGOOD PEARSON, Past Grand Master, who deceased October 9th, 1886, age 62 years.

A system of visitation which has been invoked in this jurisdiction has served to advance the Rite and encourage the subordinates.

The degrees of Royal and Select Master were exemplified and conferred upon a candidate, for the instruction of the Grand Body by Pythagorean Council.

The report upon foreign correspondence was made by Comp. CLEAVES, the Grand Recorder, and is well written and of considerable Masonic interest. He arrives at the conclusion that the Rite is prospering in almost every jurisdiction, particularly so in those which are under the General Grand Council.

One new Council was warranted.

In this jurisdiction as in many others it is an established custom for the Deputy Grand Master and for the Grand P. C. of Work to make reports to the Grand Council of their official acts, and we believe that this custom is one which is of benefit to the Rite and tends to keep a lively interest on the part of such officers and of those who are in the immediate reach of its influence.

The correspondence report covers nineteen jurisdictions, in which New York has considerable space given it in a pleasant manner, and several quotations are made from our report of last year, the compliment of which is duly appreciated.

As these proceedings came to us at a very late hour it is impossible to devote more space to it at the present time.

Comp. CLEAVES closes his review by saying:

“ We are satisfied that the condition of the Rite is improving, and that more interest is being taken in it throughout the country.”

Comp. WALDRO A. RUSSELL, of Concord, was elected G. M., and Comp. GEORGE P. CLEAVES, of Concord, re-elected G. R.

Next Assembly at Concord, May 15th, 1888.

NEW JERSEY—1887.

The twenty-ninth Assembly was held at Trenton, January 25, G. M. DANIEL DAMAREST presiding. No Representative from New York present. Six Councils represented. The address of the Grand Master covering six pages is mostly of local interest. The decease of Past Grand Masters WILLIAM MEAD and ARCHIBALD J. WADE, of this jurisdiction; is noted with appropriate eulogy and tribute.

The Rite does not appear as prosperous in this jurisdiction as we could wish. The decease of active workers, the illness of others and the lack of interest felt by those who should take pride in building up the Temple, but who do not attempt to advance its interest, hold it at a virtual standstill. Three Councils report a net gain of nineteen members, three others a loss of four, whilst one reports a “stand off,” while it appears that there is a probable loss of one Council entire with a membership of thirty-two. If the “Aibishars” would only awake, arouse and attend to their duties in this sick Council, there is no doubt but that in its field of labor, Jersey City, its membership would soon be

more than doubled; it should be done before another Annual Assembly comes around. It should be a bright and shining light in the Cryptic Circle of New Jersey. Only four Councils made reports and paid dues, although six were represented.

New Jersey ought to sustain the Cryptic branch of Masonry better than it does. See its population, its prosperous cities, its wealth and intelligence. It has those in its Crypt who could build it up into a most prosperous condition. We fear the trouble is that these workers are discouraged by the failure of those they represent to properly sustain them in their efforts. A bright example to look at is the sister jurisdiction of Missouri, where the day even became almost night, but where the glorious noonday sun is now warming into life and vigor those who, from inanition, were going backwards. Let all take hold with a will and success will surely come to you, Companions. Do not discourage, but burnish your tools and work, work, work.

No report on Correspondence.

Comp. JAMES B. SMALL, of Newark, G. M. and Comp. CHARLES BECHTEL, of Trenton, G. R. Next Assembly at Trenton, January 23, 1888.

OHIO—1886.

The forty-sixth Annual Assembly was held at Toledo, October 7 and 8, G. M. DD. P. CHAMBERLAIN presiding. Forty-two Councils were represented. We are unable to find in the entire Proceedings the presence of our Representative, Ill. Comp. HENRY NEWBEGIN, noted, although a statement is made that "Grand Representatives were received and acknowledged for Grand Councils," and that "their names and reports made are subsequently noted." We fail to find either the names or reports. Perhaps it would be in order to inquire "Did any get away?" We can even up on the comments of their reviewer on their Representative, Ill. Comp. MORGAN, to New York now, eh! Williams?

The address of the Grand Master with accompanying documents covers over eleven pages, and exhibits the condition of the Rite in this jurisdiction to be prosperous. One new Council constituted. The Grand Master in his address refers to the amount of dues paid to the General Grand Council, and evidently is not fully satisfied with the results attained by their connection with that body as yet. He should remember, that it is not those who are in possession of full health who need the aid of a physician, or advice and encouragement, but it is for the benefit of those who are struggling for life and existence. Ohio does not need any outside help or encouragement to enable it to keep up in full force and vigor. It is not all of life to simply *live*, but it is the most important part of a correct life to so live that we are of help to those who are weaker than ourselves; to do so by simple advice is not sufficient for the requirements of the law of humanity; we must often put our hands down deep into our pockets and take out that we may lay up treasure where it will return in goods works and deeds for the time when we are not here to see or enjoy. Others will reap the benefit of our work in the future, and the amount we may

have to pay out is of but little consequence, as long as it is to be had for that purpose. His remarks on this subject will doubtless be quoted by every one who is in spirit opposed to the work of the General Grand Council as evidence against its efficiency, whilst the spirit of the Grand Master would repudiate any such intention or idea on his part. If he had taken the trouble to have attended the Triennial at Washington, he would have returned home with the ineffaceable impression on his heart that the work was worthy of his best and greatest co-operation both with mind, brain and purse.

The Correspondence Report is from one of the "elder brothers" of the "Corp Reportorial," and of course it is not to be sneezed at lightly or passed by with a shrug of the shoulders. It covers twenty jurisdictions, and when we say it is from the pen of Comp. S. STACKER WILLIAMS, we know that all will want a good slice of the delicious dessert, to come after the more tame viands which are to be found nearer home.

The "golden ball on the pendulum" of Illinois attracts his attention, as it has all who have gone this way before him, and he says, that "golden language" is also to found there, whilst another reviewer (from Indiana) comes to the rescue and says, that

"So plentiful are golden balls in Illinois that they not only hang them to their pendulums, but hoist them in threes, 'trios,' over their front doors; and if Comp. CASWELL ever visits Chicago, we assure him he will gladly welcome the sight of some of these golden balls, as well as the visage of 'mine uncle' kindly beaming on him from beneath."

This is rather too bad. Comp. CASWELL of the State with the golden sands, is altogether too warmly situated to have need of looking up a place to exchange a "duster" for a winter garment as yet; perhaps, however, if he should stay there long enough, they would make it hot enough for him to desire to change a winter garment for a "duster," any way; the Companions there are of that kind who make it hot for all of their visiting Companions, golden balls or no golden balls, and regardless whether there is but one on the pendulum, two in your hand, or three over your door.

Under Illinois, speaking of the titles given to officers he says:

"High-sounding titles have no place in Masonry. Fuss and feathers form no part of our institution; we are a plain body of men seeking to improve our fellows by impressing upon them great truths—principles—which will make them better here and hereafter, and the plainer and simpler our methods—sacrificing nothing vital—the more impressive they will be."

There is good sense in these suggestions, and we agree with the reviewer in the principles involved. Let us do away with some of the titles that really serve no good purpose, but to afford room for merriment ofttimes. In another place, under Massachusetts, he says:

"We need more Masonry and less toggery." Right again, Comp. WILLIAMS. Referring to our words under California in 1885, he says, that he does not

think we have "ever sojourned in Kansas since the passage of the prohibition law, and filled one of their magic prescription blanks for *chemical* purposes only." No, we have not, but we were in Pennsylvania a few years ago, under similar circumstances, and having occasion to-r-r call at a prescription establishment and enquire whether they kept any r-r-wild juice of the bearded—passing through the rye kind, you know—were informed that it required the autograph of some person who had passed through some kind of a public institution at the bottom of a writing to the effect that the condition of the party desiring to experiment with the preparation was such that it became necessary for him to take astronomical observations through a glass hollowed out in the shape of a tube, but having one end closed, at the same time intimating that such a paper could be procured near-by for a q'vorter. We didn't lose the q'vorter though, as we asked for pen, ink and paper to get up something that would be suitable under the peculiar circumstances of the case, and being supplied, wrote out an instrument, signing after our name the cabalistic letters, "M. D.," one of those high-sounding titles which some find fault with, and got, for the paper and a *dollar*, our request granted. After safely securing the bot—box in our pocket, we serenely remarked to the proprietor, "Suppose you know what that 'M. D.' meaneth?" "Oh, yes," he replied, "Doctor of Medicine." "Oh, no," we gently whispered, it means "Mighty Dry." We left, but that evening was called upon by the vendor, who enquired when we were going to leave town? we advised him that the next day would answer our purpose, when he said that one of the by-standers had made a complaint against him, and a subpoena was out for us; we told him we were going *right off*, and *we went; he furnished a carriage*. Haven't been to Smethport since. Is this like Kansas' "chemical?"

We must cut off right here or leave others out. Many of the comments are relative to years which we have reviewed heretofore, and a trifle old to us, as far as the text is concerned.

New York is referred to in nearly two pages of comments, pleasant and agreeable, quoting from us to some extent, and adding his own lively sayings to enhance the weight of the quotations. He recommends that the term "Mississippi Plan" be dropped with all other similar expressions, and we will try hereafter to accord with the suggestion as far as may be practicable, except in making quotations from others, when necessary. The suggestion is good; we do not desire to keep awake anything of that unpleasant past. If it can be allowed to sleep forever the better will it suit us.

It is strange, but we never received a copy of these Proceedings, until the latest day possible to review, and then by writing after it. We know that the mails must have been at fault, for we never missed before.

Comp. D. C. WINEGARNER, of Newark, G. M.; Comp. JOHN D. CALDWELL, Cincinnati, G. R. Next Assembly at Steubenville, October 3, 1888.

OREGON—1887.

The second Annual Assembly was held at East Portland, January 12, 1887, G. M. WALLACE BALDWIN presiding. Three Councils represented. No Representative from New York appeared, although we understand that we have one there. The address is of local interest and principally devoted to the routine of business which usually forces itself upon every new body in order to get the machinery running smoothly and in proper shape for a successful campaign in the work of the Crypt. A net gain in membership is reported of 112, pretty good for a two year old.

An able and interesting Correspondent's review, covering seventeen jurisdictions, from the pen of Comp. F. J. BABCOCK, was presented, in which New York for 1885-6 received attention and pleasant notice.

The kind words of cheer and welcome given to this, the youngest of our sisterhood, from every jurisdiction, is worthy of notice, especially, as further down will be found the only intimation from any that the body might (?) be illegal in its formation, but, at the same time, the intimation comes from one that congratulates also, regardless of the fact that no other body has breathed such a thought, and that the only expression upon the subject comes from the critic reviewer, who places the burden of the blame for the suggestion upon "they say," that venerable old busybody who never dares to raise his head and say, "I did it." We refer to the comments of Comp. JEROME, of Illinois, we quoting the remarks of the reviewer in full for the purpose of criticism:

"We are aware that very many Companions think the formation of the General Grand Council illegal in that it did not have the unanimous concurrence of all the Grand Councils in the Territory covered, and believe, that if a General Grand Body can be formed by a mere quorum of the Grand Bodies in its jurisdiction, then may a Supreme Grand Lodge be formed in the United States by a mere quorum of Grand Lodges, which might be no more than three."

"Nay, it is even claimed in some quarters that the formation of the General Grand Council is but the entering wedge to the formation of a Supreme Grand Lodge, and that if the General Grand Council succeeds, a Supreme Grand Lodge is sure to follow. We do not think such reasoning sound. General Grand Bodies in the United States have never had an immediate concurrence of all the Grand Bodies. And such was not the case in the formation of the General Grand Chapter, or the Grand Encampment. The claim is that the formation of the General Grand Council being illegal, the formation of the Grand Council of Oregon must be irregular, and therefore null and void."

Comp. JEROME generously adds to the foregoing sentiment (which he alone has voiced to our information), "Let us not be fastidious, but welcome the Oregon Companions to the S. V., and utilize their labors for the benefit of the Rite."

Comp. BABCOCK pithily responds to this ambiguous welcome in these words:

“ Well, legal or not, we are here to stay, and intend to work our full hours in the S. V., and to the best of our ability uphold the Rite in the Northwest.”

Well, we should remark,—that we must smile. Let us catch hold of one of these cavillers “ they say,” and lean upon his wisdom for awhile, until we catch our breath. This outburst has tired us out. We are glad to know what “very many Companions think,” and we would also be informed where the judge or jury is to come from that is to decide this momentous question, at what tribunal are the criminals to appear to plead to the indictment, who the complainants are and whether the trial is to be a “ Star Chamber” one, or whether the verdict is already rendered, the judgment passed; and particularly what the term of imprisonment is to be, as well as to be informed whether the offence is extraditable, if not, does any one know what “ point” over the border would be safe and pleasant for a “ guilty” sojourner.

We are glad to see that Oregon doesn't scare any over the intimation, but flings its banner to the breeze inscribed with the “ legend” above emblazoned in its records by Comp. BABCOCK. It does not look much as though any of us 'ns would have to pass the border yet; but if we do, what a fine appearance will be made by the body that will have to accompany us: Let us enumerate, we shall be accompanied by a goodly band, including the Grand Councils of Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, Nebraska, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Vermont, twenty-one in all, and we might expect to be accompanied to the border as semi-mourners by disinterested friends from some of the independent Grand Councils who would remain to see us pass down into the waters, and possibly bring with them field glasses that they might discover what reception was extended to us in that shining beyond where the Grand Council of Canada exercises its exclusive jurisdiction. We wonder if Comp. JEROME will be there to see. In fact, the intimation conveyed by our Companion from Illinois carries within its own limits a complete refutation of the idea with which these “ very many Companions” are said to be possessed of. It is really too absurd to have given it as much attention as we have, but if allowed to go unchallenged it might in some quarters be considered that judgment had been taken against us by default. We have made but few wagers during our life, once we recollect of offering to wage a 'possum but found none to accept the wager, but now we are willing to gamble just a little (or more if desired), that Oregon is “ here to stay,” and if any semi-mourner is possessed of the idea that there is to be any back down it simply shows the ignorance of such person of the material out of which the Grand Council of Oregon is formed in particular, and of which the Great Northwest is made up in general. The sound of the workman's tools will resound throughout not only the Northwest but will penetrate to the Ninth Arch of every Crypt that exists in the world, and—semi-mourners, don't you forget it.

We would like to be informed of the names of any Masonic jurists of accepted standing in the Rite who affirms that either the formation of either the

General Grand Council or that of the Grand Council of Oregon was illegal. Until such a one appears, let silence reign over those who may pray in secret for the coming of the champion.

Comp. BABCOCK agrees with the decision as made by the G. M. of Illinois as to the candidacy of a non-affiliated R. A. Companion, co-inciding with our views, the report of the committee thereon notwithstanding.

Approval is also expressed of the action of New York in reference to candidates resident within the jurisdiction of a dormant Council. In return for the graceful compliments given us we bow our thanks. In speaking of the action of New York in refusing to take from its Grand Master the prerogative of making Royal and Select Masters at sight, he says he fails to see that the exercise of such a prerogative is productive of good and that it has been known to be productive of harm, referring undoubtedly to other jurisdictions. In New York, the writer has only heard of one instance in which a predecessor of his exercised such prerogative. It is better in the breach than in action.

Our Grand Council believes in electing one whom it can rely upon to do what is best at all times under all circumstances and in every exigency which may arise. The prerogative being considered an ancient landmark it was not deemed best to abolish it. Comp. DRUMMOND, of Maine, speaking of this Grand Council, says "this young Grand Council goes ahead like a veteran."

We must close under Oregon, and we do so by saying that they are individually and collectively as a unit in our General Grand Council just "O. K." It "is here to stay." Here is our hand, shake hard.

Comp. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR, of Dayton, G. M., FREELAND J. BABCOCK of Salem, G. R. Next Assembly February 1, 1888, at McMinville.

RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS—1885-6.

The twenty-fifth Annual Assembly was held at Providence, April 13, 1885; G. M. WILLIAM N. ACKLEY presiding. Four Councils being represented. Ill. Comp. A. H. CUSHMAN, Representative of New York, being present.

The address of the G. M. is of interest to the Rite, and shows that Cryptic Masonry is enjoying a good degree of prosperity within their borders. Some Councils had suffered from depression but the ranks of others had been increased by large accessions during the year, and there were happy indications of reviving prosperity where, for a few years, the work had moved but languidly.

We would that we could quote extensively from this address; it is of interest outside of the jurisdiction, but our space is limited and we must be brief.

Speaking of sister jurisdictions the G. M. says:

"Very auspicious intelligence comes to us from several Grand Councils that had obliterated their tokens of identity by 'merging' in the Grand Chapter, to the effect that they have sought anew their proper autonomy and are truly alive again. It looks as if their sad experience during this period of suspen-

ded animation had taught them the sweetness of life and freedom, and that a new zeal would be the outcome of the unhappy experiment. This marked token of new vigor among our laborers, as well as the general spirit of hopefulness seeming to pervade nearly all the jurisdiction, should be to us a happy augury for the future, and stimulate us to new endeavors in our work."

Arrangements were made for a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the formation of this Grand Body, a committee appointed and authorized to draw upon the treasurer for the necessary expenses attending it.

The work in Royal Master was exemplified by the officers of Pawtucket Council in an excellent and impressive manner, for which they received thanks. Presentations of an elegant jewel to Ill. Comp. ARTHUR H. ARMINGTON, and of an elegant and comfortable easy chair to Ill. Comp. EBENEZER B. WHITE, the latter in recognition of services rendered as Sentinel, which he had filled continuously for more than thirty years in Providence Council.

No report on foreign Correspondence.

Authority was granted the Grand Master to constitute Westerly Council, which had been working U. D.

Comp. OSMOND H. BRIGGS, of Pawtucket, was elected G. M., and Comp. WILLIAM R. GREENE, of Providence, G. R.

A special Assembly was held at Providence, October 30th, 1885, for the purpose of celebrating the 25th anniversary of this Grand Council. G. M.: OSMOND H. BRIGGS presiding. The Body was opened in ample form with prayer by REV. G. C. HENRY W. RUGG, and the singing of an anthem under the direction of Grand Musical Director GEORGE H. LINCOLN, by a quartette.

An eloquent and instructive historical address upon the rise and progress of Cryptic Rite was delivered by the Grand Chaplain. Not only was this address devoted to the Rite in their own jurisdiction but throughout the country.

It contained historical data and matters of history which exhibits in a marked degree the labors of its author. It is well that it is preserved at length, as it will become of importance in the future to those who are desirous of becoming fully informed in relation to the early history of the Rite. We would that it could be circulated much more extensively than is possible by publication in the proceedings of one body, and am almost inclined to quote it *in extenso*, but space forbids.

After the singing of another anthem an oration was delivered by the REV. WILLIAM N. ACKLEY, P. G. M., which is also of interest to the Masonic student, and its preservation in the proceedings of this Grand Body is the subject of congratulation and entitles it to the thanks of Cryptic Masons throughout sister jurisdictions.

We feel under obligations to these reverend Companions for the privilege of not only reading their respective works, but also for the fact that we have been favored with copies which we shall not only prize, but preserve for future reference.

This oration was followed by remarks from other prominent Cryptic Masons, the singing of anthems, after which the body was closed in ample form; and the Companions then organized themselves in a body for work in the Knife and Fork degree, at which interesting, instructive and amusing matters of entertainment were presented by a number of Companions, but as which of them took the premium for excelling we are not advised.

1886.

The twenty-sixth Annual Assembly of this Grand Body was held at Providence, R. I., April 12th. Comp. OSMOND H. BRIGGS, Grand Master, presiding. Five Councils were represented. The Representative of New York does not appear to be present.

The address of the Grand Master referred to the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the formation of this Grand Body as an occasion which was pleasant and profitable to all those who participated in it. He reports that he finds in his intercourse with the Councils throughout the State an increased interest in the working of the degree, and a growing desire on the part of the officers and members to advance the interest of the Order.

A short report upon foreign correspondence was presented by Ill. Comp. HENRY W. RUGG, in which New York has its place of honor and pleasant notice.

Comp. RUGG refers to the fact that one reviewer making mention of this jurisdiction as being supposed to be included in a "disgruntled minority," holding aloof from the General Grand Council, he says:

"We are not 'disgruntled.' In these Plantations we do not believe very much in General Grand Masonic Bodies—but we have no grievance because it has been created—no ill-feeling as regards its influential work—and in the most fraternal spirit would we adhere to the rights and privileges of an independent position."

With this position on the part of this Grand Body, the friends of the General Grand Council have no reason nor right to find fault. Whilst we would be glad to welcome this jurisdiction as a constituent of the General Grand Council, and, from our standpoint, believe it would be not only beneficial to the Cryptic Rite in this jurisdiction and to the Rite generally elsewhere, for it to become a member with us, still we believe in granting to it all of the rights and privileges of an independent Grand Council. It is their right and privilege, and with their feeling of fraternity and good will toward the General Grand Council, all of the Grand Bodies which comprise its constituency should be satisfied until such future time when our Companions of this Grand Body may deem it proper and consistent for them to unite with us. We do not believe in finding fault with independent Grand Councils for the exercise of their independence, but we do desire the closest fraternity to exist between such and the other Grand Bodies which are constituents of the General Grand Council.

Our Companion in closing his review expresses our feeling in reference to the duties of our Companions at large. He says:

“Brethren interested in the Cryptic Rite should be especially attentive to its interests and zealous in its behalf. Let them be ready to give time, thought and means to its support, calling men of intelligence and influence to the direction of its affairs, and so they may expect constant gain in the things that constitute a true prosperity.”

If this exhortation be carried out in its true spirit, there will be no need or necessity of complaining for the lack of interest and prosperity in the Rite.

Comp. OSMOND H. BRIGGS, of Pawtucket, was elected G. M., and Comp. WILLIAM R. GREENE, of Providence, G. R.

The next Assembly to be held at Providence April 9th, 1888.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1886-7.

The Annual Assembly for 1886 was held in Charleston, February 9th. G. M. W. T. BRANCH presiding. Four Councils were represented. New York has no Representative in this jurisdiction. Comp. DE SAUSSURE having deceased.

The address of the Grand Master is brief and of local interest only. He attributes the languid condition of the Rite in his jurisdiction to the action of this Grand Body in surrendering the degrees to the Grand Chapter some years ago, and expresses the fear that it will take years for the body to recover from the blow. In which opinion the committee appointed upon his address report:

“That they agree with him in assigning the reason of the small number of Subordinate Councils in our State to the unfortunate action of ‘merging’ the degrees conferred in Council into those of the Chapter. It may take years to recover from the shock thus dealt to the activity of Councils, but we will not, do not, despair, and hope for better things in store for us.”

We admire the spunk and commend the spirit of this report. If lived up to with earnest persevering work on the part of these Companions, we have no doubt but that they will eventually recover from the effects of their former action, and we bid them God speed.

The angel of death has visited this jurisdiction, removing to another life DANIEL DAVIS MOORE, late the Grand Recorder of this body, and also removing P. G. M. WILMONT G. DE SAUSSURE. A suitable eulogy was passed upon the departed Companions, and a page in their minutes was devoted to a memorial to each of the deceased.

With Comp. DE SAUSSURE the writer had a pleasant acquaintance, and can say with the Committee to whom was referred the preparation of a tribute to his memory, that he “was no ordinary man, all the graces which constitute a gentleman was combined and concentrated in him. His intellect was highly cultured, and in this respect he had few equals. As a Mason he was skilled in

his art in all the various degrees through which he had passed, and therefore the craft had honored him with the highest positions within their gift. He filled them with zeal, efficiency and fidelity. He was a venerable patriarch, a priest in his own household, over the door lintals of which stood engraven, 'Holiness to the Lord.'

"As a fellow citizen, he was possessed of sterling qualities.

"As a friend, he rejoiced in the prosperity, and sympathized in the sorrows of his suffering brethren.

"As a statesman, he was a wise counselor, whose advice was worthy of acceptance."

There is no report on Correspondence.

Comp. W. W. HUMPHREYS was elected G. . M. . , and Comp. ZIMMERMAN DAVIS, of Charleston, G. . R. .

1887.

The twenty-eighth Annual Assembly was held at Charleston, February 15th, 1887. Comp. W. W. HUMPHREYS, G. . M. . presiding. Six Councils represented. The address was brief and of local interest. He attributes the lethargy and want of interest in the Rite to the same cause mentioned by his predecessor, but expresses the hope and expectation that a year hence will record a rekindling of the fires in all their Subordinate Councils.

A brief report on Correspondence from the Grand Master is given, in which New York has more full mention than any other jurisdiction.

A report was made by P. . G. . M. . BRANCH in reference to the Triennial of the Grand Council, and the thanks of the Grand Council were tendered to the General Grand Council for its action in remitting the dues of their body.

Authority was granted to reorganize Oriental Council No. 17, and dispensations were also granted to reorganize other dormant Councils.

We hope our Companions of South Carolina will be encouraged to proceed with such organizations, and again place the Rite upon its former footing before the merger.

Comp. G. P. BERGH, of Columbia, was elected G. . M. . , ZIMMERMAN DAVIS was re-elected G. . R. .

The next Assembly will be held at Charleston, February 14th, 1888.

VERMONT—1887.

The thirty-fourth Annual Assembly was held at Burlington, June 14th, G. . M. . WILLIAM H. S. WHITCOMB presiding. Ill. Comp. GEORGE H. BIGELOW, Representative of New York, does not appear to have been present, although he resides in the same city, as appears by the records of our own Recorder's office. If his seat is vacant at the next Annual Assembly, under the resolution of the Grand Council of New York, it will become vacant in earnest, unless excused in writing.

Sixteen Councils made returns and twelve were represented.

In the address of the Grand Master we are informed, that "Cryptic Masonry has moved forward in a steady march the past year. Its triumphs have perhaps shown no such marked results as in the year previous, but the waking and working of some Councils long known as 'sleeping the sleep of the just,' gives renewed courage to those who have labored so long and earnestly to revive every dormant Council."

Only one out of the long list of delinquent Councils existing in 1885, is to-day in arrears. The Grand Master visited half of the Councils in the State during the year, and intended to have visited all, but his health failed him.

The angel of death has called during the current year ten from this jurisdiction, who are appropriately referred to by the Grand Master.

The jurisdiction is to be congratulated in the election of P.:G.:M.:FRANK H. BASCOM as General Grand Treasurer of the General Grand Council. The Grand Master was unable to attend the last Triennial, but was represented by others, who report a most "enjoyable time and speak in glowing terms of the General Grand Council."

With this Assembly, three years have passed under the administration of G.:M.:WHITCOMB. He has performed his duties well, and he leaves the Body in a much more advanced state of prosperity than it was when he assumed the duties of his office. He has been a good and faithful servant and shall receive his reward in due time.

The proceedings are illustrated by a portrait of P.:G.:M.:PHILLIP C. TUCKER.

The usual routine of business was had.

The Correspondence review is from the pen of Rev. Comp. FREDERICK S. FISHER, who covers twenty-one jurisdictions in addition to the General Grand Council, and for several of these jurisdictions he reports for two years. It is well written, able and interesting, and we give it a cordial welcome.

Under Kentucky, our Reverend Companion is inclined to be somewhat ironical or facetious, speaking of the Grand Master's address, he says:

"The address is masterful, a curious instance of how *not* to do it."

The italics are ours. The review covers the years which we had in hand last year, so that we shall not be able to say as much as we otherwise might. There are many gems, well worth putting into our presentation jewel for our own Body, but time and space forbid.

He quotes most liberally from other reviewers such items as are of general interest, adding thereto bright and sparkling criticism or comments, greatly enhancing the beauty of the original thought. He reviews our own jurisdiction for '85 and '86, and quotes at length our Resolution of 1886 in reference to the failure in attendance of our Representatives to other Grand Councils, and right here we would ask to be informed as to the whereabouts of our Grand Representative to this Grand Body.

Our Reverend Companion quotes our remarks upon the decease of P. G. M. DANA, and that brings to mind that we are in receipt of a very fine steel engraved portrait, "In memory of the departed," from his widow, and for which we tender our sincere acknowledgements; for the compliment paid the writer, in quoting from his review of 1885-6, and the words of commendation of Comp. FISHER, we doff our tile.

We cannot forbear making a quotation from the introductory, as well as the conclusion of our esteemed Companion. He says :

"Yet blessed ourselves with the favoring breezes of increasing prosperity, we feel blessed in the prosperity over the depression once seen in the Rite, whose enemies and detractors were its own sworn friends and followers. No longer then under those broken Triangles our former correspondent and present M. Ill. Grand Master once displayed in grim humor.

"Ahisha sleeps his last sleep, and in all the Arches of the Grand Jurisdictions is heard the merry sound of workmen rebuilding, repairing and strengthening. To this glad sound the Grand Ninth Arch Masters of Vermont have called your attention in the correspondence, re-established, never again, we hope, to be laid aside; our Grand Officers, themselves doing good work, laying up treasures for other generations, our Council members, bid all read the record of fellow workmen."

And in his conclusion he says :

"As we have passed the Arches in this review, we have felt like the returned native, who asks about his companions, their fate; whether they are living or dead; how many married, and their children.

"The tidings have been gratifying, more so than could have been expected; for some of the dead live again, while new Bodies have come into existence. And not dormant, all those who are speechless in our report, for some of the alive and awake still keep silence.

"So far as published Proceedings are concerned, altogether we feel that Isabod guards the door of the Rite, and that enemies, intruders and false friends are vanished. May the Light of the Deposit shine for long years to come on all in the Circle, and that when we are found of death, the word of the Delta may be found engraven on our characters."

We shall refer to this review again under other jurisdictions. We bid it a reluctant "good bye" for the present.

Comp. HENRY H. ROSS was elected G. M., and Comp. WARREN G. REYNOLDS, G. R. Address of each, Burlington, Vt.

The thirty-fifth Assembly will be held June 12th, 1888, at Burlington, Vt.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES.

The Second Triennial of this Body met at the City of Washington, D. C., September 28th, 1886. Twenty-two Past Grand Masters of State Grand Councils were present as permanent members, together with thirty-one Representatives of fifteen Grand Councils, and one Subordinate Council holding immediately under the General Grand Council.

M. P. GEORGE M. OSGOODBY, General Grand Master, presiding, with a full corps of officers present, together with a large number of distinguished visiting Companions from almost every State in the Union.

After the opening of the Assembly, which was in due and ample form, the usual constitutional Standing Committees were appointed by the presiding officer.

The General Grand Master then read his Address, in which he gave an account of his Official Acts during the preceding three years of his term, the first of which was relative to the designing of a seal for the Body. We quote what was said upon this subject, as follows :

“By the direction of this Body at its last Triennial Assembly, the duty was imposed upon your General Grand Master to design and procure a seal for it; that duty has been performed. With the assistance of Right Ill. Comp. JOHN MACOMB, JR., of Branchport, N. Y., a design was adopted, which, as you probably have already observed, is composed of geometric figures, which it is unnecessary to inform you, are peculiarly appropriate for Masonic emblems.

“The design of the seal is the two sides of an equilateral triangle placed within a perfect equilateral triangle, which is placed within a circle, which in turn is set within a square. This was adopted for several reasons :

“First : Because these comprise the whole of what might be called simple or elementary geometric figures, and at the same time comprise within them the figures which are emblematic of all the degrees of Masonry, and as the Council embraces the *whole of Masonry*, or rather the *ultimatum thereof*, they were deemed most appropriate.

“Second : The Square is the emblem of the Symbolic Lodge—the Triangle of the Chapter, and the two, with the addition of the Circle and the broken Triangle, would refer to the Council.

“Third : Through the teachings of the Square we find the way to the Triangle, and its hidden mysteries are more fully explained by the Circle, which, in this instance, symbolizes the Council; and the lesson inculcated by the broken Triangle, never fails to impress upon the mind of the seeker after Masonic light, the true spirit of Masonic teachings in these figures ; and finally, the beauty of these figures in the impressive teachings of the Super-Excellent Masters Degree make them a most appropriate emblem for the General Grand Council Seal ; in addition, however, you will have observed the other characters and letters which are a part of the Seal, and which will at once impress you with their significancy and application to our Body. I trust that the design will meet with your approval.”

The matters of difference between the Grand Council of Massachusetts and Washington Council at Washinton being satisfactorily adjusted between the respective parties, the action of the General Grand Master to decide the same was rendered unnecessary.

The organization of Subordinate Councils in Oregon and in Indian Territory, as well as the organization of the Grand Council of Oregon, were approved.

One decision only was made by the General Grand Master during his term, which was brought out by the application of M. I. Comp. C. F. LEWIS, G. M. of Georgia. We quote :

Query. "Can any Past Thrice Illustrious Master, Member of the Grand Council of his State, be made a proxy to the General Grand Council, or must the proxy be the Past Grand Master of the officer giving the same?"

Decision. "Taking into consideration the express language of Section 2, Art. 1, of the Constitution of this Body, and the spirit of the same, I held, that it is left to the officer giving the proxy to designate some worthy and proper Companion, who is a member of the Grand Council from which the proxy is to be presented, as his proxy, but, that the proxy must be an Officer of, or a permanent member of the Grand Council which he is to represent by virtue of his appointment, or a Past Thrice Illustrious Master within its jurisdiction, or the peer of the officer giving the proxy, if it be given to a member of a sister Grand Council, which must be a constituent of this Body."

An opinion was also given upon the status of a Past Thrice Illustrious Master of a Council subordinate constituent of the General Grand Council, which was also approved by the Body. We quote :

"A suggestion having also been made to me, which incidentally called for an opinion in relation to the standing of Thrice Illustrious Masters, as bearing upon the question whether they are entitled to membership in this Body, I gave such opinion informally, but, as that query may come up hereafter, I deem it proper to state it here, that, if deemed by your Committee on Jurisprudence proper, they may pass upon it for future guidance; i. e.: Under the same Section of the Constitution above referred to, is the clause, 'the first three officers of every Council under the immediate jurisdiction of this General Grand Council,' which, in my opinion, simply had relation to Councils which were instituted directly by this Body, and that when such subordinate Council had become a constituent of a State Grand Council that its right to a seat for its former Master as a member of this Body terminated with its assumption of its new relations toward its immediate superior."

The Badge prepared for this Triennial Assembly by its Master, was a representation of the General Grand Council Seal, with appropriate inscriptions, as to its Triennial, place and date of Assembly, etc., and was universally admired and considered the most beautiful of any which had been adopted for the Triennial of any Masonic Body in the past; the badge being suspended from a golden hanger properly inscribed.

The appointment of Representatives to and from this and other foreign Grand Councils was reported.

Upon the relations existing between this Body and its constituents, he said, that they were "in the highest degree harmonious, mutually pleasant and agreeable. Nothing has transpired during my term of office to mar in any respect such friendly feelings, and I believe that every one of our constituents are to-day well satisfied with the formation of this Body, and give it the credit of having been the means of preserving in its original integrity the Cryptic Rite, and saving it from utter destruction at the hands of those who were its friends, and who, doubtless, did not intend to work it injury, but thought they were doing it good service, but which later developments had determined to the contrary."

The action of the Grand Council of Nebraska in its reorganization and constituency to the General Grand Council was reported.

A communication as follows, was sent :

"TO THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS
FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States, send Greeting, Health, Peace, Unity.

By order of the General Grand Council,

[SEAL]

BENJAMIN F. HALLER,
General Grand Recorder."

And the following received in answer.

"GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS FOR THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 28th, 1886.

To the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America:

Companions:

The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States, now in session, acknowledging the receipt of your kind letter of greeting begs leave to convey to your Illustrious Body its hearty appreciation and reciprocation of the fraternal sentiments therein so happily expressed.

By order of the General Grand Chapter,

[SEAL]

CHRISTOPHER G. FOX,
General Grand Secretary."

The work of the Body was harmonious in the extreme, nothing to mar nor to detract from the pleasure of the Assembly. The Committees did their work ably, conscientiously and in full.

The condition of the Rite in Wisconsin, which was referred to in the report of the "State of the Rite," was referred to a Committee, which, being impressed with its importance, requested that the further consideration thereof should be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was so directed.

The General Grand Master, and General Grand Recorder HALLER, positively declining a re-election to their respective positions, M. I. GEORGE J. PINCKARD, of New Orleans, La., was elected G. G. M., and Ill. Comp. HENRY W. MORDHURST, of Fort Wayne, Ind., G. G. R.

Our own State was honored in the election of P. G. M. JOHN W. COBURN, of New York, as General Grand Capt. of Guard.

The sympathies of the Body was extended to the Grand Council of South Carolina, in their distress occasioned by the earthquake, and their dues were remitted.

M. I. Comps. GOODALE of Ohio, and BALDWIN of Minnesota, presented the following :

"Whereas, the work of organizing a General Grand Body is arduous, to say the least, but that accomplished in overcoming the 'Merger' disaffection and organizing the General Grand Council of the United States was even greater, and the happy result achieved should have special mention.

"Be it therefore,

"Resolved, That the thanks of this Body be tendered to our retiring General Grand Master, GEORGE M. OSGOODBY, for his action in behalf of Cryptic Masonry and the interest he has taken in its advancement during his term of office."

Which was adopted, and as this honorable mention should be credited in a considerable degree to the Grand Council of New York for its aid and sustenance, moral support and stamina in its position during those times, in sustaining the efforts of one of its members, the preamble and resolution is included at length herein by your Committee.

An exhaustive report was made by the Committee on the "State of the Rite and Foreign Communications," covering one hundred and thirty-nine pages from the able pen of M. P. GEORGE J. PINCKARD. If time and space would permit, we would quote a large portion of this review. It is devoted not only to the Grand Councils which are constituents of the General Grand Council, to the independent Grand Councils and Foreign Grand Bodies, but also to those States where there has been a consolidation attempted between the Cryptic and Capitular Rites.

Our report, already long, must be brought to a close, and we cannot give more space to a review of Correspondence. Suffice it to say, the General Grand Council is a success. It has accomplished the work its organization had in contemplation, that of placing the Cryptic Rite in a position of decided independence, prosperity and vitality, of arresting its consolidation with another Masonic Body, and of re-organizing Grand Councils in jurisdictions where such consolidations had to all practicable purposes been effected.

The two Rites, Capitular and Cryptic, are each, for all time to come, separate and distinct, though harmonious and affiliating.

IN CONCLUSION.

Our work is about completed. We have had passed in review before us the Proceedings of twenty-six jurisdictions, including that of the General Grand Jurisdiction of the United States, as follows:

Alabama,	Kansas,	Massachusetts,
Arkansas,	Kentucky,	Michigan,
California,	Rhode Island,	Missouri,
Connecticut,	Vermont,	New Hampshire,
England & Wales,	Louisiana,	New Jersey,
Florida,	Maine,	Ohio,
Georgia,	Maryland,	Oregon,
Illinois,	Minnesota,	South Carolina,
Indiana,		United States.

We have no report from Canada, Nebraska, Pennsylvania and Tennessee. Iowa, Mississippi and Wisconsin afford no light this year.

While we confess we are not satisfied with our review, from the fact that we have been put to so much trouble in obtaining the material therefor, we are satisfied with the condition of the Cryptic Rite as exhibited by the reports from the several jurisdictions.

The advancement and progress in many of the States, considering the adverse elements for the last decade, has been most marked and betokens its early occupation of its position in the Masonic World, to which it is, by its intrinsic merits, entitled.

From every side and from every source comes words of encouragement and cheer, of anticipation and of practicable results.

Why should we then hesitate in pushing forward and work to that completion of the Temple, which has been our aim from the commencement?

Let us with renewed courage, faith and strength, move forward with a determination that success shall be ours and the victory will be won.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

GEORGE M. OSGOODBY,
Chairman, for Committee.

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

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

Your Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, to whom was referred for consideration the decisions made by your present Grand Master, as follows:

Decision. In answer to a question submitted, I decided; "Upon the fact of the expulsion of a Companion R. & S. M. by his Lodge being brought to the notice of his Council, an investigation of the case should be ordered, and when the time of appeal to the proper authorities shall have elapsed without a reversal of the judgment of the Lodge, charges should be preferred and acted upon against the Companion in his Council."

On which we respectfully report, That, having duly taken into consideration the subject matter, we have come to the conclusion that such decision is in accordance with Cryptic jurisprudence, and meets with the approval of your Committee and should with that of this Grand Body, and to that end we submit the following resolution and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That the decision of the Grand Master hereinbefore contained, be, and the same is hereby approved and adopted as expressions of the law in this jurisdiction upon the subject matter therein referred to.

That no other business has been presented for our consideration or specially referred to this Committee.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

GEO. M. OSGOODBY,
JOHN N. MACOMB, Jr. } Committee.
C. N. PALMER,

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

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

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals respectfully report that nothing has been presented to them requiring their attention or for the consideration of this Grand Council.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. SMITH,
WM. P. HOWELL, } Committee.
E. W. HORNE,

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 found them correct.

We recommend the cancellation of the debt of King Solomon Council No. 31 to this Grand Council, in accordance with the request of the M. I. Grand Master.

At the request of the Representatives of Keystone and Buffalo Councils, your Committee have not deemed it necessary to renew the recommendations of the M. I. Grand Master regarding the remission of their dues.

We recommend the payment of the following sums :

To Grand Recorder for Salary and Expenses	\$261 25
“ Chairman of Comm. on For. Cor.....	50 00
“ Grand Master’s Expenses.....	15 00
“ “ Sentinel for Services and Expenses.....	9 75
“ John F. Baldwin for Printing.....	49 25
“ Room and Safe Rent	20 00
“ Pay of Representatives and Grand Officers	407 25
“ Library Committee.....	100 00
Total.....	\$912 50

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

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. KING, }
 WM. H. WYMAN, } Committee.
 H. M. HIBBARD, }

The time (as fixed by special order) for the election of Officers for the ensuing year having arrived, the acting Grand Master (M. P. GEO. M. OSGOODBY) appointed as Tellers Comps. THOMAS GLIDDON and W. H. WYMAN, when the Grand Council proceeded to the election with the following result:

Comp. JOHN L. BROTHERS, of Buffalo, elected.....Grand Master.
 “ RALPH C. CHRISTIANCE, of Ithaca, “ “ Deputy Master.
 “ JOHN N. MACOMB, JR., of Branchport, “ “ P. C. of W.
 “ JOHN F. BALDWIN, of New York, “ “ Treasurer.
 “ GEO. VAN VLIET, “ “ Recorder.

(Comp. E. M. L. EHLERS, of New York City, was unanimously elected as Grand P. C. of W., but for private reasons, declined the proffered honor.)

The Grand Master made the following appointments:

Comp. ALEX. B. KING, of Troy.....	Grand C. of the G.
“ GEO. A. NEWELL, of Medina	“ C. of the C.
“ THOS. J. BISHOP, of Albany.....	“ Marshal.
“ Rev. JOHN G. WEBSTER, of Greenbush	“ Chaplain.
“ SAMUEL C. PIERCE, of Rochester.....	“ Lecturer.
“ JOHN G. BARKER, of New York.....	“ Steward.
“ JOHN HOOLE, of New York.....	“ Sentinel.

R.:I.:Comp. E. M. L. Ehlers presented the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Council being eminently due, are hereby tendered to M.:I.:Comp. JOHN W. COBURN, for the fidelity, zeal and ability displayed by him in the discharge of the duties in the high office he has so acceptably filled.

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

The Grand Master authorized and requested M.:I.:THOS. GLIDDON to install Comp. SAMUEL C. PIERCE as Grand Lecturer of this Grand Council.

The Committee on the Fraternal Dead presented the following report, which was 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 Fraternal Dead, to which was referred so much of the Grand Master’s address as relates to that subject, would beg leave respectfully to report as follows:

While it is a matter for congratulation, it is a fact which calls for our devout gratitude to the great source of life and light, that but two out of the number of those who have wrought with distinguished zeal and fidelity in the S. V. within our jurisdiction, have been summoned from their earthly labors during the last Cryptic year.

Your Committee do not doubt that they voice the sentiment of this Grand Council, as well as that of every well-read Companion, wherever Cryptic Masonry prevails, that in the decease of R. I. Comp. GOODALL our Fraternity in this State and in general has sustained a loss which demands our notice and our action.

In his address the Grand Master made mention of the several important trusts which our deceased Companion GOODALL was charged with by the Fraternity, and of the faithful and thorough manner in which he discharged them.

His mission to England, under this Grand Body, M. I. Comp. WILTSIE being then Grand Master, resulted so happily as to render it historical, and we deem it not too much to say that to a great degree the success of that mission is due to the dignified, intelligent and wise manner, in which Comp. GOODALL acquitted himself in that important enterprise.

Past T. I. M. MARTIN A. LEWIS, late of Utica Council No. 28, was less widely known, but his memory is not unworthy of recognition here.

Your Committee would therefor recommend that memorial pages be inserted in our printed Proceedings, in honor of our late Companions GOODALL and LEWIS, and that we extend to their respective families the assurance of our fraternal sympathy and condolence with them in their affliction.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. WEBSTER, {
G. FRED. WILTSIE, } Committee.
G. C. MOREHOUSE, }

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

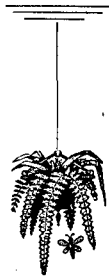
On motion, the first Tuesday in September, 1888, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and Masonic Temple, New York City, were made the time and place for the next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council.

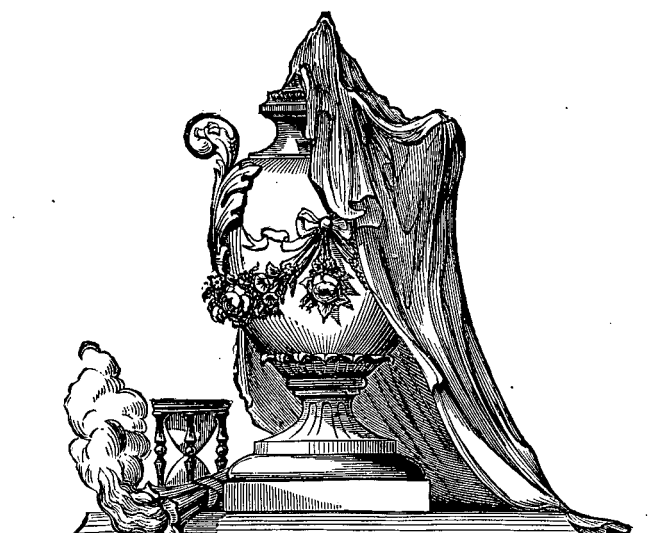
The Grand Master was requested to apportion the various Councils in this jurisdiction to the several Grand Officers for visitation.

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

W. Van Hook

Grand Recorder.





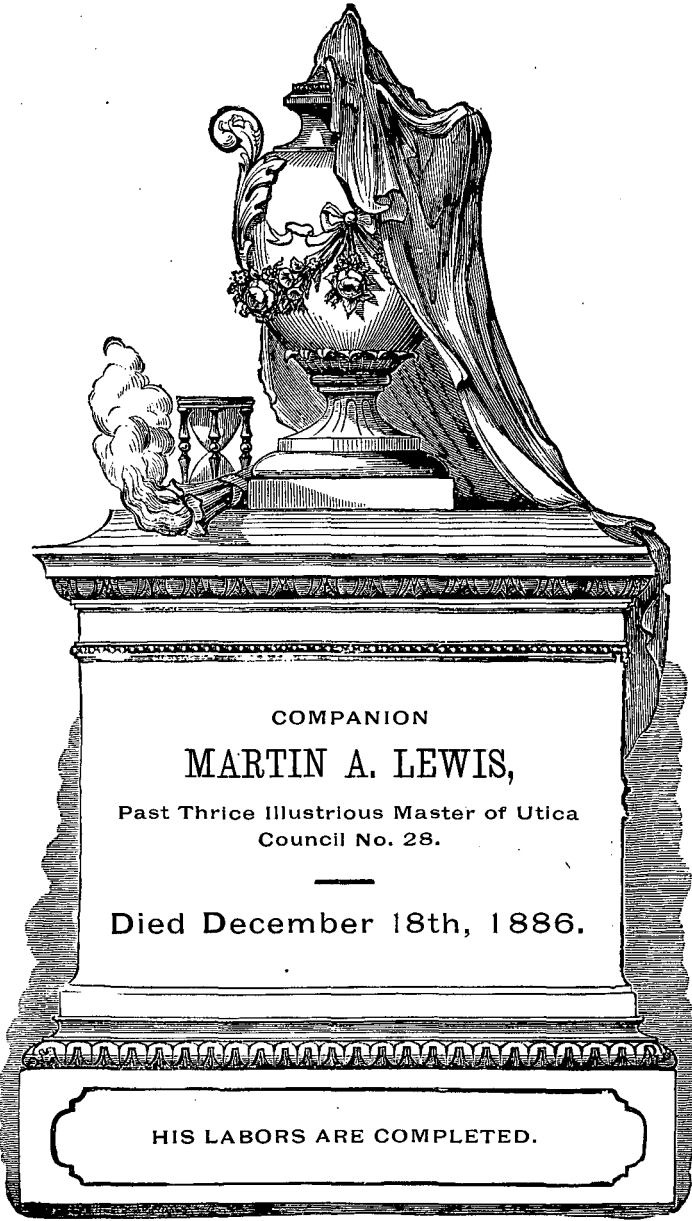
COMPANION

ALBERT G. GOODALL,

Representative of the Grand Council of
Royal and Select Masters of
England, Wales, &c.

—
Died February 19th, 1887.

A HERO HAS FALLEN.



COMPANION

MARTIN A. LEWIS,

Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Utica
Council No. 28.

—
Died December 18th, 1886.

HIS LABORS ARE COMPLETED.

RECEIPTS FOR DUES.

From Columbian	Council No. 1,	for dues to August 1st, 1887....	\$13 00
“ Brooklyn	“ “ 4,	“ “ “	37 50
“ Adelpfic	“ “ 7,	“ “ “	80 50
“ Bloss	“ “ 14,	“ “ “	153 00
“ Bruce	“ “ 15,	“ “ “	23 00
“ Southern Tier	“ “ 16,	“ “ “	32 50
“ Buffalo,	“ “ 17,	“ “ “	81 50
“ Doric	“ “ 19,	“ “ “	163 00
“ Keystone	“ “ 20,	“ “ “	70 50
“ DeWitt Clinton	“ “ 22,	“ “ “	120 50
“ Ontario	“ “ 23,	“ “ “	8 50
“ Dunkirk	“ “ 25,	“ “ “	42 00
“ Palmyra	“ “ 26,	“ “ “	22 00
“ Utica	“ “ 28,	“ “ “	56 50
“ King Solomon	“ “ 31,	“ “ “	45 50
“ Olean	“ “ 33,	“ “ “	29 00
“ Hornellsville	“ “ 35,	“ “ “	15 50
“ Corning	“ “ 53,	“ “ “	20 00
“ Peekskill	“ “ 55,	“ “ “	13 00
“ Ithaca	“ “ 68,	“ “ “	36 50
“ Nepperhan	“ “ 70,	“ “ “	18 00
“ Alph-Omega	“ “ 71,	“ “ “	27 00
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OFFICERS, LOCATION AND DATE OF MEETINGS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

NAME.	NO.	MASTER.	DEPUTY MASTER.	P. C. OF W.	RECORDER.	WHERE LOCATED.		DATE OF MEETINGS.
						CITY OR TOWN.	COUNTY.	
COLUMBIAN	1	Joseph A. Britton	Thos. Cunnington	Wm. F. J. Thiers.	P. M. W. Verhoeven	New York.	New York.	2d or 4th Monday.
UNION.....	2	Wm. H. Smith.	Miles W. Goodyear	M. H. Conklin.	Howell Vail.	New York.	New York.	3d Saturday.
BROOKLYN.....	4	Wm. P. Howell.	Wm. Saunders.	John H. Truman.	Geo. Nicholson.	Brooklyn.	Kings.	3d Saturday.
ADELPHIC.....	7	Royal E. Deane.	Fredk. Kanter.	Edward Adams.	John W. Coburn.	New York.	New York.	1st Saturday.
BLOSS.....	14	D. D. Houghtaling	W. M. Peckham.	Wm. P. Van Zile.	John H. Tappin.	Troy.	Rensselaer.	1st Friday.
BRUCE.....	15	Chas. N. Palmer.	Wm. J. Jackman.	Perry Stowell.	Van Ness Douglas.	Lockport.	Niagara.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.
SOUTHERN TIER.....	16	Conrad Wehnes.	S. D. Wadhams.	J. A. Baty.	W. A. Kingsbury.	Elmira.	Chemung.	3d Monday.
BUFFALO.....	17	T. L. Wadsworth.	Charles Snyder.	Thomas Newton.	Geo. L. Kingston.	Buffalo.	Erie.	3d Thursday.
DORIC.....	19	Edwin W. Horne.	E. A. Stohbrodt.	Joseph C. Moore.	John Alexander.	Rochester.	Monroe.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.
KEYSTONE.....	20	John B. Sackett.	Levi S. Gates.	G. J. Bowen.	John H. Boshier.	Buffalo.	Erie.	3d Saturday.
DEWITT CLINTON.....	22	Thos. J. Bishop.	John L. Godley.	R. T. Lockley.	J. E. Allanson.	Albany.	Albany.	3d Thursday.
ONTARIO.....	23	John L. Lewis.	Edward Kendall.	J. Henry Smith.	James Cairns.	Penn Yan.	Yates.	Last Tuesday.
DUNKIRK.....	25	H. J. Gibbs, Jr.	Benj. L. Harrison.	John Hilliard.	Charles Blood.	Dunkirk.	Chautauqua.	1st Wednesday.
PALMYRA.....	26	Mark C. Finley.	Charles Deyo.	E. B. Anderson.	George McGown.	Palmyra.	Wayne.	2d Monday.
UTICA.....	28	G. C. Morehouse.	R. W. Reese.	James M. Thoris.	Nathan Overend.	Utica.	Oneida.	Last Friday.
KING SOLOMON.....	31	Alfred B. Smith.	William Scott.	Henry Hasbrouck.	E. M. Weeks.	Poughkeepsie.	Dutchess.	
OLEAN.....	33	C. S. Hanks.	A. H. Abbey.	W. L. Myrick.	J. K. Palmer.	Olean.	Cattaraugus.	1st Wednesday.
HORNELLVILLE.....	35	John I. Bentley.	James H. Sprong.	Wm. Prangen.	John W. Williams.	Hornellsville.	Steuben.	1st Wednesday.
CORNING.....	53	Wm. A. Wicks.	J. S. Billington.	Victor Haischer.	Geo. Hitchcock.	Corning.	Steuben.	1st & 3d Thursdays.
PEEKSKILL.....	55	David Griffin.	Edward D. Bates.	Robert Brown.	Thos. J. Hodgkins.	Peekskill.	Westchester.	2d Monday.
HUDSON.....	62	Chas. F. T. Beale.	Geo. N. Pierson.	Henry Kertz.	F. C. Hanks.	Hudson.	Columbia.	1st Monday.
ITHACA.....	68	Albert H. Esty.	H. M. Hibbard.	Geo. Melotte.	A. W. Force.	Ithaca.	Tompkins.	2d Monday.
NEPPERHAN.....	70	Edwin A. Quick.	R. P. Disbrow.	Jos. M. Tompkins.	John E. Murphy.	Yonkers.	Westchester.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.
ALPH-OMEGA.....	71	Charles D. Ross.	G. S. Hutchinson.	I. M. Thompson.	John Bidelman.	Albion.	Orleans.	2d Wednesday.

REPRESENTATIVES
OF OTHER
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ALABAMA.....	John W. Coburn.....	Morrisania.
ARKANSAS.....	C. S. Hanks.....	Olean.
CALIFORNIA.....	Thomas Gliddon.....	Rochester.
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FLORIDA.....	John F. Baldwin.....	New York City.
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ILLINOIS.....	Washington M. Postley.....	New York City.
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KENTUCKY.....	William Ryan.....	Louisville.
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MAINE.....	Josiah H. Drummond.....	Portland.
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NEW JERSEY.....	James B. Small.....	Newark.
OHIO.....	Henry Newbegin.....	Circleville.
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JOHN F. BALDWIN.....	of New York.....	" "	Treasurer.
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GEORGE A. NEWELL.....	of Medina.....	" "	C. of the C.
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JOHN HOOLE.....	of New York.....	" "	Sentinel.

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