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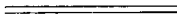
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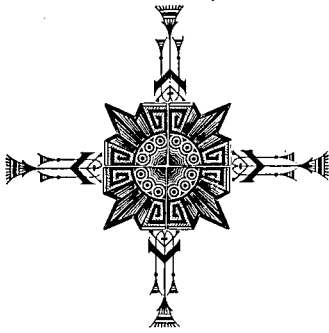
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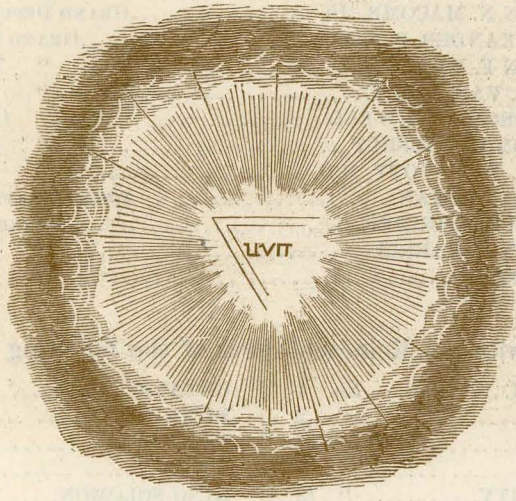


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ANNUAL ASSEMBLY  
OF THE  
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OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

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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  
10th, A.D. 1889, Anno.: Dep.: 2889, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

## PRESENT.

M. III.	RALPH C. CHRISTIANCE.....	GRAND MASTER.
R. III.	JOHN N. MACOMB, JR. ....	GRAND DEPUTY MASTER.
R. III.	ALEXANDER B. KING.....	GRAND P. C. OF W.
R. III.	JOHN F. BALDWIN.....	“ TREASURER.
R. III.	GEO. VAN VLIET.....	“ RECORDER.
R. III.	GEORGE A. NEWELL.....	“ C. OF THE G.
R. III.	THOMAS J. BISHOP .....	“ C OF THE C.
R. III.	Rev. W. D. DOTY, D.D.....	“ CHAPLAIN.
R. III.	W. H. WYMAN.....	ACTING GRAND MARSHAL.
R. III.	A. OPPENHEIMER.....	GRAND LECTURER.
R. III.	JOHN B. HARRIS.....	“ STEWARD.
III.	JOHN HOOLE.....	“ SENTINEL.

Together with the Representatives of the following Councils :

COLUMBIAN.....	No. 1	ONTARIO.....	No. 23
UNION.....	“ 2	DUNKIRK.....	“ 25
BROOKLYN.....	“ 4	PALMYRA.....	“ 26
ADELPHIC.....	“ 7	UTICA.....	“ 28
CENTRAL CITY.....	“ 13	KING SOLOMON.....	“ 31
BLOSS.....	“ 14	OLEAN.....	“ 33
BRUCE.....	“ 15	CORNING.....	“ 53
SOUTHERN TIER.....	“ 16	PEEKSKILL.....	“ 55
BUFFALO.....	“ 17	ITHACA.....	“ 68
DORIC.....	“ 19	NEPPERHAN.....	“ 70
KEYSTONE.....	“ 20	ALPH-OMEGA.....	“ 71
DE WITT CLINTON.....	“ 22		

And permanent members as follows :

G. FRED. WILTSIE .....	PAST G. M.
GEO. M. OSGOODBY.....	PAST G. M. AND PAST G. G. M.
CHARLES W. BROWN.....	PAST G. M.
JOHN J. MARTIN.....	“ “
THOMAS GLIDDON.....	“ “
JOHN W. COBURN.....	PAST G. M. AND PRESENT G. G. C. OF G.
JOHN L. BROTHERS.....	PAST G. M.
P. M. W. VERHOEVEN .....	PAST T. I. M. OF COUNCIL No. 1
JOHN G. BARKER.....	“ “ “ “ 1
JOHN S. KING.....	“ “ “ “ 2
W. M. POSTLEY.....	“ “ “ “ 2
WILLIAM DOWNES.....	“ “ “ “ 7
E. M. L. EHLERS.....	“ “ “ “ 7
GEORGE MCGOWN.....	“ “ “ “ 26

With Representatives from the following Grand Councils:

ALABAMA.....	Represented by Comp.	JOHN W. COBURN.
ARKANSAS.....	“	C. S. HANKS.
CALIFORNIA.....	“	THOMAS GLIDDON.
CANADA.....	“	“
CONNECTICUT.....	“	P. M. W. VERHOEVEN.
ENGLAND, WALES, &c.....	“	“
FLORIDA.....	“	JOHN F. BALDWIN.
GEORGIA.....	“	GEO. M. OSGOODBY.
INDIANA.....	“	“
ILLINOIS.....	“	W. M. POSTLEY.
KANSAS.....	“	JOHN D. WILLIAMS.
KENTUCKY.....	“	E. M. L. EILERS.
LOUISIANA.....	“	PHILANDER REED.
MAINE.....	“	G. FRED. WILTSIE.
MARYLAND.....	“	WILLIAM DOWNES.
MASSACHUSETTS.....	“	JOHN J. MARTIN.
MICHIGAN.....	“	PETER FORRESTER.
MISSOURI.....	“	JOHN L. BROTHERS.
MINNESOTA.....	“	ALEX. B. KING.
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	“	GEO. VAN VLIET.
NEW JERSEY.....	“	ROYAL E. DEANE.
OHIO.....	“	DARWIN E. MORGAN.
OREGON.....	“	WILLIAM SHERER.
PENNSYLVANIA.....	“	JOHN HODGE.
RHODE ISLAND.....	“	CHARLES W. BROWN.
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	“	ALBERT W. FORCE.
TENNESSEE.....	“	JOHN N. MACOMB, JR.
VERMONT.....	“	RALPH C. CHRISTIANCE.

The Grand Council was opened in ample form, and with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master received and welcomed the Representatives of other Grand Councils, and tendered to them, and 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 Assembly of the Grand Council, except at such times as prohibited by the Constitution.

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

Comp. OSGOODBY offered the following resolution which was, on motion, adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Most Illustrious Grand Master convey by telegraphic message, the fraternal congratulations and greetings of this Body to the Most Puissant Grand Council of Ohio, now in Annual Assembly at Findlay, Ohio."

The following telegram was sent in response to the above resolution.

The Grand Council of New York, now in Assembly, sends fraternal greetings and congratulations to the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio.

R. C. CHRISTIANCE, G. M.

M.:Ill.: RALPH C. CHRISTIANCE, Grand Master, then delivered the following

## ADDRESS.

ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK :

Time in its onward flight has added another link to the chain of the past, and we are again assembled to consider the work of the year that has closed, and to legislate for the future and prosperity of Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction. We have gathered around our sacred altar, rendered thanks to God for his protecting care in the past, and to ask that he may be pleased to guide and direct our steps as we enter upon the duties of the present assembly. Companions, it is with pleasure that I welcome you to this, our eightieth Annual Assembly, and as we grasp each other by the hand in fraternal love and friendship, let us not be unmindful of the source from whence all blessings flow.

I congratulate you, Companions, upon the prosperous condition of the Order in this Grand Jurisdiction. All is peace

and harmony. We meet to review the transactions and events of the year now closing, to congratulate each other in our continued prosperity, to renew old friendships, and to form new ones; to speak to each other in low, sad voices of our loved ones who, since our last Annual Assembly have departed for that mysterious shore, in answer to the summons of the Destroying Angel, who has been busy in our ranks, taking some of our best beloved from us. In the earnest hope that all our deliberations may be conducted in a spirit of harmony, I will now proceed to render an account of my official acts during the past year.

#### OBITUARY.

*"Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord; even so saith the spirit, for they rest from their labors."*

Comp. JOHN L. LEWIS,

was born in Yates County, near Dresden, July 17, 1813. He died in Penn Yan, June 11, 1889. He was initiated in Milo Lodge No. 108, Penn Yan, May 1, 1846. Raised to the degree of Master Mason May 22, 1846. Elected W.:M.: of Milo Lodge, December, 1849. He was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, June 7, 1856, and held that office for four years, declining a fifth election. He was exalted as R. A. M., February 23, 1847. He was elected High Priest of Penn Yan Chapter No. 100, in December, 1848. He was elected Grand High Priest of New York, February 6, 1852. He was elected General Grand High Priest, U. S. A., September, 1865. He was received and greeted R. & S. M., September 12, 1850. On the 14th December, 1886, he was elected T.:I.:M.: of Ontario Council No. 23, R. & S. M. He was created Knight Templar in Monroe Commandery No. 12, at Rochester, May 17, 1848. He was one of the Charter members of Jerusalem Commandery No. 17, and its first Generalissimo. He was elected Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of the State of New

York in June, 1851. He received the Thirty-third degree June 5, 1862, and was made an active member of the Supreme Council April 16, 1863. In May, 1887, he was M.:P.:Sov. Grand Commander.

Comp. JOHN W. SIMONS,

died at Central Valley, Orange County, on the 23d day of October, 1888.

Comp. SIMONS was born in the City of New York, on the 8th day of October, 1821, and in his twenty-third year was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. He received the Capitular degrees in 1848, and the Order of the Temple in 1849. In 1856 was Grand Marshal and 1857 Grand Captain of the Guard of this Grand Council. For more than forty-four years he was a faithful member of the Craft.

During his Masonic life the regard and confidence of his brethren and associates found expression in his elevation to offices of the highest dignity and importance in the Fraternity of this State.

The services which have been rendered to our beloved institution by our departed Companion were of a character to make his name familiar to Masons wheresoever dispersed about the globe. As a Masonic jurist, he left behind him no superior, either in the old world or new.

His mind, by nature one of great force and vigor, had been enlarged, disciplined and enriched by profound study in many of the departments of literature and science. He was a scholar and philosopher, and, loving Masonry with an ardor which time was unable to diminish, he gave to the institution all the devotion of his earnest and honest nature, and all the wealth of a wide and various erudition.

By his death a brilliant star has been lost from the Masonic firmament.

He was buried on Thursday, the 26th day of October, at Central Valley, Orange County, the Grand Lodge of the State officiating at the ceremonies. Circumstances, beyond

my control, unhappily prevented my being present, but I have the satisfaction of saying that in the persons of many of the principal officers of the Grand Council, the occasion was duly honored.

Comp. THEODORE E. HAZLEHURST.

On the afternoon of December 4th, 1888, I was startled on receiving a telegram announcing the death of our beloved Companion, THEODORE E. HAZLEHURST.

The deceased was born at New Hartford, Oneida County, N. Y., and was 41 years old, September 16th last.

Early in life he became identified with the Masonic fraternity, and in 1887 he was chosen Grand Commander of Knights Templars of the State of New York, a position he held until last October. His Masonic record includes the following:

King Solomon's Primitive Lodge No. 91, F. & A. M. Senior Deacon 1875, Senior Warden, 1884, Worshipful Master in 1886.

Apollo Chapter No. 48, R. A. M. Captain of Host 1873, to and including 1877.

Bloss Council, R. & S. M. Captain of Guard 1873, Thrice Illustrious Master 1876 and 1877.

Apollo Commandery No. 15, K. T. Third Guard 1873, Sword Bearer 1874, Warder 1875 and 1876, Captain-General 1877, Eminent Commander 1878 and 1879.

Grand Commandery of the State. Grand Warder 1881, Standard Bearer 1882, Junior Warden 1883, Senior Warden 1884, Captain-General 1885, Generalissimo 1886, Grand Commander 1887 and 1888.

Ancient and Accepted Rite, Delta Council, Princes of Jerusalem. Most Eminent Senior Grand Warden 1877, to and including 1884.

Delta Chapter, Rose Croix. M. E. and P. K. Senior Warden 1881, to and including 1886.

Sovereign Consistory, P. R. S. No. 32, Albany. All. G. M. of S., 1880, 1881 and 1882, Third Lenten and Commander 1883, 1884 and 1885.

New York Council of Deliberation. Captain of Guard  
1880, 1881 and 1882.

Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General  
Thirty-third and last degree.

In the words of another :

“He was faithful in all things, and a Mason of whom the  
Fraternity of the State of New York need not be ashamed.”

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THE GRAND COUNCIL OF  
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS  
OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

Office: 8a Red Lion Square, London, W. C., 12th April, 1889.

R. : ILLUS. : COMPANION :

It is with unfeigned sorrow I have to inform you of the death of our beloved and revered Grand Master, the Most Illus. Companion Rev. CANON PORTAL, M. A., who departed this life on the 5th inst., at the age of 61 years.

As a Mason of nearly forty years standing, he occupied a most prominent place in the Grand Lodge and Chapter of England, as well as in the other Grand Bodies in this country. He was a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, and had for many years filled the important position of President of the General Board. Installed in 1871 as the Grand Master of the Cryptic Rite in England and Wales, he continued to discharge the duties of his exalted office until his lamented decease, and those of us who knew him most intimately will most acutely feel his loss.

Feeling assured of the sympathy of your Grand Council,

I have the honour to be,

R. : Illus. : Companion,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

C. FITZGERALD MATIER, 32°,

*Past Deputy Grand Master,*

*Grand Recorder.*

*To the Grand Recorder of New York.*

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GRAND COUNCIL OF  
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS  
OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN.

ILL. : COMPANION :

It is with feelings of deepest sorrow that announcement is hereby made of the death of the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Wisconsin.

M. I. I. Comp. MARSENA TEMPLE,

departed this life on the morning of April 22d, at the age of 77 years.

Brother TEMPLE received the Symbolic degrees in Northern Light Lodge No. 81, at Mauston, in the winter of 1865 and 1866, was among the first to receive the Capitular degrees at the formation of Mauston Chapter No. 33, the same year, becoming the first principal sojourner, a position to which he was especially adapted. The degrees of the Cryptic Rite were conferred upon him in Mauston Council, March 7th, 1878.

Companion TEMPLE became at once, an active, enthusiastic Mason, being at various times Presiding Officer of each of the Masonic bodies. Although often in Grand Lodge it was in Grand Chapter where he was best known, he being a regular attendant on that Body for many years and being elected Excellent Grand King in 1886.

Companion TEMPLE had a full appreciation of the beauties of the degrees of Royal and Select Master. He became an advocate of the Rite and as a result Mauston Council became and still is probably the best equipped and best working Council in the jurisdiction. His zeal, energy and proficiency in the work of the degrees was known and recognized by his Companions, who twice elected him M. I. I. Grand Master of the Grand Council. Our Companion has departed from among us. We mourn not for him but for ourselves. His was a well-rounded life; he had reached the full expectancy allotted to man. He had been honored with many positions of preferment, and had in a marked degree been accorded the friendship and esteem of his Brethren, Friends and Neighbors.

He has now been exalted to the glorious Companionship of the undissolving Lodge. The designs upon the trestleboard he now sees completed. The scales of doubt and darkness are removed from his eyes, and the wise purposes of the Divine Architect are displayed in all their splendor. With this light of faith beaming upon us,

O death where is thy sting?  
O grave where is thy victory?

Fraternally,

REUBEN R. BOURN,  
M. I. D. G. M.

JOHN W. LAFLIN,  
Grand Recorder.

Comp. GETER C. SHIDLE.

I am sincerely grieved to be compelled to announce the death of this distinguished brother at Atlantic City, where he had gone for his health, on June 11th. He was a Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania, and the leading Mason in Pittsburgh, and at the time of his death was Representative of the Grand Council of New York, near that of Pennsylvania.

R. C. CHRISTIANCE,  
*Grand Master.*

GRAND COUNCIL OF  
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS  
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.  
ITHACA, November 15, A. Dep. 2888.

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 N. MACOMB, Jr., R. M. G. D. M.

Address, Branchport, N. Y.

CENTRAL CITY, No. 13. . . . . Syracuse.  
SOUTHERN TIER, No. 16. . . . . Elmira.  
DORIC, No. 19. . . . . Rochester.  
ITHACA, No. 68. . . . . Ithaca.  
ALPH-OMEGA, No. 71. . . . . Albion.

Comp. ALEX. B. KING, R. M. G. P. C. of W.

Troy, N. Y.

BUFFALO, No. 17. . . . . Buffalo.  
DE WITT CLINTON, No. 22. . . . . Albany.  
UTICA, No. 28. . . . . Utica.

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

42 Vesey Street, New York City.

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

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

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

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

Comp. GEO. A. NEWELL, R. Ill. G. C. of the G.

Medina, N. Y.

KEYSTONE, No. 20..... Buffalo.

DUNKIRK, No. 25..... Dunkirk.

HORNELLSVILLE, No. 35..... Hornellsville.

Comp. THOS. J. BISHOP, R. Ill. G. C. of the C.

Albany, N. Y.

BROOKLYN, No. 4..... Brooklyn.

PEEKSKILL, No. 55..... Peekskill.

Comp. Rév. W. D. DOTY, R. Ill. G. Chaplain.

Rochester, N. Y.

OLEAN, No. 33..... Olean.

HUDSON, No. 62..... Hudson.

ADDISON, No. 69..... Addison.

Comp. SAMUEL C. PIERCE, R. Ill. G. Marshal.

Rochester, N. Y.

KONHOCTON, No. 40..... Bath.

CORNING, No. 53..... Corning.

Comp. A. OPPENHEIMER, R. Ill. G. Lecturer.

Buffalo, N. Y.

BLOSS, No. 14..... Troy.

ONTARIO, No. 23..... Penn Yan.

PALMYRA, No. 26..... Palmyra.

Comp. JOHN B. HARRIS, R. Ill. G. Steward.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

COLUMBIAN, No. 1..... New York.

SING SING, No. 64..... Sing Sing.

By order of the Grand Master.

GEO. VAN VLIET,

*Grand Recorder.*

CENTRAL CITY COUNCIL NO. 13.

I am pleased to report to this Grand Council that Central City Council No. 13, at Syracuse, which had been dormant for some years, was resuscitated by virtue of a dispensation issued to M. I. THOMAS GLIDDON, a little over a year ago,

by M.:I.:Comp. BROTHERS. With the assistance of R.:I.:Comp. GEO. A. NEWELL, and several resident Select Masters, the Past Grand Master performed the pleasant duty assigned him; witnessed the election of Comp. A. G. COOK as T.:I.:M.:., and his associate corps of officers, and then duly installed the same into their respective stations. After which the visiting Grand Officers and visitors conferred the degrees of Royal and Select Master upon several R. A. Companions. The Grand Officers desire even at this late date to thank the Syracuse Companions for the courteous and hospitable treatment they received during that visit. And now, I am very much gratified to add that Central City Council has been actively exemplifying the Cryptic Rite in Syracuse during the past year, and report the accretion of fourteen Royal and Select Masters to its rolls. The City of Syracuse, it is confidently believed, will hereafter be found in the column as a rival with Rochester, Troy, Albany and Buffalo.

#### DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted eight (8) dispensations during the Cryptic year as follows:

December 31st, 1888. Dispensation was granted to Palmyra Council No. 26, at Palmyra, New York, to install Comp. ALFRED C. HOPKINS as Deputy Master on the evening of January 7th, 1889, he having been prevented by sickness from being installed at the regular time prescribed by the Constitution.

January 5th, 1889. Dispensation was granted to Ontario Council No. 23, at Penn Yan, New York, to elect and install officers on the evening of April 9th, 1889, in consequence of a neglect to do so at the time prescribed by the Constitution.

February 4th, 1889. Dispensation was granted to Nepperhan Council No. 70, at Yonkers, New York, to elect and install officers on the evening of February 11th, 1889, in consequence of a neglect to do so at the time prescribed by the Constitution.

February 7th, 1889. Dispensation was granted to De Witt Clinton Council No. 22, at Albany, New York, to fill the vacancy in the office of Deputy Master (as he declined to serve), or other vacancies, by election and installation, that may occur by promotion or otherwise, on the evening of February 21st, 1889.

February 11th, 1889. Dispensation was granted to Central City Council No. 13, at Syracuse, New York, to elect and install officers on the evening of February 20, 1889, in consequence of a neglect to do so at the time prescribed by the Constitution.

February 11th, 1889. Dispensation was granted to Ithaca Council No. 68, at Ithaca, New York, to elect and confer the degrees in less time than the Constitution prescribed, a good and sufficient reason having been presented.

February 12th, 1889. Dispensation was granted to Brooklyn Council No. 4, at Brooklyn, New York, to install its officers on the evening of February 16th, 1889, in consequence of a neglect to do so at the time prescribed by the Constitution.

March 9th, 1889. Dispensation was granted to King Solomon Council No. 31, at Poughkeepsie, New York, to install its officers on the evening of March 19th, 1880, in consequence of a neglect to do so at the time prescribed by the Constitution.

It was with great pleasure and satisfaction that I granted this dispensation, as T.:I.:M.:A. B. SMITH informed me that our R.:I.:G. Rec., GEORGE VAN VLIET, was expected to make his official visit and install their officers on that evening.

#### DECISIONS.

I am pleased to say that not a question has been referred to me for an official decision during the year, showing that our Illustrious Companions are well versed in Masonic law, and that peace and harmony prevails among the Companions.

## OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

Owing to the pressure of private business I have been denied the pleasure of visiting every Council in this jurisdiction, as was my intention when I accepted the position of Grand Master. I have however visited Doric Council No. 19, of Rochester, and installed the Grand Marshal and Grand Chaplain. Also Bruce Council No. 15, of Lockport, and Alpha-Omega No. 71, of Albion. At each of these visitations I was ably assisted by R.:I.:Comps. J. N. MACOMB, Jr., GEORGE A. NEWELL, A. OPPENHEIMER, and other grand officers, in conferring the several degrees of Cryptic Masonry.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

On the 30th day of April, 1889, M.:I.:Comp JOHN L. LEWIS, was presented with his credentials as Representative of the Grand Council of England and Wales, near this Grand Council. In receiving it, he made one of his characteristic speeches, showing his thorough knowledge of the history of Free Masonry in all its rites and teachings.

This was his last attendance upon any of the Masonic bodies. Soon afterwards sickness confined him to his bed, and on the 11th of June, 1889, he passed away.

On the 4th of September, 1889, I took great pleasure in recommending to the Grand Master of England and Wales, to fill the vacancy by the appointment of M.:I.:Comp. THOS. GLIDDON, of Rochester.

I considered this appointment very appropriate from the fact that our Most Illustrious Companion is a native of England, but so long a resident among us that perhaps many of you think he is not a Britisher, but he is.

On the 29th of July, 1889, I had the pleasure of presenting Ill.:Comp. H. M. HIBBARD, of Ithaca Council, his commission as Representative of the Grand Council of the State of Nebraska near this Grand Council.

Ill.:Comp. JAMES DOUGLASS, Representative of this Grand Council near the Grand Council of the State of Illinois, having

tendered his resignation, I have, upon recommendation of the Grand Master of Illinois, appointed M.:I.:Comp. JOHN O'NEILL to fill the vacancy, and his commission was duly forwarded September 2d, 1889.

ABOUT THE LIBRARY.

Inquiries have come to me recently from two or three Companions about the fund set apart for the reprint of our early proceedings. In the absence of definite information I have deferred an answer. We have a Committee appointed on this interesting subject, called Committee on Library, which as our annual published proceedings show has been continued from year to year. Perhaps a report from this Committee to this Assembly would enlighten my inquiring Companions and the Grand Council, and give us some definite idea as to how soon we may anticipate a completion of this important work, which will afford us all a clearer insight as to the origin and early work of this powerful factor in the establishment and perpetuation of Cryptic Masonry in the United States.

CLOSING.

I have now given you a brief report of my official acts, and nothing remains for the completion of this report but to tender to my associate Grand Officers, for their valuable assistance in the discharge of my duties, and to this Grand Council, my sincere thanks for the honor conferred in electing me to the high office from which I am now about to retire.

AS I return to you the emblem of authority with which you invested me one year ago, I do so with a feeling of pride that it has been my privilege through your kindness to occupy the highest office in the gift of this Grand Council.

My thanks are especially due to our Grand Recorder, who, during my term of office, has been to me counsellor, adviser and friend:

Fraternally submitted,

R. C. CHRISTIANCE,  
*Grand Master.*

On motion, the Address was referred, for sub-division and reference of its several parts to appropriate committees, to Comps. CHAS. W. BROWN, JOHN L. BROTHERS and THOS. GLIDDON.

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. ....	\$1,082 50
Balance on hand, as per last report. ....	170 62
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	\$1,253 12

DISBURSEMENTS.

On Warrant No. 569—Grand Recorder, Salary and Expenses.	\$263 80	
“ “ “ 570—Chairman of Com. on For. Cor . . . .	50 00	
“ “ “ 571—Grand Master's Expenses . . . . .	15 00	
“ “ “ 572—Grand Sentinel. . . . .	10 00	
“ “ “ 573—Rent of room and safe. . . . .	20 00	
“ “ “ 574—J. W. Coburn for 1889. . . . .	3 00	
“ “ “ 575—Webster Monument Fund. . . . .	25 00	
“ “ “ 576—Pay of Representatives. . . . .	375 16	
“ “ “ 577—Printing. . . . .	9 00	
“ “ “ 578—Dues 3 yrs. to General Grand Council	37 50	
“ “ “ 579—Printing Proceedings 1888 . . . . .	183 99	
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Balance on hand . . . . .		260 67

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. BALDWIN,  
*Grand Treasurer*

September 10th, 1889.

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

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

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

For dues, as acknowledged in printed Proceedings of Annual Assembly, held Sept. 4, 1888.....	\$1,020 50
October 19, 1888, from Utica Council No. 28, dues to August 1, 1888	58 00
Attaching seals to diplomas.....	4 00
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	Total \$1,082 50

I have entered in the Grand Council Registry to the present time the names of..... 4,504 Companions among whom the following changes in membership have occurred :

Suspended for non-payment of dues.....	967
Died.....	360
Demitted.....	298
Expelled.....	12 1,637

Leaving a registered membership of..... 2,867 Companions

Fraternally submitted,



Grand Recorder.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committees :

*On Credentials and Returns.*

GEO. VAN VLIET,                      GEO. E. W. STIVERS,      RICHARD V. STEVENS.

*On Warrants and Dispensations*

WM. J. DONALDSON,              C. V. HUCHINS,              J. HENRY SMITH.

*On Constitution and By-Laws.*

GEO. M. OSGOODBY,              JOHN B. HARRIS,              ALFRED B. SMITH.

*On Finance and Accounts.*

JOHN W. COBURN,              WM. M. PECKHAM,              JOHN CUNNINGHAM.

*On Unfinished Business.*

W. H. WYMAN,

C. S. HANKS,

WARREN F. CHANDLER.

*On Fraternal Dead.*

REV. W. D. DOTY,

M. H. CONKLIN,

J. V. ANTHONY.

*On Grievances and Appeals.*

S. NELSON SAWYER,

CONRAD WEHNES,

FREDK. KANTER.

M.:Ill.: A. DOTY, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina, was announced received, and heartily welcomed to our Annual Assembly.

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

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

Your Committee on Correspondence again presents its report. It is exceedingly gratifying to be able to say that we have with care reviewed the Proceedings of our sister Grand Bodies of EVERY JURISDICTION. Last year we had to write to eighteen different Bodies for copies of the Proceedings. Our remonstrance then has been of benefit, as this year we have had to write to but twelve Bodies; so we anticipate that we may in the course of a few years be able to say that every Body is *promptly* on hand with its Proceedings for our review.

We have reviewed the Proceedings of

Alabama,	Kansas,	New Hampshire,
Arkansas,	Kentucky,	New Jersey,
California,	Lousiana,	North Carolina,
Canada,	Maine,	Ohio,
Connecticut,	Maryland,	Oregon,
England and Wales,	Massachusetts,	Pennsylvania,
Florida,	Michigan,	Rhode Island,
Georgia,	Minnesota,	South Carolina,
Illinois,	Mississippi,	Tennessee,
Indiana,	Missouri,	Vermont,
Iowa,	Nebraska,	Wisconsin.

#### THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

We have no information which will be of particular interest in reference to the General Grand Council to present on this occasion. It being so near the time for its triennial Assembly, which is to be held at Atlanta, Georgia, November 19th next, we shall leave the subjects of interest, upon which its officers are engaged, to be presented through the medium of the Proceedings of that Body. Suffice it to say, that the Body is established upon a sound basis, as

sound as that of the General Grand Chapter or Grand Encampment, and *it has come to stay*. We have no doubt that it will so treat the questions relative to the Rite which have arisen in the near past or which may arise in the future, with candor and sincerity, and that it will be inclined to go more than half way to avoid trouble, discord or unharmonious action. With confidence in its officers that such will be the case, it is with much less regret that the writer does not expect to be able to participate in its work at its ensuing triennial, but important business engagements will have the effect undoubtedly of detaining us at home. We, however, bid it God-speed, and wish for its officers and itself an era of prosperity and usefulness, with full faith that its work will tend to secure that desired end.

#### ALABAMA—1889.

In this jurisdiction there is not much to encourage us as to the advancement of the Cryptic Rite in the near future, unless it be the fact that the other branches of Masonry appear to be gaining ground and making material advancement in the way of both members and in finances. The Grand Lodge Proceedings of 1888 show that 555 candidates were raised that year, which was an increase of over two hundred and fifty over 1886, and of about one hundred over 1887. In the Grand Chapter Proceedings we find that there were seventy-seven exalted in 1888, being an increase of fifty-two over 1886 and of forty-one over 1887. This is encouraging as to masonry generally of the jurisdiction, and will, we believe, ere long make a demand for the re-establishment of the Cryptic Rite there. The Grand Council is dead, but not so dead as to be beyond the hope of a resurrection. We have been in correspondence with our Illustrious Companion MYLES J. GREEN, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter, who writes us, that while its present status is not very encouraging, that the improvement in the Lodges and Chapters of the State renders it possible that the Council may also revive. We sincerely trust that this may prove to be the case, and that this, the first State of our list, may again come to the front revived and adorned with the glory of the noon-day sun.

We tender our thanks, heartily, to Companion GREEN for his kindness in giving us advices from which we may draw some sustenance upon which our hopes may subsist for a while at least.

#### ARKANSAS—1888.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Little Rock, November 29th. M. I. Companion SAMUEL W. WILLIAMS, presiding as Grand Master. The representatives of ten subordinate Councils were present as well as a very full representation from the sister Grand Councils, among whom we gladly note that our own representative, LOGAN H. ROOTS, was in his accustomed place.

G. M. GEORGE L. KIMBALL delivered the annual address. He notes the decease of their P. D. G. M. RAPHAEL M. JOHNSON, representative of the Grand Council of Kansas, with appropriate eulogy.

Dispensations were granted to institute three Councils, which were put into

working order, and presenting approved specimens of their skill had Charters issued to them by order of the Grand Council.

The jurisdiction is congratulated upon a steady and conservative growth in its membership, which is well bestowed.

The system in vogue in this jurisdiction of receiving petitions and electing candidates and conferring the degrees of the Rite in the Grand Body has a fair consideration, and the reviews of the "Correspondence" Committees of other jurisdictions are noted, and particularly, are those given by the writer in his report of 1888, quoted with approval. The act of this Body, two years since, in taking upon itself the matter of so receiving petitions, electing and conferring the degrees, resulted in an addition of two subordinate Councils, and this we think sufficient to warrant the Body "in doing so, some more times." Companions, privately, *we* would hold a Grand Council *every day*, and do the same thing, if we could be assured of the same results.

The address is full of pungencies which tend to increase activity, and to advance the Rite.

There is no Report on Correspondence. M. I. D. D. LEACH, Grand Master, Augusta; J. A. HENRY, G. R., Little Rock. Next Assembly at Little Rock, during meeting of Grand Lodge.

#### CALIFORNIA—1889.

The Twenty-ninth Annual Assembly was held at San Francisco, April 18, M. I. JAMES B. MERRITT, G. M., presiding, with the representatives of eight Councils present, together with the Grand Representatives of other jurisdictions, but whose names are not given, hence it is impossible for us to state whether our representative was present or not, but we assume not, for the reason that he was appointed Grand Lecturer, and his installation was directed to be had in his Council instead of taking place with other officers for the ensuing year.

The address shows that the Grand Master has been devoting himself perseveringly to the labors imposed upon him by his office during the year, having personally visited nearly every Council in his jurisdiction.

He recommended that the office of Grand Illustrious Master be abolished, which was adopted. The Rite, we judge, is making a strong and lively advancement, having an increase of one hundred and six members, with a net increase of seventy-three.

This jurisdiction is not left unmolested by the Angel of Death. It mourns the decease of one of its bright and shining lights in Cryptic Masonry, P. G. M. GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES, who has passed over to the haven of rest.

The Committee to whom was referred the address and acts of the Grand Master, give him a high tribute for his work. It is well bestowed. They say:

"He has literally and thoroughly complied with his official duties and responsibilities as laid down in his installation vows. He has not only given good and wholesome advice by United States mail, but has followed precept upon precept with example, and visited his scattered children even to the mountains of Montana," etc.

The holding of the triennial of the General Grand Council at the same time and place of the Convocation of the General Grand Chapter is favored by this Body, with cogent argument as to the reasons upon which they base their position.

The constitution was amended in important particulars, one of which we have already noted, and the other important one, being that relative to jurisdiction over territory unoccupied by a Grand Council, which is renounced in favor of the General Grand Council.

The report on Correspondence is sandwiched or "injected" into the bowels of the Proceedings, the same as is the custom in our own jurisdiction. We approve of this way of doing the matter up. Call the routine work "the bread of life" to our bodies, then put in the humors, the amenities, the spices, the comments, the sometime asperities (as the mustard), and call all this the "meat," and we can get up quite a sandwich, better, we opine, than the "Jersey Sandwich," composed of two hemlock shingles and a piece of sole-leather, that is said to pass current in some quarters.

The report is from the veteran CASWELL, than whom no better wields a quill. He reviews the Proceedings of sixteen jurisdictions, including New York for 1888, in a spirited and pleasant manner. His loyalty to the present status of the Cryptic Rite in the organization and control of the General Grand Body is seen in almost every sentence, and he is ready to take up his weapons of defence at the slightest alarm. He covers nearly thirty-four closely printed pages.

Under "Illinois," he says :

"Illinois feels sorely aggrieved at the action of the General Grand Council, in ignoring those who received the Cryptic Degrees in Royal Arch Chapters, but so long as a way has been provided for the healing of these lame ducks, we see no cause of complaint. Let Illinois come in and unite with the great majority of her sisters in upholding the dignity and integrity of the Cryptic Rite, and stop her childish and pettish complainings. It is useless to kick against the pricks." The General Grand Council is a fixed fact, comprising in its organization a large majority of the Royal and Select Masters in the country, who have the welfare of the Rite at heart, and are determined to uphold it. Illinois must either keep up with the procession or clear the track."

In response to the words of the Illinois Companion, *i. e.* :

"We care not how well the Companion is 'heeled,' we stand for 'God and the right,' and are not afraid of king, potentate, or any other man."

Companion CASWELL pithily says :

"Take warning, Companion, from the fate of the bull that butted the locomotive. He was a bold fellow, and didn't care a tinker's — for 'king, prince, or potentate, or any other man,' yet he was reduced to mince meat before he had time to realize that his insignificant carcass was no obstacle in the path of progress traveled by the iron horse. The great trouble with our Illinois Companions is, that they insist that the tail should wag the dog; that they are right and all the constituents of the General Grand Council are wrong; let Illinois run the institution and all will be well. But this cannot be. The General Grand Council will pursue the even tenor of its way, and when Illinois gets over her pet, and is willing to listen to reason, perhaps she may be received into the councils of the elect, and healed, after being purged of her heresies."

This should be labeled, "ironical"

Under "Kentucky" our Companion has his say as to the admission of visitors, and after saying that a visitor who proves his membership in a legally constituted Council is entitled to admission, he adds :

"On the other hand, if he has received his Cryptic degrees in a Royal Arch Chapter, and has never affiliated with any regular Council, then, we say, bolt the doors and put up the shutters, until the applicant can show a clean bill of health from some competent *healer*. These are our private sentiments, publicly expressed, and we think they are just.

In answer to Companion STATION of Kentucky, who charges Companion CASWELL with being wonderfully infatuated with the General Grand Council, he says :

"We are not infatuated with the General Grand Council, but we honestly believe that the interests of Cryptic Masonry would be greatly enhanced by the united efforts of all the Cryptic authorities under this General Head. But, as we claim the right to entertain our own ideas and express our own opinions, we willingly concede the same right to others."

Under "New York," he says pleasant things. It is one of the peculiarities of human nature that one can always work better and much more effectively with a word of praise than with silence or fault finding, and we believe that we are no exception to this rule. Speaking of our report of last year he says :

"It is chucked right into the 'bowels of the proceedings,' as some Companion irreverently remarked of our own reports. We believe in keeping the bowels in good order by healthful medicaments, as the best method of promoting the health of the entire system, and we are glad to find that Companion OSGOODBY is of our school of medicine. Companion DRUMMOND of Maine, also believes in 'injections,' so, as we are not unique in our methods, our brother reporters will please expend a portion of their pleasantries on the two illustrious Companions above mentioned, and 'give us a rest.'"

Speaking of the neglect to forward copies of Proceedings, he cites our having to write to eighteen jurisdictions, last year, to get copies, and says, that out of thirty Grand Councils, he only received proceedings from sixteen. Well, we did better this year. We only had to write to twelve delinquents. In three years longer, with a like yearly gain, we shall have succeeded in getting all on time.

After quoting our conclusions upon the Illinois question, he says :

"Under all the circumstances, we do not see that our Companions of Illinois had any reason whatever for issuing their *war message*. As Companion OSGOODBY says: 'they have created a man of straw to knock down, as far as the present condition of the Rite is concerned in their jurisdiction.' None of their tribes or families had been driven forth into the wilderness to be healed of their infirmities, and none were likely to be; yet, for fear of accidents, this 'kick my dog and I'll kill your cat' circular was issued. It reminds us of the story of the maid-servant, who, having heated the oven for the Saturday's baking, was found by her mistress gazing into it in an agony of tears and lamentations, and after many efforts to ascertain the cause of her grief, she succeeded in eliciting the following explanation:—'I was thinking, ma'am, that some day I might get married, ma'am, and then I might have a baby, ma'am, and the baby might get into the oven, ma'am, and be roasted alive, ma'am—boo-hoo!'"

A very pat illustration of the situation.

We would gladly take more sustenance from this admirable review, but must content ourselves with the foregoing.

M. I. WILLIAM E. OUGHTON, Sacramento, Grand Master; THOS. H. CASWELL, Grand Recorder. Next Assembly, April 14, 1890, at San Francisco.

#### CANADA—1889.

The Nineteenth Annual Assembly was held at Owen's Sound, July 19th. Grand Master PHILLIP J. SLATTER, presiding. The address of the Grand Master was devoted to local matters principally. He advised that a ritual be

authorized by the Body, so as to have a uniformity in that jurisdiction, which is not now the case amongst the several Councils. He also brought before the Body the question of the Cryptic Rite being made necessary to the Templar degrees, and urged upon the Grand Priory the consideration of the subject.

Our review must of necessity be brief, as we have only a newspaper report of the Assembly. We judge our own Grand Representative, M. I. DANIEL SPRY, was present, as we see he was appointed as one of the Executive Committee.

The next Assembly is to be held at Toronto, on a day to be hereafter named. The Grand Master was re-elected, and his address, as well as that of the Grand Recorder, re-elected, is Toronto, Ontario.

#### CONNECTICUT—1889.

The seventy-first Annual Assembly of this Grand Council met in New Haven, May 13th, G. M. JOHN P. WEIR, presiding, with representatives of eighteen Councils present, together with Grand Representatives from other States, amongst whose names, that of our representative, JAMES L. GOULD, does not appear, nor did it appear last year.

The address of the Grand Master was of local interest only, with the exception that a gratifying addition to membership in the Rite was reported.

A committee of three was appointed to ascertain and report at the next annual Assembly, what the true word of a Select Master was, which seems rather queer, to say the least, coming from a jurisdiction priding itself upon its Grand Body being instituted by that Ancient Landmark, we were going to call him, but whose true cognomen was JEREMY L. CROSS, of whom, Companion LEE in his Report on Correspondence, p. 148, says :

“As the Rite was established here, in Connecticut, by JEREMY L. CROSS, and under his supervision, it is fair to infer he knew something about it.”

As this “word” has been lost, found, promulgated and established in every jurisdiction, as we supposed, it does seem strange that in this strong-hold of Cryptic Masonry, they should have let the true word of a Select Master escape from them. We did not know it was in the habit now-a-days of getting “lost,” but we trust that it will be found by the committee without much trouble ; if not, come over to our jurisdiction and some of us will volunteer to aid in the search.

Our R. I. Comp. VERHOEVEN, who is the representative to New York of Connecticut, was present and greeted with the hospitalities of the Body.

The Correspondence Report is, as usual, from our friend, WILLIAM WALLACE LEE, and our only fault with it is that he has got into the habit of writing just as little as he can, and let it try to fill the place of one of his olden time reports, which feat it can never accomplish. Under “New York,” he says:

“If our means would permit I would quote largely from the Correspondence Report, which, of course, is by OSGOODBY, and I think one of, if not the best he has ever written, and I firmly believe were all such reports permeated with the same fraternal spirit, all questions of difference would disappear within a very short time.”

He quotes freely from our review upon the "vexed" question, with tacit approval. He reviews eighteen jurisdictions with pleasant words of encouragement, but altogether too briefly.

Companion SAMUEL BASSETT, New Britain, G. M., and JOSEPH K. WHEELER, Hartford, G. Rec. Next Assembly on the Monday preceding the second Tuesday of May, 1890, at Hartford.

#### ENGLAND AND WALES—1889.

The Annual Assembly of this Grand Council, governing the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, excepting North America, was held at Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, February 7th. M. Ill. Rev. CANON PORTAL, M. A., G. M., presiding. A full corps of officers were present, together with representatives from subordinate Councils and Grand Representatives from twelve State Grand Councils, and from the General Grand Council of the United States. Capt. N. G. PHILLIPS, Grand Representative of New York, was not present.

It is not the custom in this jurisdiction for the Grand Master to deliver a formal address, but the reports of progress and of business come from Committees appointed from time to time. The report of the Executive Committee shows that two new Councils have been consecrated and one dormant Council resuscitated. Representatives were appointed to several State Grand Councils, and acknowledges receipt of copies of Proceedings, etc.

The Grand Lecturer reports that he has visited every Council inviting him, and expresses his satisfaction with the work of the subordinates, saying:

"Each Council now does its own work, and it is a source of great pleasure to the Grand Lecturer to be able to watch the ceremonial without the necessity of taking part therein."

R. Ill. Comp. A. F. GODSON, M. P., D. G. M., proposed the re-election of Rev. CANON PORTAL, M. A., by whose wise and far-seeing judgment the Order was established in England, and under whose benign and genial sway it had taken such firm hold, as Grand Master, who was thereupon re-elected and saluted according to their ancient custom. R. Ill. Comp. C. F. MATIER was re-appointed G. R.; address, 8a Red Lion Square, London.

A Special Assembly was held at the same place on May 9th, at which the R. Ill. EARL OF EUSTON, D. G. M., presided. A full corps of officers were present.

The occasion of this Special Assembly was from the lamented decease of their Grand Master, and the necessity of an election to fill his place. Upon such election taking place, the Right Honorable, the EARL OF EUSTON was unanimously elected, and being presented was obligated and installed by R. Ill. Comp. MATIER.

The deep sympathy, and the sincere condolence of the Body was voted to be presented to Mrs. PORTAL and the family of the deceased Grand Master.

The office of Grand Illustrious Master was abolished.

The Assembly was then adjourned.

We add to the condolences of this Body upon the lamentable loss sustained by the decease of the Rev. CANON PORTAL, its late Grand Master, the sincere

expressions of our own sympathy, trusting and believing that the mantle of success and encouragement has fallen upon one of all others having the ability and influence to make great advancement in the progress of the Cryptic Rite in that Grand Jurisdiction.

#### FLORIDA.

The last Assembly of the Grand Council was June 17th, at Milton, G. M. . GEORGE S. HALLMARK, presiding, with representattves of three subordinates present. Comp. JAMES A. CHAFFIN, Grand Representative of New York, was present. The next Assembly will take place at Milton, at a date to be fixed by the Grand Master.

The Rite in this jurisdiction is weak, the reason for which condition may be assigned principally to the weakness of Royal Arch Masonry in that State, and we are advised that if it were not for the interest taken in the Capitular degrees in Jacksonville and in a few other places where there are men of means and leisure, the Grand Chapter would be in the same condition as the Grand Council. There is another reason why the Council degrees are not prospering, which is, as we are given to understand, that the unsatisfied desire for Masonic preferment on the part of one or more ambitious Companions has had the effect of enlisting their influence in disparagement of the Rite.

In former years the Grand Council was held at Tallahassee, where nothing of any importance was ever done to advance its interest, for which reason the then Grand Master, WILLIAM MORRILL, caused its headquarters to be removed into Western Florida, where the most of its Companions reside. There has been some talk or action tending to establish another Council in eastern Florida, but it has not yet come to harvest. It does seem to us that the Companions of Florida might put their Grand Council into a different position and turn it into a lively Body instead of its remaining in a sort of comatose state. There are bright and industrious Companions in this jurisdiction who are willing to do most anything in order to advance the interests of Masonry, and we call upon them to put a cant-hook under the northeast corner of their Grand Council and raise it up to such a point that, upon letting go, it will give the entire Body such a shaking up as will cause the blood in its veins to speed more rapidly, hasten the heart's action, and thus reach out and put into activity all of its members.

Comp. GEORGE S. HALLMARK, Pensacola, G. M. ., and Comp. JOHN CARLOVITZ, Milton, G. Rec. .

#### GEORGIA—1889.

This Grand Body met in Annual Assembly at Atlanta, April 24th, with representatives from all the subordinate Councils, ten in number, present. It was presided over by HENRY C. BURR, D. G. M. ., in the absence of G. M. . LEWIS, who was unable to attend, but who sent his Address, which was read to the Body by Comp. A. M. WOLIHIN, G. Rec. ., and we are advised that it was like his former productions on other occasions, able and instructive. He reports the Cryptic Rite as gaining steadily and satisfactorily in that jurisdiction.

The Proceedings are not yet distributed. Only routine business was transacted, and we are not advised as to whether there was a Correspondence Report. We receive our information from the Grand Recorder.

Comp. HENRY C. BURR, of Griffin, was elected G. M., and Comp. WOLFFIN, of Macon, G. Rec. Next Assembly will be held at Macon, April 30th, 1890.

The Assembly of the General Grand Council at Atlanta, November 19th, is looked forward to with bright anticipations by our Companions in Georgia, with the expectation that it will give a new impetus to the Rite in that jurisdiction, in which we unite, having the faith that the Body is in and of itself a power for good in the Rite.

#### ILLINOIS—1888.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Chicago, October 24th. M. III. NATHANIEL BOWDITCH, G. M., presiding, with the representatives of subordinate Councils and Grand Representatives from the different jurisdictions, amongst the names of which we fail to find that of our own JAMES DOUGLASS, and who was not present at its Assembly of 1887, as we note from Proceedings of that year.

The Address of the Grand Master exhibits a degree of work entitling him to credit for its thoroughness. He made visits to twenty Councils. A decision of interest was made, for the reason that its effect, approved by the Body, has a tendency to show the fallacy of their position upon the "vexed" question which has been their "bone of contention" for a few years past. It is:

"Can a Council confer the degrees gratuitously upon a candidate, who at the time he petitioned for the Chapter degrees, was charged, and paid an extra fee for the Royal and Select Master's degrees, then conferred in an appurtenant Chapter Council?"

I decided it could not, as the question was practically settled by a decision rendered last year and approved by the Grand Council.

It seems to us, that this is one of those "petards" which hoist the sender, and fully disposes of the question of "healing," that is, if the Companions have any desire to be consistent. Why was it so held, if the Councils were still *in fact* alive?

Four dispensations have been granted for new Councils, to which charters were issued by the direction of the Body.

The Proceedings are beautified with the portraits of the Grand Master and of the Grand Chaplain, and the thanks of the Body were voted to the retiring Grand Master, BOWDITCH, for his faithful service, etc.

The Report on Correspondence is from Dr. L. R. JEROME, as usual, who has still a worrying about matters in general and one thing in particular, but which calls for no review at our hands as we full considered the whole question last year, and no reference is made to it by the present reviewer, although we personally know that a copy of our Proceedings for 1888 was mailed to the Doctor within thirty days after the close of our Assembly, and nearly a month before their Assembly convened. New York is reviewed for 1887, but we have passed that year so long ago that it is hardly necessary to shake up such "aged" matters again, especially as 1888 has since intervened and been left unreviewed.

There are twenty-three jurisdictions reviewed in the usual vigorous style of Comp. JEROME, who seems to delight in striking hard wherever he can see a head looming upwards, even though the blow does not appear to work any injury or have the effect of wakening a sleeper.

Next Assembly October 23d, 1889, at Chicago. Comp. GEORGE M. MOULTON, elected G. .M. ., and Comp. GIL W. BARNARD, same address, G. .Rec. .

#### INDIANA—1888.

The Thirty-third Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Indianapolis, October 16th. Comp. HENRY W. MORDHURST, G. .M. ., presiding, with representatives from thirty-seven subordinates, together with eighteen representatives from sister Grand Councils, amongst whom we note that our New York representative, LUCIEN A. FOOTE, was present.

The address of the Grand Master is quite full of valuable information and suggestions, and worthy of its writer. One new Council instituted and others revived and brought into a healthy activity, and "are now flourishing like *several green bay trees*," as he happily puts it. He considers the Illinois "vexed" question in the same spirit that actuated the writer last year, and with the same conclusion in effect. We should quote more fully from the address were it not that we are trying to limit ourselves to a smaller compass this year that our proceedings may more speedily get through the hands of the printer and be distributed to those of our sisters who have their Assemblies in October. Last year we made a special effort, and succeeded in sending off our proceedings the same month that our Assembly was held, mailing personally to each brother of the quill whose Body met in October or November, in addition to the copies sent out by our Grand Recorder.

The Illinois question was referred to a Committee of five, being the Committee on Jurisprudence, of which the able and venerable P. .G. .M. . WILLIAM HACKER, was Chairman, who reported:

"That in the opinion of the Committee said circular was issued hastily, and evidently without proper consideration, or it would never had appeared," etc.

Which was concurred in.

The Report on Correspondence was by one of our best writers, Comp. ALBERT P. CHARLES, who reviews twenty jurisdictions, and some of these for several years, in an able manner and with such interest that we wish we could transcribe it all into our own, particularly as we shall never again have such privilege.

Since the writing of this Report, Comp. CHARLES has been called to lay down his implements of labor upon the Temple, and to go within and beyond the inner Veil, where the Designs upon the Trestle Board are all made known to those who labor as faithfully here below as is to the credit of our lamented Companion. We regret that we have not his Masonic history that we might give it fully; suffice it to say, that he is at rest from his labors, and the good Father will give him the reward of the just, for he was of the just—a just man, a noble

work of the Father, and one whom his associates and friends delighted to honor. Worthy of the highest meed of praise, it is said of him that he was,

"One of the brightest Masons in Indiana; thoroughly versed in the history, tradition and jurisprudence of Freemasonry in all its branches; cultured, quick, energetic, devotedly attached to his friends; popular in his State, he became a leader and favorite in all Masonic circles."

He was elected Grand High Priest of Indiana in 1882, and was also a P. M. I. G. M. of that State, and for many years had been the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Council, to the duties of which position he seemed to be peculiarly adapted. His voice is silent; his pen will no longer write words of advice and wisdom, and the lessons of the past inculcated by his life and example only live in memory for those who knew him, and only by precept upon precept for those who come after. May we emulate his virtues, revere his memory, and see that our examples hereafter conform more closely to the right, and reach out for the welfare of our brethren and kin to the end, that when we, too, pass away there may be an influence left behind for the good of those who may perchance come within the circle that we have occupied.

He died at his home in Seymour after an illness of one week, on the 11th day of February 1889, aged forty-nine years.

To resme, however, our work of review. Upon the Illinois Circular, he was impregnable in his position, but he had to take his information concerning it from proceedings outside of Illinois, as none were received from that source.

New York has nearly ten pages given it in this review of Comp. CHARLES. Under 1887, he says, speaking of our report:

"We forgive OSGOODBY for putting under Ohio part of our thunder. We do so because Companion OSGOODBY is a mighty big man, and we are not."

Under 1888, he gives us credit in getting our proceedings to him so promptly.

As to the "vexed" question, he says:

"Under California we noted a decision that members of Illinois Councils were entitled to visit California Councils. In reviewing that jurisdiction we see Companion OSGOODBY proves of that decision.

"Upon the question of the propriety of issuing the circular, we think it was uncalled for, and probably issued on the spur of the moment, when if time had been taken to deliberate, and think the matter over, the Grand Council would not have ordered it done.

"We think it not called for, because it is a law governing the constituents of the Grand Council, among whom the Grand Council of Illinois is not.

"The members of the York Rite may not like the rules of the Scottish Rite and yet why should they seek a federation of all the bodies of the York Rite against them.

"Indiana Master Masons may not like the laws enacted by the Grand Lodge of Ohio to govern its constituents, yet why should we seek to band with all other Grand Lodges to force it to repeal them.

"Because they do not show that the law has worked any hardship to them or to any one else. No one has been shut out by it. They do not complain that any member of their Councils has been refused admission by reason of it.

"Because by their own argument, they deny that the law applies to their case at all. They strenuously argue that their Grand Organization has been kept intact; that they met regularly; that they retained full, absolute control of the degrees, only permitted by dispensation a Council composed solely of Royal and Select Masters to confer degrees in the Chapter; that their candidates promised fealty to their Grand Council and to any subordinate they might join.

"And, lastly, because we think that their organization conforms to all the requirements of section 14, of the constitution of the Grand Council, and the California decision, therefore, is sound law.

"We believe our Companions in Illinois were actuated by a pure desire to be right in this matter, and, although we don't agree with them in the method they have pursued, we think it is only zeal for Masonry misdirected.

"But underlying all this is a question that must soon be met and we may as well get ready for it. It is, as Companion OSGOODBY says, of vast interest to all Royal and Select Masters. There were Grand Councils that did not, as they did in Illinois, preserve their organizations autonomous, they surrendered completely, wholly to the Chapters. These Chapters made Royal and Select Masters. There have been no Councils holding 'from the General Grand Council or from some Grand Council working independently of any other Masonic bodies.' There have been no Councils whatever, they have 'merged.' What are we going to do with these 'Royal and Select Masters?' That is the question. Are they to be forever barred from the 'regular' Councils? Every indication points in the direction of a speedy presentation of this question. It will call for the exercise of the true spirit of Masonry on both sides. The adjustment will need the services of no hot-heads; coolly, dispassionately it must be arranged. Some mutual ground must be found by the true friends of the fraternity, on which we can all meet and fraternize, when the fatted calf can be killed, and OSGOODBY write one of his famous prescriptions, and remain with us to see it properly taken from the 'loving cup.' No one can read what Companion OSGOODBY has said on page 44, under Kentucky, without knowing his head and heart are both right.

"We have taken more space for this topic than we believed we ever would in the discussion of any Masonic question. But after reading over what has been said, so far as we have found it in the proceedings, and especially New York, we have felt like saying this much. We regret we did not get Illinois."

This is sound doctrine. We agree with it. We dare not go further in making extracts from this able review.

Comp. GEORGE S. JONES, of Covington, elected Grand Master. The old veteran, JOHN M. BRAMWELL, re-elected, *of course*, for Grand Recorder, address, Indianapolis. Next Assembly, October 22, 1889, at Indianapolis.

#### IOWA—1888.

This is the jurisdiction of the "Lone Star," that is, it is the only State left now assuming to work the Cryptic Rite under the domination of Royal Arch Chapters. There is, of course, no Grand Council in Iowa, and the Grand Chapter is recognized as the head of the Rite by those within its borders.

The Companions of Iowa who have been endeavoring to advance the knowledge of the Rite for the years intervening since the surrender of the degrees to the Grand Chapter, are entitled to the credit of having labored thoroughly with the purpose of giving the light afforded by the Cryptic Degrees to every Royal Arch Mason in its membership, but the work has languished, and has come almost to a stand, for which situation several things have been the indirect cause, among which, the first and probably the most important factor has been the fact that Iowa is in a large minority of the States working these degrees as to the rightful control of the Rite. In fact, at the present writing, it is the only State assuming to control the degrees in a Chapter organization, and it is not recognized as regular by the others; hence those receiving the degrees there are held in other jurisdictions, to have been irregularly made and do not feel that the degrees are worth having abroad. This state of things will undoubtedly continue for the future, and the result is not hard to determine. The degrees will be sought less and less, until they arrive at a nominal point and then drop out of the system of Masonry in Iowa altogether, unless some plan of reviving them can be devised which will also meet the approval of other Grand Bodies outside of their jurisdiction. We have considered the matter with care, interest and solicitude and we believe, impartially and with a sincere desire for the resuscitation and advancement of the Rite to its proper position in the system to which of right it is

entitled. We believe that it is the universal desire of all Cryptic Masons outside of Iowa that this jurisdiction should sever its capitular degrees from the Cryptic Rite, dissolve the union between the Grand Chapter and the Rite, and re-organize its Grand Council with full control of the Rite. None will give such a step a heartier or more sincere welcome than will the writer, and he believes he can speak advisedly for every other jurisdiction in the country which is a constituent of the General Grand Council in saying that a like welcome would be sent by all, and, in proof of this, we refer to the position taken by the different Grand Councils upon the change in the States of Mississippi and North Carolina. The views we present upon this question are also shared by some of our Companions in Iowa, as may be seen by the following extracts from the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter, at its Convocation, held at Cedar Rapids, October 16, 1888. The Grand Lecturer in his report, pages 118-9, says:

"Cryptic Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction seems to be among the things of the past. Few Chapters are conferring the degrees, *neither do they have any interest in them since the consolidation.* As a rule the officers of the different Chapters feel that to do themselves and Capitular Masonry justice, it is asking too much of them to be obliged to confer the Cryptic degrees. This matter I have referred to the Grand High Priest, and, from my observation, *I cannot refrain from expressing my opinion that it would be far better for both institutions to dissolve the Mississippi plan and return to our former system, and belong to a sisterhood of the General Grand Council of the United States of America.* When we realize that we are not recognized outside of our own jurisdiction, with a few exceptions, it seems that we are not accomplishing that which would be desirable to the fraternity of Cryptic Masonry."

The italics in the above quotation are ours. This report was made October 16, to the Grand Chapter, and it speaks very forcibly of the status of the Rite there, although on June 16th of the same year, by General Order No. 3, issued by the Grand High Priest to the several Chapters, he requires them to work the Cryptic degrees, in this language:

"Companions: knowing that some Chapters are neglecting to confer the Cryptic degrees, I would most respectfully call your attention to the law, that it is incumbent on you to comply with the law, and confer them in their regular order. Also one of the general regulations requires that each candidate for the Capitular degrees must exhibit suitable proficiency in the preceding degrees before being advanced. You will see that this is complied with by examination in open Chapter, in ALL cases."

We look forward with bright anticipations to the time when this *really Grand Jurisdiction* shall take the step suggested by the Grand Lecturer in his report, and we believe the date is not far distant when our sisterhood will be enabled to reach out from every direction with the cordial "welcome" which has heretofore been extended to each jurisdiction upon taking like step in the past. Then Companion SOUTHGATE of North Carolina cannot say, as he does in his Report on Correspondence to the Grand Chapter of that State, at its Convocation, held May 21st, 1889:

"Iowa is left now to 'tread this wine press alone.'"

Soon shall the Cryptic Rite have enlisted under its banner all of its devotees, be they now of us or of other ways. May God speed the happy day when dissensions shall no longer have a place or existence in the great Sisterhood, but when all shall be peace and harmony.

## KANSAS—1889.

The Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Wichita, February 18, Grand Master Comp. JAMES SNEDDEN, presiding, with the representatives of eleven subordinates present, with Grand Representatives from other jurisdictions, but whose names we are not able to give.

The Proceedings are not yet printed and our information is gathered from private advices through the courtesy of the Grand Recorder. The membership at last Assembly was reported at 405. This Body will be represented at the next triennial of the General Grand Council, in November next, at Atlanta.

The Proceedings at the last Assembly were purely local in character, and there was nothing of a general interest except that the Rite is holding its own, and making a conservative and steady advance in membership. The next Assembly is to be held at Salina, February 17, 1890.

Comps. THEODORE P. ROGERS of Topeka, Grand Master, and JOHN H. BROWN of Wyandotte, Grand Recorder.

We sincerely wish that our Companions of Kansas would have their Proceedings printed annually instead of triennially. It would follow the course of most of the Bodies at the present and would keep alive the interest of the members much better than to print them after they are so old that the hairs begin to turn to silver. Better have them golden, even if of the tinge that impels one involuntarily to look around for the irrepressible animal of *no* color, which, by the way, we think to be the handsomest of all shades that the hair is given to assume.

## KENTUCKY—1888.

This Grand Council met in Annual Assembly at Louisville, October 15th. Comp. HENRY B. GRANT, G. . M. . , presiding, with the representatives of fourteen subordinates present. Three others made returns and paid dues, but were not represented. Eighteen Grand representatives from sister Grand Councils were present, amongst whom we note that Comp. WILLIAM RYAN, representative of New York, occupies his accustomed place.

The address of G. . M. . GRANT covered nearly seventeen pages, and establishes beyond a question that Comp. GRANT is a success in his present position, as he was formerly as a member of the reportorial corps. His address is devoted principally to the discussion of the matters involved in the so-called Illinois Circular, and as we have fully discussed that matter in its length and breadth, height and depth in our last year's report, it is unnecessary for us to again review the question. We have rested since our last report, it seems, under a mistake in supposing that the suggestions which we then made would have a tendency to harmonize the matters in difference. We are, and have been willing, and we believe that the General Grand Council, as well as its constituents, is ready to meet upon any fair and reasonable ground, granting to every Independent Grand Council the right to decide and judge as to the qualifications of its members as suggested in our last report. If this is not satisfactory, we think it will be difficult for the few Independents to succeed in an attempt, that the very great majority of the Grand Councils consider vitally opposed to their

belief as to the rights of membership. We leave the question for others to wrestle with who may have a better influence for peace-making than it seems we have developed, although Comp. GRANT is inclined to "shake" over our suggestions of last year to a certain extent.

The Rite appears to be fairly prosperous in this jurisdiction, and, with the degree of work and effort expended, ought to be highly prosperous in the near future.

The Report on Correspondence is by the pen of Comp. JAMES W. STATON, who, although a new beginner in this particular line, advances into the front rank of our reviewers. He reviews the proceedings of twenty-six jurisdictions in an able and interesting style. New York has its place in this review. Comp. STATON is not enthusiastic on the subject of General Grand Bodies of any kind, which appears to include the General Grand Chapter as well as the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars in the same category with the General Grand Council. In commenting upon our report of last year, he says:

"We thank our good Comp. OSGOODBY for his conservative views relative to the independence of the Grand Council of Kentucky. Unlike some others, he does not propose to take us by the top of the head and shake the life out of us because we do not see through his glasses, relative to a union with the General Grand Council. Comp. OSGOODBY is a zealous Cryptic Mason, and he gives us God-speed, whether in or out of the General Grand Council."

The review of Comp. STATON is chiefly relative to the proceedings of other Grand Councils which were held prior to our review upon the same identical subjects and years, in our report of 1888, and, therefore, we are not called upon to make as much use of his review, as we otherwise would had it covered the past year.

Comp. H. P. MCLVAIN, Maysville, was elected Grand Master, and Comp. L. D. CRONINGER, Covington, Grand Recorder. The next Assembly will be held at Louisville, October 21, 1889.

#### LOUISIANA—1889.

This Grand Body met in Annual Assembly at New Orleans on February 14th, G. M. WILLIAM F. BENEDICT, presiding, with three Councils represented. The Proceedings of the Assemblies of this Body have not been printed for several years past and our information is derived from a letter from the Grand Recorder to whose courtesy we have been indebted on former occasions. The Grand Representative, RICHARD LAMBERT, of New York, was present.

There was one new Council chartered at Alexandria with prospects of a vigorous life. The other business was of a routine character and of local interest only. We are informed that the Rite in Louisiana is holding its own and with the addition of a new subordinate is expected to make an advance and increase the interest of its devotees.

Reverend Companion HERMAN C. DUNCAN, of Alexandria, was elected G. M. and Comp. RICHARD LAMBERT, of New Orleans, was re-elected G. Rec.

## MAINE—1889.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Assembly of this Body was held at Portland, May 8th, Com. ALBERT M. PENLEY, G. .M. ., presiding.

The Proceedings are not out nor has the publication thereof as yet commenced, as we are advised by a communication from the Grand Recorder, who also says that the business was of the usual routine and that the report on correspondence is not yet begun. We are therefore unable to give information as to its acts or otherwise, and can only add to this the names of the officers elected: Comp. ALBERT M. PENLEY, of Auburn, was re-elected G. .M. ., and Comp. IRA BERRY, of Portland, G. .Rec. .

Under "Massachusetts" there will be found other matters relative to the Correspondence Report of Comp. DRUMMOND for 1888, to some length, in connection with the review of Comp. DADMUN and to which we call attention. Also, see further under Michigan.

## MARYLAND—1888.

The Annual Assembly of this Body was held at Baltimore, November 14th. G. .M. . HENRY C. LARRABEE, presiding. Representatives from all its subordinates were present. The business was of the usual routine character. No Proceedings have been published for several years, but at this Assembly it was determined to publish this year at least an abstract of the unpublished years, which will be appreciated by the Masonic student who preserves his files for future generations. The Body is well off financially, and the outlook for continued health and stability is favorable. During the past year one dispensation has been issued for a Council at Westminster, which gives evidence of being one of the best in that jurisdiction.

We are indebted to Comp. GEORGE L. McCAHAN, for our information, as we have been for many years past, and we tender our sincere thanks for his continued acts of kindness. He also writes that Maryland will be represented at the next Triennial of the General Grand Council, November 19th, 1889, at Atlanta. Comp. HENRY C. LARRABEE re-elected G. .M. ., and Comp. GEO. L. McCAHAN, G. .Rec. ., Baltimore. Next Assembly, November 13th at Baltimore.

## MASSACHUSETTS—1888.

The Annual Assembly of this Body was held at Boston, December 12th, Comp. DANIEL W. JONES, G. .M. ., presiding. Eighteen subordinates were represented, together with fifteen representatives from sister Grand Councils, but we fail to find in such list the name of Comp. WILLIAM P. ANDERSON, the representative of New York, who for the last four years has failed to have his name enrolled as being present at any Assembly of this Body, for which neglect no excuse has been rendered. The address of the Grand Master shows that he has personally visited twenty-one out of their twenty-two Councils, and great credit is given to these subordinates for the excellent manner in which their charters, by-laws, records and work have been kept and preserved, and he says further:

"The Councils are in charge of talented and efficient officers, and I assure you that the work, unexcelled in beauty and sublimity, does not suffer in comparison with that of any branch of Masonry in this jurisdiction."

These words of the Grand Master ought to be appreciated by these Councils and this standard of excellence should be kept up for the future.

The Grand Master also earnestly recommends that every Companion after completing the degrees obtain a diploma and that the Councils present one to each of their graduates. We think that the adoption of this recommendation would add to the appreciation held of the Rite and it would also furnish an heirloom which would be prized beyond value by the families of such Companions in the future years, when they are resting from their labors.

It is also recommended that the subordinate Councils have concurrent jurisdiction, so that every applicant for the degrees may have a right to apply to whatever Council his preference dictates. In many instances we can see where this would work to the advantage of the Rite, particularly where the Council having actual jurisdiction is dormant.

The Report on Correspondence is from Comp. DADMUN, who has wielded the pen of this Body in like work for many years, not only to the satisfaction of this Body, but also to the delight and satisfaction of those of other jurisdictions who have had the pleasure of reading his able reviews. He covers seventeen jurisdictions with his quill, and starts off "thusly":

"The morning light is breaking on the Cryptic Rite, and the darkness begins to disappear."

A good application of the old hymn and the tune is decidedly cheerful, more so as it expresses the truth in the line in which it is directed.

Under "California" he says, referring to the "vexed" Circular question:

"Every Royal and Select Master in good standing in Illinois is entitled to recognition as such in every other Grand Jurisdiction."

Which echoes our own opinion to the letter, as stated last year, but we must be allowed to doubt whether even this will satisfy the reviewer from that State as his occupation will be gone, as far as the crowning point of it is concerned, of finding fault and jumping upon one when he is actually trying to smooth over rough places and obstacles in the way of progress and harmony; that is, unless he can discover some other "gouty" question upon which he can practice. And right here we might well remark, that not one of the Grand Councils (as far as our knowledge of their action goes), who are constituents of the General Grand Council have failed to express their assent to the suggestions we have heretofore made as to the "way out of the woods," in the adoption of the same sentiment which is above quoted from Comp. DADMUN, and still the "irrepressible war" is kept up without reason or fair consideration of the principles or confirmed belief of others, who, *perhaps*, are just as much interested in the preservation and advancement of the interests of the Cryptic Rite as the Companion from Illinois. As for the writer, he has about made up his mind to let the blind heal their own blind, and lead them into the paths of peace or of

discord as they may please, and simply let the discussion of this question in future years alone. When the age of reason again comes to the front there may be found a fully united sisterhood, worthy of full co-operation in the work of the hour.

Under "Maine," still speaking upon this same subject, he quotes from Comp. DRUMMOND's report of 1888, in which the latter is reviewing Comp. MEYER of Pennsylvania, as follows:

"Comp. MEYER takes another position that will receive consideration; he holds, in effect, that a Grand Body may heal by resolution, and that the recognition of the Chapter made Royal and Select Masters by the Grand Council of Illinois, is healing by resolution. While it is true that in the settlement of Masonic schisms in the past, there are precedents for this doctrine, we have been inclined to hold that they were justified only on the ground of necessity which knows no law, and so allows action in violation of law; and, therefore, that their scope should not be extended. This case of Illinois does not come within any of the precedents; but it does come within the principle that a Grand Body may heal by resolution."

And Comp. DADMUN adds:

"Yes; and that, in our opinion, should be the mode in all cases of irregularly made Masons. It is nonsense to require a candidate to repeat an obligation—in order to be healed—when he has already received it in due and ancient form. The irregularity, if any, is the work of the Body itself, and no fault of the candidate. We accept his statement that 'this case of Illinois does come within the principle that a Grand Body may heal by resolution.' At the same time we agree that 'no clandestine can be healed in that manner,' as Comp. DRUMMOND had previously said in his review."

This is as far as any one can be reasonably asked to go, even if charity be itself invoked to induce the sympathies of the one to whom the question is presented for decision. We have ever been willing to go to this length, as we must abide by the law, but, we still believe that if the person so "healed by resolution" refuses to accept, or neglects to signify his acquiescence in the "resolution," in some way, how, we care not, only let it be accepted, he should not be entitled to its benefits. Suppose, for instance, one refuses absolutely to acquiesce in the process, what then? Is he healed whether or no? This is a question for the Body adopting the resolution, not for outsiders to worry over, and when they have settled it to the satisfaction of their own Body, we now repeat what we said last year, "Let us have peace."

Under "New York," he says:

"We take up a most interesting and able Report on Correspondence from the pen of M. I. GEORGE M. OSGOODBY. And we must make an apology at the outset, for a short notice will not do him justice, and a lengthy one will be likely to spoil the whole."

Oh, fie! Comp. DADMUN, that's a cool way of saying that the more you got of it, the more poorly it appears. Well, we will take anything from our good Companion, in mildness, for we know he means what he says. There! have we not got into a boat this time? We'll try again some other day. He goes on:

"The spirit which pervades his report whenever he touches the 'Merger' question is admirable. No two hearts could beat in sweeter unison on that subject than Comp. OSGOODBY's and our own."

After quoting freely from our former consideration of the Illinois Circular with approval, he proceeds:

"Here is a balm for every Masonic wound that has been made during all these years of the 'Merger.' We hope every one will read it. Many thousands of Royal and Select Masters have been made in Chapter Councils, and Comp. GRANT suggests that 'facilities for making affiliations easy for them should now be made.'" "To which, Comp. OSGOODBY nobly and generously responds (quoting our response at length): 'As one of the 'Guild,' we say Amen and Amen.'"

Our Reverend Companion is always on the side where the heart's sympathies are likely to be drawn out, a believer in charity in its broadest sense, and a practical illustration of its principles in himself, and while he would always be just, he would temper out his justice with such a large percentage of loving kindness that it would draw the veil of charity over the mistakes or misdeeds of any culprit, unless he was beyond the chance of saving, and even then,—But we must close under this State.

Comps. DANIEL W. JONES, Roxbury, re-elected Grand Master, and ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, Boston, Grand Recorder. Next Assembly to be held— When ?

#### MICHIGAN—1888.

The Thirty-first Annual Assembly of this Body was held at Grand Rapids, January 14th. G. M. ALLEN MCKEE, presiding. Representatives from forty-three Councils present, together with Grand Representatives from eighteen jurisdictions, amongst whose names that of the Representative from New York, H. SHAW NOBLE, appears as being present.

From the address of the Grand Master it appears that he made no official visits outside of his own place of residence, but the Rite has prospered to a reasonable degree, and as much as could be expected in a "political year." He has been "passing under the rod" of severe afflictions, which engrossed his time fully.

One dispensation issued for a new Council, and continued for another year under dispensation.

One question came up of some present importance in connection with the "vexed" question; *i. e.*, the Grand Master reports:

"Upon an inquiry from Petoskey Council, as to the course to be pursued upon a Petition for membership of a Companion who had received the degrees in a Chapter in Iowa. I held, in conformity with decisions on this subject heretofore approved by this Grand Council, that the petitioner must be formally healed, previous to his admission to membership." (Comp. JEROME must look after this.) "I am informed that in this case the petitioner was subsequently regularly admitted through the ninth Arch. This question is likely to come up frequently hereafter, and I recommend some special legislation upon the subject."

The Committee upon Jurisprudence, to whom was referred this decision for its consideration, etc., reported as follows:

"That it was declared by this Grand Body, in 1832, that a Companion who had received the degrees in a Royal Arch Chapter could not become a member of a Council in this jurisdiction, except he be formally healed. In the opinion of your committee, there is no occasion to re-open the question."

The decision of the Grand Master was approved right. But in this connection, what about the action on the "Illinois Circular" of your last year's Assembly?

The usual routine business was transacted, including the direction that a Jewel should be prepared and presented to their Grand Master, MCKEE, as a testimonial of the appreciation held for his services.

The Report on Correspondence is from another of our veterans in that line, Comp. GARBA B. NOBLE, who reviews twenty-nine jurisdictions, covering seventy-eight pages. *And it is as good all through as it is long.* New York has

kindly mention in some five pages, and we would quote freely from it had we not gone over the subject so fully last year, and the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence just quoted above seems to sustain the position which we took last year upon the main question involved. He says that the objection of the Independents, *i. e.* Illinois, and the Committee upon whose action we commented last year is

"to the resolution adopted by the General Grand Council, wherein they declare 'all Royal Arch Masons receiving the degrees of Royal and Select Master direct or indirect of Chapters or Grand Chapters, shall be regarded as clandestinely made Royal and Select Masters, who cannot in any manner be recognized or admitted into any lawful Council of Royal and Select Masters.'"

Why should Michigan object to this resolution? It is in direct line with the entire action of their Grand Council since 1882, as stated in the above report of their committee on jurisprudence. But to bring the matter within the discrimination stated by Companion DADMUN, in his review of Companion DRUMMOND'S report which we have cited, we might be willing to go to the length of striking out the word "clandestinely" from the resolution of the General Grand Council, and substituting the word "irregularly" instead thereof. This would, perhaps, be a modification satisfactory to those discontented, and, at the same time, preserve the self-respect and faith of those who were the means of the adoption of the original resolution. Anything preserving the substance of our faith, even though we leave out some of the "forms" by which it has been surrounded, for the sake of harmony and to prevent discord. This would leave the question where the resolution of a Grand Body would come in and make the entire membership, the members accepting the same, regular, according to the suggestion of Companion DRUMMOND, agreed to by Companion DADMUN, and to which we have expressed our own approval under "Massachusetts."

Companion NOBLE says, that our review for 1888, was one of the best he has received; well, if that is so, perhaps he will make up his mind from the present, that the "goods" have shrunken, not only in quantity, but in value, this year, and so have to average up in order to make them "passable," but, thanks all the same.

To our proposition that some provision should be adopted, etc., by which every one could be swept into the fold of the elect, etc., he assents.

In closing his review, he says:

"The Cryptic Rite is upon a better footing than ever. We believe the crisis is past, and onward will be the order hereafter. The degrees and ceremonies are as beautiful, and their teachings as well worth preserving as any in Masonry, and only needs to be placed upon its merits, and let alone, to secure proper appreciation."

Comp. THOMAS S. GREEN, of Three Rivers, elected G. M., and Comp. GARRA B. NOBLE of Detroit, re-elected G. Rec. Next Assembly at Detroit, on Monday preceding third Tuesday of January, 1890.

#### MINNESOTA—1888.

This Grand Body met in Annual Assembly, at St. Paul, October 8. G. M. A. Z. LEVERING, presiding, with the representatives of all its subordinates, six in number. Grand Representatives from thirteen jurisdictions, including Comp. GEO. W. COOLEY, from New York, were present.

The Address of the Grand Master is devoted to the particular interests of that jurisdiction. He visited four out of six subordinates, witnessed the conferring of the degrees upon candidates, including the S. Ex. degree, but he says, that in no two of the Councils was the work alike, a lack of uniformity, which he recommends have attention of his Body, and it provided that copies of the standard work be distributed to the subordinates.

One Chapter-made Companion, hailing from Illinois, was "healed" under directions received from the General Grand Master, which action was approved of. We sincerely hope that the "dogs of war" will not be turned loose upon Comp. LEVERING for his temerity in the performance of this ceremonial.

The pre-requisite question is again brought to the front, and action favorable to its adoption taken.

Their treasury shows a balance of \$224.81, on the right side of the ledger.

The Correspondence Report was from the maiden pen of Comp. R. H. BAKER, who covers nineteen jurisdictions, including New York for 1889. Comp. BAKER takes hold like an old hand at the helm, and scatters his grape, half ounce balls and No. seven bird shot, red hot, all along the line, New York not escaping. Under "Kentucky," he refers to the comments of Comp. GRANT under his review of Maine, giving reasons why opposed to the General Grand Council, and quotes the argument of Comp. GRANT, as follows :

"A half ounce of lead moulded into a ball will bring down big game, but if made into No. seven bird shot it catches the little flutterers, and only irritates the fellows who carry the "horns. If we concentrate our energies into one Masonic Body we will accomplish much," etc.

And Comp. BAKER thus replies:

"We are of the opinion that the illustration of the relative merits of the half ounce ball and the half ounce of shot, is very apt, and serves to point the argument *in favor* of the General Grand Council. Exactly; the No. seven shot are the different Grand Councils—the half ounce ball the General Grand Council. Isn't it better to concentrate, especially as it is big game *only*, that we are gunning for."

This reminds us of an incident that occurred about the close of the late war, which, being short, will answer to tell. A worthy soldier who had become disabled from labor at his usual business, but who by his business education, being a graduate of one of our colleges and a thorough penman, became possessed of the idea that, as he had lost his health and ability for his former business in defence of his country, that he was in a measure entitled to employment in its clerical department in a modest way, wrote to the writer requesting a letter of recommendation for an appointment at Washington, intimating that a position in which he could get a barely living salary would be all that he would ask or expect, if any, as there were so many entitled to such places who might need them more than himself, etc. In response to this letter, and it was a modest application, the soldier meaning just what he wrote, a letter was sent to him which contained briefly these words, after his name and excluding the signature:

"There is no use hunting for Chipmunks when there is larger game in the woods. Wait."

His application for the letter of recommendation, a copy of the above answer, together with a letter to the head of one of the departments was forwarded to

Washington, and an appointment came back for the cripples applicant of a position worth more than double of the one sought, greatly to his surprise and joy. He was provided for for life, and after his decease, a member of his family received a position of less value, but sufficient to support the widow.

Now, *our* war is, we hope, about ended for ever, and let us stop hunting for chipmunks, and unite in a grand old hunt for the largest game that is in the country.

But we must stop on this State.

For a "maiden effort," Comp. BAKER is to be congratulated. Do so some more.

The G. M. was re-elected as well as the G. Rec., WILLIAM CHIENEY, Minneapolis. Next Assembly at St. Paul, the day preceding Convocation of Grand Chapter.

#### MISSISSIPPI—1889.

The Eighteenth Annual Assembly of this Grand Body met at Meridian, February 12th last, G. M. WILLIAM G. PAXTON, presiding. There were representatives of six subordinates with many visiting Companions. The address of the Grand Master is not included in the printed Proceedings. A number of Companions were healed upon paying the sum of one dollar each. The Grand Council adopted the following resolution, which was offered by our old friend, P. M. SAVERY:

"Resolved, That the Grand Council hereby accepts from the Grand Chapter jurisdiction of the degrees of Royal and Select Masters, transferred to the Grand Chapter in 1877.  
 "2. All Companions who received the Cryptic Degrees in Chapters are hereby declared to be non-affiliates in good standing, and may apply for membership to any Council in the State, and if elected shall pay the sum of \$1 each, and be formally healed, before becoming affiliated members of said Council."

The following resolutions were also adopted:

"Resolved, 1. That the fees of subordinate Councils to the Grand Council shall be, for annual dues, 50 cents per member; the two degrees, \$1.  
 "2. That five dollars shall be the minimum fee for conferring the two degrees in subordinate Councils—\$2.50 for each.  
 "3. That all Councils that forfeited their charters prior to the Merger, may resume work on the same terms as those in good standing at the time of the Merger, provided re-organization is effected within six months; and that all non-affiliates residing within the jurisdiction of such dormant Councils may participate in the re-organization, and thus be recognized as members of said Councils.  
 "4. That the dues of all Councils that forfeited their charters be remitted."

Comps. SAVERY and VAUGHAN were appointed a Committee to prepare a circular letter to the Royal Arch Chapters relative to the action taken by the Grand Council as to suspended Council Masons, which letter was issued, and after reciting their appointment by the Body, and the action of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter held in February, 1888 (and to which we referred in our last year's report upon this jurisdiction), they went on to state the present condition of Cryptic Masonry in that State as follows:

"At the Annual Assembly held in Meridian, February 13, 1889, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was formally re-organized, Grand Officers elected, Committees appointed, and such Cryptic Masons present as had received degrees under the Merger were formally healed (paying therefor into the Grand Treasury the regular affiliation fee of one dollar each).

"The adopted work of Mississippi is that of the Cryptic National Convention of 1873, formally accepted by Grand Council at its Annual Assembly in Canton, Miss., in February, 1874, and in force at time of Merger.

"The minimum fees for the degrees are \$2.50 for Royal Master, and \$2.50 for Select Master; affiliation fee, \$1; agreed to at the last Grand Assembly.

"Dues to Grand Council are fifty cents per annum for each member, and fifty cents for each degree conferred.

"All Cryptic Masons made under the Merger to be formally healed, after which they are recognized as non-affiliates in good standing.

"Grand Recorder, upon receipt of satisfactory evidence that a Companion who received degrees under the Merger has been duly healed, will issue to him, if requested, a certificate of good standing, for which the Companion will pay to the Grand Recorder the sum of one dollar.

"The dues of all Councils whose charters have been declared forfeited prior to the Merger are remitted, and all charters now in custody of Grand Recorder will be returned on application regularly made therefor—so that all Councils in this Grand Jurisdiction will be recognized in good standing who may hereafter conform to the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Council—and re-organize within six months after the close of the late Grand Assembly; and to more effectually aid in said re-organization, the several non-affiliates residing within the jurisdiction of the subordinate Council seeking to re-organize, may, with the consent of the regular members thereof, unite in said organization, and thus become members of the re-organized Council.

"All Cryptic Masons over 70 years of age, and of 21 years continuous affiliation, are exempt from payment of annual dues to Grand or subordinate Councils, in accordance with the acts of the last Grand Assembly.

"We suggest that a speedy re-organization of the several subordinate Councils in the Grand Jurisdiction of Mississippi will be of great advantage to the Craft in all the departments of Masonry, and that the inestimable treasures of the Crypt will amply repay the seeker after Masonic light.

"About twenty Companions who received the degrees under the Merger were healed on the floor of the Grand Council while in session, by the M. I. Grand Master, who brings to the discharge of his official duties a fervency and zeal worthy of emulation, and it will be no fault of his if Cryptic Masonry does not in the future bloom and flourish as a green bay tree. His associate Grand Officers were elected on account of their peculiar fitness for the several offices to which they were elected, most of them having been tried and found worthy in other high official stations of the Fraternity.

"Ancient Cryptic Masons were noted for great skill in the arts and sciences, and for a zeal in work superior to their fellows, so we, as Royal and Select Masters have a work to perform, which, if commenced in earnest, and continued in hope, will culminate in a consummation of which the Fraternity will be proud, and each individual Craftsman can be entitled to the appellation of a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.

"We greet you in the name of the Grand Council of Mississippi, and indulge the hope that the cement of brotherly love may be spread with liberal hand over every part of the Masonic work, and that the returns of the next Annual Assembly of the Grand Council may show an array of Cryptic Masons as great as in the brightest days of the Fraternity."

The following resolution was also adopted:

"Resolved, That all Companions who have become 70 years of age, and who have been 21 years in membership in some Council (the 12 years of Merger included), are declared to be exempt from payment of dues.

A resolution of thanks was tendered to Comp. WILLIAM G. PAXTON, for his wise and discreet supervision of Cryptic Masonry in Mississippi during the past twelve years.

The next Assembly of this Body will be held at Greenville on the second Tuesday of February, 1890. Comps. WILLIAM RICHARDS, of Sartartia, and J. L. POWER, of Jackson, were elected, respectively, Grand Master and Grand Recorder.

There are eight Councils named in connection with these Proceedings as having made returns with dates of their re-organization, from which we judge that the Cryptic Rite is in a fairly prosperous condition, and we may expect that it will ere long occupy the same prominent position in Cryptic Masonry as it now does towards Capitular Masonry. In noting the names of the Companions who participated in the work of this Body at its last Assembly we recognize many whose names are well known amongst the Masons of the entire

land, and who occupy positions in Masonic matters second to none. We would that our arm was long enough to reach down into this jurisdiction and give it personal shake and welcome to our Companions there. That they may have a goodly measure of prosperity given unto them is our sincere and hearty wish.

#### MISSOURI—1889.

The Annual Assembly of this Body was held at St. Louis, April 24th, G. .M. . H. C. CHRISTOPHER, presiding, with the representatives of seven Councils present.

The address of the Grand Master is brief, but to the point and his injunctions, if followed, will bring to the Body, a degree of prosperity which will be enviable. His labors were so well done as to merit and receive the commendations of his Body by resolution. The business was of the usual routine. The Report on Correspondence is the particular centre of attraction to these proceedings. It is from Comp. WILLIAM H. MAYO, whose experience in this line is always sufficient assurance of a treat. He covers twenty jurisdictions in an able manner, including New York, to whom he gives over seven very closely printed pages, copying fully from our Illinois review, and the history accompanying it, he says, speaking of our Proceedings for 1888, etc.:

“The most interesting and instructive part of the very neat pamphlet before us is the Report on Correspondence, covering forty-six pages, reviewing thirty Grand Councils, and the General Grand Council, from the facile pen of that Nestor of a General Government in Cryptic Masonry, Comp. GEO. M. OSGOODBY. He is a historian of no mean proportions, as will be seen from the manner in which he knocks into a cocked hat the ‘knock this chip off my shoulder, if you dare,’ circular of our Illinois Companions, and completely annihilates the fallacious arguments used by Comp. JEROME. As this is the most important and interesting question that is being discussed, and as some good-hearted writers, without taking the time to look fully into the merits of the case, have been misled into deeply sympathizing with, and defending our Illinois Companions, we give in full Comp. Osgoodby’s review of historical facts, which all should read carefully.”

We are glad that our views as presented last year have been so generally approved, and for his kind words (of the writer), which are encouraging, “we doff our tile.” He also quotes from our review of “Iowa,” fully as well as our conclusion to the Report generally.

The Proceedings of Missouri remind us of “ye olden time,” when Comp. MAYO never let us go hungry for want of an appetizing dish in the shape of an interesting review of his contemporaries. This one covers forty-three pages, and the questions of the day have careful consideration under the different jurisdictions.

The decease of JAMES N. BURNES, the first D. .I. .G. .M. . of that Body is noted as having occurred January 24th, 1889, by the Grand Master.

Comp. JOHN J. PIERRON, St. Louis, elected G. .M. ., and Comp. WILLIAM H. MAYO, same address, re-elected G. .Rec. . Next Assembly at St. Louis, April 23d, 1890.

#### NEBRASKA—1888.

This Grand Body met in Annual Assembly at Beatrice, December 11th, R. . I. .FRANK H. YOUNG, D. .G. .M. ., presiding, with representatives from eight subordinates. No address was delivered. A dispensation was granted for a

Council at Beatrice, and on the next day it was reported that the same had been issued; that the Council had been at work, and now petitioned for a charter, which was referred to a proper Committee, a favorable report made and a charter ordered granted. Rather lively work, but it will do up in the States of the setting sun.

A vote was taken upon the proposition to become a constituent of the General Grand Council, with the result that *five* Councils voted in favor, as appears from the "returns," and one voted against, whilst two did not vote. In a recapitulation of the votes, it is stated that only four voted in favor, three not voting, and one against. An error somewhere, according to our "Daboll." It was resolved to re-submit the question to the subordinates. What further action was had on the subject is not yet declared. A goodly amount of routine business was transacted consequent upon the re-organization and getting into working order of the revived Grand Council. The Grand Master was empowered to call a Special Assembly of the Body to meet at Omaha on the day preceding the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Our Companions of Nebraska seem to be in earnest in their efforts to get into good working order. They will succeed.

Comp. FRANK H. YOUNG, Lexington, elected G. M., and Comp. WILLIAM R. BOWEN, Omaha, G. Rec. Next Assembly (annual) at same place with Grand Chapter, and on the day preceding same.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE—1888.

The Annual Assembly of this Body was held at Concord, May 18th. G. M. WALDO A. RUSSELL, presiding, with the representatives of ten Councils present, together with Grand Representatives from fourteen jurisdictions, including HENRY P. GLIDDEN, from New York, present.

Six official visits were made by the Grand Master, and the reports of other officers tend to show that they are exercising a careful supervision over the subordinates, keeping them up to a high standard of excellence. The business transacted was mostly of local interest. The degrees of Royal and Select Master were conferred upon a candidate elected in a subordinate Council.

The Report on Correspondence was from the pen of Comp. GEORGE P. CLEAVES, who reviews twenty jurisdictions, including New York, for 1887. He states that the position defined by the writer upon the subject of Independent Grand Councils, under his review of Rhode Island, expresses his own feelings. His report being for years of Bodies which have already passed under review in former reports of the writer, is sufficient reason for our not copying more fully from it. We sometimes wish that the different Grand Councils could all meet at a date nearly together in their Annual Assemblies, so that we might start together in a Masonic year, and be able to present the views of all the Bodies upon subjects arising from time to time right on the point when the subject is under consideration, but—that will be in the days of a far-off future, if ever. We do have to omit many times from the reviews bright things that would be gladly received and quoted were it not for the fact that the subject has been covered, and a backward step cannot well be taken.

Comps. WALDO and CLEAVES, of Concord, were respectively re-elected Grand Master and Grand Recorder. The Assembly of 1889 was held at Concord, May 13th. No proceedings or report thereof as yet has reached us. If one comes before going to press, we will give it later.

#### NEW JERSEY—1889.

This Grand Body met in Annual Assembly at Trenton, January 22d. G. M. GILBERT B. SLACK, presiding, with the representatives of six subordinates present, together with Grand Representatives from twenty-one jurisdictions present, *not* including Comp. JAMES B. SMALL, Representative from New York, absent.

The address of the Grand Master shows that this Body has also been visited by the destroying angel, who has taken with him this time the late Grand Treasurer of the Body, JOHN WOLVERTON, who was called to his eternal rest, September 14, 1888. Most of the subordinates had been visited during the year by the Grand Master. Warren Council re-vivified and put into fine working order; Scott Council is quite ill, sick unto death, and whether it can find a physician who can heal it of its many ills, is more doubtful than that the "healing" question of the day will heal itself, if left alone.

This jurisdiction is one which takes in the Correspondence of the other "Sisters," and gives us none in return. We believe that we have in some of the ancient times, when we were on earth before, or some other day, seen reports from this jurisdiction. Cannot we again have the same pleasure Companions of New Jersey?

Comps. GEORGE W. STEED, Camden, elected Grand Master, and CHARLES BECHTEL, Trenton, re-elected Grand Recorder. Next Assembly January 28, 1890.

#### NORTH CAROLINA—1888-1889.

This Grand Body met in Annual Assembly at Goldsboro, in 1888, and at Wilmington, May 22, 1889. Its Proceedings for three years are not yet printed and our information relative to the jurisdiction, comes from our old friend and Comp. DONALD W. BAIN, the G. M. Rec., who writes us:

"We are trying to get things in readiness to resume our jurisdiction over the Cryptic degrees under auspicious circumstances, and to be something more than in name."

Comp. JACOB I. MACKS, Wilmington, re-elected G. M. and Comp. DONALD W. BAIN, re-elected G. M. Rec.

Other valuable information was furnished us by Comp. BAIN, but we had a full statement of the subject matter thereof in our last year's review. We hope and trust that the anticipations of our Companions of the old "North State" may be more than realized, and that time will deal gently with them in their efforts to build up the Temple.

#### OHIO—1888.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Assembly of this Body met at Springfield, Ohio, October 2, 1888, G. M. D. C. WINEGARNER, presiding, with the representatives

from forty-six subordinates, together with Grand Representatives from other jurisdictions, including Comp. WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM, Representative from New York.

From the address of the Grand Master, and from the Proceedings, we gather that their Body is justly considered and entitled to the credit of being one of the healthiest and most important Bodies of the Rite in the world. The practice of "official visitations" in this jurisdiction illustrates the wisdom which actuated the Grand Master, who first introduced the plan. The Proceedings of this Grand Body, from its organization in 1830 to 1840, have been re-printed, which will enable many to secure a perfect history of Cryptic Masonry in that jurisdiction, which otherwise it would be, impossible to obtain. There being but two hundred copies printed, the edition will soon be exhausted when it becomes known that copies can be had. The address is principally devoted to matters of local interest, and the condition of the Rite is highly satisfactory to its devotees. The reports of the officers who were assigned to duties in making visits are full and complete, and show that their work has been well done.

The next Assembly of this Body will be held at Finlay, on the 10th day of September, 1889, being the same day upon which our Body assembles in New York, which suggests to the writer the eminent propriety of sending our congratulations and greetings to that Body.

The Report on Correspondence is from our old friend, Comp. S. STACKER WILLIAMS, who reviews twenty-five jurisdictions in his inimitable and instructive manner, some of such Bodies being reviewed for several years. Comp. WILLIAMS experiences the usual difficulties in procuring proceedings for review, but, having adopted the same plan which the writer has found necessary, he succeeds in getting about all there are to be had. All of the Proceedings reviewed have been covered by our former reports, being for years prior to our Assembly of 1888; hence it will be unnecessary for us to take as much space in this review as we would otherwise not only feel inclined but incumbent upon us to make use of.

Upon the "Illinois Circular" question, in view of the statement made by the Grand Master of Illinois that he has no information, etc., that any of their members under Chapter Council work have been denied admission to a Council or refused recognition for that reason in any other Grand Jurisdiction, he says:

"The above being true, we think now as we thought then, that the adoption of the severe resolution of 'threatened non-intercourse' ill-advised, and are free to repeat what we said in our review last year to the Companions of Illinois that should a case arise 'not to do it,' it is 'bad medicine, and should only be used in extreme cases.' Though but recently our Companions in Illinois were very much mixed on the question of healing, they seem to have the question settled now, and though, as quoted above, no Illinois Companion has had difficulty in securing recognition away from home, yet there is a disposition now to show a slight degree of 'touchiness' on the subject, and a willingness to meet trouble more than half-way. In fact, the non-intercourse resolution has from the time it was introduced looked to us like the 'chip on the shoulder.'"

Comp. WILLIAMS gives a very full history of the action taken by Illinois, and in reference to the report of Comp. JEROME of that State, in conclusion, he pithily says:

"His report is made up mainly of thrusts at the General Grand Council and defenses of the actions of Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Illinois. He sustains his position with ability; but we venture the opinion that his arguments would lose none of their force if they were shorn of their acrimony."

Under New York Comp. WILLIAMS says, that:

"The representatives from Ohio *still absent*."

Our Comp. DARWIN E. MORGAN, the representative of Ohio to New York will have to come forward and exhibit himself in order to satisfy our Ohio Companion that he is still with the minority.

Speaking of our review for 1887, he says:

"A Report on Correspondence of thirty-nine pages, and covering a review of the Proceedings of *twenty-four* live Grand Councils, and a funeral sermon over one dead one, was made by M. P. Comp. GEORGE M. OSGOODBY. As we realize the weight of the Companion whose report we are about to dissect, that towering *five feet, eighteen inches* of stature, and as we remember the *emphasis* given by M. I. Comp. D. C. WINEGARNER to a reference made to his magnificent appearance by our R. I. Grand Chaplain, REV. THOMAS J. MELISH, while a committee of our Grand Council was escorting him to the dais to be introduced as the Most Puissant Grand Master, as well as our knowledge of his ability as a reporter and a searcher after hidden things, together with the admitted fact that he does not write a dull pen when he is after some poor little fellow, we approach the task with fear and trembling."

We are inclined to think Comp. WILLIAMS failed to read the story of the early experience of Comp. BABCOCK, of Oregon. We refer him to it, and he may possibly thereby be relieved from his "fear and trembling." Quoting our remarks upon the Illinois non-intercourse resolution he adds his own opinion in the brief words:

"This is well said."

Our report for last year does not appear to have been received in time for his review.

A very full history and review is given of the status of the Rite in Wisconsin, covering 1885-6-7, inclusive, and, as we understand the situation there, Comp. WILLIAMS has rather the best of the argument. We are in unison with him in his conclusion relative to this subject. He says:

"We have taken upon us to report briefly the condition of affairs in this jurisdiction and must say that our heart goes out in sympathy to the Companions in their forlorn condition. We sincerely hope more live Masons in the jurisdiction will come to the rescue. A few good spirits are now overworked and do not meet with proper encouragement."

We should make more copious extracts were it not that these same years, as stated above, had passed under our pen.

Comp. GEORGE D. MCBRIDE, of Gallipolis, and Comp. JOHN D. CALDWELL, of Cincinnati, were elected, respectively, G. M. and G. Rec.

#### OREGON—1889.

The Grand Council of this State met in Annual Assembly at Corvallis, February 6. G. M. SAMUEL BULLOCK, presiding, with the representatives from all of its subordinates, together with representatives from seven other Grand Jurisdictions, Comp. WOODCOCK, from New York, not being present.

The address of the Grand Master was devoted principally to local interests, but states, "that the Rite is slowly but surely gaining in new membership and influence."

The Report on Correspondence is from Comp. FRELON J. BABCOCK, who reviews thirteen jurisdictions in a very pleasant vein. Under "Connecticut" he refers to the manner they have of compelling attendance of their subordinates at Annual Assemblies, as follows:

"We find that they have a good way of compelling attendance at the Annual Assemblies, viz.: to fine the delinquent \$10. We don't know whether they tax up the costs or not, but if they do, we are afraid that the bill will be a heavy one."

In speaking of the Report of Comp. LEE, on Correspondence, he has struck upon a new plan of saving printers' bills, and at the same time affording the members the information to be derived from a perusal of copious extracts, which we will follow ourselves hereafter, when there seems to be a desire on the part of any of our Companions to read the Reports of other jurisdictions; he says of the Report:

"It is unique, and no brief extract from it can do it justice, so, Companions, I will lend you my copy and let you read it entire."

We don't mean by this, however, that our home Companions are to be relieved of the penance of reading something from us, only that we will let you have further light than is afforded by the extracts which we may make, whenever you desire to see better.

Under "Illinois," he says:

"We regret that our Illinois Companions are so very bitter against the General Grand Council, and think a little of the cement of brotherly love would do them good."

Comp. BABCOCK must not take it for granted that *all* of the Illinois Companions are of the way of thinking that their reviewer has adopted. Far from it, and there is nearly as much dissatisfaction with his view in his own State as there is elsewhere, so, at least, we are advised from good Masonic authority of his own State.

Under "New York," speaking of our Illinois action, after quoting the main points of our Committee's report, concurring with the conclusions of the writer on the same subject, in his Report on Correspondence that year, he says:

"This appears to us to be all right. If the degrees of the Council have been conferred outside of a regularly organized Council, we should demand a formal healing before we would allow a Companion, so made, to sit in Council with us.

In this, he voices his own sentiments, private opinion publicly expressed. For the words of cheer and good opinion of Comp. BABCOCK, as to our last Report, we say, Thanks!

Comp. BABCOCK is not one of the kind that easily gets frightened, and he tells Comp. MEYER of Pennsylvania so in response to his advice that our Oregon Companion must not get scared out of his boots by the antics of reviewers in the eastern part of the Continent. He says:

"When a lad, in Vermont, we had a fright and run for about a mile, more or less, at the top of our speed to get away from a bear, which, when he overtook us, proved to be a neighbor's dog; since that time we have always sized up the animal before running, and, with the Rocky Mountains between us we are brave."

A good experience, and we wager that it has done service lots of times since in the battles of life.

The Report of Comp. BABCOCK was mostly written while confined to his bed by severe illness, from which he was unable to be present at the Assembly, but it shows the stuff that he is made of. To do his duty, the first thought. Well done Comp. BABCOCK, we would that there were more like you in this respect.

This Report is right in the heart of the Proceedings, where we think such papers belong. We know that it expedites the getting out of the Proceedings very much to have the Report put in as an Appendix, as in that case, it can be printed, or set up before the Assembly is held, and thus leave the other matter only to be set up. We have thought of adopting this latter plan ourselves, but only for that reason.

Comp. GEORGE MCD. STROUD, East Portland, elected G. M., and Comp. FRELON J. BABCOCK, McMinnville, G. Rec. Next Assembly will be held at East Portland, February 5th, 1890.

#### PENNSYLVANIA—1889.

Proceedings not out, much to our regret. It is to big a jurisdiction to pass by, even if one is told to do it, but remembering Comp. BABCOCK's story in response to Comp. MEYER, we take the chances, but don't you do it again, Comp. MEYER.

#### RHODE ISLAND—1889.

This Body held its Annual Assembly for this year as usual, at Providence, G. M.: WILLIAM J. HUNTINGTON, presiding. All of its subordinates were represented. The business was of the usual routine and of local interest. The Proceedings are printed triennially in this jurisdiction, and this is the year for them to appear, but they are not out of the printer's hands yet.

We get our information by letter from Comp. WILLIAM R. GREENE, the G. Rec.

Comp. ARTHUR H. ARMSTRONG, G. M., and Comp. WILLIAM R. GREENE, Providence, G. Rec.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA—1889.

The Thirtieth Annual Assembly of this Body met at Charleston, February 12th. G. M.: A. DOY, presiding, with representatives of five subordinates, together with Grand Representatives from twenty-two jurisdictions, including W. H. D. GAILLARD, from New York.

From the address of the Grand Master, we can see that the Councils are in active operation, and the membership has been somewhat increased. He says, however:

"The blighting influence of the 'merging' plan is still upon us, and the Councils that went out of existence in consequence of its adoption have lost interest and heart in the work. We are not alone, however, in this 'slough of despondency,' and few Sister Grand Councils feel the effects of this lack of life, and are looking about them for means to revive their drooping fortunes."

He expresses his approval of the agitation of the pre-requisite plan, and advises his Body to unite in an application to the Grand Encampment upon that subject, and his recommendation was endorsed by the Body.

The subject of recognizing Select Masters made in Chapters, as presented by the Grand Councils of Illinois, was referred to a Special Committee, to report at the Assembly to be held in 1890.

Comp. DORY is thoroughly in earnest in his desire to build up the Rite in his jurisdiction, to its old standard prior to the "merger." They formerly had forty-one Councils, but the "merger" being disapproved of by the Companions at large, they declined to unite in the work of the Chapters pertaining to the Cryptic degrees, and so the forty-one Councils dwindled down to five at the present writing; but, we are assured personally, by Grand Master DORY, in a recent interview with him, that he believes the State will come out with about twenty-five good live Councils. It will if hard work will accomplish it.

In reference to the subject of organizing Councils in localities where none have hitherto existed, he suggests that the principal difficulty to be encountered is the expense to be incurred in the purchase of clothing and furniture, and suggests that this objection may be successfully met by the adoption of a plan, *i. e.* :

"Authorize the Grand Master, either in person or by deputy, to communicate the degrees of Royal and Select Master to not less than nine (9) Royal Arch Masons, who may desire to form a Council, each paying *in advance* the minimum fee prescribed by this Grand Council. The new Council to be immediately organized and set to work under dispensation. From the sum received from the candidates, deduct: *first*, an amount sufficient to defray the expenses of the visiting official; and *second*, an amount sufficient to pay for a charter; the balance to be turned into the *treasury of the new Council* with the written agreement of its officers that no part thereof shall be applied to any purpose other than that of purchasing clothing and furniture."

This plan was endorsed by the Committee to whom it was referred, excepting that they recommend that the funds of such Councils be available for all necessary expenses.

We can see no objection to the adoption of this plan, although some of our contemporaries have made strictures upon the subject of the communication of these degrees even for the purpose of organizing new Councils. In New York we know that this power was exercised a good many years ago, and the Council in which the writer received the Cryptic degrees was instituted and the degrees conferred by G. L. CHASE, who was deputized with special authority to institute Councils in different localities of the State. For the advancement of the Rite and the institution of new Councils in localities where there are none, and also in new territory at a distance from the Grand Body authorizing a new Council to be instituted, we believe that the Body having the control of the territory through its executive officer has and should exercise the Masonic power, and its Grand Master his prerogative to either communicate the degrees or to deputize a proper Companion for that purpose, to the end that the Rite itself be advanced and benefited by such action, *and this is Masonic law, established by precedents* too numerous to recite in detail. This right has been criticised at intervals by some who are always ready to find fault without reason or precedent to sustain them. Let us refer such cavilers to the fact that the first Councils in this country were instituted and the degrees communicated by deputies under the authority of the A. and A. Rite, notably by JEREMY L. CROSS, a deputy acting under the authority of the Grand Council of the A. and A. Rite at Baltimore, Md., and under whom the Rite was introduced and Councils instituted within that present Grand Jurisdiction known as Connecticut. Following this, as well as other illustrious examples and precedents which can be cited from Masonic history, the writer exercised his prerogative, in the official position which he then held, in deputizing a Companion to communicate the degrees,

under which a Council was instituted at Atoka, Indian Territory, and under similar circumstances he would not hesitate to exercise the same power in other localities as often as the occasion might arise requiring such. We have not seen fit heretofore to notice the criticisms made upon such action of the writer, or relative to the organization of the Grand Council of Oregon, as we considered that such adverse criticisms simply exhibited an ignorance of Masonic law or a captious desire to find fault, but under the action taken by South Carolina we consider it our duty to express ourselves explicitly upon this subject. If this be treason let the cavaliers make the most of it, and we will cite the authorities and precedents to sustain our position in response.

There is no Report on Correspondence, which we regret.

Comps. A. DOTY and ZIMMERMAN DAVIS, of Charleston, were re-elected, respectively, Grand Master and Grand Recorder. Next Assembly will be held at Charleston, February 11, 1890.

#### TENNESSEE—1889.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Assembly of this Body met at Nashville, January 29th. G. M. JOHN B. GARRETT, presiding, with representatives from six Councils, together with Grand Representatives from nineteen States, including Comp. JOHN FRIZZELL from New York, who is *always* present on these occasions.

The Grand Master's address is of local interest. One new Council instituted and chartered, and Nashville's Council has been brought from a condition of inactivity into one of vigorous life.

No Report on Correspondence was presented. The Rite appears to have advanced in this jurisdiction somewhat during the past year, the Body being in much better financial condition, and some of the subordinates have made gratifying advancement, whilst others are at a virtual standstill, and seem in a state of lethargy; about the same condition as is found to exist in some other jurisdictions. No other business of importance was transacted, except of the usual routine. Comps. J. C. SMITH, of Jackson, and JOHN FRIZZELL, of Nashville, were elected respectively as Grand Master and Grand Recorder. Next Assembly, January 27, 1890, at Nashville.

#### VERMONT—1889.

This Body met in Annual Assembly, for the thirty-sixth time at Burlington, June 11th, G. M. HENRY H. ROSS, presiding.

As the Proceedings of this Assembly are not yet printed we shall have to give such account thereof as we have been able to obtain by our patent long distance, individual telephone. Comp. REYNOLDS, being at the other end of the wire.

The address of the Grand Master was of great interest and some portions of it can be applied to other jurisdictions with good grace and we quote as follows:

"A year ago I announced to you that the condition of the Rite was good and I hoped to be able to say at this time that it was better. But I hesitate to do so; and yet I know not but that I might so say. Not as many new Companions have been received as I had hoped, but I know that among the newly greeted are some that, if I mistake not, will make their influence felt for good in their respective Councils. If the fall of the noble WARREN at Bunker's Hill was equal to the loss of five hundred ordinary soldiers, as the British declared, on

" that basis of computation, we have made gratifying and desirable gains. And, after all that statistics show, it is true that the real gain or loss of any organization should be determined " by the amount of manly character added to or taken from it. Ours can never be a strong " jurisdiction based upon numbers alone. Our State is small and its inhabitants comparatively " few, but in the union of States the character and ability of her people, as shown in her rep- " resentative men, makes Vermont second to none; so also in Masonry, Cryptic and other, we " point with pride to our many illustrious and faithful Companions, both past and present, and " feel that we are not the 'least among the tribes of Judah.' Character must determine in " bodies of men as individuals. Look well to your ballots, both in determining the fate of " petitions and in your annual choice of leaders.

" In most of the Councils some life and activity exists and there harmony prevails: the few " others are characterized by a most suspicious peace. Harmony can be only where there is " action. The tranquillity of some subordinates is the quiet of the rural graveyard whose " mountain ashes or lilies of the vale are disturbed only to receive one more peaceful subject " into the ranks of the silent majority; or is the comatose state of the seriously ill when doubt " lingers as to whether it shall terminate in death's sleep or awake to convalescence and youth- " ful strength. One such, at least, where most skillful attendants had almost despaired of see- " ing life's fitful flame burn again, has been restored to us during the past year, and it is as to " one snatched from the jaws of death that we welcome the return.

" Another has also given evidence of powerful vitality, and after a state of rest and refresh- " ment, has arisen as a strong man out of sleep. Tread lightly, and let your lips be mute, all " ye that approach the tranquil abode of No. 16, and as ye draw nigh the silent and historic " fields of Bennington, let reverence mark your manner, for here mighty deeds *have* been done. " No. 9 and 15, disturb them not, for who can say what mighty thoughts are taking shape " beneath their fixed and quiet gaze. And of No. 5 it shall be said, 'she dwelleth at the " haven of the sea; she stooped down, she couched as a lion; and as an old lion; who shall " rouse her up?'"

We think that some of this can be swallowed by other Councils, with a chance of beneficial results. We did not "catch on" to the Correspondence Report, but if there was one, when the Proceedings get out, we can take it in. Comp. ROSS and Comp. WARREN G. REYNOLDS were re-elected as G. .M. . and G. .Rec. ., respectively, address, Burlington.

#### WISCONSIN.

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for Wisconsin, was held on Wednesday afternoon, February 20, 1889, in Milwaukee. The Grand Officers were all present and the Grand Council was opened with full ritualistic ceremony. Representatives were in attendance from eighteen Councils. The Grand Master, MARSENA TEMPLE, delivered a brief extemporaneous address, from which it would seem that interest in the Cryptic Rite throughout the State was not what might be termed excessive. The work of the other departments of Masonry seems to take up so much of the time of the brethren, Companions and Sir Knights, that Councils are neglected. The Grand Recorder Reports fifty-one Companions promoted to the grades of Royal and Select Masters. Forty-four Councils have reported a membership of 1577.

This information come to hand after the other portions of our review had gone into the hands of the printer. No information as to date of next Assembly nor as to Grand Master elect. Comp. J. W. LAFLIN, Milwaukee, Grand Rec.

#### IN CONCLUSION.

We are satisfied with the condition of the Rite as it appears to exist in the different Grand Jurisdictions of the country. In most jurisdictions, Cryptic Masonry is advancing, and the interest felt in the work of the Grand Council is on the increase. Our views as to the future are already well known, and, with the statement that our faith in its continued prosperity has not diminished, but rather increased, we send forth our work for examination and criticism. It has

been, this year as before, a work of interest and pleasure to us. It is true that Masonry has no place for drones, but always appreciates the Brother or Companion who is at all times ready, in season and out of season, to do the work allotted to him. Many times have we been disappointed in our expectations and anticipations, many times have we seemed to reap thistles where the seed sown was intended to raise figs, and we do not know that we can better express our present feelings and position than by adopting the language of the poet :

" 'Tis here that we sit in our easy chair,  
With face to the setting sun,  
And think of the dreams we early dreamed  
When the journey was first begun ;  
Of all the work we found to do,  
And the little we have done ;  
And at times we feel like stopping the wheels,  
And the going down of the sun.

That the final grain may not drop out  
From the sands so running away,  
'Till finished our work, and fairly played out,  
Is the part we have striven to play.  
Fond were the dreams we early dreamed,  
And a few have been fulfilled ;  
And others have rudely blighted been,  
And others again, been killed.

Some in the bud, in the blossom some,  
Most ere the fruitage came,  
And whether in one or the other,  
It's now to us all the same.  
Line upon line are we writing,  
Sadly and sombre at times,  
Telling of battles fighting,  
Ready and reckless rhymes.

Here of the good and the gracious,  
There of the grand and great,  
Putting in all the love we can,  
Leaving out all the hate ;  
Hate, did we say ? no, never  
Knew we the thing in our life,  
'Mid all of our battles fighting,  
Battles of stormiest strife.

Who can afford to envy ?  
Who can afford to hate ?  
In view of the past so all behind,  
And before, of the golden gate,  
Golden gate of the future,  
Open and all ajar,  
Only a little further on,  
Seen in the twinkling star.

Dreamed in the dream of poets  
And prophets, so oft o'ertold ;  
Only a little further on,  
Seen are the gates of gold,  
Through these into the noon-tide  
Of eternal day and light,  
We trust to " pass on," our work complete,  
Inspected and found true, square and right."

*Geo. M. Osgoodby*

*Chairman for Committee.*

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

On motion, it was decided that when the Grand Council was called from labor, it be until 2 o'clock, p.m.

A communication from the P.C. of W. of Columbian Council No. 1 was received and referred for R. E. S. E. A. R. C. H. to Comps. JOHN N. MACOMB, GEO. M. OSGOODBY, and J. W. COBURN.

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.

Your Special Committee would respectfully report and recommend:

That so much of the Grand Master's Address as relates to the Fraternal Dead, be referred to the Committee on Fraternal Dead.

That so much as relates to dispensations be referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

That so much as relates to the Library, be referred to the Committee on Library.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES W. BROWN, }  
JOHN L. BROTHERS, } Committee.  
THOS. GLIDDON, }

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

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. Verhoeven.....	Proxy.
Union.....	" 2.	M. H. Conklin.....	T. I. M.
Brooklyn.....	" 4.	Wm. M. Smith.....	Proxy.
Adelphic.....	" 7.	Fredk. Kanter.....	T. I. M.
" .....		Geo. E. W. Stivers....	Proxy.
Central City.....	" 13.	Theo. M. Barber.....	T. I. M.
Bloss.....	" 14.	Wm. M. Peckham....	"
Bruce.....	" 15.	Rollin B. Moore.....	"
Southern Tier.....	" 16.	Conrad Wehnes.....	"
Buffalo.....	" 17.	Wm. J. Donaldson....	"
Doric.....	" 19.	W. H. Maston.....	Proxy.
Keystone.....	" 20.	Warren F. Chandler..	"
De Witt Clinton. ....	" 22.	Thos. J. Bishop. ....	T. I. M.
" " .....	"	Richard V. Stevens....	Proxy for P. C. of W.
Ontario.....	" 23.	J. Henry Smith.....	T. I. M.
Dunkirk.....	" 25.	W. H. Wyman.....	Proxy.
Palmyra.....	" 26.	S. Nelson Sawyer....	T. I. M.
" .....	"	Geo. McGown.....	Proxy for D. M.
Utica.....	" 28.	J. V. Anthony.....	T. I. M.
King Solomon.....	" 31.	Alfred B. Smith.....	"
Olean.....	" 33.	C. S. Hanks.....	Proxy.
Corning.....	" 53.	C. V. Huchins.....	T. I. M.
Peekskill.....	" 55.	David Griffin.....	"
Ithaca.....	" 68.	Albert W. Force.....	Proxy.
Alph-Omega.....	" 71.	John Cunningham.....	"

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. VAN VLIET,  
GEO. E. W. STIVERS, } Committee.  
RICHARD V. STEVENS, }

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

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th, 1889—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 proceedings were read and approved.

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 beg leave to report that, after careful research, they are unable to find any business left undone by this Grand Body, at its last Annual Assembly, to be acted upon at the present time.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. WYMAN,  
C. S. HANKS,  
WARREN F. CHANDLER, } Committee.

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

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

Your Committee on Warrants and Dispensations report that nothing has been presented to them requiring their consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. DONALDSON,  
J. HENRY SMITH,  
C. V. HUCHINS, } Committee.

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, would respectfully report that nothing has been referred to them for consideration, showing that peace and harmony reigns supreme in our jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

S. NELSON SAWYER, }  
CONRAD WEHNES, } Committee.  
FREDK. KANTER, }

From the reports of the several Grand Officers appointed by the Grand Master for official visitation on the various subordinate Councils, it would seem that a prosperous era had dawned upon the Cryptic Rite, and success to have crowned the efforts of many of our Councils who have remained almost motionless for years past.

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

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

Your Committee on Constitution and By-Laws would most respectfully report : That the granting of the Dispensations by the M. Ill. Grand Master, referred to in his Address, were granted in the proper exercise of his prerogative, and that such action should meet with the approbation of this Body.

That no other question relative to matters which are within the lines of our duty have been presented for consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. M. OSGOODBY, }  
J. B. HARRIS, } Committee.  
ALFRED B. SMITH, }

The thanks of the Grand Council were unanimously tendered Comp. HERMAN G. CARTER, for his liberal act in binding the early proceedings of this Grand Body, that had been collected in pamphlet form.

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

Comp. JOHN N. MACOMB, JR., of Branchport, elected....Grand Master.  
 " ALEXANDER B. KING, of Troy, " " Deputy Master.  
 " GEORGE A. NEWELL, of Medina, " " P. C. of W.  
 " JOHN F. BALDWIN, of New York, " " Treasurer.  
 " GEORGE VAN VLIET, " " Recorder.  
 (M. Ill. Comp. R. C. CHRISTIANCE was re-elected Grand Master, but declined.)

The Grand Master made the following appointments:

Comp. ALBERT W. FORCE, of Ithaca..... Grand C. of the G.  
 " THOMAS J. BISHOP, of Albany. .... " C. of the C.  
 " REV. W. D'ORVILLE DOTY, D.D., of Rochester..... " Chaplain.  
 " FREDERICK KANTER, of New York..... " Marshal.  
 " A. OPPENHEIMER, of Buffalo..... " Lecturer.  
 " JOHN B. HARRIS, of Brooklyn..... " Steward.  
 " JOHN HOOLE, of New York..... " Sentinel.

*Committee on Foreign Correspondence.*

GEO. M. OSGOODBY, JOHN W. COBURN, A. D. ROBINS, M.D.

*Committee on Library.*

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

The Tellers, after faithfully finishing the labors assigned them, were discharged, carrying with them the kindly feelings of all interested, for their skillful manipulation of the ballot-box.

The Officers elected and appointed were installed in their several stations by M. P. GEO. M. OSGOODBY, Past General Grand Master, of the General Grand Council of the United States, as Installing Officer, assisted by M. Ill. G. FRED. WILTSIE, Past Grand Master of this Grand Council, as Grand Marshal.

The thanks of this Grand Council were unanimously tendered to our retiring Grand Master, RALPH C. CHRISTIANCE, for his untiring efforts, his dignified manner, and his impartial performance of the duties incumbent upon him as Grand Master.

On motion, the second Tuesday in September, 1890, at 10 o'clock A.M., and Masonic Hall, New York City, were made the time and place for the next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council.

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

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

Your Committee on Constitution and By-Laws (acting exclusive of Comp. OSGOODBY) on the resolution referred to them, viz. :—to appropriate a——sum of money from the funds of this Grand Council, for the purpose of placing it in the hands of a committee appointed by the General Grand Council, to procure a suitable testimonial for their Past General Grand Master, GEO. M. OSGOODBY—respectfully report that we find no part of the Constitution that prohibits such action.

We therefore recommend that the Grand Council fix a stipulated amount and refer it to the Committee on Finance and Accounts, for their approval and recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. HARRIS, } Committee.  
ALFRED B. SMITH, }

On motion, the Finance Committee were requested to report a donation of Fifty Dollars for the above purpose.

The Committee on Fraternal Dead presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and their recommendation adopted.

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

Your Committee on Fraternal Dead would respectfully and lovingly refer to

those of our beloved Companions who, during the past year, have been called from their labors on earth to their souls refreshment and peace (as we fondly hope) in the Paradise of GOD.

Our Most Illustrious Grand Master, in his able address, has brought before us the names of the departed, and, in fitting terms of reverence, given us the facts in regard to their connection with Free-Masonry, and particularly with that of the Cryptic Rite, which is here represented in this Annual Assembly.

We would reiterate in terms of pathetic sorrow all that has been said of Comp. JOHN L. LEWIS, who, for 43 years, was a respected and revered Mason; of Comp. JOHN W. SIMONS, for 41 years a Mason of the Cryptic Rite; of Comp. THEO. E. HAZLEHURST, whose comparatively short course in Masonry was none the less prominent and effective; and of others from abroad, and of sister jurisdictions, the tidings of whose deaths are received with sincere regret.

Many, perhaps all, of these our brethren met with the trials and difficulties of earth; but, sustained by the unflinching hope, which is the legitimate inheritance of a well-spent life, and an unfeigned trust in the boundless mercy of ALMIGHTY GOD, they have passed on into the Secret Vault, which only the last great Easter-day can open.

We reverently acknowledge that to us their successors they have left a legacy of unvarying faithfulness, which, if we earnestly follow, of us, as of them, it may be said:

"When the shore is won at last,  
Who will count the billows past."

We recommend that a memorial page be set apart in our printed Proceedings to each of our departed Companions.

Fraternally submitted,

W. D'ORVILLE DOTY, }  
M. H. CONKLIN, } Committee.  
J. V. ANTHONY, }

The following telegram was received (with applause):

FINDLAY, Ohio, Sept. 10, 1889.

RALPH C. CHRISTIANCE,  
Grand Master of Grand Council R. . and S. . M. . 's.

Your cheering greeting received. Ohio heartily responds with joyful congratulations of Officers and members, on this anniversary of PERRY's victory.

JOHN D. CALDWELL,  
*Grand Recorder.*

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

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

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

We recommend the payment of the following sums :

To Grand Recorder for Salary and Expenses.....	\$265 83
“ Chairman of Comm. on For. Cor.....	75 00
“ Grand Master for Expenses.....	16 50
“ “ Sentinel for Services and Expenses .....	10 00
“ Rent of Room and Safe .....	20 00
“ Pay of Representatives.....	495 88
“ John F. Baldwin for Printing .....	4 50
“ Committee on Testimonial of the G. G. Council of the U. S.....	50 00
Total.....	\$937 71

We also recommend that the Grand Recorder be authorized to pay the dues to the General Grand Council annually, as requested by circular from the General Grand Recorder.

We further recommend, that the Grand Recorder be authorized to print 500 copies of the Proceedings of this Annual Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W COBURN,  
JOHN CUNNINGHAM, } Committee.  
WILLIAM M. PECKHAM,

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

The Committee on Library presented the following report :

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

Your Committee cheerfully acknowledge the receipt, at various times, from the Grand Council of sums now amounting in the aggregate to.....\$400 00  
With interest accrued thereon to July 1, 1889..... 34 41

Making a Total of.....\$434 41

(Now in the Manhattan Savings Institution, in this City), which we are guarding zealously until such times as we are called upon to expend it, for the purposes it was intended.

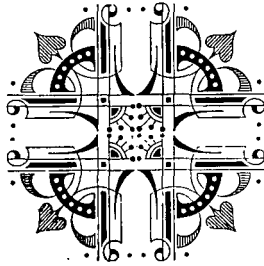
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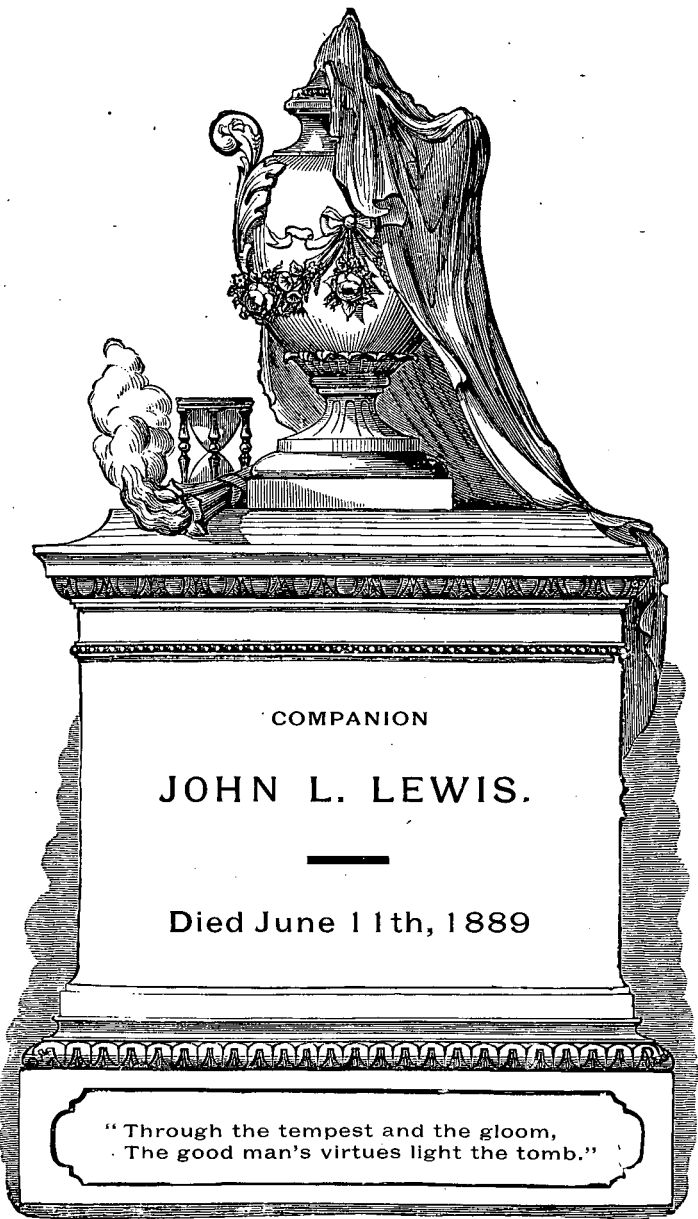
CHARLES W. BROWN,  
*Trustee of the Committee.*

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.*





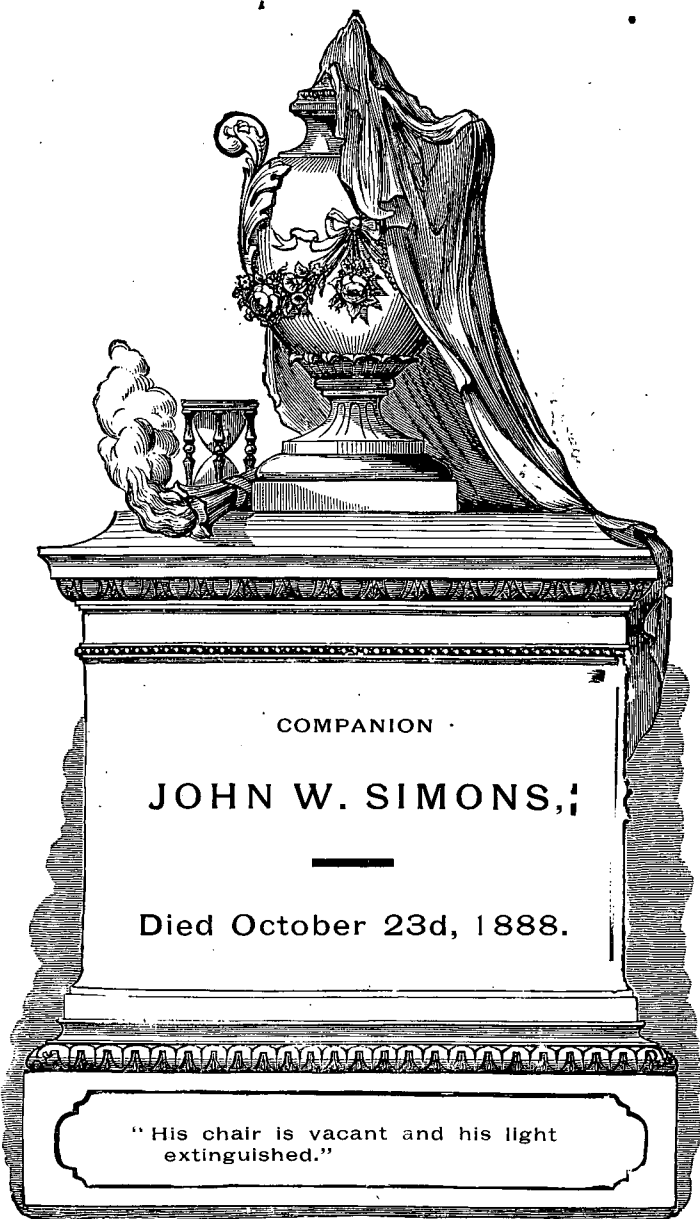
COMPANION

JOHN L. LEWIS.

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Died June 11th, 1889

"Through the tempest and the gloom,  
The good man's virtues light the tomb."

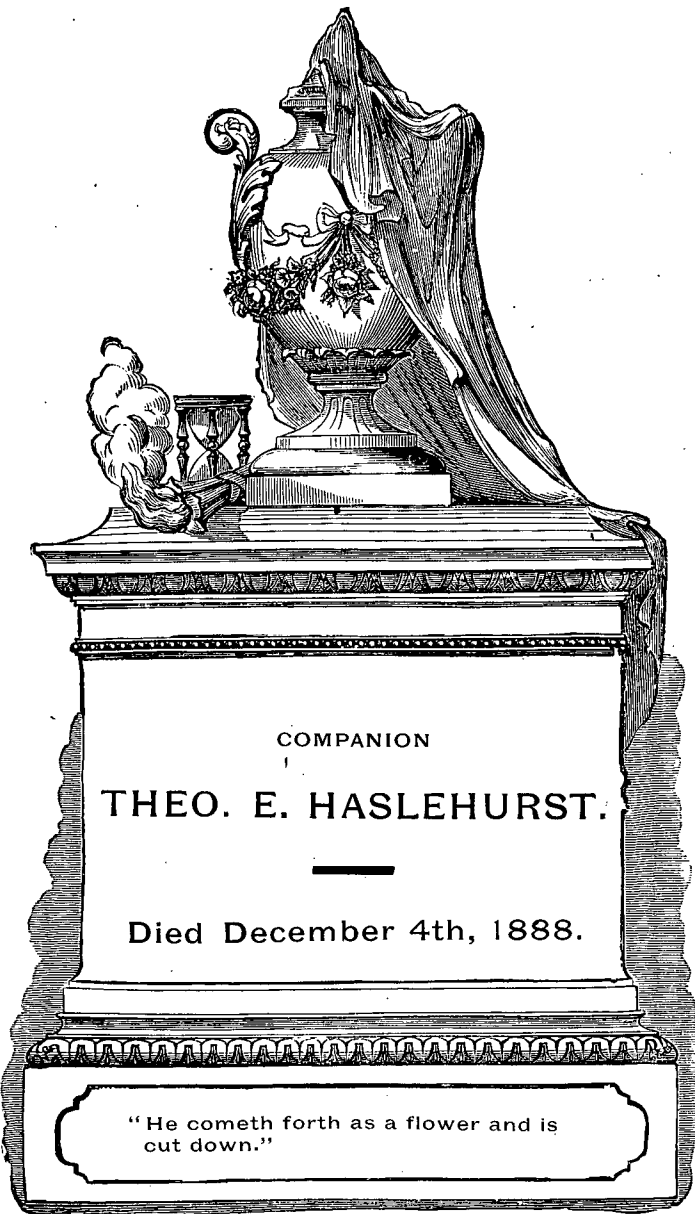


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JOHN W. SIMONS,

Died October 23d, 1888.

"His chair is vacant and his light  
extinguished."

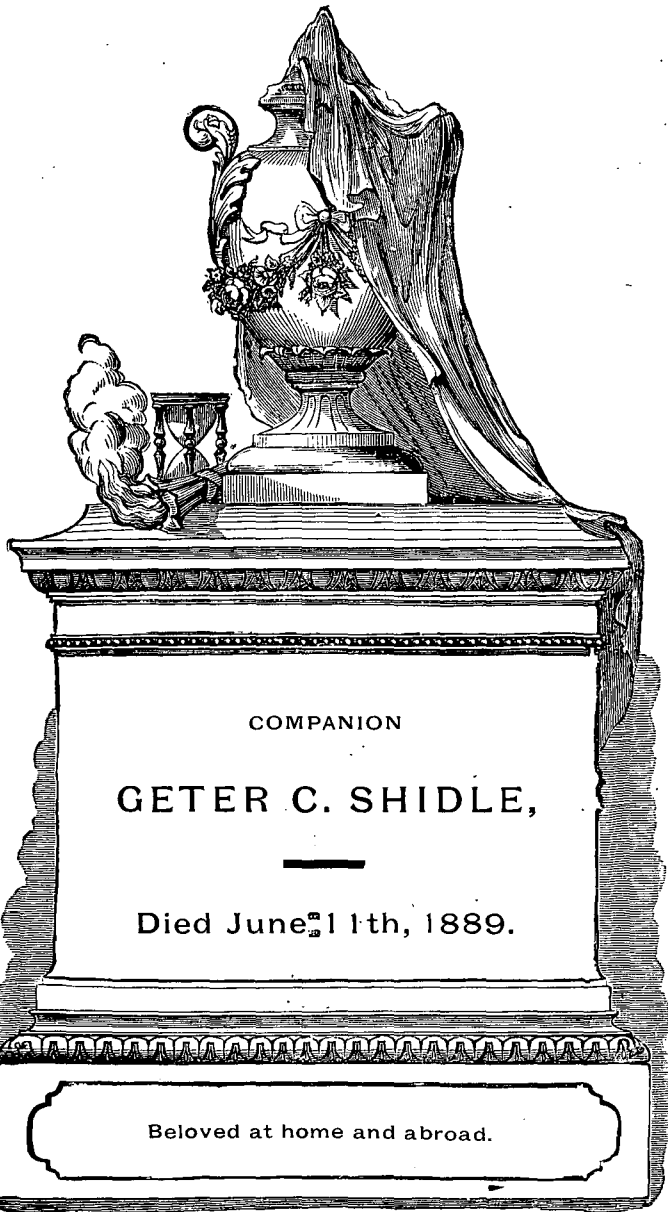


COMPANION

THEO. E. HASLEHURST.

Died December 4th, 1888.

"He cometh forth as a flower and is cut down."



COMPANION

GETER C. SHIDLE,

Died June 11th, 1889.

Beloved at home and abroad.

## RECEIPTS.

From Columbian	Council No. 1,	for dues to August 1st, 1889 . . . .	\$10 50
" Union	" " 2,	" " " " . . . .	29 00
" Brooklyn	" " 4,	" " " " . . . .	44 00
" Adelphic	" " 7,	" " " " . . . .	97 50
" Central City	" " 13,	" " " " . . . .	23 00
" Bloss	" " 14,	" " " " . . . .	178 00
" Bruce	" " 15,	" " " " . . . .	35 00
" Southern Tier	" " 16,	" " " " . . . .	32 50
" Buffalo,	" " 17,	" " " " . . . .	79 50
" Doric	" " 19,	" " " " . . . .	178 50
" Keystone	" " 20,	" " " " . . . .	72 00
" DeWitt Clinton	" " 22,	" " " " . . . .	127 00
" Ontario	" " 23,	" " " " . . . .	8 50
" Dunkirk	" " 25,	" " " " . . . .	61 00
" Palmyra	" " 26,	" " " " . . . .	34 00
" Utica	" " 28,	" " " " . . . .	
" King Solomon	" " 31,	" " " " . . . .	32 50
" Olean	" " 33,	" " " " . . . .	39 00
" Hornellsville	" " 35,	" " " " . . . .	
" Corning	" " 53,	" " " " . . . .	19 00
" Peekskill	" " 55,	" " " " . . . .	13 00
" Ithaca	" " 68,	" " " " . . . .	56 50
" Nepperhan	" " 70,	" " " " . . . .	
" Alph-Omega	" " 71,	" " " " . . . .	29 50

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## OFFICERS, LOCATION AND DATE OF MEETING OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS.

NAME.	NO.	MASTER.	DEPUTY MASTER.	P. C. OF W.	RECORDER.	WHERE LOCATED.		DATE OF MEETINGS.
						CITY OR TOWN.	COUNTY.	
COLUMBIAN .....	1	Peter Forrester.	Thos Cunnington	Wm. F. J. Thiers.	P. M. W. Verhoeven	New York.	New York.	2d or 4th Monday.
UNION.....	2	M. H. Conklin.	Ed. F. Barnes.	S. W. Wiley.	W. M. Postley.	New York.	New York.	3d Saturday.
BROOKLYN.....	4	John B. Harris.	A. H. Topping.	Wm. M. Smith.	Geo. Nicholson.	Brooklyn.	Kings.	3d Saturday.
ADELPHIC.....	7	Fredk. Kanter.	S. R. Ellison.	Geo. E. W. Stivers.	John W. Coburn.	New York.	New York.	1st Saturday.
CENTRAL CITY.....	13	Theo. M. Barber.	Wm. Gilbert.	John H. Duncan.	Edwin C. Tallcott.	Syracuse.	Onondaga.	
BLOSS.....	14	W. M. Peckham.	Arthur T. Smith.	Robert B. Stiles.	John H. Tappin.	Troy.	Rensselaer.	1st Friday.
BRUCE.....	15	Rollin B. Moore.	Wm. J. Jackman.	Perry Stowell.	Van Ness Douglas.	Lockport.	Niagara.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.
SOUTHERN TIER.....	16	Conrad Welnes.	S. D. Wadhams.	J. A. Baty.	W. A. Kingsbury.	Elmira.	Chemung.	3d Monday.
BUFFALO.....	17	W. J. Donaldson.	Wm. H. Cass.	Geo. W. Voss.	Geo. L. Kingston.	Buffalo.	Erie.	3d Thursday.
DORIC.....	19	Edw. Schafer.	Wm. H. Maston.	Thomas Gliddon.	John Alexander.	Rochester.	Monroe.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.
KEYSTONE.....	20	Levi S. Gates.	W. F. Chandler.	H. McMichael.	W. S. Riselay.	Buffalo.	Erie.	3d Saturday.
DEWITT CLINTON.....	22	Thos. J. Bishop.	R. T. Lockley.	Jas. B. McEwen.	J. E. Allanson.	Albany.	Albany.	3d Thursday.
ONTARIO.....	23	J. Henry Smith.	Nelson Hyatt.	Andrew Mackay.	J. N. Macomb, Jr.	Penu Yan.	Yates.	Last Tuesday.
DUNKIRK.....	25	Henry J. Gibbs.	F. B. Barnard.	John Hilliard.	Charles Blood.	Dunkirk.	Chautauqua.	1st Wednesday.
PALMYRA.....	26	Saml. N. Sawyer.	Alf. C. Hopkins.	Edwin B. Anderson.	George McGown.	Palmyra.	Wayne.	2d Monday.
UTICA.....	28	Jas. V. Anthony.	J. B. Onendorf.	Clarence E. Taylor.	Nathan Overend.	Utica.	Oneida.	Last Friday.
KING SOLOMON.....	31	Alfred B. Smith.	Robt. H. Hunter.	Rev. F. B. Wheeler.	B. S. Bagley.	Poughkeepsie.	Dutchess.	
OLEAN.....	33	W. L. Myrick.	A. A. Swarts.	John Sloane.	C. S. Hanks.	Olean.	Cattaraugus.	1st Wednesday.
CORNING.....	53	Chas. V. Hutchins.	John Comosh.	Geo. B. Hill.	Geo. Hitchcock.	Corning.	Steuben.	1st & 3d Thursdays.
PEEKSKILL.....	55	David Griffin.	Edw. D. Bates.	Robert Brown.	Thos. J. Hodgkins.	Peekskill.	Westchester.	2d Monday.
ITHACA.....	68	H. M. Hibbard.	C. M. Benjamin.	Geo. W. Melotte.	A. W. Force.	Ithaca.	Tompkins.	2d Monday.
NEPPERHAN.....	70	Jas. H. Jenkins.	Moses D. Getty.	Jos. M. Tompkins.	John E. Murphy.	Yonkers.	Westchester.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.
ALPH-OMEGA.....	71	Geo. A Newell.	G. S. Hutchinson.	I. M. Thompson.	John Bidelman.	Albion.	Orleans.	2d Wednesday.

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