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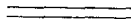
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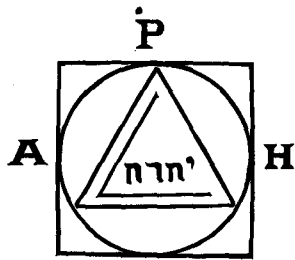
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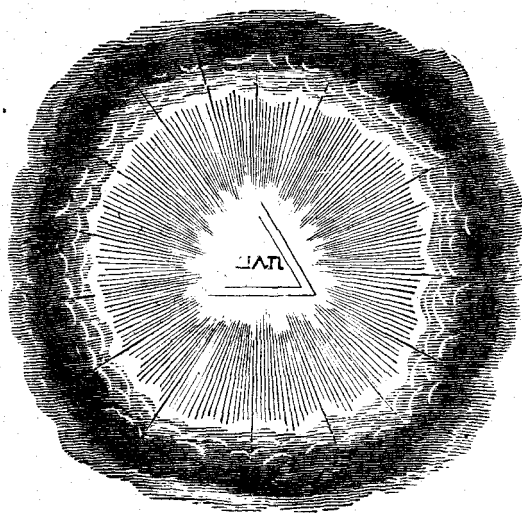


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OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

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GRAND COUNCIL ROOM,  
MASONIC HALL, COR. SIXTH AVE. & 23D ST.

The Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select  
Masters of the State of New York convened in Annual  
Assembly in the City of New York, on Tuesday, September  
6th, 1892, Anno.:Dep.:2892, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

## PRESENT

M. III. ALEXANDER B. KING	GRAND MASTER
R. III. GEORGE A. NEWELL	GRAND DEPUTY MASTER
R. III. JOHN F. BALDWIN	GRAND P. C. of W.
R. III. PETER FORRESTER	TREASURER
R. III. GEORGE VAN VLIET	RECORDER
R. III. ALBERT W. FORCE	C. OF THE G.
R. III. FREDERICK KANTER	C. OF THE C.
R. III. and Rev. W. D'ORVILLE DOTY, D.D.	CHAPLAIN
R. III. RICHARD T. LOCKLEY	MARSHAL
R. III. A. OPPENHEIMER	LECTURER
R. III. WILLIAM H. WYMAN	STEWARD
III. JOHN HOOLE	SENTINEL

## Together with the Representatives of the following Councils :

COLUMBIAN.....No. 1	ONTARIO.....No. 23
UNION....." 2	BINGHAMTON....." 24
BROOKLYN....." 4	DUNKIRK....." 25
ADELPHIC....." 7	PALMYRA....." 26
CENTRAL CITY....." 13	KING SOLOMON....." 31
BLOSS....." 14	OLEAN....." 33
BRUCE....." 15	HORNELLSVILLE....." 36
SOUTHERN TIER....." 16	CRYPTIC....." 37
BUFFALO....." 17	CORNING....." 53
DORIC....." 19	PEEKSKILL....." 55
KEYSTONE....." 20	ITHACA....." 68
DE WITT CLINTON....." 22	ALPH-OMEGA....." 71

## And permanent members as follows :

G. FRED. WILTSIE.....	PAST GRAND MASTER
GEO. M. OSGOODBY.....	PAST G. M. & PAST G. G. M.
JOHN J. MARTIN.....	PAST GRAND MASTER
JOHN L. BROTHERS.....	" "
R. C. CHRISTIANCE.....	" "
JOHN W. COBURN.....	PAST G. M. & PRESENT G. G. DEP. M.
JOHN N. MACOMB, JR.....	PAST GRAND MASTER
P. M. W. VERHOEVEN.....	PAST T. I. M. OF COUNCIL No. 1
W. M. POSTLEY.....	" " " " 2
SAMUEL BENNETT.....	" " " " 4
GEO. E. W. STIVERS.....	" " " " 7
WM. DOWNES.....	" " " " 7
EDWIN W. HORNE.....	" " " " 19
THOS. J. BISHOP.....	" " " " 22
GEO. MCGOWN.....	" " " " 26
W. MORGAN LEE.....	" " " " 31

With Representatives from the following Grand Councils :

ARKANSAS.....	Represented by Comp.	C. S. HANKS.
CANADA .....	“ “	GEO. MCGOWN.
CONNECTICUT .....	“ “	P M. W. VERHOEVEN.
ENGLAND, WALES, &c ..	“ “	GEO. M. OSGOODBY.
FLORIDA .....	“ “	JOHN F. BALDWIN.
GEORGIA .....	“ “	JOHN W. COBURN.
ILLINOIS .....	“ “	W. M. POSTLEY.
INDIANA .....	“ “	GEO. A. NEWELL.
KENTUCKY .....	“ “	W. H. WYMAN.
LOUISIANA .....	“ “	
MAINE .....	“ “	G. FRED. WILTSIE.
MARYLAND .....	“ “	WM. DOWNES.
MASSACHUSETTS .....	“ “	JOHN J. MARTIN.
MICHIGAN .....	“ “	PETER FORRESTER.
MISSOURI .....	“ “	JOHN L. BROTHERS.
MINNESOTA .....	“ “	ALEX. B. KING.
NEW HAMPSHIRE .....	“ “	GEO. VAN VLIET.
NORTH CAROLINA .....	“ “	Rev. W. D'O. DOTY.
NEW JERSEY .....	“ “	ROYAL E. DEANE.
OHIO .....	“ “	RALPH E. PRIME.
OREGON .....	“ “	A. OPPENHEIMER.
PENNSYLVANIA .....	“ “	JOHN HODGE.
RHODE ISLAND .....	“ “	FRED. KANTER.
SOUTH CAROLINA .....	“ “	ALBERT W. FORCE.
SCOTLAND .....	“ “	WM. SHERER.
TENNESSEE .....	“ “	JOHN N. MACOMB, JR.
VERMONT .....	“ “	RALPH C. CHRISTIANCE.
WISCONSIN .....	“ “	WM. MORGAN LEE.

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.

Response to which was made by R. Ill. Comp. JOHN F. BALDWIN on behalf of the Grand Council of Florida.

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

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

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

M.:Ill.:Comp. J. ROSS ROBERTSON, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Canada, was announced, received and heartily welcomed to our Annual Assembly.

M.:I.:Comp. GEO. SCOTT, Past Grand Master of New Jersey, was received with the honors due his station.

M.:Ill.:ALEXANDER B. KING, Grand Master, then delivered the following

## ADDRESS.

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

Standing in this exalted position, as your presiding officer, I can assure you that it is with no ordinary feelings of pleasure that I bid you, one and all, a warm, cordial, and fraternal welcome to this the eighty-third Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York.

We have gathered here today from all quarters of the Empire State, in accordance with the time-honored custom of our institution (laden with many pleasant memories), as the guardians of Cryptic Masonry within its borders ; and I trust, Companions, that in all our acts and deliberations we shall be guided by that liberal and fraternal spirit which should characterize us as Select Masters.

We meet, as heretofore, for the purpose of taking counsel of each other, to exchange Masonic greetings, to review the history of the past, to draw designs on the Trestle-Board for the future guidance of the Craft, and to devise means whereby we

may successfully build and beautify the noble arches we are striving to erect upon the foundation laid with so much care and solicitude by those select and skillful craftsmen who have preceded us ; and let us remember that we are not only building and planning for the present but for the generations which are to come ; and that, when our hands shall grow faint and weary, and the working tools of life shall drop from their nerveless grasp, other hands will take them up, and the work will still progress.

As we entered upon the hushed silence of our sacred retreat, remembering in whom we put our trust, and obedient to the first lesson we were taught when the echo of our footsteps first sounded on the *Mosaic Pavement*, our first duty has been to gather with reverent hearts around the Holy Altar and render our grateful acknowledgements to Him who has shielded and protected us, while so many, better by far than we, have fallen by the way.

I trust, my Companions, that we are imbued with the same steadfast and unwavering faith in the great I AM, the Sovereign Grand Master of the Universe, that inspired our fathers, and enabled them to originate the plans, draw the designs, and prepare the foundations, upon which to erect the most beautiful and crowning structure of Free Masonry, without which the Masonic system would be incomplete.

We have exchanged our fraternal greetings, and as we have clasped each other by the hand, our hearts, responsive to the touch, have been warmed and sent the life-blood through our veins with increased rapidity, and stimulated us, I trust, to renewed life and vigor, and increased exertion in the cause of Cryptic Masonry.

It seems but a day, as it were, since the fraternal and friendly grasp of hands was broken, and the good-bys uttered, as we separated at the close of our last Annual Assembly. The years steal by with ceaseless tread ; the swiftly fleeting moments glide away almost unheeded ; the sound of our re-

treating footsteps, as we left this spot to return to our homes, still linger in our ears; yet another year has accomplished its allotted work, and gone burdened alike with hopes and disappointments, with joys and sorrows, with pains and pleasures, to mingle its history in the dim shadows of the irrevocable past. What is its record? What have we accomplished? What tidings do you bring from the patient toilers in our Secret Vaults? Have we wrought our regular hours and done all that lay in our power to advance and promote the interests of Cryptic Masonry, and to make our time-honored institution all that we claim and boast for it? Have we scanned with care each rough Ashlar presented for our inspection and acceptance, that no imperfect or unworthy material might enter our Secret Retreat or be found in our Temple.

Have we preserved unimpaired and unsullied and taught the pure principles and moral teachings of Free Masonry as transmitted by our fathers, and have we practiced those lessons? What deeds of charity and pure beneficence have been placed to our credit? Have we sought the poor and distressed, the helpless widow and orphan, and contributed to their relief as liberally as their necessities might require and our ability would permit, as we have obligated ourselves to do? Have we faithfully and conscientiously discharged all the duties devolving upon us as men, as Masons, and as good and loyal citizens? Companions, let me urge you to ponder well these things, for they claim our deep and serious consideration; and as we review the past and recall the vows and resolves of other days, if they have been neglected or lightly cast aside, let us as we gather around the Holy Altar in our Temple here today, repledge ourselves and renew our vows to a more faithful observance of the obligations resting upon us. Let us strive to so conduct ourselves in our intercourse with each other and with our fellow men, that our daily life and actions may correspond with the professions we have made; that it may be apparent to all that in becoming Masons we have in-

deed become better men, and when that summons which none can disregard shall reach our ears, which speaks in language not to be mistaken, admonishing us that our earthly labors will soon be at an end, we may be prepared for that higher state—with hope for our guiding star—pass the sleeping sentinel of death from life's cares ;

“ \* \* \* \* \* sustained and soothed  
 “ By an unfaltering trust, approach the grave,  
 “ Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch  
 “ About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.”

Before entering upon the business of the Assembly, which will claim our attention, let us for a moment pause to pay a tribute of respect, and turn our thoughts to those who have labored with us, and have executed the designs drawn upon their life's Trestle-Board, and have gone before us to that “land by faith we see afar,” where they have entered upon that higher and more glorious Companionship in the undis-solving Lodge above. One by one the links of the fraternal chain have been severed. Year by year the record of those who have completed life's pilgrimage lengthens. Friend after friend departs.

“ Who has not lost a friend ? ”

The rehearsal of their names and deeds recalls to mind many pleasant recollections and associations of the past.

The dark shadow of death has indeed been a frequent visitor to our sister Jurisdiction of Massachusetts, and sorrow has fallen upon that Grand Council. Thrice within one and a half years the grim messenger has penetrated its Ninth Arch, and on each occasion removed one of its Past Grand Masters.

I have received official notice of the following deaths :

Comp. WILLIAM P. ANDERSON.

August 4th, 1891, Past M.:I.:Companion WILLIAM P. ANDERSON, of Lawrence, Mass., the Representative of this Grand Council near the Grand Council of Massachusetts, passed the veils of the earthly tabernacle, and entered

the refulgent glory of the Grand Council above. In his death our sister Grand Council has lost one of its most brilliant and skillful craftsmen, and this Grand Council one of its most valued representatives.

Comp. CHARLES HOWARD POWERS.

August 11th, 1892, at his residence in Boston, Past M.: Illustrious Companion CHARLES HOWARD POWERS was called from life's labor to rest eternal. In his death the Grand Council of Massachusetts loses a valued member, and one whose zeal, skill and marked ability, contributed largely to the prosperity of the Cryptic Rite in that Jurisdiction. He served as Grand Lecturer for three years and three years as Grand Master.

*"The old must die, the young may die, and the wisest knoweth not how soon."*

Comp. IRA BERRY.

September 20th, 1891, at his residence in the City of Portland, Maine, at the ripe old age of four score and ten years, the venerable, loved and venerated Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Maine, R.: Illustrious Companion IRA BERRY, completed his record and passed from a long, active and useful life to his eternal rest.

Comp. LEVI JEROME.

February 1st, 1892, at his home in La Grange, in the 69th year of his age, Past M.: Illustrious Companion LEVI JEROME passed the Ninth Arch to the Grand Council above. Companion JEROME was a Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Illinois, and at the time of his death Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence of that Grand Council, and as such, for his eminent ability in that department, was well known to the Craft throughout the world.

From the Proceedings of their respective Grand Councils we gather the sad intelligence that the reaper, death, has not been idle in some of our sister Jurisdictions.

Comp. FRELON J. BABCOCK, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Oregon, died November 11th, 1891.

Past M.:Illustrious BENJAMIN RUFUS HARRIS, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Tennessee in 1878, died at Jacksonville, in that State, November 11th, 1891.

Past M.: Illustrious HOWARD B. ENSIGN, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Connecticut in 1860, died November 17th, 1891.

Past Illustrious EBENEZER SPRAGUE of the Grand Council of Michigan, died January 2d, 1892, in the 88th year of his age.

Past M.:Illustrious ROBERT I. CHESTER, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Tennessee in 1857, and one of the oldest Masons in the United States, being in his 99th year, and for nearly 75 years an affiliated Mason, died January 14th, 1892.

The returns in our own Jurisdiction show the average percentage of deaths; but, so far as I can learn, I am happy to state that we meet here today as a Grand Council with unbroken numbers.

No officer or permanent member of this Grand Council has been called from us since last we met in Annual Assembly.

I would recommend to you that suitable action be taken upon the subject of the Illustrious Dead, that our records may show the feelings of sympathy and sorrow of this Grand Council with those who have been afflicted.

In accordance with the usual custom I issued the following circular assigning the Councils to the several Grand Officers for visitation.

ALEX. B. KING,  
*Grand Master.*

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

TROY, October 6th, A. Dep, 2891.

*To the Officers of the Grand Council and to the Councils of R. and S. M's in the State of New York.*

RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS COMPANIONS:

In compliance with the usual custom of the Grand Council, I have made a list of Councils for each of the Grand Officers for official visitation.

It is the earnest request of your Grand Master that the Masters of Councils correspond at once with the Grand Officer to whom they are assigned, in order that an early date may be arranged for visitation.

Official visitations in the past have no doubt added very much to the success and advancement of Cryptic Masonry, and I trust that each and every one of the Grand Officers will visit the Councils assigned them, giving such words of encouragement and cheer as will assure the Companions that they have the hearty support and co-operation of the Grand Council and its Officers in the work in which they are engaged.

Reports of visitations should be forwarded to the Grand Master by the first day of September.

R. I. GEO. A. NEWELL, G. D. M., Medina.

KEYSTONE, No. 20.....Buffalo.  
BRUCE, No. 15.....Lockport.  
KONHOCTON, No. 40.....Bath.  
DUNKIRK, No. 40.....Dunkirk.

R. I. JOHN F. BALDWIN, G. P. C. of the W., New York City.

BROOKLYN, No. 4.....Brooklyn.  
NEPPERHAN, No. 70.....Mount Vernon.

R. I. PETER FORRESTER, G. T., New York.

ADELPHIC, No. 7.....New York.  
KING SOLOMON, No. 31.....Poughkeepsie.  
DEERPARK, No. 54.....Port Jervis.

R. I. GEO. VAN VLIET, G. R., New York City.

COLUMBIAN, No. 1.....New York.  
PEEKSKILL, No. 55.....Peekskill.

R. I. ALBERT W. FORCE, G. C. of the G., Ithaca, N. Y.

ONTARIO, No. 23.....Penn Yan.  
SOUTHERN TIER, No. 16.....Elmira.  
BINGHAMTON, No. 24.....Binghamton.  
CORNING, No. 53.....Corning.

R. I. FREDERICK KANTER, G. C. of the C. New York City.

HUDSON, No. 62.....Hudson.  
UNION, No. 2.....New York.  
SING SING, No. 64.....Sing Sing.

R. I. & Rev. W. D'ORVILLE DOTY, D.D., G. Chaplain., Rochester, N. Y.

BLOSS, No. 14.....Troy.  
ALPH OMEGA, No. 71.....Albion.  
HORNELLVILLE, No. 35.....Hornellsville.  
BATAVIA, No. 27.....Batavia.

R. I. R. T. LOCKLEY, G. Mar., Albany, N. Y.

DORIC, No. 19. . . . . Rochester.

CENTRAL CITY, No. 13. . . . . Syracuse.

CRYPTIC, No. 37. . . . . Saratoga Springs.

UTICA, No. 28. . . . . Utica.

R. I. A. OPPENHEIMER, G. Lect., Buffalo, N. Y.

DE WITT CLINTON, No. 22. . . . . Albany.

JOHNSTOWN, No. 72. . . . . Johnstown.

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

ITHACA, No. 68. . . . . Ithaca.

R. I. WILLIAM H. WYMAN, G. S., Dunkirk, N. Y.

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

BUFFALO, No. 17. . . . . Buffalo.

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

Fraternally yours,

Attest,

GEO. VAN VLIET,

*Grand Recorder.*

ALEXANDER B. KING,

*Grand Master.*

My official visitations, owing to circumstances beyond my control, have not been as numerous as I could have wished.

November 19th, by invitation I visited De Witt Clinton Council, No. 22, located at Albany, and had the pleasure of receiving and welcoming, not only to that Council but to this Grand Jurisdiction, a delegation from Hiram Council of our sister Jurisdiction of Massachusetts, accompanied by the G. D. Master and several of the Officers of that Grand Jurisdiction. The degrees of Royal and Select Master were exemplified upon thirty-two candidates in that faultless manner characteristic of that Council.

December 4th, visited Bloss Council, No. 14, and installed its Officers.

March 24th, I accompanied R. Illustrious Companion R. T. LOCKLEY on his official visit to Cryptic Council, No. 37, located at Saratoga Springs. This Council, after having laid dormant for twelve years, through the persistive efforts of M. Illustrious Companion MACOMB during his term of office, has been infused with new life and activity. With new paraphranalia of the most approved style; an energetic, competent and efficient

corps of Officers, a bright future lies before the Council. We were right royally received, and witnessed the exemplification of the Royal and Select Master's degrees on ten candidates, which was done in a manner that would have been creditable to any Council in the Jurisdiction.

I regret exceedingly that, in consequence of ill health during the winter and spring, I was obliged to decline many invitations for visitations.

You are to be congratulated upon the prosperity, peace and harmony which prevails within and throughout our Jurisdiction. No discordant sounds have penetrated the Ninth Arch from any of the faithful Craftsmen under our charge. We have great reason to be proud of the progress we have made during the past year. From the reports of the visiting Grand Officers we gather the gratifying intelligence that there has been a general renewal of interest in the Cryptic Rite throughout the Jurisdiction.

In most of our Subordinate Councils the Altar fires burn brightly, the skilled Craftsmen are at their labor, the sound of the Trowel greets our ears, and the work is progressing.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Our relations with all the Grand Bodies of the Cryptic Rite are of the most pleasing nature.

We are in correspondence and the interchange of Representatives with all our sister Grand Councils with the exception of Mississippi, which, for reasons assigned by M.·Illustrious Companion MACOMB at the last Annual Assembly, is still vacant.

The following changes in the Grand Representatives have been made during the past year :

M.·Illustrious Companion MACOMB, during his term as Grand Master, had asked of the Grand Council of Scotland an interchange of Representatives, but up to the time of the last Annual Assembly had received no response from that Grand Body.

November 11th, in accordance with the negotiations entered into between Companion MACOMB and the Grand Council of Scotland the following appointments were made :

I issued a commission to Companion DAVID B. CLARK, accrediting him as the Representative of this Grand Council near the Grand Council of Scotland, and received from the Grand Council of Scotland a commission accrediting Companion WM. SHERER as the Representative of that Grand Council near the Grand Council of New York.

October 2d, I commissioned M.:Illustrious Companion WILLIAM B. LAWRENCE, of Medford, Massachusetts, as the Representative of this Grand Council near the Grand Council of Massachusetts, to fill the vacancy made by the death of P.:M.:Illustrious Companion WILLIAM B. ANDERSON.

November 9th, received a communication from GRAFF M. ACKLIN, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Ohio, stating that the commission of Companion RALPH E. PRIME as the Representative of that Grand Council near this Grand Council had expired, and requested the nomination of a successor. I renominated T.:Illustrious Companion RALPH E. PRIME, and in due time received notice that he had made that appointment.

Companion WM. SHERER having resigned his commission as the Representative of the Grand Council of Oregon near this Grand Council, I nominated Companion A. OPPENHEIMER of Buffalo, who was duly accredited as the Representative of that Grand Council near this Grand Council.

I have issued the following

#### DISPENSATIONS.

November 19th, 1891, to Keystone Council, No. 20, authorizing them to remove their place of meeting from the Austin Building to the new Masonic Temple in the City of Buffalo. Also to change their time of meeting until such time as they could legally change their By-Laws to conform to the same.

January 8th, 1892, to Buffalo Council, No. 17, authorizing

them to change their place of meeting from the Austin Building to the new Masonic Temple in the City of Buffalo, resuming their regular nights of meeting until such time as their By-Laws can legally be made to conform thereto.

February 19th, 1892, to Buffalo Council, No. 17, authorizing them to hold a special assembly on the 5th of February, 1892, for the purpose of balloting on petitions and conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Master.

October 29th, 1892, I authorized R.:Illustrious Companion A. OPPENHEIMER, Grand Lecturer, to constitute Johnstown Council, No. 72, to which a warrant was granted at the last Annual Assembly. He subsequently reported to me that, assisted by R.:I.:Companion A. W. FORCE, G. C. of G., on the 10th of November he constituted that Council and installed its officers in accordance with the Constitution and Regulations.

May 11th, 1892, at the request of Ithaca Council, No. 68, which had received the petitions of fifteen Companions R.:A.:M.:who were residents of Scranton, Pennsylvania, and under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania, I wrote to M.:Illustrious CHS. C. BAIR, Grand Master of that Jurisdiction, asking for a waiver of jurisdiction and permission for Ithaca Council, No. 68, to confer the Cryptic degrees upon the petitioners, which request was cheerfully granted.

June 18th, I received a communication from R.:I.:Companion A. W. FORCE, asking for a dispensation permitting Binghamton Council, No. 24, to hold an election of officers for the purpose of reorganizing that Council. As the warrant of Binghamton Council, No. 24, was declared forfeited by this Grand Council at its Annual Assembly in 1881, I decided that, as it had no legal existence as a Council, I could not grant a dispensation for the election of officers.

Believing it to be the policy of this Grand Body to offer every encouragement tending to the resuscitation of the dormant bodies of our Rite within its Jurisdiction, I directed them to send me a formal petition signed by not less than

nine of the former members of that Council who were in good standing at the time the warrant was declared forfeited, and who were now desirous of resuming labor in that Council.

Having complied with this, on the 4th of July I issued a dispensation to Companion A. P. KELSEY as Master, E. MURPHY as Deputy Master, E. WASHBURN as Principal Conductor of the Work, authorizing them to assemble on the 8th day of July, with such former members of Binghamton Council, No. 24, as were in good standing at the time the warrant was declared forfeited, and resume the regular labors of that Council until the Annual Assembly, at which time the dispensation should be returned, together with full returns of all work done under its authority, for your action thereon.

I also authorized R.:I.:Companion A.W. FORCE to assemble the Companions in accordance with the above dispensation and reorganize the Council, giving them proper instructions for their labor.

Companion FORCE subsequently reported that on the 8th of July, 1892, he reorganized Binghamton Council, No. 24, in accordance with the dispensation granted; conferred the degrees upon five candidates, and received fifteen petitions for future action. From the information that I have been able to obtain there is every encouragement to believe that there is a bright future for Binghamton Council.

I would recommend that such action be taken as will cancel the indebtedness of Binghamton Council, No. 24, at the time its warrant was declared forfeited, and that the warrant be restored and permission granted to continue work under the officers appointed in the dispensation until the time of the annual election.

There are several dormant Councils within our Jurisdiction which, I think, by a little encouragement on the part of the Grand Officers and Grand Council, by the way of the remission of past indebtedness to this Grand Body, might be resuscitated

and placed once more in working condition and become a source of revenue.

I would suggest that some action in regard to this matter be taken by the Grand Council, that in future the Grand Master may have the assurance that his action would be sustained should he deem it expedient to hold out such inducement to a returning prodigal.

I received the following communication from the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, which I herewith submit for your consideration.

OFFICE OF THE  
GRAND MASTER OF MASONS  
IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

ALBANY, N. Y., July 18th, 1892.

M. . I. . ALEXANDER B. KING,  
*Grand Master,*  
Troy, N. Y.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—

I have the honor to inform you that the Masonic Asylum at Utica will be dedicated Wednesday, October 5th, 1892, and to cordially invite you, your associate Officers and the Councils of Royal and Select Masters, to be present upon that occasion.

Fraternally yours,

JAMES TEN EYCK,  
*Grand Master.*

By resolution adopted at the last Annual Assembly the Grand Master and Officers of this Grand Council were requested to use their utmost endeavors to secure in the Grand Commandery of this State, and in the Grand Encampment of the United States, such recognition of the Cryptic Rite as shall make the degrees of Royal and Select Master prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood.

For many years this question has been agitated and discussed in this and other Grand Councils. The Grand Encampment has been petitioned and memorialized, but thus far has ignored and disregarded our request. Still we have lived and prospered, and are to-day in a better position not to petition

and humbly beg for recognition, but in a proper spirit firmly demand that Cryptic Masonry should be assigned its proper position in the American System of Masonry. The Cryptic Rite is now firmly established ; all the vexed questions of the past, with the exception of this, have been settled and disposed of, leaving us more firmly united and better prepared for more determined and aggressive action. That we have failed heretofore in obtaining from the Grand Encampment that recognition to which we are justly entitled, as a part of the American System of Masonry, a continuous Order of degrees prerequisite to Knightly honors, should be no cause for discouragement, but should be an incentive to greater activity and exertion on our part, and should stimulate us to the extent of our individual and united capacity to strive for the attainment of this end. Petitions, remonstrances and resolutions in the past have all failed in effecting the desired result. Let us now adopt some other method to accomplish this end. While I should be rejoiced to see Cryptic Masonry assigned its proper position before the world, still I do not believe that its future stability, life, prosperity and usefulness, depends upon its recognition by the Grand Encampment. There is inherent merit enough in Cryptic Masonry to enable it to exist and prosper independent of that Body. It has so done in the past, and I believe its future success and prosperity will depend not so much upon that recognition as upon the personal character, enthusiasm, intelligence, loyalty and devotion of its members.

What we want is work, enthusiasm and energetic action. There is no room for drones within our Crypt. Each one should be ever ready to do his part. The degrees of Royal and Select Master have not in the past received that consideration and attention which their importance deserved.

When properly conferred they are more impressive and beautiful than any that have preceded them. It matters not how beautiful the design or how happy the conception of our Rite, hard, persistive and energetic work are the only conditions

that will insure a successful consummation. Let us not forget that duty calls to action. If we are deserving and worthy of the proud title of Select Master we should not be afraid of work. Let our aim be to so conduct the work as to make the degrees sought after.

Let us sound its *Silver Trump* at early dawn and eve of day, and maintain on all occasions that without its teachings the system of Free Masonry is incomplete. Let each one of us make a determined effort to induce such Sir Knights as have not passed through the Ninth Arch on their way to the Commandery to retrace their steps and complete their record, by passing the circle of perfection and becoming one of those who for their skill and fidelity were selected to complete the secret work. Let us seek out every Royal Arch Mason who is worthy of the honor we confer and endeavor to impress upon his mind the necessity of receiving the Cryptic degrees, in order that he may fully understand the lessons of the preceding degrees. Should his high ambition aspire to Knightly honors, impress him with the conviction that the only legitimate advance is through the Council, and that he is not fully prepared to become a Valiant Knight until he is in possession of all the Ancient Mysteries of Free Masonry, the completion of which is found only in the Secret Vault. Most of us, no doubt, are Sir Knights, and as such in this way can accomplish much and gain nearly all we desire, in our own Commandery at least.

“ Still achieving, still pursuing,  
Learn to labor and to wait.”

In order to carry out the resolutions adopted at the last Annual Assembly I would recommend that a special standing committee be appointed with power to adopt such measures from time to time as may be deemed expedient, in order to obtain the co-operation of our sister Grand Councils; that by united action, when the proper time may arrive, we may present a bold, united and unbroken front, and firmly and fraternally demand of the Grand Encampment that deliberate con-

sideration of this question to which we believe its merits entitle it.

It has been our privilege to have been present at every Annual Assembly of this Grand Council, with the exception of one, for the past thirty years. Each successive assembly has seemed to add to my interest in its proceedings, and my solicitude for its welfare and prosperity; and I can assure you, my Companions, that, gathered around the receding scenes of those time-honored occasions, cluster many of the fondest recollections and pleasant memories of by-gone years. How vividly I recall to mind the well remembered faces of the valued and faithful Companions of the early years, who were wont to gather together on these annual occasions, who are with us no more. The sound of their voices, now hushed and silent, still lingers in our memory. Their work in this life has ceased. The history of this Grand Council records their deeds, which live after them.

“ We'll not forget thee; we who stay  
To work a little longer here;  
Thy name, thy faith, thy love shall lie  
On memory's page all bright and clear.  
And when o'erwearied by the toil  
Of life our heavy limbs shall be,  
We'll come and, one by one, lie down  
Upon dear Mother Earth with thee.”

I see here to-day some familiar faces which have been with us and wrought faithfully for many years. Although the silver threads of time and the deepened furrows of age and care mark their brows, the eye, which is the window of the soul, still beams and sparkles with the same fire of love, demonstrating their abiding faith in the beauty, perpetuity and inculcations of the Cryptic Rite.

It was with many misgivings, aware as I was of my inability to fill the official station which the best, most distinguished and skillful of the Craft had honored, graced and dignified, that I one year ago assumed the duties of your Grand Master;

and here let me express to you my sincere and heart-felt appreciation of the honor conferred, and my thanks for the confidence which induced you to elevate me to this exalted position. I have endeavored to discharge its duties conscientiously and to the best of my ability. That I have erred is human, for which I ask your fraternal consideration and indulgence, and rely upon your Masonic charity to forgive wherein I have failed in duty.

The record of the past year is before you, and the page of the history of its deeds, whether they be good or bad, is completed. It recounts no great achievements. Gladly would I have accomplished more had circumstances permitted. If my official acts shall meet with your approval I shall feel more than repaid for the deep solicitude and anxiety experienced.

My duties as your Grand Master will soon be at an end, and as I return to your hands the emblem of power with which you one year ago invested me and take my place on the floor I hope and trust that the same confidence you have placed in me in the past may be continued. It is my desire to ever hold a warm place in the affections and esteem of my Companions. In such future years as may be spared to me it is not my desire to retire from active interest and participation in the affairs of this Grand Body, but, so far as health and ability will permit, be ever ready to do well my part to promote the welfare and prosperity of the Cryptic Rite.

As this, no doubt, will be my last opportunity of addressing you from the east, I trust you will pardon me for giving you a few parting words of counsel and admonition. Companions, in the fraternal spirit of all that is essential to the well-being of our Rite, let me urge you, and through you the Companions of the Councils you represent, to study well the principles, the truths and the great moral lessons taught in the Cryptic Rite. Make yourselves familiar with its ritual, proficient in its forms and ceremonies, for the better you understand its teachings

and the more familiar you are with the work, the greater will be your zeal and love for the Rite.

In the selection of officers you cannot be too careful; so much depends upon them that I cannot help urging you to elect no Companion to an important position unless he is capable of filling it and is in possession of the ability to make the assemblies attractive and the ceremonies interesting. More Councils have become indifferent and dormant through incompetent officers than by any other cause. If any are found sleeping at their posts put them aside, and appoint others to the work. See that your Council Chambers are properly arranged and supplied with suitable furniture and paraphernalia. Be careful in the selection of material. One good earnest and faithful worker who knocks at your door because he loves the institution and is in search of all the light attainable, will be worth more to your Council than a score who come because the degrees were made prerequisite. Be punctual in your attendance at every assembly of your Council, go not as an idle looker on while others bear the burden, but qualify yourselves and go prepared to do your part in any position assigned you. If the Companions of our Subordinate Councils will give heed to these things, their Councils will not languish for want of interest, or their Officers complain of the lack of work.

To my associate Grand Officers I desire to express my grateful acknowledgements for the valuable aid and assistance I have received from them, especially to the Grand Recorder and I under many obligations for his timely counsel and assistance. May the number of his days be prolonged to the utmost limit to give us the benefit of his valuable services.

Companions, the business of the Grand Council is before you and awaits your pleasure.

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On motion, the Address was referred for sub-division and reference of its several parts to appropriate Committees to Companions G. FRED. WILTSIE, JOHN N. MACOMB, Jr., IRVING L'HOMMEDIEU.

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 :

The balance on hand at last report (Sept. 8th, 1891) was.....	\$ 334 05
Received from Grand Recorder during the year .....	1,439 00
	\$1,773 05

Disbursements as follows :

Warrant	No.	600—Grand Recorder, Salary and Expenses	\$322 96	
"	"	601—Grand Sentinel, Services " "	13 00	
"	"	602--Organist.....	5 00	
"	"	603—Assistant Organist.....	2 00	
"	"	604—Trustees H. & A. Fund.....	20 00	
"	"	605—Printing.....	16 25	
"	"	606—Pay of Representatives.....	492 88	
"	"	607—Chairman Com. on Correspondence....	75 00	
"	"	608—Grand Master's Expenses.....	15 00	
"	"	609—Gen'l Grand Council Dues.....	14 00	
"	"	610—Permanent Fund.....	500 00	
"	"	611—For Two Aprons and Baton.....	65 00	
"	"	612—Printing Proceedings.....	200 00	\$1,740 59
		Balance on hand.....	\$32 46	

In addition to the above balance, this Grand Council has on deposit in the East River Savings Institution of the City of New York Five hundred (500) dollars, with the accrued interest to July 1st, 1892, of fifteen 10-100 dollars, making the tum on deposit July 1st, 1892, \$515.10; this being the amount of the Permanent Fund.

PETER FORRESTER,  
*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 1891 .....	\$1,434 00
Attaching seal to certificates during the year .....	5 00
	\$1,439 00

The money received from the Library Committee and reported at our last Assembly as having been deposited in Savings Bank, still remains there, and is as follows :

Amount deposited.....	\$462 71
Interest thereon to July 1st, 1892.....	12 19
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Making in all .....	474 90

The number of Companions received and greeted during the year was.....	370
Affiliated .....	11
Restored .....	2 883
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Suspended during same period.....	74
Dimitted .....	84
Died.....	49 157
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Net increase.....	226
Which added to the number as per last report.....	3,121
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Makes a registered membership in good standing of.....	3,847 Comps.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. VAN VLIET,

*Grand Recorder.*

### The Grand Master appointed the following Committees :

	<i>On Credentials and Returns.</i>	
GEO. VAN VLIET.	T. F. RUSSELL.	W. H. CASS.
	<i>Warrants and Dispensations.</i>	
JOHN N. MACOMB, JR.	GEO. MCGOWN.	JOHN L. BROTHERS.
	<i>Constitution and By-Laws.</i>	
GEO. M. OSGOODBY.	JOHN J. MARTIN.	R. C. CHRISTIANCE.
	<i>Finance and Accounts.</i>	
JOHN W. COBURN.	RICHARD T. LOCKLEY.	W. H. SIMS.
	<i>Unfinished Business.</i>	
C. S. HANKS.	EDWIN B. ANDERSON.	JAMES B. McEWEN.
	<i>Grievances and Appeals.</i>	
ARTHUR McARTHUR.	H. McMICHAEL.	SAM'L W. WILEY.
	<i>Fraternal Dead.</i>	
REV. W. D'O. DOTY.	F. W. GARDNER.	THOS. J. BISHOP.
	<i>Foreign Correspondence.</i>	
GEO. M. OSGOODBY.	J. W. COBURN.	THEO. M. BARBER.

## FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

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

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

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence most respectfully and fraternally report :

That, as has been usually the case in the past, our labor has been greatly enhanced by the difficulties encountered in procuring the Proceedings of some of our sister Grand Bodies, and where they are not printed, to even obtain information from a few of the different Jurisdictions.

When we commenced our examination of the Proceedings of the different Grand Bodies for our Report, we were without the Proceedings or any information from *eleven* jurisdictions ; but at the present writing our wants have been supplied with the exception of *four* jurisdictions, although we have written and re-written again and again, without any response whatever from these jurisdictions. We are in hopes however that we may receive such information from one or more of them, as will enable us to include them in this Report.

The general out-look of Cryptic Masonry is most encouraging. There is really nothing now standing in the way of its progress and advancement. Peace and harmony prevail in the Arches of the Crypt, and the Craftsmen in every jurisdiction, almost without exception, are earnestly engaged in their allotted labor according to the designs laid out by the Master Workman.

We ask a careful reading and consideration of the information which we present from these different Grand Jurisdictions, believing that the Companion who becomes thus more acquainted with the condition of the Rite, its prospects for the future and opportunities for great ultimate success, will become much more encouraged and zealous in the performance of the duties which devolve upon himself in its advancement.

Our review at this time covers the Proceedings and condition of the Rite for the years named in the following Jurisdictions, to wit :

Alabama, 1888-89-90-91.	Kansas, 1892.	New Jersey, 1892.
Arkansas, 1891.	Kentucky, 1891.	North Carolina, 1892.
California, 1891-92.	Louisiana, 1892.	Ohio, 1891.
Canada, 1892.	Maine, 1891.	Oregon, 1891-92.
Connecticut, 1892.	Maryland, 1891.	Pennsylvania, 1891-92.
England and Wales, 1892.	Massachusetts, 1891.	Rhode Island, 1892.
Florida, 1891.	Michigan, 1892.	Scotland, 1892.
Georgia, 1892.	Minnesota, 1891-92.	South Carolina, 1892.
Illinois, 1891.	Mississippi, 1892.	Tennessee, 1892.
Indiana, 1891.	Missouri, 1892.	Vermont, 1892.
Iowa, 1891.	Nebraska, 1891.	Wisconsin, 1892.
	New Hampshire, 1891.	

General Grand Council of the United States, 1891.

Making in all thirty-five Jurisdictions from which we furnish information in this Report, and covering in the aggregate forty-one years of the Proceedings of such Jurisdictions.

If any of our worthy Companions of the reviewing corps can, by delving in the Crypt or elsewhere, find any other jurisdiction for us to present, we shall most gladly give it a place.

We commence, according to the old custom, with Alabama, which did not pass under our review last year, as no information could be procured at that time in reference to its condition.

We are particularly well pleased with the fact that we are able to report the Grand Council of this State as being still in life, although weak in numbers, finances and zeal. We present information from this State covering several years past.

#### ALABAMA—1888.

The Fifty-first Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Montgomery, December 5th. M. I. BENJAMIN F. POPE, Grand Master, presided. Five Subordinate Councils were represented. No note was made as to the attendance of Grand Representatives.

In the Address of the Grand Master, he says :

“ My Companions :—One year ago, when by your partiality you elected me Grand Master, the prospect was gloomy indeed. As I took upon myself the solemn vows of office at your bidding, I could almost hear death knells of Cryptic Masonry within our borders ringing mournfully around and above me. None other than an ardent desire to be instrumental in raising the cherished Rite, within our loved Alabama, to that proud plane so justly its due, could have induced me to take those vows. \* \* \* \* \*

“ I now have every reason to believe that the cloud of such dark forebodings that has for some time hung over us is rapidly passing away, and that our future has a brighter outlook. Let us with increased zeal, so deliberate, devise and labor for the interest of our beloved institution as will redound to the future good of Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction. From the

"Reports received from portions of this and from other Grand Jurisdictions (with but two exceptions, California and Mississippi), I am greatly encouraged to look for renewed life and activity in the Cryptic Rite. \* \* \* \* \*

"It is very strange, indeed, to me that there should be any attempt in this Grand Jurisdiction to attach the beautiful and most Sublime Degrees of Royal and Select Masters to the Chapter, or any other Order of Masonry; and I therefore fully and most heartily endorse the following resolution adopted by this Grand Council at its Annual Assembly in 1881, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That any regular Royal and Select Master Mason that assists or lends his influence to transfer the Royal and Select Master's Degrees to the control of Grand Chapters, acts in violation of his obligation.

"The Royal and Select Master's Degrees being a regular succession of degrees in our American system, it would be a great innovation to divide, separate, or in any manner destroy the connection of the lessons taught in the Cryptic Rite; and, to my mind, just as inconsistent as it would be to confer the Royal Arch in connection with the Master's Degree. In either case one would destroy the sense and force of the other."

This has the ring of the real metal which, when tried by fire and tribulation, comes again to the light with renewed life and vigor.

The following preamble and resolution were offered and adopted:

"*Whereas*, It is deemed by this Grand Council detrimental to be subordinated longer to the General Grand Council of the United States, therefore

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Council hereby severs its connection with the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States."

Which requires no comment, as from information which we have received we are given to understand it is to be annulled.

The Grand Master was re-elected, and R. I. EDMUND R. HASTINGS was elected Grand Recorder.

1889.

The Fifty-second Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Montgomery, December 4th. M. I. BENJAMIN F. POPE, Grand Master, presided. Three Subordinate Councils were represented.

The Address of the Grand Master is devoted to matters of local interest, but in which he recommended the continued suspension for another year of the Article in the Constitution, fixing the minimum fees for degrees of \$10, and that Subordinate Councils whose charters are forfeited be allowed twelve months to make returns, and if made, to be fully re-instated. The business of this Assembly was of usual routine character.

M. I. JAMES T. BECK, of Camden, was elected Grand Master, and Comp. HASTINGS, of Montgomery, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

1890.

The Fifty-third Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in the City of Montgomery, December 1st. M. I. JAMES T. BECK, Grand Master, presided. Six Subordinate Councils were represented.

In the Address of the Grand Master, he says :

“ I am satisfied that the crisis is past, and that our course henceforth will be onward and upward.”

The Grand Master and Grand Recorder were each re-elected. The business was of the usual routine character.

1891.

The Fifty-fourth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Montgomery, on November 30th. M. I. JAMES T. BECK, Grand Master, presided. Five Subordinate Councils were represented. There is nothing presented in the Address of the Grand Master which requires note or comment. The business of the Assembly was of the usual routine character.

A Grand Lecturer was directed to be appointed to visit Subordinate Councils or other Masonic Convocations and give instructions to Royal and Select Masons.

The Grand Recorder was instructed to procure a suitable jewel to be presented to Past Grand Master JAMES T. BECK.

M. I. GEORGE F. MOORE, of Montgomery, was elected Grand Master, and the Grand Recorder was re-elected. The next Assembly will be held at Montgomery, December 5, 1892.

#### ARKANSAS—1891.

The Twenty-ninth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Little Rock, November 20th. M. I. FAY HEMPSTEAD, Grand Master, presided. Fifteen Subordinate Councils were represented, being an increase of five Councils over the representation of the preceding year; together with representatives from sixteen Grand Councils, including the representative from New York; this being an increase of four representatives over preceding year.

The Address of the Grand Master covers six closely-printed pages, principally relative to matters of local interest, but evincing a strong interest in the success of the body, together with a zeal and industry which are worthy of emulation. One new charter was granted to a Subordinate Council.

In the Address of the Grand Master an item of Cryptic Masonic History was made known, which is worthy of note in our report. Speaking of the decease of our lamented Companion ALBERT PIKE, he says :

“ The relation which he bore to Council Masonry in Arkansas, made it particularly proper that this Grand Council should take notice of the occurrence as well as the fact of his prominence as a Mason in general; for it was through and by him as Deputy Grand Inspector General of the 33rd degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite that a dispensation was granted to Occidental Council, No. 1, of Little Rock, which was the introduction of Council Masonry among us. For these reasons I caused a circular to be issued and sent to the various Councils of this Grand Jurisdiction, as well as to sister Grand Councils throughout the United States, expressive of our sorrow at the sad occurrence, and of the esteem in which we held the distinguished dead.”

In his circular which he refers to, speaking of his death, he says :

“ This event, so momentous to the Masonic world in general, and so nearly concerning us, calls for something more than ordinary expression from us ; for not only was he indissolubly connected with Masonry generally within our Grand Jurisdiction, but more especially is the existence of Council Masonry in Arkansas the fruit of his labors. It was through him, under the fostering care and protection of the Supreme Council of the 33rd degree for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, that our first Council was established, and thus was Council Masonry introduced into our midst.”

As important links in the history of Cryptic Masonry the fact noted above is of great importance, and we present it, that it may go upon our record and its preservation insured.

The degree of Super-Excellent Master has been adopted in this Jurisdiction, and is being worked to the great advantage of the Rite.

Certain provisions of the Constitution of this body having been found to be in conflict with the Constitution of the General Grand Council of the United States, they were recommended to be placed in harmony, and proper proceedings were taken to affect that result.

Two candidates were elected to receive the degree of Royal and Select Master, and a long list of Companions were elected to receive the degree of Super-Excellent Master.

No report on Correspondence.

The Rite in this Jurisdiction appears to be advancing, and its condition should encourage and sustain our Companions in Arkansas in renewed efforts to place it upon a higher plane of usefulness in its proper position in the Grand Masonic Edifice.

M. . I. . CHARLES M. RIX, of Hot Springs, was elected Grand Master, and our old friend and Companion JAMES A. HENRY, of Little Rock, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Next Annual Assembly will be at Little Rock during the same week of the Convocation of the Grand Lodge, the time to be announced by the Grand Master.

#### CALIFORNIA—1891.

The Thirty-first Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in San Francisco, April 20th. M. . I. . WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, Grand Master, presided. Seven Subordinate Councils were represented, together with the representatives of sister Grand Councils, including the representative from New York.

The Address of the Grand Master covers about six pages, the most of which is taken up by references to the decease of distinguished Companions, amongst the list of whom we notice that three Past Grand Masters, ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, WILLIAM EDWARD OUGHTON and ALVIN BACON PRESTON, together with EDMUND TAYLOR WILKINS, Past Grand Principal Conductor, and Past Grand Chaplain, OSGOOD CHURCH WHEELER, were called from this to another life during the year preceding, from this jurisdiction. The Grand Master visited all but one of his Subordinates during the year.

One decision was made during the year which met with the approval of the body upon the following facts:

"A visiting Companion from Texas, desires to visit Sacramento Council, No. 1, R. & S. M., next stated assembly (June 31st). He states that he received the Council degrees in a Chapter in Texas. They have no separate Councils there, and as a consequence brings no credentials with him. He has visited Sacramento Chapter, No. 2, R. A. M. Would it be constitutional to allow him to be examined?"

To which the following answer was given:

"The Companion referred to by you, though most deserving as a man and a Mason, cannot be recognized in our Councils of R. and S. M., nor as a Mason of that degree, for the reason that the General Grand Council, of which we are a constituent, expressly prohibits the recognition of Chapter-made Royal and Select Masters; and our own Grand Council so decided long before the General Grand Council was organized. He, therefore, not being in the lawful possession of the Council degrees, is not entitled to visit your Council.

"If he is a resident of your city, and can prove himself a R. and S. M., you might then heal, and in that way legitimise him. If he is a sojourner only, he is not entitled to anything.

"If Texas had regularly organized Councils, he would, of course, be all right. But, unfortunately for the Companion, Texas, so far as Cryptic Masonry is concerned, is out in the cold, and unrecognized. As a Royal Arch Mason he is all right, and is entitled to visit and to recognition in Chapters."

This decision is sound.

The Report upon Correspondence was presented by Companion THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, who reviews the Proceedings of seventeen Grand Councils, five less than the number reviewed in his preceding report; in reference to which he says:

"We fear that the 'stings of awakened conscience' with which we credited some Grand Recorders last year has lost its power, else we would not be compelled to report a falling off instead of an increase in the number of Proceedings received this year. Is it possible that 'ossification' has set in? If so, all hope for them in the future must be abandoned."

The writer appreciates the inconveniences and annoyance attributable to the neglect of sending Proceedings in proper time for review, so that the same may be presented in their proper places respectively. When we commenced the writing of this Report, about one month before the present Assembly, we were lacking in the Proceedings of *eleven* Grand Jurisdictions, and have had to write, in some instances more than once, since commencing this Report, in order to obtain the information necessary to make our Report complete; and still, it is *not* complete.

Companion CASWELL still retains the plan of placing his Report in the body of the printed Proceedings of his Grand Council, which we think is the proper place for it, and we follow this rule ourselves, only excepting an occasion when the Report is not completed in time for the printer to insert in proper position, when it is necessarily placed as an Appendix, which has upon occasions been the case in this jurisdiction.

As this Report deals with the Proceedings of Grand Councils which have been already reviewed and presented to this body in our last Report, it necessarily

makes our present review still more brief. New York has a prominent position in his Report and liberal quotations are made from its Proceedings for 1890, as well from the Address from Grand Master McCOMB, as from our Report, of which he is pleased to say :

“ The Report on Correspondence, the ablest on the list, was again presented by M. P. GEORGE M. OSGOODBY, in which the Proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Councils and the General Grand Council are reviewed in his usual courteous and thorough manner, California for 1890 receiving liberal and fraternal mention. The question of prerequisite is discussed at much length, and the reasons given in favor of its adoption are worthy of serious consideration by all members of the Cryptic Rite. He does not propose that it shall be presented to the next Triennial Conclave, but rather that each Grand Council shall first direct its efforts toward the Grand Commandery of its own jurisdiction and obtain its ‘ recognition and approval of the prerequisite plan ;’ and suggests that not many years would then pass ‘ 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 its claims are properly presented and considered, ‘ the right, justice and equity of the position of the Grand Councils urging the claims of Cryptic Masonry will be recognized and allowed.’ This, in our opinion, is the proper course to pursue ; and as further suggested, now that the ‘ Merger ’ question is disposed of, we may reasonably expect from such united action a full recognition by the Grand Encampment of the United States, and that the Council degrees be made as they deserve, a prerequisite to the Templary Orders.

“ Comp. OSGOODBY gives a valuable and interesting table, showing ‘ dates of Organization of Grand Councils, Merger, if any, Reorganization, Subordinates, and whether constituent of General Grand Council, or independent,’ which we would gladly copy, but want of space forbids ; we must therefore be content with a brief synopsis :

“ Number of Grand Councils in the U. S., thirty-two.

“ Constituents of the General Grand Council, which was organized in 1880, twenty-one.

“ Independent Grand Councils, ten.

“ Number adopting the Merger or Mississippi plan, nine.

“ Number which have since abandoned ‘ Merger ’ and reorganized Grand Councils, eight.

“ Leaving one (Iowa) sole adherent of the ‘ Merger ’ nondescript.

“ There is a volume in the first line of our Companion’s conclusion, quoting which, we must reluctantly say *Adois*.

“ The condition of the Cryptic Rite is improving and we are satisfied with it.”

We appreciate the compliment given to our Report, and are only too happy to think that we have been able to present matters of such importance and in such a way as to elicit the praise of this veteran in the ranks of Masonic Reviewers.

If we had not already reviewed the same matters for the same years in our Proceedings for 1891, and which are the subject of Companion CASWELL’S review, we should take pleasure in making many quotations therefrom, but as it is, we turn from this Report giving its conclusion only, but also giving it many a backward look.

“ This closes our report, and as we turn from our finished task, it is with the cheering conviction that the Cryptic Rite has been more prosperous during the past year than for many, very many, previous years. Its merits and beauties are becoming more thoroughly understood and appreciated, and it is but

“natural that the cause for this happy result in our opinion—the General Grand Council—will continue to operate until the Rite shall attain the rank, power and influence it deserves and become the equal of the other branches of our American system of Freemasonry. So mote it be.”

The condition of the Rite in this jurisdiction is prosperous, as it might well be with such zealous Companions as comprise its membership. With a balance upon the right side of the ledger, of respectable amount, and an efficient corps of officers, there is no reason why Cryptic Masonry should not advance in this jurisdiction.

M. I. WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, of Oakland, and Companion THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, of San Francisco, were re-elected as Grand Master and Grand Recorder respectively. The Assembly which was held on April 18, 1892, comes next in order, as its Proceedings are just received.

1892.

The Thirty-second Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at San Francisco, April 18. M. I. WILLIAM FRANK PIERCE, Grand Master, presided. Eight Subordinate Councils were represented. We do not note that the representatives of sister Grand Councils are mentioned as being present, which must be an oversight.

The Address of the Grand Master covers about three pages, and therein the Grand Master states, that in his judgment, the time has arrived at which to establish more Councils. He recommended that a Committee be appointed to prepare a Memorial to present to the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars in this Jurisdiction, requesting it to make the Cryptic Degrees pre-requisite to the Order of Knighthood; which was approved by the Committee and adopted by the Body. The other business of the Assembly was of the usual routine character.

A Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp, EDWIN A. SHERMAN, who commences his review with the following:

“Unexpectedly, and at the earnest solicitation of R. I. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, but a short time before the present Annual Assembly of this Grand Council, the undersigned assumed the duties, which have heretofore been incomparably and satisfactorily performed by him as Chairman for so many years; and it was with great misgivings that the task was undertaken.

“It was like substituting the lunar satellite of the earth for the noonday sun; but as the work of the Council is performed when all prying eyes are supposed to be closed in sleep, it is hoped that the darkness of the subterranean corridor leading to the Ninth Arch, will sufficiently hide whatever defects there may be, and the writer, not be considered an intruder, but rather the ‘king’s friend.’”

He reviews the Proceedings of twenty-three Jurisdictions, including New York, but which he figures up as twenty-four. We presume each Jurisdiction reviewed will claim to count as “two.” New York puts in her claim now. Comp. SHERMAN brings to this work of reviewing the Proceedings of Cryptic Bodies an intelligence and zeal in Cryptic matters, which will warrant us in

expecting that his labors as a reviewer, will be a success, and although we are disappointed in not meeting our old friend CASWELL in the arena this year, we believe that Comp. SHERMAN will be welcomed generally in his new position.

Under Pennsylvania for 1891, referring to a statement in the Address of the Grand Master of that jurisdiction, that in a conversation which he had recently had with a prominent Mason, in reference to a mutual acquaintance, a member of the fraternity, who resides in one of the large cities of that State, and who is a member of a Consistory; a man of more than ordinary intelligence; a Past Master of his Lodge and a Past Commander of his Commandery, who has recently stated at a time when the 'Cryptic Degrees' were mentioned, that he 'had never heard of them before.' Comp. SHERMAN criticising such statement, and person who made the same, says:

"Well, now, if that fellow isn't an inconsistent Consistory Mason we do not know what to call him. A member of a Consistory! Whew! What! a Knight of the Ninth Arch of the Royal Arch of Solomon? A Grand Elect Perfect and Sublime Mason, received and consecrated in the Secret Vault he must be, to be sure! Saw both of our legs off with a bar of soft soap. What intelligence! Shades of MACKEY and PIKE! BOB MACOY, do you hear that? What sort of a Cryptic Mason, a Royal, Select and Super-Excellent Master would that plumed Knight make? we would like to know. More *creep tick* and *decrepit* than anything else, we think.

Ahishar! Ahishar!! you may sleep and you may snore  
 As long as you please at the Secret Vault's door;  
 Take your full ease while the fly on your nose  
 Will be the only intruder to disturb your repose.  
 Get over your drunk from wine, or from malt,  
 The treasures are safe in the Great Secret Vault,  
 For this Master, Commander, this Mason so bright,  
 Ne'er heard of the 'Nine Arches' that were builded at night!  
 This 'Grand Elect Mason so Perfect, Sublime!'  
 A Prince of Jerusalem, too, once in his time!!  
 Knight of Rose Croix!!! and Knight of Kadosh!!!!  
 And 'Consistory Prince of the Royal Secret'!!!! Oh, Josh!!!!  
 What a delightful 'Companion' this Templar would make  
 To be the King's friend whose hand he would shake.  
 How instructive his converse! how charming his speech!  
 What acumen display and what lore he would teach!  
 Ne'er heard of the 'Cryptic Degrees!' Amazement Supreme!  
 Ignorance astounding! la crème de la crème!  
 Off with his plumes, his casque and his sword,  
 Send him back with the trowel to work for his board,  
 And give him the *hod* in which to carry his load,  
 While with the Craftsmen once more he makes his abode.  
 Ne'er heard of the 'Cryptic Degrees?' Well I'll be durned!  
 This Master, Commander, this Templar so learn'd!  
 This Scottish Rite Mason of the Thirty-second Degree!  
 Well, I'll give it up, tho' I'm Thirty-three!"

We suggest that Past Grand Master LYTE, of Pennsylvania, call the attention of this party to the comments of Comp. SHERMAN, having no fear that there will be any particular disturbance, as between them, one being upon the Atlantic the other upon the Pacific coast, and Companion SHERMAN could easily defend himself against this "intelligent" party by letting the cork out of a California champagne bottle fly at his helmet, especially if the contents of the bottle were taken in with the cork, as we should imagine that would be his "best hold."

New York has fraternal notice of over four pages, in which, speaking of the fact that a letter was received from Grand Master MACOMB, "announcing his inability to be present at this Assembly by reason of sickness in his 'immediate' family;" he fires at us this conundrum: "Is it customary in this Jurisdiction for a Companion to have more than one family 'immediate' and otherwise?" To which we reply, that such is not the custom in this Jurisdiction; we understand that it is only customary where one leaves his family in this jurisdiction and removes over upon the Pacific coast, for instance in the State with the golden sands, where they often have an "immediate" family with them, and a *remote* family in their former home. Comp. SHERMAN may get ready to fire another champagne cork, letting us know the time, and we'll be on time to dodge the cork and take the contents of the bottle, that is a fair portion, he taking his ration and calling in Comp. CASWELL to assist us.

In reference to our Report of last year upon Correspondence, he says:

"The Report on Foreign Correspondence is by M. P. GEORGE M. OSGOOD-BY, Past Grand Master, who reviews the Proceedings of twenty-nine Grand Councils, California, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania being out in the cold, he not having received their Proceedings. The Report covers thirty-seven pages of fine print and solid matter. It is well written and the matters treated of are handled in the most skillful manner."

Upon the subject of making the Cryptic Degrees pre-requisite to the Orders of Knighthood, he says:

"We earnestly hope and trust that such will not be realized. You cannot make the nine subterranean arches of the Hebrews and Phoenicians the cloisters of the Christian Temple which is above ground, with Mt. Calvary for the altar and the cross its shrine.

"There is an end to the Ninth Arch or Secret Vault, and it is impenetrable beyond. Solomon's Temple was complete of itself, both above and below ground.

"Cryptic Masonry teaches its own distinct lessons, has its own legends and traditions, and should be left alone where it is. To do otherwise would be to convert it into catacombs, and place only skeletons of dead knights in its crypts, and we do not want that sort of statuary and sculpture to ornament the arches of this covered way and fill it with dead men's bones.

"The Royal and Select Master's Degrees are purely Scottish Rite, originally emanating from the Southern Supreme Council and given as side degrees. Subordinate Councils in several of the States were organized by it and under its jurisdiction until released from their allegiance to form their own State Grand Councils in 1868.

"As well might the cities of the inland States expect through passengers from New York to San Francisco to stop off and invest in their real estate as the Councils of Royal and Select Masters to expect or require a fellow who is *after the plumes of the Templar* to stop and work with the trowel beneath the earth and out of sight. The vast majority only want rich placer diggings, and not deep mining, where lies the crystal gold in its matrix of quartz, which requires brains, skill, patience and hard labor to successfully release it from its adamantine imprisonment.

"Open the Councils of Royal and Select Masters to members of the Lodge of Perfection of the Scottish Rite, as well as to those of the Royal Arch Chapter of the American Rite, and you will find no difficulty in getting plenty of good workmen from Gebal, who will quickly recognize their own.

“Why not make the connection between the two Rites, on the neutral ground in the Councils of Royal and Select Masters, instead of having them unite by being stuck together at the top in the gum arabic adhesion of that parasite of buffoonery known as the ‘Mystic Shrine,’ which crowns the pillars of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty, with the caps and bells of the harlequin, the clown and the fool?”

This suggestion of Companion SHERMAN that the Councils of Royal and Select Masters should be open to members of the Lodge of Perfection of the Scottish Rite, is one which we never had brought to our attention before. It is worthy of serious consideration and we hope that our Companions in the corps of reviewers, particularly, will take up this subject and examine it thoroughly and give their views upon the suggestion. As we have but just received a copy of these Proceedings, as our report is going to press, we have not had time to give it that consideration which we would desire to do and which its importance and intrinsic value demands, but we shall examine this subject between the present Assembly and the one of 1893, and be ready to express ourselves fully thereon. We repeat, that this suggestion is worthy of attention and study. It would, undoubtedly, result in the rapid advancement of Cryptic Masonry and in the building up of the Councils of the Rite, both Grand and Subordinate in the different Jurisdictions; and in the weaker Jurisdictions an impetus would be given to its advancement that would render the Bodies, not only strong and healthy, but progressive and aggressive.

Companion SHERMAN is entitled to a Mark of Merit, for his suggestion. It is rare that a suggestion of this importance comes from a beginner in the work of reviewing Cryptic Masonry and the proceedings of the Bodies which are its exponents. It establishes, however, that Companion SHERMAN has given much thought to the subject of Cryptic Masonry and to the means which should be invoked for its healthy advancement.

Upon the subject of the action of the Grand Council of Kentucky in reference to the “Cerneau” question, he says:

“California joins heart and hand with Kentucky on this question, and they will stand together. No neutrality in this conflict on this question when the Temple itself is assaulted and in danger. We guard the Secret Vault.”

Being a 33d himself, these sentiments would naturally be expected from him.

Under Ohio, speaking of the decision of the Grand Master in reference to the standing of certain Companions, members of Columbus Council, and who are also members of New England Lodge, which was said to have withdrawn from allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, within whose Jurisdiction it was located, and to the decision of the Grand Master that such members remain in good standing until tried and convicted, he says:

“Open, defiant treason and desertion to the enemy, like the above is sufficient evidence and notice to any regular Master Mason, Subordinate Lodge or any officer or regular organized Body of Freemasonry that recognizes the sovereignty of the Grand Lodge; and the act, *per se*, is a sufficient warrant for action against such treason and desertion, without having to wait the action of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. Suppose he was in collusion and

“secretly aiding and abetting such treason and desertion and took no action at all against them? What then? Would it be necessary to wait until the Grand Lodge was convened and try him, declare his office vacant and expel him first, before a Grand Council could act? By no means. In war, if a sentry observes a deserter fleeing to the enemy he does not wait for special orders from the Commander-in-Chief, but shoots him down at once, if his aim is good. When a traitor openly proclaims his own desertion and treason, it is due notice to all. He is an outlaw by his own act, and not by sentence of a court martial which has not been convened. The Sword of a Royal and Select Master is to protect the Trowel, and when he sees the latter converted into a spear head by a deserter and rebel, in defiance to regular constituted authority to which he has become a traitor by a wilful violation of his obligation, then it is his duty to cut him down at once, before his treason is made to flourish.”

Under Oregon, speaking of the recommendation of the then Grand Master that such Body be dissolved, etc., and the recommendation of the Committee upon that subject, earnestly disagreeing with such recommendation, he says:

“Good for the Committee. Better a natural death than suicide, for there is no honor or bravery therewith. If you have to go down, then set every sail and, with all your colors flying, meet the inevitable, if it must come that way. For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease. Though the root thereof wax old in the earth and the stock thereof die in the ground, yet, through the scent of water it will bud and bring forth boughs like a plant.”

“The Grand Council of Oregon will not die either a natural death or commit *felo de se*, so long as there is a faithful ZABUD to guard the Secret Vault on the banks of the Columbia or Willamette.”

To which we say Amen, and Amen.

In his “Conclusion” he says:

“We have completed the labors assigned us, which we entered upon with doubt and misgivings. In our review we have endeavored to do our full duty to the Cryptic Rite, and to throw upon it all the light that its legitimate origin and just claims entitle it to; and yet to a certain degree we have differed perhaps from the path followed heretofore by our predecessors. The Cryptic Rite is able to stand alone without props and makeshifts, and ought not to be made the drawbridge between two bodies or lose its identity as an Independent Rite within the bosom of another. It has long since been released by its sires and protectors to stand by itself, though no doubt it was the intention of its founders in the beginning to make use of it as common ground upon which both the American or so-called York Rite and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (in the latter of which it had its origin) should meet. We believe that such a method should still be adopted and that it would be promotive of the best interests of Freemasonry in all of the Bodies mentioned in connection therewith and make the Cryptic Rite stronger and more solid than ever before. Let it be independent and supreme in its own domain and there is no danger but it will stand firmly and better alone by itself and on its own foundations than by tying it to, or making it the stepping-stone to another and different institution altogether in character, with which it can have no affinity, but made to exact a compulsory toll for a passage that does not lead into the foreign domain of the Templar. But the opinion of the Reporter is not of itself deemed to lay down what should be the law or dictate the measures of legislation. He is but a reviewer, as his

“labor indicates; and if with the crow, mattock and spade, he is able to let in a little light and open the way to the Secret Vault that the earnest Masonic seeker after the truth may add something to his store, then is his labor not performed altogether in vain.

“Thanks are due to Companion THOMAS CASWELL, Grand Recorder, for many kind suggestions, who has heretofore been charged with the duty of reviewing the Correspondence. In the main our opinions agree, but in some particulars perhaps we may differ. Such as it is, however, it is most respectfully and fraternally submitted, trusting that the Cryptic Rite in general and in our own Jurisdiction in particular, has not suffered at our hands.”

Companion SHERMAN, it is “Hail and Welcome to our ranks.”

The recommendations and actions of the Grand Master were approved and endorsed by the Committee to which his Address was referred, and were concurred in by the body. A special Committee was appointed to confer with a like Committee of the Grand Commandery on the prerequisite question. The other acts of the Body were of the usual routine character.

M. .I. .WM. FRANK PIERCE, of Oakland, was elected Grand Master, and R. .I. .THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, of San Francisco, was re-elected Grand Recorder. The next Assembly of this Grand Council will be held at San Francisco, April 17th, 1893.

#### CANADA—1892.

The Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Toronto, June 30th. M. .I. .JOHN HETHERINGTON, Grand Master, presided. Twelve Subordinate Councils were represented, together with the Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions, including the Grand Representative of New York, who was present, as he usually is.

The Proceedings have not yet been printed, and our information comes from R. .I. .Companion SIDNEY J. SANFORD, Grand Recorder, who has kindly given us all the information which we have upon the subject, excepting such as was furnished us by M. .I. .Companion J. ROSS ROBERTSON, Past Grand Master.

We are informed that this Annual Assembly was one of the most successful assemblies which has been had for many years past, and that a degree of enthusiasm was manifest in reference to the Cryptic Rite, which speaks well for its progress and advancement in the future of this Grand Jurisdiction.

A resolution was adopted to take steps towards arousing an increased interest in certain Councils, which are at present weak, and others which are in a dormant condition.

Grand Master HETHERINGTON expressed his positive intention of visiting every Council in his jurisdiction, and if possible to infuse new life in them, and to cancel warrants of any which appear to be without hope of resurrection; so that a new start might be made in live material in such Subordinate Jurisdictions. We trust that his lively zeal will prevail to the great good of the Rite, and believe that his work will deserve as well as meet with success.

Our friend, Companion SANFORD, states that he thinks “the prospects for this year are much better than for many years past,” and expresses the hope

and expectation that hereafter will be seen a great deal more interest taken in the Rite in Canada, than has been manifested in years past."

Companion HETHERINGTON, address Toronto, was re-elected Grand Master, and Companion SANFORD, address Barrie, Ontario, was re-elected Grand Recorder. The next Annual Assembly is to be held at Toronto at some date in June, 1893, which is to be designated by the Grand Master.

#### CONNECTICUT—1892.

The Seventy-fourth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Hartford, May 9th. M. I. ATHERTON L. BARNES, Grand Master, presided. Twenty Subordinate Councils were represented, together with the representatives of nine sister Grand Councils, *not* including the representative from New York.

The Address of the Grand Master covers about seven pages, principally devoted to matters of local interest, and of the usual routine character. Eight visits were made by the Grand Master to Subordinate Councils. Reports were presented by the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Principal Conductor as to the condition of the Rite in the districts assigned to them for visitation, and from which, taken with the Address and the other matters contained in its Proceedings, Cryptic Masonry appears to be in a condition of prosperity in this jurisdiction.

The Report upon Correspondence is published as an Appendix, and is from the pen of Companion JOSEPH K. WHEELER, and covers twenty-two sister Grand Councils including New York, in addition to the General Grand Council which has four pages given to it. Liberal quotations are made from our last year's Report, but whether with approval or not we do not know, as Companion WHEELER keeps his views upon that subject within his own breast, except as to what he says under Mississippi. For the compliment of his quotations we express our thanks.

Under Indiana a quotation was made from the "Conclusion" of Companion MORDHURST in reference to the designation by a more distinctive name, Cryptic Bodies. We shall again refer to this subject in our review of Indiana. Companion WHEELER favors the name of "Council of Cryptic Masonry" as being a proper name for adoption, and also suggests that "there might be some toning down of titles also, without detriment to the Rite," with which suggestion we agree.

Under Mississippi, 1891, in reviewing from and criticising the Address of Grand Master SPEED concerning the appointment of Grand Representatives of other Grand Councils, he quotes the remarks of Companion SPEED (the same which we quoted last year) in his Address thereto, as follows :

"We do not approve of his views in this matter, and think his objections are not well founded. Perhaps the last few lines of the quotation will furnish the best reason for his action. Revenge is sweet, and here was an opportunity too good to lose."

In his review of New York, speaking upon the subject of "titles" of officers, he says, "the simplicity of titles in this jurisdiction is an improvement on the Most Puissant Grand of some, including our own."

In his conclusion he says :

"On the whole the Cryptic Rite seems to be picking up, not only among the "regulars" but the independent jurisdictions as well, and the prospect for the future is much better than ever before. Should success crown the efforts of those who are striving to gain recognition by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars, there would be a boom right away, but it would be compulsory only. We think the Rite is able to stand on its own merits, but more exertion and zeal is needed to accomplish it. It must not be conducted on the Cheap John plan. No Masonic Order is run so miserly as this, and that it is not a stepping stone to Templar honors is because the Rite makes it so by its own lethargy and stinginess. There is a grand opportunity to make the Cryptic Rite one of the most social and enjoyable of any, because it is not overburdened with ritual. Its degrees are short, instructive and, when properly conferred, impressive, leaving ample time on its assembly nights for a social spread and after-supper smoke, but for these things it needs more financial aid."

The Proceedings have a fine portrait of **ATHERTON L. BARNES**, Grand Master presiding at this Assembly.

**M. I. THOMAS J. GILL**, of Hartford, was elected Grand Master, and **Comp. JOS. K. WHEELER**, of Hartford, was re-elected Grand Recorder. The next Assembly will be held in New Haven on Monday preceding the second Tuesday of May, 1893.

#### ENGLAND AND WALES—1892.

The Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select and Super-Excellent Masters of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown (North America excepted), was held at Mark Mason's Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W. C., on March 10th. **R. Ill. Lt.-Col. A. B. COOK**, Grand Deputy Master, presided as Grand Master in the absence of the Right Honorable **HENRY JAMES**, Earl of Euston, **M. I. Grand Master**. A full corps of officers, together with many Past Grand Officers, Companions from Subordinate Councils and Representatives from Grand Councils of different jurisdictions in the United States, were present. The Representative of New York not being present.

**R. I. Companion**, the Grand Deputy Master, expressed the regret of the Earl of Euston in not being able to be present at this Assembly, from which he was detained from the fact that he had been elected a member of the County Council in his own district, and the day of such Assembly was the first day for the meeting of the County Council, and he felt it was his duty to be present there, which made it impossible for him to be present at this Assembly.

The **M. I. Grand Master**, the Earl of Euston was re-elected as the Grand Master for the ensuing year, and the other officers of the Body were re-appointed or re-elected for the same term.

The Degree of Royal Master was exemplified by Ill. Comps. VINCENT, MATIER and MEAD, who received a hearty vote of thanks for the careful and excellent way in which it was exemplified. After the other usual routine business of the Body had been transacted, the Grand Council was closed, and a banquet was subsequently held at Freemasons' Tavern, at which the Grand Deputy Master presided. After the usual preliminary toasts were disposed of, the health of the M. .I. .Grand Master was heartily given and received, and as also the health of the Grand Deputy Master. Other toasts, speeches and remarks engrossed the attention of the Companions present until a late hour, when the banquet closed and the proceedings terminated.

This Grand Council has seventeen Subordinates, including one in Tasmania, one in Australia, one in New Zealand, one in S. Africa, one in N. Africa, and one in Malta, which shows, to some extent, the different parts of the world which have been reached indirectly by the Grand Council of New York, under whose auspices the Cryptic Rite was introduced to our English Companions. A full list of the membership of these Councils is given down to the last return made by them.

Ill. Companion C. F. MATIER, Grand Recorder, address Mark Mason's Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W. C.

#### FLORIDA—1891.

The Nineteenth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Pensacola, November 4th. M. .I. .GEO. S. HALLMARK, Grand Master, presided. Three Subordinate Councils were represented.

The Proceedings for this year are not printed, but we are in receipt of information from our old friend and Comp. JOHN CARLOVITZ, Grand Recorder, which enables us to give a Report from this Jurisdiction. New York was represented.

The Grand Chapter of Florida took occasion to appoint a committee for the purpose of ascertaining the present status of Cryptic Masonry in that Jurisdiction, with the intention upon its part of assuming the control of the Cryptic degrees and of conferring the same under the Chapter organization, but they found that the Grand Council of Florida was very much alive, and as the result of their investigation the Chairman of their Committee has now presented a Petition for a dispensation to institute a new Council at Ocala, and there is also a movement now going on to revive the Council at Tallahassee, which efforts will be continued, and Companion CARLOVITZ expresses the hope that in our Report on Correspondence for 1893, much better news from Florida will be given, showing an increase in Councils, membership and zeal.

At one time there were seven Councils in this State, being the fruit of the indomitable labors of the late M. .I. .Comp. WILLIAM MORRILL, who held the position of Grand Master in this Jurisdiction for several years, but who has now been deceased for several years past.

“This Grand Council, although of few constituents and poor in pocket, has held “its own through many years of adversity, and even overcame the evil of being

“swallowed up by the Grand Chapter, who like other Grand Chapters in weak Jurisdictions attempted to assume and control the Cryptic degrees.”

This Grand Council under a provision of its Constitution cannot die as long as one Subordinate Council survives, and as the presence of the Grand Officers at any time fixed for a regular Assembly constitutes the Grand Council, and as so long as it has members enough, permanent or otherwise, to open a Council, it must continue to exist. And with the zeal and love of the Companions in this Jurisdiction for the Cryptic Rite, the time is far distant when it will become a Jonah to the Grand Chapter, which might assume the role of the Whale.

The Grand Master, of Pensacola, and the Grand Recorder, of Milton, were re-elected. The next Assembly will be held in Pensacola, November 1, 1892.

#### GEORGIA—1892.

The Forty-ninth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Macon, on April 27th and 28th. M. I. HENRY C. BURR, Grand Master, presided. Thirteen Subordinate Councils were represented, together with twelve representatives from sister Grand Councils, *not*, however, including the representative from New York in the list, but we notice from the Proceedings that he was there, nevertheless.

The Address of the Grand Master covers over four pages, and he reports that seventy Companions have been greeted during the year; this increase in membership being greater for the past year than for six or eight years prior; and he says that the prospects for the next twelve months are still more flattering. One new Council was instituted, U. D., and the Grand Master conferred the degrees upon twenty-three applicants. A Charter was directed to be issued to them by the Grand Council. The Grand Master says that he finds, with few exceptions, that Cryptic Masonry is in a flourishing condition with them.

There is no Report on Correspondence, although the receipt of the Proceedings of sister Grand Councils is acknowledged.

The Committee on general business, amongst other items say:

“We are proud of the general condition of the Crypt throughout the State, and especially of its growth during the past Masonic year.”

The Grand Master made a recommendation that the Body appoint a Committee to prepare a memorial of the early history of the Crypt, which was approved and adopted by the Grand Body.

We are indebted to our old friend and Companion, Grand Recorder WOLIHIN, for an early report of the proceedings of this Grand Council, and for which we extend our thanks.

M. I. HENRY C. BURR, of Griffin, Grand Master, and R. I. ANDREW M. WOLIHIN, of Macon, Grand Recorder, were each re-elected. The next Assembly will be held at Atlanta, April 26, 1893.

## ILLINOIS—1891.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Chicago, October 28th. M. I. GEORGE W. WARVELLE, Grand Master presided. Forty Subordinate Councils were represented, including two U. D., together with the representatives from twenty Grand Councils, including the representative from New York.

The Address of the Grand Master covers about nine pages, and is devoted to matters of local interest, and to some extent of general interest. A new departure as to the manner of the exemplification of the Ritual of the Council Degrees is presented in this Address, and as the plan is a novel, and apparently a successful one, we quote from his Address fully :

“ During the year occurred an event without precedent in our annals, but  
 “ fraught with deep significance for the future, and which, I trust, will be  
 “ repeated in coming years so long as there appears to be a demand for it. On  
 “ August 17th last, I received a petition from the representatives of five of the  
 “ chartered Councils of the Jurisdiction, praying for authority to meet in mass  
 “ Convention, for the purpose of exemplification of the Ritual of the degrees,  
 “ and other parts of the esoteric work, under the auspices of this Grand Council.  
 “ The object commended itself to me, and I accordingly issued a proclamation  
 “ establishing a Convention at the City of Decatur, on September  
 “ 15th, and at the same time directed the Grand Lecturer to be present for the  
 “ purpose of instructing the workmen. The Convention was, in all essential  
 “ particulars, a brilliant success, while the attendance of representatives,  
 “ although not as large as the importance of the event seemed to warrant, was  
 “ nevertheless very creditable. The day and evening was devoted to profitable  
 “ discussion and a practical rendering of obscure or difficult passages of  
 “ the ritual, and to instruction in matters concerning which the manual furnishes  
 “ no information. \* \* \* \* \*

“ The Convention demonstrated the fact that notwithstanding the publication  
 “ of the Manual, there are still many things that require to be determined and  
 “ established by this Grand Council. This is particularly true with respect to  
 “ the signs, concerning which there seems to exist a wide divergence of opinion.  
 “ As a means of social communication and interchange of ideas concerning the  
 “ Rite, the Convention was decidedly valuable, while from the standpoint of  
 “ the Masonic educator its benefits cannot be overestimated. I desire to state  
 “ in this connection that the idea of this Convention was original with Ill.  
 “ Comp. A. M. WERNER, of Decatur, and whatever degree of credit attaches  
 “ to it, belongs to him.”

In some parts of our own jurisdiction conventions of this character might be of great value, and we hope to see a trial of it.

The Grand Master gives an account of his visits (unofficial) to the General Grand Council in its triennial Assembly at Minneapolis in 1891, from which we should conclude that he found warm hearts and hands amongst the representatives of that Body, and as a result there cannot help but be a closer fraternity of feeling and interest in the welfare of each of the Bodies to which the Companions respectively belong.

Upon the subject of the Ritual, he suggests some changes, and we quote, without comment :

“ I believe that with propriety the present Select Degree could be made to  
 “ end where the neophyte receives permission to enter the ninth arch ; he has

“then become a Select Master by having been chosen to receive the information imparted within the last arch. What follows after this I would erect into a degree, to be called the Degree of Perfect Master; Perfect, because the neophyte will then receive all that pertains to Masonry as taught in this Rite; and I would elevate the present meagre ceremonies of the ninth arch into a profound philosophical and historical grade merely by an elaboration of the present incidents, together with such other symbolism as properly accompanies them. It will be seen, therefore, that I desire to introduce no innovation or to change in any particular the character of the degree as now conferred, but inasmuch as our present Ritual is itself an evolution from something still more crude and primitive, I am only following the path marked out by the fathers and obeying one of the cardinal mandates of the craft which is ‘progression.’ I present the matter to you for your consideration without recommendation of any kind.”

The action upon this ritualistic suggestion was deferred until the next Annual Assembly. The Address, as a whole, displays an interest and ability in the work of the Body which is very creditable to Companion WARVELLE, and which was appreciated by his Grand Council.

Reports from the different officers were made as to the condition of Cryptic Masonry in their respective districts, and as a summary thereof we arrive at the conclusion that the Rite is in a fairly prosperous condition with them.

A Report from a committee appointed for the consideration of the subject, recommended that no action be taken at this Assembly in reference to a union between their Grand Council and the General Grand Council, which was adopted.

The Grand Recorder was instructed to procure and to present, in behalf of the Grand Council, a suitable jewel to Grand Master WARVELLE.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Companion LEVI R. JEROME, who reviewed the Proceedings of twenty-three Grand Councils, including New York for 1890, as well as the General Grand Council for 1891; but as this Report covers the Proceedings of the Grand Councils of the same years, and but few exceptions, that our report of 1891 covered, it seems to be unnecessary to go over the same ground again; and our review of his Report will therefore be necessarily brief.

Nearly five pages are given to our Report for 1890, and in reference to the prerequisite question, he quotes from the Address of our then Grand Master MCCOMB what he had to say in his Address upon that subject, and comments as follows:

“We have always been in favor of having the Grand Encampment adopt it, and worked for it with all our might. We have attended its meeting at Cleveland to try and add our mite of influence to procure such action. We were so ruthlessly repulsed there that we abandoned all hope and have not attempted to do anything farther in that direction. Still we believe, as we did then, that such a course would do more than anything else to complete the Masonic structure and give it form and comeliness in the United States. Now several Grand Jurisdictions are again stirring the matter up, notably New York, and Minnesota, and when such Grand Councils take action in favor of a proposition, it is entitled to the respectful consideration of all concerned, and we assure the Companions having this matter in charge, that if there appears a reasonable chance for success, Illinois will not be backward

“to enter earnestly into the matter and do all that she can to procure success. “And in this State the Grand Bodies are in such friendly relations and are so intimately interlaced one with another, that whatever affects one commands the sympathy of all, and we think our Grand Commandery could be induced, “as it was once in the ‘langsyne, to recommend its adoption.”

He also quotes what was said by the writer in his Report of that year upon the same subject, with the preliminary remark, ‘we stretch our allotted space to quote most of it, for so far as we are concerned, we will give him a fair field, aye, and aid him too.’ This aid we were morally certain would come from Companion JEROME, for he has done good field service in this direction before.

Many other quotations are made from our Report of that year for which we feel complimented, and particularly so in reference to the ‘Conclusion’ of our Report and the comment thereon. His invitation to come to Columbian Exposition in 1893, with a promise that if we do we ‘shall get a whole box of new pens,’ is accepted, and upon our return we shall be prepared to distribute (as we expect) a lot of *gold pens* amongst our Companions, assuming of course that the pens will be of the same material that the Report of Companion JEROME is composed of, and of course we should not expect that the Columbian Exposition would distribute anything *less than gold*—Souvenir half-dollars at a price fixed upon a *gold* basis, alone excepted.

We quote in full the “Conclusion” of this Report, as it is of itself a history in brief of the efforts which have been made by those favorable to Cryptic Masonry to make its degrees prerequisite to the Orders of the Temple. The writer stood shoulder to shoulder with Companion JEROME, in 1887, at Cleveland, in the efforts which were there made, and his account of that which occurred at Cleveland on that occasion, is correct. We quote :

“Our year’s work is again accomplished. It has been a pleasant task, feeling as we have that all causes for discord are either satisfactorily settled or in process of being adjusted. Casting a retrospective glance over the history of Cryptic Masonry for the past fifteen years, we are constrained to declare that much of the misfortune that has befallen Crypticism should be laid at the door of the Grand Encampment, K. T. In 1877 a number of eminent Cryptic Masons from various parts of the country, several of them M. I. Grand Masters of Grand Councils, attended the conclave of the Grand Encampment at Cleveland, Ohio, for the purpose of trying to induce that Body to in some way adopt the prerequisite idea that a candidate for the Orders of Knighthood should be ineligible unless a Select Master, as well as a Royal Arch Mason. They were unable to obtain a hearing even, and were told with a sneer that if the Grand Encampment made any change in its laws on that subject it would probably be to ignore the Chapter and confer the Orders on Master Masons. This hint alarmed Chapter Masons, and, as they thought, imperilled the life of the Chapters, and added the weight of Chapter influence against making Council Masonry a prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood.

“Chagrined and disgusted we returned from that Conclave, and not knowing what to do to prevent the ruin staring us in the face, as a ‘dernier resort,’ and with the consent and advice of nearly all of the most distinguished Cryptics in the Grand Jurisdiction, placed the Rite in Illinois in care of the Grand Chapter. Since that time we have deemed it useless to humiliate ourselves again before that proud and arrogant Grand Encampment. Our feelings were of this nature when we began this Report. As we progressed, and it became evident that several of the larger jurisdictions were determined to try

“the thing again, we gladly gave our adhesion to the righteous cause, and we think that the time is rapidly approaching when it can be accomplished. Then by concert of action of the Grand Councils of the United States, each one inducing the Grand Commandery of its State to instruct its delegates to the Grand Encampment to vote for the desired change, it can be made to succeed. If such action should be had in the Grand Encampment, it would be to Crypticism, next to the recent pacification produced by the adoption of Sec. 15, Art. 1, of the Constitution of the General Grand Council, the most glorious event in its history, as it would place the Cryptic degrees where they of right belong, as head and culmination of Ancient Craft Masonry.

“If there is a prospect of success in this direction it should be the pleasure as well as the duty of every Cryptic Mason in the land, to put his shoulder to the wheel and give all the assistance in his power to produce the desired result.

“True, it has been demonstrated that the Council is able to exist without this assistance, and in some jurisdictions it can hardly be said to exhibit more than the faintest evidence of existence, yet we should strive to do more than just exist. We ought to be in position to instruct our brethern, whether willing or not, in the entire curriculum of Ancient Craft Masonry. In this we believe in compulsory education, as it were, to prevent a Companion progressing so rapidly and superficially as, not only to endanger himself, but also be a blot on the institution he is attempting to sustain.”

But we must close on this State, or we shall have no space for others.

M. I. SAMUEL J. LEFEBRE, of Gibson City, was elected Grand Master, and R. I. GIL W. BARNARD, of Chicago, was re-elected Grand Recorder. The next Assembly is to be held at Chicago, October 26th, 1893.

Since the above was written and “proof sheets” thereof were received by us, we have the sad intelligence that our distinguished Companion LEVI RANDAL JEROME was called from labor to rest eternal, on February 1st, 1892, at his home in La Grange, Illinois, in the 69th year of his age.

His Masonic history and proper memorial of his decease will be presented by our Grand Master and by the Committee upon Necrology.

Want of space prevents further expression at this time upon the part of the writer in reference to the decease of our well beloved Companion.

#### INDIANA—1891.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in Indianapolis, October 20th. M. I. CHARLES W. SLICK, Grand Master presiding. Forty-one out of forty-two Subordinate Councils were represented, together with representatives from twenty-one sister Grand Councils, including the representative of New York.

The Address of the Grand Master covers about ten pages. One new Council was instituted U. D., and one Council constituted. Cryptic Masonry is in a healthy and prosperous condition in this jurisdiction. The remainder of the Address is devoted to matters of local interest. The charter of one Council was annulled and a charter granted to the Council U. D., above referred to.

The decease of Past Grand Master WILLIAM HACKER, was noted in the Address, and also in the Report of the Committee thereon, who gave a synopsis of his Masonic History.

The Report upon Correspondence is by Companion HENRY W. MORDHURST, and covers twenty-one jurisdictions, including New York for 1890, together with the General Grand Council for 1891. This review is an able document, worthy of its author, and we would gladly quote at length from it, but for the fact that it covers proceedings of bodies which have already passed under our review in our Report of last year.

Under Arkansas, Companion MORDHURST criticises the naming of Masonic Bodies after living men, using as his text, the instituting of a new Council in that State, named after a living person. He believes, as we do, that honors of this character should be posthumous.

Under Connecticut, he gives us a new rendering of the old and familiar Shakesperian quotation from Anthony's Oration, "The evil that men do lives after them, the good is oft interred with their bones," is now rendered, "the evil *we do* lives after *them*, and the good *they do* is often buried with their bones." There's more truth than poetry in this version.

Under Mississippi, Companion MORDHURST criticises the Address of Grand Master SPEED in a most thorough manner, and one would almost incline to the belief in reading his criticisms, that Companion MORDHURST was a skilful surgeon engaged in the dissection of an interesting subject; each separate bone and muscle being dissected and held up for close examination; but whether these parts will again come together and form a whole is extremely doubtful as far as regards the subject in dispute. The ridiculous and absurd position taken by Companion SPEED is clearly shown. We quote:

"The Grand Master's Address, which is quite lengthy, shows him to be one of those who never learn and never forget, and we confess to be coming thoroughly out of patience when reading him. His chagrin over the defeat of 'the plan' has thoroughly embittered the Companion. He says:

"When we held our last Annual Assembly, the Proceedings of the General Grand Council had not been received. This fifth-wheel to the Masonic coach was duly revolved at Atlanta in November, 1889. Its sessions seem to have been satisfactory to the participants and those who admire these 'generally grand humbugs,' yclept National Masonic Bodies. There were but two items of business transacted in which we have any concern. The New York Convention work, which we use, was adopted, and a Companion from this jurisdiction, who was present, is said to have given the assurance that this Grand Body would abdicate its powers as a sovereign Masonic body, and become a subordinate of this excrescence upon the body Masonic, an assurance which he was not authorized to give, and one which, if I know your sentiments, is not likely to be confirmed. From recent experience with National Masonic Bodies it will be some time after this generation has gone to 'sleep beneath the daisies' before we will take any very large block of stock in another National Masonic Body. When the General Grand Chapter attempted to coerce the Grand Chapter of Texas back into union with itself, it taught how dangerous a thing it might become even under a constitution which has been characterized as but a 'rope of sand.'

"Companion SPEED was nevertheless one of the shining lights at the General Grand Chapter 'humbug' at Minneapolis last July, and we noticed that he wore his collar as Master of one of the Vails with becoming meekness, and *mirabile dictu*, is even now serving on a committee to 'coerce the Grand Chapter of Texas back into the union with itself.' Again:

“ This Grand Council, although weak in numbers, stands to-day ‘ peer to any laird in Scotland here,’ and it will neither yield up a single atom of its powers nor dignity. We have managed for more than a third of a century to get along very comfortably without a guardian, and until we fall into that state of decay and mental imbecility which renders us incapable of managing our person and estate ‘ if you will follow my advice you will not apply for one.’

“ Well, if this Grand Council has been getting along so wonderfully, why did they merge?

“ But where he succeeds in making himself supremely ridiculous is in the following :

“ I have declined to commission Grand Representatives to those Councils which have abrogated their sovereign powers and surrendered them into the keeping of the General Grand Council. Because when they ceased their independent existence, they at the same time ceased to be our Masonic peers.

“ We do not believe in sneering at small Grand Councils, for, as a rule, they are to be commended for standing by the ship in spite of adverse winds, but when they assume the position that Mississippi takes (for they approved the Grand Master’s acts) we say : Let them take their little two by four Grand Council with its one hundred and eighty-nine members and sail by themselves. The other Grand Councils can stand it.

“ Here is another of the Grand Master’s brilliant ‘ breaks.’ We give his words :

“ During the year application was made to me for a dispensation to organize a Council in the State of Florida, whose Grand Council had become defunct, thereby making it unoccupied territory. While I did not doubt our right to enter any unoccupied territory, under the general Masonic law, I did not deem it wise or expedient to create a Council at such a distance that we could not conveniently supervise it, and therefore declined to grant the dispensation. If it had been from an adjoining State that the application was made, I should have unhesitatingly issued the dispensation, provided there was no Grand Council existing therein.

“ Now the Grand Council of Florida is not dead. It held its last meeting at Pensacola, November 5th, 1890, and the Grand Master could have satisfied himself on this point by reading the Proceedings of the General Grand Council, or any of the Grand Councils that publish Reports on Correspondence. But as the names of the petitioners are not given, nor the location of the proposed Council stated, we must take his statements with a grain or two of salt, until such time as he shall enlighten us as to the details.

“ The address of the Grand Master went to the Committee on Cryptic Law, composed of three distinguished Masons, who ‘ heartily approve and cordially endorse ’ everything that the Grand Master has said and done. Companion P. M. SAVERY was chairman of the Committee. The same Companion SAVERY, who, in his Grand Chapter review of 1882, said : From an inspection of the Proceedings stated above, we think we find sufficient to say to the craft of Mississippi : Cryptic Masonry is not dead, nor have but few desired to adopt the Mississippi plan. The General Grand Council is now a fixed fact, a permanent institution, and its effects for good will be felt over the land. And now, as an individual Companion, and not claiming to assert the opinions of others of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, I say with all my heart, God bless and prosper the General Grand Council in its high, fraternal and holy work.”

We have quoted the foregoing, at length, to show that we are not alone in the estimate which we place upon the position taken by Companion SPEED, as expressed in the Proceedings of Mississippi for 1891. Our review in our Report of last year, must have had a bad effect, as regards giving us the opportunity of

making a review this year of their last Assembly, as no copy has been sent us. If we receive one in time we shall be glad to consider what may be offered upon the matters in question.

New York has about five pages of consideration given to its Proceedings of 1890.

In his "Conclusion," Companion MORDHURST makes a suggestion which is worthy of consideration as to designating the Cryptic Rite by a more distinctive name than the one which is in general use, he says :

"It seems to us that the Rite might be officially, as it is frequently, designated by a more distinctive name. To say, 'a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons' is distinctive. To say, 'a Council of Royal and Select Masters,' does not sufficiently indicate its Masonic character, except to the members. Some, noticing the defect, 'or something wanting,' have attempted to add to, but not happily, by saying, 'a Council of Royal and Select Master Masons.' How would it do to call it a Council of Cryptic Masons, or a Council of Royal (Masters) and Select Masons? Changing the names of the degrees to Royal Master and Select Masons, and to this there could, perhaps, be no serious objection."

We have referred to this under our review of Connecticut, and we favor, as does Companion WHEELER of Connecticut, the name of "Councils of Cryptic Masons." We think that the word "Masons" should in some way be added to the name of the body. Another suggestion made by Companion WHEELER is, that the title of third officer should be simplified into "Principal Conductor." This is a decided improvement upon the present title of "Principal Conductor of the Work," and we would favor such a change being made.

M. I. THEODORE D. BROWN, of Crawfordsville, was elected Grand Master, and R. I. WILLIAM H. SMYTHE, of Indianapolis, was re-elected Grand Recorder. The next Assembly will be held October 18, 1892, at Indianapolis.

#### IOWA—1891.

The Lone Star State. We have been expecting that a Grand Council would be re-organized in this State, and from the action taken by the Grand Chapter at the 36th and 37th Annual Convocations thereof, the prospects seem to be bright for an early severance of the Cryptic from the Capitular degrees, and it was expected that at the Grand Convocation of 1891 that the plan formulated for such separation would be completed, and that the two Rites would be thereafter conducted under independent organizations; but alas, and alas, at the 38th Annual Convocation the subject was again considered, and upon a vote being taken the result was that no separation was directed, but the former status of the two Rites under Chapter domination was continued in existence. The Grand High Priest in his Address upon this subject presents the following :

"The Committee on Cryptic Masonry was also continued over from last year. This subject seems to be a puzzle. The Committee are very anxious to do whatever seems best for both Cryptic and Capitular Masonry. If they only had the good of one Body at heart it would be a very easy matter for them to decide. At a conference with Companion Past Grand High Priest DEWEY, and Companion Right Excellent Grand Scribe CRAIG, Companion DEWEY suggested that I issue a circular-letter to the different High Priests of the

“State, and in this way obtain some actual knowledge of what the Chapters in general preferred. I considered the suggestion a wise one, and accordingly issued the following letter :

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER,  
OF THE STATE OF IOWA,  
OFFICE OF GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

DES MOINES, August 20, 1891.

*“To the High Priests of the Sub. Chapters of the Grand Royal Arch Chap. of Iowa :*

“COMPANIONS : You are aware that in 1873 an agreement was entered into between the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Iowa and the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, whereby the control and work of the Cryptic degrees was placed under the care of the several Chapters of the State. Owing to the fact that in some Chapters these degrees have not been regularly conferred, and to the mortifying circumstance that our Chapter-made Cryptic Masons are not recognized outside of Iowa as Cryptic Masons, preliminary action has been taken in the Grand Chapter looking to the dissolution of the present arrangements, and the establishment of the Grand and Subordinate Councils of the State. (See Proceedings of Grand Chapter of Iowa for 1890, pages 322 to 325, also page 342).

“As a result of a recent conference between Companion A. R. DEWEY, of the Committee on Codification, Companion F. W. CRAIG, Chairman of the Committee on Cryptic Masonry, and myself, I decided to issue a circular-letter to each High Priest, which I hope will be considered a personal letter, and as such, personally answered.

“Companion DEWEY is the highest surviving resident officer of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, as constituted at its last session 1878, and will heartily co-operate in any plan which may be adopted for the good of the Craft by the Grand Chapter.

“Please inform me as to the feeling of the Companions in your Chapter on the following points, and others which may seem pertinent to the question, in order that the real sentiment may be obtained from the Craft.

“*First.* Would your members prefer to continue the present plan rather than to separate the Chapter and Council ?

“*Second.* Would a sufficient number of Council members favor an independent organization to establish a Council in your town, or to unite with several towns to establish one central Council ?

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE A. QUIMBY,

Grand High Priest.”

“I have up to this writing answers from forty-eight Chapters, twenty-three of which are in favor of the present plan ; twenty-five are in favor of separation. It is a noticeable fact, however, that a number who prefer the present plan never confer the degrees, while many of those that do confer the degrees of Royal and Select Masters prefer a separation of the two Bodies. This Committee will have a report ready, and at the proper time will present it for your consideration. I would recommend that some action be taken at this session so as to relieve this Committee who have given this knotty problem many hours of thought and study.”

After which the Committee which was composed of the Grand High Priest, the Grand Scribe, the Grand Master of the Second Vail, and one other Companion, made a report, which reads :

*"To the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Iowa:*

"The undersigned Committee, appointed at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter in 1889, and continued by the Varnum resolution of 1890 to the present session, to inquire into the present status of Cryptic Masonry in Iowa, and to report such legislation as may seem proper, beg leave to submit this supplemental report to that made last year, and in so doing desire to make the preliminary data of that report a part of this. Your Committee has given the matter much thought and attention, and deplore the present status of Cryptic Masonry in Iowa even more than last year. There are great difficulties in the way of establishing Grand and Subordinate Councils of Royal and Select Masters in Iowa. Yet the stubborn facts remain that the present system is nearly useless; that only a small percentage of the exalted Companions are receiving the Cryptic degrees; that Chapter-made Royal and Select Masters are not recognized as regular Royal and Select Masters outside of our own jurisdiction, but are considered irregular; that Iowa Chapter-made Royal and Select Masters on taking dimit and removing to other States have nothing in the way of a dimit to show that they are Royal and Select Masters, and no means by which they can affiliate or visit Councils of Royal and Select Masters in such other States.

"The replies elicited by the circular-letter of inquiry sent out by the Grand High Priest to the High Priests of the Subordinate Chapters indicate, that without much discussion of the subject in the Subordinate Chapter, there is more than an equal feeling among the Companions in favor of the separation of the Cryptic degrees from the Capitular, and those Companions who favor the present plan do so rather from a lack of knowledge of the Cryptic degrees than from a love of them, as such feeling comes mostly from Chapters where no work in those degrees is being done. And between fifteen and twenty points out of the few who give answer to the second question of the Grand High Priest indicate a promise, in case of separation, to establish and maintain Subordinate Councils.

"An examination of the record for 1890 shows three hundred and fifty-eight exalted in sixty-seven Chapters, and three hundred and eight passed the circle in twenty-nine Chapters. The record of 1891, as gleaned from the returns received by the Grand Secretary up to October 15th, which includes nearly all Chapters, shows four hundred and sixty-two exalted in seventy-seven Chapters, and one hundred and thirty-nine passed the circle in twenty Chapters. Doubtless the larger number of those who passed the circle in 1890 was caused by the agitation of this question in the Grand Chapter.

"Your Committee would therefore present and recommend the adoption of the following resolution in lieu of that presented in its Report of last year:

*"Resolved,* That the Grand Chapter of the State of Iowa surrender jurisdiction of the Council degrees, known as the Degrees of Royal Master and Select Master, in the manner and upon conditions and limitations, as follows:

*"First.* With the express condition and understanding that all Council Masons of Iowa, whether Chapter-made or Council-made, who may be in good standing as such in the several Subordinate Chapters of this Grand Chapter, shall become members in good standing of the Subordinate Councils to be formed, without fee or healing. This Grand Body invites the Grand Officers of the Grand Council of the State of Iowa, as constituted in the year 1878, to re-establish the Grand Council of the State of Iowa and assume jurisdiction of said degrees.

*"Second.* That in case the Companions who were Grand Officers of the Grand Council of the State of Iowa in 1878 shall fail to re-establish such Grand Council and assume jurisdiction of said degrees under the terms and conditions set out in the first paragraph above, on or before the first day of January, 1893, then the State of Iowa, subject to the same terms and conditions

“as set out in the first paragraph above, shall be considered as territory subject to the jurisdiction of the General Grand Council of the United States.

“*Third.* That until a Grand Council of the State of Iowa shall assume jurisdiction of said degrees under the conditions set out in the first paragraph above, or until a Council of Royal and Select Masters shall be formed in this State under the conditions herein by the Most Puissant General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of the United States, said degrees shall remain under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

“*Fourth.* Provided a Grand Council of the State of Iowa shall be re-established as contemplated in paragraph first hereof, this Grand Chapter will refund from its Grand Chapter Charity Fund the sum heretofore received from the Grand Council of the State of Iowa, to wit : \$74.50 and six per cent. simple interest thereon from October 1st, 1879.

“A majority of your Committee were present at the last Assembly of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States, and feel that if a Grand Council and Subordinate Councils of Iowa are formed or re-established on the basis of the above resolution that the Masons will be in accord with a majority of their Companions all over the union, and will be in a position to at once assume and enjoy fraternal intercourse with them ; and having been thus formed or re-established, may remain an independent Grand Council, or become a tributary member of the General Grand Council of the United States, as the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Iowa may desire.

“It is further provided that the present Grand High Priest, and all Past Grand High Priests, together with all present and Past High Priests who are Royal and Select Masters, shall have the same recognition as though they had been actual Past Thrice Illustrious Grand Masters, or Past Thrice Illustrious Masters in regular Councils.”

A vote by Chapters being ordered, the result was that fifty-eight votes were for and one hundred and ninety-two against the adoption of the report, and it was declared not adopted. On motion then made the Committee on Cryptic Masonry were discharged.

This result is to be deprecated as it leaves the question under consideration, all at sea, liable at any time to be again taken up, as it will be without doubt, and the agitation continued until a final separation is the result. That the late movement for the re-organization of the Grand Cryptic and the separation of the Council from the Capitular degrees has come to an unfavorable termination is to be regretted. The two Bodies will not and cannot work together successfully under one organization. That is the case in Iowa, as it has been in all other States where the two Rites have once been separated and were then united under the care of the Chapters. We leave the subject to work out for itself in this State, hoping and trusting that the time will soon come when the Council degrees will be under the sole control of a Grand Council organization. Until then, hail and farewell.

#### KANSAS—1892.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Leavenworth, February 15th and 16th. M. I. JAMES H. McCALL, Grand Master, presided. Ten Subordinate Councils were represented and eleven Past Grand Masters were present, besides other Past Grand Officers and distinguished Companions.

The Address of the Grand Master covers five and one-half pages, and is principally devoted to matters of local interest. The Grand Master states :

“The returns show that the present condition of Cryptic Masonry in this State is gratifying. Most of the Councils have conferred degrees. Zabud, No. 4, doing the greatest amount of work, having ninety Companions to pass “the circle.”

The Grand Master also suggested that the Body with its officers and members make efforts to secure the approval and support of the Grand Commandery of that State in favor of the pre-requisite plan, which was approved by the Body upon the Report of a Committee to whom the subject matter was referred.

A suitable set of Jewels and Aprons for the use of the officers of this Grand Council was directed to be procured at an expense not to exceed \$100.00. There is no mention made as to the attendance of Representatives of other Grand Councils, and as our Representative, Most Illustrious DAVID BROCKWAY, has removed from that Jurisdiction, no Representative from New York appears to be present. An appointment should and probably will be made at this Assembly.

The Report upon Correspondence was presented by M. I. Comp. H. BROWN, Past Grand Master, and covers twenty-one Jurisdictions in addition to the General Grand Council, including New York for 1891, which has a review of two pages, in the usual friendly and fraternal spirit, which exists between that Grand Body and our own. Many references are made to our Proceedings for 1891, and referring to the suggestions and resolutions in reference to the advancement of the Cryptic Rite in our own Jurisdiction, under New York, he says :

“From the organization of Councils in Kansas, they have met with many “obstacles to advancement, and have been compelled to go slow. In 1890 “there was fair signs of progress, which have since increased, and to-day they “feel sure that by due vigilance and hard work the Cryptic Rite—now fairly “planted—will move on without hinderance.”

Referring to our Review of the Proceedings of the Grand Council of Mississippi of last year, he says :

“In his Review of Mississippi, he overhauls with free hands the Address “of Grand Master SPEED, and fully exposes the utter unsoundness of its main “statements and pretentions. His strictures are full as keen as those of “Comp. MORDHURST’s upon the same paper.”

He quotes the “Conclusion” of our last year’s Report, in reference to which he says :

“All this we propose to do ; remember us in your prayers.”

Which we will surely do.

The Review of our esteemed Comp. BROWN, as a general thing covers the same years and Proceedings which were covered by our Report of last year, and we therefore are debarred by want of space from making as many quotations therefrom, as we would otherwise be glad to make. His Review is well written and worthy of the pen of this veteran in the Cryptic Rite.

Under Mississippi, alluding to the Address of M. I. Comp. SPEED, and his wholesale denunciation of National Masonic Bodies, he says:

"Among the 'grand humbugs' he classes the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Encampment, and to have filled up the list should have included the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

"Humbugs! In sooth, he was present at the triennial convocation of the General Grand Chapter in 1891, and as G. G. R. A. C., participated in the proceedings. Moreover, he was appointed on the Committee to coax the Grand Chapter of Texas to resume once more its place as a constituent of the General Grand Chapter.

*"Men have a right to change their opinions, and under altered circumstances wise ones fearlessly do, but those interested in the subjects on which their opinions are changed, have a right to demand something more tenable than the denunciation of certain acts posterior to their commission to extenuate such change and convince them that it is not the result of personal disappointment in wishes or expectations.*

"Yet the Grand Chapter of Mississippi is a constituent of the General Grand Chapter, and the Grand Commandery of the same is a member of the Grand Encampment. Since the Grand Council approved of what Grand Master SPEED said and had done, to be consistent they should endeavor to make both their Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery independent of the Grand Bodies to which they now owe allegiance, and thus carry into effect in those branches of Masonry the old doctrine of the State rights."

Under Missouri he answers the query put to him, as to why the Proceedings of his Grand Council does not state which Annual Assembly was held, that is the number of the Annual Assembly, he says:

"Put the same question to the Grand Recorder of Mississippi and New York, and from their replies we will frame one to suit."

Perhaps our Grand Recorder will take the hint as did Comp. BROWN who this year supplies the figures, and hereafter state which Annual Assembly the Proceedings of our Grand Council stands for.

The Proceedings come to us this year as an annual publication, covering seventy-eight pages, of which forty are devoted to the Report upon Correspondence. The Proceedings are hereafter to be published annually and so published they will be greeted with a glad welcome from the several Grand Jurisdictions.

Under his Review of the General Grand Council for its last triennial, he says,

"Throughout the sessions of the General Grand Councils, a spirit of harmony prevailed; every member seeming anxious to contribute his utmost towards promoting the progress and welfare of the Cryptic Rite. When the close came, warm hand-shakes and hearty good-byes were satisfactory evidence of the pleasure enjoyed by the Companions present. The Councils of the 'Twin Cities' were untiring in their efforts to make the visit of their Companions not only pleasant, but leave in their memories delightful souvenirs of the courtesies proffered and enjoyed. The Representatives of the Grand Council of Kansas, in behalf of that Body and themselves, gratefully tender their thanks for the greetings and receptions received, which they hope to express more fully at the next triennial.

And so say our Companions who were present, and so say we all.

M. I. JOHN H. SPENCER, of Independence, was elected Grand Master, and R. I. JOHN H. BROWN, of Kansas City, was re-elected Grand Recorder. The next Annual Assembly will be held at Hutchinson, February 13, 1893.

## KENTUCKY—1891.

The Grand Council of this State held its last Annual Assembly at Louisville, October 6th. M. I. GEORGE A. LEWIS, Grand Master, presided. Eleven Subordinate Councils were represented. Four other Councils made returns, only two of which paid dues and none of the four having representatives present. The representatives of fourteen sister Grand Councils were present, including the representative of New York.

The Address of the Grand Master, with accompanying Reports, covers nearly five pages, mostly in reference to matters of local interest.

The decease of M. I. Past Grand Master HIRAM BASSETT is noted and is eulogised. A fine steel engraved portrait of the deceased ornaments the Proceedings.

The Cryptic Rite appears to be in a prosperous and healthy condition. There is no report upon Correspondence, although Companion STATON notes the receipt and careful examination of the Proceedings of sister Grand Councils, but no detailed report thereon is made for the reason that the finances of the Body would not warrant the publication of one if made. We regret this, as a report from Companion STATON is always acceptable, and there is always something to be learned from it.

The printed Proceedings of this Body came to hand in response to request after most of our report was written, and barely in time for insertion.

M. I. THOMAS PAGE GRANT, of Louisville, was elected Grand Master, and R. I. LORENZO DOW CRONINGER, of Covington, was re-elected Grand Recorder. The next Assembly of this Body will be held at Louisville, October 17, 1892.

## LOUISIANA—1892.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at New Orleans, February 11th. M. I. HERMAN C. DUNCAN, Grand Master, presided. Four Subordinate Councils represented, together with the representatives of thirteen sister Grand Councils, including the representatives from New York.

The Address of the Grand Master covers about three pages, principally devoted to matters of local interest. One new Council was instituted. The Grand Master in his Address states the fact that he had tendered M. I. FREDERICK SPEED, of Mississippi, a commission as the Representative of Louisiana near the Grand Council of Mississippi, and states that it was declined for the reason that Companion SPEED had taken a position, that Grand Councils upon becoming constituents of the General Grand Council, surrender their sovereignty and are no longer the peers of such as do not. Grand Master DUNCAN says :

“ We waited long for Mississippi to recover from the crank fever. We had hoped she had sufficiently recovered to wish for good company. We are sorry that our expectations had been disappointed. We shall continue to wait, knowing that some day sanity must return to her robust body.”

This is the old story, and we have criticised this position of Companion SPEED in our Report of last year, and under Indiana in our present Report. We have quoted what Companion MORDHURST has to say upon that subject with approval, but we think that Companion DUNCAN has hit the nail squarely upon the head in reference to the difficulty under which Companion SPEED is laboring, in his expression of the term "crank fever." This name is well applied. We call attention to what has been said under Indiana upon this subject.

The Proceedings are ornamented with a fine and life-like steel engraved portrait of M. P. GEORGE J. PINCKARD, which we are glad to get.

The Report upon Correspondence is by Companion PINCKARD, who reviews the Proceedings of eight Councils, as well as of the General Grand Council, not including New York. In his "Conclusion" he states that his report has been written hurriedly, by request of the body, but that it does not bear the express seal of its authority, although he believes that it expresses its views upon the subjects treated of, and is intended for the information of Companions at home more than for those of other jurisdictions.

M. L. and Rev. HERMAN C. DUNCAN, of Alexandria, and R. I. RICHARD LAMBERT, of New Orleans, were re-elected as Grand Master and Grand Recorder respectively. The next Assembly of this Body will be held at New Orleans, February 16th, 1893.

#### MAINE—1891.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Portland, May 6th. M. I. DENISON E. SEYMOUR, Grand Master, presided. Twelve Subordinate Councils out of a total of thirteen, were represented, together with the Representatives of nineteen sister Grand Councils, including the Representative from New York.

The Address of the Grand Master covers over twelve pages. One new Council was constituted at a special Assembly of the Grand Council which was held for that purpose. Two other new Councils were constituted U. D., and characters were directed to be issued to them at this Assembly.

Upon the subject of Rituals, the Grand Master says:

"The possession of printed Rituals cannot be too forcibly condemned, and the possession of them should be made a subject for discipline. The tendency of them is not so much to acquire a proper knowledge of the work as to justify an absence from the meetings. Knowledge acquired from a regular attendance on the Assemblies and participation in the Work has a degree of correctness and permanency which can in no other way be attained, and the fitness and qualification for official position is thus better secured."

In reviewing the condition of the Cryptic Rite, he also says:

"The great bar to the advancement and prosperity of the Cryptic Rite is found in the Grand Encampment of the United States. This I aver with no fear of a successful contradiction. Make these degrees a prerequisite to the Orders of Knighthood, as are the Capitular, and I promise you a seeking of admission to the S. V. in untold numbers. Some of our sister Jurisdictions, recognizing this fact, have appointed Committees to bring this matter before

“the Grand Encampment through the Grand Commanderies at its next triennial conclave, and I would suggest that this Grand Council appoint a similar Committee to confer with our Grand Commandery.

“The Cryptic Degrees are rapidly claiming their place in the order of succession, presenting such a bold front as to constitute a bulwark against which all the engines of opposition must become powerless. Let action be unified, and every measure be accentuated with a spirit of fraternal determination, and I give to you my pledge that in a brief period of time, the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters, with the appendant degree, will become a necessary pre-requisite to the Masonic Orders of Knighthood. \* \* \* \* \*

“Companions we have had a year of prosperity. We place before you the fruit of our labors. To err is human, and I am human. Deal gently with my errors. They have been unintentional. I would gladly have accomplished more, but being human and possessing the instincts of humanity I could not.

“Peace reigns in our midst; harmony prevails; prosperity has attended our labors. I have had no differences to adjust, no questions to decide. Our family has increased, but we have room for more.”

We do not see that any apology was needed from Grand Master DENISON. He should have pointed out “his errors.” We don’t discover any, but think his work was well done. It met the approval of his Grand Council, as it will of earnest Companions elsewhere.

A recommendation was made that a committee be appointed to confer with the Grand Commandery of Maine, relative to the matter of making the Cryptic Degree pre-requisite to conferring the Orders of Knighthood.

The Report upon Foreign Correspondence is by M. P. Companion JOSIAH H. DUMMOND, who reviews the Proceedings of twenty-one sister Grand Councils, together with the General Grand Council for 1891, New York for 1890, being included, having about a page and a half to which we shall hereafter refer.

Comp. DRUMMOND starts off with a review of the General Grand Council and of its Proceedings at its Assembly held in July 1891; from which we judge that the Report upon Correspondence was prepared subsequent to the Assembly of his Grand Council, as that was held on May 6th preceding. We shall refer to this portion of his review under our review of the same Grand Body.

Under Illinois, referring to the Report on Correspondence by Comp. JEROME, he says:

“He opens with a pæan of victory, rather laughable under the circumstances. He (and we notice that others of the Grand Council make the same assumption) assumes that the General Grand Council has receded from its position in relation to ‘Companions greeted in Chapter Councils?’ By this time, he has undoubtedly learned, by the action of the General Grand Council in 1891, that he was altogether ‘too previous.’ He may have learned by this time also, that the Grand Council of Pennsylvania stands on the same ground as the General Grand Council, holding that the action of the Grand Council of Illinois ‘healed’ the ‘Companions greeted in Chapter-Councils,’ and has not, and does not, recognize such Companions who have not been healed.

“In his review of Maine, he asks what we will do considering the action of the General Grand Council. We answered that two years ago, and a year ago, and had answered it years before that, in effect. Until we received Comp. BARNARD’S letter, to which we referred last year, we did not believe

“that the Grand Council of Illinois was a lawful Grand Council. As already stated, his letter satisfied us that we were in error and that was the end of the matter.

“We do not believe in ‘healing by resolution,’ but that method has been sanctioned by Masonic Grand Bodies, and we, therefore, cannot hold that it is void; but when a Grand Body adopts that method, we are bound to admit its validity. \* \* \* \* \*

“However, Comp. JEROME proposes to ‘forget the past and live for the future,’ and asks us to ‘shake;’ to the last, we cordially accede; but we hold that we can best ‘live for the future’ by availing ourselves of the lessons taught by the experience of the past.”

Under Mississippi, 1891, he quotes the following from the Address of Grand Master SPEED, and we repeat it for the purpose of giving the comments of the reviewer thereon :

“The plan was simply to confer our Degrees in the bosom of the Chapter and upon those who had first received the Royal Arch Degrees, and in the event that the General Grand Chapter should approve of working both sets of Degrees in one body as had heretofore been done, and is still done, in some of the States, then that the order of giving them should be to have the Royal Master’s Degree precede the Royal Arch and the Select follow it. There was nothing new or novel in this arrangement, and those who so bitterly assailed our motive were either very ignorant, or forgetful of the facts of Masonic history, when they denounced so vehemently the ‘Mississippi plan’ as an innovation. They might have known, if they did not, that the Royal Arch Degree and the Templar Order had their inception in the lodges, and that both were for years conferred under the sanction of a lodge warrant.”

To which Companion DRUMMOND says (the italics being our own.) :

“If he had only added *the additional fact*, that those thus made in these states were held to be *irregular* by *all* Grand Councils, *including his own*, up to the time of the Merger (not of the Degrees but of the Council into the Chapter), and that if Royal Arch Masons or Knights Templars should now be so made, they would universally be held to be clandestine, he would have completely overthrown his whole argument.

“As to General Grand Bodies, he, and those who think with him, import into Masonic law and polity their views of civil law and polity, although the circumstances are so different that there is no similarity between them. In a country as large as ours, the people have conflicting interests affecting their material prosperity; it is proper and natural, therefore, that they should be jealous of surrendering the control of legislation to those who have these conflicting interests.

“In Masonry, however, there is absolute unity of interest—and that to promote the best good of the institution as a unit. The interests of Companions in Mississippi and Maine are precisely alike. The fundamental theory of Freemasonry is that it is one institution, and not a number of institutions. Theoretically it is the same the world over, and is universal. It follows as a legitimate result that its legislation and decisions should be uniform; and that its members should be willing to ‘submit to the will of the majority for the good of the whole.’ General Grand Bodies are an approximation to the true polity; and their opponents practically say that they are not willing that the majority of the craft shall determine its polity, because they are wiser and better than their aggregated brethren.”

Under Missouri, speaking of the apathy in Cryptic Masonry, he says :

“Missouri is a State of grand resources, and for some years has been prosperous: we confess that we cannot understand why the Cryptic Rite remains

“in such condition; the number of Councils has been reduced to seven, and two of these failed to make returns, and only two of the five making returns did any work. We think a start could be made by visitations. We hope some energetic, driving, magnetic Companion may be found, who will infuse some of his spirit into the Councils. We fully believe that if any one of many of our Missouri Companions, whom we could name, would take a Council to visit, and follow it up, the result would be the same as in other jurisdictions.”

Under New York, for 1890, referring to the ‘Cryptic History,’ which is in course of preparation by the Library Committee of this Body, he says, that he will look with intense interest for its appearance.

He approves of the plan adopted by our Grand Body in reference to the tenure of office of Representatives to other Grand Councils, by the terms of which should any Representative fail or neglect to faithfully perform his duty for two successive years, without rendering reasonable excuse to the Grand Master, such office may be declared vacant and a successor appointed.

Speaking of the Report on Correspondence, as presented by the writer, he says:

“Now that other questions are settled, he proposes to unite in an effort upon the pre-requisite question; he does not think it expedient to present the matter to the Grand Encampment at its next session, but rather ‘to do missionary work’ in the several States with the Grand Commanderies, and secure their co-operation and support.

“One great obstacle lies in the fact that there is a very large per cent. of the Templars at the present time, who are not Cryptic Masons, so that it will be impossible to modify the Templar Ritual in such manner as will give the Cryptic Degrees the ritualistic recognition given to Capitular and Symbolic Masonry.

“As usual, he gives the latest intelligence from all the jurisdictions—in many cases obtaining it by correspondence.

“He goes, apparently, to a great length in one direction; he seems to hold that if an organization, calling itself a Grand Council, exists in any jurisdiction, it is entitled to recognition without any further inquiry; or at any rate, if not entitled to recognition, he favors recognizing it ‘for the sake of peace.’ If a Body is a Masonically regular Grand Council, it is entitled to recognition; if it is not regular it cannot be recognized; there can be no ‘peace’ between the regular and the clandestine in Masonry.”

Applying to the latter portion of his comments, the rule which was applied by our distinguished Companion to the status of the Grand Council of Illinois, we suggest that the statements of the Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Wisconsin, accompanied as it is with the corroborative statements of others, past and present Grand Officers in that jurisdiction, to the effect that the Grand Council of Wisconsin has always kept up its organization, we have accepted such statements, and our position as to its recognition as a Grand Council regularly organized is based upon such statements, hence, we express ourselves in favor of its recognition. We agree with Comp. DRUMMOND that

“There can be no peace between the regular and clandestine in Masonry.”

In his “Conclusion” he reviews briefly several different jurisdictions from which he had received no Proceedings.

Under Alabama, he says:

“The Grand Recorder announced that this Grand Council has dissolved; we have assumed upon his authority that the action was regular, and that the Grand Council has ceased to exist and its territory gone under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Council. When a Grand Masonic Body undertakes to dissolve and ceases to exercise its functions, other powers may rightly treat it as dead and (if otherwise entitled to do so), may occupy its territory; if such Grand Body resumes its functions, it is bound to accept what has been done as no infringement of its jurisdiction; but it at once assumes jurisdiction over all Bodies and Masons of the degrees of its obedience within its territory. This principle was illustrated in the case of Kentucky during and since the ‘Merger period.’”

We think that the latest reports from Alabama will have tendency to change Companion DRUMMOND’s views in reference to this jurisdiction, as to its Grand Council being *thoroughly* dead, as the latest reports show that the Annual Assembly of its Grand Council has been kept up, the last one being held November 30, 1891.

Under Wisconsin, he says :

“Whether the constituents of this Body are the Councils chartered by the old Grand Council, or the Chapter-Councils, we have not been able to satisfy ourselves; or rather whether it was formed by Councils chartered by a Grand Council, or by Chapter-Councils to which it subsequently granted charters, or is the old Grand Council revived, we have not been able to determine from such facts as we have been able to learn.”

We call attention in this connection to the information which we are able to give, under “Wisconsin,” as it presents the position of the Rite in that State, and the past and present status of its Grand Council explicitly.

Speaking of the condition of the Rite, he closes his review with the following :

“As a whole, it is more prosperous than for any time for some twenty years. In all jurisdictions which are able to maintain a thorough and vigorous system of visitation, it is growing, and more prosperous than at any time within our recollection. We firmly believe that active and energetic Grand Officers who can command time and means to make visitations, and use personal and repeated efforts to arouse an interest in the Rite, will succeed in placing it upon a firm basis in every jurisdiction in which capitular Masonry is in a condition to furnish candidates.”

The last Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Portland, May 4, 1892, but of which we have no report.

#### MARYLAND—1891.

The eighteenth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Baltimore, November 11th. M. I. HENRY C. LARRABEE, Grand Master presided. Four Subordinate Councils were represented, together with the representatives of eighteen sister Grand Councils, including the representative from New York, who was present.

The Grand Master gave a short Address of about two pages in length, devoted principally to local matters, but from which we are informed that—

“After years of anxiety and labor by the faithful few, who have ‘borne the burden and heat of the day,’ the Companions of the Chapters are beginning to

“realize the importance of the Cryptic degrees, and are coming forward in goodly numbers and enrolling themselves as members and supporters of the Rite.”

“Several of our Councils which have been lukewarm, heretofore, have been rejuvenated during the past year, and good results are apparent, both in accessions to their numbers and the great interest manifested on the part of their membership, by attendance and participation in the work and business of the Councils. Negotiations are pending for the formation of new Councils and I have no doubt that during the coming year three or more dispensations will be issued for their formation.”

The destruction of the Masonic Temple in Baltimore on Christmas Day 1890, did not cause serious loss of the Grand Council, as all of its records, papers and printed Proceedings escaped, with but slight damage by water and smoke. “Tried by fire,” and still the Grand Council comes out prosperous and healthy, and the Cryptic Rite decidedly on the gain in this jurisdiction.

The Constitution of this Grand Council has been amended, and as adopted is printed as a portion of its proceedings for this Assembly. There is no Report on Correspondence, but an acknowledgment of the receipt of Proceedings of other Grand Councils is made. The Proceedings of 1890 and 1891 are printed under one cover and present a very creditable appearance.

Grand Master LARRABEE, address Baltimore, was re-elected and R. I. GEORGE L. MCCAHAN, same address, was re-elected Grand Recorder. The next Assembly will be held at Baltimore, November 9, 1892.

#### MASSACHUSETTS—1891.

The Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Boston, December 9th. M. I. WILLIAM B LAWRENCE, Grand Master, presided. Twenty-one Subordinate Councils out of a total of twenty-four were represented, together with the Representatives from sixteen sister Grand Councils, including the Representative from New York. A large number of permanent members, Past Grand Officers and visiting Companions were present.

The Address of the Grand Master covers six pages, devoted to matters of local interest, principally. During the year the Grand Master personally visited twenty out of twenty-four Subordinate Councils in this jurisdiction, and he reports the Councils as being generally in a flourishing condition, and the Rite in a prosperous era.

The decease of Past M. I. Grand Master ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, who died March 20, 1891, is noted, and a proper eulogy was given to his memory.

Two decisions only, were made by Grand Master, *i. e.*

“*First.* That a Companion who received the Council degrees in a Chapter of Iowa cannot visit Councils in Massachusetts until he has been healed, or has regularly received the degrees.”

“*Second.* That where a vacancy occurs in an office from any cause, a dispensation is necessary to elect to fill that office permanently. These decisions were approved by the Body and are masonically sound and correct.”

Considerable space is very properly given to the reports of the Committee appointed on Memorials, in memory of the deceased Past Grand Masters, ALFRED F. CHAPMAN and WILLIAM P. ANDERSON.

The Report on Correspondence is presented by Companion SERANUS BOWEN, whose review includes sixteen Grand Councils, including New York for 1891, to which four pages are fraternally devoted.

Companion BOWEN is not in favor of agitating the pre-requisite question. He makes several quotations from our report of last year with approval, which we appreciate, and we also appreciate and extend our thanks for his cordial invitation to visit their Grand Council, which would afford us great pleasure if we could do so, and we trust upon some future day we may be able to do so.

The review of Companion BOWEN this year is principally made up by quotations from the proceedings of other Grand Councils, which, while of importance for the purpose of giving information to the Companions of his own jurisdiction as to what is being done and as to the condition of Cryptic Masonry in other jurisdictions is not all that is to be desired, and Companion BOWEN's modesty must not keep him from giving expression of his own ideas and thoughts in reference to the different questions that come up from time to time. We believe it to be of just as great importance, not only in his own jurisdiction, but particularly in other jurisdictions, that the reviewers should comment upon and criticise the acts of other Grand Councils with approval or disapproval as may seem in the reviewer's judgment to be necessary. A comparison of reviewers will make these reports not only of present, but of permanent interest to those who follow us in the future years that are to come, when those upon the present stage of action have passed away. Come on then Companion BOWEN, in the future, and give us a raking over occasionally, making your review brilliant with personality, sound in the doctrines that are the faith of your Grand Council, and thus impress them upon other bodies for the good of the Rite.

We make this suggestion freely, for we know that Companion BOWEN is possessed of ability to make his position as a "reviewer" a brilliant and successful one.

M. .I. .WILLIAM B. LAWRENCE, Grand Master, of Bedford, and R. .I. .SERANUS BOWEN, M. D., Grand Recorder, of Boston, were elected. The next Assembly will be held at Boston on December 14, 1892, as it is always held on the second Wednesday in December.

#### MICHIGAN—1892.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Detroit, January 18th. M. .I. .CHARLES R. BAGG, Grand Master, presided. Forty-seven Subordinate Councils were represented, together with the representatives of fifteen sister Grand Councils, including the representative of New York.

The Address of the Grand Master covers, with accompanying documents, about fifteen pages, and is devoted to matters of local interest. There are a large number of Subordinates in this jurisdiction, and the duties of the Grand Master are correspondingly increased, but from his Address and from the Reports of his visiting officers, which are very full and elaborate, we come

to the conclusion that Cryptic Masonry is in a condition of robust health and prosperity in this jurisdiction.

The Report upon Correspondence is from the pen of that veteran in Cryptic Masonry, M. I. GARRA B. NOBLE, and covers twenty-seven States in addition to the General Grand Council, including therewith New York for 1891; more in number than any other Report which has as yet passed under our review for this year.

Under California, 1891, the decision referred to by us in our review of that State in this Report in reference to receiving as a visitor in one of the Subordinate Councils of California, of a Companion from Texas, who had received Council Degrees in a Chapter of his own State, is quoted fully by Companion NOBLE, and in reference to which, he says :

“ We fully agree with Companion CASWELL, although our Grand Council is not a constituent of the General Grand Council. Our Grand Council decides the status of Companions receiving the Degrees in Chapter Councils, clandestine, years ago.”

This position of the Grand Council of Michigan was taken many, many years ago, when the question of “ merger ” was first the subject of consideration, and it has been uniformly sound and right upon this question.

Under Minnesota, referring to the fact that a Council was instituted under the authority of the Grand Master of that State by conferring degrees upon seventeen Companion Royal Arch Masons, he says :

“ We don't organize Councils in Michigan in this manner. We require nine regular R. & S. Masonic Masons, having their demits, to petition for a new Council.”

This is all well enough in a State like Michigan, where Cryptic Masons are as thick as blackberries in a good season, but in a new State or Territory it often becomes necessary to institute Councils at a distance from other Councils, and in such an emergency it is masonically right and proper that the degrees be communicated to such worthy candidates as are presented and found to be entitled to receive the same as being Royal Arch Masons in good standing. We say it is masonically right and proper for the reason that we have always found that such has been the case in Masonic history where new Bodies have been instituted at a distance from other Bodies, and where there were not already those in possession of the degrees in sufficient number to organize the new Body. There is nothing in any O. B. that we have ever seen or heard which forbids the communication of the degrees under such circumstances, although we are aware of the fact that there are occasionally prominent Companions who do not approve of this course of work.

In our opinion the law of emergency imperatively requires that new Bodies be constituted in this way when they are located at a distance from other Bodies, and where there is not sufficient material already in possession of the degrees with which to constitute a new Body. If this course were not taken the Light of Masonry would never shine in distant places. As a notable illustration, we cite the Scottish Rite and its Inspectors General and Deputies in instituting new Bodies.

Under Mississippi he quotes from the Address of Grand Master SPEED (which is referred to in our Report of last year, and also of frequent mention in our present Report) but does not express any approval of his action, and in reference to the statement made by Grand Master SPEED, that an application had been made to him

“For a dispensation to organize a Council in the State of Florida, whose Grand Council had become defunct, thereby making it unoccupied territories,”

He says :

“We cannot see what right he could have to get a dispensation for a Council in Florida (if there is no Grand Council there), as he recognized the authority of the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Encampment of K. T. in all territories. Where there is no Grand Body the Grand Council holds the same authority in unoccupied territories as the former. The Grand Council of Florida is not dead.”

We would like to see this application for a dispensation which was presented to Grand Master SPEED made a matter of record and published, so that the Companions may know and understand just what the application was, and form their own judgment as to it.

Companion NOBLE fails to express any approval of the course taken by Grand Master SPEED in reference to any of these subjects, and we must therefore assume that they met with his disapproval, for the reason that the Grand Council of Michigan, being an independent Grand Council has always expressed itself as being particularly friendly towards the position taken by the other independent Grand Councils, and when the acts of such Bodies have met with its approval, Companion NOBLE has not been backward in giving expression thereto.

New York for 1891, has favorable mention, and about three pages devoted to it. Several quotations being made from the Address of Grand Master MCCOMB and from the Report of the writer for that year; and referring to the comments of the writer upon the statement made by Grand Master SPEED of Mississippi in reference to conferring the Cryptic Degrees in a Chapter he quotes fully our criticism and comment upon such statement. He also quotes our closing remarks in full.

Under Wisconsin he gives us the compliment of presenting his review of that State made up from the pen of the writer of 1891. In his “Conclusion” he says;

“We have briefly touched upon matters of interest appertaining to other Jurisdictions. One and all appear to be laboring for the accomplishment of our Masonic Mission. The Order of Cryptic Masonry has assumed large portions in the United States, and a high degree of prosperity reigns in nearly all the Jurisdictions. The questions heretofore in controversy being satisfactorily settled, there is no discord in the Secret Vault.”

M. I. HORACE C. HATCH, of Detroit, was elected Grand Master, and Companion GARRA NOBLE, same address, was re-elected Grand Recorder. The next Assembly will be held January 16, 1893, at Detroit.

## MINNESOTA—1891.

The Twenty-second Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at St. Paul, October 12th. M. I. ANDREW P. SWANSTROM, Grand Master, presided. Eight Subordinate Councils were represented, together with the representatives from twenty-two sister Grand Councils, including the representative from New York.

The Address of the Grand Master covers nearly six pages, and is devoted to matters of local interest principally. In reference to the condition of the Rite, he says :

“ It is certainly a source of great satisfaction to be able to report that the “ interest continues on the increase.”

A Dispensation for a new Council was issued by the Grand Master, which was continued at this Assembly, until the next Assembly to be held during the present year.

Five visits were made by the Grand Master, and five Dispensations granted of the usual routine character. In the instituting of the new Council U. D., the Degrees were communicated by the Deputy Grand Master, under the authority of the Grand Master, with the assistance of four Companion Royal and Select Masters having dimits, upon seventeen Companion Royal Arch Masons. This is one of the cases in which the communication of the Degrees for the advancement of Cryptic Masonry is warranted ; and it is authorized by the leading Masonic authorities. Innumerable precedents for which, can be cited ; and we most decidedly approve of the action taken, and put ourselves on record as saying that it is in accordance with Masonic law and usage. We have referred to this matter under our review of Michigan, and incidentally in other places, to which we call attention in this connection.

The Grand Council set the seal of its approval upon the principle of communication of the Cryptic Degrees for the purpose of organizing a new Council of the Rite ; but the Committee to which the subject was referred, expressly state that their approval of such action should not be construed as authorizing the conferring of Degrees upon a greater number of Companions, by communication, than would be necessary to properly organize a new Council. This also met with the approval of the Grand Body, and it is in accord with our own views.

The Proceedings of this Grand Body are ornamented with a fine and life-like portrait of M. I. DWIGHT N. BALDWIN, ninth Grand Master thereof. In looking at this portrait, it is so perfect and true that we almost feel like reaching out our hand and saying “ How are you DWIGHT, old friend, shake ! ”

A Resolution was adopted at this Assembly to this effect :

“ *Resolved*, That a special Committee of three be appointed to prepare a suitable Memorial in behalf of this Grand Council, which Memorial is to be presented with others, in a sealed case, to the General Grand Council at its next Triennial Assembly, to be opened at the Centennial Anniversary of the General Grand Council, for the purpose of presenting to the Craft a record of “ the early history of Cryptic Masonry.”

In this connection, the following resolution was also adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Grand Representatives of sister Grand Councils now present be requested to report, to such Grand Councils as they represent, the action of this Grand Council in the matter of the deposit embodied in the "preceding resolution."

This movement is a commendable one, and it has been commented upon by the Grand Masters of many different jurisdictions, as well as by the reviewers with favor.

The Report upon Correspondence is by R. I. Comp. THOMAS MONTGOMERY, who reviews the Proceedings of twenty Grand Councils, together with the General Grand Council, but in the list so reviewed, New York has no place, for what reason we know not, as we do know that our Proceedings were duly forwarded.

The fault, if any there be, will have to be charged to our Venerable Uncle-Samuel.

Under Indiana, referring to the suggestion of Companion MORDHURST as to giving a more distinctive title to Bodies of the Cryptic Rite, Companion MONTGOMERY concurs with the suggestion and favors the title of "A Council of Cryptic Masons" to the one now in use of "A Council of Royal and Select Masters." We have mentioned this same subject under Connecticut and Indiana, favoring the same distinctive title.

We could make further quotations and reference, but time and space will not permit.

M. I. WILLIAM G. TEN BROOK, of Duluth, was elected Grand Master, and THOMAS MONTGOMERY, of St. Paul, was elected Grand Recorder. We do not note that the date of the next Assembly is anywhere given in the printed Proceedings.

#### MISSISSIPPI—1892.

The Twenty-third Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Vicksburg, February 10th. M. I. FREDERIC SPEED, Grand Master, presided. Eight Subordinate Councils were represented. No mention is made as to the attendance of any representatives of Grand Councils, and owing to the peculiar position taken by this Body, it is probable that there were no such representatives present.

Amongst the Companions noted as being present was "JAMES WATTS, 32°, sole surviving member of Grand Council Princes of Jerusalem, permanent member of the Grand Council."

The Address of the Grand Master is an able, intelligent and instructive document.

Upon the subject of exchanging representatives, which was treated upon in our last report, and is also mentioned in our present review under the proceedings of different States, he says :

"During the year I have received proposals to exchange Representatives with three other Grand Councils, two from Subordinates of the General Grand Council, and one from an Independent Grand Council. Two of them came from highly esteemed personal friends, who occupy the exalted posi-

“tion of Grand Masters, and it was a sore trial of my consistency to refuse them, accompanied as they were by highly complimentary personal reference, and more especially as I, myself, was the person named in the commissions. I still adhere to the views I expressed last year upon this subject, and while I would make any sacrifice of personal pride to convince our Companions of other Jurisdictions that we in Mississippi are doing our utmost to forget and forgive most of the hard words spoken of us during the period when our labors were suspended, it seems to me that we cannot consistently recognize as our Masonic peers Bodies which have abrogated their sovereignty; there is, however, no objection to our exchanging Representatives with the Independent Grand Councils, should such be your pleasure.”

We would be very glad if we could take this statement in the broad sense which its language would seem to imply, but it seems to us that there is an under current of bitterness which actuates and causes the position which is assumed by Grand Master SPEED, and which has its origin in the fact that the mergery of the Cryptic Degrees with Capitular Masonry, which was advocated by him, was not a success. It is said that time heals all wounds, and we hope that the time will come when there will be no gaping wounds in the Companion's mind which will require healing. Whilst upon every side in every jurisdiction, not only in the Grand Councils, but in the Subordinates there has been a continuous and sincere effort made by the Companions not only of other Independent Grand Councils, but also of those which are constituents of the General Grand Council, to foster a spirit of harmony and kinder feeling between themselves and the Grand Council of Mississippi and its Companions, there has been an obstacle placed in the way almost invariably whenever opportunity has presented itself, in the shape of an objection of some kind or character, emanating from our distinguished Companion.

We hope that that Masonic Charity which is a basis of fraternity will at an early day take such possession of Companion SPEED as will incline him to come part way, at least towards those who have proffered so many times the olive branch.

Upon the subject of the Rite he says :

“Taking a survey of the whole field the outlook for Cryptic Masonry in Mississippi is encouraging. Many of the Lodges and Chapters are overburdened with work; indeed it is from this very cause that the Council has been neglected, as for instance, in Vicksburg, where the number of candidates has been such as to absorb all the time of the workers, which, owing to the long continued depression in Masonry in that City, had become reduced in number, but as I have already said, that Council will soon again be at work, and it is anticipated, that the ‘new crop’ of Masons coming on will give it plenty to do for several years to come.”

And upon the same subject the Committee of the State of the Craft in their Report say :

“Your Committee on the State of the Craft take pleasure in reporting that through the persevering efforts and commendable zeal of our most illustrious Grand Master, FREDERIC SPEED, Cryptic Masonry is surely and steadily advancing in this Jurisdiction. What has been accomplished by him and a few other zealous Companions should incite us to greater diligence in extending and strengthening the Cryptic Rite.”

A resolution was adopted that the Proceedings of this Grand Council from its organization down should be re-printed so soon as financial condition will warrant.

There is no Report upon Correspondence. The other action of the Body was of the usual routine character.

The printed Proceedings are just at hand, barely in time for use, but we get our review in proper place.

M. I. FREDERIC SPEED, of Vicksburg, was re-elected Grand Master, and R. I. J. L. PGWER, of Jackson, was elected Grand Recorder, and to whom we are indebted for information regarding this Jurisdiction and for copy of Proceedings sent upon our written application. The next Assembly of this Body will be held at Natchez, on the second Tuesday in February, 1893.

#### MISSOURI—1892.

The Twenty-seventh Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at St. Louis, April 27. M. I. THOMAS SEAL, Grand Master, presided. Seven Subordinate Councils were represented; but we are unable to find any note made as to what Grand Representatives were present.

M. I. Companion FAY HEMPSTEAD, Past Grand Master, of Arkansas, was presented and welcomed with the honors due to his exalted position in Cryptic Masonry, and in response made a brief, but exceedingly pleasant address to the Grand Council.

The Address of the Grand Master covers about four pages, which is devoted to matters of local interest.

The success and prosperity which has attended upon the administration of Grand Master SEAL, was the subject of congratulation, not only by the Committee to whom his address and official acts was referred, and also by the Body, which extended its thanks and commendation.

One new Council was chartered. The Rite appears to be in a better condition than it had been for some years past, and we believe that an era of prosperity is waiting upon it.

The Grand Master made a decision in reference to jurisdiction of a Subordinate Council, upon what, as we conclude from the meagre statement of the case, is covered by the following :

A Council located in Kansas City elected certain candidates, and procured the degrees to be conferred in another jurisdiction by a request duly made from the proper officers of such Council, directed to the Council which conferred the degrees. The point raised was ; that the candidates were not legally made Royal and Select Masters, and a ruling was asked upon that question. The Grand Master decides that the Council at Kansas City had acted in compliance with the laws of the Grand Council, and he states in this connection :

“It is also a well settled principle in Masonic Jurisprudence in the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, and Grand Council of this and other States, that a Lodge, Chapter or Council can request a Lodge, Chapter or Council in any other State to confer degrees on their elected candidates.”

The Committee on Jurisprudence by its report states in effect that the degrees were not irregularly conferred, or any law of the Grand Council violated. Upon general principles we hold that the decision made by Grand Master SEAL was sound, and complies with the usual understanding in reference to the subject matter.

We are indebted to our old friend and Companion WILLIAM H. MAYO, Grand Recorder, for an advance copy of the printed Proceedings of this Assembly; and in this connection we desire to express the deep sense of obligation, and of thanks which we feel towards him for his kindness in the premises, as without the advanced copies we would not have been able to have made our report this year perfect and complete.

There is no Report upon Correspondence.

M. I. ULRICH SCHNEIDER, of St. Joseph, was elected Grand Master, and R. I. WILLIAM H. MAYO, of St. Louis, was re-elected Grand Recorder. The next Annual Assembly of this Body will be held in St. Louis, April 26th, 1893.

#### NEBRASKA—1891.

This Grand Council held its Annual Assembly December 15th. M. I. FRANK H. YOUNG, Grand Master, presided. Six Subordinate Councils were represented. The Address of the Grand Master is devoted to matters of local interest, and from this Address and the Proceedings of the Body we judge that the re-organization of this Grand Council is made upon a solid basis, and the prospects for the advancement of Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction are favorable.

There is no Report on Correspondence, but they will come hereafter when this Grand Body becomes strong.

M. I. JAMES GILBERT, of Omaha, was elected Grand Master, and R. I. WILLIAM R. BOWEN, same address, was re-elected Grand Recorder. The next Assembly will be held at Geneva in December, 1892, and upon the same day or day preceding the opening of the Grand Chapter, as the Grand Master may direct.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE—1891.

The Thirtieth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Concord, May 18th. M. I. JOSHUA W. HUNT, Grand Master, presided. Eleven Subordinate Councils were represented, together with the representatives of thirteen sister Grand Councils, including the representative from New York.

The Address of the Grand Master is wholly devoted to matters of local interest. The condition of the Rite in this State appears to be healthy.

The labors of the Grand Council were called off in the evening, and Pythagorean Council No. 6, opened a Council of Super-Excellent Masters and conferred the Degree upon a Candidate duly elected, after which the Council was closed and the labors of the Grand Council were resumed.

A Report on Correspondence is presented by Companion GEORGE P. CLEAVES, who reviewed the Proceedings of twenty-one sister Grand Councils, all of which

however, have passed under our review in reports preceding the present, and consequently it is unnecessary to again present the same.

Companion CLEAVES makes some very happy hits in reference to matters coming under his attention for the years mentioned, and which we would be glad to present, would it not be necessary to again present the matters which called forth his comments, in order to give a proper understanding of the same.

New York has a Fraternal notice of about three pages, and Comp. CLEAVES quotes what the writer had to say upon the pre-requisite question, together with the table of statistics which was included in our report of 1890, in full, saying, that he does so "deeming it of interest to every Companion," for the compliment of which, we tender our thanks.

M. I. GEORGE H. EVERETT, of Laconia, was elected Grand Master, and R. I. GEORGE P. CLEAVES, of Concord, was re-elected Grand Recorder. The next Assembly was appointed to be held at Concord, May 16, 1892, but of which we have as yet no information from which we are able to present a Report.

#### NEW JERSEY—1892.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Trenton, January 26th. M. I. LEWIS G. DAWSON, Grand Master, presided. Six Subordinate Councils were represented, together with the representatives of twenty sister Grand Councils; the representative from New York *not* being present. The Address of the Grand Master covers a little over two pages principally devoted to matters of local interest.

The visitation of a large delegation from our own jurisdiction, to Kane Council, No. 2, on November 19th, was noted, and the success of the occasion is not only fully demonstrated by the account given of it by the Grand Master, but also by the statements of the New York Companions who were in attendance, who speak highly of the impressive ceremonies and unite in unqualified expressions of congratulation upon the success of the entertainment.

There is no Report on Correspondence. The condition of Cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction appears to be slightly improving, and we trust soon to be able to report that a decided revival of interest has taken place.

M. I. JOSEPH ASHTON, JR., of Trenton, was elected Grand Master, and R. I. CHARLES BECHTEL, same address, was re-elected Grand Recorder. The next Assembly will be held at Trenton, January 24, 1893.

#### NORTH CAROLINA—1892.

The Grand Council of this State has not held an Assembly for some three or four years, as we are informed by M. I. J. I. MACKS, the present Grand Master thereof, he holding over in his position by reason of no successor having been elected.

The information which we have received is derived principally from a letter written by him. There are only about three live working Councils in the State, and these are doing but little work.

The Proceedings of this Body have not been printed for several years.

In the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of this State for 1891, we take the statement of Companion JAMES SOUTHGATE in his Report upon Correspondence in his review of Iowa upon the subject of Cryptic Masonry, as follows :

“ We merged in North Carolina some years ago, and then emerged three years ago, and as a consequence there has not been a meeting of a Council of Royal and Select Masters in the State for two years, so far as we can learn. The one to which we belong has held no meeting for ten years, and doubtless, as a joke, our Grand Secretary sent blanks to the Grand Council.”

This statement of Companion SOUTHGATE must be taken with some grains of allowance, and be considered in part as *his* joke ; the Grand Master having made a report, from which we infer that there are still three working Councils there, and that while they are doing little work that they are still alive and making some progress.

We are not able to get any further information as to what the prospects of the Rite are in this jurisdiction. It is surely at about as low an ebb as it well well can be, and still have the breath of life within it. We do not learn that there is a prospect of any early Assembly of this Grand Body, but as we have written for further information to the Grand Recorder, we may yet receive something which will be of interest, and which we may add to this Report.

#### OHIO—1891.

The Sixty-first Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Cincinnati, October 6th. M. I. GRAFF N. ACKLIN, Grand Master, presided. Forty-two out of forty-five Subordinate Councils were represented, together with the representatives of sister Grand Councils, whose names we do not find included, but we do find, however, that the representative of New York was present.

M. P. ORESTES A. B. SENTER, Grand Master of the General Grand Council of the United States was present, and being escorted by a Committee into the Assembly was received with the Grand Honors, and tendered the chair. After the welcoming remarks and acknowledgment on the part of the General Grand Master, M. W. LEVI C. GOODALE, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, made his appearance and he was also received with the Grand Honors, welcomed and proper response made by him. After which the Address of the Grand Master was delivered, covering about seven pages, and is devoted principally to matters of local interest. Two new Councils have been instituted, U. D. ; one other chartered and one other has surrendered its charter. The State was divided into nine districts for visitation, and the Reports of such visitations received. The usual number of Dispensations to elect and install officers were granted.

The Cryptic Rite in this jurisdiction is progressive, prosperous and of robust health.

During the Assembly, M. E. JAMES W. IREDELL, JR., Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ohio, was also welcomed and received with the Grand Honors, to which he made proper acknowledgment.

Charters were directed to be granted to two new Councils, and also to one other, upon such Council adopting By-Laws conforming to the Uniform Code, the same to have the approval of the Grand Master. The sum of fifteen cents per member of the Rite in this jurisdiction was appropriated to be paid to the trustees of the Ohio Masonic Home.

A Report upon Correspondence was presented by our esteemed Companion, M. . I. . S. STACKER WILLIAMS, who reviewed the Proceedings of twenty-four sister Grand Councils, including New York for 1890, which has about five pages of fraternal notice. He quotes with approval the action of our Grand Council to the effect that no Companion shall represent more than one Grand Council at the same time. In reference to the Report of the writer on Correspondence for that year, he quotes fully what was said in reference to the pre-requisite question, and in speaking of such Report says,

“As usual the Report on Correspondence is from the gifted pen of our personal friend M. . P. . GEO. M. OSGOODBY. His Report covers thirty-seven pages, and embraces a review of the *Proceedings* of *nineteen* Grand Councils. He also furnishes information with reference to *eight jurisdictions*, from which he had no Proceedings.”

M. . I. . Companion WILLIAMS, in commenting upon what was contained in our Report as to the Grand Council in Alabama, he says :

“M. . P. . Comp. OSGOODBY still thinks there is a Grand Council in Alabama ; that the Body we knew and recognized as a Grand Council a few years ago failed to ‘dissolve itself according to Masonic law,’ hence is not dissolved, ‘but its condition is that of an ‘innocuous desuetude,’ but from which he believes it will rise again. We do not know much about the condition or disease he mentions, but are of the opinion that the malady with which the ‘Grand Council of Alabama was afflicted killed it. We have for years given our esteemed Companion the credit of having more faith in the resurrection of dead bodies (we mean Grand Masonic Bodies) than anybody else, but considered it more difficult to convince M. . P. . Comp. DRUMMOND that one could die ; but since reading Comp. OSGOODBY on Alabama, we are compelled to change our mind and admit that he is harder to convince on this point than ‘Comp. DRUMMOND. So sure is Comp. OSGOODBY that there is a Grand Council in Alabama—a live one, too—that he places the name of one in his statistical table.”

Well, Companion WILLIAMS, don't you think from the fact that we are able this year to review the Proceedings of the Grand Council of Alabama, that this Grand Council is pretty lively for a corpse ? And will you not be satisfied that our faith in the Companions of the Cryptic Rite in Alabama was well founded ? We know that there is no one in the Rite who will be more rejoiced than is Companion WILLIAMS over the fact that the Grand Council of Alabama is still in existence and with prospects of a revival of interest in its jurisdiction. After this experience we shall be still harder to convince that any Grand Council is dead until we have an invitation to the funeral and take part in the last solemn obsequies over its remains, and we don't think Companion WILLIAMS will be again convinced on such a point until he takes an active part in the same mournful ceremonies.

He quotes what we had to say in reference to the review of Companion NOBLE, of Michigan, on the question of “legal status.”

He refers to the matter in our Report in reference to the Grand Council in Wisconsin, and says :

“He had received a letter from R. I. Companion W. LAFLIN, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Wisconsin, in which, after referring to the action of the General Grand Council, he said : ‘Yet we are told that we are still classed as clandestine.’ He says that upon receipt of Companion LAFLIN’s letter he wrote to him inquiring as to who classed them as ‘clandestine,’ to which inquiry he regrets he had received no reply. Our surprise is that M. P. Companion OSGOODBY should ask such a question, and we are not surprised at the discretion of R. I. Companion LAFLIN ; but he is to be commended for his bold manner and outspoken position as to the standing of the Grand Council of Wisconsin.”

“He reminds us that in the printed Proceedings of the General Grand Council for 1889 she is recognized as an ‘Independent Grand Council,’ and denies the right of any one to question her standing. This is good ; but he forgets that possibly there are some who have not seen these Proceedings, but who have seen those of 1886, in which the Grand Council of Wisconsin is held up as a ‘Spurious Council,’ that the question of her status was referred to a Committee which has never reported.”

“Our esteemed Companion did not certainly think of the above state of facts, or he would not have expressed his surprise that somebody had the impression that the Grand Council of Wisconsin was a clandestine Body.”

“We compliment him upon the thorough ventilation of the subject, and we commend his words which follow :

“We take 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. \* \* \* \* \* 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 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.”

He says : ‘Let us have peace.’ And we say : ‘So mote it be.’

Our esteemed Companion did not look quite far enough when he expressed his surprise that we should ask the question referred to, of Companion LAFLIN, for if he had looked further he might have imagined at least that the inquiry was made, as it was, for the purpose of drawing out as full a statement as was possible upon that subject in order that a proper report might be made thereon, and the Companions of Wisconsin induced, if it were possible, to look at these matters of difference in a calm and dispassionate manner, to the end that the “peace which passeth understanding” might again be invoked, and perfect harmony be restored between the Grand Council of Wisconsin and the other Grand Councils. We wanted, if possible, to make use of a healing balm, if one could be found, that would restore wounded members to their normal condition of health, unity, harmony and prosperity. We are somewhat surprised that Companion WILLIAMS did not anticipate the real meaning and intent of the writer under the circumstances, as we have the idea that he is fully in accord and sympathy in desiring the end which we sought, and understanding us as he does, it is a matter of surprise that he did not look

beyond the veil and discover the true intent of the writer. Others of our friends amongst the reviewers have criticised the writer upon this subject, but none of them gave the matter sufficient thought to discover what the ultimate object of the writer was. We believe the time will come when harmony and peace, unity and cordial good feeling will exist between the Companions of Wisconsin and the Companions of other jurisdictions, and to that end we devoutly say, may God speed the day.

Under Pennsylvania, he says, speaking of the Grand Representatives present, four in number :

“ It took us some time to fish out these four ; and if Ohio had been present “ there would have been five.”

We knew Companion WILLIAMS was something of a fisherman, but we had no pretensions that way, and we stopped fishing in the Proceedings of *Ohio*, being satisfied when we caught *one* Representative, that one being the Representative of New York, although the Proceedings state—

“ Grand Representatives were received and acknowledged for Grand Councils. They are subsequently noticed.”

No notation of their names is to be found, except as one takes a table of representatives and fishes through the Proceedings in order to catch those that were present. We pass this on to Comp. MEYER of Pennsylvania, as we think in it he will rather have the best of Comp. WILLIAMS.

In replying to the criticism of Comp. MEYER upon his reviews as to the exchanging of Representatives between the General Grand Council and the Grand Council of England and Wales, he states his position clearly and succinctly, as follows :

“ Our proposition can be stated in a few words. We hold that a Masonic “ Body may exchange Representatives only with a peer, a Body of the same “ grade, exercising the same powers and prerogatives. The different Grand “ Lodges throughout the world may exchange Representatives. For instance, “ the Grand Lodge of Ohio exchanges with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, “ but a Subordinate Lodge on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Ohio would not “ be granted the favor of an exchange should it ask such at the hands of the “ Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Even if there was a Lodge which claimed “ to be independent, and not on the roll of any Grand Lodge, as was until recently the case of the Lodge Melrose, in Scotland, it would not be accorded “ an exchange with Ohio or Pennsylvania.

“ A Grand Chapter of a State or Territory is the peer of any other Grand “ Chapter, but not of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. Grand “ Chapters exchange Representatives ; but a State Grand Chapter whether it “ is on the roll of the General Grand Chapter or not, is not recognized as a “ peer by it, and will not be accorded an exchange of Representatives. The “ Grand Chapter of Ohio changes with other Grand Chapters, but it does not “ assume to exchange with the General Grand Chapter, nor will it exchange “ with a Subordinate Chapter on the roll of another Grand Chapter.

“ The same rule, exactly, will apply to Councils, Grand Councils and the “ General Grand Council, to Commanderies, Grand Commanderies, and the “ Grand Encampment, and the rule we have laid down squares with the practice ; otherwise we would have the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania and “ Virginia, which are not now, and never have been, on the roll of the Gen-

“eral Grand Chapter, seeking an exchange with that Body, and a Grand Commandery (possibly the youngest in the country) seeking an exchange with the Grand Encampment.

“Now we come back to the Grand Council of England and Wales. She is a peer of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania, and nothing more. She may consistently exchange Representatives with the Grand Council of Pennsylvania, or any other Grand Council, but should not exchange with the General Grand Council.”

But with which Companion MEYER does not agree.

In Companion WILLIAMS 'Conclusion,' he says :

“Again we close our annual task. We have derived more pleasure than usual in its performance. We note a decided improvement in the condition of the Rite generally. Proceedings have come to us with a greater degree of regularity than heretofore, and we presume all that have been printed have reached us.”

The Constitution of General Grand Council and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Council of Ohio are printed, together with the Resolutions and Decisions of the last named Body, and the Installation Ceremonies, and Ceremonies for Constituting and Dedicating Councils, in this Jurisdiction are printed as an Appendix to their Proceedings for this year.

M. I. GRAFF M. ACKLIN, of Toledo, was re elected Grand Master, and R. I. JOHN D. CALDWELL, of Cincinnati, was re elected Grand Recorder. The next Assembly will be held at Zanesville, on September 27, of this year.

#### OREGON—1891.

The Sixth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at McMinnville, February 4th. M. I. WILLIAM C. CRAWFORD, Grand Master, presided. Three Subordinate Councils were represented. There is no list of Grand Representatives present.

The Grand Master in his Address, says :

“In Cryptic Masonry, while the past year has not been one of a boom, yet our membership is increasing.”

This is much better than to have it falling back, although the net increase was only three in number. The business of the body was of the usual routine character, and principally of local interest.

A resolution was adopted to distribute copies of its printed Proceedings “to each of the present and past Grand Officers of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Oregon ; also a copy to each of the Subordinate Chapters under its jurisdiction, in care of the respective High Priests, to the end that the existence and workings of this Grand Council may become better known among Companion Royal Arch Masons.”

There is no Report upon Correspondence, which we deem to have been a great mistake on the part of our Companions of this Body at this particular time, for the reason that a good Report on Correspondence embodied in their printed Proceedings, which are to be so distributed amongst the prominent Royal Arch Masons of Oregon, would have done more towards informing their

Royal Arch Companions upon the subject of Cryptic Masonry than all of the rest of their proceedings together.

As we only received an empty cover last year of this Assembly we were obliged to postpone a review of its proceedings until the present time.

M. .I. .WILLIAM C. CRAWFORD, Corvallis, was re-elected Grand Master, and R. .I. .FRELON J. BABCOCK, Salem, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

Since this Assembly we have the sad news of the decease of Companion BABCOCK.

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The Seventh Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Corvallis on February 3rd. R. .I. .JOHN H. IRVINE, P. C. of W., as Grand Master presided. Three Subordinate Councils were represented, together with the representatives from five sister Grand Councils, including New York.

The Grand Master being confined at home by a severe attack of *La Grippe*, his Address was read by the Grand Master *pro tem*. The Address covers about five pages. The work of this Grand Body has become somewhat disarranged and confused by reason of the illness of the Grand Master and the decease of the Grand Recorder.

A Commission was issued December 9, 1891, our R. .I. .Comp. A. OPENHEIMER of Buffalo, as their Representative near our Grand Council. The Rite appears to be somewhat improving, as the institution of three new Councils is soon expected to be accomplished.

The Address of the Grand Master was written under the most unfavorable circumstances, while prostrated with his dreaded disease, and was written out by his wife at his dictation, and without whose help he says, he would have been unable to render his Annual Address. A help-meet indeed.

R. .I. .FRELON J. BABCOCK having deceased, Companion SETH L. POPE was appointed Grand Recorder *pro tem*.

There is no Report upon Correspondence. We hope that our Companions of Oregon will keep up their courage and advance the interest of Cryptic Masonry by the institution of live new Councils, and in the accession of a largely increased Membership.

M. .I. .JOHN H. IRVINE, of Sunny View, was elected Grand Master, and R. .I. .SETH L. POPE, of Portland, was elected Grand Recorder. The next Assembly will be held at E. Portland, February 1, 1893.

## PENNSYLVANIA—1891.

The Forty-fifth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Pittsburg, February 18th. M. .I. .JOSHUA L. LYTE, Grand Master, presided. Eleven Subordinate Councils were represented, but no note was given of the attendance of Grand Representatives, but there must have been such present, as Companion WILLIAMS of Ohio "fished out four." We have fished out the attendance of the representative of New York, and with that we retire, satisfied.

The Address of the Grand Master covers seven pages, and amongst the items covered thereby, his visit with Grand Recorder MEYER to Adelpic Council of New York City, on March 1st of that year is noted and their fraternal reception and welcome as representatives of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania is fraternally mentioned. The Address is full of local matters of interest, statements of dispensations granted, and reports of visiting officers, together with obituaries upon the distinguished dead.

A report upon Correspondence was made by our esteemed Companion CHARLES E. MEYER, who reviewed the proceedings of twenty sister Grand Councils in about two pages, including New York, of which he says, only, "New York should be prosperous and it is."

In his "Conclusion" he says :

"It is a pleasure to take up the pen and talk through its point to our Companions of the Committees of Correspondence and the many friends we have. We find sometimes it is hard work, at other times pleasant, again it is sad. As the eyes run over the pages and find the death noted of those who were dear and old-time friends, the memory brightens up, and we recall the happy past. Friendship and Freemasonry are synonymous terms. The desire for friendship created Freemasonry. Take away friendship and there is no Freemasonry. A true Mason is a true friend. A man who relieves the poor, soothes the sick, comforts the distressed, who would counsel and lift up the outcasts from the depths to which they have fallen to the level on which he stands, who raises the head that had been bowed in shame, and points the way to honor and peace—who believes and feels that there is a place for God in every living soul, who judges not his brother, and condemns not, leaving that to a merciful God, who is not vindictive and calumniates not, such a man is a Freemason in act, and if not already a son in light, is worthy to be, and he is under the tongue of good Masonic report. Freemasonry has such members; how many, God only knows. It was hoped all became such when they received its light. It is well, sometimes, to stop short and ask each other, 'Are you a Mason?' and then, having received a Masonic answer, proceed with the personal examination and see if you can prove yourself to be a Mason by deeds done. But we were speaking of the dead, and we think of them

"Even as a traveler meeting with the shade  
"Of some o'erhanging tree awhile reposes,  
"Then leaves its shelter to pursue his way,  
"So friends meet friends and thus they part."

In the course of his Address the Grand Master says :

"I am glad to be able to state that the Councils for the past few years have been improving steadily in their condition and in the interest taken in the work."

There was a gain of 116 in membership during the preceding year.

M. : I. : JOHN J. WADSWORTH, of Erie, was elected Grand Master, and R. : I. : CHARLES E. MEYER, of Philadelphia, was re-elected Grand Recorder.

1892.

The Forty-sixth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Altoona, February 10th. M. : I. : JOHN J. WADSWORTH, Grand Master, presided. Twelve Subordinate Councils were represented, together with the representatives of thirteen Grand Councils, including the representative from New York.

The Proceedings are ornamented with a splendid steel plate life-like portrait of Grand Master WADSWORTH, which we are glad to see, and to have for preservation. His Address covers eight pages, including accompanying documents. The official duties of the Grand Master have been performed during the year under peculiarly adverse circumstances, having been an invalid during the entire period of his term of office, and having been obliged to devote himself to the pursuit of recovery from lost health, but for all that, his work has been much more full and complete than that of many other Grand Masters who had not the same excuse for non performance in times past.

Having had the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with Grand Master WADSWORTH, we have felt an anxiety in reference to his recovery of health to a greater degree than would have been the case had it not been for the personal interest which we feel. Upon the subject of Cryptic Masonry in his jurisdictions, he says :

“ The condition of Cryptic Masonry in Pennsylvania remains in the same satisfactory condition it was in when I assumed the office. There have been greater losses in deaths, suspensions, and decrease in work, etc., than in the immediate past years ; but we have held our own, with a probability of an increase when the returns are all completed.

“ Elsewhere, the Rite seems on the increase, and I have not heard of any jurisdiction where there has been a falling off. Therefore, the prospect for the future is favorable.

“ Various thoughts have suggested themselves to others as to how to make this increase more manifest. Some jurisdictions have proposed to petition the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars of the United States to require that all applicants for the Order of the Temple must be Royal and Select Masters. To my mind this seems strange for a body that claims to be the summit and perfection of Ancient Craft Masonry, to ask an organization that does not claim to be Masonic, to make such a requirement.

“ The Council Degrees are open to all Free Masons ; the Order of the Temple is not. The one is Masonry ; the other Christian Chivalry.

“ The future of Cryptic Masonry depends solely upon those who are its obligated members. Like a successful business man who owes his success to his own labors, so we can be successful if we only determine to succeed.

“ Place before the Masonic world the beauties of these degrees ; illuminated by its own light, the secrets of the Ninth Arch will richly repay the knowledge-seeking Companion for his labors.

“ Speak of the beauties of these degrees ; let the officers be proficient in the work ; the members regular in their attendance ; the opening of the Council promptly ; the dispatch of business by those in charge will soon tell the story of the advance of Cryptic Masonry.”

These suggestions are worthy of consideration. The truths expressed are impressive and should encourage those who desire the advancement of Cryptic Masonry to more zeal and activity in the Crypt.

He includes as a portion of his Address the Report of our R. . I. . Companion JOHN HODGE, the Representative of this Grand Council to and near the Grand Council of New York. This Report is full and elaborate, and Companion HODGE not only did himself credit but did honor to the Grand Council of which he is a worthy companion, by his sterling report. There was a net increase of thirty-three in membership, after deducting removals, deaths, suspensions, etc.

A Report from R. I. CHARLES E. MEYER, Representative to the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania, was received and referred to a Committee upon the Doings of Grand Officers, by whom it was approved and thereafter adopted by the Grand Council, and Companion MEYER was elected as the Representative of this Grand Body to such Masonic Home for the term of three years. His Report was as follows :

“COMPANIONS:—In compliance with your instructions several years ago, that the Grand Recorder be directed to make all the necessary arrangements for the Grand Council to become a member of the Masonic Home of Pennsylvania, I would report that that duty has been attended to, and this Grand Council united with the other Grand and Subordinate Bodies in the recognition of the great work of Freemasonry, the care of the old, infirm and poor brethren. It is a free will offering, not a charity, in the sense as known to the oftentimes cold, cold world. Honored by one of your predecessors to represent you therein, I have had the honor of filing my certificate thereof.

“I would further say that at the election held January, 1892, for managers to serve for three years next ensuing, I was honored by being one of the number then elected.

“It is hoped that the Subordinate Councils will each one become a member of the Corporation, and thus Cryptic Masonry may become actively identified therewith.”

We would suggest that our own Body take the preliminary steps to become actively identified with the Masonic Home and Asylum now being erected at Utica by the contribution of funds therefor.

The salary of the Grand Recorder having heretofore been \$200.00, per year, upon his own motion, the same was reduced to \$100.00, for the present year. The Committee on Correspondence presented a verbal report, but not having our telephonic connection in working order at the time, we were unable to catch the same, several wires appearing to be crossed; we are, therefore, unable to review the same, much to our regret, and as we know it will be to the regret of our Companions in this jurisdiction.

M. I. CHAS. C. BAER, Pittsburgh, was elected Grand Master, and R. I. CHAS. E. MEYER, Philadelphia, was re-elected Grand Recorder. The next Assembly will be held at Williamsport, February 8, 1893.

#### RHODE ISLAND—1892.

The Thirty-second Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Providence, April 12th. M. I. ALBERT L. ANTHONY, Grand Master, presided. Five Subordinate Councils were represented, together with Grand Representatives from ten sister Grand Councils, including the Grand Representative from New York. We also note that R. I. Companion FREDERICK KANTER, Grand Representative of this Grand Council to our own Grand Body, was present, and was introduced and most cordially welcomed, and in response, expressed his pleasure in visiting the body on this occasion. There were also a large number of permanent members present.

The Address of the Grand Master covers nearly five pages, and is mostly

devoted to matters of local interest. In his Address he refers with pleasant words to the General Grand Council, and speaking of its actions at the triennial of 1891, he says :

“ This conservative and fraternal spirit will, I believe, go far toward bringing about the end he desires, and while I personally would be pleased to see each branch of the Masonic fraternity under one general head in the United States, and firmly believe that in that way the greatest possible good of the whole would be obtained, yet I am sure the time has not come for this Grand Council to take action upon the matter, and I bring the subject to your attention that you may give it due thought and consideration, but not for action at this Assembly.”

There had been sixty-five Companions greeted during the year preceding such Assembly.

The Proceedings are printed in a handsome pamphlet covering 1890 to 1892 inclusive ; this being one of the States which publishes its Proceedings once in three years. A very fine steel plate portrait of Grand Master ALBERT L. ANTHONY adorns the Proceedings.

A short Report upon Correspondence was presented by Rev. and R. I. Companion HENRY W. RUGG. Under this report our esteemed Companion presents his review in a general way, not reviewing state by state, and he mentions that his review covers “ the Proceedings of fifteen or more Grand Councils ” but which Bodies are not named so that the reader can understand which particular Grand Bodies are reviewed as a whole, a few being referred to particularly, including New York, which has a pleasant notice.

Upon the subject of the decision referred to under Ohio in reference to members of a Council who were also members of New England Lodge of Columbus, in the last named State, Companion RUGG criticises the decision, and incidentally refers to the subject as to whether Grand Councils should pass upon the questions in dispute in the Scottish Rite Bodies, rising out of the “ Cerneau ” organizations. We quote :

“ The decision seems open to adverse criticism, from the fact that it implies no notice could properly be taken by the Cryptic Body of downright treason, such as we hold to be involved in the withdrawal of a Lodge from rightful Grand Lodge control until the Grand Master of Masons in the jurisdiction had taken action. In the case stated we see no reason for such a delay, though probably the delay worked no harm. The Grand Master did act speedily and thereupon followed the disciplinary action of the Grand Council as represented by its executive head.

“ The question thus presented paves the way for the larger one relating to the proper attitude of Grand Councils to alleged irregular or clandestine organizations outside of the Cryptic lines. Of course, there are two opinions on the subject ; the one opinion being that Grand Councils should hold themselves aloof from the matters in dispute by Scottish Rite Bodies, and not assume to pass upon the question of legitimacy and regularity, as connected with the conflicting organizations ; the other opinion is that a more positive stand ought to be taken by all the governing organizations of Freemasonry and Templary against Cerneauism, whose evil effects, it is said, can be plainly traced in every jurisdiction where it has gained a foothold. Regarded merely in the light of expediency, it appears to be the best course of procedure for the Grand Councils to let alone these questions pertaining to the legality of organizations assuming to represent the Scottish Rite ; but while

“we favor the application of this rule of expediency in general, we hold to the right of Masonic Grand Bodies to protect themselves by prescribing regulations against schismatics of every name and grade. If an exigency arises, if danger threatens any branch of the Masonic organization, protective action must be taken, and all the regular legitimate Bodies of Freemasonry should stand together. Our thought is that it is unwise to exercise such a reserved power until an exigency arises and it is made evident that repressive measures are called for; then, as a last resort, Grand Councils with other Grand Masonic Bodies may find it imperative that they should take positive action respecting these outlying questions.”

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

“For ourself, while not holding a relation of allegiance to the General Grand Council, nor inclined to urge the Grand Council to which we address this report to become a constituent of that Body, we would yet recognize the good work done by the General organization—a work of stimulus and encouragement, of intelligent advice and supervision which has contributed not a little to revive an interest in Cryptic Masonry, strengthen the bonds of fellowship among its members, and so lift the institution to a higher plane of usefulness.”

The Constitution of this Grand Body is printed with the Proceedings.

The Grand Master, ALBERT L. ANTHONY, address Providence, and R. I. WILLIAM R. GREENE, same address, Grand Recorder, were re-elected. The next Assembly of this Body will be held on the second Tuesday of April, 1893.

#### SCOTLAND—1892.

The Grand Council of Scotland is still in existence and life. We are unable to present any detailed account of its condition and prospects, for the reason we have never been able to secure an answer to any one of the many letters which have been sent by us to different Companions in that jurisdiction, asking information as to its welfare, prospects, etc.

We are happy, however, to be able to state that there has been an interchange of Grand Representatives between the Grand Council of Scotland and the Grand Council of New York during the past year, and from this beginning of a fraternal intercourse and correspondence, we believe that in the future information will be furnished to the one whose duty it may be to prepare a Correspondence Report, so that a full and perfect review may be compiled from this Grand Jurisdiction, as well as from the other Grand Jurisdictions which we are accustomed to hear from annually.

It is a matter of satisfaction to us to know that we are now upon terms of fraternal intercourse with this Body, and in correspondence with it. We refer to the address of our Grand Master, who will present the facts in relation to the intercourse of Grand Representatives, and from which the Grand Councils of our country may be informed of the address of the proper officers with whom to arrange an interchange of Grand Representatives for their respective Bodies.

This Report of the Grand Council of Scotland, although meagre, will still furnish a valuable item of information which may be improved upon, and will therefore undoubtedly be received with pleasure by our co-correspondents.

## SOUTH CAROLINA—1892.

The Thirty-third Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Charleston, February 9th. M. I. SAMUEL S. BUIST, Grand Master, presided. Seven Subordinate Councils were represented. No note given as to what representatives were present from sister Grand Councils, but we find the name of the representative of New York, as being present.

The Address of the Grand Master covers about seven pages, which is devoted to matters of local interest. The condition of Cryptic Masonry in this Jurisdiction, which is not as high and prosperous as might be wished, is still fairly healthy and prosperous, and the Grand Master says :

“ We have no cause for complaint, and a fair measure of prosperity is the result of our labors.”

The receipt of the printed Proceedings of sister Grand Councils is acknowledged, but there is no report upon Correspondence.

The Grand Master, address Charlestown, and R. I. ZIMMERMAN DAVIS, same address, Grand Recorder, were each re-elected. The next Annual Assembly will be held at Charleston, February 10th, 1893.

## TENNESSEE—1892.

The Forty second Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Nashville, January 25th. M. I. BERNARD A. PHILLIPS, Grand Master, presided. Nine Subordinate Councils were represented, together with the representatives of nineteen sister Grand Councils, including the representative from New York.

The Address of the Grand Master covers three pages, and is devoted to matters of local interest. In reference to the status of the Rite there, he says :

“ It is with a great degree of pleasure that I am able to certify to a most favorable condition of Masonry in our Jurisdiction. While the growth has not been rapid, yet harmony has prevailed in all the Subordinate Councils, and many who had grown lukewarm have returned to the fold with renewed zeal. From this we hope much good will come in the near future.”

One new Council was instituted. There is no Report upon Correspondence.

M. I. HENRY R. HOWARD, Tullahoma, was elected Grand Master, and R. I. W. A. GLENDENING, Nashville, was re-elected Grand Recorder. The next Assembly will be held at Nashville, January 23d, 1893.

## VERMONT—1892.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held at Burlington, June 14th. M. I. ORRIN W. ORCUTT, Grand Master, presided. Eighteen Subordinate Councils were represented, together with the Grand Representative from New York. The Address of the Grand Master covers nearly four pages, and is devoted to matters of local interest.

The condition of the Rite in this Jurisdiction appears to be prosperous.

The Report upon Correspondence covers nearly the same years which passed under the review of our pen in our report of 1891. There are twenty Jurisdic-

tions whose proceedings are reviewed, including New York for 1891, which has a pleasant notice of over four pages. He quotes from the Address of our Grand Master MACOMB what he said in reference to the correspondence between Grand Master SPEED, of Mississippi, and himself, relative to an interchange of Grand Representatives between the two jurisdictions, and says thereon :

“The Grand Master sought an interchange of Representatives between Mississippi and New York, and met with treatment that, had it not been so “ridiculous, would have been the height of superciliousness.”

He also quotes from the conclusion of his address what was said upon the subject matter of the acceptance of an office in the Grand or in the Subordinate Council, with approval, and suggests that its application may be made in his own jurisdiction as well. Speaking of the Report upon Correspondence of that year, he says :

“The Report on Foreign Correspondence is from the hand of that veteran writer and worker, Comp. G. M. OSGOODBY, and covers thirty-six closely printed pages. Its tone throughout is eminently kind and fraternal; still he has the courage of his convictions and speaks with no uncertain sound. His long service masonically, and his profound knowledge of Masonic law, legend, and literature, make his reports a delight to the reader, and a source of gain to every thoughtful mind. He reviews the Proceedings of twenty-nine Jurisdictions.”

He also quotes what we had to say in reference to Florida, and also embodies in his report Comp. MCCAHAN's table of statistics, which was furnished us in manuscript last year and printed in our report. Our “Conclusion” is quoted in full, and for his complimentary references to the matters contained in our report we desire to extend our thanks.

Under Ohio, our Companion criticises the long title of the “Most Puissant General Grand Master of the Most Puissant General Grand Council of the United States,” and suggests that it might be made more simple. This question has been a subject of consideration with the writer, and we are inclined to think that the titles might be simplified in such a manner as would not only preserve the dignity of the station, but also indicate the exalted position of the incumbent.

In commenting upon the Correspondence Report from Ohio, as made by Comp. STACKER WILLIAMS, he says :

“He does not seem to approve of quoting at much length, but thinks correspondents should write their reports with comments and opinions of their own. That depends. Certain gifted ones, and those who are veterans in the service, can probably write better matter than they can find to quote, but the novices have to feel their way cautiously to a position of independence.”

This is a pleasant way of giving Comp. WILLIAMS a deserved compliment.

He also expresses himself most decidedly as against the practice in vogue in some jurisdictions in printing the ritual in *cipher* or otherwise. Upon the pre-requisite question, he says :

“Now that the merger has been unmerged, pre-requisition is bound to come to the front; it will not down; it will eventually carry its point.”

Comp. Ross has bestowed upon Grand Recorder CALDWELL, of Ohio, an additional syllable to his name, calling him CALDERWELL, and this is all the more funny for the reason that he makes this mistake in a remark which is a criticism upon the name of another Companion whose name had been erroneously printed in a report. He repeats this mistake in giving Comp. CALDWELL's name again at the close of his report of Ohio, as being re-elected Grand Recorder.

He gives a quoted extended report of the General Grand Council.

We are indebted to our esteemed Companion, the Grand Recorder, for an advance copy of proceedings in proof sheets, for which we extend our thanks.

M. I. EDWIN O. HIBBARD, of West Randolph, was elected Grand Master, and R. I. WARREN G. REYNOLDS, of Burlington, was re-elected Grand Recorder. The next Annual Assembly will be held in Burlington, on Tuesday, June 18th, 1893.

#### WISCONSIN—1892.

The Annual Assembly of this Grand Council was held in Milwaukee, on February 17th. M. I. MELVIN L. YOUNGS, Grand Master, presided. Thirty-nine Subordinate Councils made Reports, and of which number there were nineteen represented by thirty Representatives and Grand Officers present. Ninety-five Companions were greeted during 1891. Present membership, 1,550.

The Proceedings of this Body have not been printed for several years past. The Annual Assembly is held on the third Wednesday of February of each year, being opened immediately following the close of the Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this State.

The Grand Master, MELVIN L. YOUNGS, and Grand Recorder, JOHN W. LAFLIN, Milwaukee, were each re-elected.

The information which we receive is furnished us by Companion LAFLIN to whom we are under obligations for many courtesies extended in the past in furnishing us material for our Report, without which it would have been many times incomplete, as well as upon the present occasion.

Under Maine we gave matter regarding this Grand Council, and the status of Cryptic Masonry in Wisconsin, as the same was given by our esteemed Companion DRUMMOND. The writer has taken pains to make further inquiries in regard to the status past and present, of the Grand Council of Wisconsin, and we have received in answer to inquiries, a letter from Companion JOHN W. LAFLIN, Grand Recorder, from which we quote as follows:

" Referring to the status of the Rite during the so-called Merger period, I would say:

" The Council Degrees were never conferred in Wisconsin, in the Chapter. In 1878, the Grand Council surrendered control of the Degrees to the Grand Chapter, thus making the latter its successor in authority; but no Chapter ever conferred the Degrees. The following is from the circular of instructions issued at that time.

" The transfer of the Council to control of the Chapter does not place the Degrees of Royal and Select Master in the Chapters, but simply authorizes the officers of the Chapter to open a Council and confer the degree upon Royal Arch Masons. The Councils are merely appendent to the Chapters,

“and under the control of the Grand Chapter instead of under the control of a separate Grand organization as heretofore. A Council should not therefore be opened in the Chapter, but the Chapter, if open, must be closed previous to the opening of a Council. The records of the Council must be kept by the Recorder, separate from the Chapter minutes, and in a separate book, etc.

“Practically the Councils were distinct bodies, except that Chapter Officers became the Officers of the Council.

“The existence of the Grand Council never ceased as a Grand Body. The following being one of the regulations adopted: ‘The first eleven officers shall be elected the officers of the Grand Council and the Grand Council shall meet in convention immediately after the close of the Grand Chapter.’

“In 1881, the Grand Council again assumed control of the degrees and resumed its labors and functions under the old constitution of 1878.”

This information seems to be full and complete, and we think that there can be no doubt but that this Grand Council is properly and masonically organized and in control of the Degrees of Cryptic Masonry in that jurisdiction. The statements contained in the communication of Companion LAFLIN are positive and distinct, and from it we gather, that the Grand Council was never out of existence, but to the contrary it was kept in life by the annual *election* of officers and by Annual Assemblies held immediately after the close of the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this State, down to 1891, when the Grand Council again assumed its labors and functions under its Constitution of 1878; from which time, the Grand Chapter has had no control over Cryptic Masonry within that Jurisdiction, the same being held exclusively by the Grand Council.

Under Article I, Section 15, of the Amended Constitution of the General Grand Council of the United States, it is provided:

“State Grand Councils shall determine the legal status of the Royal and Select Masters of their Jurisdiction.”

Under this provision of the Constitution of the General Grand Council, it is impossible for us to see any reason or ground for further question in reference to the status of Cryptic Masons in the State of Wisconsin. Its Grand Council is the sole Arbiter and Judge thereof, and it having passed thereon, they must be accepted elsewhere.

There have been many questions raised in reference to this State, as regards its Cryptic Masonry and the position of its Grand Council in years past, and we believe that it has materially interfered to prevent the proper advancement of the Rite in that jurisdiction. It is time that these questions be buried, and that universal harmony and peace be again invited to pervade the Crypts of the different Jurisdictions.

The statements of Companion LAFLIN, which we have cited above, are entitled to full faith and credit, and after a careful consideration of the entire subject, the necessity of uniformity in work and of harmony as between the different jurisdictions and in the interest of the advancement of the Rite, and with an eye single to its prosperity throughout the entire country for the future, we believe that there should be no longer discord as between any Grand Council and the Grand Council of this State. We therefore earnestly

say, "Let us have Peace." Peace in reality with perfect harmony and a unity of feeling which only can result in the advancement of Cryptic Masonry and prosperity in this jurisdiction.

#### THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL—1891.

The Fourth Triennial Assembly of this Body was held at the Masonic Temple, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 21, 1891. The Representatives of sixteen State Grand Councils, being constituent bodies, and also the representatives of three Subordinate Councils, holding Charters under the General Grand Council, were present. M. P. GEO. W. COOLEY, of Minnesota, General Grand Master, presided.

The cordial greetings of the Masons of Minnesota were presented in an eloquent Address of welcome by M. P. Companion ANDREW P. SWANSTROM, of Minnesota; which was responded to by R. P. ORESTES A. B. SENTER, General Grand Deputy Master, in behalf of the Body, in appropriate language.

As the Proceedings of this Body were presented generally in the Address of Grand Master MACOMB of last year as well as by the Report of R. P. Companion COBURN, it is unnecessary for us to present the same in detail. The Address of the General Grand Master was an able and interesting document. Charters were directed to be issued to two Subordinate Councils, one of which is located at Tacoma, Washington, and the other at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A special Committee on Ritual, was appointed, to report at the next Triennial Assembly.

The following proposed Amendments of the Constitution were submitted :

To amend Article 1, Section 3, by adding thereto: "Provided: That upon all Amendments to the Constitution, no officer or permanent member of the General Grand Council shall have a vote." And also,

To amend Article 3, by striking out Section 2, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"This Constitution shall remain in effect and be in force, so long as there are nine constituent Grand Councils." And also,

To amend Article 3, Section 1, so as to read:

"This Constitution may be amended at any stated Assembly, by a two-thirds vote of the Grand Councils represented; provided such proposed amendment shall have been filed with the General Grand Recorder, and submitted by him to the Representatives of the several Grand Councils at least thirty days prior to the said Assembly; and should no such notice have been given, it shall require a majority vote of all the constituent Grand Councils to so amend." And also,

To amend Article 3, by striking out all of Section 2.

The several proposed Amendments were on motion referred to Committee on Cryptic Jurisprudence, for report at next Triennial Assembly.

The thanks of the Body were extended to the Masons of Minnesota, for the many favors conferred by them, and for the royal entertainment received at their hands.

There were seventy-five Delegates and Members in attendance at this Triennial.

In order that the several Amendments to the Constitution of this Body may be promulgated, we quote from the Addenda to the published Proceedings the following: and also as to Decisions and Edicts.

#### CONSTITUTION AMENDED.

- “ Article III, Section 24, (afterwards Sections 5 and 6.)
- “ Adopted, 1888. See Proc. pp. 41-42.
- “ Resolved, That the titles of the General Grand Treasurer, General Grand Recorder, General Grand Chaplain, General Grand Captain of the Guard, General Grand Conductor of the Council, General Grand Marshal, and General Grand Steward, shall be Right Puissant.
- “ Adopted, 1886. Proc. pp. 41-42.
- “ Article I, Section 15. State Grand Council shall determine the legal status of the Royal and Select Masters of their several jurisdictions.
- “ Adopted, 1889. Proc. p. 42.
- “ The Sections of each Article of the Constitution to be numbered consecutively, beginning anew with each Article.
- “ Adopted, 1889. Proc. pp. 42-43.”

#### DECISIONS AND EDICTS—COMMUNICATING DEGREES.

- “ The General Grand Master has power, in territory, to issue his dispensation authorizing a Companion in possession of the degrees to communicate the same to a sufficient number of Royal Arch Masons, to the end that a Council may be instituted.
- “ Proc., 1886, p. 12. Approved, p. 32. Also Proc., 1889, pp. 18 and 42.”

#### PROXIES IN GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

- “ A proxy can issue only to an officer of, or a permanent member of the Grand Council which he is to represent by virtue of his appointment, or to a Past T. I. Master within its jurisdiction, or the peer of the officer giving the proxy, if it be given to a member of a sister Grand Council, which must be a constituent of the General Grand Council.
- “ Proc. 1886, p. 16. Approved, p. 33.
- “ None other than the Representatives of a Grand Council, or the Representatives of a Subordinate Council under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Council, can issue proxies.
- “ Proc. 1889, p. 26.”

#### RITUAL ADOPTED.

- “ The Committee on Ritual report, 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 this 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.
- “ Adopted, 1889, Proc. p. 47.”

#### TRIENNIAL ASSEMBLIES.

- “ Triennial Assemblies of the General Grand Council may be held within less than three years apart, and two meeting not exceeding six years apart.
- “ Proc. 1891, p. 26, 35.”

SUBORDINATE COUNCILS UNDER THE IMMEDIATE JURISDICTION  
OF THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

“ Councils are required to make returns and pay dues to the General Grand Recorder, annually, the year beginning on the 1st of September and closing “ on the 31st of August.

“ Proc. 1889, p. 19.

“ Councils U. D. cannot receive members on demit.

“ Proc. 1891, pp. 19, 40.

“ A member of a Subordinate Council can become a member of a new Council, but he will thereby forfeit his membership in his original Council.

“ Proc. 1891, p. 40.

“ Petitioners for the Degrees in a Subordinate Council, are not required to hold membership in the Lodge.

“ Proc. 1891, pp. 20, 40.

“ Royal and Select Masters made under or recognizing a Chapter warrant “ must be healed before being allowed any privileges as Cryptic Masons.

Proc. 1891, pp. 20, 40.”

M. P. ORESTES A. B. SENTER, of Columbus, Ohio, was elected General Grand Master, and R. P. HENRY W. MORDHURST, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, was re-elected General Grand Recorder. Our own R. P. JOHN W. COBURN, of New York, was elected General Grand Deputy Master.

A special Committee was appointed to procure a suitable Jewel, to be presented to M. P. Companion GEORGE W. COOLEY, retiring General Grand Master, and the printed Proceedings are adorned with his life-like portrait.

We gather from the Proceedings of the different Grand Councils, that the cordial reception and entertainment of the Masons of Minnesota left a permanent impression on the minds of the Representatives and Delegates in attendance, as they are unanimously enthusiastic in according praise therefor.

The next Triennial Assembly is to be held upon such date as may be fixed by the three principal officers of the Body.

The influence and work of this Body is making itself felt in the advancement of the interest of Cryptic Masonry throughout the United States, not only in the States where the Grand Councils are constituents of this Body, but also in those Jurisdictions which the government of Independent Grand Councils.

The perfect harmony exists as between the constituents of this Body, and the Body itself, as well as between the Independent Grand Councils and it. Its officers are able, efficient, persevering and enthusiastic. Its representatives and membership number many of those who are best, most accomplished and intelligent of the Masons of the land.

The effectual influence of such men and Masons as these, combined with the faithful performance of duties by the officers of this Body, its success for all future time is assured. Care must be taken, however, that the Acts of the Body; the Decisions made and Edicts promulgated, shall be strictly in accord with the provisions of the Constitution, so that no cause of offense may be given to those Bodies which are not constituents, as well as to those which are its constituents.

The earnest desire of Cryptic Masons of every Jurisdiction, including not only those who are constituents of the General Grand Council, but as well,

those who are under the government of Independent Bodies, for the advancement of the Rite, will incline them to be cautious and careful in giving offense, and in the performance of their duties, so that harmony may prevail.

With perfect harmony, the progress and advancement of Cryptic Masonry in the future years which are to come to us, will be far beyond our most extravagant expectations. On the other hand, if discord is to arise, differences will be magnified and the result will be that the Cryptic Rite will again be at a standstill, and the labor of years past be lost. Let all Companions then who love the Cryptic Rite, and who desire its advancement, unite in earnest, faithful and efficient labor to elevate the standard of Cryptic Masonry, to advance its interest, and to preserve and perpetuate its beautiful lessons.

#### CONCLUSION.

No, not in "conclusion," for our work is not yet complete. More properly, "from labor to refreshment," as it is only a suspension of Labor. The yearly mile-stones are passing fleetly by and one by one recede in the distance behind us, as another appears in the path before our approaching footsteps. Our labors in the quarries and in the crypt are drawing to a close and will soon forever end. The events of another year have gone upon the indelible pages of our records. Much has been added to the history of Cryptic Masonry in the past few years. Momentous events have transpired, and the Rite has been tried as by fire, has arisen triumphant from the ordeal, and is now settled upon a firm basis; a foundation not of sand, but built into the solid rock by working tools and implements wrought by faithful masons, the Select of the Craft. The records of Cryptic Masonry are luminous with the history of noble deeds and sacrifices of noble Companions, many of whom having completed their labors, have gone to receive the reward which has been reserved for them. Their memories we cherish, their good examples we emulate, and that they are not spared to continue the work set apart to the Craft, we regret. From almost every jurisdiction in the land comes this year words of mourning and of lamentations for the departed; but we have left to other and more able pens the eulogies which are to be given them. We are to take Lessons of Wisdom from those who are gone from our midst. May our work be so wrought that it will bear the test of the Great Overseer, and be received and used in the building of the Temple.

There is nothing in the present condition of Cryptic Masonry which would lead us to believe that it is going backwards or even at a standstill. From every side, from every direction, and from every source except one or two, comes encouraging news as to the advancement of the Rite. Cryptic Masonry is progressive, and the time has arrived when it should become aggressive.

While our work is not complete, and while we may be called to leave it incomplete, as many of us undoubtedly will be; we, standing upon the threshold of a new year in our history, should enter upon it with earnest hopes and resolutions as to the work which we will endeavor to accomplish therein. If we work with our might, even though we fall by the way-side we can rest

assured that there awaits for those who labor earnestly, devoutly and perseveringly, a reward far beyond any that can be here conferred. These thoughts, and the positive truth of the old saying, "that a good mason is *always* a good man," should incite us to renewed efforts in working out the problems set before us. A good deed done to another is a source of never ending joy to each. We can advance and rise in the scale of humanity and love, charity and benevolence, qualities which make us better men and masons. Let us then endeavor first to harmonize all existing differences and arrive at perfect harmony and peace, and next will surely come the harvest of Cryptic Masonry, the select grains being gathered into its garner, whilst the Temple rises majestic, and imposing as the work of earnest, faithful craftsmen brings it to completion, having the approbation of the Great Supreme Master upon their labors. With this all is peace, love and fraternity. With this we should be satisfied; with less than this we ought not to be.

Fraternally submitted,

*Geo. Melvin Osgoodby*

Chairman of Committee.



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

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

That so much as refers to the illustrious dead be referred to the Committee on Fraternal Dead.

That so much as refers to dispensation granted be referred to the Committee on Warrants and Dispensations.

That so much as refers to the Grand Master's power to re-instate dormant Councils upon other conditions than those now provided for, be referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

That in the matter of the invitation of the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York to attend the dedication services of the Masonic Asylum and Home at Utica, October 5th, be referred to a Special Committee of three.

That the Grand Master's suggestion, referring to the appointment of a Special Committee of three to bring about united action on the part of all sister jurisdictions, with reference to Grand Commanderies making the Cryptic degrees a pre-requisite to Knighthood, be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Laws.

Respectfully submitted,

G. FRED. WILTSIE,  
JOHN N. MACOMB, JR., } Committee.  
IRVING L'HOMMEDIEU, }

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

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

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

Columbian .....	No. 1.	Garvey Donaldson.....	T. I. M.
Union .....	" 2.	Samuel W. Wiley.....	"
Brooklyn .....	" 4.	Joseph H. Truman .....	"
Adelphic.....	" 7.	T. F. Russell .....	"
		F. E. Davis.....	Dep. M.
		W. H. Andrews.....	P. C. of W.
Central City.....	" 13.	Theo. M. Barber .....	T. I. M.
Bloss .....	" 14.	Arthur McArthur .....	"
Bruce .....	" 15.	Rollin B. Moore .....	Proxy.
Southern Tier.....	" 16.	Conrad Wehnes .....	T. I. M.

Buffalo .....	No. 17.	Wm. H. Cass .....	T. I. M.
Doric .....	" 19.	E. W. Horne .....	P. C. of W.
Keystone .....	" 20.	H. McMichael .....	T. I. M.
DeWitt Clinton .....	" 22.	James B. McEwen .....	"
		Thos. J. Bishop .....	Proxy for Dep. M.
Ontario .....	" 23.	John N. Macomb, Jr. ....	T. I. M.
Dunkirk .....	" 25.	Wm. H. Wyman .....	"
Palmyra .....	" 26.	Edwin B. Anderson .....	T. I. M.
		Geo. McGown .....	Proxy for Dep. M.
King Solomon .....	" 31.	Alfred B. Smith .....	T. I. M.
Olean .....	" 33.	C. S. Hanks .....	Proxy for T. I. M.
Hornellsville .....	" 35.	Wm. H. Sims .....	T. I. M.
Cryptic .....	" 37.	F. W. Gardner .....	Proxy for T. I. M.
Corning .....	" 53.	Chas. E. Greenfield .....	T. I. M.
Peekskill .....	" 55.	David Griffin .....	"
Ithaca .....	" 68.	Chas. C. Garrett .....	"
Nepperhan .....	" 70.		
Alph-Omega .....	" 71.	Irving L'Hommedieu .....	Dep. M.
Johnstown .....	" 72.		

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. VAN VLIET, }  
 T. F. RUSSELL, } Committee.  
 W. H. CASS, }

On motion, it was decided that when the Grand Council is called from labor to refreshment it shall be until 2 o'clock, p.m., and that on re-assembling, the election of Officers shall be the special order immediately after reading the minutes of the morning's session, and that the afternoon session be continued until all the business of the Grand Council is concluded.

The Grand Council was then called from labor until 2 o'clock, p. m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th, 1892—2 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Council resumed its session.

Officers and Representatives as at the morning's session.

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

On motion, the Finance Committee was instructed to place upon the Pay Roll of Representatives, such members of Permanent Committees as were continued from the last Annual Assembly and are not otherwise officially represented; together with the representative of such Councils as are present from Councils under dispensation.

The amendment offered at the last Annual Assembly by Comp. A. D. McMASTER,

That the term of office of Trustees shall be three years, and that at the next election the three Trustees shall be elected for one, two and three years, respectively. It being the intention that the term of one Trustee shall expire each year.

Was taken up for action and adopted.

The other amendment was, on motion, postponed indefinitely.

The time (as fixed by special order) for the election of Officers for the ensuing year having arrived, the Grand Master appointed as Tellers Companions G. FRED. WILTSIE, and ARTHUR McARTHUR, when the Grand Council proceeded to the election, with the following results:

Comp. ALEXANDER B. KING, of Troy, elected .....	Grand Master.
“ GEORGE A. NEWELL, of Medina, “ .....	“ Deputy Master.
“ JOHN F. BALDWIN, of New York, “ .....	“ P. C. of W.
“ PETER FORRESTER, of “ “ .....	“ Treasurer.
“ GEO. VAN VLIET, of “ “ .....	“ Recorder.
“ GEO. M. OSGOODBY.....	for 3 years. } Trustees.
“ JOHN W. COBURN .....	for 2 years. }
“ JOHN L. BROTHERS .....	for 1 year. }

The Grand Master made the following appointments:

Comp. ALBERT W. FORCE, of Ithaca .....	Grand C. of the G.
“ FREDERICK KANTER, of New York.....	“ C. of the C.
“ REV. W. D'ORVILLE DOTY, D.D., of Rochester.....	“ Chaplain.
“ RICHARD T. LOCKLEY, of Albany.....	“ Marshal.
“ A. OPPENHEIMER, of Buffalo.....	“ Lecturer.
“ WM. H. WYMAN, of Dunkirk .....	“ Steward.
“ JOHN HOOLE, of New York .....	“ Sentinel.
“ GEO. M. OSGOODBY, as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.	

*Special Standing Committee relative to the welfare of the Cryptic Rite :*

GEO. M. OSGOODBY, JOHN W. COBURN, JOHN N. MACOMB, JR.

*Special Committee on resuscitation of Dormant Councils :*

GEO. A. NEWELL, JOHN F. BALDWIN, A. OPPENHEIMER.

The recommendations of the special Committee on Ritual for use by the Subordinate Councils, were on motion received and adopted, and the report placed in the custody of the Grand Lecturer.

The Committee on Warrants and Dispensations presented the following report which was on motion received and their recommendations adopted :

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

The Committee on Warrants and Dispensations would respectfully report : That we have carefully considered the several matters that have been referred to us.

We heartily endorse the action of the Grand Master in issuing his dispensation, and all his subsequent acts tending to bring back into active life Binghamton Council No 24; believing that the best interests of the Rite will thereby be subserved, the Committee unanimously recommend that the Grand Council receive and restore the original Charter to Binghamton Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN N. MACOMB, JR. }  
GEO. MCGOWN } Committee.  
JOHN L. BROTHERS. }

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.....	\$318 85
“ Grand Sentinel for services.....	13 00
“ Assistant to Sentinel for services.....	2 00
“ Rent of Room and Safe.....	20 00
“ Printing and Stationery.....	24 00
“ Pay of Representatives.....	681 66
“ Chairman of Comm. on For. Cor.....	75 00
“ Grand Master's Expenses.....	15 00
Total.....	\$1099 51

We also recommend that the Grand Recorder be authorized to pay to the General Grand Recorder the annual instalment 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 one hundred (100) dollars be added to the permanent fund.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. COBURN,  
RICHARD T. LOCKLEY, } Committee.  
W. H. SIMS.

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws 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 upon Constitution and By-Laws would most respectfully report—

That as to the suggestions of our Most Illustrious Grand Master, relative to the resuscitation of dormant Councils within this jurisdiction, we do most heartily approve of the same, and present the following resolution for the purpose of carrying into effect the work of reviving such Councils as are now dormant, and recommend its adoption as a standing resolution.

*Resolved*, That the Most Illustrious Grand Master for the time being be and he hereby is authorized to exercise his discretion in granting the remission to any Councils which may be dormant of all or of any portion of its indebtedness to this Grand Council as may seem best to him, in order to resuscitate and put upon a live working foundation such dormant Council.

That in reference to the suggestion of our Grand Master, relative to the appointment of a Special Committee who shall be authorized to adopt such measures from time to time as they may deem expedient in order to obtain the co-operation of our sister Grand Councils in reference to procuring favorable action by the Grand Commanderies and by the Grand Encampment tending to the

making of the degrees of Royal and Select Masters pre-requisite to the Orders of Knighthood, be and the same are hereby approved, and we recommend the appointment of such a Committee.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

GEORGE M. OSGOODBY, }  
 JOHN J. MARTIN, } Committee.  
 R. C. CHRISTIANCE. }

On motion, that portion of the above report referring to the discretion of the Grand Master in the revival of dormant Councils, was laid over until our next Annual Assembly for action. The subsequent portion was adopted.

Comp. G. FRED. WILTSIE offered the following, which was received and referred to the Committee on Fraternal Dead.

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

As Representative of the Grand Council of Maine near the Grand Council of New York, I regret to report the death, on October 20th, 1891, in the City of Portland, his home, of Comp. R. Ill. IRA BERRY, who for over fifty years was Secretary of the Grand Council of Maine, a warm advocate of the Cryptic Rite; a zealous and devoted mason; an upright and honorable man; we mourn his loss, and express our sympathy with his bereaved Grand Council, and move a reference of this report to the Committee on Fraternal Dead.

G. FRED. WILTSIE,  
*Rep. G. C. Maine.*

The Committee on Fraternal Dead presented the following Report which was on motion received and their recommendations adopted:

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

Our Most Illustrious Grand Master has called attention to the extended mortality among the members of some of the Grand Councils of the United States during the past year. Massachusetts and Tennessee each have lost two of their most prominent and Illustrious Companions, while Maine deplores the death of one who for fifty years was Secretary of its Grand Council, and an enthusiastic Cryptic Rite Mason. Illinois, Oregon, Connecticut and Michigan, each has lost one whom all delighted to honor, and over whose graves sincere and prayerful regrets are solemnly offered. Our tender and fraternal sympathy

is hereby extended to those who have thus been called to mourn the loss of beloved Companions now passed into that vault which is secret to all but the eye of God. And we also render our praises and thanksgivings to the Great Architect of the Universe, that to us in this Grand Council of the State of New York, no visitation of death has been permitted, but that our ranks remain unbroken, and our unity secure.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. D'ORVILLE DOTY, }  
THOS. J. BISHOP, } Committee.  
F. S. GARDNER, }

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

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

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals of this Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters have had nothing referred to it—a fact that gives most positive evidence that the era of good feeling and perfect accord and harmony that should characterize all lovers of the Rite, pervades all parts of this jurisdiction, and marks an approach to that millenium where there will be no grievances and no appeals ; where love and harmony, peace and good will shall be universal and everlasting.

Fraternally submitted,

ARTHUR MACARTHUR, }  
SAM'L W. WILEY, } Committee.  
H. McMICHAEL, }

On motion the following was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Grand Master takes such steps tending to the resuscitation of Genesee Valley Council No. 41, as he may deem best, and that upon the application of nine Companions of such Council for resuscitation, and approved by the Grand Master, that he is hereby authorized to remit the past indebtedness of said Council.

The Special Committee on the invitation of the M. : W. : Grand Master to participate in the dedication of the Asylum and Home at Utica, presented the following report, which was on motion received and their recommendations adopted :

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

Your Special Committee to whom was referred the subject of the invitation of the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York to attend the dedication of the Asylum and Home at Utica, beg leave to report the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the invitation be accepted, and the Officers of the Grand Council requested to attend such dedication as the representatives of the Royal and Select Masters of this State, and that the M. Ill. Grand Master extend an invitation to all Past Grand Officers of this Grand Council, and to the Subordinate Councils to attend with him.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. A. NEWELL,  
A. OPPENHEIMER, } Committee.  
J. F. BALDWIN, }

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

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

A Committee of three, consisting of Companions

JOHN N. MACOMB, JR., P. M. W. VERHOEVEN,  
JOHN W. COBURN,

appointed to report upon a time and place for the next Annual Assembly of this Grand Council, presented the following report :

That New York City be made the place, and the first Tuesday in September, 1893, at 10 o'clock, a.m., the time for our next Annual Assembly, which report was received and adopted.

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

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

Your Committee on Unfinished Business begs 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,

C. S. HANKS,  
E. B. ANDERSON, } Committee.  
J. B. McEWEN.

M.:Ill.:Comp. JOHN W. COBURN, Deputy Grand Master of the General Grand Council was introduced, welcomed and assured of our pride in the honors that cluster about his brow.

The Committee on Library reported progress, and on motion the Committee was continued.

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.*

## RECEIPTS.

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From Columbian	Council No. 1,	for dues to August 1st, 1892....	\$9 00
“ Union	“ “ 2,	“ “ “ ....	50 00
“ Brooklyn	“ “ 4,	“ “ “ ....	41 50
“ Adelpic	“ “ 7,	“ “ “ ....	123 00
“ Central City	“ “ 13,	“ “ “ ....	40 50
“ Bloss	“ “ 14,	“ “ “ ....	231 50
“ Bruce	“ “ 15,	“ “ “ ....	38 50
“ Southern Tier	“ “ 16,	“ “ “ ....	22 50
“ Buffalo	“ “ 17,	“ “ “ ....	77 00
“ Doric	“ “ 19,	“ “ “ ....	182 00
“ Keystone	“ “ 20,	“ “ “ ....	72 50
“ De Witt Clinton	“ “ 22,	“ “ “ ....	220 50
“ Ontario	“ “ 23,	“ “ “ ....	6 50
“ Binghamton	“ “ 24,	“ “ “ ....	12 50
“ Dunkirk	“ “ 25,	“ “ “ ....	61 00
“ Palmyra	“ “ 26,	“ “ “ ....	30 00
“ King Solomon	“ “ 31,	“ “ “ ....	33 50
“ Olean	“ “ 33,	“ “ “ ....	32 00
“ Hornellsville	“ “ 35,	“ “ “ ....	28 00
“ Cryptic	“ “ 37,	“ “ “ ....	40 00
“ Corning	“ “ 53,	“ “ “ ....	19 00
“ Peekskill	“ “ 55,	“ “ “ ....	13 00
“ Ithaca	“ “ 68,	“ “ “ ....	72 50
“ Nepperhan	“ “ 70,	“ “ “ ....	
“ Alph-Omega	“ “ 71,	“ “ “ ....	34 00
“ Johnstown	“ “ 72,	“ “ “ ....	
			\$1,490 50

## 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	G. Donaldson.	Thos. Cunningham.	Wm. F. J. Thiers.	P. M. W. Verhoeven.	New York.	New York.	2d or 4th Monday.
UNION.....	2	Sam'l W. Wiley.	B. W. Hough.	Geo. O. Foster.	Frank Wood.	New York.	New York.	3d Saturday.
BROOKLYN .....	4	J. H. Truman.	P. M. McLaren.	W. P. Skidmore.	Geo. Nicholson.	Brooklyn.	Kings.	3d Saturday.
ADELPHIC.....	7	T. F. Russell.	F. E. Davis.	W. H. Andrews.	John W. Coburn.	New York.	New York.	1st Saturday.
CENTRAL CITY .....	13	Theo. M. Barber.	John H. Duncan.	Wm. Gilbert.	Edwin C. Tallcott.	Syracuse.	Onondaga.	
BLOSS.....	14	Arthur McArthur.	S. V. Sturtevant.	T. Campbell Collin.	R. H. Van Alstym.	Troy.	Rensselaer.	1st Friday.
BRUCE.....	15	Wm. J. Jackman.	Harry H. Moore.	Perry Stowell.	Van Ness Douglas.	Lockport.	Niagara.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.
SOUTHERN TIER.....	16	Conrad Wehnes.	C. L. Hart.	Allen Derby.	W. A. Kingsbury.	Elmira.	Chemung.	3d Monday.
BUFFALO.....	17	Wm. H. Cass.	Geo. W. Voss.	Henry B. Clark.	Erastus C. Knight.	Buffalo.	Erie.	3d Thursday
DORIC.....	19	Edward Edwards.	Wm. Schultz.	E. W. Horne.	John Alexander.	Rochester.	Monroe.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.
KEYSTONE.....	20	H. McMichael.	Robert T. Walker.	Fred. E. Ogden.	W. S. Riselay.	Buffalo.	Erie.	3d Saturday.
DEWITT CLINTON.....	22	J. B. McEwen.	Alfred A. Guthrie.	T. A. Williamson.	J. E. Allanson.	Albany.	Albany.	3d Thursday
ONTARIO.....	23	Henry. R. Sill.	Andrew Mackay.	Edward Kendall.	J. N. Macomb, Jr.	Penn Yan.	Yates.	Last Tuesday.
BINGHAMTON.....	24	A. P. Kelsey.	E. Murphy.	E. S. Washburn.		Binghamton.	Broome.	
DUNKIRK.....	25	H. J. Gibbs, Jr.	F. B. Barnard.	John Hilliard.	Charles Blood.	Dunkirk.	Chautauqua.	1st Wednesday.
PALMYRA.....	26	E. B. Anderson.	Alf. C. Hopkins.	Geo. A. Barnhart.	George McGown.	Palmyra.	Wayne.	2d Monday.
KING SOLOMON.....	31	Alfred B. Smith.	A. V. Haight.	Rev. F. B. Wheeler.	James H. Ostrander.	Poughkeepsie.	Dutchess.	
OLEAN.....	33	A. A. Swarts.	J. K. Palmer.	W. L. Myrick.	W. H. Prangen.	C. S. Hanks.	Cattaraugus.	1st Wednesday.
HORNELLSVILLE.....	35	Wm. H. Sims.	John McDougall.	H. T. Harris.	F. W. Gardner.	Hornellsville.	Stauben.	
CRYPTIC.....	37	J. M. Colcord.	W. B. Huestis.	A. P. Knapp.	Geo. Hitchcock.	Saratoga Spr'gs.	Saratoga.	
CORNING.....	53	C. E. Greenfield.	H. H. Kendall.	Geo. B. Hill.	Thos. J. Hodgkins.	Corning.	Stauben.	1st & 3d Thursdays.
PEEKSKILL.....	55	David Griffin.	John Halstead.	Robt. Brown.	A. W. Force.	Peekskill.	Westchester.	2d Monday.
ITHACA.....	68	C. C. Garrett.	Frank H. Romer.	Geo. W. Melotte.	Daniel Lewis.	Ithaca.	Tompkins.	2d Monday.
NEPPERHAN.....	70	R. B. Disbrow.	Chas. E. Johnson.	G. D. Pond.	Alph. H. Sears.	Mount Vernon.	Westchester.	1st & 3d Wednesdays.
ALPH-OMEGA.....	71	Geo. A. Newell.	L. L'Hommedieu.	I. M. Thompson.	Eugene Moore.	Albion.	Orleans.	2d Wednesday.
JOHNSTOWN.....	72	Philip Keck.	Frank Hanson.	John A. Karg.		Johnstown.	Fulton.	

## 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.

Edmund R. Hastings .....	Montgomery.	.....	.....	Alabama.	.....	.....
Henry W. Mordhurst .....	Fort Wayne, Ind.	C. S. Hanks .....	Olean.	Arkansas.	Logan H. Roote .....	Little Rock.
James A. Henry .....	Little Rock.	Byron S. Frisbie .....	Utica.	California.	Chas. Lord Field .....	San Francisco.
Thomas H. Caswell .....	San Francisco.	John F. Baldwin .....	New York.	Florida.	James A. Chaffin .....	Milton.
John Carlovitz .....	Milton.	John W. Coburn .....	New York.	Georgia.	Anselm Sterne .....	Albany.
Andrew W. Wolihin .....	Macon.	Geo. A. Newell .....	Medina.	Indiana.	Lucienne A. Foote .....	Crawfordsville.
Wm. H. Smythe .....	Indianapolis.	John D. Williams .....	Elmira.	Kansas.	David Brockway .....	Topeka.
John H. Brown .....	Wyandotte.	.....	.....	Louisiana.	Richard Lambert .....	New Orleans.
Richard Lambert .....	New Orleans.	G. Fred. Wiltzie .....	Albany.	Maine.	Josiah H. Drummond .....	Portland.
Geo. L. McCahan .....	Baltimore.	William Downes .....	New York.	Maryland.	James W. Bowers .....	Baltimore.
.....	.....	John J. Martin .....	Albany.	Massachusetts.	Wm. B. Lawrence .....	Medford.
Wm. Cheeney .....	Minneapolis.	Alex. B. King .....	Troy.	Minnesota.	Geo. W. Cooley .....	Minneapolis.
Wm. H. Mayo .....	St. Louis.	John L. Brothers .....	Buffalo.	Missouri.	Noah M. Given .....	St. Louis.
Wm. R. Bowen .....	Omaha.	Horace M. Hibbard .....	Ithaca.	Nebraska.	Wm. R. Bowen .....	Omaha.
Geo. P. Cleaves .....	Concord.	Geo. Van Vliet .....	New York.	New Hampshire.	Henry P. Glidden .....	Dover.
Geo. Van Vliet .....	16 Eighth Ave., N. Y. City.	.....	.....	New York.	.....	.....
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Columbian No. 1.....	Comp. JOHN BOYD .....	Died Nov. 14th, 1891.
Brooklyn No. 4.....	“ E. A. DEVEAU.....	“ Nov. 1st, 1891.
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“ “ .....	“ VALENTINE HAMMAN....	“ April 29th, 1892.
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Bloss No. 14.....	“ GEO. W. CHAPMAN.....	“ Aug. 14th, 1891.
“ “ .....	“ H. C. MYERS .....	“ Aug. 24th, 1891.
“ “ .....	“ GEO. F. GREENE .....	“ Nov. 20th, 1891.
“ “ .....	“ GEO. B. SMITH .....	“ Dec. 26th, 1891.
“ “ .....	“ SIDNEY BUSH.....	“ March 4th, 1892.
“ “ .....	“ ORANGE R. YOUNG....	“ March 20th, 1892.
“ “ .....	“ CHARLES S. CLUTE.....	“ April, 1892.
“ “ .....	“ ISAAC COHEN .....	“ June, 1892.
“ “ .....	“ C. W. SHACKLADY.....	“ June 21st, 1892.
Buffalo No. 17.....	“ JOHN GREINER.....	“ Sept., 1891.
Doric No. 19 .....	“ SAMUEL H. KANE .....	“ Oct. 11th, 1891.
“ “ .....	“ JOSEPH MEHLER.....	“ April 15th, 1892.
“ “ .....	“ HENRY RICHARDS.....	“ March 19th, 1892.
“ “ .....	“ PHILIP HICKS .....	“ Nov. 25th, 1892.
“ “ .....	“ JOHN W. SMITH .....	“ January 1st, 1892.
“ “ .....	“ J. GREIG JOHNSON....	“ Dec. 29th, 1889.
“ “ .....	“ JACOB BAETZEL.....	“ May 10th, 1892.
“ “ .....	“ J. GEO. BAETZEL.....	“ May 24th, 1892.
“ “ .....	“ JAMES LOGAN.....	“ June 19th, 1892.
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“ “ .....	“ SETH G. COWLES .....	“ July 1st, 1892.
DeWitt Clinton No. 22.	“ CHARLES D. DEAN.....	“ Sept. 14th, 1891.
“ “ “ .....	“ WM. H. KING.....	“ Dec. 22d, 1891.
“ “ “ .....	“ A. B. ULINE .....	“ April 3rd, 1892.
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“ “ .....	“ ALBERT H. LIBBY.....	“ April 4th, 1892.
“ “ .....	“ O. N. KIMBALL.....	“ Oct. 15th, 1891.

Dunkirk No. 25, .....	Comp. W. H. STICKNEY .....	Died Feb. 12th, 1892.
" " .....	" E. HARRIS .....	" July, 1892.
" " .....	" F. B. BREWER .....	" July, 1892.
Palmyra No. 26. ....	" THOMAS W. HICKS ....	" May 26th, 1892.
Olean No. 33 .....	" EDGAR A. ADAMS.....	" Feb. 18th, 1892.
Hornellsville No. 35....	" AARON ROSS.....	" January 31st, 1889.
" " .....	" D. PRANGEN.....	" June 26th, 1889.
Cryptic No. 37.....	" J. P. HOWDEN .....	" 1880.
" " .....	" GEO. H. GILLIS.....	" April 7th, 1892.
" " .....	" C. M. AVERY.....	" Dec. 22d, 1891.
Corning No. 53 .....	" H. A. BALCAM.....	" Oct. 11th, 1891.
" " .....	" CHARLES G. DENISON..	" July 2d, 1892.
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" " .....	" DENNIS P. SHARP.....	" Feb. 27th, 1892.
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