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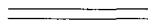
OF

Royal and Select Masters

OF THE

STATE OF NEW YORK.

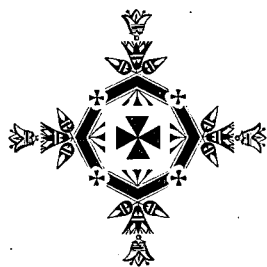
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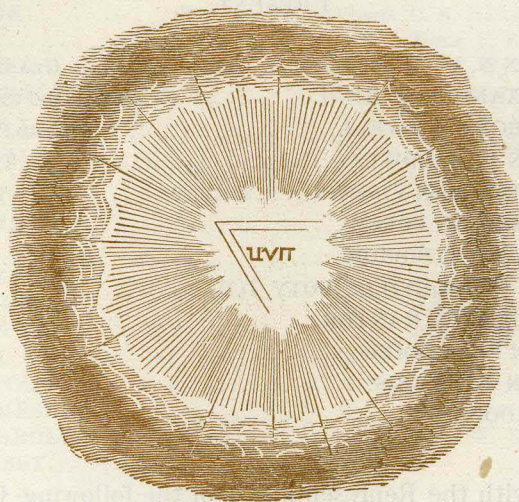


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OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL R. & S. M'S.
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

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

The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select
Masters of the State of New York convened in Annual
Assembly in the City of New York, on Tuesday, September
9th, A.D. 1890, Anno. Dep. 2890, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

PRESENT.

M. III. JOHN N. McCOMB, JR.....	GRAND MASTER.
R. III. ALEXANDER B. KING.....	GRAND DEPUTY MASTER
R. III. GEORGE A. NEWELL.....	GRAND P. C. OF W.
R. III. JOHN F. BALDWIN	" TREASURER.
R. III. GEORGE VAN VLIET.....	" RECORDER
R. III. ALBERT W. FORCE.....	" C. OF THE G.
R. III. THOMAS J. BISHOP.....	" C. OF THE C.
R. III. Rev. W. D'ORVILLE DOTY, D.D.....	" CHAPLAIN.
R. III. FREDERICK KANTER.....	" MARSHAL.
R. III. A. OPPENHEIMER.....	" 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
BUFFALO.....	" 17	PEEKSKILL.....	" 55
DORIC.....	" 19	ITHACA.....	" 68
KEYSTONE.....	" 20	NEPPERHAN.....	" 70
DE WITT CLINTON.....	" 22	ALPH-OMEGA.....	" 71

And permanent members as follows:

G. FRED. WILTSIE.....	PAST GRAND MASTER.
GEORGE M. OSGOODBY.....	" " "
CHARLES W. BROWN.....	" " "
JOHN J. MARTIN.....	" " "
JOHN W. COBURN.....	" " "
R. C. CHRISTIANCE.....	" " "

with Representatives from the following Grand Councils :

ARKANSAS.....	Represented by Comp.	C. S. HANKS.
FLORIDA.....	“ “	JOHN F. BALDWIN.
CONNECTICUT.....	“ “	P. M. W. VERHOEVEN.
ENGLAND, WALES, &c....	“ “	GEO. M. OSGOODBY.
GEORGIA.....	“ “	JOHN W. COBURN.
ILLINOIS.....	“ “	W. M. POSTLEY.
KANSAS.....	“ “	“ “
KENTUCKY.....	“ “	W. H. WYMAN.
LOUISIANA.....	“ “	“ “
MAINE.....	“ “	G. FRED. WILTSIE.
MARYLAND.....	“ “	WM. DOWNES.
MASSACHUSETTS.....	“ “	JOHN J. MARTIN.
MICHIGAN.....	“ “	PETER FORRESTER.
MISSOURI.....	“ “	“ “
MINNESOTA.....	“ “	ALEX. B. KING.
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	“ “	GEO. VAN VLIET.
NORTH CAROLINA.....	“ “	REV. W. D'O. DOTY.
NEW JERSEY.....	“ “	“ “
OHIO.....	“ “	“ “
OREGON.....	“ “	WM. SHERER.
PENNSYLVANIA.....	“ “	“ “
RHODE ISLAND.....	“ “	CHARLES W. BROWN.
SOUTH CAROLINA.....	“ “	ALBERT W. FORCÉ.
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.)

A letter was received from Comp. CONRAD WEHNES, T. I. N. of Southern Tier Council No. 16, accounting for, and regretting his absence from this Annual Assembly of the Grand Council.

M. Ill.: JOHN N. MACOMB J., Grand Master, then delivered the following

ADDRESS.

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

Another year is drawing to its close. We meet once more in Annual Assembly. It is now in order for us to review the past, and if from an examination of it, and a study of its history, we can learn better how to do our work in the future, it will not have been spent in vain. We should bring to the tasks which now await us more than our ordinary determination to be faithful to the great interests committed to our care, recognizing fully that human existence is, or should be, made up of a continuous succession of efforts, and that the achievements of the past, no matter what they have been, cannot long content us, but only point the way to farther progress in the coming time.

We have entered upon the duties of our eighty-first Annual Assembly, and having rendered thanks to T. S. A. O. T. U. for the many blessings he has bestowed upon us during the last year, I will now, in accordance with custom, proceed to lay before you, as briefly as possible, a record of my official acts during the past year, and submit such suggestions as I deem worthy of your consideration.

OBITUARY.

Before beginning the active business of this Assembly, let us pause to pay a fitting tribute to some of our companions who have passed from their labors in the Lodge below to the glorious companionship of that undissolving Lodge above. The shaft of death has visited our S.:V.:, sparing neither eminence nor usefulness nor length of service. No one can predict where it will next strike—whose seat will next be vacated. With our faces to the setting sun we tread the declining path of life, and the shadows lengthen and darken behind us. The good, the wise, the brave fall before our eyes, but our beloved Rite survives, and in its life we feel that our departed companions still live. Here, in our Annual Assembly they come before us in memory, and their influence is felt in the form and character that our legislation has heretofore taken.

M.:I.:THOMAS GLIDDON, Past Grand Master, passed to the higher life on the 26th of May, 1890, at his home in Rochester. He was a faithful member of this Grand Council. He loved the Cryptic Rite and was devoted to it. At the time of his death he was a member of Frank R. Lawrence Lodge, No. 797, F. & A. M., Hamilton Chapter, No. 61, R. A. M., Doric Council, No. 19, R. & S. M., and Monroe Commandery, No. 12, K. T. He was also a member of all the bodies of the A.:A.:Scottish Rite, and had been honored with the 33d degree. In all these Bodies he had recently held important offices, and to all he had rendered valuable services. Doric Council was, however, the only one over which he had presided. He was widely and favorably known throughout the country as an able masonic writer, and he had for several years conducted the masonic departments of the Rochester newspapers with marked ability. He was one whom his brethren delighted to honor. He died as he had lived, an honest, upright man, regretted by all who knew him. His funeral, conducted by his masonic brethren, was

strikingly beautiful. Upon my return from following his remains to their last resting place in Mount Hope Cemetery, I issued the following circular.

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

BRANCHPORT, May 29, A. D. 1890.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE SEVERAL COUNCILS OF ROYAL
AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK :

COMPANIONS :—*Death has terminated the labor of a man.* Our dearly loved Companion

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS THOMAS GLIDDON, PAST GRAND MASTER, died at his residence, in Rochester, on the morning of the 26th inst., in the 57th year of his age.

His Masonic record is too well known to make it necessary for me to give it here in detail. It is enough to say, that he was, at the time of his death, an active member of the Masonic Bodies of all grades, and for many years he had held important official stations in them.

For two successive terms he served this Grand Council as its Most Illustrious Grand Master.

In the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, he had attained the Honorarium of the 33d degree.

One year ago he had been named as the representative of the Grand Council of England and Wales near our Grand Council, succeeding in this honorable position those lamented craftsmen, Albert G. Goodall and John L. Lewis.

His influence among his Masonic companions was always for good. His every act tended to impress his companions with the sincerity of his purpose. He was a true friend, an earnest, faithful Freemason, beloved and respected near and far.

The scales of doubt and darkness have fallen from his eyes and the wise purposes of the Divine Architect have been displayed in all their splendor.

Let this order be read in all our Councils and the usual badges of mourning be displayed for the ensuing sixty days. Fraternaly yours,

JOHN N. MACOMB, JR.,

Grand Master.

ATTEST :

GEO. VAN VLIET,

Grand Recorder.

Gen. CHARLES ROOME died at his residence, in New York City, on the 28th of June, in the seventy-eighth year of his age. He was for some years the representative of the Grand Council of California, near this Grand Council. He was made a Mason in 1866, and very soon afterwards received the several degrees in succession. He was elected to office in the bodies of which he was a member, and served the craft faithfully in the various positions which he occupied. In 1879 he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. In 1875 he was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New York, and in 1886 he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar of the United States. In 1874 he received the 33d degree, and was made an honorary member of the Supreme Council N.:M.:J.: His life was to us a bright example of devotion to Truth, Honor and Justice.

We unite with Tennessee in mourning the loss of BENJAMIN F. HALLER, a Past Grand Master of that Grand Council and Past General Grand Treasurer of the General Grand Council of the United States of America.

Our Massachusetts Companions have our sympathy for their bereavement in the death of JOHN W. DADMUN, for many years past the genial correspondent of that jurisdiction.

I have particularly referred to those mentioned above, but time and space prevent me from extending our sympathy to many other Grand Councils whose losses have been great.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

On the first day of October, in obedience to a resolution of the Grand Council, I apportioned the Councils in this State to the several Grand Officers as follows:

ALEXANDER B. KING, Nos—13—22—26—28.

GEORGE A. NEWELL, Nos—15—17—19—68.

JOHN F. BALDWIN, No—1.

GEORGE VAN VLIET, No—31.

ALBERT W. FORCE, Nos—16—35—53.

THOMAS J. BISHOP, Nos—14—62—64.

REV. W. D. DOTY, D.D., Nos—23—71.

FREDERICK KANTER, Nos—4—70.

A. OPPENHEIMER, Nos—20—25—33.

JOHN B. HARRIS, Nos.—2—7.

These visitations have nearly all been made by the Grand Officers, and in some cases I have been present, and from the reports of the Grand Officers, as well as from personal observation, I am glad to be able to report the Cryptic Craft in more than its usual condition of prosperity.

DORMANT COUNCILS.

I must call the attention of the Grand Council to the subject of the dormant councils. In all, seventy-one councils have been organized. Of these we have upon our lists less than twenty-five active councils. Of the remainder a few have surrendered their charters, but many more have been dormant for a long time. There are a few companions of these dormant councils who would like to become members of active councils; but rarely enough to revive their own councils. While these dormant councils exist they have rights which we are bound to respect. In justice to their members, and in justice to the neighboring councils, this Grand Council should take some definite action, and I suggest that the Grand Master be requested during the ensuing year to visit or correspond with companions of dormant councils, and after having carefully investigated the circumstances to recommend some appropriate action to this Grand Council at its next Annual Assembly.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

During the past year the following Companions have been commissioned as Representatives of this Grand Council near our sister Grand Councils:

OHIO	WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM.
VERMONT	K. HASKIN.
NORTH CAROLINA.....	HORACE H. MUNSON.
PENNSYLVANIA	GEORGE C. JOHNSTONE.

The following Companions have been received as representatives near our own Grand Council :

ILLINOIS	WASHINGTON M. POSTLEY.
KENTUCKY	WILLIAM H. WYMAN.
VERMONT	RALPH C. CHRISTIANCE.
NORTH CAROLINA	REV. W. D'O. DOTY, D. D.
OHIO.....	RALPH E. PRIME.
ENGLAND.....	GEORGE M. OSGOODBY.

In a few instances the appointments of representatives near this Grand Council have been made for terms of three years ; and the Grand Councils, thus limiting the terms of office of their own representatives near our Grand Council, have also limited the terms of office of our representatives near theirs. There seems to have been concert of action on the part of some of the Grand Councils in this matter, and I have been requested to call your attention to this subject, so that you might take such action in regard to it as you should deem best. Our Committee upon Foreign Correspondence has given due attention to this subject, and before you act upon this matter I ask you to attend to that report. I present this matter to you for consideration without other comment than that the adoption of this plan would render a change of representatives near this Grand Council easier in case of non-performance of duty.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have issued the following dispensations :

March 20th. To DeWitt Clinton Council No. 22 to install Principal Conductor of the Work.

April 10th. To Nepperhan Council No. 70 to elect and install officers.

May 27th. To Ontario Council No. 23 to elect and install officers.

SHALL THE DEGREES BE MADE PRE-REQUISITE ?

For many years Cryptic Masons have looked for the time when the degrees of the Council should be made pre-requisite to Masonic Knighthood, thus completing the American System of Freemasonry. Before such action could be expected from the Commanderies it became necessary for Cryptic Masonry to demonstrate its own strength and the reason for its existence. In doing this we have met many serious obstacles, but by a united effort they have been overcome. Cryptic Masonry to-day presents an unbroken front; and harmony, that support of all institutions, gives it the strength to prove its usefulness. Great and important questions have been settled, and we are now ready to begin a work in which we should not falter until the degrees of Royal and Select Master are made pre-requisite to the Order of Red Cross. Let us then work together to this end, and by our faith and works impress upon the Commanderies the importance of a full recognition of our claims. If every Royal and Select Master in this jurisdiction will labor zealously and firmly to this end we can, within a short time, win from the Grand Commandery of the State its full endorsement and hearty support. When that time shall come, with the aid we may reasonably expect from our sister Grand Councils, we may hope for final success of our efforts in an amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

We have already the encouragement of a recognition on the part of the Grand Commandery of New York (see proceedings of Grand Commandery of New York, 1876, page 35 and page 44). This is an important point gained, and it should induce us to put forth every effort to attain the desired end.

This subject is very ably treated in the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to which I again call your attention.

THE OSGOODBY TESTIMONIAL.

Among the very pleasant festal occasions of Cryptic Masonry I must give first place to the Assembly of Adelpic Council No. 7 on March 1st, at which two very elegant and well-merited presentations were made to M.:P.:GEORGE M. OSGOODBY, Past General Grand Master and Past Grand Master of this Grand Council.

The first was a beautifully bound and engrossed certificate of honorary membership in that Council, which was presented with a few well-selected words by R.:I.:EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, Past Grand Captain of the Guard. The other was a beautiful watch given by the General Grand Council in acknowledgement not only of the zeal, fidelity and attachment which Comp. OSGOODBY has ever evinced for Masonry, but of the great debt of gratitude that Cryptic Masonry owes to him for having brought that General Grand Body into existence, and for having brought back the advocates of the Mississippi plan into the true fold. This testimonial was the spontaneous outburst of love and affection from a glorious and united companionship. The presentation was made on behalf of the General Grand Council by R.:P.:JOHN W. COBURN, General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.

I desire to place this event upon record, as I think it should go down to posterity as a part of our history.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

On the 19th of November I had the honor of representing this Grand Council in the General Grand Council of the United States of America in its Triennial Assembly, which was held in Atlanta, Ga. Nearly all the constituent Grand Councils were represented. The most important act of the General Grand Council at this assembly was the passage, by a unanimous vote, of the following amendment to its Constitution: "Article I, Section 13. State Grand Councils shall determine the legal status of the Royal and Select Masters of their sev-

eral jurisdictions." This action was not only most satisfactory to the members of the General Grand Council, but also to the members of several of the most important independent Grand Councils who were present as visitors, and who expressed their pleasure at the passage of this amendment, and also signified their determination to use their influence to induce their own Grand Councils to become constituents of the General Grand Council. This vote sounded the key-note of progress in Cryptic Masonry. The unanimity with which all legislation was enacted showed that the future of the General Grand Council is assured beyond doubt, and that it is recognized as the head of Cryptic Masonry in America. In the election of officers our own JOHN W. COBURN was honored with the position of General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.

CRYPTIC HISTORY.

Your Committee upon the Library is prepared to make a most gratifying report of the work that has been completed, and the Companions are to be congratulated upon the fact that the Grand Council will soon have its biography ready to be placed in the hands of its subordinate councils. The work of this committee has been arduous and exacting, and the members have given to it their time and attention in a most careful and painstaking manner. The result is most satisfactory, and the members of the committee are worthy of the confidence of the craft.

CONCLUSION.

Last year we made a net gain in membership of 181; this year of 130. We have the same number of active councils and a fair prospect of the revival of some of the dormant ones. Upon this evidence of prosperity let us thank God and take courage. You have here, Companions, an account of my official acts during the past year, for which I

ask your favorable consideration. The fact that I have been obliged to make so brief a report is a matter of congratulation as indicating that questions of grave import that have occupied former Assemblies of this body are settled to the satisfaction of all. The harmony that should always prevail, has farther lightened my labors to a great extent.

I return my personal thanks for the uniform courtesy that I have received from my associate Grand Officers and from the members of the Grand Council; in this let me particularize the Grand Recorder, who has at all times rendered me the most important assistance.

JOHN N. MACOMB, JR.,

Grand Master.

On motion, the Address was referred for sub-division and reference of its several parts to appropriate committees, to Companions GEO. M. OSGOODBY, JOHN A. DAVIS and W. M. POSTLEY.

R.:Ill.:Comp. CHARLES E. MEYER, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania, in his individual capacity, as well as representing the Grand Master, honored the Grand Council with his presence, and in obedience to his extreme modesty, the honors due so distinguished a companion were modestly, yet earnestly, extended to him and through him to our sister jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

M.:Ill.: Comps. JOHN M. KNAPP, and GEO. SCOTT, Past Grand Masters of the Grand Council of New Jersey, favored the Grand Council with a visit, and were received and welcomed by the Grand Master.

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.....	\$1,219 00
Balance on hand, as per last report..	260 67
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	1,479 67

DISBURSEMENTS.

On Warrant No. 580—Grand Recorder, Salary and Expenses	\$265 53	
“ “ “ 581—Chairman of Com. on For. Cor.....	75 00	
“ “ “ 582—Grand Master's Expenses.....	16 50	
“ “ “ 583—Grand Sentinel.....	10 00	
“ “ “ 584—Rent of Room and Safe	20 00	
“ “ “ 585—Pay of Representatives.....	495 88	
“ “ “ 586—Printing etc.....	4 50	
“ “ “ 587—Osgoodiy Testimonial.....	50 00	
“ “ “ 588—General Grand Council Dues.....	13 00	
“ “ “ 589—Printing Proceedings	200 00	\$1,150 71
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Balance on hand.....	328 96	

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. BALDWIN,

Grand Treasurer.

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

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

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

For dues, as acknowledged in printed Proceedings of Annual Assembly, held Sept. 10, 1889.....	\$1.197 50
From Nepperhan Council No. 70—dues to Aug. 1, 1889.....	18 00
Attaching seals to 7 certificates during the year.....	3 50
Total	\$1.219 00

The Number of Companions received and greeted during the year was.....

Affiliated	3
Restored	9 202
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Suspended during the year.....	25
Dimitted	12
Died.....	34
Expelled.....	1 72
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Net increase.....	130
Which added to the number as per last report	2867

Makes a registered membership in good standing of 2997 Companions.

Respectfully submitted,



Grand Recorder.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committees:

<i>On Credentials and Returns.</i>		
GEO. VAN VLIET.	JOHN BOYD.	W. J. DONALDSON.
<i>On Warrants and Dispensations.</i>		
FRANKLIN DAVIS.	A. B. SMITH.	C. S. HANKS.
<i>On Constitution and By-Laws.</i>		
R. B. STILES.	S. N. SAWYER.	J. M. THOMPSON.
<i>On Finance and Accounts.</i>		
JOHN W. COBURN.	RICHARD F. LOCKLEY.	W. H. WYMAN.
<i>On Unfinished Business.</i>		
W. F. CHANDLER.	GEO. E. W. STIVERS.	M. D. GETTY.
<i>On Fraternal Dead.</i>		
W. D'O. DOTY, D.D.	JOHN. J. MARTIN,	G. FRED WILTSIE.
<i>On Grievances and Appeals.</i>		
THEO. M. BARBER,	SAMUEL BENNETT.	M. H. CONKLIN.
<i>Special Committee on Pre-requisite.</i>		
CHARLES W. BROWN.	PETER FORRESTER.	R. C. CHRISTIANCE.
<i>On Grand Representatives.</i>		
A. B. KING.	ARTHUR McARTHUR.	A. D. McMASTER.

The Special Committee on the Grand Master's Address 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 Special Committee would respectfully report and recommend:

That so much of the address as refers to the Fraternal Dead, be referred to the committee upon that subject.

That so much as refers to Dormant Councils be approved, and that the subject matter be referred to the ensuing Grand Master with power.

That so much as refers to Grand Council representatives be referred to a special committee to consider and report at this Assembly what, in their opinion, is the best course to pursue.

That so much as refers to the project of procuring action tending to make the Cryptic degrees pre-requisite to the Orders of Knighthood meets with our hearty approval, and that it also be referred to a special committee of three to report at our next annual assembly.

That so much thereof as refers to Dispensations granted, be referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. M. OSGOODBY, }
W. M. POSTLEY, } Committee.
JOHN A. DAVIS, }

On motion it was agreed that when the Grand Council was called from labor it be until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

M. P.: GEORGE 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 would respectfully report, That we have found it exceedingly difficult to secure the Proceedings of all of our sister Grand Bodies. It is possible that we may receive those which are not yet at hand in time to add to our report, and if so they will be presented.

In reviewing these Proceedings, and considering the fact that there is at present no question which may tend to disturb the harmony existing between the different Jurisdictions; and that the work of advancing the interests of Cryptic Masonry is to be the principal object of our efforts for the future, we desire to present for the consideration of this Body, as well as through it to our sister Grand Councils, the revival of the project of making the Cryptic Rite a pre-requisite to the Orders conferred in the Commandery. We do not mean by this that this project is to be taken up and presented to the next Triennial of the Grand Encampment for its action, but rather that each Grand Council and its Companions from the head through the several lines of officers down to and including the rank and file shall do some "missionary work," each within the bounds or his own influence, and within the jurisdiction of the Body to which they belong. To this end we present the following for their consideration, that,

If the efforts of each Grand Council were directed towards the Grand Commandery of its own jurisdiction to get its recognition and approval of the pre-requisite idea or plan, there would not many years pass by before there would be a majority of the Grand Commanderies in the country in favor of the

project, for the reason, that justice lies at the foundation of Masonry, and when properly presented, and when its claims are carefully considered, without prejudice, the right, justice and equity of the position of the Grand Councils urging the claims of Cryptic Masonry will be recognized and allowed. We are inclined to think, that perhaps the time has now arrived, when the "Merger" question having been solved, and the status of Companions who received their degrees under authority of Chapter-Councils having been settled, that the Grand Councils should take up this question, and, working each in its own jurisdiction, bring to bear upon each Grand Commandery all the influence possible to get its favorable recognition of the Rite, to the end that the question may again be presented to the Grand Encampment when the project is ripe, for its consideration and action. There is now no "bone of contention" in, or between the several Grand Councils, or between the independent Grand Councils and the General Grand Council and its constituents, which demand attention, except the matter of advancing the interests of Cryptic Masonry; and how better can such interests be advanced than by uniting, hand in hand, with one common purpose to effect that recognition and place to which we are of right entitled? We make the suggestion. Shall it be acted upon, or is there some other question which may be thought entitled to precedence? Failure in the past to succeed is not decisive of what may be accomplished in the future. When this question was last under consideration, there was the "Merger" just presented, and with that in the way as an obstacle, the Grand Encampment might well say that it would not take any action in our favor, but now the condition of things is changed; the "Merger" is at an end, and the Companions of the Rite are only intent upon the completion of the Cryptic Temple, the grand Masonic edifice that our brethren of every degree are interested in erecting, of which the Cryptic is an essential component and part. Let us then up and to work, the hour of refreshment has passed, the hour of earnest, active, zealous work has arrived, and let us do our work while the day lasts and before night casts its pall over us, individually, forever.

For the purpose of aiding somewhat in this work, we have prepared a table, giving in a condensed form data as to the organization of the several Grand Councils, the present condition of each, the number of the constituent Councils of each, etc., which we subjoin; and in connection with this table we will refer the inquirer, who would desire to know the relative of the different Grand Commanderies as compared with the age of the Grand Councils, to a table which was compiled by the writer, to be found upon page 29 of the Proceedings of this Body for 1887, by which it appears that the seniority in years of certain Grand Commanderies over the Grand Councils of their respective States are but sixty-three in the aggregate; whilst the number of years' seniority of the other Grand Councils over the Grand Commanderies of their respective States in the aggregate is one hundred and fifty-seven, and making a net seniority of Grand Councils over Grand Commanderies in States where both Bodies exist of ninety-four years. Oregon not included.

TABLE SHOWING HISTORY OF CRYPTIC RITE, DATES OF ORGANIZATION OF GRAND COUNCILS, MERGER IF ANY, RE-ORGANIZATION, SUBORDINATES, MEMBERSHIP, AND WHETHER CONSTITUENT OF GENERAL COUNCIL, OR INDEPENDENT.

<i>Jurisdictions.</i>	<i>Organ-ized.</i>	<i>Merger, if any.</i>	<i>Re-Organized.</i>	<i>Became Constitu-ent of G.C.C.</i>	<i>Ind.</i>	<i>No. of Councils.</i>
Arkansas.....	1860	1878	1881	Nov. 24, '87	Not	18
Alabama.....	1858	Never		Dec. 6, '80	Not	At Rest
Connecticut.....	1819	Never		Not	Yes	20
California.....	1859	Never		1881	Not	9
Florida.....	1858	Never		1881	Not	4
Georgia.....	1825	Never		1881	Not	10
Indiana.....	1855	Never		Oct. 20, '80	Not	42
Iowa.....	1857	Oct. 30, '78		Not		
Illinois.....	1853	1877	Oct., 1883		Yes	40
Kansas.....	1867			1881	Not	9
Kentucky.....	1827	Oct. 23, '78	Nov. 21, '82	Not	Yes	22
Louisiana.....	1856	Never		Feb. 17, '81	Not	5
Maine.....	1850	Never		1881	Not	13
Maryland.....	1874	Never		Nov. 10, '80	Not	5
Massachusetts..	1826	Never		Dec. 8, '80	Not	24
Mississippi....	1856	1877	Feb. 12, '89	Not	Yes	9
Michigan.....	1858	Never		Not	Yes	46
Minnesota.....	1870	Never		Oct. 11, '80	Not	6
Missouri.....	1864	Never		May 6, '81	Not	7
New York.....	1809	Never		Sept. 9, '80	Not	23
New Jersey....	1860	Never		Not	Yes	6
New Hampshire..	1862	Never		May 16, '81	Not	10
Nebraska.....	1872	1878	March 9, '86	Dec., 1889	Not	5
North Carolina..	1860	1883	June 22, '87	Not	Yes	
Ohio.....	1830	Never		Oct. 13, '80	Not	44
Oregon.....	1885	Never		May 11, '85	Not	3
Pennsylvania...	1847	Never		Not	Yes	20
Rhode Island...	1860	Never		Not	Yes	5
South Carolina..	1860	1880	Feb. 22, '81	Feb. 22, '81	Not	5
Tennessee.....	1847	Never		Nov. 12, '80	Not	11
Vermont.....	1845	Never		1881	Not	20
Wisconsin.....	1857	1878	1881	Not	Yes	44

RECAPITULATION.—It will be seen from the above that there are twenty-one Grand Councils (if we include Alabama), which are constituents of the General Grand Council, which had its provisional organization in August 1880, at Detroit.

There are ten Grand Councils which are acting independently in their respective Jurisdictions. One State, Iowa, whose Grand Council was organized in 1857, and which merged with the Grand Chapter October 30th, 1878, is the

only State now working under such merger, and propositions have been made and are to be acted upon soon in reference to dissolving this merger and re-organizing a Grand Council.

The number of subordinate Councils and the membership, respectively, of the Grand Councils, is given from the best data in our possession—the last printed Proceedings of such bodies—but for some we have had to go back two or three years; for instance, we have had no Proceedings from Maine for 1889 or 1890, and have had to rely upon data furnished in its Proceedings of 1888.

With this suggestion, leaving it for your consideration, we will proceed with the usual Review of Proceedings.

ALABAMA—1890.

The information which comes from this jurisdiction is not very encouraging, to say the most. Proceedings are at a stand-still here. The Grand Council has not assembled for several years, as we have reported before. We take from the report made in the address of General Grand Master PINCKARD what he has to say on the subject, as we have not been able to derive any in response to our letters. In the letter which we quote from R. I. Comp. L. W. JENKINS, we note the suggestion made in reference to the legal question as to whether the body is, according to Masonic Law, legally dissolved; and we are inclined to believe from the statement made that the body is not dissolved, but is in virtually the same lethargic condition that many other Grand Bodies have been in recent years—that of an innocuous desuetude—but from which we believe it will arise and resume its place in the Cryptic Circle; and this belief is strengthened by the information which we derive from the report of our esteemed Comp. WILLIAMS, of Ohio, to the effect that he had received word that there had already been a resurrection there, but that he had not received any direct information from the Companions who had, as he was informed, been elected Grand Master and Grand Recorder. With this statement we proceed to give the matters presented by Comp. PINCKARD, *i. e.*:

" In the early part of 1887 a communication was received from our late Comp. DANIEL SAYRE, for many years the Grand Recorder of this jurisdiction, announcing the dissolution of the Grand Council, and further advising me of the address of four prominent Masons and the last Masters of Councils under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Council. * * * From the two first the following replies were received: * * *

" " SELMA, ALA., March 4th, 1887.

" " Dear Sir and Brother:

" " Yours of yesterday to hand. Selma Council No. 17, of Alabama, has not expressed an opinion as to what she will do. I cannot write authoritatively. I have, by personal effort for the past three years, kept her alive. We conferred Degrees on five candidates during the past six months, and will confer more Degrees at an early date.

" " Unfortunately the Grand Officers, in my opinion, have not managed the affairs of the Grand Council according to the best business principle to the furtherance of its success. They have been an oligarchy which continued itself in official position and the institution died in their hands. I have sacrificed time to attend the two past sessions to keep the Order together, but all for naught. I am willing to lend a helping hand to the consummation of the continued organization.

" " Yours, etc., JOHN A. McKINNON."

" " GEORGE J. PINCKARD, General Grand Master:

" " CAMDEN, ALA., March 11, 1887.

" " Dear Sir and Companion: Your letter of the 3d inst. is received. You say that you have been advised of the dissolution of the Grand Council of Alabama. I am not familiar with law touching the merits of the subject, but it seems to me that a failure to meet and hold a session of the Grand Council at its regular annual period does not necessarily dissolve the Grand Council. We were providentially prevented from meeting by an unprecedented snow storm at the time.

" I received a communication a short time since from our Grand Master, W. W. McCOLLAN, suggesting a special calling of the Grand Council to meet about the 1st of May next. I am sure he does not entertain the idea that the Grand Council is dissolved. In the event we fail to get a quorum to meet in Grand Council this year and dissolution is inevitable, our Council at Camden would be pleased to come under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Council and avail ourselves of your kind offer.

" Yours fraternally,

I. W. JENKINS,

" D. T. I. M. of G. C. of Alabama."

From the statement in the last letter, we believe that this Grand Council is still alive, although sleeping, and that it will again be put in working order. With the matters stated in the last clause of the first letter, we, of course, can say nothing without more full information on the subject.

As this Grand Council is not dead or legally dissolved, we have placed its name in our statistical table contained hereinbefore.

ARKANSAS—1889.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Assembly was held at Little Rock, November 21st. M. I. D. D. LEACH, Grand Master, presided. Fifteen Subordinate Councils were represented. The Address of the Grand Master was brief but comprehensive. In it he says:

" I congratulate you, Companions, upon the condition of the Order in this Grand Jurisdiction, and welcome you to the feast of fraternal love and friendship. Peace and harmony prevail, and I can assure you that the future prospect of Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction is brightening, and by an unity of sentiment and activity we must surely succeed. We know of no cause of complaint of the progress of the Order in this jurisdiction. Numbers sometimes denote weakness. The true, the faithful, the just, and the upright consist of jewels in the crown of success, denote undeniable strength. Our relations with other sister jurisdictions is satisfactory. We secure from them criticism and praise when due."

These words will tend to encourage not only the progress of the Rite in this jurisdiction but also in many others. The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hand of \$63.25. The resolution adopted at the last Assembly, empowering the Grand Master to take the necessary steps to reorganize and revive all subordinate Councils now dormant whose charters had not been forfeited and revoked, and to cut off and revoke the charters of all Councils that do not reorganize, go to work, make returns and pay dues, was continued in force until the next Annual Assembly. This meets with our approval, and, as Comp. CASWELL, of California, says,—

" So long as there are signs of life, foster and encourage it. When no signs of life are apparent, cut off the dead limb from the sound tree, that decay may not spread farther."

We had occasion in our reports of 1888 and 1889 to refer to the system in vogue in this jurisdiction of receiving petitions, electing candidates and conferring the degrees in Grand Body, and suggested that we thought the better way to be to elect in a subordinate Council and let the Grand Body confer the degrees by request of the subordinate, but added in our report of 1889, considering that the course taken had resulted in the addition of two subordinate Councils, was to be approved and repeated as often as such a result could be assured. We note now that our first suggestion has been acted upon in the adoption by the body of the following resolution:

" Resolved, That after this date the Grand Council shall not confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master on any Companion unless said Companion shall have been regularly elected by the subordinate Council in whose jurisdiction he may reside."

This will be in better form and save all adverse criticism, and of course we are pleased with its action. Five Companions, who had been regularly elected in the Councils respectively, within whose jurisdiction they resided, were then received and greeted as Royal and Select Masters. The other business of the body was of the usual routine character. This Grand Council has eighteen subordinate Councils in its jurisdiction, with a total membership of 315.

M. I. FAY HEMSTEAD, of Little Rock, was elected Grand Master, and J. A. HENRY, of Little Rock, was re-elected Grand Recorder. Next Assembly at Little Rock.

CALIFORNIA—1890.

The Thirtieth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held April 14th, at San Francisco. M. I. Grand Master JAMES B. MERRITT being absent by reason of serious illness, the R. I. WILLIAM F. PIERCE, Deputy Grand Master, presided. Seven Councils represented. The Address of the Grand Master was read by Comp. CASWELL, Grand Recorder. By the Address we gather the following: That the Grand Master, shortly after his election was affected by an insidious disease which had become chronic, rendering it impossible for him to leave his home, by reason of which he had been unable to either attend the General Grand Council, to which he sent as a substitute Past G. M. HENRY SAYRE ORME, or to visit subordinate Councils. He notes the decease of one of their Most Illustrious Companions, Past G. M. JAMES LAWRENCE ENGLISH. Comp. ENGLISH had the honor of being at different periods at the head of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Chapter, the Grand Council and Grand Commandery of California. His funeral services were conducted by the Grand Lodge. Past G. M. E. C. ATKINSON closed a beautiful eulogy with the following tribute:

“He was a zealous Mason, an honored citizen, a faithful friend; but his days are numbered and his work is done. We now lay him reverently in the bosom of our Mother Earth, there to rest ‘until the day breaks and the shadows flee away.’ May the influence of the sad scene be not wholly lost, but may urge our minds to vaster issues, and prepare us in a measure for the eventful scene through which we, too, must pass ere many years or months shall have rolled away. May we so order our lives, under guidance of the pure principles of our beloved fraternity, that when we have completed our earthly course and reached the goal of the mortal, our brothers may say of us, as we to-day say of our honored dead:

“Life’s race well run,
Life’s work well done.
Life’s crown well won,
Now comes rest.”

Returns were made by nine subordinates. Total membership, 1,015. Balance cash on hand, \$407.45.

The Report on Correspondence is from the veteran CASWELL, who reviewed the Proceedings of twenty-two jurisdictions, in addition to those of the General Grand Council, including New York for 1889. This is an increase or gain of five over the number reviewed by him in 1889. Speaking of the failure of officers to send copies of their Proceedings, he says:

“Truly the ‘stings of an awakened conscience’ have in some measure proved effectual, and we trust that an extra prick may be given to those Grand Recorders who still remain deaf to our oft-repeated entreaties and failed to send us their Proceedings.”

This will do for CASWELL, but—

Under "Connecticut," referring to the appointment of a committee in that jurisdiction whose duty it should be to ascertain and report at the next Annual Assembly what the true word of a Select Master was, he gives the information that "in his jurisdiction, if he is very select, it is 'Pomery Sec.'" Very good; we had our innings upon this subject in *our* last report. When we meet again we will be very select and use his selections for our select words, even if we have a (Wm. Wallace) LEE shore near us off Connecticut, and have to let go both anchors and run into financial breakers.

Commenting upon the past position of Comp. JEROME, of Illinois, in reference to the status of the members of that jurisdiction, and referring to the action of the General Grand Council in its adoption of a new section (15) to Article I. of its constitution, providing that "State Grand Councils shall determine the legal status of the Royal and Select Masters of their several jurisdictions," he says:

"Well, now that Illinois has received all that she has 'been contending for,' we trust that she will at her next Annual Assembly unite with the majority of her Companions and become a constituent of the General Grand Council. Her members, no matter where or how made, so long as they are recognized by her, will be recognized everywhere. If a colt is born in a cow pen it does not make a calf of him. He will be recognized as a colt wherever he may go; and Illinois colts will all be considered as thoroughbreds and given as good pasturage as can be found on the Cryptic Ranch."

The Proceedings of our own jurisdiction for 1889 are reviewed in about four pages, copying freely from our report of that year with approval. We would gladly take more freely from his report but our space will not permit, and must be satisfied with giving his "Conclusion," passing many matters of interest. He concludes:

"From the perusal of all the Proceedings of Grand Councils which have come to us, we feel convinced that the darkest days of the Cryptic Rite are over, and that a new era of prosperity is about to dawn upon our banners. There is a better feeling manifested towards the General Grand Council, and only one Grand Council in the country still clings to the fatal merger which brought such fatal disaster upon all who adopted it. Iowa, that Grand State with all its intelligence and Masonic enthusiasm, still clings to the old wreck, but even she is tired of it and is ready to let go. Courage, Companions! there are bright days for Cryptic Masonry yet."

M. I. CHARLES LORD FIELD, our representative, was present at this Assembly. M. I. WILLIAM F. PIERCE, of Oakland, was elected Grand Master and R. I. THOMAS H. CASWELL, of San Francisco, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

The next Annual Assembly will be held at San Francisco, April 13, 1891.

CANADA—1890.

The Twentieth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council in this jurisdiction was held at Kingston, July 17th. On account of the unavoidable absence of M. I. Grand Master DAVID TAYLOR, Past Grand Master M. I. J. ROSS ROBERTSON presided. The Proceedings of this body have not been printed for several years, and we are indebted to Comp. ROBERTSON for a report of the Assembly, and for which he will accept our acknowledgements.

M. I. DANIEL SPRY, our representative, was present and delivered an able address to the body, reviewing at length the condition of the several Councils

and of the Rite of that jurisdiction, and expressing the belief that the beautiful traditions and teachings of the Rite, so intimately associated with those of Royal Arch Masonry, was attracting an awakened interest. He suggested that all indebtedness to the Grand Council standing against inactive subordinate Councils should be wiped out, so as to encourage a revival of interest in these bodies which might tend to place them in the line of active work. This suggestion was heartily supported by many Companions present, and was subsequently adopted by the body.

The advisability of the Annual Assemblies being hereafter held at the same time and place with those of the Grand Lodge was discussed and a resolution to that effect adopted. The Rite appears to be fairly prosperous in this jurisdiction. We have no report as to the number of Councils represented, or as to the aggregate present membership there.

M. I. G. J. BENNETT, of Toronto, was elected Grand Master and R. I. S. G. SANFORD, of Barre, was elected Grand Recorder. The next Assembly is to be held at Toronto, in March, 1891, the particular day to be fixed by the Grand Master.

CONNECTICUT—1890.

The Seventy-second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of this jurisdiction was held at Hartford, May 12th, M. I. SAMUEL BASSETT, Grand Master, presiding, with nineteen Councils represented. R. I. Comp. JAMES S. GOULD, our representative, does not appear to have been present. The address of the Grand Master is very brief and contains no matter requiring comment from us. The Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$41.91. Twenty Councils made returns showing a present membership of 2,518. The Proceedings show the usual routine work of such bodies.

The Report on Correspondence is from our old friend, M. I. Comp. WILLIAM WALLACE LEE, who, having served as Committee on Correspondence for nineteen years out of thirty years that he has been a member of this Grand Council, and having been for thirty-five years in active Masonic service in other bodies, he asked to be and was released from further service on such Committee. His report covers the Proceedings of twenty jurisdictions, including New York for 1889, which has a pleasant notice; and of our report (this being the last time we shall have the privilege of quoting a compliment from his pen), he says:

"As usual, the Correspondence Report is by OSGOODBY, who manages to get more of the reports of other States than any one else. It is long, interesting, and pervaded by that kindly spirit of which his big body is so full, that there is no room for malice or unkindness to any one. I have room to quote only his closing, which is a fair sample of the whole report:"

Which he quotes in full, including the poem with which it ends. In closing his report he gathers his details for ten jurisdictions from our report, as he states that he had not received Proceedings from them, and he winds up by saying:

"It does seem to me that the outlook for the growth, peace and prosperity of the Rite is much superior to what it has been for several years past.

CALLED TO REST.

"From nearly all the jurisdictions comes the old, old story that tell of our immortality, among them men who have been honored in Masonry, as well as in Church and State.

"The list is too long to copy. They range in age from the Patriarch of more than four score and ten to the young in the vigor of manhood. Gone; but where? None come back to tell us of them or of their abiding place. The years will come and go; less and less frequent will their names be spoken, and our memory of them grow more and more indistinct. Although we know nothing about them, it is pleasant to think that somewhere they still have a conscious existence, and when our time shall come to join them, they will welcome us to a fairer clime than any mortal may know.

"Yet love will dream and faith will trust,
Since He who knows our needs is just,
That somehow, somewhere, meet we must."

"To-day I round out thirty years since I became a member of this Grand Council. During these years the sessions have been very few that I have not been present in some capacity, and for nineteen years I have served as Committee on Correspondence. For more than thirty-five years I have been in active service in Masonic labor, and, having passed the three-score limit, feel that I am entitled to release from further service without being justly suspected of any desire to shirk Masonic duties.

"I realize that the years that are behind far outnumber those the future has in store for me.

"Other men can perform this labor in a more scholarly and probably in a more satisfactory manner, but none with a more ardent love or a greater regard for this great brotherhood of ours, which I look upon as one of the greatest agencies in an advancing civilization, and to help lead men to a higher and better condition.

"Other duties of a family and historical nature devolve upon me; duties which no other person can perform so well as I can.

"So, here to-day I surrender the trust which was committed to me, and decline any further service in this capacity, with the consciousness that I have never knowingly written aught to wound the sensibilities of any one, or to lower in any degree the highest ideal of Masonic living; never to lead one to think more meanly of his fellow-man or to lose faith in the Fatherhood of God or brotherhood of man. To the members of this Grand Council with whom I have been so long and pleasantly associated, my hearty thanks for all your courtesy and kindness. Very pleasant through the coming years (be they few or many) will be the memory of my association with you, for by it I believe I have grown wiser and better.

"A large proportion of those who held this position in other Grand Councils when I commenced these duties have been mustered out of service in the great battle of life. Of those who survive only a very few remain in active service. Younger men must take up the duties which older hands lay down. By this service I have come to know many whom, having never seen, I have learned to esteem highly as men and Masons.

"To my associate correspondents I say: 'If I have in any manner given offense I am ready to be forgiven.' May you all grow in wisdom and goodness as the years roll by, and may the ties of friendship here formed be renewed 'in that land of light and life immortal'; thus hail and farewell."

We sincerely regret the retirement of our friend and Companion from the corps of Cryptic Reviewers, in whose ranks he stood with the first, and trust we may hear from him in other ways if not in this particular line. Comp. LEE: "Hail," but not "farewell!"

R. I. Comp. JOSEPH K. WHEELER was appointed to take the place of Comp. LEE, and we bid him welcome to our ranks, knowing, as we do, that he will be an able co-worker with us.

M. I. GEORGE A. KIES, of Norwich, was elected Grand Master, and R. I. J. K. WHEELER, of Hartford, was re-elected Grand Recorder. The next Assembly will be held in New Haven, May 11th, 1891.

FLORIDA—1889.

The Seventeenth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council in this jurisdiction was held at Pensacola, October 30th, M. I. GEORGE S. HALLMARK, Grand Master, presiding. R. I. JAMES CHAFFIN, our representative, was present. The Proceedings of this body have not been printed for several years, and the information which we are now giving is derived from a circular received from

Comp. CARLOVITZ. A District Deputy Grand Master was appointed for South Florida, for the purpose of advancing the interests of the Rite in that section of the State. The Grand Master, who resides at Pensacola, was re-elected, and R. I. JOHN CARLOVITZ, of Milton, was re-elected Grand Recorder. Next Annual Assembly at Pensacola October 4th, 1890.

ILLINOIS—1889.

The thirty-seventh Annual Assembly of the Grand Council in this jurisdiction was held at Chicago, October 23. M. I. GEORGE M. MOULTON, Grand Master presiding, who delivered an interesting address. Thirty-eight Councils were represented. We notice that our representative, M. I. JOHN O'NEILL, presented his credentials and was duly received and greeted.

From the address of the Grand Master we gather the following :

That a systematic arrangement was made and carried into effect for the visitation of the subordinate Councils by officers appointed for that purpose. That one new Council had been instituted by dispensation and four constituted by the Grand Master. The charter of one Council was surrendered. Ten subordinate Councils, holding charters but having made no returns or done any work for several years, were recommended to have their charters declared forfeited, which was done by the action of the body. Nine other Councils were reported as delinquent in payment of Grand Council dues, some for several years, but the Grand Master recommended a remission of such indebtedness, in the hope that such act would not only be a fraternal but a politic one, and tend to revive the Councils for future work and usefulness. This suggestion was also adopted by the body. He has rendered one decision to the effect that :

"The conferring of the Super-Excellent Masters degree, being purely and honorarium, and not a part of the legitimate work of a Council of Royal and Select Masters, should not be embodied in the records of the Council Assembly."

And suggesting, however, that a record should be kept of the conferring of such degrees, to serve as a voucher, that certain Companions had received them by an *aldenda* after the signature of the Recorder to the regular minutes. This is a matter of form more than of substance in our opinion. An account of the presentation to M. I. Comp. NATHANIEL BOWDITCH of the official jewel ordered by the last Assembly is given. The address also states that the Cryptic Rite is stronger to-day in Illinois than ever before. The Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of \$469.18. A warrant was directed to be issued to one Council. Present membership, 2,126. A resolution of thanks was tendered the retiring Grand Master.

The Report on Correspondence is from M. I. LEVI R. JEROME, as usual, who reviews the proceedings of twenty Jurisdictions, including New York for 1888, one year behind, and the questions discussed in his comments have passed into history upon which our views are well known, and it would be but a waste of time to re-open the discussion.

M. I. WILLIAM K. FORSYTH, of Chicago, was elected Grand Master, and R. I. GIL W. BARNARD, Chicago, was of course re-elected Grand Recorder. Next Assembly at Chicago, October 9th, 1890.

INDIANA—1889.

The thirty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council in this jurisdiction, was held at Indianapolis, October 22. M. I. GEORGE S. JONES, Grand Master, presiding, with the representatives of thirty-six out of the forty chartered Councils of this jurisdiction present. M. I. LUCIEN A. FOOTE, our representative, was in his accustomed seat. The address of the Grand Master is principally devoted to, local matters. He recommended the adoption of an amendment to the constitution by which the office of "Grand Illustrious Master" should be abolished, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who approved of such recommendation and a resolution to that effect was offered, was seconded by a unanimous vote, and ordered to lie over until the next Assembly for final action. This "fifth wheel to the wagon" will soon be a thing of the past as the office is not now known except in few jurisdictions.

Upon the subject of the General Grand Council, he said :

"This organization has fully demonstrated the wisdom of its formation, and has been a mighty factor in preserving the autonomy of Cryptic Masonry in this country, as opposed to the disintegrating influences which were threatening our existence as an independent Order a few years ago. This Grand Council has been in active and substantial sympathy with the national Body, and will doubtless continue to give it encouragement."

The report of the Treasurer shows a balance on hand of \$1,469.21. Present membership 1881.

The Masonic history of M. I. ASA H. HODSON, late Grand Master of Oregon, formerly a Companion in this jurisdiction, and later its representative to its Grand Council of Oregon, with a beautiful eulogy, is contained in its proceedings. A like history and eulogy is presented in reference to our late Comp. M. I. ALBERT P. CHARLES, whose decease we noted in our last report.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of M. I. HENRY W. MORDHURST, who reviews the proceedings of twenty-one jurisdictions, *not* including New York, although from his "conclusion" we understand that our Proceedings for last year must have been received by him. Comp. MORDHURST, although a new beginner amongst "Reviewers," takes hold of his work like an old-timer, with ability, patience, zeal and wit, and we gladly welcome him to his position. Under California, speaking of the Correspondent's report as being contained in the Body of its Proceedings, (the same as is the custom in our own jurisdiction as well as in Maine), he says :

"The Companion gives notice that his reformation is not to be hoped for, because both OSGOODBY and DRUMMOND are injectors. We expect to take up where our predecessor left off, and in connection with other correspondence continue the good fight until even these three distinguished sinners shall see the error of their ways."

To which Comp. CASWELL, (one of the sinners), says :

"Save your time and labor, Comp. MORDHURST. We are a trio of hard customers to move; we will continue our injections, and you will find enough to do to look out for your appendices."

Under Canada, he quotes from the address of Grand Master RAYMOUR in 1888, which was criticized by us in our report of that year, saying that the address,

"Is of importance, in that it not only indorses the Illinois circular, but also promulgates some startling Masonic law."

And after presenting the document, he adds :

"Comment on the above is unnecessary."

Under "Illinois" he holds his own, and *better*, with Comp. JEROME, and as their swords cross, the lighting flashes a little more brightly from the strokes of Indiana than from the other.

Under "Michigan," he says :

"Comp. OSGOODBY has been giving Michigan a little overhauling on their palpable inconsistency on Illinois disturbance, as has also Comp. DRUMMOND. Comp. NOBLE, of course, feels called upon to defend his Grand Council. He does the best he can, with the facts so decidedly against him, but his arguments lack conviction, and consequently, his explanations vigor."

A valuable table of Cryptic statistics for 1888, compiled by Comp. MORDHURST, follows his report, giving the places and the dates at which each Grand Council holds its Assembly ; an exhibit of work and change of membership, a financial statement, a statement of subordinates chartered, suspended, enrolled, represented, and making returns as subordinates of the several Grand Councils, which shows a degree of labor and zeal for which he should have due credit.

M. I. OLIVER B. SARGENT, of Logansport, was elected Grand Master, and R. I. WILLIAM H. SMYTHE, of Indianapolis, Grand Recorder.

Next Assembly, October 21, 1890.

IOWA—1889.

The Cryptic Rite in this State is still under the Articles of "Merger" with the Grand Chapter of that jurisdiction. It is the only State left of those who merged that continues to act under it, and it is natural that those who are interested in Cryptic Rite of other Grand Jurisdictions in the country to direct their attention towards the condition of affairs in Iowa. In our former reports we have given our tribute to the worth, zeal and perseverance of our brethren in Iowa in their efforts to make the "Merger" a success ; but their efforts have utterly failed, and they, with their brethren of other States who tried the experiment, have come to the conclusion that the two Rites cannot be advanced as consolidated. This conclusion has been arrived at from the experience of many years, and it is apparent that the time is rapidly approaching when the "Merger" between the two Rites of this jurisdiction will be dissolved and a re-organization had under an Independent Grand Council of the Rite.

At the Thirty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in this jurisdiction, which was held at Davenport, November 12th, 1889, the following was adopted :

"Resolved, That a select committee of five Companions be appointed to inquire into the present status of Cryptic Masonry in Iowa, and to report such legislation as may seem proper to said committee ; or if, in its opinion, the interest of Cryptic Masonry could be better served by separate organization, to report a plan for the separation of Cryptic and Capitular Masonry in Iowa, the incoming Grand High Priest and the incoming Deputy Grand High Priest to be *ex-officio* members of said committee, the Grand High Priest to appoint the other three members, and the committee to file its report with the Grand Secretary at least sixty days prior to the next annual convocation of this Grand Chapter, that it may be printed with the report of the Grand Secretary."

The M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Companions F. W. CRAIGG, T. R. ERCANBRACK and T. B. LACEY as such committee, the Grand High Priest, F. H. LORING, and Deputy Grand High Priest, GEORGE A. QUIMBY, being the *ex-officio* members of the committee.

Our Companions of Iowa never do things in a milk-and-water way. There is not a jurisdiction amongst all of those who merged that have worked so hard and zealously to advance the interests of the Rite under the "Merger" as those of Iowa, and if the same efforts had been put forth without having gone into the merging process, that jurisdiction would have been to-day a star of the first magnitude in Cryptic Masonry, and it is not yet too late to retrieve the past. The following resolution was adopted by the Grand Chapter :

"Resolved, That the committee appointed by this Grand Chapter to investigate and report the status of Cryptic Masonry in Iowa is hereby authorized to hold a session for that purpose at such a time and place as the committee shall designate, and that the actual expenses of such committee shall be paid by this Grand Chapter whenever the said expenses shall be presented to the Grand Secretary and approved by the Grand High Priest."

By a statement attached to the Proceedings, it appears that the Degrees were conferred in Chapter Councils during the year previous upon 114 Companions. The next annual convocation of this Grand Chapter will be held October 9th, 1890, at which time the report of the above committee is due. We have been in correspondence with Companions in Iowa upon this subject, and from all the information which we are able to gather, we come to the conclusion that a Grand Council will be reorganized and the Cryptic Rite separated from the Capitular Degrees. This would be hailed with joy by the Companions of every Grand jurisdiction, and the reorganized Grand Council will be cordially and heartily welcomed by every other in the land, and by none with more sincerity and joy than by the Companions of our own jurisdiction.

We sincerely hope and trust that ere our next report, if we should be privileged to make one, that the broken triangle or circle may be re-united, and every jurisdiction in harmonious line of action in Cryptic matters.

Hail and all hail to the Companions of Iowa who are lending their influence toward the reorganization of a Grand Council. May their shadows increase and never grow less.

KANSAS—1890.

Met in Annual Assembly at Salina, February 17th, M. I. DAVID D. HOAG, Grand Master, presiding; nine Councils were represented. R. I. Comp. DAVID BROCKWAY, our representative, does not appear to have been present. The address of the Grand Master is devoted principally to local matters, but from which we gather the following as of interest to the Rite generally, he says :

"In our own jurisdiction, from the best information I have been able to obtain, some Councils are prospering with brighter future prospects before them, while in some few cases, I regret to say, there appears to be a feeling of indifference. I am happy to say, however, that on the whole, our Order is enjoying a reasonable degree of prosperity; and so far as I can ascertain, peace and unity prevail in all our Councils. There has not been a very rapid increase of membership, it is true, but this of itself need not seriously grieve us, for it is not the quantity but the quality to which we can look, and which should excite pride and admiration."

One new Council was constituted, but we find nothing in the printed Proceedings from which we can arrive at the present membership in that jurisdiction. The decease of M. I. ALBERT B. MCCONAUGHY, is noted as having taken place February 9, 1890, and suitable action was taken in reference thereto. The

Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$600.80. There is no report on Correspondence, and we would suggest to our Companions of Kansas that such a report would be a gratifying addition to our Cryptic history. No other matters of importance appear.

M. I. THEO. P. RODGERS, of Topeka, was elected Grand Master, and R. I. JOHN H. BROWN, of Kansas City, re-elected Grand Recorder.

Next Assembly at Fort Scott, February 16, 1891.

KENTUCKY—1889.

The Grand Council of this jurisdiction met in Annual Assembly at Louisville, October 21st, M. I. HUGH P. McILDAIN, Grand Master, presiding; ten Councils were represented, four others made returns but were not present, and three others made no returns. M. I. WILLIAM RYAN, our representative, was present. The Grand Master's address covered about five pages, from which we quote:

"The very life of the Cryptic Rite may depend upon our present meeting. Too many sentinels are sleeping on their posts. We must rescue our Order from the dangers that hang over it. Apathy and indifference mainly have lost to us a large number of Councils which were once flourishing, and in which we felt a pride. Implements and working tools are laid away, to be called for at a more convenient season. Visit, as I have done during the past year, places where Councils once flourished, and see working tools of the Councils laid aside, inquire the cause, and the answer generally comes, we have become negligent, and that 'merger' business seriously hurt us, etc., but we intend to reorganize and go to work soon. We have our charters yet, and can start any time. I have endeavored to be faithful to all the Dormant Councils I came in contact with, and to remind them when I thought proper, that their charters were declared forfeited as far back as 1885, and to show them the best manner to again reinstate themselves.

"I had strong faith and some assurances that some of them would take steps to resume work again in time to be present at this Assembly, but so far, they are dormant still. The labors of the Grand Master would be far more pleasant, if the letters he writes to the various Companions, looking to the interest of the work, were promptly answered. But it frequently occurs that no more attention is paid to the warmest appeals than if addressed to the wildest Hottentot on the globe. Under these circumstances, we have had to turn away in sadness and leave them to their own inclinations. . . . Such is my love for the Council degrees, that I am in favor of making the greatest of efforts to save them from being lost to the generations that are to come after us, and of which there is great danger. . . . I am not discouraged at the outlook. Although the clouds are dark, I trust that the future will bring us the reward we desire, and our Cryptic Rite be established on a better basis than before. Conscious of my own inability, I have worked as I was able, and always expect to be with those who work for the good we seek to accomplish, until death comes.

This has the ring of the true metal, and with the aid of his co-workers who are well known, to be zealous in the interests of the Rite, its future prosperity cannot but be assured. The Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of \$33.15. From the statement of membership in the table annexed, we note that there were 654 members in 1888, and that only thirty-one dimitted, were suspended, expelled or died, which would leave, according to our "Daboll," 623 members, to which number is to be added thirty-one as introduced, admitted and re-instated, bringing us back to the original figures, 654, but the *table* states the membership for 1889 at only 578. How is this discrepancy to be reconciled?

The Report on Correspondence is from Comp. JAMES W. STATON, who reviews in an able manner the Proceedings of twenty-five jurisdictions including New York for 1888-9. A large portion of his review is devoted to the question, then of considerable interest, relative to the status of Chapter-Council members; but as this question has been by the action of the General

Grand Council at its last triennial Assembly put at rest, as we believe, for all time to come, we shall not take space to go over the arguments presented on the subject. We are satisfied to know that there is now no reason existing why there should not be perfect harmony between *every* one of the independent Grand Councils and the General Grand Council and its constituents; and we trust that this bone of discord is forever buried, and that the only matter which will arise in the future as between these bodies will be that noble emulation to see which can do the most in advancing the interests of the Cryptic Rite in harmony, and who may best agree; hence our review will occupy much less space than it would were it not that this, at one time, vexed question has passed to its rest. Comp. STATON's review is principally devoted to statements of facts and to statistics; and has not as much of "STATON" about it as we should like; that is, he has not given us as much original matter as he might have favored us with, to the interest of the other reviewers, and through them the jurisdictions which we respectively represent.

Under New York, for 1888, he refers to our report of that year as

"being a well prepared paper of forty-six pages, able, conservative and kind in all its expressions. . . . The conservative views of Comp. OSGOODBY whom we know to be one of the most influential Cryptic members of the General Grand Council, will do more to break down the bitter feeling held against that body than all the 'straight-jackets' in the land, we care not how much influence they may command."

In his review of our Proceedings for 1889, he adds to the above:

"The Report on Correspondence is again from the pen of our excellent friend and Companion, GEORGE M. OSGOODBY. To say that the report is excellent is but faint praise. He has established a reputation as a writer of correspondence that needs no praise at our hands. . . . He thinks from the tone of Grand Master Grant's address that he has made little or no headway in the matter of reconciliation in the matters discussed in the Illinois circular. Personally, this writer can say, that the conservative views entertained and enunciated by Comp. OSGOODBY has had more to do with pouring oil on the troubled waters than he thinks, at least we can say so for Kentucky, and we believe that his views have had much to do with bringing about the conservative actions by the General Grand Council at Atlanta."

We quote these compliments and kind expressions, not only for the reason that it is a satisfaction to us to know that our acts have aided in bringing about a desired harmony and unity of sentiment between the different jurisdictions; but also, for the reason that we desire the Companions of our own jurisdiction to be informed of the fact that the position taken by the Grand Council of New York upon this question is appreciated abroad; the writer's conservative expressions being but a statement of the position and sentiment of the Companions in our own jurisdiction upon the mooted question; hence we pass the compliments over to the body which we are now representing, as properly belonging to it. In his review under the General Grand Council, he says:

"The most important measure passed at the Atlanta Assembly, in our judgment, was the passage of a law allowing each jurisdiction to regulate the status of its own membership, and having done so and sent them out, they are to be received in the jurisdictions of all Grand Councils of its obedience. This measure will do more to heal the animosities which existed towards the General Grand Council by the 'merger' jurisdictions than all else besides. So far as Kentucky is concerned we ask for no more, we wanted no less."

Comp. STATON having been elected as the Grand Master of Kentucky at its last Assembly, we shall not only be favored with another report from his pen, but will have the benefit of his broader influence as the head of the Cryptic Rite in this jurisdiction in advancing the interests thereof. All hail, Companion! our congratulations. In closing his review, he says:

"On the whole we think the tendency of the Rite is upward, and with proper management and skillful energy the Cryptic Rite may take the place it is justly entitled to take. The bitterness growing out of the 'merger' question, and the organization of the General Grand Council, which was disposed to set its couler pretty deep on the status of Chapter made Cryptic Masons, caused no little suspicion and bitterness on the part of the 'mergers' who were honest in the work they had done, and conscientiously believed, and still believe, that they had the right to do what they did do, and were not disposed to yield to the iron clad notions of those who 'have a zeal, but not according to knowledge.' We believe these troubles are at an end now, and there is no reason why we shall not all go forward together, and strive to do all the good for the Rite that we can. For one, this writer, who has been honored as the head of the Rite in Kentucky, intends to do all he can to further the interests of the Rite in his jurisdiction."

No more this time from Kentucky, we must stop. M. I. Comp. JAMES W. STATON, of Brooksville, was elected Grand Master, and R. I. L. D. CRONINGER, of Covington, was re-elected Grand Recorder. Next Assembly at Louisville, October 20, 1890. That we might be there to "shake."

LOUISIANA—1890.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of this jurisdiction met at New Orleans, February 13th. M. I. HERMAN C. DUNCAN, Grand Master, presided. Three Councils represented. R. I. RICHARD LAMBERT, our representative, was present. The address of the Grand Master is brief and principally devoted to local matters. One new Council was constituted and one Dormant Council petitioned to be allowed to resume work, which was granted. One other Dormant Council is also under a revival with a prospect of other Dormant Councils following in the same line. The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$52.23. Membership, 142. No other matters of interest occur which require notice from us except that R. I. Comp. REED, their representative is noted as residing in Syracuse, which is an error, his residence being New York. M. I. Comp. DUNCAN, of Alexandria, and R. I. Comp. LAMBERT, of New Orleans, were re-elected Grand Master and Grand Recorder, respectively. The next Annual Assembly at New Orleans, February 12, 1891.

MAINE—1890.

The Grand Council of this jurisdiction met on May 7th at Portland. M. I. ALBERT M. PENLEY, Grand Master, presided. M. P. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, our representative, was present. One new Council was constituted. The other business of the Assembly was of the usual routine character. The Proceedings are not yet printed, and we are unable to give any review thereof, and are also unable to give any statistics as to membership, finances, etc. The information which we have received regarding this Assembly comes from our esteemed friend and Companion, IRA BERRY, Grand Recorder. We regret the non-appearance of the Proceedings of this Grand Council in time for a review, and we sincerely hope that they will be issued more promptly after the close of the Assemblies hereafter, for the reason, particularly, that by the time we get them, that is, for the past few years, one of our own Assemblies has intervened between theirs and the time we can present a review; and in many instances the interest which would attach to such a review if presented at our first Assembly occurring subsequent to the one whose proceedings are reviewed, wanes from

lapse of time and also from the fact that new questions are arising of *present* importance, and to which our attention is principally directed. The Correspondence Report of Comp. DRUMMOND is always an able paper, and his views and opinions are entitled to have the greatest respect, coming as they do from such an able Mason, jurist and writer. Please get your Proceedings to us in time for review hereafter at our Assembly next succeeding your own, and we will gladly give place to the valuable suggestions and opinions of Maine's most distinguished Mason.

M. I. DENNISON E. SEYMOUR, of Calais, was elected Grand Master, and R. I. IRA BERRY, of Portland, Grand Recorder. The next Assembly will be held May 6th, 1891.

MARYLAND—1889.

The Sixteenth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council in this jurisdiction was held at Baltimore, November 13th, M. I. HENRY C. LARABEE, Grand Master, presiding. Three Councils were represented. One new Council was constituted. The charters of two Councils were forfeited. Grand Master LARABEE was re-elected, and R. I. GEORGE L. MCCAHAN was re-elected Grand Recorder, the address of each being Baltimore. The next Assembly will be held at Baltimore, November 12th, 1890.

The information which we get regarding this Council comes through our excellent Comp. MCCAHAN, as usual. The Proceedings of this body have not been printed for several years past, but a brief "Abstract of Proceedings" for 1882 to 1889, inclusive, is now in press, and of which we have received an advanced copy through the favor of our old friend, the Grand Recorder, and from whom we also learn that the business of their last Assembly was of the usual routine character, but that the general condition of the Rite was improving.

The organization of the Grand Council of Mississippi is noted with pleasure and a cordial welcome extended to her.

This Grand Body coincided with the views of the writer in reference to the status of Chapter-Council-made members, and expressed the hope that the General Grand Council might so legislate as to recognize the right of each Grand Council to decide upon the regularity of the standing of its members. We are not informed whether our representative was present or not, but assume that he was, as his residence is in the same city where the Assembly was held. There are but four subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, the total membership being 310. An amended Constitution was adopted, which, with the standing resolutions in course are printed with the Abstract above referred to.

MASSACHUSETTS—1889.

A special Assembly of the Grand Council of this jurisdiction was held at Boston, March 12th, M. I. DANIEL W. JONES, Grand Master, presiding. Nineteen subordinates were represented and eleven Grand Councils, not including our own. There was a large attendance of the permanent members present

and great interest was manifested in the business of the hour, which was the consideration of the question as to whether the new Constitution, which had been furnished in print to all members of the body, as well as to the subordinate Councils, as required by the old Constitution, should be adopted. The report of the committee on this subject was accepted and the amended Constitution was read by sections and as such considered, in some instances amended and then as a whole was adopted. The new Constitution is printed with the Proceedings.

The degrees of Royal, Select and Super-Excellent Master were then exemplified by Hiram Council, Boston Council and Brockton Council, respectively, with great care and skill, and for which they received the thanks of the Grand Body. An elegant Banquet was one of the special features of this Assembly.

The Annual Assembly of this Grand Body was held at Boston, December 11th, 1889, M. I. DANIEL W. JONES, Grand Master, presiding. Twenty Councils were represented and nineteen Grand Councils. M. I. WILLIAM P. ANDERSON, our representative, was present. Total membership, 3,433.

The Address of the Grand Master was one of great interest, both within and out of his jurisdiction, and contains much to encourage those interested in the Rite. He says:

"During the past year subordinate Councils have enjoyed unusual prosperity. Three hundred and fifty-three Companions have received the Degrees and the membership has been advanced from 3,178 to 3,433, a larger number than any other jurisdiction. Hiram Council has 517 members, the largest membership of any Council of R. S. Masters in the world. I can assure you that the Councils in this Commonwealth are doing work in a manner that cannot be excelled, if equaled, by the Councils of any other State.

"We desire to confer these Degrees only on those who can appreciate the honor bestowed on them by being admitted among the select and happy few.

"I am glad to know that our Councils are guarding well the portals against unworthy Companions. I hope no inducement will ever be given to cause any one to take the Degrees as a step to something else. The existence of our Rite does not depend on its being a prerequisite to the Commandery. These Degrees are as important as any others in Freemasonry, and those who enter the Ninth Arch are taking a deep interest in its secrets, and the power and influence of Cryptic Masonry is sure to broaden and strengthen with its increase in years.

"After this annual reviewing the condition of the Rite in Massachusetts I trust you will find good cause for congratulation and encouragement, and look over the past with pleasure and satisfaction upon your patient and persistent endeavors to bear forward the glorious principles of our beloved Order.

Several decisions were made by the Grand Master upon questions submitted, principally upon local questions, and with which we agree. Two new Councils were instituted by dispensation, and charters were directed to be issued. The Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of \$1,972.81.

The Rite appears to be at a high water mark of prosperity in this jurisdiction.

The Report on Correspondence is from our excellent friend and Reverend Companion JOHN W. DADMUN, who reviews in an able and interesting manner the Proceedings of twenty jurisdictions, including New York for 1889 and the General Grand Council. He commences his report as follows:

"Massachusetts, now numbering the largest body of R. S. Masters of any Grand Council in the world, should be as zealous in diffusing light to the Cryptic Craft as any of them. We, therefore, take up the pen to say to our Companions everywhere: Be of good cheer, the prospects of our watch-tower were never so inviting and promising as they are at the present time."

And this statement is borne out by a perusal of the Masonic news of the day.

Under Arkansas, speaking with 'criticism with praise, when due,' as applied to Masonic matters and reviews, says :

"Only think how the writer hereof, in his profession, would feel if he could not say enough "wise and sharp things that would make *sinner*s squirm."

And we pity Comp. CASWELL, as he intimates that he has an engagement to visit San Francisco, where Comp. CASWELL has said they have "the finest assortment of select sinners in the market." Oh, that we might be present when he hauls CASWELL over the red coals.

Under California, speaking of having been made into a "Dadman" by Comp. WILLIAMS of Ohio, he says he has been subjected to this change of name by several of the guild, but while being peacefully inclined, that should they attempt to spell his name with a "B," he would depute Comp. CASWELL to kick for him. This changing one's name is often done, and we have been the victim on several occasions, notably so by the reviewer of Illinois in his last report who cut off the last quarter of our surname, but we are not going to "kick" at that, for we have been possessed of the idea for two or three years past that the *first* quarter of our name would also be taken off by our Illinois Companion, as well as taking the "good" part away from us, and we have deemed ourselves fortunate that so far there is any portion of our name or structure left.

In this review, as well as in many others, considerable space is given to the question which we have before referred to as having been settled by the General Grand Council, and while the views expressed are of interest, we refrain from presenting them, for the reason that the matter involved has become a "dead issue," and our efforts shall be now devoted to a lively advancement of Cryptic interests, the more important now, considering that much time, work and space has been taken in the few years past over this issue.

Under the head of our own jurisdiction, he refers to our report as being from our "critical and genial pen." If our esteemed Companion only knew what a rusty, corroded and worn out pen we made use of, and what amount of fault was found with it by the printers as well as by our Illinois Companion, we think that he would have left the "genial" part of his comment still upon the point of his own pen. He quotes what we had to say in reference to the Illinois question in our last report, and says that we were "one of the first to leave off in gentle measures towards our Companions of Illinois."

It is a pleasure to know that our views have almost universally met with the approval of the other members of our Guild in reference to questions of harmony, and the way to secure that desirable condition of affairs. We would gladly quote more from this able reviewer, but we must close, which we do by quoting his remarks as to the General Grand Council, as follows :

"We are happy. Not because we can say those 'sweet words ; I told you so,' but because "the General Grand Council at its last triennial Assembly manifested so much wisdom and good "judgment in its deliberations. We are for union, peace and harmony, and we felt in our "bones—the music was in the air—that the Grand Body would do substantially what it has "done, to clear the way for a peaceful settlement of the vexed questions growing out of the "merging of the Cryptic and Capitular degrees. Declaring substantially the sovereignty of "each regular Grand Council within the State where it is located, and its right to determine "the status of Royal and Select Masters therein, are according to sound Masonic principles in "our opinion.

"We regret that we could not attend the General Grand Assembly, but we had a good

" proxy that we knew would ably defend the truth and vote for the right. Not having received the printed Proceedings, we are deprived of the pleasure of a detailed review.

" Once we were prejudiced against G. G. Masonic Bodies, but experience and observation have taught us, that, for at least the so-called higher degrees, they may be made important connecting links between isolated State jurisdictions. The General Grand Body is a representative body, and the members composing it are representative Masons, responsible to the Grand Councils to which they belong. If in the multitude of councillors there is safety—safety to the whole fraternity—why not all unite and make it a reliable, powerful and safe confederation?

" A large majority of Royal and Select Masters are now, by their representatives, in the General Grand Council. Why not drop past unpleasantness and carry out the Masonic doctrine of unity and fraternity? Old conservative Massachusetts is in, up to her eyes, for just that kind of a Masonic jubilee."

The Grand Master, whose address is Roxbury, was re-elected, and R. I. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, of Boston, was re-elected Grand Recorder. The next Assembly will be held at Boston, December 10, 1890.

MICHIGAN—1890.

The Thirty-second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council in this jurisdiction was held at Grand Rapids, January 20th, M. I. THOMAS G. GREENE, Grand Master, presiding. Thirty-nine Councils were represented out of forty-five; five others made returns and one made no return. Total membership, 3,614, there having been a net gain of 205 members during the past year. M. I. H. SHAW NOBLE, our own representative, was present. The address of the Grand Master is devoted principally to local matters and to matters which have already passed under our review last year, which renders it unnecessary to again consider them. Speaking of the "Merger" he says:

" Several Grand Councils, which had for a long time been dormant under the paralyzing effect of *merging* with the Capital Degrees in their respective jurisdictions, have lately aroused from their slumbers, and the sound of working tools in the hands of diligent Companions is again heard in their S. V.'s."

The congratulations of this body were sent to the Grand Council of Mississippi upon its reorganization, and representatives from each to the other have been appointed. He makes the following reference to Iowa:

" I am pleased to be able to report that this Grand Council is now in fraternal communication with every other Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in the world except that of Iowa, where 'Ahishar' still rests in the profound slumbers of the 'Merger.'

" We trust, however, that the day is not far distant when we may again extend the hand of fellowship to that Grand Council, and the idea of merging will be forever laid at rest.

" From a review of the Proceedings of many of our Sister Grand Councils, we may fairly infer that never before in the history of our Order was the condition of the Cryptic Rite more hopeful and encouraging than at the present time. But while we may find cause for congratulation, there is still much to be deplored in the present condition of the Cryptic Rite in this jurisdiction. While other Grand Councils have with renewed zeal and activity advanced with rapid strides, adding large numbers to their membership, this Grand Council has comparatively receded."

Why not try a little *heroic treatment* and keep up with the other Grand Councils to the music of the step with which the General Grand Council leads off? You will be heartily welcomed and your influence will be extended not only for the good of your own body in your own jurisdiction, but also in the broader field in which the Cryptic Rite is known. There is no question but that Cryptic Masonry has been greatly strengthened, its interests advanced, and its influence impressed more vividly upon the fraternity by the organization of the General Grand Council and the work which it and its constituents have

been enabled to do by reason of its existence. The addition of each new constituent is a positive benefit to the whole circle. Come with us, then, and it will be of mutual benefit to each.

After reviewing the statistics of different Masonic Bodies in this jurisdiction, by which he pointed out the fact that an undue proportion of the subordinate Councils had ceased to exist (one out of every five) as compared with the lodges, he suggests that they adopt the plan of official visitation, which has been in vogue in other jurisdictions, including our own, for several years past. Speaking of the objection to the adoption of this plan, that it would involve considerable expense, he says :

" I would not depreciate the advantages of a comfortable balance in our Grand Treasury, but there is such a thing as false economy, and I submit that it is not a good policy for this Grand Council to sacrifice the best interests of its subordinates for the purpose of piling up money in its treasury. The responsibility for the success or failure of Cryptic Masonry rests * * * * upon Royal and Select Masters. It is for you and those who come after you to determine what shall be the future history of this Grand Council."

This seems to add a new argument to the suggestion which we made above. One new Council was instituted. The Grand Master made ten visits to subordinate Councils during the year. The remaining portion of the address is devoted to local matters, and the business of the Assembly was principally of the usual routine character.

The address on Correspondence was written by our esteemed Comp. GARRA V. NOBLE, who reviews the Proceedings of twenty-four different jurisdictions, including our own for 1889, as well as of the General Grand Council for 1889, and he also gives a condensed statement of the Proceedings of seven other jurisdictions taken from our report of last year, Comp. NOBLE not having received the Proceedings from the seven jurisdictions.

Under "Indiana" he quotes a statement of Comp. MORDHURST relative to the Grand Council of Michigan, in which he says : " We have ever been friends of the General Grand Council, but this year openly oppose where we formerly approved." And he comments :

" Mistaken Companion MORDHURST ! We have never advocated that Michigan would ally herself with the General Grand Council, and *never* have, and *do not now* oppose the General Grand Council."

[The italics are ours.] Again, referring to our criticisms and those of Comp. DRUMMOND as to the inconsistency of the position taken by his Grand Council on the Illinois disturbance, to get back at us he says, replying to Comp. MORDHURST :

" Now, Companion, does not the General Grand Council agree with us ? Proceedings 1889, page 42, amendment of Constitution: ' State Grand Councils shall determine the legal status of the Royal and select Masters in their several jurisdictions.' "

Well, Comp. NOBLE, ought we not to *smile*? If this isn't the slickest way to gloss over, or whitewash, those inconsistencies, we will surrender. This is *too utterly too good* To take up a new law adopted in kindness of heart upon the generous impulses of the constituents of the General Grand Council, in order to compromise a question which seemed to be working mischief, and which was adopted for the purposes of harmony only, to sustain your former action, is decidedly rich. *It's all right* ; we can see there was no other way for

you to do, and we must admire the cool manner in which you appropriate this new law to your defence; but as the law was adopted for the purpose of harmony, its effect should be to harmonize these little differences of opinion.

The work of our esteemed Comp. NOBLE always meets with a hearty welcome at our hands. His review of the Proceedings of New York for 1889 cover over two pages, and for the compliment of using our report of seven jurisdictions in order to make his own complete, we render our thanks, but we must suspend our comments, and will close by quoting the following from his "Conclusion":

"We are pleased to find the Cryptic Rite in a prosperous condition. From the statistics we have been able to obtain, in all save a few jurisdictions there has been a steady growth. The questions heretofore in controversy, *i. e.* the healing process and status of Chapter-made Royal and Select Masters, we believe are very satisfactorily settled. All the Grand Councils that tried the Chapter method have reorganized except Iowa, and we have intimation that she contemplates reorganization. We hope it may prove true. The great question of interest to the Rite was very fully discussed in our last report, consequently we do not think it necessary to write a rehash at this time."

M. I. TRAVERSE PHILLIPS, of Hastings, was elected Grand Master, and R. I. GARRA V. NOBLE, of Detroit, was re-elected Grand Recorder. The next Assembly at Detroit, January 19, 1891.

MINNESOTA—1889.

The Twentieth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council in this State was held at St. Paul, September 23d, M. I. A. Z. LEVERING, Grand Master, presiding. Five Councils were represented. M. P. GEORGE W. COOLEY, our representative, was present. The address of the Grand Master shows that he has been assiduous in the performance of his duties; that he has made nine visits to live Councils and has visited the Companions of one Council which was dormant, and of which there is a prospect of revival. Speaking of the condition of the Rite, he says:

"It is indeed gratifying to be able to report that the general interest in our Cryptic Rite, mentioned in last address, has continued. The Council Degrees are now being recognized as a very important and necessary part of a complete Masonic education. Many who, in years gone by thought there was nothing in the Council, are now knocking at our doors. Our Rite is being talked about among the Masonic fraternity. Our younger Masons are being informed that there is such a thing as a Council. The subject is being discussed in places where no Council now exists. During the past year I have visited a number of such places, and have found the leading members of the craft so favorably disposed that at no distant day I feel assured a number of applications will be made for dispensations. The older Councils are supplying themselves with all the necessary regalia and paraphernalia for the successful working of the Degrees. To the union and harmony which prevails among the craftsmen of our Mystic Vault is due in a large measure the prosperity which now attends us."

The other portions of his address is devoted to the usual routine matters. Total membership, 566. Balance on hand in treasury, \$241.56. A proposition was made at the Assembly of 1888 in this body to the effect that "the past three first Grand Officers of other Grand Councils" should be entitled to a vote at its Assemblies, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence to report at the present Assembly. The Committee reported

"That we have given the matter careful consideration, and recommend that the resolution be not adopted. The effect of the above amendment would be to give to Illustrious Companions from other jurisdictions a voice and vote in the affairs of this Grand Council; and while we would certainly feel disposed to confer such an honorary degree upon Grand

“Masters of other Grand Councils acting in harmony with our own, such as is done by the Grand Council of England and Wales, yet we can foresee possible complications that may arise by admitting as a member of this Grand Council the Grand or Past Grand Master of a Grand Council that does not recognize the jurisdiction of the General Grand Council.”

This report was adopted, and we think properly so. It would in many ways be an innovation upon the usual customs and rules of Grand Bodies in this country that might work mischief, in that it might disturb the harmony of the body allowing such a privilege. We would not approve of such an amendment in our own jurisdiction, and therefore could not consistently accept such a privilege, even were it accorded to us, although the courtesy extended would be highly appreciated as a matter of course.

The Proceedings are adorned with portraits of M. I. FREDERICK JOSS, the fifth Grand Master, and also with that of M. I. A. Z. LEVERING, the retiring Grand Master, and we are given to understand by M. P. General Grand Master COOLEY, of this body, that it is the intention of this Grand Body to continue this until every Grand Master of Minnesota has been placed before the Companions in a “preserved form.” A sensible and good project. Let other Grand Councils who can follow the example.

A resolution was also adopted to call the attention of the Grand Encampment to the prerequisite question at its next conclave. It is well to get this Grand Encampment on record upon this important question. The Grand Commandery of New York is already on record by its adoption of a report made to that body at its annual conclave, held in New York October 10th, 1876, by the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, by which it recognized “the Cryptic Degrees as an essential part and component of the American System of Freemasonry, and the Grand Council of Royal and Select Master Masons as a body entitled to the respect and fellowship of this Grand Body.” We will consider this subject still further under our “Conclusion” to this report, and to which we call the special attention of our co-workers in the Crypt, using the above as a “text.”

The Report on Correspondence is from the graphic and able pen of Comp. R. H. RAKER, who reviews the Proceedings of twenty-four jurisdictions, including New York for 1888, together with the General Grand Council. It is devoted principally to the then principal question under consideration, which has since been placed in the lullaby of rest; hence, it will not require at our hands so much space or time. We shall devote considerable more space in our concluding remarks upon a subject again presented by the Proceedings of his body, and to which we refer above. Under “California” he quotes from Comp. CASWELL thereupon:

“He renews the old ‘chestnut’ about making the degrees of Royal and Select Master ‘prerequisite to the Knighthood Order; an idea which may be at once abandoned, as in our opinion it will never be realized.”

And he gets back at him thusly:

“Maybe not, but we still think there’s some meat in that ‘chestnut’ and we’ll keep boring ‘for it.”

That’s right, keep at work; and as there appears nothing more important to take our attention just now, let’s all take hold and dig for that “meat.” This is to be the work of the present day and generation.

Under “Illinois” he says, speaking of the Report on Correspondence:

"We who are of the General Grand Council expect from Comp. JEROME what he so admires in others, viz., 'a report dignified, friendly and fraternal in tone, and sensible and well written.'"

Now that the "bone of contention" has been disposed of, we opine that that will be just the kind of a report to come from Illinois in the future.

Under "Kentucky" he calls Comp. GRANT "Comp. GRAND." Well, he is entitled to even that appellation in more respects than one; but, as one of our guild has remarked, it is well that he did not call him "General GRAND," or the fur would have been made to fly. Perhaps the time may come when even the last title will be worn with honor by our esteemed Comp. GRANT. We hope to see the time when he will carry the honors there.

He gives New York for 1888 nearly four pages of his report, quoting our action on Illinois with approval, and makes other free quotations. Speaking of our report, he says:

"Comp. OSGOODBY, as usual, furnishes the Report on Foreign Correspondence, and it is a masterly one; the best that has come to our hands. To do it justice we would have to quote it entire, but as there are forty-six pages of solid matter, we will have to forego that luxury and content ourselves with 'tid-bits,' etc.

We doff our tile, make a bow, and promise to do as we did when Comp. COOLEY dropped in on us for a week's visit this summer—make him furnish the "spices" while we skirmish around for other "combustibles." COOLEY promised to do this when he went to Atlanta (we can prove it by Comp. BAKER), so we made him fulfill here in our own home, not being able to get to the other place. Under "Pennsylvania" he gets at Comp. MEYER for giving Comp. GOODALE, of Ohio, credit for Comp. COOLEY's report in this way:

"Comp. COOLEY, however, 'kicks' on the credit of the Correspondence Report to Comp. GOODALE, not that he feels that Comp. GOODALE has been hurt by the fathering of it, but 'because it gave Comp. OSGOODBY such a chance for a whack with his 'non-intercourse' club,' and suggests to Comp. MEYER that before Comp. OSGOODBY has a chance to work up a pun 'on 'COWAN' to revise the G. Rep. list, so that his name will not read 'Cow-ly.'"

We were aware that they had "milk in their cocoanut," and suspected that there must be some kind of a "Cow—" near by; one with a big "C." We would take more from Comp. BAKER's report, but space will not allow. His argument under his "Conclusion" as to the meaning of Section 14, Article 1 of the General Grand Council Constitution is worthy of consideration by all interested in the question then under consideration, but the exigency for its being presented having passed by with the amendment to that Constitution, hereinbefore referred to, we refrain from quoting it.

M. I. R. H. BAKER, of Minneapolis, was elected Grand Master, and R. I. W. A. SPAULDING, same address, was elected Grand Recorder. Date of next Assembly will be given by the Grand Master.

MISSISSIPPI—1890.

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of this State was held at Greenville, February 11th. The Proceedings of this body are not printed as yet, and we are indebted for our information to M. I. Comp. SAVERY, to whom we have often been indebted before for like favors. He informs us that one new Council was instituted, several others restored, and that their membership is

increasing, and that at their last Assembly there was a very full attendance, to which he adds, that "all parties seem to be pleased that the merger has been dissolved." Comp. SAVERY also has a complaint to make in reference to the non-receipt of the printed Proceedings of the other jurisdictions, stating that they have not received the Proceedings of any other State for 1889 or 1890. This should not be the case, and we hope that notice will be taken of this statement, and that each State will send its Proceedings for those years immediately and keep up the like practice for the future. There is much to encourage the jurisdictions where the Grand Councils have been recently re-organized in the Proceedings and actions of their sister Grand Councils, and we are surprised to be informed that printed Proceedings have failed to reach them for 1889 and 1890, and we feel assured that were the Companions of Mississippi made acquainted with the hearty welcome which was accorded to them upon their re-organization, by other Grand Councils, that they would feel encouraged to persevere in their attempts to rebuild their Temple and in advancing the interests of Cryptic Masonry. The kind words and pleasant greetings of the other Grand Councils should be made known to the Companions of Mississippi, and there is no better way to inform them than to have their Proceedings promptly forwarded. Let this be done, as it will tend to restore that perfect harmony which is so desirable in the Cryptic Rite. We have no statistics as to membership, finances, or of the other particular acts of this body, excepting as to the election of officers, except that we are informed that M. I. Comp. WILLIAM RICHARDS, the Grand Master elected at the Annual Assembly of 1889, died during his term of office, and having no data from which we could give his Masonic history, are compelled to rest upon that statement alone. M. I. FREDERIC SPEED, of Vicksburg, was elected Grand Master, and R. I. J. L. POWER, of Jackson, was re-elected Grand Recorder. The convention work agreed upon in New York in 1873 was adopted for the Ritual in this jurisdiction, No date was given for next Assembly in the letters received.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1890.

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council in this jurisdiction was held at Concord, May 19th, M. I. WALDO A. RUSSELL, Grand Master, presiding. We have no information as to how many Councils were represented, or as to present membership, balance in treasury, or other than simply a "Circular" report as to the fact that the Assembly was held and names of officers elected. The Proceedings are not printed, we assume, as we have written twice and nothing but this "Circular" has come to hand.

M. I. JOSHUA WRIGHT HUNT, of Nashua, was elected Grand Master, and R. I. GEORGE PERLEY CLEAVES, of Concord, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

If we succeed in getting any further information before going to press we will give it, otherwise take our intentions, which are honorable, even though "mistakes may occur," etc.

NEW JERSEY—1890.

The Thirty-second Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at

Trenton, January 28th, M. I. GEORGE W. STEED, Grand Master, presiding. Six subordinate Councils were represented. M. I. JAMES B. SMALL, our representative, was not present, being detained by illness preventing him from attending, which we much regret. He has been a faithful worker in the Crypt, and we sympathize with him in his illness, which obscures his eye sight. The address of the Grand Master states that one of their subordinates, which was reported the preceding year by his predecessor as being in a fair way of losing its existence, has revived, and that it is working with renewed zeal and interest in the Rite. This is encouraging, and should help to hold up the hands of those interested there and elsewhere. A plan of official visitation is recommended. The balance of the address is devoted to local matters. Total membership, 375; balance in treasury, \$175.49. No Report on Correspondence.

M. I. LINSLEY ROWE, of Trenton, was elected Grand Master, and R. I. CHARLES BECHTEL, of the same place, was re-elected Grand Recorder. Next Assembly to be held at Trenton, January 27th, 1891.

OHIO—1889.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Findlay, September 10th (the same date that our own was held last year), M. I. GEORGE D. McBRIDE, Grand Master, presiding. Thirty-nine subordinate Councils were represented. Our representative, M. I. WILLIAM M. CUNNINGHAM, was present.

The address of the Grand Master is a business document and details a large amount of work performed by him during the year, but being mostly of local interest it is unnecessary to state it in detail. Membership, 2,930 as against 2,845 in 1888. Balance in treasury, \$1,233.70. A revised Constitution was presented by the Committee appointed at the preceding Assembly, and is printed with the Proceedings as an Appendix, including By-Laws, Resolutions and Decisions in force, both of their own jurisdiction and of the General Grand Council; Forms and Ceremonies for Installation, for Constituting and Dedicating Councils; Description of Dress and Stations of Officers; Form of Petition for new Councils, and a uniform Code of By-Laws for Subordinates. Action upon this document is to be taken at the next Assembly.

The Grand Master submitted the telegram received from the Grand Council of New York during the recess between the morning and afternoon sessions, together with the answer sent by his direction in return, as follows:

“NEW YORK, September 10th, 1889.

“*Grand Council of Ohio*, JOHN D. CALDWELL, *Grand Recorder*:

“The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of New York, now in Assembly, tenders fraternal greetings and congratulations.

“RALPH C. CHRISTIANCE, *Grand Master*.”

“FINDLAY, OHIO, September 10th, 1889.

“RALPH C. CHRISTIANCE, *Grand Council, New York*:

“Your cheering greeting received. Ohio heartily responds with joyful congratulations of officers and members of this Grand Council on this PERRY'S victory anniversary.

“JOHN D. CALDWELL, *Grand Recorder*.”

The division of the State into Arches, there being nine, for visitation and instruction, is said to have resulted in much good to the Cryptic Rite, and the system was directed to be continued.

Upon the subject of Grand Representatives, the Grand Master suggested and recommended :

" That those Companions holding more than one Commission be requested to resign one or more, etc."

This course has been the rule in our own jurisdiction for some years, and, we believe, to the satisfaction and advantage of the Rite.

The Report on Correspondence is from a veteran in that line, our esteemed Comp. S. STACKER WILLIAMS, who reviews twenty-eight States, including New York for 1888 and Canada for the same year, in an able and interesting manner.

Under "Arkansas," speaking of the practice of receiving petitions, balloting on candidates and conferring degrees in the Grand Council, he says :

" We are glad to notice that the practice did *not prevail* at this Assembly, but that the Degrees were *conferred* upon two candidates who had been *previously elected* by Councils having jurisdiction."

He agrees with us in thinking this practice commendable.

Under "Illinois," referring to the remarks of Comp. JEROME, in his review of Arkansas, he says :

" We *do not* like his taunting remarks with reference to the weak Grand Council of Arkansas. He discovered but six Companions had been advanced during the year, and then, after noting the fact that four had been advanced in the Grand Council, he says, quoting Comp. JEROME: 'We hope that will aid the count, and that they will be able to report more than a beggarly half dozen greeted in that immense jurisdiction.' He continues: 'The remark would not have struck us with so much force, possibly, if we had not read from his own pen, and in the pamphlet now under review, that in 1877, in the great State of Illinois, with its Chicago, its Peoria, its Quincy, and its Springfield, a State having *one county* with a population exceeding that of the *whole State of Arkansas*, the entire State having a population of *six or seven times that of Arkansas*, they (in Illinois) were doing *no work*. That means that they did not advance *even six*. The revenue had entirely ceased; in fact the whole concern was *dead flat broke*, and the boys were called upon to chip in and raise money to reimburse the Grand Recorder in outlays he had made on behalf of the Grand Council. While we heartily congratulate Comp. JEROME, as well as the whole Cryptic family in Illinois, upon their high degree of prosperity at this time, we think his remarks with reference to a struggling Grand Council in a thinly settled jurisdiction were ill-timed."

In winding up his review of the correspondence report of Illinois he expresses our own feelings in reference to it, saying:

" We are rather sorry to drop his report, notwithstanding our few points of disagreement. He is certainly entertaining, if not convincing, and if he will but again take our advice, and eliminate acrimonious remarks from his reports, and substitute therefor argument (of which we are sure he possesses a fund), we predict for him greater success than he has yet achieved."

The review of Comp. Williams being for the same years and Bodies that were the subject of our report last year, the questions arising therein examined, approved or criticized, it is unnecessary for us to make as extended a review as we otherwise would be pleased to make. New York has three pages given in Proceedings of 1888, quoting, criticising, approving and enlarging upon the matters presented. Speaking of the non-arrival of Proceedings in time for review he says:

" If we had all of the reporters together we would propose the appointment of Comp. OSGOODBY as a Committee to ascertain where to lay the blame—whether the various Grand Recorders fail to send them, or whether *our* Grand Recorders receive them, pigeon-hole them,

"and let us whistle for them. He has been so successful in hunting up and *frightening to life* "dead Grand Councils, that we think he would be a success as such Committee."

We think that we should want considerable help upon that Committee, for we have had to write two or three times over to some Jurisdictions this summer and have not even got an answer. A Committee of the whole corps had better take this matter in hand.

Under Illinois, speaking of our review upon the Illinois circular, he says, and we quote this for the reason that Comp. WILLIAMS upon the subject should be esteemed as high authority:

"In an earnest, straightforward manner, and with knock-down arguments, based upon "actions of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Illinois, he demolished the Circular "issued by the said Grand Council, and which has been the subject of so much comment and "criticism during the past year."

We appreciate this opinion. Speaking of our review of Kentucky he suggests that if we love its Companions so much at so great a distance, he would like to know how we would act if we were in their midst and subject to their smiles and embraces, and advises us to pay them a visit, stating that he has been there. Oh, we would do as Comp. COOLEY promised that he would do at Atlanta, "furnish the spices" if the others "would skirmish around and find the other *combustibles*."

We do not wonder that Comp. WILLIAMS always feels tender (in the pit of his stomach), when the Companions of Kentucky are mentioned. He has been there.

We would gladly take more from this able review, but the principal question having been put at rest we must refrain.

M. . I. . GEORGE D. MCBRIDE of Gallipolis, was re-elected Grand Master, and R. . I. . JOHN D. CALDWELL, of Cincinnati, re-elected Grand Recorder. The next Assembly was appointed to be held at Marion, September 16th, 1890, to which is added the statement "one day preceding M. Ex. Grand Chapter," whilst the Grand Chapter is noted to meet at the same place on *October* 17th, 1890. Which is correct?

OREGON—1890.

The Sixth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of this State was held at Salem, March 5th. We assume that its Proceedings are not yet printed, as we have only received a Circular under date of March 11th, 1890, stating the above fact, giving the names of officers elected and the date of its next Assembly, although we have written twice for further information; if such comes before we close our report we will present it.

M. . I. . WILLIAM C. CRAWFORD, of Corvallis, was elected Grand Master, and R. . I. . FREELON J. BABCOCK, of Salem, re-elected Grand Recorder. Next Assembly will be held at McMinville, February 6th, 1891.

PENNSYLVANIA—1890.

The Forty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of this State was held at Bradford, February 19th. M. . I. . DAVID A. STEVENSON, Grand

Master, presiding. Nine Councils were represented. R. I. GEORGE C. JOHNSTONE, our representative, was present. The address of the Grand Master is not only of local but of general interest. Ten visits were made by the Grand Master, and one dormant Council was resuscitated, and is now occupying her old place, prepared for aggressive duty, and working with gratifying results. The following being a matter of interest and self-explanatory, we quote in full:

"Cryptic Masonry being a part of the Masonic Body, I issued the following circular which does not require any further comments, as it fully explains itself:

"To the T. Hs. Grand Master of Council No.
 "The R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons, has declared that it is not consistent with the duty of a Master Mason under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to belong to the so-called "Cerneau Rite," with headquarters in New York City, and that any Brother who has or may have association therewith shall be liable to the penalties prescribed by the action of the Grand Lodge; and CLIFFORD P. McCALLA, R. W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, in his edict of January 21, 1889, says:

"All bodies in the Masonic jurisdiction of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, appertaining to, or constituting, or derived from the so-called "Cerneau Rite" have been authentically ascertained and officially declared to be clandestine."

"JAMES S. BARBER, M. E., Grand High Priest of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, has declared that the same requirements must be made in the Chapters of R. A. Masons in Pennsylvania.

"In order to preserve the intimate relations and the peace and harmony which exists, and which must necessarily exist, between the Grand Lodge, the Grand Chapter, and the Grand Council of R. and S. M. of Pennsylvania, those should not be admitted to our assemblies whom the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has declared Members of a clandestine body.

"If there are any Members of your Council who are Members of the so-called 'Cerneau Rite,' and who do not withdraw from the same, you must not permit them to be present in open Council; you will also see that no visitor is admitted into your Council unless he complies with the requirements for the examination of a Master Mason as directed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. At the first Assembly after the receipt of this communication you will have it audibly read in open Council."

This subject has been attracting a good deal of attention in the different Jurisdictions, and the action taken by this Grand Council is in line with that taken by the Grand Bodies of several States, and we present it, without comment, as a matter of information to which our own Body is entitled.

Considerable space is given to the subject of Grand Representatives, and he suggests that in the order of business there should be included one of "Reports from Representatives," stating that:

"As the results in the past have not been very satisfactory, our plan of representation or arrangement may be at fault. If not the intention of this Grand Council, it seems to have become the custom to appoint representatives for life, and to continue some of them on our records, at least, after death, and some who are yet with us as silent as those who have gone."

And he suggests that representatives hold office for three years only, and that those who are appointed to other Grand Councils be divided into three classes, the Commissions of whom should expire respectively in one, two, and three years from appointment, and in event of vacancy a Commission issue only for the unexpired term, and that future Commissions at expiration of term, shall be uniformly for three years. Also, that no Companion hold but one Commission. These suggestions appear to be somewhat in line with the action of some of the other Grand Councils; but we are inclined to think that the limit of office to three years, and taking the labor and expense of making and commissioning anew, would tend to interfere with the interests and benefits which are to be derived from an interchange of representatives. We think it would be much

better to make the tenure of office depend upon the faithful performance of the duties imposed upon representatives, which would include and require his attendance upon the Council to which he is accredited.

Upon the subject of a lack of uniformity in the ritualistic work as being the bane of Councils, he says:

"A Jurisdiction that allows deviations or innovations in the work soon becomes a Babel of tongues. Gibbon's Rome tells us that at one time when a new law was proposed, the proposer stood forth in the assembly of the people with a cord about his neck, and if the law was rejected, he was instantly strangled. We would not suggest this method of dealing with this Grand Body, but what we desire to emphasize is this: *If we have a ritual, we ought to use it.* If not satisfactory, we should at once make it so; and, when approved, there should be such penalties as to forever after prohibit ritual tinkering. Uniformity is a necessity. By adhering with fidelity to the work as ordained, and rendering it with an impressive manner and understanding, a Council will become noted for the excellency of its work, and so invite attention, that attendance will increase, interest in it will grow stronger, and the labor, which was otherwise a task, will be performed by the members with pleasure, and such a Council will assume a healthful growth. Where a Council ceases to grow, it will soon cease to live."

These suggestions are of great force.

He urges the members of his Grand Body to become aggressive Cryptic Masons, and set an example of diligence, industry and fidelity to the Companions of subordinate Councils, saying "a leaf of example is of more value than all the Carnegie libraries of advice."

The amendment of the Constitution of the General Grand Council meets with his approval in the words:

"In this we believe wisdom and good judgment were manifested, and the way cleared for a happy settlement of the vexed question of 'merging.' As the 'Mississippi Plan' has been relegated to the past, and the evils arising therefrom are rapidly passing away, there is hope of a bright future for Cryptic Masonry."

Fraternal greetings are extended to Mississippi.

The Masonic history of several prominent Companions who have deceased in the past year is given, but as this subject will go to another committee, we pass it.

There are twenty-five Councils with a total membership of 1,584. The balance on hand in Treasury \$1,205.31.

The report upon Correspondence is from our esteemed Companion CHARLES E. MEYER, who reviews the "Proceedings of twenty-two Jurisdictions, being those actually in print and not based upon letters, circulars or second hand information," including New York for 1889.

Under Illinois, speaking of it, he says:

"We take up these Proceedings with considerable interest, because so much has been said for and against this Grand Council, and because of the way they have of doing things, and the stubbornness they manifest in trying to defend the mistakes they made in years ago."

"Here we learn of a new term, 'Chapter-Councils.' Who ever heard of this term before? There are Chapters of Royal Arch Masons and Councils of Select Masters, two separate beings, both of the same sex and gender, and therefore they cannot marry. They are like oil and water, they cannot be mixed. Possibly this is a *hermaphrodite Masonic*. It sounds something irregular, and should never appear again in connection with Cryptic Masonry."

"The Grand Council of Illinois made a big blunder when they consented to the Cryptic Degrees being conferred in the Chapters. The Grand Chapter of Illinois was as grossly wrong in assuming to authorize its Chapters to confer degrees, over which they never had the shadow of a right, and we are sure there is not a Chapter warrant in existence that authorized, either directly or indirectly, the conferring of any degrees other than Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason. If this is so, then the Chapters might as well have conferred the Order of the Red Cross, Knight Templar, or Knight of Malta, as to confer the Royal and Select Master degrees. However, Illinois saw the error of its way and resumed its functions, and has healed its Chapter-made Council members—and we have

"held that if these Companions are members of Councils working under the warrant of the Grand Council of Illinois, no matter where or how they were made, they are at present regular Cryptic Masons, and should not be refused admission in any regular Council under the sun for that reason."

We would like very much to quote all that Comp. MEYER says under Illinois, but we must be satisfied and cry halt! with what is said under New York. He quotes the following, from Comp. JEROME,

"Another consideration is, that the G.G.C. is a body without a charter, and such bodies can only be valid by universal consent of the Rite it represents, which the G.G.C. has not received. It therefore is irregular, possibly clandestine. All Grand and Subordinate Councils R. and S. Masters would be justified in excluding Royal and Select Masters under its allegiance from their assemblies, till the G.G.C. is dissolved, or until all the Grand Councils in the United States should formally consent to its existence."

To which Comp. MEYER pithily replies :

"Who ever heard of a General Grand Body, or a Grand Body that is Supreme and Independent with a charter? Has the Grand Council of Illinois a charter? If so, from whom and what powers does it confer? Let us have the wording of it."

This is as conclusive as it is as unanswerable.

New York for 1889 has brief mention. Of our report, he says:

"It is full of quotations and criticisms, the former to the point, the latter just and fair."

Under South Carolina he says:

"We have grave doubts of the A. and A. S. Rite ever having any authority over the Cryptic Degrees. That the degrees were conferred by some S.G. Insp. General there is no doubt, but whether their authority to so confer ever came from a legitimate source, I doubt very much. In the graduation of degrees to the 33^d, there are no such degrees named."

We would take more from Comp. MEYER's report, but our limited space is well nigh exhausted, and we can only quote his "Conclusion":

"Now we have finished and will rest.

"We have written this report with the weight of severe sickness resting upon us. It has been a source of relief to speak through the hand to our Companions, but have ever our physician's words ringing in the ears, of *Rest! Rest! Rest!*

"There is more of significance in this word to us than to those who may read our report. Many of our friends, and dear ones, too, have, during the year, laid down to rest. . . . Other jurisdictions have to mourn as we have, and so we say, that as they sympathize with us, so we sympathize with them. But, as for the present, we are glad to report that throughout the Masonic world there is increased prosperity, and nothing is threatening our future peace. This peace and prosperity is not confined to Freemasonry alone, but to the various orders dependent on it for life—the Chapter, the Council, and the Commandery (Martial Masonry)—are prosperous. May the day never come when the fountain-head becomes poisoned with schisms, innovations, treason and rebellion. For, should that day come, then Masonry will be at rest, and from its ashes may arise an anti-Christ,

"We wish the richest of God's blessings and peace and true friendship and Brotherly love unbounded to all the Craft wheresoever dispersed."

The Proceedings are adorned with a fine steel engraved portrait of M. I.:

DAVID A. STEVENSON, the retiring Grand Master.

M. I. JOSHUA L. LYTE, of Lancaster, was elected Grand Master, and R. I. CHARLES E. MEYER, was re-elected Grand Recorder. Next Assembly at Pittsburgh, February 18th, 1891.

RHODE ISLAND—1890.

The Thirtieth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of this State was held at Providence, April 14th. M. I. ARTHUR H. ARMINGTON, Grand Master, presiding. We have no information excepting that received by a Circular from our esteemed Companion, WILLIAM R. GREEN, Grand Recorder, from which it

appears that the Proceedings will not be printed this year; that the business was of the usual routine character, and not of special interest outside of their own jurisdiction. The Grand Master, whose address is Providence, and R. I. WILLIAM R. GREEN, of the same place, were re-elected respectively Grand Master and Grand Recorder. Next Assembly at Providence, April 12th, 1891.

TENNESSEE—1890.

The Fortieth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of this State was held at Nashville, January 27th, M. I. JACOB C. SMITH, Jr., Grand Master, presiding. Nine Councils represented, having an aggregate membership of 377. M. I. JOHN FRIZZELL, the representative of New York, was present. The address of the Grand Master, after giving the Masonic history of three prominent Companions who had deceased during the past year, M. I. JAMES MCCALLUM and ELIHU EDMUNDSON, Past Grand Masters, and R. I. E. R. GRAFTON, Past Grand P. C. of W., gave a business history of the Rite for the preceding year, in which the Proceedings of the General Grand Council at its Third Triennial Assembly are considered with approval. Two new Councils were instituted. A recommendation was made that the Constitution be amended so that the term of Grand Representatives should be limited to three years, which was adopted by the body. He also stated that the plan of having Councils convene the same evening of and immediately after the close of the Conventions of the Chapters had been successfully tried, and by means of which a good attendance was invariably secured at the Council Assemblies, but that the Degrees were usually conferred at special Assemblies, and suggested that subordinate Councils laboring under the difficulty of securing quorums at stated Assemblies adopt that course. He states that Cryptic Masonry in his jurisdiction is in a prosperous condition, and adds:

"With new Councils and with cheering words from the members of the old ones, we may expect this branch of Masonry to yet regain its former standard of usefulness and prosperity. The present condition is very satisfactory."

He refers to the grand undertaking of the Craft in that State—the erection of Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home—in these words:

"It should be emblazoned upon our banners and proclaimed all along the line, and the brethren, the brave, fearless and ever faithful few who have toiled incessantly, both in season and out of season, without the hope of pecuniary reward, in behalf of this enterprise, should be seconded by your purse and prayers for its ultimate success. It will prove the crowning diadem in the constellation of good deeds wrought by our fraternity. May their hearts never faint nor their exertions lag until the final cap-stone is set in the completed arch of this grand edifice."

These words are peculiarly applicable to the work now going on in our own jurisdiction in the erection of a like Masonic edifice and for like benevolent purposes, and to which the attention, the purses and the efforts of our Companions should be called, that we, too, may aid in its completion.

The Treasurer's Report shows a balance on hand of \$106.05. There is no Report on Correspondence, and no other business was transacted which requires our attention.

M. I. NEEDHAM F. HARRISON, of Germantown, was elected Grand Master, and R. I. JOHN FRIZZELL, of Nashville, was re-elected Grand Recorder. Next Assembly at Nashville, January 26th, 1891.

VERMONT—1890.

The Thirty-Seventh Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of this State was held at Burlington, June 10th, M. I. HENRY H. ROSS, Grand Master, presiding, with representatives of nineteen Councils present.

R. I. KITREDGE HASKINS, our representative, was present. The Grand Master in his address, although covering but three pages, shows his zealous interest in the Rite, and, although we have used up the space allotted to us, we cannot refrain from giving a portion of it. He says :

"The condition of our Rite is good. The physician deems the patient convalescent when he shows some gain from day to day, though it be but slight. Strength and recovery will surely attend on continued improvement. More subordinate Councils have reported work this past year than during the preceding one. Life and prosperity belong to the most of the Councils, but some few, evidently, never will know that they are dead until the last trump shall wake them from their sleep. They remind us of the venerable spinster of uncertain age who purchased a mummy, and, placing it in the corner, remarked that it was better to have a man in the house if he was somewhat old and wrinkled. So, some of these Companions will find they have a Council indeed but preserved from decay, not by the vitality of a living body, but embalmed in the hands of its charter and the traditions of long ago. It was the thought of the ancient Egyptians that after the season of transmigration the soul would return to these inanimate bodies and again restore them to life and activity; so we may trust that the spirit that moved these Councils at their formation and during their period of labor may return to rejuvenate their old and wrinkled carcasses. Let us not bury them, for we know not how long the disembodied spirits may be condemned to wander before returning to their proper abode."

He reports that two Councils have been restored to life and are now working vigorously ; that four others are substantially dormant, one of which will in all probability be revived during the year, although with one other of the four it has not spoken for two years, and that the other two have been without life "since the first year of the reign of Grover." The Treasurer's Report shows a balance on hand of \$229.07. Twenty Councils made returns, having an aggregate membership of 837.

The Report on Correspondence is from the hand of Reverend M. I. Comp. FREDERIC S. FISHER, and as it covers the same years of other Grand Bodies which were covered by our report of last year, we are unable to give it that space which we would gladly accord to it had not the matters which it covers been already presented to you. He reviews the Proceedings of twenty jurisdictions, including New York 1888 and the General Grand Council in its Assembly of last year. We give credit to this Grand Council for their promptness in getting out and distributing copies of its Proceedings, and we wish that other Grand Bodies now derelict in this respect would emulate and follow the example set for them by the Companions of Vermont. The report of Comp. FISHER is a carefully prepared one, and from which we would gladly "scissors" were it not that the subjects presented have already been reviewed by us. His report was prepared in the days of bitter bereavement—the falling asleep in peace of an only child, a daughter aged twenty-one years. We extend to our Companion and his family our sincere sympathies in this affliction, and we would if we could give words of comfort, but that rests only with a higher power, well known and understood by our Reverend Companion.

"I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me: Write from henceforth: 'blessed are the dead who die in the Lord'; even so, saith the spirit, for they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

M. I. N. W. ORCUTT, of St. Johnsbury, was elected Grand Master, and R. I. WILLIAM G. REYNOLDS, of Burlington, was re-elected Grand Recorder. Next Assembly at Burlington June 9th, 1891.

WISCONSIN—1890.

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of this State was held at Milwaukee, February 18th, and at which thirty-six Councils out of fifty-three were represented. The Proceedings of this Body have not been printed for 1889 or 1890, and the information which we have comes from our friend and esteemed Companion, R. I. JOHN W. LAFLIN, Grand Recorder, who states that the Proceedings will probably be printed either this or next year. The membership is near 2,000. The condition of the Rite is normal. The letter which we have received states:

"We think, while we are disposed to run our Grand Council without expense to the subordinates, if we may judge from the Proceedings published, we are as prosperous as far as attendance and conferring the degrees as are the Bodies of the Rite anywhere. We hold our Annual Assemblies and endeavor to foster and encourage the working of these beautiful degrees. At the last session of the General Grand Council a resolution was adopted—leaving to each Grand Council—Independent as well as Constituent—the right to determine the legal status of the Royal and Select Masters within their respective jurisdictions. Yet we are told that we are still classed as clandestine."

We have quoted the above expressions of this letter for the purpose of calling the attention of this Body as well as that of the other Grand Councils to this charge. Upon receipt of the letter we wrote Comp. LAFLIN inquiring as to who classed them as "clandestine," but to which we regret that we have received no reply. We call attention in this connection to the amendment which we have cited hereinbefore of the General Grand Council, to the effect stated by this letter, and to the further fact that in the printed Proceedings of the Third Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council held at Atlanta, November 19th, 1889, there appears a page facing the amended Constitution of that Body which contains a statement of the Grand Councils divided into three classes, one comprising those Grand Bodies which are constituents of the General Grand Council; another, comprising "Independent Grand Councils," in which we find that the Grand Council of Wisconsin is distinctly recognized as an Independent Grand Council. This ought to be and is sufficient, and we do not understand that there is that person or Body in existence which has the right or authority to class the Grand Council of Wisconsin as being "clandestine." We believe it to be what it claims to be, an Independent Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, having the same rights, powers, authority and jurisdiction over the Cryptic Rite in the State of Wisconsin that other Grand Councils have in their respective jurisdictions, and we are sustained in this position not only by the amendment to Article I., of the Constitution of the General Grand Council, as follows:

"Sec. 15.—State Grand Councils shall determine the legal status of the Royal and Select Masters of their several jurisdictions."

but also, by Sec. 3, of Article III., of this Constitution, which says:

"Nothing contained in this Constitution shall be construed to derogate from the right or authority of any Grand Council which may not determine to become a constituent of this General Grand Council."

We have stated this explicitly that our position may be understood. We shall hail and greet a Royal and Select Master, his status being fixed as such by the Grand Council of Wisconsin, just as cordially and Masonically as a Companion of any other jurisdiction. We do not know how the impression suggested by this letter in reference to their Body being classed as "clandestine"

has got abroad. We have no sympathy with this classifying; we do not believe it Masonically well founded, and we sincerely trust and hope that it may never be repeated. If we are to have harmony in this branch of Masonry, these things must not be allowed to exist. We say, hail and welcome, not only to the Grand Council of Wisconsin, but to every Independent Grand Council, as well as those with whom we are connected under the General Grand Council. Let us have Peace.

THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL—1889.

The Third Triennial Assembly of this Body was held at Atlanta, Georgia, November 19th and 20th. In the absence of General Grand Master PICKARD, R. P. GEORGE W. COOLEY, of Minnesota, General Grand Deputy Master, presided. The other Officers of the Body were present, together with twenty-nine permanent members and the representatives of seventeen State Grand Councils and of the subordinate Councils holding charters under the General Grand Body, making thirty-four representatives of such constituent Bodies. The representatives of Alabama, Florida, New Hampshire and Oregon were not present. In addition to those present, above mentioned, there was also a large number of distinguished visiting Companions. The General Grand Master being detained at home by severe domestic affliction, the sympathy and condolence of the Body was sent by telegram.

The fraternal greetings and welcome of the Masons of Georgia were presented in an Address delivered by R. I. Comp. WILLIAM A. LOVE, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Georgia. This address was clothed in beautiful language, was cordial, and exhibited in a marked degree the individuality of the distinguished Companion who presented it. It was responded to appropriately by R. P. Comp. COOLEY.

A decision of considerable importance, involving the right of permanent members of this Body to give proxies to other Companions to attend upon its Assemblies in their places respectively, was arrived at upon the following facts:

Three of the M. I. Past Grand Masters of Massachusetts, being unable to attend this Assembly in person, executed proxies to other Companions to attend in place of the Companions so executing them. The question was referred to the Committee on Credentials, who reported that they were unable to find that the Constitution conferred upon Past M. I. Grand Masters the power to give proxies, and recommended the reference of the subject to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and being so referred, the Committee reported that in its opinion Article I, Section 2, of the Constitution did not confer such power upon such permanent members, which report was concurred in by that Body.

The address of the General Grand Master in his absence was presented by the General Grand Recorder, by which was given a history and statement of the official acts of the General Grand Master during his term. One new Council was constituted at Deming, New Mexico, and another Council at Castleton, Dakota.

The situation of the Rite in Alabama was presented, but as we have already presented the same under the head of "Alabama," we will not repeat it here. The subject of establishing a Council and introducing the Rite in the State of Washington had been under consideration, and communications had passed between the Companions of that State and the General Grand Master, but has not as yet resulted in any fruit. The Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$432.73. Two new constituents of the Body were announced, Arkansas and Nebraska.

The Constitution of the body was amended, as has been already stated under other jurisdictions. The Proceedings of this Triennial Assembly were directed to be electrotyped. A Committee was appointed and instructed to report the essentials of a ritual for adoption by the body, of which M. I. JOHN W. COBURN, of New York, was made Chairman. This Committee reported:

"That the ritual known as the 'Convention Work,' a copy of which is placed in the hands of the General Grand Master, be adopted as the standard ritual of the body for its own use and that of its immediate subordinates, and that the essentials of this work, such as preparation, obligation and recognition, be recommended to our constituent Grand Councils as a means of uniformity of ritual."

We do not see, however, any act by which this report was concurred in or acted upon, except such as may be inferred from the fact that it was presented.

An invitation was extended to all Independent Grand Councils to avail themselves at any time of the constitutional privilege of becoming constituents of the body. The usual amount of routine work was transacted. A list of permanent members of this body revised to December 31, 1889, is appended to the Proceedings, by which it appears that there are 216 permanent members to this body. Tables giving dates of the Annual Assemblies and Officers of the State Grand Councils, and also of Grand Council returns for 1887-88-89, are also attached as appendices to the Proceedings, as well as to the Constitution now in force of the General Grand Body.

Having presented under other heads and at length our views, as well as matters of intelligence connected with this body, it is hardly necessary that we extend this review. We therefore, pass to our

CONCLUSION.

We have reviewed the Proceedings, or given the latest intelligence that we have been able to obtain, from the following jurisdictions:

Alabama,	Kansas,	New Hampshire,
Arkansas,	Kentucky,	New Jersey,
California,	Louisiana,	
Canada,	Maine,	Ohio,
Connecticut,	Maryland,	Oregon,
	Massachusetts,	Pennsylvania,
Florida,	Michigan,	Rhode Island,
	Minnesota,	
Illinois,	Mississippi,	Tennessee,
Indiana,		Vermont,
Iowa,		Wisconsin,

And the General Grand Council.

We are without intelligence from England and Wales, Georgia, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina and South Carolina, although we have repeatedly written to the Grand Councils whose Proceedings are missing of our own country, but without effect. If we cannot get this news from these bodies we cannot give it. We have taken considerable pride in having our reports cover every jurisdiction, both at home and abroad; and while we are willing to do the labor of reviewing the Proceedings of every body and to give the news from every jurisdiction, still, if the officers of these bodies who are so backward in responding to letters of inquiry fail to co-operate in our efforts, the blame must rest upon them and no fault be found with us. While it is a loss to our own Grand Council, it is a greater loss to the bodies who by such neglect fail to have their Proceedings reviewed and presented to our own body. The blank spaces in the above list should have been filled with the names of the bodies noted as in default.

Since writing our review of Massachusetts we have received the sad news that our Reverend Comp., JOHN W. DADMUN, has deceased, but we are not advised when or where, and right upon the heels of our own Assembly we are unable to give his Masonic history or to pass an eulogy upon his memory, but must leave that duty to the proper Committee who will have it in charge. We have worked side by side with our lamented Companion for many years for the advancement of the interests of Cryptic Masonry, and have ever found him true and faithful, generous to a fault, and of a broad liberality to all, both those working with, as well as those who for the time being have apparently been opposed. And so,

"If we drop our tears,
Who loved him as few men ever loved,
We mourn no blighted hope nor broken plan
With him whose life stood rounded and approved
In the full growth and stature of a man."

His pilgrimage of life is ended, his work complete, his reward secured, and, having fought the good fight, he has come off conqueror, and has entered upon that rest that awaits the good and true in the mansions prepared. Eminent for his Masonic qualities and abilities, prominent in his broad philanthropy and benevolence, esteemed for his kindness of heart, a wise counsellor and adviser, just and true in every sphere of life, he was beloved by his friends who knew him, and his death will be mourned by all with whom he had come in contact.

Many other jurisdictions mourn the loss of beloved Companions, and our own has not been missed by the Angel of Death. We cannot take space here to present the names of those who have departed during the past year. They are gone from our midst. Their lives, their influence and example remain to us. May we emulate their virtues, and remember that though dead their works do follow them and they yet speak to us:

Dead? Did we write? Ah, no! Can we forget
That some of them are speaking to us yet?
Their spirits live in a fairer clime than this,
Where, select and blest, in the noontide of bliss
Their souls will eternally shine.

Oft with moistening eyes our steps are stayed
Beside the mounds where low our friends are laid,
The winds in the Autumn leaves their requiem sing,
While to their memories now we sadly bring
The loving tribute of our praise.

The condition of the Cryptic Rite is improving and we are satisfied with it. As it stands to-day perfect harmony should exist throughout the land. We believe that the time will soon come when all will unite in earnest work to advance the interests of the Rite. *Our* work is almost completed. In the natural course of human events we cannot expect to participate for many years to come in the companionship and labors with which we have been intimately associated in years past. It has been our aim to bring harmony and peace within the Temple of Cryptic Masonry, and it is now the height of our desires to see that result accomplished. When that hour arrives, if with you then, I can say :

" I have touched the highest point of all my greatness,
And from that full meridian of my glory
I hasten now to my sitting."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE M. OSGOODBY,

Chairman of Committee.



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

Companions GEO. M. OSGOODBY, JOHN W. COBURN and CHARLES W. BROWN were appointed a committee to visit Companion NATHANIEL GEORGE PHILIPS, the representative of this Grand Council near the Grand Council of England and Wales, who was reported as at present sojourning in this city, and extend to him the greetings of this Grand Council.

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 :

Columbia.....	No. 1.	John Boyd.....	T. I. M.
		Garvey Donaldson.....	Dep. M.
		P. M. W. Verhoeven.....	Proxy.
Union.....	" 2.	M. H. Conklin.....	T. I. M.
		Sam'l W. Wiley.....	P. C. of W.
Brooklyn.....	" 4.	Samuel Bennett.....	Dep. M.
Adelphic.....	" 7.	Geo. E. W. Stivers.....	"
Central City.....	" 13.	Theodore M. Barker.....	T. I. M.
Bloss.....	" 14.	R. B. Stiles.....	"
		Arthur McArthur.....	P. C. of W.
Bruce.....	" 15.	Rollin B. Moore.....	T. I. M.
Buffalo.....	" 17.	Wm. J. Donaldson.....	"
Doric.....	" 19.	A. D. McMaster.....	Dep. M.
Keystone.....	" 20.	W. F. Chandler.....	T. I. M.
De Witt Clinton.....	" 22.	Richard T. Lockley.....	"
Ontario.....	" 23.	John N. Macomb, Jr.....	Proxy.
Dunkirk.....	" 25.	W. H. Wyman.....	"
Palmyra.....	" 26.	S. N. Sawyer.....	T. I. M.
Utica.....	" 28.		
King Solomon.....	" 31.	Alfred B. Smith.....	T. I. M.
Olean.....	" 33.	C. S. Hanks.....	Proxy.
Corning.....	" 53.	John Comosh, Jr.....	T. I. M.
Peekskill.....	" 55.	David Griffin.....	"
Ithaca.....	" 68.	H. M. Hibbard.....	"
Nepperhan.....	" 70.	M. D. Getty.....	"
Alph-Omega.....	" 71.	Irving M. Thompson.....	P. C. of W.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. VAN VLIET,
JOHN BOYD,
W. J. DONALDSON, } Committee.

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th, 1890—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 Grievances and Appeals presented the following report, which was, on motion, received :

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

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals respectfully report that nothing has been referred to us for consideration or action, showing conclusively that peace and harmony prevails.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE M. BARKER, }
SAMUEL BENNETT, } Committee.
MARVIN H. CONKLIN, }

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented their report as follows, 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 they are unable to find any business left undone by this grand body at its last Annual Assembly to be acted upon at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN F. CHANDLER, }
GEO. E. M. STIVERS, } Committee.
M. D. GETTY, }

The Committee on Library 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 Library beg leave to report progress in their labors ; in their searches for history many obstacles present themselves, and while we hope to overcome each and every one, yet it takes time to accomplish it, and we hope in the near future to present a piece of work for your inspection. Our treasurer, CHARLES W. BROWN, acknowledges the custody of cash as follows :

On hand at last report.....	\$434.41
Accrued interest to July 1st, 1890.....	12.66
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	\$447.07

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. VAN VLIET,
For the Committee.

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws 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 Constitution and By-Laws beg leave to report, that the official acts of the M. I. Grand Master as set forth in his address, and referred to this committee, were in our judgment done in the proper discharge of the powers and duties of his office, and should receive the sanction of this Grand Body.

That no other matters have been presented to this committee for consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. B. STILES,	} Committee.
S. N. SAWYER,	
IRVING M. THOMPSON,	

Adelphic Council No. 7 tendered to the Grand Council a portion of the indebtedness which the Grand Council so generously remitted a few short years ago.

On motion the tender was kindly rejected by the Grand Council, and the action of Adelphic Council commended.

Rev. Companion DOTY, from the Committee on Fraternal Dead, presented the following report of said Committee, 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 Fraternal Dead would stand with uncovered heads, as we receive from our M. I. Grand Master the official announcement of the death of two of our companions, who only a year ago were with us in attendance upon the M. P. Grand Council of R. and S. M.'s. It would be difficult for us to find among our companions two that were more enthusiastic and energetic in Cryptic Masonry than Companions THOMAS GLIDDON and Gen. CHARLES ROOME.

It is said, that just after the death of that distinguished statesman, Daniel Webster, an old and life long servant stood by his couch, and with tears streaming down his cheeks, and a voice choked with emotion, said, "the world will be lonely without you, Mr. Webster." So, companions, may not we as Cryptic Masons say, that our beloved rite will indeed be lonely without "TOM" GLIDDON.

He was every inch a man and a mason. Honorable and upright in all his dealings, kind and generous to foe (if he had any) and to friend, fraternal and loving as a brother, staunch and true as a lover of the craft.

Alas ! Alas ! His "designs upon the trestle board are now completed" and "he has been called from labor to refreshment." Soon ! ah, too soon, to this faithful warrior has come the rest.

Of Comp. ROOME, what more can be said than has been spoken in the admirable and complete address of our Grand Master? His reputation as a mason was not circumscribed by the boundaries of our various jurisdictions, for he was known throughout the fraternity. Of him, it must now regretfully be said, "the strong hand of death hath leveled him in the humiliation of the grave," and we hopefully await the coming of the day when the resurrection power of the Divine Architect shall be felt, and the dead shall hear and live.

Our companions of the Grand Council of Tennessee have suffered the loss of Companion BENJAMIN F. HALLER, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of that State, who had also held the several offices of Treasurer and Recorder of the Grand Council.

In the affliction of these our brethern, we claim a share, and hereby assure them of our fraternal sympathy.

From Massachusetts, too, comes the wail of sorrow, for Companion JOHN W. DADMUN is dead. In most fitting terms has Comp. OSGOODBY, in his report, referred to this eminent mason, whose zeal, and ever abiding energy, have been a great motive power in the old Bay State. Let us who live in the Empire State catch a portion of the loyalty and enthusiasm of this brother who has gone, and emulate his purity of character and faithfulness in that state of life unto which it pleased God to call him.

Farewell ! ye noble dead ! one and all. May it be our privilege, at the last,

with you, "to wrap the drapery of our couch about us, and lie down to pleasant dreams."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. D'ORVILLE DOTY, }
JOHN J. MARTIN, } Committee.
G. FRED WILTSIE, }

The Special Committee on Grand Representatives 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 Special Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's address as relates to Grand Representatives, would report that they have given the matter such consideration as the limit of time allowed would permit, and hereby submit the following recommendation:

The tenure of office of all representatives of this Grand Council near other Grand Councils shall depend upon the faithful performance of duty, and should any such representative fail, or neglect to faithfully perform such duties, for the period of two successive years without reasonable excuse rendered in writing to the M. Ill. G. M. previous to the annual assembly, the Grand Master may at his discretion declare the office of such representative vacant, and appoint a successor.

And we further recommend that no companion shall represent more than one Grand Council at the same time.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. KING, }
ALONZO D. McMASTERS, } Committee.
ARTHUR MACARTHUR, }

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. ALFRED B. SMITH, and SAMUEL BENNETT, when the Grand Council proceeded to the election with the following result:

Comp. JOHN N. MACOMB, JR., of Branchport,	.....	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.

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. M. W. VERHOEVEN, HERMAN G. CARTER.

The Tellers were tendered the thanks of the Grand Council for the faithful discharge of the duties incumbent upon them as such officers.

The Officers elected and appointed were installed in their several stations by M.:P.: GEO. M. OSGOODBY, Past Grand Master of this Grand Council, and 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 Grand Recorder was instructed to procure a jewel for the Grand Chaplain, and an officer's apron.

On motion, the second Tuesday in September, 1891, 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 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 the Grand Recorder, for Salary and Expenses.....	\$320 50
“ Chairman of Comm. on For. Cor.....	75 00
“ Grand Master for Expenses.....	15 00
“ “ Sentinel for Services and Expenses.....	\$10 00
“ “ “ for the removal of Properties.....	<u>15 00</u> 25 00
“ John F. Baldwin for Printing.....	11 25
“ Rent of Room and Safe.....	20 00
“ Pay of Representatives.....	476 66
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	\$943 41

We also recommend that the Grand Recorder be authorized to pay to the General Grand Recorder the annual installment of Grand Council dues to the General Grand Body.

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

We also recommend that the Grand Recorder be authorized to purchase a Jewel for the Grand Chaplain, and an Officer's Apron.

We also recommend the remission of dues, amounting to seventy-three (73) Dollars, to Doric Council No. 19.

Respectfully submitted,

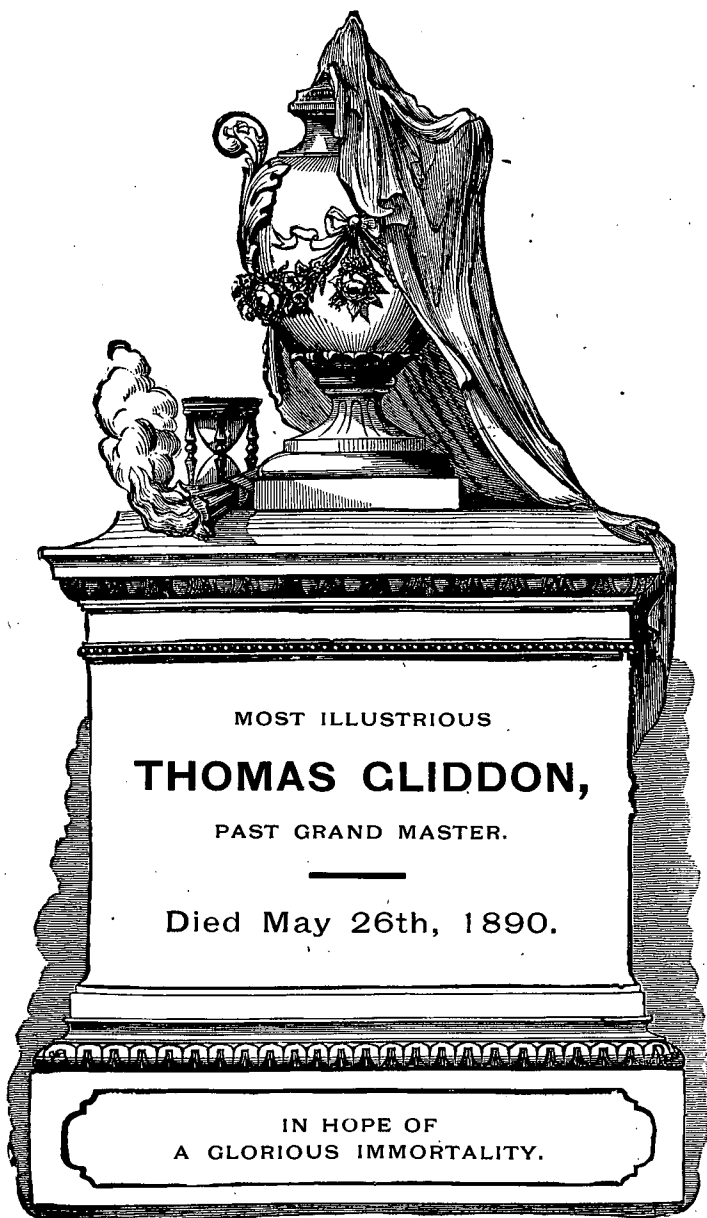
JOHN W. COBURN,
RICHARD T. LOCKLEY, } Committee.
WM. H. WYMAN,

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

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



Grand Recorder.



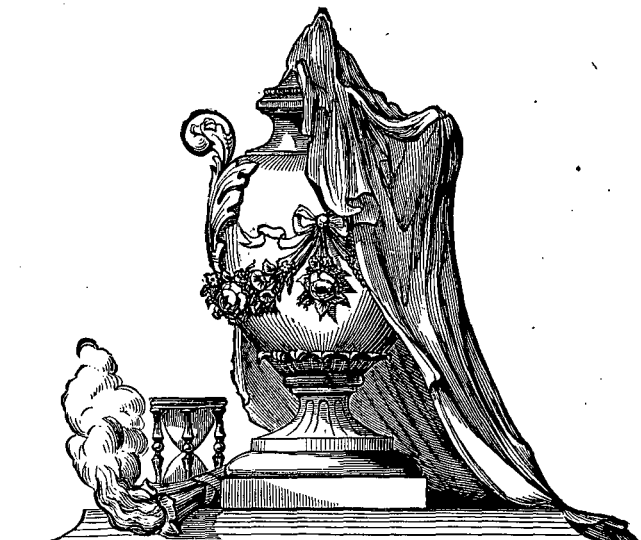
MOST ILLUSTRIOUS

THOMAS GLIDDON,

PAST GRAND MASTER.

Died May 26th, 1890.

IN HOPE OF
A GLORIOUS IMMORTALITY.



COMPANION

CHARLES ROOME,

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA.

Died June 28th, 1890.

IN THE 78th YEAR OF HIS AGE.

FULL OF HONORS AND OF YEARS.

RECEIPTS.

From Columbian	Council No. 1,	for dues to August 1st, 1880. . . .	\$10 00
“ Union	“ “ 2,	“ “ “	35 00
“ Brooklyn	“ “ 4,	“ “ “	41 50
“ Adelpic	“ “ 7,	“ “ “	113 50
“ Central City	“ “ 13,	“ “ “	20 00
“ Bloss	“ “ 14,	“ “ “	210 00
“ Bruce	“ “ 15,	“ “ “	30 50
“ Southern Tier	“ “ 16,	“ “ “	24 00
“ Buffalo,	“ “ 17,	“ “ “	84 00
“ Doric	“ “ 19,	“ “ “	100 00
“ Keystone	“ “ 20,	“ “ “	68 50
“ DeWitt Clinton	“ “ 22,	“ “ “	149 50
“ Ontario	“ “ 23,	“ “ “	7 50
“ Dunkirk	“ “ 25,	“ “ “	58 50
“ Palmyra	“ “ 26,	“ “ “	27 00
“ Utica	“ “ 28,	“ “ “ . . . .	.
“ King Solomon	“ “ 31,	“ “ “	35 50
“ Olean	“ “ 33,	“ “ “	28 00
“ Hornellsville	“ “ 35,	“ “ “ . . . .	.
“ Corning	“ “ 53,	“ “ “	19 00
“ Peekskill	“ “ 55,	“ “ “	13 00
“ Ithaca	“ “ 68,	“ “ “	47 50
“ Nepperhan	“ “ 70,	“ “ “	21 00
“ Alph-Omega	“ “ 71,	“ “ “	29 00
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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	John Boyd.	G. Donaldson.	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.	John V. B. Green.	New York.	New York.	3d Saturday.
BROOKLYN	3	John B. Harris.	Sam'l Bennett.	R. Fred Lenhart.	Geo. Nicholson.	Brooklyn.	Kings.	3d Saturday.
ADELPHIC	4	Fredk. Kanter.	G. E. W. Stivers.	Thurber F. Russell.	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	Robert B. Stiles.	Arthur T. Smith.	Arthur McArthur.	John H. Tappin.	Troy.	Rensselaer.	1st Friday.
BRUCE	15	Rollin B. Moore.	Wm. J. Jackman.	Perry Stowell.	Van Ness Douglass.	Lockport.	Niagara.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.
SOUTHERN TIER	16	Conrad Webnes.	S. D. Wadhams.	C. B. Chase.	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	Wm. H. Maston.	A. B. McMaster.		John Alexander.	Rochester.	Monroe.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.
KEYSTONE	20	W. F. Chandler.	H. McMichael.	J. S. Prescott, Jr.	W. S. Riselay.	Buffalo.	Erie.	3d Saturday.
DEWITT CLINTON	22	R. T. Lockley.	J. B. McEwen.	James McCombe.	J. E. Allanson.	Albany.	Albany.	3d Thursday.
ONTARIO	23	J. Henry Smith.	Andrew Mackay.	Henry R. Sill.	J. N. Macomb, Jr.	Penn Yan.	Yates.	1st Tuesday.
DUNKIRK	25	H. J. Gibbs, Jr.	F. B. Barnard.	John Hilliard.	Charles Blood.	Dunkirk.	Chautauqua.	1st Wednesday.
PALMYRA	26	S. Nelson Sawyer.	Alf. C. Hopkins.	Edwin B. Anderson.	George McGown.	Palmyra.	Wayne.	2d Monday.
UTICA	28	Nathan Overend.	T. Jay Griffiths.	A. J. Firestein.	W. D. Moshier.	Utica.	Oneida.	2d Friday.
KING SOLOMON	31	Alfred B. Smith.	Wm. B. Hall.	Rev. F. B. Wheeler.	Bevier S. Bayly.	Poughkeepsie.	Dutchess.	
OLEAN	33	W. L. Myrick.	A. A. Swarts.	Edmond H. Austin.	C. S. Hanks.	Olean.	Cattaraugus.	1st Wednesday.
CORNING	53	John Comosh, Jr.	H. H. Kendall.	Geo. B. Hill.	Geo. Hitchcock.	Corning.	Steuben.	1st & 3d Thursdays.
PEEKSKILL	55	David Griffin.	John Halstead.	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	Moses D. Getty.	Franklin Davis.	Gideon B. Poud.	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.

ADDRESS OF GRAND RECORDERS AND REPRESENTATIVES.

GRAND RECORDERS.	ADDRESS.	REPRESENTATIVES TO GRAND COUNCIL OF N. Y.	ADDRESS.	GRAND COUNCIL.	REPRESENTATIVES FROM GRAND COUNCIL OF N. Y.	ADDRESS.
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GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL AND ITS CONSTITUENTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

Henry W. Mordhurst...	Fort Wayne, Ind.
James A. Henry.....	Little Rock.	C. S. Hanks.....	Olean.	Arkansas.	Logan H. Roote.....	Little Rock.
Thomas H. Caswell....	San Francisco.	John F. Baldwin.....	New York.	California.	Chas. Lord Field....	San Francisco.
John Carlovitz.....	Milton.	John W. Coburn.....	New York.	Florida.	James A. Chaffin....	Milton.
Andrew W. Wolihin....	Macon.	.....	.....	Georgia.	Anselm Sterne.....	Albany.
Wm. H. Smythe.....	Indianapolis.	John D. Williams....	Elmira.	Indiana.	Lucienne A. Foote..	Crawfordsville.
John H. Brown.....	Wyandotte.	Philander Reed.....	New York.	Kansas.	David Brockway....	Topeka.
Richard Lambert.....	New Orleans.	G. Fred. Wiltsie....	New York.	Louisiana.	Richard Lambert....	New Orleans.
Ira Berry.....	Portland.	William Downes....	New York.	Maine.	Josiah H. Drummond	Portland.
Geo. L. McCahan.....	Baltimore.	John J. Martin.....	Albany.	Maryland.	James W. Bowers....	Baltimore.
Alfred F. Chapman....	Boston.	Alex. B. King.....	Troy.	Massachusetts.	Wm. Porter Anderson	Boston.
Wm. Cheeney.....	Minneapolis.	John L. Brothers....	Buffalo.	Minnesota.	Geo. W. Cooley.....	Minneapolis.
Wm. H. Mayo.....	St. Louis.	Horace M. Hibbard..	Ithaca.	Missouri.	Noah M. Given.....	St. Louis.
Wm. R. Bowen.....	Omaha.	Geo. Van Vliet.....	New York.	Nebraska.	.....	.....
Geo. P. Cleaves.....	Concord.	.....	.....	New Hampshire.	Henry P. Glidden...	Dover.
Geo. Van Vliet.....	"Masonic Hall," N. Y. City.	Ralph E. Prime.....	Yonkers.	Ohio.	.....	.....
John D. Caldwell.....	Cincinnati.	William Sherer.....	Brooklyn.	Oregon.	Wm. M. Cunningham	Newark.
*Charles W. Talmage..	McMinnville.	Albert W. Force....	Ithaca.	South Carolina.	Milton S. Woodcock..	Corvallis.
Zimmerman Davis....	Charleston.	John N. Macomb, Jr..	Branchport.	Tennessee.	W. H. D. Gaillard...	Pendleton.
John Frizzell.....	Nashville.	Ralph C. Christiance..	Ithaca.	Vermont.	John Frizzell.....	Nashville.
Warren G. Reynolds...	Burlington.	.....	.....	.....	K. Haskin.....	Brattleboro.

INDEPENDENT GRAND COUNCILS.

Joseph K. Wheeler....	Hartford.	P. M. W. Verhoeven...	New York.	Connecticut.	James S. Gould.....	Bridgeport.
Gil. W. Barnard.....	78 Monroe St., Chicago.	W. M. Postley.....	New York.	Illinois.	John O'Neill.....	Chicago.
Lorenzo D. Croninger..	Covington.	Wm. H. Wyman.....	Dunkirk.	Kentucky.	Wm. Ryan.....	Louisville.
Garra B. Noble.....	Detroit.	Peter Forrester.....	New York.	Michigan.	H. Shaw Noble.....	Monroe.
J. L. Power.....	Jackson.	.....	.....	Mississippi.	.....	.....
Charles Bechtel.....	Trenton.	Royal E. Deane.....	New York.	New Jersey.	James B. Small.....	Newark.
Donald W. Bain.....	Raleigh.	Rev. W. D'O. Doty...	Rochester.	North Carolina.	Horace H. Munson...	Wilmington.
Charles E. Meyer.....	1717 Chestnut St., Phila.	John Hocge.....	Lockport.	Pennsylvania.	Geo. C. Johnstone...	Allegheny City.
William R. Greene.....	Providence.	Charles W. Brown....	New York.	Rhode Island.	A. H. Cushman.....	Providence.
John W. Laffin.....	Milwaukee.	.....	.....	Wisconsin.	.....	.....

FOREIGN GRAND COUNCILS.

Sydney J. Sanford....	Barrie, Ont.	George McGown.....	Palmyra.	Canada.	Daniel Spry.....	Toronto, Ont.
Charles F. Matier.....	} 8 A. Red Lion Square, London, W. C.	George M. Osgoodby...	Buffalo.	England, Wales, &c.	Nathaniel G. Phillips..	London.
Robert S. Brown.....		} 5 Marchmont Terrace, Edinburgh.	Scotland.

NECROLOGY.

Union, No. 2.....	MILES W. GOODYEAR.....	Died December 15th, 1889.
“ “.....	DONALD MCINROY.....	“ May, 1890.
Brooklyn, No. 4.....	A. W. SHADBOLT.....	“ December 29th, 1889.
Adelphic, No. 7.....	C. C. MOWTON.....	“ 1889.
“ “.....	CHARLES ROOME.....	“ June 28th, 1890.
Central City, No. 13.....	HORATIO GLENN.....	“ December 18th, 1889.
“ “.....	FRANK A. PECK.....	“ January 17th, 1890.
Bloss, No. 14.....	S. W. LESTER.....	“ January 5th, 1890.
“ “.....	R. W. RICHARDSON.....	“ February 20th, 1890.
“ “.....	R. P. TUNNARD.....	“ February 21st, 1890.
“ “.....	L. W. RHODES.....	“ March 5th, 1890.
“ “.....	GEO. H. BELLOWS.....	“ June 28th, 1890.
Bruce, No. 15.....	PETER D. WALTER.....	“ September 23d, 1889.
“ “.....	WILLIAM P. FIELD.....	“ December 11th, 1889.
“ “.....	WILLIAM S. CAMP.....	“ June 25th, 1890.
Southern Tier, No. 16.....	JAMES M. SLY.....	“ September 23d, 1889.
“ “.....	CHARLES T. THRO.....	“ December 24th, 1889.
Buffalo, No. 17.....	WM. A. JARRETT.....	“ June 10th, 1890.
“ “.....	REUBEN DILL.....	“ April 5th, 1890.
Doric, No. 19.....	N. S. PHELPS.....	“ August 6th, 1889.
“ “.....	ANDREW J. HATCH.....	“ October 4th, 1889.
“ “.....	WM. W. SCHAFFER.....	“ November 17th, 1889.
“ “.....	JOHN M. AIKEN.....	“ January 15th, 1890.
“ “.....	MARCUS CAUFFMAN.....	“ March 2d, 1890.
“ “.....	EDGAR COAPMAN.....	“ September 5th, 1889.
“ “.....	THOMAS GLIDDON.....	“ May 24th, 1890.
Keystone, No. 20.....	WM. S. PRIOR.....	“ July 23d, 1890.
“ “.....	HORACE DODMAN.....	“ July 1st, 1890.
De Witt Clinton, No. 22.....	JOHN MCEWEN.....	“ October 29th, 1889.
“ “.....	J. E. VOORHEES.....	“ November 27th, 1889.
“ “.....	F. C. TOPF.....	“ December 3d, 1889.
“ “.....	EDMUND L. JUDSON.....	“ April 8th, 1890.
“ “.....	JOHN G. COOPER.....	“ April 24th, 1890.
Palmyra, No. 26.....	JOSEPH W. CORNING.....	“ June 29th, 1890.

Permanent Members of the Grand Council,
Past Masters of Subordinate Councils.

Columbian Council, No. 1.

WILLIAM S. PATERSON.
PETER M. W. VERHOEVEN.
JOHN J. KELLY.
JOHN G. BARKER.
DANIEL SICKLES.

LEWIS H. RAYMOND.
JOSEPH A. BRITTON.
PETER FORRESTER.
JOHN BOYD.

Union Council, No. 2.

HENRY C. PARKE.
JOHN F. BALDWIN.
JOHN S. KING.
PHILANDER REED.
J. MARTIN LAYMAN.

L. K. GOLDSMITH,
WASHINGTON M. POSTLEY.
W. P. WORSTER.
WILLIAM H. SMITH.
MARVIN H. CONKLIN.

Brooklyn Council, No. 4.

WILLIAM R. LEONARD.
HENRY W. KARN.
ABEL C. WILMARTH.
WILLIAM JENNINGS, JR.
GEORGE Z. BRETZ.
CLAUDIUS F. BEATTY.
ALBERT E. LEACH.
J. WARING EAMES.

B. F. ADAMS.
JOHN C. HEINEMAN.
WILLIAM SHERER.
GEORGE NICHOLSON.
W. M. SMITH.
WM. P. HOWELL.
JOHN B. HARRIS.

Adelphic Council, No. 7

WM. G. SHAW.
J. H. CORRIN.
GEORGE VAN VLIET.
ELWOOD E. THORNE.
CHARLES F. EMERSON.
HORACE METCALF.
JOHN W. COEURN.
WILLIAM DOWNES.

E. M. L. EHLERS.
PHILIP O. BENJAMIN.
ROYAL E. DEANE.
FREDERICK KANTER.
CHARLES W. BROWN.
THOMAS DARLING.
JOHN HOOLE.

Central City Council, No. 13.

STILES M. RUST.
CHARLES W. SNOW.
EDWIN H. BROWN.

AUSTIN C. WOOD.
ABEL G. COOK.
THEODORE M. BARBER.

Bloss Council, No. 14.

ALEXANDER B. KING.
EDWARD B. COXE.
JESSE B. ANTHONY.
JOHN F. SCHAFFER.

D. D. HOUGHTALING.
WILLIAM M. PECKHAM.
R. B. STILES.

Bruce Council, No. 15.

JOHN HODGE.
CHARLES N. PALMER.

ROLLIN B. MOORE.

Southern Tier, No. 16.

JOHN D. WILLIAMS.
F. D. RAMSDELL.
DAVID S. DOOR.
JOHN S. BARTLETT.

S. D. WADHAMS.
P. L. HINMAN.
J. A. BATY.
CONRAD WEHNES.

Buffalo Council, No. 17.

ALBERT JONES.
A. OPPENHEIMER.
GERARD McVICAR.

CYRUS K. PORTER.
THEODORE L. WADSWORTH.
WILLIAM J. DONALDSON.

Doric Council, No. 19.

A. J. WARNER.
HENRY M. PLANT.
THOMAS SEED.
JAMES T. SOUTHARD.
JOHN W. MERRIAM.
WILLIAM C. BROWN.
E. C. PECK.

WILLIAM S. BRADT.
SAMUEL C. PIERCE.
EZRA M. SPARLIN.
E. W. HORNE.
E. A. STALLBORODT.
EDWARD SCHAFFER.

Keystone Council, No. 20.

DAVID F. DAY.
STEPHEN M. RATCLIFFE.
JOHN B. SACKETT.
DARWIN E. MORGAN.
JOHN L. BROTHERS.

JAMES M. HENDERSON.
WARREN A. WOODSON.
E. A. ROCKWOOD.
LEVI S. GATES.

De Witt Clinton Council, No. 22.

FRANK CHAMBERLAIN.
JAMES W. MORANGE.
JOHN J. MARTIN.
WILLIAM H. WHISH.

JOHN A. DAVIS.
THOMAS J. BISHOP.
R. T. LOCKLEY.

Ontario Council, No. 23.

WILLIAM P. DURRANT.
JOHN N. MACOMB, JR.
EDWARD KENDALL.

ORVILLE F. RANDOLPH.
J. HENRY SMITH.

Dunkirk Council, No. 25.

WILLIAM H. WYMAN.
CHARLES H. SHERMAN.
C. E. HEQUEMBOURG.
B. L. HARRISON.

B. RATHBON.
ELIJAH HARRIS.
H. J. GIBBS, JR.

Palmyra Council, No. 26.

ELIJAH ENNIS.
MARK C. FINLEY.
GEORGE MCGOWN.

JOHN C. COATES.
S. NELSON SAWYER.

Utica Council, No. 28.

MARTIN A. LEWIS.
EDWARD B. CASH.
HENRY C. WELTON.
BYRON S. FRISBEE.

G. C. MOREHOUSE.
JAMES M. THOIRS.
JAMES V. ANTHONY.

King Solomon Council, No. 31.

CHARLES ESTABROOK.
WM. MORGAN LEE.
WM. B. HULL.

EDGAR M. WEEKS.
ALFRED B. SMITH.

Olean Council, No. 53.

C. S. STOWELL.
J. A. TAYLOR.
C. S. HANKS.

M. SOUTHERN.
W. L. MYRICK.

Corning Council, No. 53.

A. D. ROBBINS.
EDWARD CLISDELL.
T. S. PRITCHARD.
G. B. HILL.

W. A. WICKS.
J. S. BILLINGTON.
JOHN COMOSH, JR.

Peekskill Council, No. 55.

DAVID GRIFFIN.
JOHN HALSTEAD.

VALENTINE HAUF.
GEORGE D. SANFORD.

Ithaca Council, No. 68.

R. C. CHRISTIANCE.
A. W. FORCE.
A. B. WOOD.
GEORGE W. MELOTTE.

A. H. ESTY.
H. L. ESTERBROOK,
H. M. HIBBARD.

Nepperhan Council, No. 70.

RALPH E. PRIME.
LYMAN COBB, JR.
G. B. BALCH.
G. D. POND.

JOHN. E. MURPHY.
EDWIN A. QUICK.
HENRY S. SPROULL.
JAMES H. JENKINS.

Alph-Omega Council, No. 71.

GEORGE A. NEWELL.

CHARLES D. ROSS.



OFFICERS FOR 1890-91.

JOHN N. MACOMB, Jr.of Branchport.....	Grand Master.
ALEX. B. KINGof Troy.....	“ Deputy Master.
GEORGE A. NEWELLof Medina.....	“ P. C. of W.
JOHN F. BALDWINof New York.....	“ Treasurer
GEO. VAN VLIETof New York.....	“ Recorder.
ALBERT' W. FORCEof Ithaca.	“ C. of the G
THOMAS J. BISHOPof Albany.....	“ C. of the C.
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GEORGE M. OSGOODBY, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, (Address) Buffalo, N. Y.		

Next Annual Assembly, Tuesday, September 8th, 1891,
at 10 o'clock, A.M.

Officers of the General Grand Council.

M. P. GEO. W. COOLEY	.....Minneapolis, Minn.,	Gen'l Grand Master.
R. P. ORESTES A. B. SENTER	Columbus, Ohio ...	“ “ Dep. Master.
“ JOHN W. COBURN	.....New York, N. Y....	“ “ P. C. of W.
“ FRANK H. BASCOM	.....Montpelier, Vt.....	“ “ Treasurer.
“ H. W. MORDHURST	.....Fort Wayne, Ind....	“ “ Recorder.
“ HENRY S. ORME	.....Los Angelos, Cal....	“ “ C. of the G.
“ BRADFORD NICHOL	.....Nashville, Tenn....	“ “ C. of the C.
“ WM. ABRAM LOVE	.....Atlanta, Ga.....	“ “ Marshal.
“ WM. H. MAYO	.....St. Louis, Mo.....	“ “ Steward.