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THE STATE OF LOUISIANA,

AT ITS FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

Held in New Orleans, February 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, 1869.

SAMUEL M. TODD, Grand Master.

J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D., Grand Secretary.

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New Orleans, February 8th, 1869, A. L. 5869.

The Fifty-seventh Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful the "Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana" commenced in the city of New Orleans, at the Grand Lodge Hall on St. Charles street, on Monday, February 8th, 1869, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge was opened by the M. W. Grand Master, Henry R. Swasey, in AMPLE FORM, in the Third Degree, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. C. S. Hedges, D. D.

OFFICERS PRESENT:

HENRY R. SWASEY.....	M. W. Grand Master.
S. G. PARSONS.....	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
JOHN C. GORDY.....	as R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
WM. McDUFF.....	R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
SAMUEL MANNING TODD.....	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D.,.....	R. W. Grand Secretary.
REV. C. S. HEDGES, D. D.....	W. Grand Chaplain.
A. GOLDMANN.....	as W. Senior Grand Deacon.
J. KILE.....	W. Junior Grand Deacon.
I. W. HOMAN.....	W. Grand Marshal.
R. G. STERLING.....	as W. Grand Sword Bearer.
M. E. GIRARD.....	W. Grand Pursuivant.
O. S. SMITH.....	} W. Grand Stewards.
P. BIDAULT.....	
J. J. SHARDT.....	
J. F. McGUIRE.....	
A. QUEANT.....	W. Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT:

M. W. S. M. TODD.....	P. G. M.
R. W. A. G. CARTER.....	P. D. G. M.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:

R. W. Rev'd. H. S. JACOBS, Representative Grand Lodge of South Carolina.	
R. W. T. J. O'REGAN, " " " Ireland.	
M. W. S. M. TODD, " " " Alabama.	
R. W. EMMET D. CRAIG, " " " New Jersey.	
R. W. A. G. CARTER, " " " Kansas.	
R. W. A. GOLDMANN, Rep. Grand Lodge R. Y. Friendship and National Grand Lodge of the Three Globes.....	Berlin, Prussia.
R. W. F. RICAU, Rep. Supreme Council 33d.....	Uruguay.

The M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to order, and appointed Bros. A. Queant, of Orleans Lodge No. 78, Oscar Czarnowski, of Hiram Lodge No. 70, and George Baldy, of Linwood Lodge No. 167, a Committee on Credentials, who subsequently submitted the following Report, which was received and adopted:

NEW ORLEANS, February 8, 1869.

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully beg leave to report, that the following named Brethren are entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge as Representatives, viz:

PERFECT UNION, No. 1.....	René Laffon, W. M.; J. A. Celles, S. W.; Jules Delery, J. W.
CONCORDE, No. 3.....	J. B. Sorapuru, W. M.; L. Prados, S. W.; H. Haber, J. W.
PERSEVERANCE, No. 4.....	M. A. Calongne, W. M.; J. Magendie, S. W.; M. Labusquiere, J. W.; (W. H. C. Leade, of Perseverance Lodge No. 4, for J. W.)
LOS AMIGOS DEL ORDEN, No. 5.....	José Planellas, W. M.; M. Sitges, S. W.; M. Blanco, J. W.
SILENCIO, No. 9.....	F. DeAsis Ribot, W. M.; Martin Perez, S. W.; F. De P. Villasana, J. W.
HUMBLE COTTAGE, No. 19.....	Jas. Ray, W. M.; C. Mayo, S. W.; George Pulford, J. W.
WESTERN STAR, No. 24.....	J. F. McGuire, W. M.; Robert Richardson, S. W.; (Jas. G. Richardson, of Western Star Lodge 24, for S. W.;) Simon Marks, J. W.

ST. ALBANS, No. 28.....	A. Hazard, W. M.; (John C. Miller, of St. Albans Lodge 28, proxy for W. M.) W. G. Mattingly, S. W.; (S. E. Beauchamp, of St. Albans Lodge, for S. W.); Charles Wolf, J. W.; (W. T. Roggillio, proxy for J. W.)
FELICIANA, No. 31.....	S. J. Powell, W. M.; Jas. Reid, S. W.; (R. G. Sterling, of Feliciana Lodge No. 31, for S. W.); G. M. Miller, J. W.
PHENIX, No. 38.....	Saml. M. Hyams, W. M.; Ph. Meyers, S. W.; L. H. Boulton, J. W.
FOYER MAÇONNIQUE, No. 44.....	P. Brugier, Jr., W. M.; George Ittmann, S. W.; C. Courtois, J. W.
JACKSON, No. 45.....	J. M. Ford, W. M.; G. W. Riggins, S. W.; E. H. Baugh, J. W.; (Geo. G. Garner, of La. Lodge 102, proxy for all.)
GERMANIA, No. 46.....	Chas. Korenzig, W. M.; Wm. Frommeyer, S. W.; R. Giesler, J. W.
ST. JAMES, No. 47.....	W. H. Stroube, W. M.; H. Abramson, S. W.; Wm Reynaud, J. W.
PROVIDENCE, No. 50.....	W. F. Pennington, W. M.; (S. F. Pennington, of Marion Lodge 68, proxy for W. M.); F. Strassner, S. W.; John F. Webb, J. W.; (A. W. Merriam, of La. Lodge 102, for J. W.)
UNION FRATERNAL, No. 53.....	B. F. Dillard, W. M.; Wm. C. Smith, S. W.; (John L. Barrett, of Union Fraternal Lodge 53, proxy for W. M. and S. W.); W. P. Brown, J. W.
MT. GERIZIM, No. 54.....	John W. Hyman, W. M.; J. J. Shardt, S. W.; J. R. Brodnax, J. W.
DESOTO, No. 55.....	Jackson Douglas, W. M.; F. J. Williams, S. W.; J. A. Booty, J. W.
FRANKLIN, No. 57.....	Homer H. Smith, W. M.; (A. L. Tucker, of F. Lodge 57, for W. M.); Thomas R. Reynolds, S. W.; J. D. Saint, J. W.
FRIENDS OF HARMONY, No. 58.....	John H. Clark, W. M.; Chas. E. Whitmore, S. W.; Henry Marks, J. W.
MT. MORIAH, No. 59.....	J. W. Black, W. M.; (John Anderson, of Mt. M. Lodge 59, proxy for W. M.); L. T. Murdock, S. W.; Richard Lambert, J. W.
GEO. WASHINGTON, No. 65.....	James B. Scot, W. M.; Z. M. Pike, S. W.; W. E. Murphy, J. W.
DUDLEY, No. 66.....	Edwin Marks, W. M.; A. M. Riddle, S. W.; John T. Purves, J. W.

MARION, No. 68.....	Samuel M. Todd, W. M.; Hy. Higinbotham, S. W.; J. P. Patton, J. W.
HIRAM, No. 70.....	O. Czarnowski, W. M.; W. H. Sims, S. W.; L. Sincer, J. W.
ALPHA HOME, No. 72.....	James C. Batchelor, W. M.; C. F. Verlander, S. W.; Martin Fisher, J. W.
QUITMAN, No. 76.....	John G. Fleming, W. M.; W. H. Wells, S. W.; G. O. Wilkinson, J. W.
ORLEANS, No. 73.....	A. Queant, W. M.; J. L. Guzowsky, S. W.; James Fernon, J. W.
DEWITT CLINTON, No. 80.....	B. B. Thomas, W. M.; W. T. Porter, S. W.; James Gresham, J. W.; (Jacob Meyers, of Dudley Lodge 66, proxy for all.)
MT. VERNON, No. 83.....	John L. Cole, W. M.; M. B. Sinclair, S. W.; F. L. Hickey, J. W.
OLIVER, No. 84.....	Julius Levin, W. M.; John M. Barrett, S. W.; Edw. Weil, J. W.
LAFAYETTE, No. 87.....	Nelson Keys, W. M.; James M. Rawls, S. W.; James M. Rogers, J. W.
CYPRESS, No. 89.....	B. B. Matlock, W. M.; C. W. Arnold, S. W.; (A. Teah, of Lodge 89, proxy for S. W.); W. E. Adger, J. W.; (James E. Morris, of Lodge 89, proxy for J. W.)
THIBODEAUX BENEVOLENT, No. 90...	F. L. Mead, W. M.; W. H. Regan, S. W.; David Moore, J. W.
BELLEVUE, No. 95.....	J. A. Snider, W. M.; Jos. L. Biggs, S. W.; J. M. Doyle, J. W.
ST. HELENA, No. 96.....	Amos Kent, W. M.; J. J. Thompson, S. W.; John Freiler, J. W.
HERMITAGE, No. 98.....	Wm. Woelper, W. M.; A. Gerstner, S. W.; A. W. Skardon, J. W.
FRANKLINTON, No. 101.....	John Wadsworth, W. M.; Henry Buckhalter, S. W.; (R. Babbington, of F. Lodge 101, for S. W.); Joseph Kemp, J. W.; (Jacob Magee, of F. L'ge 101, for J. W.)
LOUISIANA, No. 102.....	W. C. Driver, W. M.; E. Kursheedt, S. W.; S. B. Newman, Jr., J. W.
CLOUETSVILLE, No. 103.....	S. B. Shackelford, W. M.; J. C. Morantini, S. W.; A. Moreau, J. W.
MT. LEBANON, 104.....	W. B. Prothro, W. M.; John Price, S. W.; R. A. Smith, J. W.; (J. C. Egan, of Mt. Lebanon Lodge 104, proxy for all.)
TRINITY, No. 105.....	C. B. Wheeler, W. M.; A. Monteplier, S. W.; Wm. H. White, J. W.

VIENNA, No. 106	M. P. Quinn, W. M.; (T. C. Knowles, of V. Lodge 106, proxy for W. M.); J. W. Calcote, S. W.; A. C. Simonton, J. W.
SPARTA, No. 108	W. S. Cockerham, W. M.; S. B. Dubose, S. W.; J. T. Boone, J. W.
CASTOR, No. 109	W. L. DeGraffenriedt, W. M.; W. T. Nettles, S. W.; A. C. Simonton, J. W.
HARRISONBURG, 110	C. C. Duke, W. M.; R. H. Harris, S. W.; J. Lannius, J. W.
URIM, No. 111	Thomas L. Simpson, W. M.; Wm. W. Patrick, S. W.; A. Calhoun, J. W.
BARTHOLOMEW, No. 112	John McCrory, W. M.; John W. Baker, S. W.; M. S. Hunter, J. W.
SHREVEPORT, No. 115	S. M. Asher, W. M.; C. H. Spilker, S. W.; D. P. Barker, J. W.; (J. G. McWilliams, of Caddo Lodge, No. 173, proxy for all.)
ACACIA, No. 116	G. Schlater, W. M.; D. N. Barrow, S. W.; Saml. Matthews, J. W.
TERRYVILLE, No. 118	H. F. Petty, W. M.; B. W. Wilson, S. W.; M. A. Henry, J. W.; (John C. Gordy, of Franklin Lodge 57, proxy for all.)
DEERFIELD, No. 120	Geo. W. Trezevant, W. M.; D. S. Travis, S. W.; John F. Trezevant, J. W.
MACKEY, No. 122	J. M. Scott, W. M.; H. V. Took, S. W.; H. D. Shehee, J. W.
LIBERTY, No. 123	A. J. Caffey, W. M.; Thomas M. Gatlin, S. W.; Robert Horn, J. W.
KELLERTOWN, No. 124	R. J. Pemble, W. M.; J. A. Ramsey, S. W.; J. R. Freeman, J. W.
PEARL RIVER, No. 125	W. C. Warren, W. M.; Wm. Warren, Jr., S. W.; J. J. Grimsley, J. W.
SHILOH, No. 131	L. J. Loveless, W. M.; E. P. Bolton, S. W.; W. P. Smith, J. W.; (Hy. Hamburger, of George Washington Lodge 65, proxy for all.)
PLAINS, No. 135	A. G. Carter, W. M.; J. D. Nettles, S. W.; A. Levy, J. W.; (Howell Carter, for J. W.)
HOUMA, No. 139	James B. Dunn, W. M.; A. J. Delaporte, S. W.; A. S. Helmick, J. W.
DOWNSVILLE, 143	John Shultz, W. M.; John W. Hester, S. W.; M. A. Lawrence, J. W.; (J. B. Landers, of Downs ville L'ge 143, proxy for all.)

- OCEAN, No. 144.....H. Millsbaugh, W. M.; J. T. G. Guel, S. W.; John Robinson, J. W.
- HOPE, No. 145....M. E. Girard, W. M.; H. Eastin, S. W.; A. V. Martin, J. W.
- SILENT BROTHERHOOD, No. 146 . . .Julius Lisso, W. M.; B. G. Kenney, S. W.; Edwin Friend, J. W.
- RED LAND, No. 148.....J. J. Swindle, W. M.; J. J. Scott, S. W.; R. E. Wyche, J. W.; (Geo. W. Sentell, of Cypress Lodge 89, proxy for all.)
- DARLINGTON, No. 149.....O. L. Collins, W. M.; A. W. Carruth, S. W.; T. C. Bradford, J. W.
- EASTERN STAR, No. 151.....J. R. Bevill, W. M.; J. P. Cook, S. W.; (A. Wade, of Lodge 151, proxy for W. M. and S. W.); J. A. Mathis, J. W.
- ST. JOHNS, No. 153A. B. Seger, W. M.; John McCluskey, S. W.; Wm. Barclay, J. W.
- CHERRY RIDGE, No. 155.....A. J. Lee, W. M.; D. L. LeFarland, S. W.; James R. Bootes, J. W.; (David Arent, of Union Fraternal L. 53, proxy for all.)
- KISATCHIE, No. 156.....L. J. Nash, W. M.; John C. Sibley, S. W.; J. F. Bolton, J. W.; (J. D. Addison, of Kisatchie 156, proxy for all.)
- BROOKVILLE, No. 161... ..J. P. Myers, W. M.; R. E. Phillips, S. W.; George W. Dannals, J. W.
- ATCHAFALAYA, No. 163.....F. H. Babbit, W. M.; H. W. Coyle, S. W.; S. W. Bunch, J. W.
- COLUMBIA, No. 164.....C. E. Meredith, W. M.; P. R. Smith, S. W.; L. M. Daws, J. W.
- EXCELSIOR, No. 166.....R. L. Bruce, W. M.; J. D. Crawford, S. W.; Fred Holyland, J. W.
- LENN WOOD, No. 167.....Geo. Baldy, W. M.; S. A. Stockdale, S. W.; Thomas Sheehan, J. W.
- HAYNESVILLE, No. 169.....J. R. Smith, W. M.; W. L. Oakes, S. W.; J. H. Darden, J. W.
- ORUS, No. 170R. D. Ouvrard, W. M.; J. L. Israel, S. W.; L. Hauptman, J. W.
- KOSMOS, No. 171.....L. P. Heintz, W. M.; V. Fabian, S. W.; George Yalets, J. W.
- UNION, No. 172.....George H. Pabst, W. M.; Charles Assenheimer, S. W.; E. Offner, J. W.
- ORIENT, No. 173Joseph P. Hornor, W. M.; John T. Barrett, S. W.; William Benedict, J. W.
- DANTE, No. 174.....G. B. Rossi, W. M.; D. Zanaroli, S. W.; Ant. Torre, J. W.

AMITE CITY, No. 175	Charles S. Stewart, W. M.; Jos. A. Hooten, S. W.; S. D. Ellis, J. W.
PERFECT HARMONY, No. 176	J. O. De Castro, W. M.; E. Booth, S. W.; (B. DaSilva, of Perfect Harmony 176, proxy for S. W.); Chas. Kauffman, J. W.
EUREKA, No. 177	C. N. Howell, W. M.; E. Jackson, S. W.; C. W. Lyles, J. W.
TULIP, No. 178	H. H. McLendon, W. M.; C. L. Hays, S. W.; J. R. Warner, J. W.
CADDO, No. 179	J. F. Davis, W. M.; (W. T. D. Dalzell, of Caddo 179, proxy for W. M.); William Robson, S. W.; P. B. Burns, J. W.
LITTLE FLOCK, No. 180	Wm M. Anthony, W. M.; A. Curtis, S. W.; George W. Neel, J. W.
SAM. TODD, No. 182	B. J. Ford, W. M.; D. L. Simmons, S. W.; D. A. Cole, J. W.
LONGWOOD, No. 183	Thomas R. Vaughan, W. M.; James M. Compton, S. W.; Wm. E. Noel, J. W.
ORPHANS' FRIEND, No. 185	Geo. W. Bundick, W. M.; (O. S. Smith, of Orphans' Friend 185, proxy for W. M.); P. G. Callighan, S. W.; E. O. Hayes, J. W.
KISATCHIE UNION, No. 186	A. Airhart, W. M.; Jas. J. Key, S. W.; K. Taylor, J. W.; (Jacob Kile, of Kisatchie Union 186, proxy for all.)
JEFFERSON, U. D.	W. R. Whitaker, W. M.
SALINE, U. D.	Jas. H. Allen, W. M.
MT. OLIVET, U. D.	T. N. McCrory, W. M.
MAGNOLIA, U. D.	W. A. Robertson, W. M.

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully beg leave to report that the following Lodges owe balance on this year's dues as follows:

Providence Lodge No. 50	\$ 1 00
Thibodeaux Benevolent Lodge No. 90	1 00
Brookville Lodge No. 161	2 00
St. James Lodge No. 47	22 00

they being mistaken in the amount due. Therefore, your Committee on Credentials would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following lodges: Providence Lodge No. 50, Thibodeaux Benevolent Lodge No. 90, Brookville Lodge No. 161, St James Lodge No. 47, be allowed further time to pay balance due, and be allowed representation at the present Communication.

Fraternally submitted,

ALEX. QUEANT,	} Committee.
GEORGE BALDY,	
A. CZARNOWSKI.	

The roll of Lodges being called, the following were found to be represented:

Nos. 3, 4, L. A. O. 5, 9, 24, 28, 31, 44, 45, 46, 53, 54, 57, 58, 59, 66, 68, 72, 76, 78, 80, 84, 87, 89, 90, 95, 96, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 106, 108, 112, 115, 116, 118, 120, 125, 131, 133, 139, 143, 144, 145, 146, 148, 149, 151, 154, 155, 156, 163, 164, 166, 167, 169, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 179, 183, 185, 186. Total, 69 chartered lodges. And the following lodges U. D.: Saline, Corinthian, Mount Olivet, Jefferson, Abbeville. Total lodges U. D., 5.

R. W. S. O. Scruggs, S. G. W., entered and assumed his station.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed the following Standing Committees:

ON AUDITS AND ACCOUNTS.

John Anderson.....	Mount Moriah Lodge No. 59.
William R. Whitaker.....	Corinthian Lodge U. D.
Edwin Marks.....	Dudley Lodge No. 66.

ON WORK AND RETURNS OF CHARTERED LODGES.

Amos Kent.....	St. Helena Lodge No. 96.
René Laffon.....	Perfect Union Lodge No. 1.
Boling Williams.....	De Soto Lodge No. 55.
William C. Driver.....	Louisiana Lodge No. 102.
J. McCrory.....	Bartholomew Lodge No. 112.

ON LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

M. E. Girard.....	Hope Lodge No. 145.
G. H. Pabst.....	Union Lodge No. 172.
D. Arent.....	Union Fraternal Lodge No. 53.

ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

Joseph P. Hornor.....	Orient Lodge No. 173.
J. G. Fleming.....	Quilman Lodge No. 76.
S. J. Powell.....	Feliciania Lodge No. 31.
R. L. Bruce.....	Excelsior Lodge No. 166.
F. H. Babbit.....	Atchafalaya Lodge No. 163.
J. F. McGuire.....	Western Star Lodge No. 24.
J. W. Higman.....	Mount Gerezim Lodge No. 54.

The Grand Master, Henry R. Swasey, then delivered the following address, which, on motion, was received and ordered to be spread in full upon the minutes, and on motion was, with accom-

panying documents, referred to the following Special Committee for distribution, viz.: M. W. Samuel M. Todd, R. W. Sylvester G. Parsons and W. D. Arent:

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana:

Another revolution of the material world has brought the recurrence of the Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge, and through the great goodness of our Supreme Grand Master, we have been permitted to assemble, from the various portions of our jurisdiction, to take counsel together for the welfare of our beloved institution. Let us, then, with grateful hearts, acknowledge with thankfulness His many mercies extended for our benefit, and beseech Him to guide and direct us during the time we may be together engaged in our deliberations.

It becomes my pleasing duty to congratulate you upon the continued increase and prosperity of the several Lodges throughout the State. The dark clouds which have for so long a time obscured our pathway are fast passing away, and it is to be hoped never to return. The evidences are many and flattering of the renewed energy and good will, with which the brethren are laboring to select the perfect ashlers with which to continue the building of our Masonic edifice. With few and trivial exceptions, peace and harmony prevail throughout our borders, and, as a general thing, much more care has been bestowed in the investigation of the character of applicants, and a much larger number of rejections than ever before; and as it is not in numbers alone that the strength of Masonry consists, so let us continue to exclude all those who cannot aid by their position and character in strengthening the temple. By so doing we sooner realize the time when we can truly say: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Since our last Grand Communication, several of those who labored long and ardently in the good cause, have finished their labors and gone to their reward.

Past Deputy Grand Master, G. W. Catlett.

Past Senior Grand Warden, Willis P. Coleman.

Past Junior Grand Warden, Henry Regenburg.

They have all been gathered to their fathers. Each one of those worthy brothers performed well his part; the records of this Grand Lodge speak of their long and valued services; their virtues are recorded in our hearts; their good deeds will live forever. I would suggest the appointment of a proper committee to prepare a suitable testimonial of respect to their memory.

The remains of R. W. Bro. W. P. Coleman were buried with the honors of the Grand Lodge, presided over by R. W. Bro. W. McDuff, Junior Grand Warden—business having called me temporarily from the city. A committee was appointed at that time to prepare suitable resolutions for the occasion. That committee will doubtless present their report during this Communication.

In compliance with the resolution of the Grand Lodge adopted at our last communication, requesting the Grand Master to re-district the State, after having obtained all the information possible from the D. D. G. Masters, I proceeded to perform that duty, although in the distribution of lodges, some few errors have been made, which can at any time, when found expedient, be corrected. There is no doubt much good has been accomplished.

March 18—Appointed W. Bro. Boling Williams, W. M. of De Soto Lodge No. 55, D. D. G. M. of the 14th Masonic District.

March 26—Appointed W. Bro. M. A. Calongue, P. M. of Perseverance Lodge No. 4, D. D. G. M. of the 2d Division of the 1st Masonic District, composed of lodges working in the French language.

March 26—Appointed W. Bro. G. Segui y Gahona, P. M. of Silencio Lodge No. 9, D. D. G. M. of the 3d Division of the 1st Masonic District, composed of lodges working in the Spanish and Italian languages.

March 31—Appointed W. Bro. D. H. Hays, W. M. of Mackey Lodge No. 122, D. D. G. M. of District No. 11.

March 31—Appointed W. Bro. George N. Clampit, P. M. of Arcadia Lodge No. 126, D. D. G. M. of Masonic District No. 12.

March 31—Appointed W. Bro. G. W. Wells, P. M. of Lake Charles Lodge No. 165, D. D. G. M. of Masonic District No. 18.

March 31—Appointed W. Bro. H. W. Kirkpatrick, P. M. of Homer Lodge No. 152, D. D. G. M. of Masonic District No. 19.

October 28—Appointed W. Bro. H. R. Lott, P. M. of Monticello Lodge No. 92, D. D. G. M. of Masonic District No. 6.

October 28—Appointed W. Bro. J. L. Barrett, P. M. of Union Fraternal Lodge No. 53, D. D. G. M. of Masonic District No. 8, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of our lamented Brother, Henry Regenburg.

The District Deputies have nearly all sent in their reports, many of them full and complete. Their several reports are herewith submitted. With few exceptions of particular lodges, they represent Masonry in a good and flourishing condition in their several jurisdictions.

Immediately after the close of the Grand Lodge, early in March, a commission was issued to R. W. Bro. J. C. Gordy, D. D. G. M. of the 17th District, authorizing him to lecture throughout the State, and he has faithfully performed that duty. Resolutions expressive of their appreciation of the services of Bro. Gordy, have been received by me from several of the lodges which he has visited. His labors have been of great benefit, and are appreciated by the craft.

March 6—Visited Quitman Lodge No. 76, and installed W. Bro. I. W. Homan, Grand Marshal.

March 13—Visited Hiram Lodge No. 70, and installed W. Bro. Samuel Levy Grand Steward.

April 8—Visited Perfect Union Lodge No. 1, and installed W. Bro. René Laffon Grand Sword Bearer.

March 2—In company with several invited brothers, I visited Covington Lodge No. 188, constituted the lodge and installed its officers. Judging from the intelligence and enthusiasm of the members, this lodge will prove to be a worthy member of our increasing family.

During the year, so far as other pressing duties, both private and official, would allow, most of the lodges of the 1st Masonic District, placed under my immediate charge, have been visited—a few of them several times—and it is with pleasure I have to report peace and harmony prevailing among them all. And it can safely be said, that never before has there been so general a determination to perform all their work with propriety, and use greater care in the selection of material. Every lodge in this district is in prosperity;

several of the old lodges have been resuscitated from lethargy, increasing in numbers and attendance. Having been during the whole season in constant intercourse with most of the officers of these lodges, it renders official visits of less consequence than under other circumstances would be required.

Dispensations have been granted for the opening of new lodges in various portions of the State during the past year. Our worthy Grand Secretary will embrace in his report full and detailed information in regard to each one. It will become your duty, through the appropriate committee, to require full and complete information in regard to the manner in which these dispensations have been used. I have endeavored to obtain all the information possible in regard to locality, probable amount of material, and qualifications of the brethren named as officers, previous to granting a dispensation, and in every instance have been satisfied, with one exception. When the application to form a new lodge in the City of New Orleans, and the request for a dispensation by several of the brethren now composing Corinthian Lodge, was made to me, I declined to issue it, giving them as my reason for so declining that, in my opinion, there were already more lodges in the city than were required for the good of the order, and that I believed it would be contrary to the wish of a large majority of the brethren. The committee who solicited the dispensation differed with me in regard to this opposition, and required of me the dispensation, provided they obtained the recommendation of every lodge in the city. To this I assented. They obtained the recommendation of every lodge, requesting the issuance of the dispensation. I was certainly surprised at the result. My knowledge of the opinions of a large number of intelligent brothers had led me to a different conclusion. In compliance with these recommendations, the Grand Secretary was authorized to issue the dispensation. But I am still of the opinion that a majority of the brethren are opposed to the multiplication of city lodges, and cannot but think that the persuasive abilities of the well known and truly energetic brothers who visited the different lodges had persuaded the brethren, at least for the moment, that it would do no harm to have one more city lodge. The brethren named in the dispensation will no doubt show a correct and beautiful record; and should a charter be granted, will certainly do good work, such as will be a credit to themselves and an honor to the Grand Lodge. Two other dispensations have been asked for by brethren, to be located in the city, which I declined granting. The following are the dispensations issued:

March 24—To Brethren of the town of Saline, Bienville Parish, to be called Saline Lodge.

July 26—To Brethren of Jefferson City, Jefferson Parish, to be called Jefferson Lodge.

July 27—To Brethren of New Iberia, St. Martin's Parish, to be called Aurora Lodge.

August 12—To Brethren of Harrisonburg Lodge, No. 110, to replace their charter, which had been lost.

Aug. 12—To Brethren in the city of New Orleans, to be called Corinthian Lodge.

Aug. 17—To Brethren of Morganza Lodge No. 159, to replace their charter, which had been lost.

April 27—To Brethren at Abbeville, Vermillion Parish, to be called Abbeville Lodge.

April 25—To Brethren at Trenton, Ouachita Parish, to be called Trenton Lodge.

June 3—To Brethren at Bayou Boeuf, St. Landry Parish, to be called Mt. Olivet Lodge.

September 3—To Brethren of Magnolia, U. D., Washington, St. Landry Parish; this dispensation issued in the stead of a previous one, and no fee charged except that of Grand Secretary.

Sept. 7—Issued dispensation to officers of Trinity Lodge 103, to elect their officers out of time.

Many applications have been made to me during the past year asking for permission to dispense with the probationary time required of candidates, for the degrees, or affiliation, and for other purposes. In some few cases, where the circumstances seemed to require it, dispensations have issued, but it has been with great reluctance, and only when I became satisfied some great good could be effected, that I have dispensed with the operation of any regulation of the Grand Lodge. Nearly all the applications have been denied.

In compliance with the resolution of the Grand Lodge, and upon consultation with the Board of Directors, the 24th of April was appointed and set apart as the day for the consecration of the Masonic Cemetery; and also by request of the Building Committee and the W. M. of Louisiana Relief Lodge, the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the new Relief Lodge tomb was performed at the same time.

An order was issued by me calling the Grand Lodge for that day, and by invitation extended to them, the different Masonic Bodies meeting in the city were requested to assist in the ceremonies. The day being propitious, a very large concourse of brethren and citizens were present on the occasion. The ceremonies were complete, and in due and ample form. An able address, appropriate to the occasion, was delivered by Bro. P. G. M. J. Q. A. Fellows.

March 26—By request of the brethren of Hermitage Lodge No. 98, assembled the Grand Lodge for the purpose of consecrating their new Hall, on Tchoupitoulas street, near Jackson.

September 21.—Received a communication from a committee appointed by the Turn Verein Society, and endorsed by several of our prominent brethren, requesting the Grand Master to lay the corner stone of a very large and beautiful Hall, to be erected on Lafayette, near Baronne street.

In compliance with ancient custom, I accepted the duty, and with the Grand Lodge, assisted by a very large number of brethren, performed the ceremony, in due and ample form. Addresses were delivered, in German, by Dr. Maas, and in English by Bro. W. R. Whitaker, W. M. of Corinthian Lodge, U. D., a truly able and Masonic address.

Bro. A. Goldmann, P. M. of Ocean Lodge 144, having been authorized by my predecessor, opened a correspondence with several of the Grand Bodies of Germany and Prussia, with the happiest results. In addition to those which have previously exchanged representatives, the pleasure of announcing to you that others have been added to the number, is afforded me.

July 22—Authorized letters to be issued to R. W. Bro. Carl Ferdinand

Hermesdorf, appointing him representative of this Grand Lodge, near the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, Berlin.

September 7—Received credentials of R. W. Bro. A. Goldmann, appointing him representative to this Grand Lodge, from the Grand Lodge of Saxony, in Dresden.

October 17—Authorized letters to be issued to R. W. Bro. Carl Paul, P. M. and Grand Secretary, appointing him representative of this Grand Lodge, near the Grand Mother Lodge, Frankfort-on-the-Maine.

October 17—Issued letters appointing R. W. Bro. Paul Grhl, of Golden Apostle Lodge, representative of this Grand Lodge, near the Grand Lodge of Saxony, in Dresden.

July 22—Received credentials of R. W. Bro. A. Goldmann, P. M., of Ocean Lodge, appointing him representative to this Grand Lodge, from the Grand Lodge of Three Globes, Berlin, Prussia.

April 24—Received from the Grand Lodge of Texas credentials appointing P. G. Master W. M. Perkins, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Texas, near this Grand East.

October 12—Received from W. Bro. J. Santini, a communication from the Grand Orient of Italy, at Florence, accompanied with credentials appointing him Grand Representative near this Grand East. The appointment was accepted, and a correspondence commenced between this Grand Lodge, and the Grand Orient of Italy. Quite recently a communication has been received from Bro. Santini, accompanied with papers and documents from the Grand Lodge of Uruguay, wherein the Grand Orient of Italy is convicted of recognizing within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Uruguay, a clandestine body of Masons. Under these circumstances, R. W. Bro. Santini requests that his formal reception as representative of the Grand Orient of Italy, be postponed. All the papers and documents in this case accompany this report, and I would suggest that this subject be referred to a committee for a report, and action of this Grand Lodge.

It has become my painful duty to bring to your notice the action of the Grand Orient of France, with whom we have for many years been upon the most friendly and brotherly terms of esteem and regard. The Grand Orient of France has aided and assisted this Grand Lodge in times of trouble and anxiety, by her firm adherence to constitutional law and Masonic justice. In the month of December I received from the office of the Grand Orient, through the post office, an official bulletin containing a decree which certainly surprised me. It has, with a strange perversion, and unaccountable want of consistency, recognized a clandestine body in this city, calling itself the Supreme Council of the Sovereign and Independent State of Louisiana, a body which has been declared by herself totally unworthy, and which has been repudiated by a large portion of the Masonic world, and even the few prominent and respectable men who once sided with them, have long since deserted and repudiated them, and so low has it sunk in respectability that its Great High Priest and founder has severed his connection, and no longer acknowledges them in their attempts at demoralization. It is now composed of a few designing men, and a mass of ignorant and degraded people for whom they care not, except the use they make of them to gratify their own bad purposes

The decree of the Grand Orient is followed by a report from a committee, which seems to have prompted its action. The report is a strange jumble of misrepresentations, and makes but one correct statement, and that is the disgraceful history of the body which she now recognizes.

It will become your painful duty to take notice of this action of the Grand Orient of France, and make such decree as in your wisdom may be found expedient and necessary, to sustain the dignity of this Grand Lodge and maintain its authority over craft Masonry in this jurisdiction. There can be no divided authority. Upon one principle we are all agreed, and while we have life we will sustain it. The Grand Lodge of Louisiana will never submit to a divided jurisdiction, and in this position she will be sustained by every Grand Lodge in North America, for all are interested alike in sustaining each other. This principle once abandoned, the power of Masonry for good is gone. Discord and confusion will reign supreme, and the sun of Masonry will set in a sea of darkness.

On the thirtieth of January, a communication was received from R. W. J. C. Batchelor, Representative of the Supreme Council of Mexico, near this Grand East, tendering his resignation for reasons assigned in the communication, which is made a part of this report. I would recommend that it be referred to the proper committee, and come properly before this Grand Lodge for action.

In November last a document was received at the office of the Grand Secretary, from the Grand Orient of Peru, S. A., containing an appeal to the Grand Lodges of the world, to assist in granting relief in aid of the great suffering among the people of that country, caused by the recent earthquake. The document should be referred in order that a suitable response may be returned.

A resolution having been adopted at the last communication, directing the Grand Master to appoint a Lodge in the city to try the case of Bro. J. R. Belden, upon charges preferred against him in 1868, in compliance with that resolution Ocean Lodge No. 144 was appointed. That duty was performed and due returns made to the office of the Grand Secretary. Bro. Belden has appealed from the decision of Ocean Lodge. This, with other appeal cases, will be properly brought to your notice through the report of Bro. Wor. Grand Secretary.

During the past year there has been received by me an unusually large number of communications from members of the fraternity, mostly of this jurisdiction, and upon all subjects of a Masonic nature. Applications for the exercise of the powers of the Grand Master, requests for advice or for opinion on some case submitted, stating difficulties, asking advice how to settle them; complaints made, and other subjects of a Masonic nature, all of which, of any importance whatever, have been answered either by myself, or by the Grand Secretary under instructions, (and for the efficient and kindly manner in which he has assisted me I must give him my sincere thanks.) Copies of all letters wherein decisions of Masonic law or usage occur, have been placed in the Grand Lodge letter book, to which you are respectfully referred. There are few cases requiring to be laid immediately before you. Important cases have been sent to the Committee of Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, who will report their opinion to you.

Frequent requests have been made for an expression of my opinion officially upon the propriety of performing the public ceremonies peculiar to the order

in connection with other secret associations. In all cases, without hesitation, the decision has been that it was improper, (having reference more particularly to the burial service.) However respectable other associations may be, or however much we may respect the motives which prompt their actions, they are not Masonry. Innovation should not be tolerated. Once commenced and countenanced, no one can tell the bad results to flow from the loss of our identity, and that peculiar position which we have so long held among the organizations of the earth. I would recommend that an expression of the opinion of the Grand Lodge be had upon the subject, that the doubts of the brethren may be removed, and the practice entirely stopped, or some arrangement be made by which uniformity may be arrived at. Instead as now, each Master is compelled to use his own judgment as to how far he can go in this unnatural amalgamation.

My attention has been frequently called to the insufficiency of the regulations directing the mode of trials for Masonic offences. There can be no doubt but that, in the city at least, this duty has been very improperly performed in some instances. So far as the preliminary arrangements are concerned, the regulations are complete, but in the actual trial before the members of the lodge appears to lie all the trouble; for however large in numbers, the Worshipful Master is compelled to summon them all. Compelled to obey the summons, many do so with great reluctance and much against their wishes, and too often the appeals to their mercy and charity overpower their sense of justice, and thus the culprit escapes that just punishment he deserves.

I would recommend that the subject be referred to a proper committee, to inquire into the propriety of reporting a substitute for that part of the regulation making it the duty of the Worshipful Master to review the evidence in a concise manner after the defence is closed, and before taking the vote upon the merits of the case. Also of having the trial conducted before a commission instead of the whole lodge; the commission, to the number of seven or ten, to be appointed by the Worshipful Master from amongst the older and experienced members of the lodge, the Master acting as chairman of the commission. This rule is in vogue with many of our sister jurisdictions, and appears to work well.

The financial condition of the affairs of the Grand Lodge Hall, as well as the statement of the funds of the Grand Lodge, will be laid before you in the report of the Board of Directors and reports of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer. The statements are such as are calculated to give us great encouragement, and afford us a guarantee that the same care and prudence heretofore exerted will, if continued, place our Grand Lodge financially in a proud position. The large amount of assets over liabilities is indeed gratifying, particularly to those who have so long struggled to accomplish these results. It is to be hoped that the same energy and perseverance will be continued, until the complete fruition of our hopes and plans.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Grand Master to borrow \$50,000, for the purpose of raising the mortgage on the Temple property. Unfortunately, the rate of interest was placed too low, 7 per cent. not being found sufficient to accomplish the object. Although every exertion was made, the great distrust of northern capitalists,

and the high rate of interest ruling here, prevented the acquisition of the loan. I would recommend that a larger discretion be placed in the hands of the Grand Master and Board of Directors, in order that the object contemplated may speedily be effected.

LOUISIANA RELIEF LODGE.

The returns of this lodge, presented by its Worshipful Master, will show that the stream of Masonic charity still continues to flow from this source—still its works of love and duty are continued, relieving the sick and destitute, burying the dead, drying the tears of the widow and fatherless, and making glad the hearts of the sorrowing and despairing. It is to be hoped that the sympathies and support of this Grand Lodge will still be continued, and the thankless labors of its officers and members receive encouragement to enable them to continue their good work. In accordance with a resolution passed at the last session of this Grand Body, donating three thousand dollars for the purpose of erecting a tomb for the use of this lodge, the same has been completed. Placed upon a large plot of ground in the Masonic Cemetery donated by the Board of Directors, it stands a monument of the liberality of this body. I would suggest to those members of the Grand Lodge who have not yet had an opportunity to do so, to visit this place, the better to enable them to demonstrate the eligibility of its situation, and the valuable franchise which has been acquired.

I have thus laid before you the record of my official acts for the past year, at least those of sufficient consequence to be referred to, and a few suggestions which were deemed important, for your consideration. The honor done me, in being placed in the proud and exalted position of Grand Master of Masons of this great State, was unsought and undeserved, and was accepted with a consciousness of my incapacity. The only return for your partiality in my power, has been my earnest and zealous endeavor to perform the somewhat arduous duties of the office in such a manner as not to bring dishonor or shame on our beloved institution, and to the best of my ability. Being now about to retire, and I trust for the remainder of my days, to the humble and assuredly more tranquil life of simple brother, let me then, with heart-felt emotions, thank you all for the support which you have extended, the brotherly attention which I have on all occasions received. And although, in the difficult and sometimes trying positions in which I have been placed, it may have been my misfortune to have offended the opinions of some, and wounded the susceptibilities of others, for it cannot be expected that in all my actions I have been perfect, and amidst temptation I may have erred. But believe me when I say I have never wilfully harmed a brother, and if there is one within this hall who can in aught reproach me, to him in all humility I say, if I have erred or wronged you, forgive and extend to me the God-like attribute—mercy.

Before proceeding to the business before us, let us invoke harmony in all our deliberations, conciliation and kindness in expressing our differences, and extend to each other that brotherly love which is the crowning glory of our ancient fraternity. In the excitement of debate, and in the interchange of our different opinions, we are sometimes too apt to forget that ours is a Masonic, and not a strictly parliamentary body, and that the contrivances and

technicalties so often used by earnest brothers to carry what they propose, or prevent what they dislike, should not receive from us either approval or countenance. "LET BROTHERLY LOVE PREVAIL!"

HENRY R. SWASEY,
Grand Master.

Report of R. W. S. G. Parsons, Deputy Grand Master.

M. W. HENRY R. SWASEY,

Grand Master of Masons of the State of Louisiana :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—

At the close of another Masonic year, it is gratifying to report the general prosperity of the lodges in North Louisiana, coming more especially under my supervision. The beginning of the year found many of them in debt, consequent upon the political disturbances of the country, the failure of crops for the two preceding years, and the non-payment of dues, with much apathy and want of zeal in the membership; but a retrospect of the last few months shows a happy change. Individual prosperity has attended the incoming crop, and piles of our profitable textile now line the banks of each river and bayou. "Mother earth" has once more been "zealous to bring forth," and has called into being those numerous and unseen streams of charity which for awhile seemed to have ceased to flow. For many years, the fires on our Masonic altars have not burned brighter than at the present time, and our beloved order may now go forth on its holy mission, with increased strength and energy.

As far as my personal visits have extended, I find a great and marked *uniformity* in the work, and peace and harmony prevailing among the brethren. This uniformity and good feeling is to be attributed in a great measure to our R. W. Brother Dr. John C. Gordy, whose efficient labors are fully appreciated by the constituent lodges so fortunate as to have been visited by him. A continuation of these visits cannot but be productive of much good. These isolated bodies rejoice to have among them occasionally so bright an exponent, not only of the ritual, but the moral teachings of Masonry. General amnesty follows his presence, and a spirit of emulation seems to arise as to "who can best work and best agree."

The specific duties performed by me, as Deputy Grand Master, require but a brief allusion. On the 8th October, gave Mount Gerizim Lodge No. 54 a dispensation as to time, to confer the degrees on John Schardt and William Hartner, which was done upon the unanimous application of the lodge, and upon my own intimate acquaintance and personal knowledge of the applicants. The dispensation was granted to enable Brother Gordy, who was present, to give a practical exemplification of the work.

On the 13th of October, I received official information of the death of R. W. Henry Regenburg, D. D. Grand Master of the 8th Masonic District, who died at his residence in the town of Farmerville, on the 8th day of October, after a long and painful illness. On the 18th October, amid a large concourse of brethren and spectators, his funeral obsequies were performed, Brother

Gordy officiating, and by request, Brother Eugene Tisdale, of Monroe, delivering an appropriate funeral oration. We very much regretted that a temporary Grand Lodge could not be assembled on the occasion.

In many respects, our deceased brother was no ordinary man. Early in life, he emigrated from his native country, Denmark, to the crown of which, it is said, he was allied, and located at Copenhagen, in the Parish of Caldwell, from whence he removed to Farmerville, and commenced the practice of the law. He had a well-trained and scholastic mind, and soon rose to eminence at the bar. His purity of life and integrity of character were fully recognized and appreciated, securing the friendship and confidence of all.

"None knew him but to love him,
None named him but to praise."

As a Mason, he stood pre-eminent. The moral and social virtues which find root in a benevolent heart, seemed to cluster around him. In acts of charity, he did not wait for others. At the sight of suffering and distress, his hand would freely open, and his eye soften with the tear of pity. Without wife or children, he was the friend of the widow and fatherless. But is there not hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again? May we not confidently believe that the mortal remains of our brother will be raised again in honor, and clothed with the regalia of immortality? *Good deeds*, like his, are drafts drawn upon the treasury of Heaven, which will never be *protected* or *dishonored*. All who follow his bright example cannot but "live respected and die regretted."

Fraternally submitted,

SYL. G. PARSONS,

BASTROP, LA., December 31st, 1868.

Deputy Grand Master.

Report of R. W. Bro. M. A. Calongne, Special D. D. Grand Master.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the State of Louisiana:

ESTEEMED BRO.—As Special District Deputy Grand Master for the First Masonic District, Second Division, I beg leave to report that peace and harmony prevails throughout the seven lodges of this division.

The ancient customs among the members of these French lodges, of frequently visiting each other, are still in use, and this practice of teaching fraternity has established among them the most cordial friendship and esteem, and cemented the bonds of brotherly love.

I have noticed with pleasure that the same desire of fraternizing with our American brethren of the other districts has been manifested, and in several instances many invitations extended to them, which were cordially responded to.

I have officially visited Perfect Union No. 1, Polar Star No. 1, Concord No. 2, Perseverance No. 4, St. Andrew No. 5, Foyer Magonnique No. 44, and Crus No. 170. All these lodges are in a very prosperous condition, having done some labor during 1868; and cheerfully preparing to do better work for the ensuing year.

Very respectfully and fraternally, yours,

M. A. CALONGNE,

Special D. D. Grand Master 1st District, Second Division.

Report of R. W. Bro. G. Segui y Gahona, Special D. D. Grand Master.*To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

M. W. BROTHER—I have the honor to submit this my report, as D. D. Grand Master of the Third Masonic District, and am happy to say that peace and harmony prevail throughout the District.

On April 4th, 1868, granted dispensation to Silencio Lodge No. 9 to waive a portion of the time on application for the degrees on Messrs. José Molinas and José Pedro Martir Molinas, both mariners of Spain. On November 10th, 1868, authorized dispensation to Los Amigos del Orden No. 5, to waive a portion of the time on application for the second and third degrees to be conferred, on the 11th day of said November, upon Apprentice G. Casanova y Borotau, a mariner of Spain.

January 24th, 1869.—Granted dispensation to Silencio Lodge No. 9 to waive a portion of the time on application for the F. C. and M. M. degrees on App. Francisco Pagés and Marcelino Marsal, both mariners of Spain.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

G. SEGUI Y GAHONA,

Special D. D. Grand Master Third Masonic District.

Report of R. W. Bro. Amos Kent, D. D. Grand Master.*To the M. W. Grand Master of the State of Louisiana:*

As D. D. Grand Master of the 2d Masonic District, I have the pleasure to report, that peace and harmony have prevailed in this district during the past year. Although owing to the impoverished condition of the country, from the failure of the crops of the previous year, and from other causes, the accessions to the order have not been large, yet the faithful few have continued to meet and enjoy those fraternal communions so dear to the heart of every true Mason.

In the month of March I was favored with a visit from R. W. Brother John C. Gordy, one of the authorized Committee on Work of the State, and with him visited St. Helena Lodge No. 96, Franklinton Lodge No. 101, Darlington Lodge No. 149, and Spring Creek Lodge No. 184. He also visited Amite City Lodge No. 175. His instructive and interesting lectures are of great benefit to the craft, not only in producing a degree of uniformity in the work required by the Grand Lodge, but in elevating a high standard of Masonic duty, and enforcing those principles of fraternity and brotherly love which should ever exist among the brethren of our beloved order. I trust he may be long spared to us, and continue his valuable labors.

Fraternally,

AMOS KENT,

D. D. G. M. 2d Masonic District.

TANGIPAHOO, January 1, 1869.

Report of R. W. Bro. George A. Pike, D. D. Grand Master.

To the M. W. Grand Master of Masons for the State of Louisiana:

The Third Masonic District of the State, over which I have long had the honor to preside as your representative, has not been disturbed in its harmony during the past year, and no question of difference among the brethren has arisen of sufficient importance to render it necessary for me to call on you for aid and counsel.

Milford No. 117, to which your attention was called, in my report for 1867, and for which communications from R. W. Bro. Batchelor, Grand Secretary, have been received by me during the past year, has resumed labor; and Bro. John Gardner has been re-elected Master. I am informed they will be ready to settle up this year, for the past, and be represented at the next regular communication. In May last, in company with some fifteen or twenty of the brethren of St. James, who chartered a boat for the purpose, I visited Acacia No. 116 officially, in the town of Plaquemine. We were received in the kindest and most hospitable manner, and it affords me pleasure to say that I have never visited a lodge, anywhere, presenting a better appearance and doing better work, than that presided over by W. Bro. David N. Barrow. On the anniversary of St. John the Baptist, in June, the Master Wardens and brethren of Acacia returned the visit from St. James, and together with W. Bro. A. C. Young, at the head of Plains Lodge, and other lodges and members of the fraternity sojourning in this district, the anniversary of our patron Saint was celebrated in the city of Baton Rouge in a royal manner, and according to ancient custom. On that occasion St. James conferred the M. M. degree. This social and friendly intercourse, I feel safe in saying, has had a better and more lasting effect upon the craft than all that transpired during the year. Could such friendly intercourse be inaugurated and kept up within the limits of our M. W. Grand Lodge, the necessity which some of our brethren feel for the office of Grand Lecturer would not exist, and the younger and less informed members of the craft would not be set by the ears on account of unimportant verbiage and technicalities apt to be raised by such a functionary, clothed with authority from the Grand Lodge. There are other serious objections to the office of Grand Lecturer, which have often been urged in the Grand Lodge, and to which it is only necessary for me to advert. It would be a disadvantage to the fraternity to abolish the office, or if it must be continued, it should be salaried, and paid by the Grand Lodge alone.

With Perkins No. 150, at Donaldsonville, I have had no official intercourse during the past year, and in reference to Gross Tete No. 157, you are fully posted.

I must beg to trespass a moment, in this report, to correct an erroneous impression of R. W. Bro. W. F. Sanders, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Montana, into which R. W. Bro. Robert H. Taylor, of Nevada, has also fallen, causing severe strictures in their reports on foreign correspondence in 1866, on a mere query to you, in my report of 1867. I should not ask this indulgence but for the fact that our own committee, in the proceedings of 1868, have taken me to task, and approved the remarks of the distinguished brethren referred to, as "their opinion exactly." I should preface my defence by asserting again my decided objection to all public displays of the fraternity

for mere show. Balls, fairs, charity concerts, Masonic sign boards and jewelry are of very modern origin, and no where prevail to the extent they do in the "Model Republic." Although a Mason for twenty years, I have never advanced beyond the last symbolic degree, but no Master is ignorant of the fact that there are higher and more honorable degrees in the Masonic family, and when the craft is of necessity called on to appear before the public, it is not humiliating, or violative of the doctrine that "we meet upon the level," to recognize the differences referred to, as marked by badges, clothing, and the insignia of office. It often happens, on such occasions, that trouble to the Master of the "Blue Lodge," and confusion to the craft is caused, by some of the brethren objecting to all regalia and badges not blue in color, and pertaining to the Master's degree; indeed, disputes arise among Masters themselves, as to the right of those who feel sufficient pride in the honors conferred upon them to have a Master's apron, embellished with well recognized Masonic emblems, and others who do not, and are content with a cotton or leathern apron. My query to you was to know if it is not expected, if it is not right and proper, if it is not according to ancient custom, for the brethren to exercise their own taste, and gratify a laudable ambition in proper and appropriate regalia; and if, when the Master's lodge is opened, there is any impropriety in R. A. Masons and Knights appearing in the regalia to which they are entitled? Should we not be satisfied if all present are Masters? I think so. Whilst other institutions and other societies are levelling, degrading and agrarian in their propensities to tickle the fancy of the vulgar, the grand old order of Masonry, founded as it is in the established laws of nature, moves onward and upward, marking the distinctions and differences as God has established them—differences which cannot be obliterated. Bro. Sanders says: "His (Bro. Pike's) report seeks to justify this foolish departure from what ought to be a universal rule, on the statement of the fact that there are human distinctions and Masonic distinctions clearly established by our cardinal precept, 'that some must govern and others obey.'"

"Conceding the human and Masonic distinction, it does not seem to follow as a legitimate conclusion that the Masonic clothing in the Blue Lodge should not be uniform; it is not seen that it is advisable to widen these distinctions, or insist upon them on all occasions with pertinacity, until the clothing of a lodge shall become as parti-colored as the coat of Joseph, a Mexican pony, or the wardrobe of a Blackfoot chief. Were it only a question of taste, it seems to me to be settled, by the fact that uniformity in appearance most favorably impresses all beholders, if we except our excellent Brother * * *. In such matters, uniformity in itself is beauty, and beauty, in whatever form presented, is needful to adorn all great and important undertakings, and is a potent minister for good, not to be dispensed with to gratify the weak pride that would induce a member of a Master Mason's Lodge thus to advertise to his more unfortunate or unambitious brethren that he had taken a higher degree.

"May we not ask our Brother Pike, whose report, with this exception, most favorably impresses us, to reconsider this argument and opinion, not in the weak spirit which struggles to sustain a preconceived opinion, whereby sophistry assumes the appearance of reason, but rather in that more commendable spirit which seeks the greatest good to all."

If there is any sophistry assuming the appearance of reason in what I have

advanced, I am not aware of it; much is needed to explain away that sentiment, deeply rooted in human nature, which demands that the Master should look like a Master, the R. A. Captain as an R. A. Captain, and the Knight as his illustrious kinsman of the olden time.

May we not ask Bro. Sanders if, after all, it is not by the parti-colored coat we know Joseph? Could he prove his identity without it? Strip Joseph of his coat, and the continuations thereof to match the same; and do likewise to Potiphar—take from him the signet of his royal prerogative, and from his hand the baton of authority—strip them both of their last and nearest garment, and where are the learned upright judges to say “which is which?” We will be satisfied with the sophistry, *without* the appearance of reason, if Bro. Sanders can furnish it, to explain away the orders and distinctions in nature, out of which arises all its beauty and symmetry.

Thank Heaven, Masonry is catholic in its theocracy, and in its government preserves a happy equilibrium between the two conflicting ideas of absolutism on one hand, and democracy, or agrarianism, on the other.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. PIKE,

D. D. Grand Master Third Masonic District.

Report of R. W. Bro. W. W. Risher, D. D. Grand Master.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of Masons of the State of Louisiana:

During the past year, I have visited all the lodges under my supervision, except one, and beg leave respectfully to make the following report—and as no report has been made from this District for some years, I hope that I will be excused for making a somewhat lengthy statement of the affairs of the lodges composing the same.

TRINITY No. 105.—This lodge made her last report in 1867. Soon after the commencement of the war, the lodge room was broken open, and robbed of her jewels, money, books, papers, and in fact everything belonging to the lodge except the charter, which was thrown out into the street, by the troops from on board the United States gunboat, the “Arizona.” Add to this that many of her number were killed in the war, or removed from the parish, which rendered it impossible for the lodge to meet until 1867, when a dispensation was granted by the Grand Master, an election held, and the officers installed. But, owing to the overflowed state of the country in that vicinity, and the scarcity of members, the lodge did not meet again until 1868, when another dispensation was obtained and under it an election was held, and Bro. C. B. Wheeler was elected W. M. From this time the lodge continued to meet, and on the regular election day in December, another election was held, and Bro. C. B. Wheeler was re-elected W. M., and under his administration the lodge, I feel certain, will succeed.

HARRISONBURG No. 110.—This lodge has made no returns since 1860. The members of this lodge had erected a large and commodious lodge room, at a great expense, and at the bombardment of that place by the United States troops, several large shells exploded in the room, and almost destroyed it, so that it has taken much of the money the members could raise to repair it.

No meetings were held until 1867, when, under a dispensation from the Grand Master, an election was held, and Bro. C. C. Duke was chosen W. M. But owing to the great distress and embarrassed condition of the country around this lodge, no quorum could be obtained, and the lodge failed to meet until the summer of 1868, when another dispensation was granted by the Grand Master, an election held, and Bro. C. C. Duke was again chosen W. M., from which time the lodge has met regularly, except one meeting, and this was caused by the charter being lost or, we suppose, burned up. I then applied to the Grand Master for a dispensation to work until a copy of the charter could be obtained, which was granted, and on the first Saturday of December last, an election was held, and Bro. C. C. Duke was again chosen W. M. for the ensuing Masonic year, and duly installed.

I am happy to state that the lodge is now at work on good material, and bids fair to take rank with the first lodges in the interior of the State. At the request of this lodge, I have petitioned the M. W. Grand Lodge for a copy of the last charter, which is in the hands of the Grand Secretary, the lost one not having been found.

WARREN LODGE No. 132.—In consequence of the illness of my family and pressure of business, I have not been able to visit this lodge. The dues for 1867 have been paid up, but the lodge has, so far as I can hear, done no work, nor has she met at all. From the best information I can get, they are getting along badly.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

W. W. RISHER,

D. D. Grand Master Fifth Masonic District.

Report of R. W. Bro. H. R. Lott, D. D. Grand Master.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—The undersigned, District Deputy Grand Master for the Sixth Masonic District, begs leave to report that he has visited, during the past year, the following lodges, to-wit:

MONTICELLO LODGE No. 92,
PROVIDENCE “ No. 50,
DEERFIELD “ No. 120,

and takes pleasure in saying that he found them in a prosperous condition. Solomon Lodge No. 130 has not been visited, in consequence of not having time to do so. My commission, authorizing him to act as D. D. Grand Master for the District, not having been received until late in the fall of last year, and the condition of the roads across the swamp being bad, is the reason that Solomon Lodge has not been visited. The last returns made by Solomon Lodge was in the year 1861. I learn from a member of the lodge, at that time, that the lodge room, furniture, jewels and charter were taken possession of by the United States soldiers during the war and destroyed. The members of the lodge are much scattered, but he hopes to be able to get together a sufficient number of them to revive the lodge during the year.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

H. R. LOTT,

D. D. Grand Master Sixth Masonic District.

Report of M. W. Bro. S. G. Parsons, D. D. Grand Master.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the State of Louisiana:

It affords me much pleasure to report peace and harmony, and general prosperity in the lodges of the Seventh Masonic District.

The *Ritual* and work is *uniform*, dispensing, in a great measure, with the necessity of personal visitation, and leaving little else to do than a general supervision, and the directing some questions of Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, not sufficiently important to call for a special report.

As will be seen from their annual returns, the lodges have all done some work, and I am pleased to state that the *material* will bear inspection. In more prosperous times, when members were seeking admittance into our order, where purity of life and rectitude of conduct were essential and expected of its members, the opportunity to extend the roll of membership was too much improved, and many *rough Ashlers* admitted, with the expectation and hope that they could be polished by the tools of the craft. These have had their *curiosity* gratified, and are now generally found among the non-affiliated, and are never seen out except on public occasions. The financial pressure, during the last few years, in excluding such candidates from our lodge, has not been unproductive of good. It is not necessary for Masonry to quicken her pace because the age is a fast one, and the world rushing on with locomotive velocity. In adding to its membership it is better to "go slow," and weigh each shekel carefully. By so doing peace will be found in her borders, and prosperity within her palaces.

In a pecuniary point of view, some of the lodges in this district have not yet fully recovered from the late civil war. At its close they found their membership scattered and with broken fortunes. The accumulation of dues had to be met, or some action taken. In Mt. Gerizim No. 54 this was the case. Under its By-laws those who were twelve months in arrears, after six months notice, could be stricken from the roll. This was done at the regular meeting in July last. Before the close of the year some of these members desired to be reinstated, and a difference of opinion existed as to the steps necessary for them to take. I considered the 2d Section, Art. III, of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge, as sufficiently clear and explicit on the subject, giving to each member so stricken from the roll, the *right* to be *reinstated*, upon paying his dues within six months from the notification thereof, and so decided. In September I received a communication from Bro. W. G. Myers, Past Master of Brookville Lodge No. 161, relative to the action of this lodge in withholding the *Demit* of an applicant for affiliation, who was rejected. In reply I considered the *Demit* as private property, and however unworthy the lodge might deem the applicant, it had no right to retain it after the petition had been acted on.

Western Star No. 24, Union No. 111, and Bartholomew No. 112 are all prospering, as I am informed. The first two, as well as Mt. Gerizim No. 54, have had the benefit of a personal visit from R. W. Bro. John C. Gordy, than whom none is better qualified to exemplify the work. He has the rare faculty of dispensing light and knowledge wherever he goes, and long will his genial face, warm heart and impressive voice be remembered in this portion of the State.

On the 27th instant I had the pleasure of installing the officers of Mt. Gerizim Lodge No. 54.

SYL. G. PARSONS,

D. D. Grand Master Seventh District.

December 31st, 1868.

Report of R. W. Bro. J. C. Jones, D. D. Grand Master.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana :

I herewith beg leave to submit this my report, as D. D. Grand Master of the Ninth Masonic District, for the year 1868.

During the last year, I have not visited all the lodges in my District, as Bro. J. C. Gordy has visited and lectured several of them. Lafayette No. 56 I have presided over as W. M., and I can say that we have done as much work as I expected. We have had no discord among us; peace and harmony has prevailed, and our prospects for the next year are flattering. Vienna Lodge No. 106 I have not visited, as Bro. Gordy has lectured them late this year. I have had frequent communication with some of the officers and members, and I learn they are in a prosperous condition.

Eureka Lodge No. 177 has done but little work during the past year, but I think their prospects are more flattering for the next. Hoping to be able to meet with you at the next annual communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge,

Fraternally yours,

J. C. JONES,

D. D. Grand Master Ninth Masonic District.

VERNON, LA., December 28th, 1868.

Report of R. W. Bro. D. H. Hayes, D. D. Grand Master.

COUCRATTA, RED RIVER, LA., December 29th, 1868.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the State of Louisiana:

I was appointed D. D. Grand Master of the Eleventh Masonic District at the last session of the Grand Lodge, but having moved to the parish of Caddo, did not receive notice thereof until May following. My time having been absorbed in planting, I have visited but two lodges, but submit the following report:

MOUNT LEBANON No. 104.—I met some of the officers of this lodge, and learned from the W. M. that the lodge was in a bad condition, and apprehended the necessity of surrendering the charter. I urged a renewal of his zeal.

SPARTA No. 108.—I learn from some of the officers of this lodge, that it is in a healthy condition.

MACKEY No. 122.—This lodge is in a healthy condition. I was with them at the election and installation of its officers for the ensuing Masonic year.

SILENT BROTHERHOOD No. 146 has done but little work, but am informed is in a sound condition, I have installed the officers for the next year.

SALINE U. D., I learn, is doing some good work, and is in a healthy condition.

Respectfully and fraternally,

D. H. HAYES,

D. D. Grand Master Eleventh Masonic District.

Report of R. W. Bro. Geo. N. Clampitt, D. D. Grand Master.

HENRY R. SWASEY,

M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Very late in August, 1868, I received my commission, which informed me that I had been appointed D. D. Grand Master for the 12th District. I was in very bad health at the time, and remained in that condition until late in September. After which time my previous engagements as a Minister of the Gospel were such that I could not do anything for some time. I have visited Arcadia Lodge No. 126 several times. It holds its regular meetings on the first Saturday in each month, and has been, and is, moving on harmoniously; yet it is oppressed in its finances, as it has done no work for nearly two years, last past. They have made returns and will forward dues soon.

Terryville Lodge No. 118 has again gone to work, and holds its regular meetings on the first Saturday in each month, near Quay Post Office, Claiborne Parish, La.

Athens Lodge No. 135 holds its regular meetings the third Saturday in each month, at Athens, Claiborne Parish. These two lodges and also Tulip Lodge No. 178, I have not attempted to visit, nor instruct, from the fact I learned, and I suppose you have also been apprised, that R. W. J. C. Gordy was permitted the pleasure of visiting, and since last August has very efficiently instructed those three last named lodges. I therefore considered it useless for me to attempt to add any instructions to those already given. To say the least, it would have been arrogant, if not entirely useless. I report that I feel much gratified that God, in his providence, has permitted those lodges the pleasure of hearing one so well skilled in our mysteries; but M. W. Sir, I was very sorry that other duties, which the welfare of myself and family called on me to perform at that time, as a man and a Mason, were such that it placed it beyond my power to meet and hear Bro. J. C. Gordy when he instructed those and other Masonic bodies. Minden Lodge No. 51 I have not visited for the simple reason that I have not had the opportunity so to do.

I promise you, and I trust in the future to be able, to make a much more satisfactory report, and render a better account of my stewardship. I hope my brethren of the Grand Lodge will ever be ready to cover with the broad veil of charity any imperfections on my part, and be ever mindful that my heart's sincere desire and humble prayer is that Masonry, unadulterated Masonry, may long prosper and bless the unfortunate ones of earth. Also, permit me to record my grateful thanks to a merciful God for his kind providence

and care extended to the craft, during the past Masonic year. May that same kind care of the Grand Master of Assemblies continue, is my humble prayer.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. N. CLAMPITT,

D. D. Grand Master, Twelfth District.

Report of R. W. Bro. J. W. Jones, D. D. Grand Master.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the State of Louisiana :

I have the honor to report that peace and harmony prevail in this District.

I, believing it to be for the good of the craft, and in obedience to your instructions, permitted Cypress Lodge No. 89 to remove from Quality Hill to Benton, Bossier parish, La. On the 16th inst., I called a special meeting of this lodge for the purpose of installing their officers elect for the present year; the lodge having failed to install on St. John's day, for the reason that there was no Past Master or any one present qualified to perform this duty.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

J. W. JONES,

D. D. G. M. Thirteenth Masonic District.

SHREVEPORT, LA., January 17th, A. D. 1869.

Report of R. W. Bro. Boling Williams, D. D. Grand Master.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the State of Louisiana :

During the present year, I have visited all the lodges under my supervision, and have found them, as a general thing, in a sound and healthy condition.

The names of a good many members have been stricken from the rolls for the non-payment of dues, which has more or less embarrassed the different lodges financially; but it is hoped, as the condition of the country is improving, these members, whose names have been stricken from the rolls, will come forward, pay up their dues, and take the necessary steps to be reinstated in their lodges. The lodges have suffered much, too, from the unsettled and disturbed political condition of the country.

DeSoto Lodge No. 55 is still in a prosperous condition; in her work, conferring but few degrees, but scrutinizing closely the character of those who seek admission within her portals. The attendance of her members has not been as large as was desired, but there are a goodly number who are zealous in their endeavors to maintain the honor and advance the interest of our beloved institution. Peace and harmony have prevailed among the brethren during the year.

JEFFERSONIAN LODGE No. 138.—On my visit to this lodge, I met a full attendance of the members, and found it working well. Bro. Chas. E. Crawford, the Worshipful Master, is a bright and zealous Mason. I am happy to report the proceedings of this lodge regular, and its officers well instructed in the ritual and work. I found the financial condition of this lodge to be equal to its demands. Among the brethren peace and harmony have prevailed.

LIBERTY LODGE No. 123.—I visited this lodge in October, and am pleased to state that I met most of the brethren, and found that the officers understood the ritual and work very well. This lodge has done but little work during the year, but the regular meetings have been kept up. As to its financial condition, it is good. Peace and harmony have prevailed among the brethren of this lodge.

MOUNT VERNON LODGE No. 83.—When I visited this lodge, I had the pleasure of meeting a full attendance of the members, and I am pleased to state that I found a general good feeling existing among the brethren, and all zealous in the cause of Masonry. In this lodge I found some little innovations in the work, which I endeavored to correct. Their finances are sufficient to meet their demands.

PLEASANT HILL LODGE No. 86.—I visited this lodge in August. Here, I am sorry to say, I found some little dissensions among some of the brethren. At the meeting, a goodly number of the members were in attendance, and I settled all differences among the brethren, and corrected their work in some particulars. When I left them, peace and harmony prevailed among the brethren. The financial condition is not good, as most of the members live in a poor district of country, and are embarrassed in their pecuniary circumstances; but I hope they will be able to pay their dues promptly.

These are all the lodges under my supervision.

In conclusion, permit me to suggest the propriety of placing demitted Masons, who live in the vicinity of a working lodge for one year, (whether the lodge is the one from which they demitted or another,) and all Masons whose names have been stricken from the rolls for the non-payment of dues, when they are able to pay and refuse or fail to do it, upon the footing of Masons who have been tried and suspended. As I understand it, these Masons are now debarred only from the privileges of their own lodges. In my opinion, we should do something to rid ourselves of drones, who seek to enjoy all the privileges of Masonry without contributing in any manner to its support.

With sentiments of high regard and consideration, I am, Most Worshipful Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

BOLING WILLIAMS,

D. D. Grand Master Fourteenth Masonic District.

MANSFIELD, LA., December 30th, 1868.

Report of R. W. Bro. S. O. Scruggs, D. D. Grand Master.

To the Most Worshipful G. Master of the G. Lodge of Louisiana:

In making to you my annual report. I cannot, as usual, say that peace and harmony prevail throughout my jurisdiction. Owing to the unfortunate political condition of our unhappy country, grim visaged discord has in a few instances presented its hellish front within the sacred portals of the Temple of Masonry. The Great Architect, in forming his creature man, endowed him with passions which, when lashed into fury by the breath of some Euroclydon, run riot, and cannot be controlled. The great principles and most sacred obligations of Masonry have been totally impotent to subdue them, but with that

true charity which should ever govern the Mason in all his actions, I have attempted in every case to attemper the storm by the oil of forbearance, kindness and fraternal counsel. Some of the bleeding wounds have been cicatrised, others still bleed, and may require the Masonic scalpel to cast off the gangrene and dangerous ichor. I believe, however, that error of opinion, when reason is left free to combat it, will soon be corrected, and that time, which mitigates our griefs, and diminishes in no less degree the ardor of our passions, will soon restore heaven-born harmony in my jurisdiction. So mote it be.

I again beg most earnestly to call your attention to the composition of the Masonic Districts for the convenience of D. D. Grand Masters. Their work is a labor of love, and it is a duty that is owed them, that as far as practicable their communications between lodges under their charge should be of easy access.

On the 27th of December I visited Montgomery Lodge No. 168, installed their officers, publicly, and delivered an address to an attentive and appreciative audience of ladies and gentlemen.

This Lodge is in great need of a lodge room; and with a little energy I think they will soon emerge from their present little embarrassment.

Phoenix Lodge No. 55 has pursued the even tenor of her way, and save a little occasional puff of political wind through her sky, she is all harmony.

Kisatchie Union is one of the model lodges of my jurisdiction, and will soon have one of the finest and best located lodge rooms in the State, outside of New Orleans. She is not *curst* with political movers, and as a sequence, "brotherly love, relief and truth" prevail.

CLOUTIERVILLE LODGE No. 103—After ruling over the destinies of this lodge from its embryo state of dispensation, up to the 27th December, 1868, your humble brother, the author of this report, is succeeded by brother Shackelford, formerly of Henderson Lodge No. 99, now defunct. Around her portals political lightnings have flashed and flamed; but thank God, she has thus far withstood the terrible shock, and I believe she will be able to triumph in her passage through the trying ordeal. She will be represented, as usual, at the approaching session of the Grand Lodge.

With a fraternal desire for your continued happiness and prosperity, and the advancement of the principles of our beloved order, I am,

Fraternally,

S. O. SCRUGGS,

D. D. Grand Master Fifteenth Masonic District.

Report of R. W. Bro. G. B. Burr, D. D. Grand Master.

BURR'S FERRY, LA., December 4, 1868.

M. W. HENRY R. SWASEY, *G. M. of the G. L. of the State of Louisiana*:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—In this my Annual Report for the present Masonic year, I have but little to say. Continued ill health has prevented me from visiting all the lodges in this District, but from reliable information I am pleased to say that the kindest feelings exist amongst the several lodges comprising the District, as well as amongst the brethren of the different lodges.

The work in the several lodges is almost uniform, conforming to the work as exemplified by our worthy Brother, John C. Gordy.

I have had several questions submitted to me during the year, none of them being of such a nature as to leave the least doubt on my mind as to correct advice to give—which has, so far as I have been able to learn, been perfectly satisfactory.

The condition of this country is such that I regret to say it will be impossible to render the Grand Lodge the assistance asked for to relieve it from the present financial troubles.

Respectfully submitted.

G. B. BURR,

D. D. G. M. Sixteenth Masonic District.

Report of R. W. Bro. John C. Gordy.

FRANKLIN, LA., January 11th, 1869.

Most Worshipful Grand Master of the State of Louisiana:

In my official capacity as D. D. G. M. of the 17th Masonic District, permit me to report, that during the past year I have visited all the lodges in my District—twelve in number. I have endeavored to discharge my duty towards them to the best of my ability. I am happy to be able to say there is not one discordant sound in any one of the lodges, to my knowledge, and that peace and harmony prevails in the lodges and among the members. The lodges are well instructed in the ritual, and there seems to prevail a noble emulation as to “who can best work and best agree.”

I visited six lodges in the Second District, and, by request, have visited fifteen lodges in the city of New Orleans. All the lodges I have visited outside of my own District has been in my capacity as one of the “Permanent Committee on Work.” I have visited the lodges located at the following places, and have devoted at least three days to each, viz: Trinity, Harrisonburg, Columbia, Monroe, Delhi, Floyd, Forkville, Ouachita City, Bastrop, Marion, Farmerville, Downs ville, Shiloh, Cherry Ridge, Spearsville, Scottville, Cool Spring, Homer, Haynesville, Shangaloo, Tulip, Athens, Terryville and Vienna—making altogether fifty-eight lodges that I have visited since our last Annual Grand Communication.

The lodges have uniformly given me flattering testimonials of their approval of my visit and labors, many of which you have seen. I have been treated kindly and fraternally by the District Deputy Grand Masters and by the lodges, and would fain hope that my labor has been productive of some good to the craft. I know of no difficulty or unpleasant feeling existing in any lodge or between any two members of the order where I have traveled. This is a delightful thought. The lodges will all soon be in a prosperous condition financially.

I expect to start on Thursday next to visit the lodges at Simmsport, Bayou Sara, Jackson, Clinton, Baton Rouge and Plaquemine, which I hope to do before the Grand Session, on the 8th February.

Fraternally submitted.

JOHN C. GORDY,

D. D. G. M. Seventeenth District.

Report of R. W. Bro. Geo. H. Wells, D. D. Grand Master.

LAKE CHARLES, LA., December 31st, 1868.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana:

Knowing that the regular Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge are held in February, I intended visiting Sam Todd Lodge, No. 182, early in January next, having been unavoidably prevented from making such visit sooner. I have just received a letter from the Grand Secretary, stating that the annual reports of the D. D. G. M. are required to be made out by this date. I can, therefore, only state that I am reliably informed that Sam Todd Lodge is in a flourishing condition.

In May last I presided at the dedication of the new Lodge Hall of Lake Charles Lodge No. 165. For more than a year past there has been some unpleasant feeling between a few members of this lodge, which has seriously interfered with that peace and harmony which should always exist between brethren. I trust that time and kindly mediation will soon restore fraternal feeling.

Very respectfully and fraternally yours,

GEO. H. WELLS,

D. D. G. M. Eighteenth Masonic District.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer presented the following report, statement and specification of warrants paid, which was read, and on motion referred to the Committee on Audit and Accounts:

BRETHREN: I submit herewith a statement of my accounts as Grand Treasurer for the year ending December 31st, 1868, with specification of warrants paid, and my vouchers.

Fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL M. TODD, *Grand Treasurer.*

SAMUEL M. TODD, *Grand Treasurer,*

in account with the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

1868.	Dr.	
January 1—	To amount on hand as per report.....	\$ 1,634 50
17—	To Jas. C. Batchelor, Grand Secretary.....	\$1,793 17
30—	“ “ “ “.....	1,326 00
Febr'y 10—	“ “ “ “.....	4,144 00
18—	“ “ “ “.....	2,281 20
March 5—	“ “ “ “.....	2,249 10
19—	“ “ “ “.....	298 95
April 22—	“ “ “ “.....	1,641 40
29—	“ “ “ “.....	3,500 00
May 30—	“ “ “ “.....	745 10
June 17—	“ “ “ “.....	1,234 70
Nov'r 11—	“ “ “ “.....	6,477 70
Dec'r 15—	“ “ “ “.....	1,000 00
31—	“ “ “ “.....	1,215 36
		<u>27,906 68</u>
		<u>\$29,541 18</u>

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Dec'r 31—	By 201 Warrants paid, omitting Nos. 10 and 95, (not drawn,) and adding Nos. 44½ and 120½.....	\$25,925 29
“ “	Cash on hand, L. T. Notes, \$ 682 14	
	City of New Orleans Notes, 2,933 75	3,615 89
E. & O. E.		<u>\$29,541 18</u>

Fraternally submitted.

SAMUEL M. TODD, *Grand Treasurer.*

NEW ORLEANS, January 1, 1869.

SPECIFICATION OF WARRANTS DRAWN.

1868.				ON ACCOUNT OF GRAND LODGE HALL.	
Jan.	10—No.	1....	To J. G. Fleming, for rep'g Gas Fixtures...	\$	15 25
	10—No.	3....	N. O. Gas Light Co., for Gas in Dec.		209 95
	Feb.	4—No.	8.... E. O'Sullivan, Hall Porter, 1m. sal'y to 1st,		50 00
Feb.	4—No.	9....	A. Queant, Hall Keeper, 1 m. salary do		60 00
	4—No.	11....	do Incidental expenses do		35 10
	7—No.	13....	J. R. Turck, for repairs		56 70
	7—No.	17....	F. Haugh, for Frosting Windows.....		8 10
	7—No.	18....	Breen & Carroll, for Glazing.....		8 00
	17—No.	20....	F. & T. Ins. Co., renewal of policy No.		
			346, less 15 per cent.....		85 50
	18—No.	26....	J. C. Batchelor, to correct error, per res-		
			olution G. Lodge, 15th of Feb'y.....		166 70
	26—No.	27....	W. C. Smith, for 20 bbls. Coal.....		20 00
	26—No.	28....	N. O. Gas Light Co., for Gas in Jan.		164 45
	26—No.	30....	W. H. Forster, for deduction in Gas Bill,		23 40
	29—No.	31....	Cres. Mut. Ins. Co., renewal of Policy No.		
			1222, less 15 per cent.....		85 50
	29—No.	32....	La. Ins. Co., renewal of Policy No. 7746,		
			less 15 per cent.....		85 00
	29—No.	33....	N. O. Ins. Co., renewal of Policy No. 1648,		
			less 15 per cent.....		85 00
	28—No.	34....	Geo. W. Homan, for repairing Furniture,		20 50
March	4—No.	39....	E. O'Sullivan, Porter's sal'y 1m. to 1st...		50 00
	4—No.	40....	A. Queant, Hall Keep's sal'y 1m. to 1st...		60 00
	11—No.	43....	G. W. Homan, rep'g Carpet in north wing,		60 00
	12—No.	44....	Advertising for rent, etc.....		21 40
	26—No.	46....	N. O. Gas Light Co., for Gas in Feb.....		191 68
April	2—No.	48....	E. O'Sullivan, Porter's sal'y 1m. to 1st...		50 00
	2—No.	49....	A. Queant, Hall Keep's Sal'y 1m. to 1st...		60 00
	3—No.	52....	Fellows & Mills, att'ys, Prof. Services...		20 00
	3—No.	52....	A. Queant, Incidental Expenses.....		83 95
	3—No.	59....	N. O. Gas Light Co., for Gas in March...		133 45
	18—No.	65....	G. W. Homan, for rep's in north wing...		32 80
	27—No.	69....	J. N. Sherry, for prep'g Tab. Statement,		100 00
	28—No.	70....	Rice, Bro. & Co., for Sundries.....		7 75
	28—No.	72....	Breen & Carroll, for Glazing.....		9 60
	May	1—No.	81.... E. O'Sullivan, Porter's sal'y 1m. to 1st...		50 00
May	1—No.	82....	A. Queant, Hall Keepr, sal'y 1m. to 1st...		60 00
	25—No.	88....	N. O. Gas Light Co., for Gas in April....		96 65
	June	1—No.	91.... E. O'Sullivan, Porter's Sal'y to 1st.....		50 00
June	1—No.	92....	A. Queant, Hall Keep's Sal'y 1m. to 1st...		60 00
	5—No.	98....	H. Harding, Cleaning Privies.....		30 00
	5—No.	99....	A. Queant, Inc'l Exp's and rep'g Cistern,		27 70
	20—No.	105....	N. O. Gas Light Co., Gas in May.....		72 68
	27—No.	108....	G. W. Homan, repairing Furniture.....		38 25

Carried forward.....\$2,543 86

		Brought forward.....	\$2,543 86
July	1—No. 110....	To E. O'Sullivan, Porter's sal'y 1m. to 1st..	50 00
	1—No. 111....	A. Queant, Hall Keep's sal'y 1m. to 1st..	60 00
	8—No. 120....	Henderson & Gaines, for Water Cooler...	16 50
	10—No. 120....	(No. duplicated) To Atlantic Ins. Co., for ren'l of Policy No. 387, less 15 per cent..	85 50
	10—No. 121....	To Germania Ins. Co., for renewal of Policy No. 638, less 15 per cent.....	51 50
	10—No. 122....	Merchant's Ins. Co., for ren'l of Policies Nos. 29,082 and 34,806, less 15 per cent.,	162 50
	10—No. 123....	Thos. Friedland, for repairs.....	41 00
	23—No. 125....	N. O. Gas Light Co., Gas for June.....	70 13
	28—No. 128....	H. R. Swasey, for Bind'g and Bk Book,	40 00
	3—No. 130....	A. Queant, Hall Keep's sal'y 1m. to 1st..	60 00
Aug.	15—No. 134....	N. O. Gas Light Co., for Gas in July....	45 90
Sept.	1—No. 139....	E. O'Sullivan, H. Porter's sal'y 1m. to 1st,	50 00
	1—No. 140....	A. Queant, H. Keeper's sal'y 1mo. to 1st,	60 00
	4—No. 145....	Breen & Carroll, for Paint'g in up'r rooms,	60 00
	7—No. 146....	E. O'Sullivan, H. P., 1 mo's sal'y (July),	50 00
Oct.	7—No. 148....	San Mut. Ins. Co., for add'l Ins. Policy..	42 75
	7—No. 148....	Crescent " " " " " "	42 75
	7—No. 149....	E. O'Sullivan, H. P., for 1m. sal'y to 1st,	50 00
	7—No. 152....	N. O. Gas Light Co., Gas for Aug. and Sept. (\$36 98, \$37 82).....	74 80
	10—No. 156....	A. Queant, H. K., 1 mo's salary to 1st....	60 00
	10—No. 161....	" for Incidental Exp's to Oct. 3,	33 20
Nov.	28—No. 163....	Carbury, for moving safe into office.....	15 00
	1—No. 166....	E. O'Sullivan, H. P., sal'y 1 mo. to 1st..	50 00
	1—No. 167....	A. Queant, H. K., salary 1 mo. to 1st....	60 00
	11—No. 170....	N. O. Gas Light Co., Gas in Oct.....	83 30
Dec.	1—No. 174....	E. O'Sullivan, H. P., 1 mo's salary to 1st,	50 00
	1—No. 175....	A. Queant, H. K., 1 mo's salary to 1st....	60 00
	1—No. 176....	W. C. Smith, for 20 bbls. Coal.....	15 00
	1—No. 177....	N. O. Gas Light Co., Gas in Nov.....	81 18
	24—No. 185....	Smith & Andrews, Painting and White- washing Hall.....	635 00
	26—No. 186....	Ed. Barnett, not. pub., Protest'g Miller's Note.....	3 30
	30—No. 188....	—, repairs in Bar Room and Office..	42 63
	31—No. 189....	E. O'Sullivan, H. P., salary 1 mo. to 1st,	50 00
	31—No. 190....	A. Queant, H. K., salary 1 mo. to 1st....	60 00
	31—No. 196....	" for Incid'l Expenses to date..	55 50
	31—No. 197....	N. O. Gas Light Co., for Gas in Dec.....	213 78
	31—No. 200....	Jno. G. Fleming, rep'r's of Gas Fixtures..	23 47

\$5,218 55

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ON ACCOUNT OF GRAND LODGE.

Jan.	10—No.	2....	To P. Christian, for Stationery.....	\$ 24 45
Feb.	4—No.	12....	To A. Queant, Asst. Sec., 1 mo. salary to 1st	40 00
	7—No.	14....	John Douglas, 1000 letter heads.....	15 00
	17—No.	21....	R. W. Jno. C. Gordy, per Res'n Grand Lodge, Feb'y 15th.....	500 00
	17—No.	22....	Rev. S. C. Hedges, per Res'n G'd Lodge, Feb'y 15th.....	100 00
	17—No.	23....	Jas. N. Sherry, per Res'n G. L., Feb. 15th	300 00
	17—No.	35....	Geo. W. Homan, mak'g prep'n G. L. ses.	27 75
March	3—No.	37....	E. C. Palmer & Co., paper for proceed'gs 40 reams.....	600 40
	3—No.	38....	P. Christian, Stationery for Jan. & Feb.	49 00
	4—No.	41....	A. Queant, Ass. Sec. sal. 1 month to 1st.	40 00
	5—No.	42....	I. T. Hinton, for printing Rep. on F. Cor. 1750 copies.....	351 50
	12—No.	44....	Papers, for advertising in 1866-7-8.....	37 75
April	2—No.	50....	A. Queant, Ass't Sec. 1 mo. \$40. Grand Tyler, 3 mos. \$50.....	90 00
	3—No.	51....	E. C. Palmer & Co., paper for cover & w.	14 25
	3—No.	61....	— office stamp.....	12 00
	18—No.	63....	Bronze Pen Printing Office, printing cir- culars Jan., Feb., March and April.....	52 50
	20—No.	66....	I. T. Hinton, printing proceedings.....	839 00
	28—No.	75....	Hall keeper, incidental expenses in con- secrating cemetery.....	63 60
	28—No.	76....	Chas. Jager, for band, consec'g cem'try	125 00
	29—No.	78....	John C. Gordy, Grand Lecturer.....	100 00
	30—No.	80....	City R. R. Co., Transport'n to cemetery.	40 00
May	1—No.	83....	A. Queant, Ass. Sec., sal. 1 mo. to 1st..	40 00
	1—No.	84....	B. P. Office, Print'g pro. for con'n cem..	30 00
June	1—No.	94....	E. C. Palmer, 2 reams of paper.....	30 00
	1—No.	94....	P. Christian, Stationery to date.....	25 45
	1—No.	94....	Rice, Bro. & Co., oil can, 1 15, & Cres't Office, advertising, 1 50.....	2 65
	1—No.	93....	A. Queant, Ass. Sec., 1 month sal. to 1st	40 00
	5—No.	100....	A. Queant, Grand Tyler, 3 mos. sal. to 1st 50 00; incidental expens's for Jan., Feb., March, April and May, 42 50; circulars for Apl, 7 50; carriage hire consecrating Masonic cemetery, 8 00.....	108 00
	18—No.	104....	J. R. Turck, for platform in cemetery...	26 00
July	1—No.	112....	A. Queant, Ass. Sec. 1 month sal. to 1st.	40 00
	5—No.	118....	Grand Secretary for 6 months salary....	750 00
	8—No.	119....	B. P. Printing Office, circulars for June.	15 00
	18—No.	124....	Times, subscription to.....	16 00
	28—No.	128....	H. R. Swasey, Binding, etc.....	59 75

Carried forward.....\$4,605 05

		Brought forward.....	\$4,605 05
August	3—No. 129....	A. Queant, Ass. Sec., 1 month sal. to 1st	40 00
August	8—No. 132....	B. P. Office, circulars for July.....	17 50
Sept.	1—No. 141....	A. Queant, Ass. Sec. 1 month sal. to 1st	40 00
	4—No. 143....	B. P. Office, circulars, instructions, etc.,	22 00
Oct.	7—No. 150....	do do do	9 00
	10—No. 154....	A. Queant, G. T., 3 months salary to 1st.	50 00
	10—No. 155....	A. Queant, Ass. Sec., 1 month sal. to 1st	40 00
	10—No. 159....	Jno. Douglas, repairing G. L. Seal and Diplomas.....	39 50
	10—No. 160....	A. Queant, incidental exp'ns's to Oct. 3d	32 25
Nov.	1—No. 163....	A. Queant, Ass't Sec., 1 month sal. to 1st	40 00
	11—No. 172....	Christian & Hyatt, stationery to Oct. 26th	35 40
Dec.	1—No. 180....	A. Queant, Ass't Sec., 1 month sal. to 1st.	40 00
	1—No. 181....	A. Queant, Grand Tyler, 3 mos. sal to 1st	50 00
	1—No. 182....	B. P. Office, circular for Oct. and Nov..	20 00
	31—No. 191....	A. Queant, Ass't Sec., sal. to Dec. 1st, '68.	40 00
	31—No. 192....	A. Queant, Grand Tyler, 1 mo. sal. to 1st	16 66
	31—No. 193....	Postage and box rent, etc.....	130 81
	31—No. 194....	Grand Secretary, six mos. salary to date..	750 00
	31—No. 195....	A. Queant, incidental expenses.....	14 45
	31—No. 201....	G. L. Hall, for rent of office and library.	300 00
			<u>\$6,332 62</u>

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ON ACCOUNT OF POLAR STAR HALL.

Jan.	10—No. 4....	To N. O. Gas Light Co. for gas in Dec.....	32 73
Feb.	26—No. 29....	" " " Jan.....	18 28
March	26—No. 47....	" " " Feb.....	32 30
April	3—No. 60....	" " " March ..	42 08
May	25—No. 89....	" " " April....	29 75
June	18—No. 102....	A. Cetti, repairing and re-laying carpet..	20 20
	20—No. 106....	N. O. Gas Light Co., gas in May.....	23 38
July	23—No. 126....	" " " June.....	19 13
August	15—No. 135....	" " " July.....	20 40
	28—No. 136....	Cres. Mut. Ins. Co., renewal of policy No. 11,827.....	103 57
Oct.	10—No. 153....	N. O. Gas Light Co., gas in August.....	32 73
	27—No. 162....	A. Cetti, for Waterworks bill paid by him	15 00
Nov.	11—No. 171....	N. O. Gas Light Co., gas in Oct.....	14 03
Dec.	1—No. 178....	" " " Nov.....	24 65
	21—No. 183....	A. Cetti, for door knob.....	2 00
	31—No. 198....	N. O. Gas Light Co., for gas in Dec....	44 63
			<u>\$474 66</u>

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ON ACCOUNT OF INTEREST.

Jan.	18--No.	5....	To Hermitage Lodge No. 98, on note \$500 to Feb. 5, '68.....	40 00
Feb.	7--No.	19....	Orleans Lodge No. 78, on note \$700, to Feb. 5, '68.....	56 00
March	25--No.	45....	F. of H. Lodge No. 58, on note \$600 to Feb. 5, '68.....	48 00
April	15--No.	63....	Orleans R. A. C. No. 1, on note \$3,000 to Feb. 5, '68.....	240 00
	29--No.	78....	Geo. Washington Lodge No. 65, on note \$1,000 to Feb. 5, '68, (\$160), other half of order No. 77 charged to temple acc't.	80 00
	29--No.	79....	Delta R. A. C. No. 15, on note \$1,800 to June 1, '68.....	144 00
June	18--No.	101....	La. M. M. R. Ass'n, in advance on two notes \$500 each, due April and June, 1869	80 00
Sept.	4--No.	144....	La. M. M. R. Ass'n, in advance on two notes \$500 00 each, due July 23d and Sept. 5th, '69.....	80 00
				<u>\$768 00</u>

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ON ACCOUNT OF GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

April	10--No.	62....	To H. R. Swasey, for bal. due on binding ac't	22 50
July	28--No.	128....	" " "	4 75
Oct.	10--No.	158....	To I. T. Hinton, print'g labels, circulars, etc.	18 00
				<u>\$45 25</u>

1868.

ON ACCOUNT OF CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

April	3--No.	58....	To Jefferson Lodge No. 138, refunding charter fee, as per resolution of G. L., Feb. 15, 1868.....	50 00
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ON ACCOUNT OF MASONIC CEMETERY.

Jan.	23--No.	6....	To Citizens' Bank, on note of \$900, at 6 mos.	36 00
Feb.	3--No.	7....	J. W. Lippe, sexton, 1 mo's salary to 1st,	50 00
	7--No.	16....	Taylor & Churchill, for bill of tools.....	62 75
March	2--No.	36....	J. N. Lippe, sexton, 1 mo's salary to 1st, \$50; extra labor, \$27.....	77 00
April	3--No.	54....	J. N. Lippe, sexton, 1 mo's salary to 1st, \$50; extra, \$33.....	83 00
	3--No.	55....	Lewis Clark, setting and transplanting trees.....	84 50
	3--No.	56....	John Lahan, lumber.....	14 00
	28--No.	74....	Fred K. Frye, whitewashing.....	50 00
May	1--No.	85....	J. N. Lippe, sexton, 1 mo's salary to 1st,	50 00
	25--No.	87....	" " labor in cemetery..	77 50
	26--No.	90....	P. N. Judice, plan of cemetery, for lithographing.....	15 00

Carried forward.....\$ 649 75

		Brought forward.....	\$ 649 75
June	1—No. 96....	J. N. Lippe, 1 month's salary to 1st, \$50; extra labor, 26 days, \$39; 1 barrel lime, \$2 50; Taylor & Churchill's bill, \$14 40,	105 90
	1—No. 103....	J. R. Turck, repairs on house.....	241 65
	24—No. 107....	Hy McGuire, for 783 bbls shells.....	293 62
July	3—No. 113....	J. N. Lippe, 1 month's salary to 1st; extra labor, hauling shells, \$67 25.....	117 25
	3—No. 114....	J. Manouvrier & Seniou, for 1000 lithographs of M. C.....	70 00
	3—No. 115....	S. M. Todd & Co., for paint and oil....	34 05
	24—No. 127....	M. W. Grand Master, to pay interest on note due this date for additional ground in cemetery.....	72 00
	28—No. 128....	H. R. Swasey, for making books for cemetery.....	115 50
August	8—No. 131....	J. N. Lippe, 1 month's salary to 1st, \$50; extra labor, \$40 50.....	90 50
	13—No. 133....	Charles Donnelly, for forty vaults, built for Grand Lodge.....	1,500 00
	28—No. 137....	Taylor & Churchill, for tools, nails, etc..	13 34
Sept.	1—No. 142....	J. N. Lippe, sexton, 1 month's salary to 1st, \$50; extra labor, \$39.....	89 00
Oct.	8—No. 151....	J. N. Lippe, mo's sal., \$50; ex. labor \$36,	86 00
	10—No. 157....	F. Zimmerman, for lime and sand.....	10 25
	29—No. 164....	S. W. Moore, acc't railing, lumber, etc..	95 00
Nov.	1—No. 169....	J.N.Lippe, 1m. sal. to 1st, \$50; ex. \$37 50	87 50
Dec.	1—No. 179....	" " " and fees, \$1..	51 00
	21—No. 184....	Mrs. Teresa Gurtler, interest on note of \$1000, given for her claim, dated April 1st, 1868; interest to 31st Dec., 1868....	60 00
	26—No. 187....	Edw. Barnett, notary public, for fees on Gurtler property.....	26 60
	31 No. 199....	J. N. Lippe, sexton, 1 month's salary to date, \$50; fees, \$1.....	51 00
			<u>\$3,809 01</u>
1868.	ON ACCOUNT OF DONATION TO LOUISIANA RELIEF LODGE NO. 1 TOMB.		
April	28—No. 73....	To John Roberts, for stone and inscription for tomb.....	48 00
Oct.	5—No. 147....	John Halliday, on acc't of tomb.....	1,500 00
			<u>\$1,548 00</u>
1868.	ON ACCOUNT OF SUNDRIES.		
Feb.	18—No. 24....	To Samuel M. Todd, G. Secretary, for error in a double Cr. to Minden Lodge No. 51, viz: on 14th and 26th Feb., 1867, as per resolution Grand Lodge, 15th Feb. 1868,	81 00
		Carried forward.....	\$ 81 00

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		Brought forward.....	\$ 81 00
18—No.	24....	For do. to Longwood Lodge 183, on 14th and 26th Feb. 1867, as per same resolution.....	5 00
18—No.	25....	J. C. Batchelor, M. D., G. Secretary, for error in credit to Lake Charles Lodge 165, fee for charter, as per resolution of Grand Lodge, Feb. 15th, 1868.....	8 00
			<u>\$94 00</u>

1868.

ON ACCOUNT OF BILLS PAYABLE.

Jan.	23—No.	6....	To Citizens' Bank (per Grand Master) on note due this date, \$36; interest due on this note is charged to interest account, but included in same order (6).....	900 00
July	24—No.	127....	do. do. do.	900 00
				<u>\$1,800 00</u>

1868.

ON ACCOUNT OF TEMPLE PROPERTY.

Feb.	7—No.	15....	To J. R. Turck, for repairs of fence, etc....	153 55
April	3—No.	57....	R. W. Saml. M. Todd, Grand Treasurer, interest on \$20,000, due March 28, 1868, \$1,600, and for 366 days discount on \$20,000, at 12 per cent., to 28th March, 1869, \$2,440, and commission, at 1 per cent., \$200.....	4,240 00
	21—No.	67....	Linn Wood Lodge 167, note for \$2000, interest paid in settlement of dues of said lodge.....	160 00
	25—No.	68....	H. T. Schilling, interest on note of \$600, due 25th instant.....	48 00
	28—No.	71....	James A. Douglass, interest on note of \$1,500, due 30th inst.....	120 00
	29—No.	77....	Geo. Washington Lodge 65, interest on note of \$1000, due 24th inst.....	80 00
May	5—No.	86....	Joseph Santini, interest on note of \$2000, due 4th instant.....	160 00
June	3—No.	97....	Excelsior Lodge 166, interest on note of \$500, due May 2d, 1868.....	40 00
July	1—No.	109....	E. A. Yorke, interest on note of \$2000..	160 00
	5—No.	116....	O. R. A. C. No. 1, interest on note \$3000	240 00
	5—No.	117....	La. C. R. & S. M. No. 2, " " \$500	40 00
Oct.	29—No.	165....	Louisiana Lodge 102, " " \$1000	80 00
Nov.	20—No.	173....	Tax collector, State Taxes for 1867....	262 75
				<u>\$5,784 30</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Grand Lodge Hall.....	\$ 5,218 55
Grand Lodge.....	6,332 62
Polar Star Hall.....	474 66
Interest Account.....	768 00
Grand Lodge Library.....	45 25
Capital Account.....	50 00
Masonic Cemetery.....	3,809 91
Donation to Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1 Tomb.....	1,548 00
Sundries.....	94 00
Bills Payable.....	1,800 00
Temple Property.....	5,784 30
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	\$25,925 29

The R. W. Grand Secretary presented the following report, detailed statement and trial balance, which was received, and on motion referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, for distribution:

NEW ORLEANS, February 8th, 1869.

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER: Your Grand Secretary would respectfully report, that on the 17th February last he notified W. Bros. John W. Norris, of Orient Lodge No. 173, John G. Fleming, of Quitman Lodge No. 76, and Harmon Doane, of Louisiana Lodge No. 102, of their appointment on the Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge Hall.

On the 27th, I forwarded to Grand Lodges a circular list of officers of the Grand Lodge, with the signatures of first five officers.

March 7—By order of the M. W. Grand Master, I issued authority to R. W. Bro. John C. Gordy as Grand Lecturer for the Jurisdiction.

March 9—Received from Committee on Audit and Accounts, a list of the accounts to be transferred to black book, and opened said book this date, as per resolution of the Grand Lodge.

March 16—I forwarded to lodges notice of the action taken by the M. W. Grand Lodge in special cases.

March 23—By order of the M. W. Grand Master, I issued notices for a special session of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of consecrating the Hall of Hermitage Lodge No. 98.

March 31—By order, issued special authority to R. W. Bro. John C. Gordy to consecrate Evergreen Lodge, and install officers.

April 14—By order, issued invitations to the several Grand Masonic Bodies in Louisiana to attend and assist in the ceremony of consecrating the Masonic Cemetery and of laying the corner stone of the tomb of Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1, on the 24th instant. On the 16th I received an answer of acceptance, from the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Louisiana, and the Ill. G. Consistory, 32d, of the State of Louisiana.

April 20—By order, issued to Louisiana Masonic Mutual Relief Association, the note of the Grand Lodge for \$500, at twelve months, with eight per cent. per annum.

April 29—By order, drew a warrant on treasurer in favor of Bro. John C. Gordy for \$100, on account, as Grand Lecturer.

April 29—By order, drew warrants to pay interest on notes of the Grand Lodge, as follows: To Geo. Washington Lodge No. 65, for \$160, interest on note of \$2000, one year. Delta R. A. Chapter No. 15, \$144 interest on \$1,800, at one year, and issued note of Grand Lodge to Bro. James A. Douglass, for \$1,500, at twelve months, with eight per cent. interest per annum, and received the money.

April 30—Forwarded to city lodges, copies of the tabular statement prepared by the Board of G. L. Hall Directors, as per resolution of the M. W. Grand Lodge; and, on May 1st, to the country lodges, by mail.

May 9—Received from Bros. Bidault and Fagot, of Polar Star Lodge No. 1, a communication on questions of Masonic Law and Jurisprudence. By order, referred them to the Committee on M. L. and J.; received an answer and forwarded it on 12th instant.

May 18—Received a communication from Kilnwellington Lodge No. 24, Ayr, Scotland, asking for information in regard to Bro. Cunningham, late a member of that lodge, who died in N. O. Referred to the W. M. of La. R. Lodge No. 1, from whom I received an answer and forwarded it on the 26th inst.

May 20—Received an invitation from the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to the M. W. Grand Master and elective officers of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, to participate in the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the new Masonic temple in Philadelphia, on the 24th June next, and by order of the M. W. Grand Master, notified the elective Grand officers of the same.

June 4—At the request of Bro. S. H. Dixon, of Ala., I have forwarded to him, as Chairman of Committee on Masonic History of Ala., copies of all the papers in our archives, relative to lodges established by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana in the State of Ala. I have sent him extracts from the minutes of September 6th and 20th, 1813; September 28th, 1814; 5th July, 1817; 9th July, 1819; 12th February and 1st July, 1820.

June 4—Received a communication from the R. W. Ass't Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California, in regard to the restoration of Perez Snell, formerly J. G. W. of this Grand Lodge, who was expelled in 1842. I answered it, and again more fully on the 20th July.

June 15—Received a petition from the Sr. Warden presiding, of Grosse Tête Lodge No. 57, in regard to affiliating members. Referred it to the M. W. Grand Master.

June 18—By order, issued the note of the Grand Lodge for \$500 at twelve months, with eight per cent. interest per annum, to La. M. M. R. Association, and drew an order for the payment of the interest in advance, as also on the note for \$500 issued in April last.

June 29—Sent the bonds of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary to Edw. Barnett, notary public, on the 30th; they were returned and were put in safe.

June 30—Received from Bro. J. R. Duncan, M. D., \$5, to be sent to Bro. W. A. Robertson, for clerk of Court, which amount I have forwarded by mail.

June 30—Received 1000 lithographs of M. Cemetery and forwarded copies to Grand officers, lodges in the city, and to D. D. Grand Masters.

July 6—By order, paid Orleans R. A. C. No. 1, interest on note of \$3000 for one year, and to La. C. R. & S. M. No. 2, interest on note of \$500 for one year.

July 22—By order, issued note of Grand Lodge for \$500, at twelve months, with eight per cent. interest per annum, to Louisiana M. R. Association, and received the money.

July 27—Received a communication from several members of Evergreen Lodge No. 189, asking to have their names added to those upon the charter; referred it to M. W. Grand Master.

July 28—Received from Evergreen Lodge a communication on questions of M. L. and Jur.; referred to the M. W. Grand Master.

August 1—I received information from Bro. David Arent that the lodges in Union parish had not received their quota of Grand Lodge proceedings. They had been shipped on the steamer Vicksburg. I forwarded one copy to each lodge by mail, and caused inquiry to be made concerning them, and requested R. W. Bro. Gordy, who was going up the river, to make inquiry for them on his way up.

August 3—Delivered the demit of Bro. Thos. O. Meux, received from Halo Lodge No. 5, Alabama, to Bro. M., and received from him \$80 for the dues of forty years, which I have forwarded to the said lodge.

August 5—Received, through the R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, an invitation to the M. W. Grand Master and elective officers of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, to participate in the ceremonies of the dedication of the new Masonic Hall at St. Louis, on 14th October next. Referred to M. W. Grand Master, and forwarded copies to the elective Grand officers.

August 13—Received, from R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Texas, letters of Bro. F. A. Bachler, with a request to have the same verified, which I had done, and returned them by mail on 15th inst.

August 13—By order, paid Chas. Donnelly (to order of John Walsh) \$1500, for 40 vaults built in the Masonic Cemetery.

August 19—Received official notice from Houma Lodge No 159 of the indefinite suspension of Bro. R. W. Francis.

August 21—Received official notice, from Pearl River Lodge No. 125, of the expulsion of Bro. B. R. Fornea.

September 27—The M. W. Grand Lodge buried R. W. Bro. W. P. Coleman, P. G. Warden of this Grand Lodge, and late Grand Representative M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio.

October 7—By order, issued the note of the Grand Lodge for \$1500, to Bro. James A. Douglass, payable in twelve months, with 8 per cent. interest per annum.

October 7—By order, paid to Jno. Halliday \$1500, the first installment on tomb of Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1, and dried the contents of box for corner stone, and had the same sealed and replaced.

October 12—Received a communication from a committee of the M. W.

Grand Lodge of North Carolina, asking information in regard to the use in this jurisdiction of a cypher or other help to the memory, etc., etc., and have answered the same.

October 13—Issued a certificate of good standing to Bro. F. M. Dawson, of late Patmos Lodge No. 97, now extinct.

October 21—Notified M. W. Bros. Fellows, Barnett and Santini that they had been appointed a committee to draft suitable resolutions on the death of the late R. W. Bro. W. P. Coleman, by the M. W. Grand Lodge at its special session on the 27th of September last.

October 23—By order, I cancelled the note of the Grand Lodge to Linn Wood Lodge No. 167 for \$2000, and substituted therefor two notes of the same date for \$1000 each, one to Linn Wood Lodge No. 167, and the other to F. W. Delesdernier.

November 8—I received a communication from the Grand Master of Mississippi, M. W. Thos. S. Garthright, in regard to a demit of Bro. T. O. Jackson, of Humble Cottage Lodge No. 19. I forwarded a copy to the lodge and received an answer, which I forwarded to M. W. Bro. T. S. Garthright.

November 9—Received a communication from Ill. : Bro. J. H. Honour, of Charleston, S. C., making inquiries for Bro. Adolphus Musseau. Wrote to St. John's Lodge No. 153 for information, and forwarded the same on 12th inst.

November 10—Received a communication addressed to Bro. S. G. Risk, Grand Secretary, from Bro. Silas Goodrich, of Cambridgeport, Mass., saying he was Secretary of Solomon Lodge No. 130, Louisiana, in 1861, and asking for a demit. I mailed the same to the lodge, and requested them to communicate their action thereon.

November 16—Received official notice from Grand Lodge of Connecticut of the suspension of the Grand Treasurer, and the appointment of R. W. Bro. George Lee to said office.

November 21—Received, from Orleans Lodge No. 78, an official communication concerning an impostor (J. Brandon alias Jacob Van Buren), and issued same in circular.

November 21—Entered the Grand Lodge as a subscriber to the N. O. Real Estate Association, paid fee and forwarded a notice for 1 per cent. tax.

December 2—Having received notice of taxes due the State on the Temple property, I addressed a note to the State Treasurer, requesting him to receive warrants therefor. After considerable trouble, he was induced to receive them for a portion only, the rest being required in currency. I purchased the necessary warrants, saving the Grand Lodge the discount.

December 4—Received, through the Grand Treasurer, several documents from the Grand Orient of Peru. I had the same translated, and referred them to the M. W. Grand Master.

December 12—Issued, on the recommendation of Deerfield Lodge No. 120, a certificate of good standing to Bro. John T. Mason, of late Patmos Lodge No. 97.

December 17—Wrote to R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, correcting the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of that Grand Lodge.

December 23—By order, issued the note of the Grand Lodge for \$1000 at twelve months, dated April 1st, 1868, with 8 per cent. interest per annum, to Mrs. Teresa Gurtler, and paid the interest thereon to 31st December, 1868.

December 26--Received a communication from Polar Star Lodge No. 1, nominating J. Bordonnay as Keeper for Hall, in place of A. Cetti, resigned.

January 11--By order of M. W. Grand Master, referred communication and complaint of Bro. W. F. Bartlett to the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, for expression of opinion thereon.

January 26--Received from R. W. Grand Treasurer, M. W. Samuel M. Todd, his official report and vouchers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, in case of Kisatchie Lodge No. 156 against Many Lodge No. 88, laid over under resolution to the present communication.

In case of appeal by Bro. G. Schneider from decision of DeSoto Lodge No. 55 in expelling him. In this case the lodge was ordered to send up a transcript of the proceedings had.

I have received a communication from the W. M. (on file), stating the reasons why the same cannot be done.

In case of R. C. Robinson from decision against him of suspension for three years, by Mount Gerizim, I have received no papers or transcript of proceedings.

Charters were issued to the following lodges, under date of February 13th, 1868.

Kisatchie Union No. 186, at Kiles' Mills, Natchitoches Parish,
Flat Lick No. 187, Flat Lick, Claiborne Parish,
Covington No. 188, Covington, St. Tammany Parish,
Evergreen No. 189, Evergreen, Avoyelles Parish.

Solomon Lodge No. 130 has made no returns since 1861. The lodge charter, jewels, furniture, etc., were destroyed by the war. On January 4th, I received a communication and a list of the members as far as can be made by the former Secretary, and have referred it to Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered Lodges.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

February 17--Received from D. D. Grand Master Ninth District, J. C. Jones, a recommendation to remove Eureka Lodge No. 177; referred to M. W. Grand Master. On 7th March, wrote to ascertain what lodge it was he had authorized to move, and on 11th forwarded him a dispensation from M. W. Grand Master covering his action in case of Eureka Lodge No. 177. April 3d, received his report on district.

February 24--Forwarded to each D. D. Grand Master a copy of resolution by the M. W. Grand Lodge, and requested immediate action thereon.

March 5--D. D. Grand Master Geo. A. Pike, Third District. Received report on District, with a diagram of the same. 17th August, received reply to question asked in regard to Perkins Lodge No. 150. January 28, 1869, received his report.

March 7--D. D. Grand Master Amos Kent, Second District. Forwarded to him a blank return, Secretary's instructions and blank proxies for each lodge in his district. Received report on district, and diagram. January 2d, received his report.

March 10—R. W. D. Grand Master and D. D. Grand Master Seventh District, Syl. G. Parsons. Received his report on district, with diagram attached. January 25, 1869, received his report.

March 17—D. D. Grand Master J. H. Sutherland, Fourteenth District. Received his resignation and recommendation of W. Bro. Boling Williams for D. D. Grand Master. April 3d, received his report on district.

March 18th.—D. D. Grand Master Boling Williams, Fourteenth District. Issued his appointment as D. D. Grand Master. April 3d, received communication accepting the same. August 21st, forwarded him a lot of Constitutions and By-Laws.

August 28—Received a request for and forwarded to him a transcript of account for each lodge in his district, which I forwarded.

March 20—D. D. Grand Master J. R. Bevil, Tenth District. Received report on his district.

March 20—D. D. Grand Master Hy. Regenburg, Eighth District. Received his report on district, and diagram. October 10th, received notice from W. Bro. E. Tisdale of death of R. W. Bro. Hy. R., on the eighth inst., with an invitation to Grand Lodge and the craft to attend the funeral at Farmersville, on the 18th instant, and published the same in papers. On the 26th, I received a copy of resolutions passed in memory of same by W. Star Lodge No. 24.

March 26.—D. D. Grand Master M. A. Calongne, Second Division, First District. Issued appointment.

March 26.—D. D. Grand Master G. Segui y Gahona, Third Division, First District. Issued appointment.

March 31—D. D. Grand Master D. H. Hayes, Eleventh District. Issued appointment and forwarded proceedings and a blank return and instructions for each lodge in the District. January 2d, received his report.

March 31—D. D. Grand Master G. N. Clampit, Twelfth District. Issued appointment and sent proxy and a blank return and instructions for each lodge in his district.

March 31—D. D. Grand Master H. W. Kirkpatrick, Nineteenth District. Issued appointment and sent proxy and a blank return, and instructions for each lodge in his district. July 31st, received his report on Flat Lick Lodge.

March 31—The M. W. Grand Master re-districted the State, in accordance with resolution of Grand Lodge at the last session, and on April 4th, I notified each D. D. Grand Master of the lodges composing his district.

March 31—D. D. Grand Master Geo. H. Wells, Eighteenth District. Issued appointment and sent proxy, and blank return and instructions for each lodge in the district. On April 10th, received reply accepting the same. June 13th, wrote to him for information in case of J. K. Belden. July 8th, received answer. August 12th, received communication on M. Low; referred to M. W. Grand Master. January 2, 1869, received his report.

October 27—D. D. Grand Master W. W. Risher, Fifth District. Received his report on proceedings under special dispensation. Installed officers of H. Lodge No. 110 and T. Lodge No. 105. February 1st, received report of above on district and referred to M. W. Grand Master.

October 28—D. D. Grand Master H. R. Lott, Sixth District. Issued appoint-

ment and forwarded by mail, with proxy, blank return and instructions for each lodge in the district. January 30, 1869, received his report.

October 28—D. D. Grand Master John L. Barrett, Eighth District. Issued appointment and sent same and proxy for self, and one for each lodge in district and a blank return and instruction by Bro. Arent.

December 19—D. D. Grand Master and Grand Lecturer Jno. C. Gordy, Seventeenth District. Received report on district. January 14th, received his report.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

February 11, 1868—Notified Ill. Bro. E. Salamon, R. W. Grand Representative of S. C. 33d of Colon, that his credentials had been presented.

July 22—Received from M. W. Grand Master the credentials of R. W. A. Goldmann as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of the three Globes, Berlin, Prussia, for file, and issued credentials to R. W. Carl Ferdinand Julius Heinersdorff, First Grand Steward and Dep. Master of Silencio Lodge, Berlin, Prussia, as Grand Representative of the Most Worthy Grand Lodge of Louisiana at that Grand East, and forwarded it with a copy of proceedings, Constitution and By-laws, through R. W. G. Rep. A. Goldmann.

October 17—Issued credentials to R. W. Carl Gehl, of Golden Apostle Lodge, Dresden, as R. W. Grand Representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana at the Grand East of Saxony, and forwarded the same, with a copy of proceedings, Constitution and By-laws of Grand Lodge.

October 17—Issued credentials to R. W. Carl Paul, Grand Secretary and P. M. of Lodge "Karl Zum Aufgehenden Licht" as R. W. Grand Representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana at the Grand East of the Grand Mother Lodge, Frankfort-on-the-Maine, and forwarded the same with a copy of the proceedings, Constitution and By-laws.

October 26—Notified M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio of the death of the late R. W. Willis P. Coleman, Grand Representative of that M. W. Grand Lodge.

November 21—Received from M. W. Grand Master, the credentials of M. W. Wm. M. Perkins, as R. W. Grand Representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Texas, at this Grand Lodge.

December 2—Received a communication from R. W. Wm. P. Chilton, Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge at the Grand Lodge of Alabama, asking if he were still Representative and for a copy of our proceedings; answered, and forwarded a copy.

December 21—Received from the S. C. 33d and Grand Orient of Uruguay, a lot of documents and pamphlets concerning the same, and the Grand Orient of Italia. I forwarded the same to R. W. Bro. F. Ricau, Grand Representative, for translation, and then referred the same, with originals, to the M. W. Grand Master.

December 22—By order of M. W. Grand Master, I acknowledged the reception of the credentials of R. W. Bro. Joseph Santini, appointing him Grand Representative of the S. C. 33d and Grand Orient of Italia at this Grand East, and accompanying correspondence, and placed the same on file. On January 6th I copied and forwarded letter of M. W. Grand Master to G. O. of Italia; forwarded through Ill. G. Representative Joseph Santini, 33d.

January 27—Received a communication from the M. W. Grand Lodge of the

Three Globes, Prussia, with translation from R. W. A. Goldmann, Grand Representative. Referred them to M. W. Grand Master.

January 30—Referred the resignation of R. W. Bro. J. C. Batchelor, M. D., as Grand Representative of the S. C. Mexico, 33d, to the M. W. Grand Master.

PROCEEDINGS AND CIRCULARS.

On February 19, issued proposals to print proceedings (as per suggestion of Committee on Printing,) to I. T. Hinton, W. H. Lewis, the Crescent and Price Current offices.

On the 26th instant, the same was opened by the M. W. Grand Master, and given to Bro. I. T. Hinton, as the lowest bidder.

The same was printed and sent to the binder, on the 20th April, and on the 23d, 500 copies were received and immediately distributed; by the 27th April I finished packing and marking for all the Grand officers, D. D. Grand Masters, Grand Lodges, foreign correspondence, and the lodges of the jurisdiction.

The last volume contains 348 pages, and although but 26 pages more than the previous, yet, owing to the different arrangement, it has fully one-third more matter, and at a cost of \$1,795 40, (including 250 extra copies of Report on Foreign Correspondence for the use of the Grand Lodge,) and is \$477 40 more than the cost last year.

For the neat and compact appearance of the present proceedings, I am indebted in a great measure to the assistance and advice rendered by the chairman of the Printing Committee, W. Bro. James B. Scot. On the 19th June I forwarded duplicate copies to Grand Lodges, and August 31st, a third copy.

Numerous applications for proceedings have been received during the year from Grand bodies and individual Masons, in some cases of full series, to supply loss of library by fire; these I have supplied so far as I have had the volumes required.

In accordance with the requirements of the By-Laws, a circular has been issued by the Grand Secretary, on the first of each month, to the lodges, containing expulsions, rejections, etc., etc.

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

During the present year, I have arranged and catalogued the works in the library, and assorted and arranged the duplicate proceedings in possession of the Grand Lodge, excepting those marked G. R. A. Chapter. These one hundred or more volumes I am in hopes that Grand Body will, at this Grand Convocation, convey to the Grand Lodge, when they can be added to the catalogue. I regret that more interest is not taken by the craft in Louisiana to add to its utility, by subscribing one or more volumes to it. It contains now over 600 volumes, many of them rare and valuable. If a majority of the craft would but contribute one volume, it would be a pleasant place of resort for members who might wish to please or improve themselves by an examination of the opinions of others.

During the year, I addressed a circular of wants, indicating the No. and volume of proceedings needed to complete sets for the different Grand Lodges, to the R. W. Grand Secretaries and correspondents, asking them to forward the same, and offering to exchange, giving the No. and volume of duplicates I had on hand.

Many of the brethren have responded and forwarded volumes, and I have supplied their wants in exchange where I had the means to do so.

The Grand Lodge is under obligations to the following brethren for contributions, viz.:

M. W. Bro. Henry R. Swasey, for a volume printed in 1800: "The Spirit of Masonry, by William Hutchinson."

Bro. W. W. Austin, of Indiana, a lot of proceedings and pamphlets, and the offer of a lot of duplicates.

M. W. Grand Lodge of Alabama, through R. W. Bro. Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary, bound volume, Code of Grand Lodge.

M. W. Grand Lodge of Iowa, through R. W. Bro. Parvin, Grand Secretary, 2 bound volumes, Proceedings Grand Lodge, 1864 and 1868, and G. R. A. C., 1854 and 1857, making list of proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa complete for twenty-five years.

M. W. W. C. Peneck, P. G. M., Ala., 6 volumes Proceedings Grand Lodge of Alabama.

Ill. A. Pike, S. G. C. S. C., 33d, S. J., a lot of pamphlets and the Proceedings of the S. C. 33d, for the N. J.

Ill. J. H. Drummond, S. G. C. S. C. 33d, N. J., and G. H. P., of Maine, a lot of Proceedings.

Bro. D. Arent, a volume printed in Kownsburg 1747 (well preserved).

Bro. A. G. Knight, 7 volumes, miscellaneous.

Bro. Wm. M. Melder, 2 volumes, bound.

M. W. J. Q. A. Fellows, P. G. M., 208 volumes Proceedings of Grand Lodges, Chapters, Councils and Commanderies, 75 pamphlets, and a lot of papers.

M. W. Samuel M. Todd, P. G. M. and G. T., 85 volumes of Proceedings, 31 pamphlets, and a lot of papers.

W. Bro. A. Queant, 43 volumes bound, miscellaneous.

During the year, I have had bound 76 volumes for the library, principally Proceedings of Grand Lodges and G. R. A. Chapters, but have made no purchases.

The following lodges have made returns and paid their dues in full, for 1868, within the constitutional period, viz:

Concorde.....	No. 3	Alpha Home.....	No. 72	Eastern Star....	No. 151
Perseverance...	" 4	Quitman.....	" 76	St. John.....	" 153
Los Amigos del		Orleans.....	" 78	Fillmore.....	" 154
Orden.....	" 5	Mt. Vernon.....	" 83	Atchafalaya.....	" 163
Silencia.....	" 9	Oliver.....	" 84	Linn Wood.....	" 167
Humble Cottage,	" 19	Thibodeaux Be-		Haynesville.....	" 169
Western Star....	" 24	nevolent.....	" 90	Orus.....	" 170
Feliciana.....	" 31	St. Helena.....	" 96	Kosmos.....	" 171
Germania.....	" 46	Hermitage.....	" 98	Union.....	" 172
Providence.....	" 50	Mt. Lebanon....	" 104	Orient.....	" 173
DeSoto.....	" 55	Vienna.....	" 106	Dante.....	" 174
Franklin.....	" 57	Castor.....	" 109	Amite City.....	" 175
Friends of Har-		Urim.....	" 111	Perfect Harmony..	" 176
mony.....	" 58	Shreveport.....	" 115	Tulip.....	" 178
Mt. Moriah.....	" 59	Terryville.....	" 118	Caddo.....	" 179
George Washing-		Deerfield.....	" 120	Little Flock.....	" 180
ton.....	" 65	Mackey.....	" 122	Longwood.....	" 183
Dudley.....	" 66	Plains.....	" 135	Abbeville.....	U. D.
Marion.....	" 68	Downsville....	" 143	Jefferson.....	U. D.
Hiram.....	" 70	Ocean.....	" 144	Corinthian.....	U. D.

The following lodges have made their returns within the constitutional period, but paid in part only:

St. James No. 47..	Dues \$92, paid \$73.	Due.....	\$19 00
Minden " 51..	Dues \$97, Cr. of \$29.	Due.....	68 00
Olive " 52..	Dues \$95, paid \$6.	Due.....	89 00
Dawson " 129..	Dues \$51, paid \$25.	Due.....	26 00
Brookville " 161..	Dues \$48, paid \$46.	Due.....	2 00
Eureka " 177..	Dues \$23, paid \$4.	Due.....	19 00

The following lodges have made returns within the constitutional period, but paid their dues subsequently, viz:

St. Albans.....	No. 28	Bellevue.....	No. 95	Hope.....	No. 145
Phoenix.....	" 38	Louisiana.....	" 102	Silent Brother-	
Foyer Magon-		Trinity.....	" 105	hood.....	" 146
nique.....	" 44	Sparta.....	" 108	Darlington.....	" 149
Mt. Gerizim....	" 54	Harrisonburg...	" 110	Excelsior.....	" 166
Lafayette.....	" 87	Houma.....	" 139	Orphans' Friend.	" 185

The following lodges have made returns within the constitutional period, but have paid no dues, viz:

Polar Star No. 1.....	\$69 00	Livingston No. 160.....	43 00
Many No. 88.....	33 00	Montgomery No. 168.....	\$36 00
Thos. Jefferson No. 113.....	42 00	Spring Creek No. 184.....	26 00
Millford No. 117, for 1867-8....	73 00	Evergreen No. 189.....	40 00
Athens No. 136.....	39 00	Trenton, U. D.....	3 00
Jeffersonian No. 138.....	24 00	Aurora, U. D.....	18 00
Cool Spring No. 140.....	69 00		

The following lodges have made returns and paid dues after the constitutional period:

Perfect Union....	No. 1	Bartholomew....	No. 112	Kisatchie	No. 156
Jackson	" 45	Acacia.....	" 116	Sam Todd.....	" 182
Union Fraternal. "	53	Kellertown.....	" 124	Kisatchie Union "	186
DeWitt Clinton.. "	80	Pearl River.....	" 125	Saline.....	U. D.
Cypress.....	" 89	Shiloh.....	" 131	Magnolia.....	U. D.
Franklinton.....	" 101	Red Land.....	" 148	Mt. Olivet.....	U. D.
Cloutierville....	" 103	Cherry Ridge....	No. 155		

The following lodges have made returns since the constitutional period, but have paid their dues in part only:

St. Andrew No. 5—By credit.....	22 00
Liberty No. 61—February 2d.....	\$55 00
Lisbon No. 121—By old credit.....	29 97

The following lodges have made returns after the constitutional period, but have paid no dues:

Burnsville.....	No. 162	Evergreen	No. 189	Aurora.....	U. D.
Columbia.....	" 164	Trenton	U. D.	Louisiana Relief No. 1.	

The following lodges have neither made returns nor paid dues:

*Lafayette	No. 56	*Spring Hill ...	No. 127	Grose Tête.....	No. 167
*Tunica.....	" 63	Salomon.....	" 130	*Rapides.....	" 158
Sabine.....	" 75	*Warren.....	" 132	*Morganza	" 159
*Pleasantville ...	" 86	*Gordy.....	" 133	*Lake Charles ..	" 165
*Monticello	" 92	Perkins.....	" 150	Flat Lick.....	" 187
*Napoleon.....	" 94	Homer.....	" 152	*Covington.....	" 188
*Arcadia.....	" 126	*Fillmore.....	" 154		

*Returns received subsequently.

EXPULSIONS.

The following were received in 1867-8, but not acted upon at last session, viz:

- Jacob Gall, expelled by Burnside Lodge No. 162, June 15, 1867.
- T. M. McCastland, expelled by Lisbon Lodge No. 121, September 4.
- A. H. Jordan, expelled by Pleasant Hill Lodge No. 86, November 9.
- J. M. Walker, expelled by Vienna Lodge No. 106, December 14.

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- R. B. Tornea, expelled by Pearl River Lodge No. 125, July 18, 1868.
- W. C. Huex, expelled by Sparta Lodge No. 108, September 18, 1868.
- Jno. McKoin, expelled by Mt. Gerizim Lodge No. 54, October 15, 1868.
- J. K. Belden, expelled by Ocean Lodge No. 144, November 25, 1868.

Appeal of L. A. Finley from decision of Dudley Lodge No. 66, received January 29.

Appeal of J. K. Belden from decision of expulsion by Ocean Lodge No. 144,

said lodge having been selected to try Bro. J. K. Belden, as per resolution of the M. W. Grand Lodge at its last annual session.

LODGES.

COOL SPRING LODGE, No. 140. February 17—Received returns of lodge for 1867. January 15, I received returns for 1868; dues \$69; and wrote regarding errors in same.

FILLMORE LODGE No. 154. February 20—Received returns for 1867; the dues were paid in January, except one dollar, which was paid June 9, 1868. January, forwarded additional blanks by boat. January 26, received \$45; forwarded receipt and blanks.

LAKE CHARLES LODGE No. 165. February 20—Received returns for 1867, and \$56 on account of dues. June 13, by order of M. W. Grand Master, I wrote to D. D. Grand Master W. H. Wells for papers in case of Lake Charles Lodge No. 165 versus J. K. Belden, and received the same July 3, and forwarded them to M. W. of Ocean Lodge No. 144. August 26, I forwarded to lodge an order from the M. W. Grand Master to send minute book of lodge to this office to be used in said trial. It was received by express and immediately forwarded to the M. W. of Ocean Lodge No. 144.

HUMBLE COTTAGE LODGE No. 19. Received a communication from M. W. on the subject of usage. In answer, I forwarded the action of the Grand Lodge on the subject. March 2, I received a protest by W. M. against a new lodge, and referred the same to the M. W. Grand Master. December 14, received an answer to communication of M. W. Grand Master of Mississippi, and forwarded it, (concerning demit of Bro. S. A. Jackson). On January 20 I received returns for 1868, (dues \$108,) and 23d I received cash, to be credited to dues account, \$110.

February 25. I notified the following brethren and lodges of the action of the Grand Lodge at last session, in certain cases, viz: P. C. Robinson, G. Schneider, B. McCluskey, J. A. Leach, S. M. Fuller, Jno. Martin, and N. A. Delermo. Lodges No. 8, 28, 51, 54, 55, 66, 88, 89, 131, 145 and 181. March 16, notified lodges 50, 56, 94, 103, 104, 105, 110, 117, 130, 132, 150 and 157, that no returns had been received.

UNION FRATERNAL LODGE No. 53. February 27—Received letter correcting returns.

MORGANZA LODGE No. 159. February 28—By request, I forwarded lodge a transcript of account, and same date received returns for 1867. August 17—Received petition for dispensation to replace charter, which was lost. Referred to M. W. Grand Master. It was granted and forwarded.

ATHENS LODGE No. 136. February 27—Received letter correcting returns. Nov. —Received a request for blanks, which were forwarded by mail. Jan. 29—Received returns of 1868; dues \$39.

SPARTA LODGE No. 108. February 27—Received letter correcting returns. Oct. 2—A request for blanks, which were forwarded by mail. Jan. 22—I received returns for 1868; dues \$83.

SABINE LODGE No. 75. February 29—By request, forwarded a statement of account, showing balance due of \$12 75. March 5—Forwarded a receipt for \$58. March 28—Received balance due, \$12 75.

CYPRESS LODGE No. 89. Feb. 29—Received letter correcting returns. April

4—Received \$76 on account of dues and information that the lodge had not removed to Quality Hill as contemplated. May 28—Received communication from lodge asking if a W. M. can demit. Answered in the negative.

COVINGTON LODGE No. 188. March 2—Delivered charter to M. W. Grand Master, and on April 3d received list of officers installed, and wrote to W. M. in regard to returns.

LITTLE FLOCK LODGE No. 180. March 2—Received returns of 1867. (Dues paid Feb. 10.) On Jan. 11, I received returns for 1868 and dues, \$24.

TERRYVILLE LODGE No. 118. March 5—Forwarded a receipt for \$9, received for dues March 28. Received a letter from W. M. by R. W. Bro. Gordy in regard to dues of lodge. I replied and sent a list of the members of the lodge in 1860, that the returns should contain and be accounted for. Forwarded blank and requested a correct return to be made out and forwarded. Jan. 28—I received returns and \$19, (dues \$21,) and wrote on errors in return.

COLUMBIA LODGE No. 164. March 5—Acknowledged receipt of \$15 for dues. August 5—Received request for a register (and forwarded the same by Str. Idahoe) and for information in regard to D. Tillman. Answered that he was not on roll of late Edna Lodge No. 64. Aug. 8th, I forwarded a register.

DUDLEY LODGE No. 66. March 5—Received report of lodge and papers in case of complaint of Miss A. Gourgas against Bro. H. E. Robertson, the same adverse to complaint and is on file. March 20—Received information of indefinite suspension of Lewis A. Finley, jr. Jan. 21—Received returns and dues for 1868, \$164. Jan. 29—I received from lodge the papers, etc., 1 to 10 in case of appeal from decision of lodge by L. A. Finley.

PLAINS LODGE No. 135. March 28—Wrote to Secretary to correct returns. November—Forwarded blanks by mail. Jan. 25—Received returns for 1868; dues \$48; old balance of \$4; received \$47; balance due \$5.

PROVIDENCE LODGE No. 50. March 7—Acknowledged receipt on Feb. 15 of \$35 for dues. March 16—Notified lodge that no return for 1867 had been received. July 2—Received communication in regard to returns and a question in regard to a candidate who cannot write. Answered, and referred to By-laws and Constitution of Grand Lodge. In September, by request, I forwarded proceedings of Grand Lodge for 1860 and 1861, and a transcript of account of lodge. Jan. 8—Received returns for 1868; dues \$77, old balance \$114, total \$191. Jan. 15—Received dues for 1868, \$77. Jan. 28—Received letter correcting returns, and petition for remission of old balance, \$114, and a register, which latter I forwarded on 30th.

EVERGREEN LODGE No. 189. March 9—Received a letter from W. M. in regard to charter. On 13th I found the missing papers and filled up the charter, and informed the lodge that the same would be delivered to R. W. Bro. Gordy. On June 8th, received notice from Bro. Gordy of constitution of lodge and installation of officers. Jan. 7—Received returns for 1868, dues \$40, and a letter of explanation of returns.

SHILOH LODGE No. 131. March 12—Received letter correcting returns. Aug. 10—Received notice that proceedings of Grand Lodge had not been received, and I forwarded one by mail.

JEFFERSONIAN No. 138, (late 181). March 31—Received from lodge, charter No. 181, with a request for charter No. 138, and \$50 fee for same, as per resolution of Grand Lodge at last session. I cancelled charter No. 181 and issued

a duplicate of charter No. 138, with explanatory note on margin, and on April 3d, delivered it, and an order for \$50 to Bro. Jno. Graves. January 27th, received returns of 1868; dues \$34. Wrote on errors in returns.

GROSSE TETE No. 157. Feb. 29—Received letter correcting returns. April 3, received a communication in regard to affiliating members, and referred it to the M. W. Grand Master. June 15, received another on same subject, and made the same reference. August 31, received an application from Bro. S. B. Raby, (Gatesville, Texas,) for a demit, and forwarded it to lodge. Dec. —, received a reply and forwarded it to Bro. Raby by mail. Jan. 5, received a letter in regard to lodge, and answered same.

EASTERN STAR No. 151. April 4—By order of M. W. Grand Master, issued authority to lodge to receive application of Bro. R. D. Nugent, a Fellow Craft of H. Lodge 110, and informed Bro. Nugent of the same. January 29, received \$137, and returns of 1868; dues \$116; old balance \$17, register \$5—\$138.

THOS. JEFFERSON No. 113. April 10—Received papers in case of Bro. J. A. B. Williams, and referred the same to M. W. Grand Master. January 18, received returns for 1868; dues \$42; wrote on errors in returns.

OCEAN LODGE No. 144. April 16—Notified lodge that the M. W. Grand Master had selected it to try Bro. J. K. Belden, as per resolution of Grand Lodge at last session, and forwarded to it the necessary papers, and on Dec. 28, I received papers in case of above trial, notice of expulsion and notice of appeal; the papers and minute book of L. C. Lodge 165. Jan. 4, sold vault in cemetery. Jan. 8, received returns of 1868; dues \$121. Jan. 29th, paid dues \$121.

SAM TODD LODGE No. 182. April 20—Received \$11, balance of dues, and \$12 for seal of lodge. July 6, forwarded seal. Sept. 4th, received letter from W. M. John Dove, to receive valuable package from express office, and to forward the same to Burnsville Lodge No. 162; done so, and forwarded same to care of D. T. Head & Co., Trenton, on 9th Sept.

WARREN LODGE No. 132. April 20—Received returns for 1867, and a letter in regard to same.

FRIENDS OF HARMONY No. 58. May 1—Received a copy of by-laws of lodge for approval; referred to Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, and on 4th instant returned to lodge as approved. January 5, received notice from W. M. of loss of note of Grand Lodge for \$600. January 4, received returns of 1868; dues \$93; credit of \$68, paid \$93.

MT. LEBANON No. 104. May 1—Received returns for 1867; wrote in regard to errors; sent blank and requested a corrected return. On 2d instant received \$25 on account of dues. January 23d, received returns of 1868; dues \$34, old credit \$11 40; paid \$28—\$39 40. Wrote on returns.

RAPIDES LODGE No. 158. May 4—Received draft for \$10, (dues paid by me). On 8th instant, received a corrected return, and on 26th June received letter correcting returns.

SHREVEPORT No. 115. May 21—Received a recommendation of lodge for certificate of good standing, to Bro. Wm S. Lewis, of late Joppa Lodge 74, and forwarded the same. January 21st, received returns of 1868, dues \$86, and a draft for \$78; wrote on error in returns.

PERKINS No. 150. May 22—Received a communication on condition of

lodge and asking for blanks; answered, and forwarded the same by Bro. R. N. Judice. August 20, forwarded dispensation of G. Master to remove lodge. Sept. 2, received returns of 1867. Oct. 22, received from lodge a petition to confer degrees, etc.; referred it to M. W. G. M.

LISBON No. 31. May 26—Received a letter correcting returns; answered on 28th, allowing \$28 overpaid.

POLAR STAR No. 1. May 26—Received communication on by-laws, which I referred to Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, and on 27th returned answer and opinion of committee. January 26th, received returns of 1868; dues \$69.

BURNSVILLE No. 162. May 27—Received notice of suspension of Bro. Thos. J. Prevost, but, as the same was neither signed or sealed, I returned it for correction. Sept. 9, forwarded a valuable package to lodge (from S. T. Lodge No. 182).

FLAT LICK No. 187. May 28—Received and answered a communication in regard to charter. July 31, received the return of the constitution and installation of officers of said lodge.

ORIENT No. 173. June 2d.—Received complaint of lodge against Marion Lodge 68, and, by order of M. W. Grand Master, referred the same to said lodge. January 14, received returns of 1868. Dues \$125.

ATCHAFALAYA No. 163. June 8—Forwarded dispensation to W.M. to hold a public celebration and dedication. July 24, forwarded letter of M. W. Grand Master to the same. August 5, received return of special dispensation and a copy of letter to D. D. Grand Master, G. W. Munday, for file. January 11, received returns for 1868, and dues—\$42. By request, had address of W. M. published in pamphlet form for lodge, and forwarded by steamer Belle Lee on 30th.

LOUISIANA RELIEF No. 1. June 8—Received preamble and resolutions for Board of Directors of G. Lodge Hall. July, received a communication for M. W. Grand Master.

FRANKLIN LODGE No. 57. June 11—Received copy of By-laws for approval. Referred to Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, and then forwarded the same as approved. Dec. 17—Received application for blanks, and forwarded same by mail. Feb. 11—Received returns for 1868, dues \$109, paid \$139.

OLIVER LODGE No. 84. June 12—Received notice from lodge that the notice that Bro. W. S. Ridge being stricken from roll was in error, and a request to correct in next circular, which was done. Jan. 11—Received returns for 1868, dues \$64; received draft for \$63. Wrote on error in return, etc. Jan. 14—Received \$1, balance on dues.

KOSMOS LODGE No. 171. June 20—Received By-laws for approval, and referred same to Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence. Jan. 13—Received returns for 1868; dues \$64, paid by order.

JACKSON LODGE No. 45. July 6—By request, forwarded a statement of account of said lodge.

MR. VERNON LODGE No. 83. July 6—Received \$5 (I had advanced on dues). January 11—Received returns for 1868; dues \$19, paid \$19; wrote, and forwarded receipt,

HARRISONBURG LODGE No. 110. July 31—Received notice from D. D. Grand

Master W. W. Risher of the loss of charter of lodge, and in August received a petition for a dispensation to continue work. Referred to M. W. Grand Master; it was granted and forwarded to lodge. Nov. 6—I forwarded blanks, and informed the lodge no returns had been received since 1861. Jan. 18—Received returns for 1868; dues \$55, paid \$33, and a petition to be relieved from back dues. Referred to committee.

SILENCIO LODGE No. 9. July 11—Received a communication asking my interpretation of the word "absolute" in sec. 5, art. III, ch. II, By-laws Grand Lodge. Answered same. January 11—Received returns for 1868; dues \$73, old credit \$60, paid \$13---\$73. January 16—Received letter correcting returns.

TRINITY LODGE No. 105: Sept. 2—Received a petition to hold an election of officers. Referred to M. W. Grand Master. It was granted and forwarded. Sept. 27—Received returns for 1867, and forwarded blanks. Oct. 22—I wrote to Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Mississippi in regard to jewels of Trinity Lodge No. 105, supposed to be in possession of the same, and afterwards to Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120, Miss., on same subject. Jan. 8—Received returns for 1868; dues \$64, old credit \$36, \$29 due; wrote on error in returns.

PHOENIX LODGE No. 38. Oct. 25—Received a communication in regard to an impostor, Thompson R. Clark, hailing from Lodge No. 794, Newblis, Ireland. The said party called on me, and I forwarded his statement to the lodge and to the R. W. Grand Representative at Grand Lodge of Ireland. Dec. 11—By request, forwarded blanks. Jan. 22—Received returns for 1868; dues \$74. Wrote on errors in returns.

DEERFIELD LODGE No. 120. Oct. 29—Received a communication, of August 26th, correcting circular. Sept. 26—I forwarded blanks. Nov. 28—Answered communication concerning circular, and issued a certificate to Bro. J. T. Mason, of late P. Lodge No. 97. Dec. 31—I received returns for 1868.

MANY LODGE No. 88. Oct. 5—Answered a communication in regard to rejections. Jan. 29—Received returns for 1868; dues \$33.

EUREKA LODGE No. 177. Oct. 7—By request, forwarded blanks, and again forwarded blanks on November 13. Jan. 16—Received letter on subject of visit of Grand Lecturer, and answered same.

MINDEN LODGE No. 51. On May 19, I received a communication on Masonic law, which was referred to and answered by the M. W. Grand Master. Oct. 26—I forwarded, by request, a statement of account and blanks. Jan. 19, 1869—I received returns for 1868, and a letter in regard to account of lodge; dues \$97.

CLOUTIERVILLE LODGE No. 103. Oct. 30—Received a communication in regard to returns and for blanks, which were sent.

LIBERTY LODGE No. 123. Oct. 30—Received a communication requesting copies of Constitution and By-Laws and blanks, which were sent.

MONTGOMERY LODGE No. 168. May 23—Received communication correcting returns, and of this date for blanks, which were sent. Jan. 11—Received returns for 1868; dues \$36. Wrote on errors.

ST. ALBANS LODGE No. 28. Oct. 15—Received a letter on Masonic law and jurisprudence. Referred to M. W. Grand Master. Nov. 6—Wrote to lodge for information and Masonic history of R. W. Bro. G. W. Catlett. Jan. 22—Received returns for 1868; dues \$47.

SOLOMON LODGE No. 130. Nov. 6—Sent blanks, and informed lodge that no returns had been received since 1861. Jan. 4—Received returns for 1868; dues —. Lodge made no returns since 1861, nor had a meeting. Charter, jewels and furniture all destroyed during the war. In 1861, lodge had 31 members. Wrote in regard to returns.

MILFORD LODGE No. 117. Nov. 6—Sent blanks, and notified lodge and D. D. Grand Master that no returns had been received for 1866 and 1867. Jan. 28—Received returns for 1867, dues \$36; 1868, dues \$39—\$75. Wrote on error in returns.

NAPOLEON LODGE No. 94. Nov. 6—Sent blanks, and notified lodge that no returns had been received for 1866 and 1867. Jan. 9—Received commendatory resolution to R. W. Bro. J. C. Gordy, Grand Lecturer.

ORPHANS' FRIEND LODGE No. 185. Nov. 11—Received application for a dispensation. Referred it to M. W. Grand Master. Jan. 16—Received returns for 1868; dues \$64. Wrote on errors in returns.

VIENNA LODGE No. 106. Nov. 23—By request, forwarded blanks. Jan. 18—Received returns for 1868; dues \$62; old balance due \$84—\$146. Jan. 28—Paid dues, \$146.

WESTERN STAR LODGE No. 24. Dec. 4—Received a communication in regard to J. Gussenburg. Answered same and sent blanks on January 8th. Received draft for account of dues, \$99; answered same. Jan. 13—Received returns for 1868; dues \$99.

BELLEVUE LODGE No. 95. Dec. 10—Received communication from W. M. in regard to proxies and mileage. Answered same. Jan. 23—Received returns for 1868; dues \$23.

HAYNESVILLE LODGE No. 169. Dec. 14—Received from W. M. of Homer Lodge No. 152, \$90 on account of Haynesville Lodge No. 169. Jan. 23—Received returns for 1868; dues \$91. Wrote on errors in returns.

DARLINGTON LODGE No. 149. Dec. 22—By request, sent blanks. Jan. 27—Received returns for 1868; dues \$38; old balance due, \$44—\$82.

OLIVE LODGE No. 52. Dec. 30—By request, sent blanks. Feb. 1—Received returns for 1868; dues \$95; old balance due, \$108 25—\$213 35.

ALPHA HOME LODGE No. 72. Dec. 30—Received returns for 1868; dues \$87, paid. (The first returns received this year.)

DEERFIELD LODGE No. 120. Dec. 31—Received returns for 1868; dues \$45; old balance due \$49—\$94. (Second returns received.)

GEORGE WASHINGTON LODGE No. 65. Jan. 1, 1869—Received returns for 1868; dues paid 6th, and rent.

AMITE CITY LODGE No. 175. Jan. 4—Received returns for 1868; dues \$55, paid.

MARION LODGE No. 68. Jan. 5—Received returns for 1868; dues \$179, paid by order.

FOYEE MACONNIQUE LODGE No. 44. Jan. 5—Received returns for 1868; dues \$93.

LOUISIANA LODGE No. 102. Jan. 5—Received returns for 1868; dues \$162.

GERMANIA LODGE No. 46. Jan. 6—Received returns for 1868; dues \$111; old credit \$64, paid \$47—\$111.

LIVINGSTON LODGE No. 160. Jan. 7—Received returns for 1868; dues \$43, and letter of explanation.

DESOTO LODGE No. 55. Jan. 7—Sent blanks. Jan. 22—Received notice of reinstatement of G. H. Sutherland, B. Boykin and B. Bailly. Jan. 29—Received returns for 1868; dues \$102. Letter from W. M., saying papers in case of G. Shrader could not be sent, as they were lost. Referred to Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

ST. JAMES LODGE No. 47. Jan. 7—Sent additional blanks. Jan. 28—Received returns for 1868; dues \$92; paid by check \$91. Wrote on errors.

ORLEANS LODGE No. 78. Jan. 9—Paid dues, \$142. Rent to 31st December, \$50.

MT. GERIZIM LODGE No. 54. Jan. 9—Received returns for 1868; dues \$86. Wrote on errors.

LINN WOOD LODGE No. 167. Jan. 11—Received returns for 1868; dues \$217, paid on 27th.

ST. HELENA LODGE No. 96. Jan. 11—Received returns for 1868; dues \$68, paid on 18th.

UNION LODGE No. 172. Jan. 11—Received returns for 1868; dues \$99, paid 27th.

CADDO LODGE No. 179. Jan. 11—Received returns for 1868; dues \$98, paid by check \$97.

PERFECT UNION LODGE No. 1. Jan. 12—One register, \$5.

PERFECT HARMONY LODGE No. 176. Jan. 12—Received returns for 1868; dues \$90; paid \$90..

ST. JOHN'S LODGE No. 153. Jan. 17—Received returns for 1868; dues \$93; paid \$93.

CASTOR LODGE No. 109. Jan. 13—Received returns for 1868; dues \$29; paid Jan. 16th.

LOS AMIGOS DEL ORDEN LODGE No. 5. Jan. 14—Received returns for 1868; dues \$74; paid \$74.

MT. MORIAH LODGE No. 59. Jan. 14—Received returns for 1868; dues \$291; paid by order.

CONCORDE LODGE No. 3. Jan. 14—Received returns for 1868; dues \$59; paid \$59 on 15th January. Jan. 21—Received notice that lodge would vacate Polar Star Hall on Feb. 1st, 1869.

HERMITAGE LODGE No. 98. Jan. 15—Received returns for 1868; dues \$87; interest on note \$40; cash \$47.

BROOKVILLE LODGE No. 161. Jan. 16—Received returns for 1868; dues \$48; paid \$46; old balance due \$51. Wrote on errors, and sent receipt for \$46.

HOPE LODGE No. 145. Jan. 16—Received returns for 1868; dues \$35. Wrote on errors and in regard to dues.

EXCELSIOR LODGE No. 166. Jan. 18—Received returns; dues \$122.

CERRY RIDGE LODGE No. 155. Jan. 18—Received petition to remove lodge. Referred to M. W. Grand Master.

HOUMA LODGE No. 139. Jan. 18—Forwarded blanks. Jan. 22—Received returns for 1868; dues \$48. Wrote in regard to errors.

SILENT BROTHERHOOD LODGE No. 146. Jan. 18—Received returns for 1868; dues \$43.

JEFFERSONIAN LODGE No. 113. Jan. 18—Received returns for 1868; dues \$42. Wrote on errors in returns.

LAFAYETTE LODGE No. 87. Jan. 19—Received returns for 1868; dues \$97; and a letter with \$29 for dues account.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE No. 4. Jan. 19—Received returns for 1868; dues \$58; old balance due \$9--\$67.

LONGWOOD LODGE No. 183. Jan. 21—Received returns for 1868; dues \$57; omission last year, \$3--\$60. Received a draft for \$63. Wrote on errors in returns. Jan. 26—Forwarded, by request, one register, \$5 50.

FELICIANA LODGE No. 31. Jan. 22—Received returns for 1868; dues \$51; paid on 27th. Wrote on errors in returns. Feb. 1—Received communication correcting returns.

KELLERTOWN LODGE No. 124. Jan. 22---Letter from Secretary on condition of lodge, saying no meeting or election had been held. Forwarded blanks.

TULIP LODGE No. 178. Jan. 22---Received returns for 1868; dues \$41; old balance \$3--\$44; paid \$43. Wrote on errors in returns.

DOWNSVILLE LODGE No. 143. Jan. 23--Received returns for 1868; dues \$54.

MACKEY LODGE No. 122. Jan. 23---Received returns for 1868; dues \$56; paid \$56.

THIBODEAUX BENEVOLENT LODGE No. 90. Jan. 25--Received returns for 1868; dues \$58, paid.

QUITMAN LODGE No. 76. Jan. 27--Received returns for 1867; dues \$211; old credit \$36; paid \$206.

DAWSON LODGE No. 129. Jan. 27--Received returns, for 1868; dues \$51. Wrote on errors.

ORUS LODGE No. 170. Jan. 28---Received returns for 1868; dues \$64; paid \$64.

SPRING CREEK LODGE No. 184. Jan. 29--Received returns for 1868; dues \$26.

UNION LODGE No. 111. Jan. 29--Received returns for 1868; dues \$48; old balance \$8---\$56, paid.

HIRAM LODGE No. 70. Jan. 1---Received returns for 1868; dues \$116; paid, Jan. 30, \$116.

EUREKA LODGE No. 177. Jan. 21---Received returns for 1868; dues \$23; paid \$4. Wrote on errors and dues.

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

SALINE LODGE U. D. March 24, 1868—Issued to James H. Allen, W. M.; Charles P. Gee, S. W.; W. J. Nobles, J. W.; and W. W. Bogleston; H. M. Prothro, John A. Hartley, and Jno. A. Harrall, a dispensation to open a lodge under the above name, at Saline, Bienville parish, La. Recommended by Sparta Lodge 108. The petition was on the 25th inst. delivered to Bro. J. H. Shannon.

MAGNOLIA LODGE, U. D.—On 24th March, I received the dispensation granted to the petitioners for the above lodge, the returns, a copy of the minutes, and a petition asking for a renewal of the dispensation. The same was referred to the M. W. Grand Master, who ordered it renewed, subject to the decision of R. W. D. D. Grand Master John C. Gordy, to whom it was delivered for that purpose. On the 19th of May it was returned with R. W. Bro. Gordy's recommendation not to renew.

On the 5th of August, I received a petition from Bros. Daniel H. Quirk, W.

M.; T. C. Quirk, S. W.; J. J. Hicks, J. W., and G. Bailles, L. Petré, W. A. Robinson, G. Carriere, Joel Earhart, John Reid and J. A. Millen, of H. C. Lodge 19 and Villerie P. Quirk and James Butler, of O. F. Lodge 185, for a dispensation to open a lodge of the same name at Washington, Parish of St. Landry, La. The petition asked that the same might issue to them free of fee, as they were all members of the former lodge. This petition was referred to the M. W. Grand Master. On the 3d of September, by order of the M. W. Grand Master, I issued a dispensation to the above mentioned petitioners free of fee, except that of the Grand Secretary. The petition was recommended by O. F. Lodge 185 and the R. W. D. D. Grand Master. Jan. 27, forwarded blank returns.

TRENTON LODGE, U. D.—A petition was received on the 25th of April and referred to the M. W. Grand Master, from Bros. Horace Jewell, W. M.; S. O. Lurch, S. W.; John W. Potts, J. W., and Thos. Standifer, M. D. Garlington, O. B. Schumaker, John M. Miles, H. J. Trent and J. E. McGuire, recommended by Western Star Lodge 24, for a dispensation to open a lodge of the above name at Trenton, Ouachita Parish, La.; and the same was issued on the 29th of May and delivered to Bro. D. Arent. On the 5th of June he forwarded the fee for the same. On Jan. 27, I received the dispensation, returns, copy of minutes, by-laws and a petition for a charter.

ABBEVILLE LODGE, U. D.—A petition was received on the 27th of April (and referred to the M. W. Grand Master and ordered to issue,) from Bros. Wm D. White, W. M.; Louis M. Roger, S. W.; Elija Ewing, (of H. Lodge 45); John H. Ellis, J. W. of F. Lodge 57; J. Plonski, H. Lodge 70, La.; A. J. Rhodes, Redland Lodge 3, Texas; John T. P. Perry, O. F. Lodge, Texas; Wiley Patterson and John H. Mimens, of Rockport Lodge 58, Ark.; Thomas J. Morgan, of Shiloh Lodge 105, Ala., recommended by Franklin Lodge 57. The dispensation was issued this date and forwarded by mail on the 28th instant, with proceedings, constitution and by-laws, and blanks, by mail, to Bro. W. D. White. On 11th June, I received from the above lodge \$8, for a register and a blank book for minutes, which I forwarded on the 10th to care of W. M. of Franklin Lodge 57. Dec. 17th, I received a communication from W. M. in regard to return and petition for charter. On January 1st, 1869, I received the dispensation, returns, copy of minutes, by-laws and dues of said lodge; fee for dispensation paid by Bro. M. E. Girard in Feb. 1868. Jan. 1st, I received the dispensation, returns, copy of minutes, by-laws and dues, \$27.

MOUNT OLIVET LODGE, U. D.—On 30th of June I received and referred to M. W. Grand Master the petition of Bro. Thomas N. McCrory, W. M.; E. A. Banks, S. W.; Madison Neyland, J. W.; and J. F. Read, J. R. Sawyer, A. Stagg, F. G. McDonald and B. Gary, for a dispensation for a Lodge of the above name, to be opened at Bayou Boeuf, St. Landry parish, La. Recommended by Orphans' Friend Lodge 185. The same was issued June 3d and forwarded, with constitution, blank returns, etc., to care of O. F. Lodge 185, to be delivered on receiving the fee. On July 28 I received a communication from W. M. of O. F. Lodge 185, asking if the fee had been paid. I informed him it had not.

JEFFERSON LODGE, U. D.—On June 25th, issued a dispensation to open a lodge to be called as above at Jefferson City, Parish of Jefferson, La., to Bro. Hugh Brown, W. M., (of H. Lodge 70,) J. Taycock, S. W.; Thos. Friend,

J. W.; and W. Frank, Hy. C. Brown, Jacob Joachim, Henry J. Martin, Pat Keenan, of S. W. No. 167; J. Q. A. Fellows, P. G. M., of M. Lodge 68; Tim Carroll, of H. Lodge No. 70. Recommended by Linn Wood Lodge 167. Delivered to Bro. Brown, with proceedings, constitution and blank returns on the 27th inst. Jan. 4, I received dispensation, returns, copy of the minutes, and a petition for a charter.

AURORA LODGE, U. D.—On July the 27th, issued to Bro. John Wyche, W. M. J. A. Lee S. W.; Eml. J. Ettie, J. W.; and Alexander DeValcourt and France D. Richardson, of F. Lodge 57, and Alex. E. Goodwyn, P. H. Lodge 86, Jno. P. Border, Keachie Lodge 140, Texas; Thomas J. Tolsen, San Jacinto Lodgs 166, Texas; Elijah Brown, Camden Lodge 11, Ark., and Wm. Simpson Leake, Oasis Lodge 79, Texas, to open a Lodge of the above name at New Iberia, St. Martin's Parish, La.; recommended by Franklin Lodge 57, and R. W. D. D. Grand Master John C. Gordy. On Sept. 4, by permission of the M. W. Grand Master, a duplicate was issued, and the former destroyed, owing to errors in the names in the former dispensation. On January 8th, I received the dispensation, returns, copy of minutes, by-laws, etc. Dues are \$18.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, U. D.—On the 13th August, issued to W. R. Whitaker, W. M. Lodge 167; Alf. Billings, S. W. Lodge 167; Jas. E. McBeth, J. W. Lodge 173; and Charles S. Rice, A. B. Long, W. L. Stanford, W. G. Valentine, R. D. Bouvard, F. C. Penick, Geo. H. Abbott and Geo. Pilcher, of Lodge 167; W. G. James, of Lodge 171; Wm. Carson of Lodge 65, a dispensation to open a lodge under the above name in the city of New Orleans, La. Recommended by the city lodges. Delivered, with proceedings, constitution and blanks, to W. R. Whitaker. On Jan. 14, I received the dispensation, returns, copy of minutes, dues—\$3—and petition. On Jan. 15th, I copied and delivered a special dispensation from M. W. Grand Master, to continue work to January 31st, 1869.

SUMMERFIELD LODGE, U. D. January 27.—Received a petition from a brother at Summerfield. It was referred to M. W. Grand Master, and directed to lie over until properly recommended.

JAMES C. BATCHELOR, *M. D.*, *Grand Secretary, in account with the*

GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.

1868.		Dr.
Jan.	4—To Grand Lodge Hall, H. McCloskey's note, rent.....	\$150 00
	4 " " C. T. Nash's note, rent	241 66
	4 " " G. W. Miller's note, rent.....	88 33
	4 Ocean Lodge No. 144, dues.....	69 00
	9 Morganza Lodge No. 159, on account of dues, \$27, and \$25 dues.....	52 00
	10 Friends of Harmony Lodge No. 58, dues.....	129 00
	10 Perfect Harmony Lodge No. 176, dues.....	88 00
	10 Caddo Lodge No. 179, on account of dues.....	94 00
	10 Amite City Lodge No. 175, on account of dues.....	35 00
	10 Grand Lodge Hall, S. W. Lodge I. O. O. F., balance on ball room.....	100 00

Jan.	10	Grand Lodge Hall, Hy. Hamburger, on account of rent to 1st inst., as per resolution of Board of Directors of Grand Lodge Hall.....	100 00
	11	Grand Lodge Hall, Baker's Association, balance on ball room.....	100 00
	14	Los Amigos del Orden Lodge No. 5, dues.....	93 00
	14	Capital account, certificate to James Flonicher, of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 77, extinct.....	5 00
	14	Capital account, certificate to R. J. Warner, of Constantine Lodge No. 119, extinct.....	5 00
	14	Capital account, certificate to Benj. J. James, of Patmos Lodge No. 97.....	5 00
	15	Longwood Lodge No. 183, dues.....	53 00
	15	Orus Lodge No. 170, dues.....	73 00
	16	Union Lodge No. 172, dues.....	83 00
	17	Polar Star Hall, A. Cetti, (for meeting 1 hour).....	3 00
	17	Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 83, dues.....	22 00
	18	Hermitage Lodge No. 98, dues.....	120 00
	18	Orleans Lodge No. 78, dues.....	164 00
	18	Fillmore Lodge No. 154, dues.....	49 00
	20	Feliciana Lodge, on account of dues.....	54 00
	20	Amite City Lodge, on account of dues.....	33 00
	20	Sam Todd Lodge, on account of dues.....	76 00
	21	Grand Lodge Hall, M. E. Church, (Foster) ball room	50 00
	21	Plains Lodge No. 135, dues.....	39 00
	21	Shreveport Lodge No. 115, dues.....	99 00
	23	Grand Lodge Hall, Methodist Episcopal Church (Foster) ball room.....	100 00
	23	Humble Cottage Lodge No. 19, dues.....	130 00
	24	Columbia Lodge No. 164, dues.....	15 00
	24	Flat Lick Lodge, U. D., Charter \$45, dues \$9.....	54 00
	24	Perfect Union Lodge No. 1, dues.....	40 00
	24	Brookville Lodge No. 161, dues.....	19 00
	24	Grand Lodge Hall, Methodist Episcopal Church, (Foster) ball room.....	50 00
	25	Grand Lodge Hall, Methodist Episcopal Church, (Foster) ball room.....	50 00
	27	Bellevue Lodge No. 95, dues.....	34 00
	27	Silent Brotherhood Lodge No. 146, dues.....	47 00
	27	Oliver Lodge No. 84, dues.....	68 00
	28	Thibodeaux Benevolent Lodge No. 90, dues.....	44 00
	29	Alpha Home Lodge No. 72, dues.....	72 00
	29	Orient Lodge No. 173, dues.....	132 00
	30	Evergreen, U. D., Charter \$45, dues \$12.....	57 00
	30	Jeffersonian Lodge No. 181, dues.....	29 00
	30	Excelsior Lodge No. 166, dues.....	112 00
	30	Grand Lodge Hall, Excelsior Lodge No. 166, rent...	120 00
	31	“ “ Draymen's Association, balance for ball room.....	100 00

	31	Grand Lodge Hall, Louisiana Lodge No. 102, rent..	130 00
	31	“ “ Delta Royal Arch Chapter No. 15	
		• dues.....	205 00
	31	Phoenix Lodge No. 38, dues.....	73 00
	31	Liberty Lodge No. 123, dues.....	68 00
	31	Louisiana Lodge No. 102, dues.....	185 00
Feb.	1	Mackey Lodge No. 122, dues.....	72 00
	1	Montgomery Lodge No. 168, dues.....	32 00
	1	Western Star Lodge No. 24, dues.....	75 00
	1	Athens Lodge No. 136, dues.....	39 00
	1	Tulip Lodge No. 178, dues.....	42 00
	1	Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 59, dues.....	285 00
	3	Winn Lodge No. 111, dues.....	50 00
	4	De Witt Clinton Lodge No. 80, dues.....	25 00
	5	St. John's Lodge No. 153, dues.....	77 00
	5	St. James' Lodge No. 47, dues.....	59 00
	5	Humble Cottage Lodge No. 19, balance on dues.....	12 00
	6	George Washington Lodge No. 65, dues.....	60 00
	5	Masonic Temple, account of A. McConnell, rent.....	100 00
	5	Grand Lodge Hall, H. McCloskey's note, rent.....	150 00
	5	“ “ C. T. Nash's note, rent, reduced	
		per resolution of Board of Directors to.....	200 00
	5	Grand Lodge Hall, Hy. Hamburger, rent.....	50 00
	6	Capital account, certificate to W. S. McCullough of St.	
		Joseph Lodge No. 79, extinct.....	2 00
	6	Polar Star Hall, Ocean Lodge No. 144, rent.....	90 00
	6	Concorde Lodge No. 3, dues.....	51 00
	6	Foyer Maçonnique Lodge No. 44, dues.....	66 00
	6	Kisatchie Lodge No. 156, dues.....	31 00
	6	Marion Lodge No. 68, dues.....	177 00
	6	Silencio Lodge No. 9, dues.....	60 00
	6	Orleans Lodge No. 78, on account of cemetery lots..	56 00
	8	Dante Lodge No. 174, dues.....	83 00
	8	Many Lodge No. 88, dues.....	64 00
	8	Anacoco Lodge No. 147, dues.....	41 00
	8	Quitman (10th) Lodge No. 76, dues.....	163 00
	8	Grand Lodge Hall, Quitman Lodge No. 76, ball room	100 00
	8	“ “ “ “ rent.....	60 00
	8	De Soto Lodge No. 55, dues.....	131 00
	8	Castor Lodge No. 109, dues.....	43 00
	8	Rapides Lodge No. 158, dues.....	40 00
	8	Linn Wood Lodge No. 167, dues.....	219 00
	8	Perseverance Lodge No. 4, dues.....	10 00
	8	Polar Star Lodge No. 1, dues.....	62 00
	8	Cherry Ridge Lodge No. 155, dues.....	27 00
	8	Union Fraternal Lodge No. 53, dues.....	33 00
	8	Bartholomew Lodge No. 112, dues.....	54 00
	8	Oliver Lodge No. 84, on account of dues.....	1 00
	8	Olive Lodge No. 52, dues.....	4 00

Feb.	8	Mt. Gerizim Lodge No. 54, dues.....	75 00
	8	Dawson Lodge No. 129, dues.....	24 00
	8	Thos. Jefferson Lodge No. 113, dues.....	68 00
	8	Polar Star Hall, Silencio Lodge No. 9, rent.....	50 00
	10	Jackson Lodge No. 45, dues.....	65 00
	10	Dudley Lodge No. 66, dues.....	140 00
	10	St. Albans Lodge No. 28, dues.....	69 00
	10	Eastern Star Lodge No. 151, dues.....	75 00
	10	Masonic Cemetery, Alpha Home Lodge No. 72, in full for lots.....	200 00
	•10	Deerfield Lodge No. 120, dues.....	48 00
	10	Hope Lodge No. 145, dues.....	48 00
	10	Thibodeaux Benevolent Lodge No. 90, dues.....	4 00
	10	St. Helena Lodge No. 96, dues.....	78 00
	10	Germania Lodge No. 46, dues.....	129 00
	11	Amite City Lodge No. 175, dues.....	11 00
	11	Little Flock Lodge No. 180, dues.....	42 00
	11	St. Andrew Lodge No. 5, dues.....	70 00
	11	Pearl River Lodge No. 125, dues.....	60 00
	11	Silent Brotherhood Lodge No. 146, dues.....	3 00
	11	Franklinton Lodge No. 101, dues.....	72 00
	11	Columbia Lodge No. 164, dues.....	41 00
	11	Darlington Lodge No. 143, dues.....	46 00
	11	Franklin Lodge No. 57, dues.....	85 00
	11	Springhill Lodge No. 127, dues.....	47 00
	11	Union Fraternal Lodge No. 53, dues.....	10 00
	11	Kisatchie Lodge No. 156, dues.....	4 00
	11	Lafayette Lodge No. 87, dues.....	40 00
	11	Atchafalaya Lodge No. 163, dues.....	40 00
	11	Orphan's Friend Lodge No. 185, dues.....	90 00
	11	Gordy Lodge No. 133, dues.....	50 00
	11	Kosmos Lodge No. 171, dues.....	102 00
	11	Covington Lodge U. D., dues.....	30 00
	11	Mt. Gerizim Lodge No. 54, dues.....	22 00
	11	Lisbon Lodge, No. 121, dues.....	78 00
	11	Houma Lodge No. 139, dues.....	10 00
	11	Acacia Lodge No. 116, dues.....	45 00
	11	Eureka Lodge No. 177, dues.....	1 00
	12	Covington Lodge No. 188, charter fee.....	45 00
	12	Hiram Lodge No. 70, dues.....	105 00
	12	Kisatchie Union U. D., dues.....	6 00
	12	Monticello Lodge No. 92, dues.....	79 00
	12	Livingston Lodge No. 160, dues.....	48 00
	12	Burnsville Lodge No. 162, dues.....	79 00
	12	Napoleon Lodge No. 94, dues.....	29 00
	12	Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 83, dues.....	5 00
	12	Spring Creek Lodge No. 184, dues.....	32 00
	13	Minden Lodge No. 151, dues.....	89 00
	14	Houma Lodge No. 139, dues.....	62 00

Feb.	14	Sabine Lodge No. 75, dues.....	58 00
	15	Terryville Lodge No. 118, dues.....	9 00
	15	Arcadia Lodge No. 126, dues.....	50 00
	15	Kisatchie Union Lodge No. 186, for charter fee.....	45 00
	15	Dispensation account, per M. E. Girard, for a lodge to be established.....	45 00
	15	Register account, Covington Lodge, 1 copy.....	5 00
	18	Downsville Lodge No. 143, dues.....	57 00
	20	Lake Charles Lodge No. 163, dues.....	56 00
	20	Grand Lodge Hall, Geo. W. Miller's note, rent.....	58 33
	22	“ “ Washington Fire Company No. 20, ball room.....	100 00
	24	Grand Lodge Hall, Herman Lodge I. O. O. F., ball room.....	250 00
	26	Masonic Cemetery, Mrs. Sol Cohen, 2 lots.....	100 00
	29	Register account, Hope Lodge No. 45, 1 copy.....	5 00
March	2	Grand Lodge Hall, H. Hamburger, rent.....	50 00
	3	“ “ H. McCloskey's note, rent.....	150 00
	4	“ “ Columbia Fire Company No. 5, balance on ball room.....	125 00
	4	“ “ C. T. Nash's note, rent.....	200 00
	5	Masonic Temple, A. McConnell, rent.....	100 00
	7	Providence Lodge No. 50, (rec'd Feb. 15) dues.....	35 00
	10	Grand Lodge Hall, Chamber of Commerce, ball room	50 00
	18	“ “ Orleans Fire Company No. 21, ball room.....	100 00
	18	Masonic Cemetery, Eugene Tisdale, 4 lots.....	200 00
	18	Tunica Lodge No 63, on account of dues for 1867...	25 00
	18	Sparta Lodge No. 108, on account of dues for 1867..	106 00
	24	Magnolia Lodge, U. D., dues of 1867.....	3 00
	24	De Witt Clinton Lodge No. 80, bal. on dues of 1867	12 00
	25	Saline Lodge, U. D., for Dispensation.....	45 00
	28	Sabine Lodge No. 75, balance dues.....	12 95
	30	Grand Lodge Hall, Geo. W. Miller's note, rent.....	58 33
April	4	“ “ C. T. Nash's note, rent.....	200 00
	4	Cypress Lodge No. 89, dues of 1867.....	76 00
	4	Grand Lodge Hall, H. McCloskey's note, rent.....	150 00
	6	Masonic Temple, A. McConnell, rent.....	100 00
	18	Grand Lodge Hall, Grand Consistory, 3 days, ball room.....	50 00
	20	Sam Todd Lodge No. 182, balance of dues.....	11 00
	21	Bills payable, note of Grand Lodge, April 21, '68, at 12 months, in favor of Louisiana Masonic Mutual Relief Association, with 8 per cent. interest from date, due 21-4th April, 1869.....	500 00
	22	Polar Star Hall, Dante Lodge No. 174, to 1st Janua- ry, 1868, rent.....	110 00
	25	Grand Lodge Hall, Donation from Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Louisiana.....	50 00

April 30		Bills Payable, note of Grand Lodge in favor of Jas. A. Douglass, at 12 months, with 8 per cent. interest from date, due April 30, 1869.....	3,500 00
May 2	2	Grand Lodge Hall, Orleans Lodge No. 78, rent.....	45 00
	2	“ “ H. McCloskey's note, rent.....	150 00
	2	Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 104, dues of 1867.....	25 00
	4	Grand Lodge Hall, Geo. W. Miller's note, rent.....	45 00
	4	“ “ C. T. Nash's note, rent.....	200 00
	6	Masonic Temple, A. McConnell, rent.....	100 00
	8	Grand Lodge Hall, Hy Hamburger, rent.....	50 00
	23	Brookville Lodge No. 161, balance of dues.....	34 00
	26	Capital account, certificate to H. S. Lewis, of late Joppa Lodge No. 74, extinct.....	9 25
	29	Masonic Cemetery, Jas. E. McBeth, 8 lots.....	400 00
	31	Diploma account, 26 dispensations issued to date, \$2 50 each.....	65 00
June 2	2	Atchafalaya Lodge No. 163, for 1 register.....	5 00
	2	Grand Lodge Hall, Excelsior Lodge No. 166, to 1st Jan., 1868, rent.....	120 00
	4	Grand Lodge Hall, H. McCloskey's note, rent.....	150 00
	4	“ “ Geo. W. Miller's note, rent.....	45 00
	4	“ “ C. T. Nash's note, rent.....	200 00
	5	Trenton Lodge, for dispensation.....	45 00
	6	Masonic Temple, A. McConnell, rent.....	100 00
	9	Fillmore Lodge No. 154, balance of dues for 1867....	1 00
	11	Abbeville Lodge, U. D., for 1 copy of register.....	5 00
	15	Bills payable, note of Grand Lodge, date of June 18, 1868, in favor of Louisiana Masonic Mutual Relief Association, with 8 per cent. interest per annum, until paid.....	500 00
	22	Lafayette Lodge No. 56, dues of 1867.....	70 00
	26	Jefferson Lodge U. D., for dispensation.....	45 00
July 2	2	Grand Lodge Hall, H. McCloskey's note, rent.....	150 00
	3	“ “ C. T. Nash's note, rent.....	200 00
	7	“ “ Geo. W. Miller's note, rent.....	45 00
	7	Masonic Temple, A. McConnell, rent.....	100 00
	4	Grand Lodge Hall, Orleans Lodge No. 78, to 1st Jan. 1868, rent.....	48 00
	10	Masonic Cemetery, Jno. N. Lippe, 1 month, rent....	10 00
	17	“ Hiram Lodge No. 70, on account of lots.....	200 00
	20	Grand Lodge Hall, Dudley Lodge No. 66, rent.....	90 00
	21	“ “ Perfect Harmony Lodge No. 176, rent.....	101 00
July 23—To		Bills Payable. Note of Grand Lodge to Louisiana Masonic Mutual Relief Association, 12 months, with 8 per cent. interest per annum, due 23-6 July, 1869,	500 00
	27	Aurora Lodge, U. D., for Dispensation.....	45 00
	27	“ “ “ one Register.....	5 00

Aug.	1	Masonic Temple, A. McConnell, rent.....	100 00
	1	Orleans Lodge, for one Register.....	5 00
	4	Grand Lodge Hall, G. W. Miller, note, rent.....	45 00
	4	“ C. T. Nash, “	200 00
	4	“ H. McCloskey, “	150 00
	13	“ G. W. Miller's note, rent in April, and cost of protest.....	61 63
	13	Corinthian Lodge, U. D., for Dispensation.....	45 00
	31	Masonic Cemetery, Reuben Silcock, 2 lots.....	100 00
Sept.	2	Masonic Temple, A. McConnell, rent.....	100 00
	2	Grand Lodge Hall, H. McCloskey, note, rent.....	150 00
	4	“ C. T. Nash, “	200 00
	4	Masonic Cemetery, John N. Lippe, rent for July and August	20 00
	5	Bills payable. Note of Grand Lodge in favor Lou- isiana Masonic Mutual Relief Association, at twelve months, with 8 per cent. interest, due 5-8 Sept., 1869.....	500 00
	12	Jefferson Lodge, U. D., for one Register.....	5 00
	12	Grand Lodge Hall, G. W. Miller, note, rent.....	45 00
Oct.	1	“ H. M. McCloskey, note, rent....	150 00
	4	“ C. T. Nash, “	200 00
	6	“ G. W. Miller, “	45 00
	6	Masonic Temple, A. McConnell, rent.....	100 00
	7	Bills payable. Note of Grand Lodge in favor of Jas. A. Douglass, at 3 months, with 8 per cent. interest per annum, due 7-10 January, 1869.....	1,500 00
	7	Grand Lodge Hall, banner exposition, Blair Guards, ball room.....	50 00
	11	Los Amigos del Orden Lodge No. 5, one Register...	5 00
	15	Capital Account, certificate of good standing to F. M. Dawson, of late Patmos Lodge No. 97.....	5 00
	17	Grand Lodge Hall, banner exposition, Blair Guards, ball room.....	50 00
	20	Masonic Cemetery, John N. Lippe, rent for Septem- ber.....	10 00
	28	Caddo Lodge No. 179, for one register and name..	5 50
	29	Masonic Cemetery, for credit to Louisiana Lodge No. 102, for part payment on account of lots.....	80 00
	30	Masonic Cemetery, for certificate to inter Solomon Cohn.....	3 00
	30	Quitman Lodge No. 76, on account of lots.....	600 00
Nov.	2	Grand Lodge Hall, Henry Hamburger, rent.....	50 00
	4	“ H. McCloskey, note, rent.....	150 00
	4	“ C. T. Nash “	200 00
	6	Masonic Temple, A. McConnell, rent.....	100 00
	6	Masonic Cemetery, John N. Lippe, for interment fees, \$6, for rent, \$10.....	16 00

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Nov.	6	Masonic Cemetery, Orleans Lodge No. 78, interment fee of J. Peddie.....	3 00
	10	Masonic Cemetery, Henry C. Brown, interment fee of Mrs. H. R. Brown.....	3 00
	10	Masonic Cemetery, Henry C. Brown, for vault No. 2.	65 00
	10	St. Helena Lodge No. 96, for one register and name	5 50
	12	Grand Lodge Hall, G. W. Miller, note, rent	45 00
	19	" Young Men's Relief Association, on account of ball room.....	50 00
	24	Harrisonburg Lodge No. 110, for one register.....	5 00
	27	Movables. John Anderson, for letter press. etc.....	20 00
	28	Grand Lodge Hall, Western Conclave S. W. M., on account of ball-room.....	50 00
	28	Grand Lodge Hall, Osyka Tribe No. 1, on account of ball-room.....	50 00
Dec.	1	Grand Lodge Hall, H. McClusky, note, rent.....	150 00
	3	" Hy. Hamburger "	50 00
	4	" C. T. Nash, note, rent.....	175 00
	4	Masonic Temple, for discount on State warrant, to pay taxes.....	12 50
	4	" A. McConnell, rent.....	100 00
	4	Masonic Cemetery, John N. Lippe, rent.....	10 00
	4	" Alpha Home Lodge No. 72, interment fee.....	3 00
	5	Grand Lodge Hall, banner exposition Blair Guards, ball-room.....	250 00
	5	Grand Lodge Hall, P. Clissey, rent of supper-room, 1 month to 16th.....	30 00
	12	Capital Account, certificate of good standing to Jno. T. Maçon, of late Patmos Lodge No. 97	5 00
	14	Haynesville Lodge No. 169, dues 1868.....	90 00
	15	Grand Lodge Hall, Orleans Commandery No. 3, rent,	200 00
	19	" Young Men's Rel. Ass'n, ball-room,	50 00
	22	" Perfect Harmony Lodge 176, rent,	180 00
	26	" Osyka Tribe, S. W. M. No. 1, on ball-room	50 00
	28	Grand Lodge Hall, Hy. Hambarger, Dec., rent.....	50 00
	29	Tunica Lodge No. 63, on account of dues of 1868...	20 00
	31	Grand Lodge Hall. Western Conclave, S. W. M., ball-room.....	50 00
	31	Grand Lodge Hall, rent Grand Secretary's office and library.....	300 00
	31	Grand Lodge Hall, Alpha Home Lodge No. 72, dues 1868.....	87 00
	31	Diploma account, 24 diplomas issued since June, at \$2 50.....	60 00
Total receipts to 31st Dec., 1868.....			<u>\$27,906 68</u>

GRAND SECRETARY,			CR.
Jan.	17—By Samuel M. Todd, Grand Treasurer.....	\$	1,793 17
	30 " " ".....		1,326 00
Feb.	10 " " ".....		4,144 00
	18 " " ".....		2,281 20
March	5 " " ".....		2,249 10
	19 " " ".....		298 95
April	22 " " ".....		1,641 40
	29 " " ".....		3,500 00
May	30 " " ".....		745 10
June	17 " " ".....		1,234 70
Nov.	11 " " ".....		6,477 70
Dec.	15 " " ".....		1,000 00
	31 " " ".....		1,215 36
			<u>\$27,906 68</u>

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

RECEIPTS by Grand Secretary from 1st January, 1869, to February 2d, 1869.

1869.		DR.
Jan.	1—To Abbeville Lodge U. D., dues.....	\$ 27 00
	2 Grand Lodge Hall, La. Wigwam, for ball-room.....	50 00
	4 " " Perseverance Fire Co. No. 13, for ball-room.....	50 00
	4 Amite City Lodge No. 175, dues.....	55 00
	4 Polar Star Hall, Concorde Lodge No. 3, rent.....	85 00
	4 Grand Lodge Hall, H. McCloskey, note, rent.....	150 00
	4 " " C. T. Nash, " ".....	175 00
	4 " " Orleans Lodge No. 78 (to Oct.), rent.....	45 00
	4 Grand Lodge Hall, Tom Thumb Exhibition, ball- room.....	300 00
	4 Masonic Cemetery, A. C. Heron, Interring fees.....	6 00
	4 " " J. N. Lippe, rent.....	10 00
	5 Masonic Cemetery, Mrs. C. S. Williams, for vault No. 22, and removal fee.....	70 00
	5 Grand Lodge Hall, Orleans Royal Arch Chapter No. 1, rent.....	205 00
	5 Masonic Temple, A McConnell, rent.....	100 00
	6 Germania Lodge No. 46, dues.....	64 00
	7 George Washington Lodge No. 65, dues.....	113 00
	7 Grand Lodge Hall, George Washington Lodge No. 65, rent.....	180 00
	8 Grand Lodge Hall, Delta R. A. Chapter, rent.....	200 00
	8 Western Star Lodge No. 24, dues.....	99 00
	9 Grand Lodge Hall, Orleans Lodge No. 78, rent.....	50 00
	9 Orleans Lodge No. 78, dues.....	142 00
	9 Masonic Cemetery, Ocean Lodge No. 144, 1 vault, No. 17, and fee.....	88 00
	11 Atchafalaya Lodge No. 163, dues.....	42 00

Jan.	11	Little Flock No. 180, dues.....	24 00
	11	Oliver Lodge No. 84, dues.....	62 00
	11	Caddo Lodge No. 179, dues.....	97 00
	11	Silencio Lodge No. 9, dues.....	13 00
	11	Grand Lodge Hall, Dudley Lodge No. 66, rent.....	86 50
	11	“ “ “ Perfect Harmony Lodge No. 176, rent.....	20 75
	12	Perfect Harmony Lodge No. 176, dues.....	90 00
	11	Mount Vernon Lodge No. 83, dues.....	19 00
	14	Los Amigos del Orden No. 5, dues.....	74 00
	14	St. John's Lodge No. 153, dues.....	93 00
	14	Oliver Lodge No. 84, balance on dues.....	1 00
	14	Corinthian Lodge U. D., dues.....	3 00
	14	Polar Star Hall, Silencio Lodge No. 9, rent.....	195 00
	14	Grand Lodge Hall, Marion Lodge No. 68, rent.....	180 75
	14	Marion Lodge No. 68, dues.....	179 00
	15	Hermitage Lodge No. 98, (order 40, cash 47) dues.....	87 00
	15	Friends of Harmony Lodge No. 58, dues.....	93 00
	15	Providence Lodge No. 50, dues.....	77 00
	15	Concorde Lodge No. 3, dues.....	59 00
	16	Grand Lodge Hall, Hy. Hamburger (Jan.), rent.....	50 00
	16	G. L. Hall, P. Clissey (to date), rent.....	30 00
	16	Castor Lodge No. 109, dues.....	29 00
	16	Brookville Lodge No. 161, dues.....	46 00
	16	Polar Star Hall, Dante Lodge No. 174, rent.....	200 00
	18	Harrisonburg Lodge No. 110, dues.....	33 00
	18	St. Helena Lodge No. 96, dues.....	68 00
	20	Dante Lodge No. 174, dues.....	96 00
	20	Perseverance Lodge No. 4, dues.....	67 00
	21	Eureka Lodge No. 177, dues.....	4 00
	21	Shreveport Lodge No. 115, dues.....	78 00
	21	Long Wood Lodge No. 183 (Register, \$5), dues.....	58 00
	21	Kosmos “ “ 171, dues.....	65 00
	23	Fillmore “ “ 154, “	45 00
	23	Tulip “ “ 178, “	43 00
	23	Mackey “ “ 122, “	56 00
	23	Mt. Lebanon “ “ 104, “	28 00
	23	Humble Cottage Lodge No. 19, dues.....	110 00
	25	Plains “ “ 135, “	47 00
	25	Thibodeaux Benevolent Lodge No. 90, dues.....	58 00
	25	Downsville “ “ 143, “	51 00
	27	Feliciana “ “ 31, “	51 00
	27	Quitman “ “ 76, “	206 00
	27	Linn Wood “ “ 176, “	217 00
	27	Union “ “ 172, “	95 00
	28	Orus “ “ 170, “	64 00
	28	Dawson “ “ 129, “	25 00
	28	Summerfield Lodge U. D., for dispensation not issued,	50 00
	28	Vienna “ “ No. 106, dues for 1867.....	84 00

Jan.	28	Vienna Lodge No. 106, dues for 1868.....	62 00
	28	Terryville Lodge No. 118, "	19 00
	28	Saint James " " 47, "	73 00
	29	Eastern Star " " 151, " including old bal.,	138 00
	29	Ocean " " 144, "	121 00
	29	Urim " " 111, "	56 00
	29	Deerfield " " 120, "	45 00
	29	Orient " " 173, " (order).....	125 00
	29	Dudley " " 66, "	164 00
	30	Hiram " " 70, "	116 00
	30	Grand Lodge Hall, La. Wigwam, ball-room.....	50 00
	30	" " " Dr. Rogers' Lecture, ball room...	30 00
Feb.	1	Olive Lodge No. 52, dues.....	6 00
	1	Franklin Lodge No. 57, dues.....	109 00
Amount received to and including Feb. 1st, 1869.....			<u>\$6,928 00</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Received from dues from lodges.....	\$4,179 00
" " Grand Lodge Hall.....	2,183 00
" " Ball-room, etc.....	480 00
" " Masonic Cemetery.....	86 00—\$6,928 00

AMOUNT PAID R. W. GRAND TREASURER SINCE JANUARY 1ST, 1869.

1869.			CR.
January 12—	By R. W. Saml. M. Todd, Grand Treasurer.....	\$ 2,344 66	
" 25,	" " " "	2,376 50	
Feb'y 1,	" " " "	2,206 84	

Amount paid Grand Treasurer from Jan. 1 to Feb. 1, 1869..... \$6,928 00

List of Bills Payable by Grand Lodge, December 31st, 1868.

Note to Marion Lodge No. 68.....	\$ 1,000 00	
" Orleans Royal Arch Chapter No. 1.....	3,000 00	
" George Washington Lodge No. 65.....	1,000 00	
" Delta Royal Arch Chapter No. 15.....	1,800 00	
" Friends of Harmony Lodge No. 58.....	600 00	
" Orleans Lodge No. 78.....	700 00	
" Hermitage Lodge No. 98.....	500 00	\$8,600 00
The foregoing are on account of Grand Lodge Hall, as stated in last report, and all bear 8 per cent. interest.		
Note to George Washington Lodge No. 65.....	\$ 1,000 00	
" Orleans Royal Arch Chapter No. 1.....	3,000 00	
" James A. Douglass.....	600 00	
" Louisiana Lodge No. 102.....	1,000 00	
" James A. Douglass.....	1,500 00	
" Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Louisiana.....	1,200 00	
" Marion Lodge No. 68.....	1,500 00	

Note to Joseph Santini.....	2,000 00	
“ Louisiana C. R. & S. M. No. 2.....	500 00	
“ Excelsior Lodge No. 166.....	500 00	
“ Eagle Council Kadosh No. 6.....	400 00	
“ Jacques de Molay Commandery, K. T. No. 2..	500 00	
“ Edward A. Yorke.....	2000 00	
“ Linn Wood Lodge 167 } substituted for note to	1,000 00	
“ F. W. Delesdernier, } Linn Wood Lodge,	1,000 00	17,700 00

The foregoing notes were on account of Masonic Temple, and all bearing 8 per cent. interest, as reported last year.

Twenty notes of \$2000 each, due 31st of March, 1869, bearing 8 per cent. int., as reported last year..... 40,000 00

Note to La. Mas. Mut. Rel. Ass'n, due 21st April, 1869.	500 00	
“ “ “ 18th June, “	500 00	
“ “ “ 25th July, “	500 00	
“ “ “ 5th Sept., “	500 00	2000 00

The interest on above four notes paid to maturity, 1869.

Note to James A. Douglass, due April 30th, 1869.....	3,500 00	
“ “ “ Jan. 10th, “	1,500 00	
“ Teresa Guttler, “ April 1st, “	1,000 00	6,000 00

The above three notes bear interest at 8 per cent. per annum.

The interest on the last named note is paid to Dec. 31st, 1868.

Note to Paul Quimper, without interest, (given for additional ground in cemetery).....	1,100 00	
		<u>\$75,400 00</u>

NOTES PAID DURING PAST YEAR.

Notes to Citizens' Bank—two notes of \$900 00 each, for Masonic Cemetery.....	\$1,800 00
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All of which, with trial balance, from the books of the Grand Lodge, is fraternally submitted.

JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D.,
Grand Secretary.

TRIAL BALANCE, from the Books of the Grand Lodge, for the year ending
December 31st, 1868.

Fols.	ACCOUNTS.	DR.	Fols.	ACCOUNTS.	CR.
5	Perseverance No. 4.....	\$ 9 00	3	Polar Star No. 1.....	22 00
9	St. Albans No. 24.....	28 00	7	St. Andrews No. 5.....	22 00
14	Germania No. 46.....	82 00	11	Phoenix No. 38.....	56 00
16	Providence No. 50.....	114 00	13	Jackson No. 45.....	45 00
18	Olive No. 52.....	106 25	17	Minden No. 51.....	29 00
22	Lafayette No. 56.....	5 00	21	DeSoto No. 55.....	103 00
25	Mt. Moriah No. 59, lots.....	300 00	24	Friends of Harmony No. 58.....	68 00
31	Hiram No. 70, lots.....	300 00	27	Tunica No. 63.....	9 00
37	Orleans No. 78, lots.....	344 00	30	Marion No. 68.....	56 00
31	DeWitt Clinton No. 80.....	55 62	35	Quitman No. 76.....	33 00
40	Mt. Vernon No. 83.....	9 00	48	Napoleon No. 94.....	29 00
42	Lafayette No. 87.....	95 00	49	Bellevue No. 95.....	24 49
43	Many No. 88, Grand Lodge Hall.....	279 72	58	Mt. Lebanon No. 104.....	36 40
47	Monticello No. 92.....	62 00	59	Trinity No. 105.....	36 00
56	Louisiana No. 102, lots.....	297 00	68	Shreveport No. 115.....	2 00
60	Vienna No. 106.....	84 00	69	Acacia No. 116.....	42 00
61	Sparta No. 108.....	1 00	74	Lisbon No. 121.....	34 97
64	Urim No. 111.....	8 00	76	Liberty No. 123.....	15 00
71	Terryville No. 118.....	80 95	88	Plains No. 135.....	1 00
73	Deerfield No. 120.....	47 00	92	Houma No. 139.....	10 00
77	Kellertown No. 124.....	57 00	107	Gross Tete No. 157.....	28 00
78	Pearl River No. 125.....	8 00	121	Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1.....	2,952 00
80	Spring Hill No. 127.....	170 00	145	Grand Lodge Hall.....	5,494 02
82	Dawson No. 129.....	113 30	159	Silencio No. 9.....	60 00
84	Shiloh No. 131.....	72 00	165	Charter Account.....	180 00
85	Warren No. 132.....	33 00	175	Dispensation Account.....	315 00
86	Gordy No. 133.....	44 00	178	Bills Payable.....	75,400 00
87	Movables.....	445 00	180	Kosmos No. 171.....	1 00
89	Athens No. 136.....	10 00	187	Dues Account.....	9,357 00
93	Cool Spring No. 140.....	65 00	196	Longwood No. 183.....	2 00
96	Downsville No. 143.....	10 00	201	Capital Account.....	4,958 21
101	Red Land No. 148.....	51 00	206	Diploma.....	125 00
103	Darlington No. 149.....	44 00	210	Grand Lodge Register Account.....	61 00
109	Rapides No. 158.....	10 00	214	Magnolia Lodge, U. D.....	3 00
110	Perkins No. 150.....	105 00			
111	Eastern Star No. 151.....	17 00			
112	Homer No. 152.....	280 00			
113	Morganza No. 159.....	98 00			
141	Livingston No. 160.....	127 00			
150	Expense Account.....	6,332 62			
152	Interest.....	768 00			
154	Columbia No. 164.....	28 00			
157	Lake Charles No. 165.....	1 00			
160	Excelsior No. 166, lots.....	300 00			
161	Haynesville No. 169.....	108 00			
163	Montgomery No. 168.....	13 00			
182	Orient No. 173, lots.....	361 00			
185	Eureka No. 177.....	18 00			
189	Polar Star Hall.....	10,264 88			
192	Tulip Lodge No. 178.....	3 00			
195	Flat Lick No. 187.....	4 00			
199	Pleasant Hill No. 86.....	34 00			
200	Jeffersonian No. 138.....	1 00			
204	Masonic Cemetery.....	7,371 56			
208	Grand Lodge Library.....	1,947 50			
215	Grand Treasurer.....	3,615 89			
217	Masonic Temple.....	64,334 80			
222	Mt. Olivet U. D.....	45 00			
		<u>\$99,610 09</u>			<u>\$99,610 09</u>

Past Grand Master Samuel M. Todd, on behalf of Committee on Grand Master's Address, reported as follows:

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Your Committee, appointed to distribute the various subjects treated of in the address of the M. W. Grand Master, having attended to the duty confided to them, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That so much of the address of the Grand Master as refers to the death of Grand and Past Grand officers, be referred to a special committee of three.

So much as relates to relations with foreign Grand Bodies be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

So much as refers to the question of holding public ceremonies in connection with societies not Masonic, and that portion referring to the manner of holding Masonic trials, to the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence.

So much as refers to financial matters, to the Committee on Audit and Accounts.

All matters in reference to trials and appeals to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

So much as refers to work and returns of Chartered Lodges, to the appropriate Standing Committee.

So much as refers to lodges U. D., to the appropriate Committee.

Fraternally submitted.

S. M. TODD,
SY. G. PARSONS,
D. ARENT.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed as committee on the death of Past Grand officers: P. Grand Master J. Q. A. Fellows; P. D. G. M. Edw. Barnett; and P. J. G. W. Jos. Santini.

W. Bro. J. B. Scot, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented their report, in printed form, which, on motion, was received and ordered to be distributed—the report to be appended to the proceedings.

W. Bro. J. B. Scot, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, offered the following resolutions, which were received, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Louisiana cordially extends the right hand of fellowship and recognition to the Grand Lodges of Montana, New Brunswick and Idaho, and fraternally welcomes them into the family of Grand Lodges.

Resolved, That the Committee on Masonic History are hereby instructed to proceed with the duties for which they were appointed; that they be empowered to employ such assistance as they may deem necessary to complete the translation and compilation of the records of the Grand Lodge; and that they report in writing on the first day of the next Annual Communication.

Resolved, That the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence are hereby requested to examine the provisions of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge relating to appeals, and to report what changes, if any, are necessary to insure a more speedy settlement of such cases and save the valuable time of the Grand Lodge.

W. Bro. Scot submitted the following report and translated decree of the Grand Orient of France, accompanied with resolutions, which, on motion, were read and laid over, and made special order, after reading of the minutes of the next session, viz:

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully submit the following report on the recent violation of the rules of Masonic comity by the Grand Orient of France, in recognizing and entering into fraternal relations with the so-called "Supreme Council of the A. and A. S. Rite in and for the sovereign State of Louisiana," a spurious organization which has planted clandestine lodges in our midst. The Bulletin of the Grand Orient, for October, 1868, contains the following decree and the report upon which it is based:

[Translation.]

DECREE.

We, the Grand Master of the Masonic Order in France,

In view of the report hereunto annexed, upon the proposition which has been addressed to us by the Supreme Council of the State of Louisiana, sitting at the East of New Orleans, that official and friendly relations be established between that Masonic power and the Grand Orient of France;

Desirous of giving the said Supreme Council a token of our fraternal sympathies, and to encourage it as far as lies in our power, in the philanthropical course upon which it has entered by opening the doors of its temples to all men who may be deemed worthy of initiation, without regard to nationality, race, or color;

Considering that among the Masonic powers of the globe, the Grand Orient was among the first to become a propagandist (*l'apôtre*) of this great act of justice, and that it has always hastened to tender its aid and co-operation to those Masonic powers which have evinced a desire to follow in its footsteps and to be inspired with the same sentiments:

By virtue of article 24 of the constitution;

Have decreed and do hereby decree:

ART. 1. From this date official and friendly relations are established between the Grand Orient of France and the Supreme Council of the A. and A. S. Rite of the State of Louisiana, sitting at the East of New Orleans. The fraternal ties which henceforth unite these two Masonic powers will ultimately be further strengthened by the reciprocal appointment of representatives; (*garants d'amitié.*)

ART. 2. Our Deputy Grand Master, the Ill. Bro. Alfred Blanche, is intrusted with the promulgation of this decree.

Given at the Hall of the Grand Orient of France, this 5th day of November, 1868.

MELLINET, *Grand Master of the Order.*

By the Grand Master:

ALFRED BLANCHE, *Deputy Grand Master.*

REPORT

To the Grand Master of the Order, on the application of the Supreme Council of New Orleans, looking to the establishment of official relations with the Grand Orient of France:

Most Ill. Grand Master:

You have confided to me the duty of presenting to you a report on the application of the Supreme Council of the A. and A. S. Rite for the sovereign and independent State of Louisiana, at the East of New Orleans, to enter into correspondence and to appoint mutual representatives. In the discharge of this duty, it has been necessary to consult the precedents in this case, and to

take into consideration the circumstances under which the application is made. The following, M. Ill. Grand Master, is the result of my investigation, and the proposition I have the honor to submit.

In the United States of America, Freemasonry has attained its greatest development; there also, by an unceasing immigration from every quarter of the globe, the population has increased in an unprecedented ratio. Masonry landed there from Europe with civilization; but, as was inevitable in a country teeming with resources of all kinds, and endowed with an activity and a genius peculiarly its own, our institution was modified in the course of time and has received an original character diversified by local customs and the progress of events.

The York and the A. and A. S. Rites were successively introduced there towards the close of the eighteenth century. The latter, being organized by virtue of the constitution of 1786, *attributed to King Frederick II. of Prussia*, soon acquired control of Masonry in the United States. A Grand Lodge of this Rite had been organized at Charleston in 1783. This Lodge, in order to comply with article 5 of the constitution of Frederick, which provides for *two* Supreme Councils for the whole of North America, merged itself in the Supreme Council founded in the same city in 1801, and the latter established the second Supreme Council in 1813, at New York, whence it was afterwards transferred to Boston.

As State after State was added to the Union and the population augmented, the number of Lodges and of Masons also increased. It would be too tedious, and altogether useless, to relate the efforts made at various times to establish rival bodies to these two Supreme Councils; it will be sufficient to say that the most serious attempts were founded principally upon the assertion that the pretended constitution of Frederick was apocryphal, or that, at best, it possessed only a provisional character, and that the new wants of Masonry required an *independent authority in each independent State*.

On the 27th of October, 1839, a Supreme Council was established at New Orleans by the Marquis de Santiago, [Santagelo,] who, while introducing an innovation, pretended to constitute this Council by virtue of the constitution of 1786. The Supreme Council of France refused to recognize this Masonic power; but the Grand Orient consented to a treaty of alliance and friendship, by virtue of which the name of the Supreme Council of New Orleans appeared for several years in the "Annuaire Maçonnique" of the Grand Orient.

Nevertheless, by the side of this Supreme Council, and at the same East of New Orleans, there was in existence a Grand Lodge deriving its powers from the Supreme Council at Charleston and claiming jurisdiction over all the Masons of Louisiana. As a matter of course, this Grand Lodge held as irregular the Supreme Council just mentioned. This condition of affairs was terminated by a Concordat entered into February, 1855, between the two rival bodies, and in consequence of which the Supreme Council of New Orleans declared itself dissolved; it surrendered its powers to that of Charleston, which recognized all the bodies constituted and all the degrees conferred by the late Supreme Council. The Grand Orient of France was officially informed of this Concordat, and approved it.

However, in 1858, some Masons established a new Supreme Council for the independent State of Louisiana, having at its head Bro. Foulhouze, 33°. This new Masonic power, naturally rejected by that which existed at Charleston, applied for recognition to the Grand Orient of France, whose response was a decree of the Grand Master, Prince Lucien Murat, dated June 1, 1858, appointing a representative to the Supreme Council at Charleston, "having jurisdiction over the Southern portion of the United States of America." This decree was preceded by a report of Bro. Rêxès, Honorary Grand Officer, in which occurs this passage: "We know that the constitution of 1786, which was sufficient in the early part of this century in its application to the United States may, perhaps, need some modifications and amendments, now that the population has become so numerous and the number of States has been so considerably increased. We know, also, that the necessity of those amendments has been lately acknowledged in America, particularly at the last session of the Supreme Council of Charleston, held, by exception, at New Orleans." Nevertheless, Bro. Rêxès was of the opinion that, until the Northern and

Southern Supreme Councils had themselves provided for this necessity, the attempts of schismatics ought to be condemned. A letter addressed, on this occasion, by the Grand Master to Bro. Foulhouze, censured the latter for having constituted himself, of his own authority, the head of a new Masonic power. This letter was accompanied by a copy of the decree of the 1st of June, and followed by a decision of the Grand College of Rites, dated February 4, 1859, which struck from its Book of Gold (*livre d'or*) Bro. Foulhouze for refusing to obey the above-mentioned decree, and for replying to it by a libellous publication, "an act which is always contemptible in the estimation of honorable men, and is more especially odious when done by a Mason." The condemnation was complete. Nevertheless, this Supreme Council has continued to exist, and is now seeking to establish with the Grand Orient an official correspondence, to which it seems to attach very great importance.

We hold that the Grand Orient of France cannot decide the question of regularity or irregularity, which is purely relative, between these two American Masonic powers. If the Grand Orient believes that the name of Masons belongs to the applicants, that the manner in which they bear that name, and the application which they make of the principles of our Order entitle them to receive a favorable response, no one ought to see in that answer the decision of a case which has not been submitted to it by the two parties, and upon which it is not competent to decide. With this reservation, we do not hesitate to say that, if circumstances prove the existence of this new power, if it is not only an accomplished, but an accepted fact; if, moreover, it gives to the principles of Masonry an efficiency which they would not possess without it, friendly relations are permissible, and even imperative.

Besides, since the report of Bro. Réxès, events of paramount importance have occurred which would, doubtless, have a very great influence upon the mind of that brother; if he had again to express an opinion upon the relations to be established between the Grand Orient and the Supreme Council of the independent State of Louisiana.

In the first place, this Supreme Council was recognized in 1857 [1867?] by the Grand Orient of Italy, which appointed a representative to it; in 1867, the Grand Orient of Belgium did the same. Moreover, when in the early part of 1867, the office of Grand Commander of this Supreme Council became vacant, Bro. Chassaiguac was invested with it, and his first thought, which was promptly carried into execution, was to make Masonry serve the purpose of introducing into the customs of the people (so refractory on that point in the United States, even in the North,) that civil and political equality recently proclaimed between the white and colored races. He called a meeting of his lodges and had a resolution passed to open in future their temples to the Masons of the black race. This demonstration occurred in the temple of the Lodge *Liberté* No. 9, at the East of New Orleans, and had an effect upon the outside world which reflects honor upon Freemasonry. The Supreme Council completed its work by granting a charter to some colored men to open a lodge under the name of *La Fraternité* at New Orleans, and recently Bro. Leblanc de Marconay stated in an article published in the Bulletin of the Grand Orient, April, 1868, that three other lodges had been formed of the like material in the same city.

In thus acting, this portion of the Masonic Order in Louisiana followed the examples and practiced the principles of French Masonry. As early as February 14, 1836, the Grand Orient of France granted a charter to colored men to establish a lodge at Pointe-à-Pitre, (Guadaloupe.) On the 13th of August, 1866, the Council of the Order adopted unanimously the proposition of Bro. Fauvety, requesting the Grand Master to inform the Grand Orient of Rio Janeiro "that the Grand Orient of France would be under the painful necessity of ceasing to recognize the Masons of Brazil, as such, and would discontinue all correspondence with the Supreme Power that represented them, if the Masons of Brazil did not speedily protest against slavery and undertake measures for its abolition.

Finally, another satisfaction has been granted to Masonic propriety, and should be mentioned in this report:—By a resolution dated June 6, 1867, the Supreme Council of Louisiana condemned all the pamphlets of the ex-Bro. Foulhouze and his adherents.

In consequence of the above considerations, we have the honor, M. Ill. Grand Master, to recommend that you give a favorable reception to the application addressed to the Grand Orient of France by the Supreme Council of Louisiana.

May this view of the matter, which has nothing hostile to the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, nor to the Supreme Council at Charleston, be appreciated and imitated by our American brethren. The great mission of Masonry is to establish peace among men of all opinions, of all nations, and of all races. This mission imposes upon us the duty of demonstrating that differences of forms and of rites cannot produce discord in our midst.

Please accept, M. Ill. Grand Master, the renewed assurance of my respectful attachment.

A. HERMITTE, 33d.

Member of the Council of Order.

MELLINET, Grand Master of the
Masonic Order in France.

Approved,

Orient of Paris, October 17, 1868.

Your committee consider it altogether unnecessary to criticise the special pleading of the above report, or notice the errors it contains, as they are apparent to every brother conversant with the history of Masonry in Louisiana. It is sufficient that, notwithstanding the attempt to gloss over facts, the report not only admits that the so-called "Supreme Council of the A. and A. S. Rite, in and for the sovereign and independent State of Louisiana," is a self-created and self-constituted body, possessing no lawful authority; but that in 1858 the Grand Orient declared it spurious and clandestine, and expelled its chief. Nor would it be proper for your committee to discuss the motives alleged in justification of the present act of hostility by the Grand Orient, as we cannot, as Masons, take any part in the political and socialistic movements of the day. But, while we consider it beneath the dignity of this Grand Lodge to enter into controversy, or indulge in recrimination, with the Grand Orient, for the course it has pursued, it is proper to state the principles which actuate and govern this Grand Lodge:

1. The Grand Lodge of Louisiana claims the exclusive right to constitute and govern all lodges of symbolic Freemasonry in the State. She does not recognize, nor permit her subordinates to recognize, or hold Masonic intercourse with, any clandestine association claiming to be Masonic, either individually or collectively, and considers the recognition of any clandestine body located in Louisiana by a Foreign Masonic Power a violation of Masonic comity, an act of open hostility against her authority, and an infringement on her jurisdictional rights.

2. The Grand Lodge of Louisiana does not confer the degrees of Freemasonry. She intrusts the making of Masons to her subordinate lodges, requiring that, in this particular, they shall conform to the requirements of the Ancient Constitutions of the Fraternity, viz: that all initiates shall possess the necessary physical qualifications, be free-born and of good report. So long as these landmarks are respected and obeyed, the subordinate lodges have the right to select their own material, and the Grand Lodge has no power to dictate whom or whom not they shall receive.

3. Granting the fullest liberty to all Masons under her jurisdiction to enjoy, as individuals, their own opinions on the political and social questions of the day—only enjoining upon them to be good citizens, to pay due allegiance to the Government, and obey the laws under whose protection they live—the

Grand Lodge, in its Masonic capacity, takes no cognizance of such subjects. To her has been confided the sacred duty of preserving Masonry pure and unsullied from all extraneous influences, be they what they may; and it will ever be her earnest endeavor to transmit to posterity the principles of our institution as spotless and untarnished as she received them from our fathers—regardless of foes within or foes without.

Recognizing these great principles as landmarks of the Fraternity, your committee can view the recognition of the so-called Supreme Council by the Grand Orient of France in no other light than a violation of Masonic comity and a wanton insult to this Grand Lodge. But the Grand Orient, not satisfied with having given aid and countenance to a clandestine body located in our midst, appeals to our American Brethren to “appreciate” its conduct and “imitate” its example. This spirit of propagandism and interference may be in accordance with the teachings of modern “French Masonry,” but it is not inculcated in the Masonry which we have received from our common mother, the Grand Lodge of England. This spirit, which seeks to impair the honor and subvert the dignity of this Grand Lodge, will, we doubt not, be properly appreciated by our sister Grand Lodges, and in submitting the following resolutions, your committee feel confident that the Grand Lodge will receive from her American sisters the same sympathy and support which they so generously extended to the Grand Lodge of New York, when her jurisdiction was invaded by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES B. SCOT,
JOSEPH P. HORNOR,
A. GOLDMANN.

Resolved, That all Masonic correspondence and fraternal relations between the Grand Lodge of Louisiana and the Grand Orient of France cease and be discontinued, and no Mason owing allegiance to that Grand Body be recognized as such in this jurisdiction.

Resolved, That a duly authenticated copy of the above report and resolution be transmitted to the Grand Orient of France, and to all regularly constituted American and European Grand Lodges.

The R. W. Grand Secretary read the report of the Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge Hall, and on motion the report was received and laid over until after the regular business of next session.

The financial portions of the report were referred to the Committee on Audit and Accounts.

GRAND LODGE HALL, NEW ORLEANS, LA.

February 8th, 1869.

To the M. W., the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

The Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge Hall respectfully report:

That in accordance with a resolution of the Grand Lodge, passed at its last session, a tabular statement of the financial condition of the Grand Lodge Hall funds, and donations to lodges for charitable purposes, was prepared, (immediately after the session of the Grand Lodge,) by the Board, under the supervision of M. W. Saml. M. Todd, M. W. Wm. M. Perkins and the Grand Secretary. Copies of the same were sent to the lodges, and it was published in the proceedings.

The revenues of the Hall for the past year have been less than was probably expected, especially for the ball and supper room, the two last producing but little over one third the amount produced last year, to be attributed to several causes, but principally to the general and unprecedented depression in all kinds of business during the year, the erection of new halls, etc. The demand for the ball and supper room the last fall (or winter) has been much less than was expected, as but one half the amount was charged for it that was asked for it the year before.

During the year two of the lodges (Louisiana No. 102 and Perfect Harmony No. 176) have left the Hall, and procured rooms in the Odd Fellows Hall, owing to the annoyance caused by bands of Music playing in the immediate vicinity to so late an hour. This annoyance is now abated to a considerable degree, as Bro. David Bidwell, on application being made to him, caused the band at the Academy of Music to cease playing at 7½ o'clock P. M., and the Olympic no longer exists.

On the 1st of November last, the lower floor at the corner of St. Charles and Perdido streets was rented to C. T. Nash for \$2,100 per annum, for one year, payable monthly. This is but little more (\$100) than half the amount it rented for in 1866, and much less than 1867.

The repairs effected have been considerably less than in the preceding year, and were of a necessary and unavoidable character; among which was one caused by a continued shrinking in the arch of the upper rooms. This being a cause of anxiety to many, the M. W. Grand Master caused it to be again examined by competent architects, who, after a thorough examination, pronounced it safe, (though they could not account for the shrinkage). The plastering and painting was repaired, and the same put in good order, and for which expense the Grand Lodge has a claim of reclamation against the contractors, as the same was warranted for ten years. These and other expenditures are more fully set forth in the specification of warrants drawn for the Grand Lodge Hall.

MASONIC CEMETERY.

In April last the Board, through the Committee on Cemetery, purchased from Mrs. Teresa Gurtler all her rights, titles and interest in the house, fences, etc., situated on the cemetery grounds, for the sum of one thousand dollars, (\$1,000) at 12 months, with 8 per cent. interest per annum, until paid, this being preferable to a suit for possession, which might prove tedious and expensive. The note of the Grand Lodge was given for the above amount, and

the interest is paid to the 31st December, 1868. The house, fences, etc., etc., have been put in repair, and it is occupied by the sexton, at a rent of ten dollars (\$10) per month.

The Board also purchased the additional lots of ground enclosed in the cemetery, bounded by Conti, Anthony, St. Louis streets, and Metairie road, from Mr. Paul Quimper, through his attorney, Mr. Chas. Lafitte, jr., for the sum of \$1100, note of the Grand Lodge at 12 months, without interest. The above titles were executed by the M. W. Grand Master, before Edward Barnett, Esq., Notary Public.

On the 24th day of April last, the M. W. Grand Master assembled the Grand Lodge, at the Grand Lodge Hall, and accompanied by all the Grand Masonic Bodies of the State of Louisiana, proceeded in procession to the new Masonic Cemetery, at the corner of Bienville street and the Metairie road, where the ceremonies of the consecration and dedication of the Masonic Cemetery, and the laying of the corner stone of the new tomb for Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1 was performed in ample form by M. W. Grand Master Henry R. Swasey, assisted by the assembled craft; after which, an interesting address was delivered by P. G. M. J. Q. A. Fellows, the orator of the day. A plan of the cemetery has been lithographed and 1000 copies procured for the use of the Grand Lodge. Forty vaults have been built, at a cost of \$1500, and a complete set of books has been made and opened for the cemetery, lots and vaults, and great care has been taken to make them as complete as could be required.

In June last, the Board, through the Cemetery Committee, entered into a contract with John Halliday, sculptor, for the erection of a tomb for Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1, in the Masonic Cemetery, at a cost of \$3,000, as per resolution of Grand Lodge at its last annual session. The same has been completed, except the door of the reception vault and the repairing of some of the cement, injured by the frost before it was dry; and there has been paid upon it the sums of \$1,500 and \$1,000, a total of \$2,500.

MASONIC TEMPLE.

The grounds have been continued under the temporary lease reported last year. No further expense has been incurred. The State taxes for 1867 have been paid, amounting to \$262 75, of which sum \$12 50 was saved by purchase of warrants, the balance being required and paid in currency. The last payment on the property falling due in March next, with interest amounting to \$43,200 00, the Board of Directors adopted the following plan to raise the amount, (say \$50,000), in accordance with and under the resolution of the Grand Lodge at its last communication, and requested the M. W. Grand Master to take such steps in the matter as he might deem necessary to accomplish the object. The M. W. Grand Master caused subscription books to be prepared; each subscription book contained a printed form, as follows, viz:

SUBSCRIPTION TO RAISE FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS, by the purchase of the property on Tivoli Circle for the site of the Masonic Temple, the Grand Lodge F. and A. M. incurred a large debt, maturing in March, 1869, which debt must be paid to save the property from

sale, and before the erection of the Temple can be commenced; Now, therefore, in order to save the Grand Lodge from the necessity of selling the said property, and to insure the early commencement and completion of the Masonic Temple:

The undersigned agree to loan the Grand Lodge the sums set opposite their names, and for which sums the Grand Lodge will issue to us, respectively, its notes payable in five years from the first of March, 1869, bearing interest at the rate of seven per cent. payable annually, with interest coupons attached. The subscription being made on the condition, that the sum of fifty thousand dollars, or such sum as may be necessary to pay the debt on said property, shall be subscribed.

H. R. SWASEY, *Grand Master.*

Attest: JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D.,

Grand Secretary.

The M. W. Grand Master then invited by circular letter, all the W. Masters and Wardens in the city to meet him at the Grand Lodge Hall, where he explained the object of the Board in the matter and the necessity therefor, and requested their assistance in bringing the same before their respective lodges and the public, and to procure such subscriptions thereto as they might be able to do, so that the amount might be raised, and the Grand Lodge relieved from any fear of loss or sacrifice of a property so desirable, and informed them that the Grand Secretary would deliver subscription books to all who might desire to take one.

The M. W. Grand Master having called the attention of the Board to the resolution of the Grand Lodge, at its last session, requiring the Board to report a plan to distribute the charity fund, etc.,

On motion, the Board appointed a special committee to draw up said plan, and submit the same to the Board. On Feb. 2, 1869, the committee, composed of M. W. Bros. J. Q. A. Fellows, Saml. M. Todd, and John Anderson, reported the appended plan to an adjourned meeting, held for the express purpose of receiving said report; the same was duly considered and unanimously adopted, and the same is fraternally submitted as a part of this annual report of the Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge Hall, and also tabular statements hereunto appended.

By order of the Board.

JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D..

Secretary of Board.

Grand Lodge Hall.

RECEIPTS.

For rent of ball and supper room.....	\$2,005 00
“ stores, ground floor.....	5,167 98
“ from Masonic Bodies.....	1,699 00—\$8,871 98

DISBURSEMENTS.

Repairs to building, including painting, carpets, gas fixtures, etc., etc.....	1,309 65	
Insurance on building and furniture to date	726 00	
Salaries of hall-keeper and assistant to date.....	1,320 00	
Gas bills for Grand Lodge Hall.....	1,460 75	
Incidental expenses.....	235 45	
J. C. Batchelor, M. D., correction of error, per resolution of Grand Lodge of February 14th, 1868	166 70	5,218 55
Excess of receipts over disbursements.....		<u>\$3,653 43</u>
A credit balance of \$1,840 59 was brought down to this account last year, consequently the net credit to the account is.....		<u>\$5,494 02</u>

DUE FOR RENT BY MASONIC BODIES.

By Friends of Harmony Lodge No. 58.....	\$	180 00
Dudley " 68.....		86 50
Marion " 68.....		180 75
Hiram " 70.....		180 75
Alpha Home " 72.....		190 00
Orleans " 78.....		50 00
Louisiana " 102.....		205 25
Excelsior " 166.....		101 50
Orient " 173.....		185 00
Perfect Harmony " 176.....		20 75
Orleans R. A. Chapter No. 1.....		205 00
Polar Star R. A. Chapter " 21.....		221 00
Delta R. A. Chapter " 15.....		200 00
Jaques de Molay Command'y " 2.....		413 00
Orleans " 3.....		521 00
Grand Consistory, 32d degree.....		23 00
Albert Pike Lodge of Perfection, 14th degree, No. 1.....		402 00
Pelican Chapter Rose Croix, 18th degree, No. 11.....		86 50
		<u>\$3,452 00</u>

Polar Star Hall.

RECEIPTS.

For rent.....	\$253 00
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Incidental expenses—gas, etc.....	\$371 09	
Insurance on building.....	103 57	474 66
Excess of disbursements over receipts.....		<u>\$221 66</u>
Leaving a balance of debit of this account of \$10,264 88.		

RENT DUE ON 31ST DECEMBER, 1868.

By Concorde Lodge No. 3.....	\$280 00	
Silencio " 9.....	195 00	
Ocean " 144.....	220 00	
Dante " 174.....	200 00	<u>\$895 00</u>

Masonic Cemetery.

RECEIPTS.

For lots sold.....	\$1,000 00	
Interment fees and rent, (vaults \$65,).....	146 00	\$1,146 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

For sexton, repairing house, gates, railing, shells, labor, lumber, etc.....	\$2,142 91	
For interest Grand Lodge notes, account of cemetery,	168 00	
Forty vaults, (bills payable,).....	1,500 00	3,810 91
		<u>\$2,664 91</u>

Excess of disbursements over receipts, \$2,664 91.

Leaving to debit of this account, 31st December, 1868, \$7,372 56.

DUE FOR LOTS IN CEMETERY.

By Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 59.....	\$300 00	
Marion " 68.....	300 00	
Hiram " 70.....	300 00	
Orleans " 78.....	344 00	
Louisiana " 102.....	320 00	
Excelsior " 166.....	300 00	
Orient " 173.....	300 00	\$2,164 00

Masonic Temple.

DISBURSEMENTS.

For interest and discount on sundry notes.....	\$5,368 00	
State taxes of 1867.....	262 75	
repairs to fence and banquette when first purchased,	153 55	\$5,784 30

RECEIPTS.

For rent to 1st January, 1869.....	\$1,100 00	
State warrants (discount on warrant for taxes).....	12 50	1,112 50
		<u>\$4,671 80</u>

The debit balance brought down Dec. 31st, 1867, was \$59,663—thus making the total debit \$64,334 80.

Fire Insurance.

Policies now running, viz:

On buildings, Grand Lodge Hall.....	\$70,000 00	
furniture in same	9,000 00	
rents for same.....	6,000 00	
Polar Star Hall.....	10,000 00	
		<u>\$95,000 00</u>

INSURANCE SCRIP ON HAND.

Louisiana Mutual Insurance Company.....	90 00	
Merchants' Insurance "	100 00	
Sun "	160 00	
New Orleans "	170 00	
Crescent "	60 00	
		<u>\$580 00</u>

GRAND LODGE HALL, NEW ORLEANS,
Tuesday, 2d February, 1869.

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

The Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge Hall, having duly considered the resolution of the Grand Lodge requiring of them the duty of presenting, at the present session, a plan for the distribution of the charity fund, derived from the revenues of the Grand Lodge Hall, respectfully report the following plan, and ask that the same be made an additional section to article 1, chapter III, of the Regulations of the Grand Lodge, viz:

SEC. 8. The Grand Secretary, under the supervision of the Board of Directors, shall, as soon as may be, make up an account, showing the balance to the Grand Lodge Hall Charity Fund, in accordance with the provisions of sections 5 and 6 of this article; deducting therefrom *all sums heretofore donated to the constituent lodges for charitable purposes*, and such sums as the Board of Directors may decide to be proper, for the supply of books, stationery, and the services of the Grand Secretary—this balance to be struck on the first day of January of the year 1869, and of each succeeding year thereafter. This balance shall be apportioned and distributed as follows: Twenty per cent. thereof to be paid into the treasury of Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1, to be distributed by that body in the relief of worthy distressed brethren, their widows and orphans. The remaining eighty per cent. shall be divided *pro rata* (according to their actual membership) among the constituent chartered lodges of the State that shall have made returns and paid their dues within the time prescribed in the by-laws of the Grand Lodge; such amounts to be used by the said lodges for charitable purposes only: Provided, that, all lodges making returns and paying dues in full during the communication of 1869, shall be considered as having made such returns, etc., as to entitle them to receive the distribution provided for in this section; but any lodge which shall have failed to make returns and pay its dues, as provided for in this section, and which shall not annually hereafter, as a part of its returns, make a full and detailed statement of the disposition of the charity fund received by it, as herein provided for, giving date, name and object; and which shall not have distributed at least three-fourths of the entire amount received in accordance with the provisions of section 6 of this article, shall not be allowed to share in the distribution to be made in the said year in which it has failed to make its returns or pay its dues; nor shall its members be included in the numbers by which the surplus funds are divided.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D.,

Secretary for Board.

W. Bro. John Anderson, Chairman of Committee on Audit and Accounts, offered the following report and resolution, which, on motion, was received, and the resolution adopted:

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Audit and Accounts respectfully beg leave to report that they have thoroughly examined the books of the Grand Lodge, and the reports and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

Your committee find the accounts and reports of those officers correct, and in accordance with the books of the Grand Lodge.

The vouchers for expenditures correspond with the statements of the books, and, having been found correct, have been duly cancelled.

The specification of warrants furnished by the Grand Treasurer's report are assumed by your committee as a part of this report.

The following is a summary statement of the assets and liabilities of the Grand Lodge on the first day of January, 1869:

ASSETS.

Cash in hands of Grand Treasurer	\$	3,615	89	
Unpaid dues of constituent lodges, accrued to Dec. 31st, 1868.....		2,475	54	
Due from Mt. Olivet, U. D.....		45	00	
Due from Estate of Samuel G. Risk.....		720	00	
Due from lodges on account of Masonic Cemetery....		1,841	00	
Movables (sundries taken for rent).....		445	00	
Grand Lodge Hall (St. Charles street).....		150,000	00	
Polar Star Hall (corner Rampart and History streets)		10,000	00	
Masonic Cemetery		15,000	00	
Masonic Temple property (Tivoli Circle).....		65,000	00	
Furniture, fixtures and library Grand Lodge Hall....		10,000	00	
“ “ Polar Star Hall.....		1,000	00	\$260,142 43

LIABILITIES.

Bills payable, bearing 8 per cent. interest.....	\$75,400	00	
Balance due Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1.....	2,952	00	
Due Constituent Lodges.....	767	86	79,119 86
Balance of assets over liabilities.....			<u>\$181,022 57</u>

Your committee have ascertained that the iron safe forming that part of the assets of the Grand Lodge making movables account, is used in the Grand Secretary's office, and is needed there as a permanent fixture; they therefore recommend that it be made a part of the permanent furniture of the Grand Secretary's office, and that movables account be closed by capital account.

Your committee present the following statements of amounts due from constituent lodges to this Grand Lodge, unpaid on January 1st, 1869, and accrued prior to January 1st, 1868:

UNPAID DUES.

Perseverance No. 4	\$ 9 00	Bro't forward.....	\$1,458 04
St. Albans No. 28.....	20 00	Gordy No. 133.....	44 00
Germania No. 46.....	82 00	Athens No. 136.....	10 00
Providence No. 59.....	114 00	Jeffersonian No. 138.....	1 00
Olive No. 52.....	106 25	Cool Spring No. 140.....	65 00
Lafayette No. 56.....	5 00	Downsville No. 143.....	10 00
De Witt Clinton No. 80.....	55 62	Redland, 148.....	51 00
Mt. Vernon No. 83.....	9 00	Darlington No. 149.....	44 00
Lafayette No. 87.....	95 00	Perkins No. 150.....	105 00
Many No. 88.....	279 72	Eastern Star No. 151.....	17 00
Monticello No. 92.....	62 00	Homer No. 152.....	280 00
Pleasant Hill No. 86.....	34 00	Rapides No. 158.....	10 00
Vienna No. 106.....	84 00	Morganza No. 159.....	98 00
Sparta No. 108.....	1 00	Livingston No. 160.....	127 00
Urim No. 111.....	8 00	Columbia No. 164.....	28 00
Terryville No. 118.....	80 95	Lake Charles No. 165.....	1 00
Deerfield No. 120.....	47 00	Montgomery No. 168.....	13 00
Kellertown No. 124.....	57 00	Haynesville No. 169.....	108 00
Pearl River No. 125.....	8 00	Orient No. 173.....	61 00
Spring Hill No. 127.....	1 70	Eureka No. 177.....	18 00
Dawson No. 129.....	113 30	Tulip No. 178.....	3 00
Shiloh No. 131.....	72 00	Flat Lick No. 187.....	4 00
Warren No. 132.....	33 00		
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	\$1,458 04		\$2,475 54

Your committee take pleasure in again referring to the admirable manner in which the books of the Grand Secretary are kept, and to the orderly arrangement of the archives of this body deposited in his office. In this connection it is mere justice to a laborious officer of the Grand Lodge to remark that a great amount of time has been devoted by the Grand Secretary during the past year, to the arrangement and preparation of a proper catalogue of the books in the Grand Lodge library. During the year 1868, over three hundred volumes were added to the library, more than doubling the number of books it contained at the commencement of that year. This increase is mainly due to the exertions of the Grand Secretary and the liberality of a few of the members of the fraternity. This collection of Masonic literature is now quite valuable, but it deserves more attention from the brethren than it has hitherto received.

The Committee on Audit and Accounts submit the following resolution:

Fraternally submitted,

JNO. ANDERSON,
WM. R. WHITAKER.

Resolved, That movables account be closed by transfer to capital account.

W. Bro. J. P. Horner, by request, submitted the report of Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1, with accompanying tables, and on motion the same were read and ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

It is with great pleasure that I again submit the statistical report of the work of Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1. During the past year, it has continued its career of usefulness, and although its treasury is at the present time rather depleted, funds are always forthcoming to meet its wants. Our thanks are due, especially, to many of the non-contributing lodges of this city, for very generous and timely donations, and the receipts under the head of "amounts refunded" will be seen to have been much larger than usual, which last fact alone proves the utility of our organization, and that at least so much has been well expended. At home, our labors have been appreciated by the brethren, and we have every indication that before the next annual communication, many more of the city lodges will have become active members of our body, with which they are in spirit already affiliated.

Personally, I have to acknowledge the cordial manner in which the brethren of New Orleans, whether of lodges affiliated with us or not, have assisted me in the discharge of duties which are sometimes more than arduous; and also, to thank brethren of other jurisdictions for the very friendly manner in which they have spoken of us, both in and out of their Grand Lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

H. HAMBURGER,

W. M. Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1.

Secretary's Report of Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1, for 1868.

RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR FROM LODGES COMPOSING THE RELIEF LODGE.

Cash in hands of Treasurer, January 1st, 1868.....	\$1,516 42
From Mount Moriah Lodge No. 59.....	\$ 50 00
“ George Washington Lodge No. 65.....	50 00
“ Marion Lodge No. 68.....	50 00
“ Hermitage Lodge No. 98.....	50 00
“ Ocean Lodge No. 144.....	100 00
“ St. John's Lodge No. 153.....	25 00
“ Union Lodge No. 172.....	50 00
“ Orient Lodge No. 173.....	50 00—425 00

DONATIONS.

From Quitman Lodge No 76, La.....	50 00
“ Lafayette “ “ 87, “	10 00
“ Bellevue “ “ 95, “	10 00
“ Urim “ “ 111, “	10 00

From Liberty Lodge No 123, " \$10 00, gold.....	13 95
" Jeffersonian " " 138, "	5 00
" Kosmos " " 171, " city notes.....	50 00
" Order of High Priesthood.....	25 00
" Pelican Chapter Rose Croix No. 11, B. of F. A.	7 85
" Net proceeds of benefit given by Miss Alice Kingsbury..	601 55
" " " of concert.....	3 00
" Miss Alice Kingsbury.....	3 30
" Joseph Santini, of Marion Lodge No. 68.....	40 00
" David Arent, of Union Fraternal Lodge No. 53.....	5 00
" P. P. Hatch, of Geo. Washington Lodge No. 65.....	5 00
" Capt. Hanniman, U. S. N.....	2 00
" J. Meyer.....	1 00—852 65

AMOUNTS REFUNDED.

By Cyrus R. A. Chapter No. 12, on account of relief granted Mrs. C. L. Mann.....	49 50
By Franklin Lodge No. 57, La., on account of relief granted Mrs. C. L. Mann.....	22 50
By St. John's Lodge No. 1, Portsmouth, N. H., funeral expenses of Bro. W. H. Cornelius.....	85 00
By Centre Lodge No. 23, Indianapolis, Ind., funeral expenses of Bro. W. H. Riley.....	196 00
By Acacia Lodge 327, N. Y., funeral expenses of Bro. W. H. Phillips and relief of widow.....	185 00
By Star of Bethlehem Lodge, Chelsea, Mass., relief of Miss A. E. Goodwin.....	66 00
By W. J. Carroll, Compas Lodge 223, Kentucky, on account..	5 00
By Wm. Morrison, Polk Lodge No. 26, Arkansas.....	20 00
By F. E. Dodds, Fulton Lodge No. 120, Kentucky.....	16 00
By Living Stone R. A. Chapter No. 16, on account of Bro. Purvis Brooks.....	30 00
By Pickaway Lodge No. , Ohio, funeral expenses of Bro. W. S. Valentine.....	61 25
By collection from W. H. Wilkinson, R. A. C. Miss., for Mrs. G. E. Hamilton.....	10 25
By Dr. J. L. Stephenson, Geo., relief of son.....	25 00
By United States Lodge No. 207, N. Y., relief of Mrs. J. Ry- der.....	25 00—796 50

RECEIVED FOR USE OF VAULTS.

From Capt. Hanniman, Pay. U. S. N., for Bro. Lt. E. W. Koehl	40 00
" T. W. Bothick, for S. P. Bowen.....	50 00
" Dudley Lodge No. 66.....	240 00
" Excelsior Lodge No. 166.....	70 00
" Orient Lodge No. 173.....	35 00
" Orleans R. A. Chapter No. 1.....	35 00 470 00
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DISBURSEMENTS.

To applicants from Alabama.....	51 00
“ “ Arkansas.....	269 00
“ “ Brazil, S. A.....	15 00
“ “ Canada.....	50 00
“ “ California.....	20 00
“ “ District of Columbia.....	30 00
“ “ France.....	95 00
“ “ Georgia.....	109 00
“ “ Illinois.....	15 00
“ “ Kentucky.....	148 00
“ “ Louisiana.....	155 50
“ “ Mississippi.....	105 25
“ “ Minnesota.....	20 00
“ “ Missouri.....	30 00
“ “ Massachusetts.....	96 00
“ “ Maine.....	35 00
“ “ New Mexico.....	15 00
“ “ New Hampshire.....	21 65
“ “ North Carolina.....	15 00
“ “ New York.....	310 00
“ “ Ohio.....	39 75
“ “ South Carolina.....	103 00
“ “ Scotland.....	95 00
“ “ Texas.....	171 25
“ “ Virginia.....	70 00
Widows of Louisiana.....	568 75
Funeral Expenses.....	918 00
Tomb Expenses.....	92 00
Secretary's Fees.....	60 00
Tyler's Fees.....	22 50
Advertising, Stationery and other incidental expenses.....	47 25 3792 90
Amount in hands of Treasurer, January 1st, 1869.....	267 67
	<hr/> \$4050 57

Fraternally submitted,

FRED. HOLYLAND,

Secretary of La. Relief Lodge No. 1.

R. W. Grand Secretary submitted a communication from the J. W. of Grosse Tete Lodge No. 157, which was received and referred to the committee on Work and Returns of Chartered Lodges. P. G. M. S. M. Todd, from the special committee to whom was referred the R. W. Grand Secretary's Report for distribution reported as follows, which was on motion adopted.

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Your committee, to whom was referred the report of the R. W. Grand Secretary for distribution, recommend the following distribution of the various subjects referred to by him:

That portion relating to financial matters, to the Committee on Audit and Accounts.

That portion relating to chartered lodges, to Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered Lodges.

That portion referring to lodges under dispensation, to Committee on Lodges under Dispensation.

That portion in relation to trials held in subordinate bodies and appeals therefrom, to Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

That portion referring to Grand Lodge Library, to Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered Lodges.

That portion referring to Grand Representatives, to Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Fraternally submitted,

S. M. TODD,

Sy. G. PARSONS,

- D. ARENT.

The M. W. Grand Lodge was then called off until Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, P. M.

HENRY R. SWASEY, *Grand Master.*

S. O. SCRUGGS, *Senior Grand Warden.*

WM. McDUFF, *Junior Grand Warden.*

J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D., *Grand Secretary.*

GRAND LODGE HALL, }

NEW ORLEANS, Tuesday, February 9, 1869. }

The M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana was called to labor in the Third Degree by HENRY R. SWASEY, M. W. Grand Master, this evening, at seven o'clock, the following

OFFICERS PRESENT:

HENRY R. SWASEY.....	M. W. Grand Master.
S. G. PARSONS.....	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
S. O. SCRUGGS.....	R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
WM. McDUFF.....	R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
SAMUEL MANNING TODD.....	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D.....	R. W. Grand Secretary.
REV. C. S. HEDGES, D. D.....	W. Grand Chaplain.
N. H. BRAY.....	W. Senior Grand Deacon.
J. KILE.....	W. Junior Grand Deacon.
R. G. STERLING.....	as W. Grand Marshal.
R. L. BRUCE.....	as W. Grand Sword Bearer.
M. E. GIRARD.....	W. Grand Pursuivant.
J. W. HIGMAN.....	as
G. SONTAG.....	as
O. S. SMITH.....	W. Grand Stewards.
A. QUEANT.....	W. Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

P. G. M. ABEL J. NORWOOD.

P. S. G. W. JOHN C. GORDY.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

R. W. T. J. O'REGAN,	Grand Rep. Grand Lodge of Ireland.
R. W. E. D. CRAIG,	Grand Rep. Grand Lodge of New Jersey.
R. R. Rev. H. S. JACOBS,	Grand Rep. Grand Lodge of S. Carolina.
R. W. A. GOLDMANN,	Grand Rep. Grand Lodge R. Y. of Friendship, and National G. L. of the Three Globes at Berlin.

The roll of Lodges being called, the following were found to be represented:

Nos. 3, L. A. O. D. 5, 19, 24, 28, 31, 44, 46, 47, 53, 54, 59, 65, 70, 72, 76, 78, 83, 84, 87, 90, 95, 96, 101, 103, 108, 109, 110, 111, 115, 117, 118, 125, 131, 144, 145, 146, 147, 149, 151, 154, 155, 156, 160,

161, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 189. Total, 65 chartered lodges.

Entered after roll call, Nos. 112, 116, 135, 163. Lodges U. D.: Saline, Mount Olivet, Jefferson, Corinthian, Abbeville.

The minutes of the session of Monday, February 8th, were read, amended and approved.

The M. W. Grand Secretary submitted the following report, which was received and referred to Committee on Credentials.

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Your Grand Secretary respectfully begs leave to report that the following lodges have made returns and paid their dues since the previous report, viz:

Montgomery Lodge No. 168; Rapides Lodge No. 158; Annacoco Lodge No. 147; Livingston Lodge No. 160; Morganza Lodge No. 159; Milford Lodge No. 117; Spring Creek Lodge No. 184.

JAMES C BATCHELOR, M. D.,

Grand Secretary.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana.

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully beg leave to report that the following lodges have made returns and paid their dues, and are entitled to representation:

RAPIDES No. 158.....C. K. Oakes, W. M.; Thos. S. Knight, S. W.;
Lewis Cooper, J. W. (G. B. Burr, of Lodge
No. 158, proxy for all.)

ANNACOCO No. 147.....N. H. Bray, W. M.; Caryl Bray, S. W.; W. W.
Taylor, J. W.

LIVINGSTON No. 160.....S. S. Hoyt, W. M.; Wm. Akers, S. W.; S. D.
Simms, J. W.

MORGANZA No. 159.....J. W. Newsom, W. M.; C. G. Hale, S. W.; W.
A. Harbone, J. W.

MILFORD No. 117.....J. S. Gardner, W. M.; J. J. Freeman, S. W.;
D. H. Miller, J. W.

MONTGOMERY No. 168.....Jas. W. Jones, W. M.; J. M. Plunkett, S. W.;
D. H. Shumate, J. W. (Thos. Clements, of
Louisiana Lodge No. 102, proxy for all.)

SPRING CREEK No. 184.....H. Richardson, W. M.; N. S. Edwards, S. W.;
H. Z. Jenkins, J. W.

Hugh Claverie, of Longwood No. 183, proxy for W. M. of same.

Sam'l F. Vaugban, of Longwood No. 183, proxy for J. W. of same.

Boling Williams, of DeSoto No. 55, proxy for W. M. of same.

Wm. R. Whitaker, of Linn Wood No. 167, proxy for J. W. of Alpha Home
No. 72.

W. H. C. Laade, of Perseverance No. 4, proxy for J. W. of same.

Benj. Weil, proxy for J. W. of Cloutierville No. 103.

Claudius Mayo, of H. C. No. 19, proxy for W. M. of same.

A. QUEANT,
O. CZARNOWSKI.

The Committee on Lodges U. D. submitted the following report and resolution, and on motion the report was received and the resolution adopted:

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Lodges under dispensation respectfully beg leave to report that they have examined the papers sent up by Corinthian, Jefferson and Abbeville lodges, U. D.; their By-laws are regular, their returns correct, and their minutes remarkably well kept, reflecting credit on the officers.

They have returned their dispensations, accompanied with petitions for charters, and your committee recommend that their prayer be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

M. E. GIRARD,
GEO. H. PABST,
D. ARENT.

Resolved, That charters be granted to Corinthian, Jefferson and Abbeville Lodges.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances submitted the following reports and resolutions, which, on motion, were received and the resolutions severally adopted:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana:

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances have had under consideration the appeal of G. Schneider against the decision of DeSoto Lodge No. 55, expelling him from all the privileges of Masonry.

This case was reported on by this committee at the last communication of the Grand Lodge, and DeSoto Lodge was ordered to send up a full transcript of her proceedings in this case for action at this time. In reply to this order, we have a letter from the W. M. of DeSoto Lodge, excusing himself and his lodge for not obeying the same, on the ground that the record, or parts thereof have been lost, and cannot be found. It is therefore impossible for your committee, or for the Grand Lodge, to pass upon the merits of this case, and in order that justice may be done, we deem it necessary that a new trial be had, that a new record may be made to be sent up, if necessary, for the Grand Lodge to pass upon the facts, and we append a resolution to that effect.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH P. HORNER,
JOHN G. FLEMING,
SAM'L J. POWELL,
JOS. F. MCGUIRE,
R. L. BRUCE,
J. W. HIGMAN,
F. H. BABBIT.

Resolved, That the sentence of expulsion in the case of Bro. G. Schneider, by DeSoto Lodge No. 55, be, and the same is hereby reversed, and the case remanded to said lodge for a new trial.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances have had under consideration the appeal of J. K. Belden from the sentence of Ocean Lodge No. 144, expelling him from all the rights and privileges of Masonry. At our last communication, the Grand Master was authorized to designate a lodge for the trial of this case, and it was accordingly had in Ocean Lodge by his orders. We find that the evidence fully supports the conclusions of the lodge, and that the trial was conducted with all the requisite formalities, and therefore append a resolution affirming the decision.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH P. HORNOR,
JOHN G. FLEMING,
R. L. BRUCE,
J. W. HIGMAN,
JOS. F. MCGUIRE,
SAM'L J. POWELL,
F. H. BABBIT.

Resolved, That the action of Ocean Lodge No. 144, expelling J. K. Belden from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, be and the same is hereby affirmed.

P. G. M. W. M. Perkins, Grand Representative of the M. W. Grand Lodges of Virginia, Tennessee and Texas, was announced, and was received in Ample Form and was conducted to the East.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances have had under consideration an appeal taken by L. A. Finley, jr., from a sentence of Dudley Lodge No. 66, indefinitely suspending him; and after a careful review of the testimony, find the action of the lodge fully justified, and that the requisite formalities were observed, and therefore present a resolution accordingly.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH P. HORNOR,
JOHN G. FLEMING,
R. L. BRUCE,
J. W. HIGMAN,
JOS. F. MCGUIRE,
SAM'L J. POWELL,
F. H. BABBIT.

Resolved, That the action of Dudley Lodge No. 66, in indefinitely suspending L. A. Finley, jr., be and the same is hereby affirmed.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances have had before them what purports to be an appeal taken by Miss A. Gourgas from a decision made by Dudley Lodge No. 66, refusing to take cognizance of certain charges made by her against Bro. H. E. Robinson of that lodge. It appears from the papers that the charges were made to Dudley Lodge, regularly referred to a committee, who reported that they were unfounded, and that a trial was not necessary, and their report was adopted by the lodge, and the charges dismissed. We have no evidence before us save that of the complainant, and are therefore obliged to believe that the committee and the lodge were justified in their conclusions. Moreover, the appellant is not a Mason, and no brother appears on her behalf, nor is she represented as having any claims upon the fraternity. In Masonic bodies none but Masons have the right to urge charges against members thereof, and profanes should not be permitted to make of them common tribunals for the investigation of real or imaginary wrongs, sustained by such profanes. We, therefore, recommend the dismissal of the appeal.

Fraternally submitted.

JOSEPH P. HORNOR,
JOHN G. FLEMING,
R. L. BRUCE,
J. W. HIGMAN,
JOS. F. MCGUIRE,
SAML. J. POWELL,
F. H. BARBIT.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The special report of W. Bro. J. B. Scot, chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, was called up with resolutions attached, which had been made the special order for this evening, and the same was read.

A motion was made to adjourn until to-morrow evening by R. W. Bro. S. O. Scruggs, S. G. W., which was put and lost:

A motion was made to adopt the report and resolutions as read, and the same was adopted with but one dissenting voice.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The special report of the Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge Hall plan to distribute the charity fund of the Grand Lodge Hall being in order, was called up, read, and its adoption moved.

R. W. Bro. Amos Kent offered the following amendment :

Strike out all after the word *therefrom* in the 7th line to the word *such* in the 9th line, (comprising the following sentence) all sums heretofore donated to the Constituent Lodges for charitable purposes; and

A motion was made to adjourn this question until to-morrow evening. A vote by lodges being called for, resulted as follows:

Ayes—L. A. D. O. 5, 23, 59, 65, 78, 84, 102, 131, 145, 147, 148, 166, 169, 173, 174, 176. Total 48.

Nays—24, 47, 53, 54, 72, 87, 90, 95, 96, 98, 101, 112, 115, 116, 117, 118, 125, 135, 146, 149, 151, 160, 163, 171, 175, 179, 183, 184, 185. Total 87.

Total No. of Lodges voting—45.

The question being taken on the amendment, it was adopted.

W. Bro. W. R. Whitaker offered the following amendment:

Strike out from the report all having reference to Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1, and the same was on motion rejected.

The question was then taken on the plan or resolution offered by the Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge Hall, as amended under the resolution by Bro. Amos Kent, and the same was adopted.

The following resolutions were offered by W. Bro. J. P. Hornor, from Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and on motion referred to Committee on Audit and Accounts, with instructions to report on the same to-morrow evening.

Resolved, That the rank of the Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge be that of a past Junior Grand Warden.

Resolved, That a proper jewel in accordance with the above resolution be procured, and forwarded by the Grand Master to each of the representatives of this Grand Lodge, now representing her near Sister Grand Lodges, and to all who may be hereafter appointed, and that the Grand Master have authority to draw his warrant upon the Grand Treasurer for the expenses incurred in carrying out this resolution.

W. Bro. J. G. Fleming submitted the following resolutions and amendments to the Constitution and By-laws of this Grand Lodge, and on motion they were laid over under the By-laws.

Resolved, That section 3, Article 8 of the Constitution, be altered to read as follows: The Lodges in New Orleans shall not charge less than seventy-five dollars for conferring the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, nor lodges in other parishes in the State a less sum than fifty dollars, and in no case shall credit be given.

The lodges may charge such sums for affiliation and the dues of members as each may think proper.

Resolved, That section 1 of Article 2 of the By-laws, be amended so as to read two years instead of twelve months.

The M. W. Grand Lodge was then called off until Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

HENRY R. SWASEY, *Grand Master*.

S. O. SCRUGGS, *Senior Grand Warden*.

WM. McDUFF, *Junior Grand Warden*.

J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D., *Grand Secretary*.

GRAND LODGE HALL, }

NEW ORLEANS, Wednesday, February 10, 1869. }

The M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana was called to labor in the Third Degree by Henry R. Swasey, M. W. Grand Master, this evening, at 7 o'clock. The following

OFFICERS PRESENT:

HENRY R. SWASEY.....	M. W. Grand Master.
S. G. PARSONS.....	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
R. L. BRUCE.....	as R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
R. G. STERLING.....	as R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
S. M. TODD.....	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D.....	R. W. Grand Secretary.
REV. C. S. HEDGES, D. D.....	W. Grand Chaplain.
N. H. BRAY.....	W. Senior Grand Deacon.
J. KILE.....	W. Junior Grand Deacon.
I. W. HOMAN.....	W. Grand Marshal.
O. CZARNOWSKI.....	as W. Grand Sword Bearer.
H. HAMBURGER.....	as W. Grand Pursuivant.
A. LEVY.....	} W. Grand Stewards.
O. S. SMITH.....	
P. BIDAULT.....	
J. MYERS.....	
A. QUEANT.....	| W. Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

P. G. M. J. Q. A. FELLOWS,	P. G. M. WM. M. PERKINS,
P. G. M. ABEL J. NORWOOD,	P. D. G. M. EDWARD BARNETT
P. D. G. M. A. G. CARTER,	P. S. G. W. JOHN C. GORDY,
P. J. G. W. JOHN A. STEVENSON.	

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES:

R. W. T. J. O'REGAN,	Grand Rep. Ireland.
M. W. J. Q. A. FELLOWS,	" " Vermont, Florida and Minnesota.
M. W. S. M. TODD,	" " Alabama.
R. W. E. D. CRAIG,	" " New Jersey.
M. W. W. M. PERKINS,	" " Texas, Tennessee and Virginia.
R. W. L. E. REYNOLDS,	" " Iowa.
R. W. H. S. JACOBS,	" " South Carolina.
R. W. A. GOLDMANN,	" " Grand Lodge R. Y. of F.
and National Grand Lodge of the Three Globes at Berlin.	

The roll of lodges being called, the following were found to be represented, viz: Nos. 3, 4, 9, 24, 28, 31, 44, 45, 46, 47, 50, 53, 54, 55, 58, 59, 65, 66, 68, 70, 72, 78, 80, 84, 87, 89, 90, 95, 96, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 106, 109, 110, 111, 112, 115, 120, 125, 131, 135, 139, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 151, 153, 155, 158, 159, 160, 161, 164, 166, 167, 169, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 178, 179, 183, 184, 185, 186. Total 73 Chartered Lodges.

S. O. Scruggs, R. W. Senior Grand Warden, and Wm. McDuff, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, entered and took their respective stations.

The minutes of the session of February 9th were read and approved.

The R. W. Grand Secretary submitted the following report, which was received, and on motion referred to the Committee on Credentials.

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Your Grand Secretary respectfully begs leave to report that the following lodges have made returns, and paid dues since the last report:

Many Lodge No. 88; Covington Lodge No. 188; Evergreen Lodge No. 189; Aurora Lodge, U. D.; Thos. Jefferson Lodge, No. 113.

JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D., *Grand Secretary.*

The R. W. Grand Secretary reported the constitution and installation of officers of Corinthian Lodge No. 190 and Jefferson Lodge No. 191, and asked that the same be referred to the Committee on Credentials, and the same was so ordered.

The M. W. Grand Master stated that he had received a communication from Bro. W. R. Whitaker, resigning his position on the Committee of Audit and Accounts, and has appointed W. Bro. J. O. De Castro, of Perfect Harmony Lodge No. 176, in his place.

The M. W. Grand Master then announced the following appointment of Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence.

P. G. M. J. Q. A. Fellows, of Marion Lodge No. 68.

P. G. M. Sam. M. Todd, of " " "

P. G. M. Wm. M. Perkins, of " " "

P. D. G. M. A. G. Carter, of Plains Lodge No. 135.

P. D. G. M. S. O. Scruggs, of Cloutierville Lodge No. 103.

P. D. G. M. Ed. Barnett, of Ocean Lodge No. 144.

P. S. G. W. John C. Gordy, of Franklin Lodge No. 57.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report, which was, by permission of the M. W. Grand Lodge, withdrawn, amended, re-submitted, and adopted.

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully beg leave to report that the following lodges have made returns and paid dues, and are entitled to representation:

JEFFERSON No. 191.....H. Breen, W. M.; Wm. Frank, S. W.; Thos. Friend, J. W.
 COVINGTON No. 188.....J. M. Thompson, W. M.; F. B. Martindale, S. W. H. F. Spring, J. W.
 AURORA, U. D.....John F. Wyche, Representative.
 TRENTON, U. D.....F. M. Dawson, "
 THOS JEFFERSON No. 113.....Jos. R. Goyne, W. M.; G. R. Carroll, S. W.; Benj. F. Harrell, J. W.; Jas. E. Trimble, of Union Fraternal Lodge No. 53, proxy for W. M. and S. W.
 EVERGREEN No. 189.....M. Bennett, W. M.; H. A. Ditto, S. W.; W. M. Ewell of Lodge 189, proxy for S. W. and J. W.
 CORINTHIAN No. 190.....A. E. Billings, W. M.; Wm. Carson, S. W.; J. E. McBeth, J. W.
 Ph. Winfree, of Excelsior Lodge No. 166, proxy for J. W. of Milford Lodge, No. 117.
 D. E. Seruggs, of Marion Lodge No. 68, proxy for W. M. and J. W. of Phoenix Lodge No. 38.
 Hy. S. Jacobs, of Louisiana Lodge No. 102, proxy for W. M. of Cloutierville Lodge No. 103.
 D. S. Beauchamp, of Brookville Lodge No. 161, proxy for all of same lodge.
 A. W. May, of Kosmos Lodge No. 171, proxy for W. M. of same lodge.
 Fraternally submitted, A. QUEANT,
 O. CZARNOWSKI,
 GEO. BALDY.

M. W. Past Grand Master W. M. Perkins offered the following resolution, and on motion, the same was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Audit and Accounts be instructed to report to this Grand Body, as soon as possible, what changes, if any, are necessary to be made in the financial accounts of the several constituent lodges arising from the resolutions of the annual communications of 1865, 1866, 1867, remitting and donating to the lodges their dues previous to the dates respectively.

The Committee on Audit and Accounts submitted the following reports:

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Audit and Accounts respectfully beg leave to report, that after due consideration of the resolution of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted to this committee relative to the furnishing of jewels to our representatives at Sister Grand Lodges, recommend to the Grand Lodge the adoption of the following resolution:

JOHN ANDERSON,
 EDWIN MARKS.

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350) be appropriated to carry out the resolution of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

And, on motion, the same was adopted.

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Audit and Accounts respectfully beg leave to report that they have examined the financial portion of the report of the Board of Grand Lodge Hall Directors, and find the same correct.

Your committee on the financial portion of the address of the M. W. G. M., relative to the loan authorized at the last Communication of the Grand Lodge, and which has failed of being accomplished on account of the low rate of interest (7 per cent.) therein offered; your committee feel satisfied, that if more scope in the rate of interest had been allowed at the discretion of the M. W. G. Master, the loan would have been effected. Your committee have an abiding confidence, now that prosperity has dawned upon our city and State, and a redundancy of capital exists in our midst, that at a rate of interest not exceeding 10 per cent., all the money desired and named in the resolution can be obtained. Now, therefore, and in order that this valuable property of the Grand Lodge may not be sacrificed at a forced sale, and in order to carry out the long cherished scheme of the erection of a Masonic Temple, your committee offer the following resolution.

JNO. ANDERSON,

EDWIN MARKS.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted at the Communication of February 14th, 1868, relative to the raising of a loan of fifty thousand dollars, be so amended as to read "at a rate not higher than" TEN per cent. instead of seven per cent., as therein stated.

On motion to adopt, Bro. G. G. Garner offered the following substitute:

Resolved, That full discretion be given to the Grand Master and the Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge Hall to raise a sufficient sum to meet the indebtedness of the Grand Lodge, by mortgage or sale of any portion of the property of this Grand Lodge.

Pending which, the following was offered by W. Bro. J. P. Horner, as an amendment to resolution of committee, (offered by Committee on Chartered Lodges, at last annual communication,) viz:

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge Hall are hereby instructed to dispose of the property on Tivoli Circle, purchased during the present year, as soon as possible, without loss to the Grand Lodge, and with the proceeds thereof to extinguish the debt incurred for its purchase; and that all measures looking to the building of a new Masonic Temple be, for the present, discontinued.

Which being put to the Grand Lodge, was, on the following vote by lodges, refused to be received:

AYES—S. G. D., Grand Stewards O. S. Smith, P. Bidault; 3, 4, L. A. D. O., 5, 9, 38, 44, 46, 47, 53, 55, 65, (2 votes), 89, 90, 95, 106, 116, 117, (2 votes), 147, 148, 151, 158, 173, 179, 113, 185. Total 76 votes yea.

NAYS—G. M., D. G. M., J. G. W., G. Treasurer, G. Secretary, G. Chaplain, J. G. D., G. Stewards M. E. Girard and S. Levy, Nos. 24, 28, 31, 45, 50, 54, 57, 59, 65, (1 vote,) 66, 68, 70, 72, 76, 78, 80, 84, 87, 96, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 112, 118, 125, 131, 135, 139, 144, 145, 146, 149, 155, 160, 161, 163, 166, 167, 168, 169, 175, 176, 183, 184, 188, 190, 191. Total, 154 votes nay.
Total number of lodges voting, 73.

The question on the substitute offered by Bro. Garner being put, it was adopted.

The Committee on Chartered Lodges submitted the following reports and resolutions, and on motion the same were adopted:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered Lodges respectfully beg leave to report that they have had under consideration that portion of the W. G. Secretary's report referred to them, in relation to the Grand Lodge Library, and in their opinion the W. Grand Secretary deserves the unqualified thanks of each and every member of this M. W. Grand Lodge, for his untiring efforts, voluntarily assumed, to make the library worthy the name of such. That as the symbolism and hidden lore of Masonry affords one of the widest and richest fields of study for the philosopher and student of ancient mysteries, each member of the craft in this jurisdiction should do all in his power to create a place where such information could be sought and found.

They would therefore recommend the particular attention of the craft in this State to the request contained in that portion of his report, and trust at our next Annual Communication to find there is not room in the library to hold the volumes sent in response to that request.

AMOS KENT,
BOLING WILLIAMS,
JOHN McCROBY,
W. C. DRIVER.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be and are hereby tendered to the W. Bros. named in the Grand Secretary's report who have so promptly answered his request and forwarded such valuable contributions.

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Returns and Work of Chartered Lodges respectfully beg leave to report that we have had under consideration a petition from the M. W. and Wardens of Terryville Lodge No. 118, asking to be authorized to change the place of meeting of said lodge from Terryville P. O. to Salem, as their lodge room at Terryville is so dilapidated that it is impossible for them to use it. They have a new Masonic Hall erected at Salem, which is a more central position and more convenient to a large majority of the members. They also ask that the name of their lodge may be changed to that of Salem, as that would be more significant of its locality. They also desire to retain their No. 118.

Your committee are in favor of granting the petition for changing the locality of the lodge, and would therefore recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

AMOS KENT,
BOLING WILLIAMS,
JOHN McCROBY,
W. C. DRIVER.

Resolved, That Terryville Lodge No. 118 be authorized to change its place of meeting from Quay P. O., or Terryville, in Claiborne Parish, to Salem, in the same parish.

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered Lodges respectfully beg leave to report, that they have had under consideration a communication from Brother Joseph B. Woolfolk, J. W. of Grosse Tete Lodge 157, stating that at the request of the W. M. of that lodge, he desires to surrender the charter, jewels and other property of the lodge to the Grand Secretary. The brother states that the Bible, jewels and accounts are in his possession. The letter G and 12 chairs are in their lodge room. He also asks that certificates of good standing be granted to the members of Grosse Tete Lodge, upon the payment of their pro rata dues to the Grand Lodge. Your committee regret that any of the lodges under our jurisdiction should be under the necessity of surrendering their charters, but cases of this kind must often occur, unless a wise discretion is exercised in granting dispensations and chartering new lodges. In the opinion of your committee, there are but few country parishes where more than two lodges are required for the successful working of the craft, and in the city the present number is deemed amply sufficient. Grosse Tete Lodge 157 has made no returns, and paid no dues since 1867; and at the last Grand Communication a similar request to the one now under consideration, was made by the S. W. of that lodge. Your committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

AMOS KENT,
W. C. DRIVER,
BOLING WILLIAMS,
JOHN MCCRORY.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary, as soon after the close of this Grand Communication as convenient, be required to take possession of the charter, jewels and property of Grosse Tete Lodge 157, and that he be authorized to grant certificates of good standing to any of the members of said lodge, upon their paying to him their proportion of the amount of the indebtedness of Grosse Tete Lodge 157, to the M. W. Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Lodges under Dispensation submitted the following report and resolutions, and on motion the report was received and the resolutions adopted:

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Lodges U. D. respectfully beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the papers sent up by the following lodges U. D.: Aurora, Mount Olivet, Trenton, Saline and Magnolia.

1—AURORA.—The minutes of this lodge are correct, the By-laws in accordance with the regulations of the Grand Lodge, with the exception of section 2, Art. 5, which is not in conformity with section 2 of Art. III of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge, and which should be amended accordingly.

2—MOUNT OLIVET.—Your committee find the minutes of this lodge correctly kept, the returns regular, and the By-laws in accordance with the requirements

of the Grand Lodge, with the exception of Arts. 9 and 13, which should be amended by changing the last part of Art. 9th from: "*Shall* be stricken from the roll" to *may* be stricken from the roll, and taking out Art. 13th, which is useless and out of place in a set of Masonic By-laws.

3—TRENTON AND SALINE.—The minutes of Trenton and Saline lodges are correct, their returns regular and their By-laws in accordance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge, with the exception that Saline Lodge failed to send a petition for a charter.

Your committee therefore recommend that charters issue to Aurora, Mount Olivet and Trenton lodges, and to Saline Lodge upon the presentation of a petition for a charter to the satisfaction of the M. W. Grand Master.

MAGNOLIA.—Your committee find that the dispensation was granted in September last, and the first meeting of the lodge under it was held in October, having barely worked three months under the dispensation. Taking this into consideration, with the close proximity of this lodge with Humble Cottage Lodge No. 19, your committee are of opinion that it were better that the dispensation be extended another year.

Respectfully submitted,

M. E. GIRARD,
D. ARENT,
GEO. H. PABST.

Resolved, That charters be granted Aurora, Mount Olivet and Trenton lodges, and to Saline Lodge, upon the presentation of a proper petition to the satisfaction of the M. W. Grand Master.

Resolved, That the dispensation of Magnolia Lodge U. D. be extended another year.

The Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence submitted the following report, resolutions and amendments, and on motion the report and resolutions were adopted, and the amendments laid over under the By-laws.

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence have had under consideration various matters referred to them, and submit the following report:

On the present mode of trials in lodges, your committee are aware that much difficulty is frequently experienced in many Masonic trials. This, however, we feel convinced, arises in most cases from the ignorance or prejudice of the Master, or his unfitness in other respects for presiding over the craft. So long as such Masters are elected by the lodge, this evil cannot be properly remedied by Grand Lodge legislation. It is an evil to have in a lodge an unruly or improper member; but once there, the evil resulting from his improper admittance must be endured. There is, however, a want of directness and efficiency in the matter of appeals, as now provided for by the Grand Lodge which additional legislation may remedy.

Your committee are of the opinion that, if after a fair and regular trial, a brother is acquitted by his lodge, the decision should in no case be disturbed. If not in violation of any Masonic law, another trial after acquittal would be

against the laws of the land. But there are frequent cases in which gross irregularities are practiced, and by which the acquittal was brought about, even if not designedly. There should be some remedy for this. A brother feeling aggrieved for such a course should have the right to have the case re-tried in a regular manner; and this for the benefit of the fraternity. Our opinion has been asked in such a case, whether an appeal could be taken by the accuser of a brother who had been acquitted. The brother making the complaint, alleging that his testimony had been refused by the W. M. The law as it now stands, does not allow an appeal in such a case. The brother making the charge should have been allowed to give his testimony, stating the particulars of the charges made by him.

Your committee have prepared an amendment to the regulations covering these difficulties, and which we recommend for adoption.

Your committee agree with the Grand Master in the opinion, that it was improper to perform any of the public ceremonies peculiar to the fraternity, in connection with other secret associations, and especially so in regard to the funeral services. Should the deceased brother or his family have expressed a desire, it is the duty of Masons to bury him Masonically, but not otherwise. There is no obligation on any one, and hardly any degree of propriety to do this, unless that desire has been actually expressed. When, however, this has been done, our ceremonies should not be encroached upon after the religious rites are ended and the body is taken charge of by the brethren, by the ceremonies of any association, or of any kind whatever.

They have also examined the resolutions submitted by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and report as follows:

That the first resolution, proposing the recognition of the Grand Lodges of Montana, New Brunswick and Idaho by this Grand Lodge, is eminently proper under the circumstances detailed by said committee, and therefore recommend its adoption.

The second resolution, giving power to the Committee on Masonic History, and instructing said committee to proceed to the completion of their labors, is also proper, and recommend its adoption.

Your committee have proceeded to act upon the matter referred to in the third resolution, upon the suggestions contained in the address of the M. W. G. Master.

Fraternally submitted,

J. Q. A. FELLOWS,
SAM. M. TODD,
EDW. BARNETT,
JOHN C. GORDY,
W. M. PERKINS,
A. G. CARTER,
S. O. SCRUGGS.

Resolved, That Sec. 2, Art. I, Chap. I, of the Regulations be so amended that the Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered Lodges shall be a Standing Committee, and to act during the recess of the Grand Lodge, and to consist of six members, divided into two sections of three members each; the chairman of each section shall be a Master or Past Master of a lodge. The Grand Secretary shall, as soon as received, distribute the work and returns, and all matters pertaining to Chartered Lodges not belonging to other committees,

between the two sections, in such manner as he, on the advice of the Grand Master, may deem most advisable, and to the fullest extent possible before the opening of the Grand Lodge, and such reports as the committee may prepare shall be presented to the Grand Lodge at its opening session.

Resolved, That section 7 of Art. 3, chap. 2, of the regulations of the Grand Lodge, be amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 7.—When any brother shall have been convicted and sentenced, he shall, on giving notice in writing to the lodge, if within thirty days after receiving notice of his sentence, be allowed an appeal to the Grand Lodge, and shall immediately forward to the Grand Secretary the grounds upon which he relies for a reversal of the verdict and sentence of the lodge; whereupon, the W. M. of the lodge, within thirty days after the reception of such notice shall cause to be made up and forwarded to the Grand Secretary, a complete transcript of all the proceedings, documents and testimony in the case, and such testimony as shall not have been reduced to writing shall be taken by a committee of the lodge in the same manner as is provided in section 3 of this article. Should the Grand Secretary find the transcript incomplete, he shall, under the instructions of the Grand Master, order the lodge forthwith to complete, the transcript, and in case the lodge should neglect to send up the transcript in the first instance within the time required, or should refuse or neglect to complete the transcript within thirty days after the notice to that effect, the W. M. and the lodge shall be held guilty of contempt, and be punished accordingly; and any brother taking an appeal from a sentence against him, failing to forward to the Grand Secretary his reasons for a reversal, shall have his appeal dismissed. Should any of the grounds for a reversal be that the trial was not conducted in conformity with the regulations of the Grand Lodge and the usages of the order, the papers shall be referred at once to the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, who shall proceed to examine the case, and if they find that the proceedings have been irregular, they shall report the same to the Grand Master, who shall remand the case to the lodge for a new trial in conformity with law, the Grand Secretary furnishing the lodge with a copy of the report made by the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence. In case of acquittal, any brother feeling aggrieved may complain to the Grand Lodge of any irregularity in the proceedings on the trial, which complaint or appeal shall be proceeded with, and take the same course, so far as may be, as is provided for in the case of an appeal by a brother who has been convicted.

W. Bro. J. B. Scot, Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, called up the resolutions submitted by him in session of the 8th inst., and referred to Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence; the same were read, and on motion adopted.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances submitted the following report, and on motion the report was received and the resolution adopted:

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances beg leave to report;

That in the case of P. C. Robinson vs. Mount Gerizim Lodge No. 54, laid over from last session, we find that no regular appeal has ever been taken by any one in this case, and that this Grand Lodge has nothing to act upon in this case, and therefore recommend the case be dismissed.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH P. HORNOR,
JOHN G. FLEMING,
J. W. HIGMAN,
F. H. BABBIT,
SAM. J. POWELL.

W. Bro. J. A. Snider proposed the following amendment to section 5, article 1, chapter 2 of By-laws of Grand Lodge, and on motion the same was received and laid over under the By-laws:

Add to end of section, the following words, to-wit:

Provided, that lodges adjacent to each other may, in the absence of any constitutional representative in this Grand Lodge, unite in electing a proxy to represent them, which proxy so elected shall be a member of one of the Lodges he is to represent.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted the following report and resolutions. On motion, the report was received and the resolutions adopted:

NEW ORLEANS, February 10th, 1869.

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whom was referred that portion of the M. W. Grand Master's address, which alludes to the relations of this Grand Lodge with foreign Grand Bodies and kindred subjects, respectfully report:

In view of the number of organizations which have lately sprung into existence, claiming to be Masonic, and which, having no just title to that appellation, only tend to disturb the peace and harmony of the Masonic world, it is a subject for congratulation that the system of mutual representation between our own Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodges of Europe, which was inaugurated by entering into fraternal correspondence with the Grand Lodge Royal York of Friendship, at Berlin, has been followed by forming similar relations with the Grand Lodges of the Three Globes, Saxony, and the Eclectic Union. The appointment of representatives to these Grand Bodies cannot fail to be followed by the happiest results, as mutual representation tends to cement the bonds of brotherhood, and, in promoting the interchange of Masonic courtesies, secures that peace and harmony which is a distinguishing characteristic of our institution. We therefore hope that similar relations will soon be entered into with all the regular Grand Lodges, not only on the continent of Europe, but also in the British Isles.

The hostile attitude assumed by the Grand Orient of France towards our Grand Lodge, having been fully considered in our special report, requires no comment here, further than that your committee fully endorse our M. W.

Grand Master when he declares that "the Grand Lodge of Louisiana will never submit to a divided jurisdiction."

Considering the unsettled condition of Masonry in Italy, your Committee are of the opinion that, at present, it would be premature to enter into fraternal relations with any of the Italian Bodies claiming to be Grand Orients. We commend the prudence displayed by R. W. Bro. Joseph Santini in declining to present his credentials as the representative of the Grand Orient of Italy, at Florence. Even if Masonic unity has been attained in Italy—a subject upon which we have no official information—there are reasons which should render this Grand Lodge exceedingly cautious in receiving propositions to enter into a treaty of alliance with the Grand Orient, at Florence. Not only charged with having recognized and entered into mutual representation with the spurious Supreme Council of Louisiana, this Grand Orient has invaded the jurisdiction of a friendly power and planted a clandestine lodge within the territory of the Grand Orient of Uruguay, at Montevideo. We desire no affiliation with a body governed by such principles, and suggest that no action be taken in this matter until the result of the inquiries which have been instituted in regard to its alleged hostility to our own Grand Lodge is ascertained and reported upon.

Your committee recommend that the resignation of R. W. Bro. James C. Batchelor, as Grand Representative of the Supreme Council of Mexico, be accepted. It appears that he has had no communication with that body for a number of years, and has in his possession its grand seal and a portion of its records. From this fact, R. W. Bro. Batchelor is of the opinion that the Supreme Council has ceased to exist. Your committee agree with him, and considering the unsettled condition of affairs in our sister Republic for many years past, cannot refrain from expressing the doubt existing in their minds whether the Supreme Council of Mexico ever was a sufficiently live body to entitle it to recognition by this Grand Lodge.

The appeal of the Grand Orient of Peru for material aid to assist in alleviating the destitution and suffering occasioned by the repeated earthquakes which occurred in that country in August, 1868, destroying several of the principal cities, and burying large numbers of their inhabitants in the ruins, is in accordance with the principles of our institution, which teach us to sympathize with the unfortunate and compassionate their miseries. We regret, however, that the trying ordeal through which we have lately passed prevents the Grand Lodge from responding to the appeal of the Grand Orient, and recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to call the attention of the subordinate lodges to the subject, and transmit to the Grand Orient such contributions for the relief of the destitute as he may receive.

The appointment of M. W. Bro. Wm. M. Perkins as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Texas near this Grand Lodge, meets the cordial approbation of your committee, as we doubt not it will also receive that of the Grand Lodge.

We append the following resolutions.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES B. SCOT,
JOSEPH P. HORNOR,
A. GOLDMANN.

Resolved, That the recognition and granting of mutual representation to the Grand Orient of Italy at Florence, be postponed until the result of the inquiries now instituted is satisfactorily ascertained by this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That our representatives in Europe be requested to ascertain what, if any, Masonic Grand Bodies, other than the Grand Orient of France, have recognized any clandestine organization in our midst, and that, on obtaining the requisite information that such is the case, the Grand Master shall immediately issue an edict of non-intercourse.

Resolved, That the resignation of R. W. Bro. James C. Batchelor as Grand Representative of the Supreme Council of Mexico be accepted.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge sincerely sympathizes with the Grand Orient of Peru, in the misfortunes which have befallen that country, and the Grand Secretary is hereby instructed to call the attention of the subordinate lodges to the destitution and suffering occasioned by the recent earthquakes, and to transmit such donations as he may receive for relieving the sufferers, to the Grand Orient.

The M. W. Grand Lodge was then called off until Thursday evening, at 7 o'clock.

HENRY R. SWASEY, *Grand Master*.

S. O. SCRUGGS, *Senior Grand Warden*.

WM. McDUFF, *Junior Grand Warden*.

J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D., *Grand Secretary*.

GRAND LODGE HALL,

NEW ORLEANS, Thursday, February 11, 1869.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana was called to labor in the Third Degree by HENRY R. SWASEY, M. W. Grand Master, this evening, at seven o'clock, the following

OFFICERS PRESENT:

HENRY R. SWASEY.....	M. W. Grand Master.
SY. G. PARSONS.....	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
S. O. SCRUGGS.....	R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
WM. McDUFF.....	R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
SAMUEL MANNING TODD.....	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D.....	R. W. Grand Secretary.
REV. C. S. HEDGES, D. D.....	W. Grand Chaplain.
N. H. BRAY.....	W. Senior Grand Deacon.
JACOB KILE.....	W. Junior Grand Deacon.
I. W. HOMAN.....	W. Grand Marshal.
RENE LAFFON.....	W. Grand Sword Bearer.
M. E. GIRARD.....	W. Grand Pursuivant.
P. BIDAULT.....	} W. Grand Stewards.
O. S. SMITH.....	
J. W. HIGMAN.....	
J. J. SHARDT.....	as
A. QUEANT.....	W. Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

P. G. M. J. Q. A. FELLOWS,	Grand Rep. for Vermont, Florida, Minnesota.
P. G. M. W. M. PERKINS,	“ “ for Virginia, Tennessee, Texas.
P. G. M. SAM. M. TODD,	“ “ for Alabama.
P. G. M. ABEL J. NORWOOD.	
P. D. G. M. EDWARD BARNETT.	
P. D. G. M. A. G. CARTER.	
P. S. G. W. J. C. GORDY.	
P. J. G. W. J. A. STEVENSON.	
R. W. E. D. CRAIG,	Grand Rep. for New Jersey.
R. W. FULGENCE RICAU,	“ “ S. C. 33d Uruguay.
R. W. L. E. REYNOLDS,	Grand Rep. for Iowa.
R. W. & REV. H. S. JACOBS,	“ “ for South Carolina.
R. W. T. J. O'REGAN,	“ “ for Ireland.
R. W. A. GOLDMANN,	“ “ for Grand Lodge R. Y. of Friendship, and National G. L. of the Three Globes at Berlin.

On call of lodges, the following were found to be represented,
viz:

Nos. 1, 3, 4, L. A. D. O. 5, 9, 19, 24, 28, 31, 38, 44, 45, 46, 47, 50, 53, 54, 55, 57, 58, 59, 65, 66, 68, 70, 72, 76, 78, 80, 84, 87, 88, 90, 95, 96, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 112, 113, 115, 117, 125, 131, 135, 139, 143, 145, 146, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 156, 160, 163, 164, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 179, 183, 184, 185, 186, 189, 190, 191. Total, 81 chartered lodges.

The minutes of the session of Wednesday 10th inst. were read so far as engrossed, and on motion, the remainder deferred until to-morrow evening.

The R. W. Grand Secretary submitted the following report, and on motion the same was referred to Committee on Credentials:

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Your Grand Secretary respectfully begs leave to report that Gordy Lodge No. 133 has made returns and paid dues, and Burnsville Lodge No. 162 has paid dues since last report; and further, that W. Bro. D. M. K. Campbell, W. M. elect of Evergreen Lodge No. 189, has been installed W. M. of said lodge by the W. M. Grand Master. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D., *Grand Secretary.*

The Committee on Audit and Accounts submitted the following report and resolutions, which on motion was received, and referred to the Committee on Credentials and the resolutions adopted.

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Audit and Accounts respectfully beg leave to report, that having had under careful consideration the resolution referred to them last evening, in reference to lodges in arrears to this Grand Lodge, they have thoroughly examined the books of the Grand Lodge, and find that the following named lodges are constitutionally entitled to representation in this Grand Lodge by resolution adopted February 14th, 1867:

St. Albans No. 28, to be credited by said resolution.....	\$ 19 00
DeWitt Clinton No. 80, to be " " " "	55 62
Mount Vernon No. 83, " " " "	9 00
Lafayette No. 87, " " " "	95 00
Sparta No. 108, " " " "	1 00
Pearl River No. 125, " " " "	7 00
Springhill No. 127, " " " "	170 00
Darlington No. 149, " " " "	44 00
Morganza No. 159, " " " "	76 00
Livingston No. 160, " " " "	127 00
Columbia No. 164, " " " "	28 00
Deerfield No. 120, " " " "	2 00
Gordy No. 133, " " " "	44 00
Providence No. 50, " " " "	102 00

The following lodges are entitled to credits as per resolution, but your committee find them in arrears for balances of dues of 1867 and 1868:

Olive No. 52, Dues of 1867.....	\$ 90 00
Cancelled by resolution.....	\$16 25
Many No. 88—Your committee find to the debit of this lodge for Grand Lodge Hall tax.....	192 00
Cancelled by resolution.....	87 72
Terryville No. 118—Dues of 1867.....	55 00
Cancelled by resolutions.....	25 95
Dawson No. 129—Balance dues of 1867.....	56 00
Cancelled by resolutions.....	83 30
Downsville No. 143—Balance dues of 1867.....	7 00
Cancelled by resolutions.....	3 00
Perkins No. 150—Balance dues 1867.....	29 00
Cancelled by resolutions.....	76 00
Monticello No. 92—No returns for 1868.	
Balanced by resolutions.....	62 00
Flat Lick No. 187—No returns for 1868.	
Cancelled by resolutions.....	4 00
Red Land No. 148—Dues for 1867 and 1868.....	97 00
Homer No. 152—Dues for 1867.....	128 00
No returns for 1868.	
Cancelled by resolutions.....	152 00
Lafayette No. 56—Balance on dues 1867.....	5 00
No returns for 1868.	
Pleasant Hill No. 86—Dues for 1867.....	34 00
No returns for 1868.	
Warren No. 132—Dues for 1867.....	33 00
No returns for 1868.	
Athens No. 136—Balance dues of 1867.....	10 00
No returns for 1868.	
Haynesville No. 169—Dues for 1867.....	108 00
Eureka No. 177—Dues for 1867.....	18 00
Cool Spring No. 140—Dues for 1867 and 1868.....	134 00

Fraternally submitted,

JNO. ANDERSON, *Chairman,*

For Com. A. and A.

Your committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st—That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby instructed to credit the several lodges herein mentioned in accordance with this report:

Resolved, 2d—That such portion of this report relating to lodges in arrears for 1867 and 1868, be referred to Committee on Credentials.

The Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered Lodges submitted the following report and resolution, and on motion the report was received and resolution adopted.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana.

Your Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered Lodges respectfully beg leave to report that they have had under consideration the returns and petitions of Harrisonburg Lodge No. 110; they have not made returns to this M. W. Grand Lodge since 1861, their charter, records, etc., were destroyed, and the lodge bombarded. August 11th, 1868, a special dispensation was granted to them to work. They now petition for a duplicate charter; send up returns from the best information they are able to obtain. They also pray for remission of dues of members who have died, or otherwise disappeared since their last return. Your committee therefore recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That a duplicate charter be issued to Harrisonburg Lodge No. 110 and the petition of said lodge, relative to remission of dues, be referred to Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

Respectfully submitted,

AMOS KENT,
JOHN MCCROBY,
W. C. DRIVER,
BOLING WILLIAMS.

The appeal of Bro. Henry Carter from decision of St. John's Lodge No. 153 was received, read and referred to Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

M. W. Bro. J. Q. A. Fellows, from special committee on the death of Grand officers, submitted the following report. In seconding the same, R. W. Bro. S. O. Scruggs, Senior Grand Warden, made an eloquent and feeling address; whereupon, the same was adopted and ordered to be spread upon the minutes:

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Your Special Committee on the death of Grand officers respectfully report, that, as has been announced by the M. W. Grand Master in his address, and as is otherwise known to us all, three of our most esteemed and oldest Masons, Past officers of this Grand Lodge, have ceased to be of earth, and with whose presence we shall be no more cheered and delighted. Words can but feebly express what we feel!

Most of us remember Bro. Geo. W. Catlett as a punctual attendant on the sessions of the Grand Lodge, and especially those of us who, before the war, were members of it. For many years Master of St. Albans Lodge No. 28, in 1850 he was elected Junior Grand Warden under the Grand Mastership of Grand Master Lucien Hermann, of the old Grand Lodge; was Deputy Grand Master in 1851, at the first election after the union in that year, in bringing about which he was an active participant; above the influence of local prejudices or party feuds; a Mason in heart, wielding the authority cast upon him with integrity and firmness, and looking alone to the success and prosperity of the fraternity. We cannot but regret our loss at his departure from among us. He was at the time of his death one of the oldest Masons in Louisiana. "As the husbandman mows his meadow in due season, so death sweeps us away at the appointed time."

Bro. Willis P. Coleman, a Past Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Mis-

issippi, where he was distinguished for his zeal in the cause of Masonry, and for his strict adherence to all the ancient landmarks of the order. Removing to Louisiana about the time of the commencement of the difficulties in the old Grand Lodge, he took an active part in the opposition to its innovations, and in the formation of the Louisiana Grand Lodge, of which he was the first Senior Grand Warden. Of late years, he has not been as active in Masonic matters, nor as frequent an attendant upon the sessions of the Grand Lodge, as formerly, but his steadfast adherence to all its teachings, oral and written, were as marked as ever. He was with us but a few days before his spirit was called from earth; *but man cometh forth like a flower and is cut down*. Thus suddenly and in the prime of manhood, was our brother taken away from us. Let us cherish his memory and imitate his virtues.

No one can fail to notice the absence of our beloved Bro. Henry Regenberg, Past Junior Grand Warden. Well informed in all Masonic lore, his heart full of the noble principles of our order, his will to do good and to advance the well-being of the institution of which he was so zealous a member, was equal to his knowledge and heart. As a friend he was sincere, disinterested and true, and his brethren united as a body in paying the highest tribute of their respect to his memory. His promptness in the dispatch of business, and his punctuality in attendance, rendered him worthy of imitation by all. Few men had more devoted friends; still fewer, less enemies.

In memory of our deceased brothers, your committee submit the following preamble and resolutions, and recommend their adoption.

Respectfully submitted.

J. Q. A. FELLOWS,

EDW. BARNETT.

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty Disposer of events to remove from their labors on earth our beloved brothers,

Geo. W. Catlett, Past Deputy Grand Master,

Willis P. Coleman, Past Senior Grand Warden, and

Henry Regenberg, Past Junior Grand Warden,

Be it therefore

Resolved, That in their death this Grand Lodge, and the fraternity, have lost three of their most useful and respected members.

Resolved, That a page of the records be devoted to the memory of each, and that the furniture and jewels of the Grand Lodge be draped in the habiliments of sorrow.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary, over the seal of the Grand Lodge, furnish a copy of these resolutions to the friends or family of our deceased brethren.

W. Bro J. B. Scot submitted the following amendment to the By-laws, and on motion the same was read, and laid over until to-morrow evening:

Proposed amendment of Section 2, Art. 1, Chapter III, of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge—said section to read as follows:

Section 2—This committee shall consist of twelve members, viz: The Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, *ex officio*, and nine others; six of whom shall be Masters, or Past Masters, of lodges, and three who may be selected from the craft at large, to be divided into three classes, composed of

two of the former and one of the latter; one class to pass out and another to be chosen annually, by the Grand Lodge, for the long term, at the same time and under the same regulations which are provided for the election of Grand officers. Vacancies occurring during the recess of the Grand Lodge may be filled by the Grand Master.

Resolved, That on the organization of the present Board, the above classification shall be made.

M. W. P. G. M. Sam'l M. Todd submitted the following resolution, and on motion the same was received and adopted:

Resolved, That the matter in regard to the reception of the Grand Representative of Brazil and Colon be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to report thereon to this Grand Lodge.

M. W. P. G. M. J. Q. A. Fellows, Chairman of Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, called up the amendments to the General Regulations submitted by said committee in session of the 10th inst., and on motion the same were read and adopted.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following reports:

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully beg leave to report, that the following lodges have paid their dues and are entitled to representation:

- GORDY No. 133.....J. H. Audebert, W. M.; J. L. Pierce, S. W.; G. B. Marshall, J. W. G. W. Stafford, of same lodge, proxy for all.
- BURNSVILLE No. 162.....G. J. Wise, W. M.; James M. Burns, S. W.; Jos. W. Day, J. W. L. H. Gardner, of Louisiana Lodge No. 102, proxy for all.
- MINDEN No. 51.....W. E. Paxton, W. M.; J. J. Hodges, S. W.; J. P. Green, J. W. Charles Chaffe, of same lodge, proxy for all.
- A. Brown, of Quitman No. 76, proxy for W. M. of Franklinton No. 101.
- A. Ward, of Tulip Lodge No. 278, proxy for all.
- H. Marks, of Friends of Harmony No. 58, proxy for W. M.
- D. M. K. Campbell, of Evergreen No. 189, proxy for W. M. of same.
- M. Koshlaur, of Trinity No. 105, proxy for S. W.
- G. Sontag, of Geo. Washington No. 65, proxy for W. M. of Pearl River No. 125.

On motion, the same was received and adopted.

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully beg leave to report that they have had the report of the Committee on Audit and Accounts under consideration, and find the lodges therein mentioned as indebted to the Grand Lodge for years 1867-8, and constitutionally not entitled to representation:

Olive Lodge No. 52, balance dues for 1867.....	90 00
Lafayette No. 56, balance dues for 1867.....	5 00
Downsville No. 143, balance dues for 1867.....	7 00
Pleasant Hill No. 86, balance dues for 1867.....	34 00
Terryville No. 118, balance dues for 1867.....	55 00

Dawson No. 129, balance dues for 1867.....	56 00
Warren No. 132, balance dues for 1867.....	33 00
Athens No. 136, balance dues for 1867.....	10 00
Haynesville No. 169, balance dues for 1867	108 00
Cool Spring No. 140, balance dues for 1867-8.....	134 00
Perkins No. 150, balance dues for 1867.....	29 00
Eureka No. 177, balance dues for 1867.....	18 00
Homer No. 152, balance dues for 1867.....	128 00
Red Land No. 148, balance dues for 1867-8.....	97 00

A. QUEANT,
GEO. BALDY,
O. CZARNOWSKI.

On motion of P. G. M. J. Q. A. Fellows, the report was received and adopted, with the following specific action in regard to lodges Nos. 118 and 169, viz:

Terryville Lodge No. 118, representation refused.

Haynesville Lodge No. 169, granted one year to pay dues, and representation granted.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully beg leave to report, that the following lodges have made returns and paid their dues, and are entitled to representation:

KELLEETOWN, 124.....	R. J. Pemble, W. M.; J. A. Ramsey, S.W.; J. R. Freeman, J. W.; M. W. A. J. Norwood, proxy for all.
DOWNSVILLE, 143.....	John Shultz, W. M.; John M. Hester, S. W.; M. A. Lawrence, J. W.
MONTGOMERY, 168.....	James W. Jones, W. M.; J. M. Plunkett, S. W.; D. H. Shumate, J. W.
MANY, 88.....	J. W. Eason, W. M.; N. A. Montgomery, S. W.; Danl. Duggan, J. W.
PROVIDENCE, 50.....	W. F. Pennington, W. M.; F. Strassner, S. W.; John F. Webb, J. W.

Fraternally submitted.

ALEXANDER QUEANT,
GEO. BALDY,
O. CZARNOWSKI.

On motion, the report was received and adopted.

The R. W. Grand Secretary read a communication from the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter, which was read and ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF LA.
New Orleans, Feb'y 11, 1869.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the State of Louisiana:

I have the pleasure to notify you that the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Louisiana, R. A. Masons, at its convocation of the 10th inst., unanimously adopted the following resolution, reported by the Committee on the Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, viz:

"Resolved, That all the Masonic books now in the possession of this Grand Chapter, or which may hereafter come into her possession, be and the same are hereby donated to the Grand Lodge Library."

I have the pleasure herewith to tender the official transfer of the above named books.

With the highest regard and esteem, I am, fraternally,

JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D.,

Grand Secretary.

The M. W. Grand Master then declared the election for Grand officers for the ensuing Masonic year in order, and appointed:

W. Bro. A. E. Dick, of George Washington Lodge No. 65, and W. Bro. F. H. Babbit, of Atchafalaya Lodge No. 163, as tellers. The election was then held, and resulted as follows:

Samuel Manning Todd, of Marion Lodge No. 68, M. W. Grand Master.

Amos Kent, of St. Helena Lodge No. 96, R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

John L. Barrett, of Union Fraternal Lodge No. 53, R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

Henry R. Swasey of Geo. Washington Lodge No. 65, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

James C. Batchelor, M. D., of Alpha Home Lodge No. 72, R. W. Grand Secretary.

Pending which, the Committee on Credentials offered the following report, which was received, and on motion adopted:

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully beg leave to report that Bro. W. Beattie has been appointed proxy for W. M. and Wardens of Linn Wood No. 167.

Bro. J. A. Douglass, proxy for W. M. of Jefferson No. 191.

Bro. A. Harris, proxy for W. M. of Perfect Union No. 1.

Respectfully submitted,

A. QUEANT,

GEO. BALDY.

Immediately after the election, the M. W. Grand Master elect, Sam. M. Todd, appointed as his deputy R. W. Bro. Sy. G. Parsons, of Mount Gerizim Lodge No. 54.

On motion of R. W. Deputy Grand Master Sy. G. Parsons, it was resolved that the remaining officers be appointed by the M. W. Grand Master elect.

The M. W. Grand Lodge was then called off until to-morrow evening, at 5 o'clock.

HENRY R. SWASEY, *Grand Master.*

S. O. SCRUGGS, *Senior Grand Warden.*

WM. McDUFF, *Junior Grand Warden.*

J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D., *Grand Secretary.*

GRAND LODGE HALL, } NEW ORLEANS, Friday, February 12, 1869. }

The M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana was this evening called to labor in the Third Degree by Henry R. Swasey, M. W. Grand Master, at 5 o'clock. The following

OFFICERS PRESENT:

HENRY R. SWASEY.....	M. W. Grand Master.
SY. G. PARSONS.....	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
R. G. STERLING.....	as R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
WM. McDUFF.....	R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
S. M. TODD.....	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D.....	R. W. Grand Secretary.
REV. C. S. HEDGES, D. D.....	W. Grand Chaplain.
N. H. BRAY.....	W. Senior Grand Deacon.
JACOB. KILE.....	W. Junior Grand Deacon.
I. W. HOMAN.....	W. Grand Marshal.
RENE LAFFON.....	W. Grand Sword Bearer.
M. E. GIRARD.....	W. Grand Pursuivant.
P. BIDAULT.....	} W. Grand Stewards.
O. S. SMITH.....	
S. LEVY.....	
A. QUEANT.....	} W. Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

P. G. M. ABEL J. NORWOOD.	
P. G. M. J. Q. A. FELLOWS, G. Representative	Vermont, Florida and Minnesota.
P. G. M. S. M. TODD,	" " Alabama.
P. D. G. M. A. G. CARTER,	
P. S. G. W. JOHN C. GORDY.	
P. J. G. W. JOHN A. STEVENSON.	
R. W. E. D. CRAIG, Grand Representative	New Jersey.
R. W. Rev. H. S. JACOBS, Grand	" South Carolina.
R. W. L. E. REYNOLDS, Grand	" Iowa.
R. W. FULGENCE RICAU,	" " S. C., 33d degree, Uruguay.
R. W. A. GOLDMANN,	" " Grand Lodge R. Y. of F., National
Grand Lodge of the Three Globes at Berlin, Grand M. Lodge E. Union,	
Frankfort-on-the-Main, and Grand Lodge of Saxony.	

The roll of the lodges being called, the following were found to be represented, viz: Nos. 3, 24, 28, 31, 44, 45, 47, 53, 54, 55, 58, 59, 65, 66, 68, 70, 72, 78, 87, 88, 96, 102, 106, 112, 113, 115, 117, 125, 131, 139, 145, 146, 147, 149, 151, 155, 160, 166, 167, 168, 169, 172, 174, 175, 179, 183, 190, 191. Total, 48 chartered lodges.

The minutes of the session of the 10th were read and approved, also the minutes of the 11th instant so far as engrossed, and approved; the balance, on motion, was dispensed with.

The R. W. Grand Secretary submitted the following report, and on motion the same was referred to Committee on Credentials:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Your Grand Secretary respectfully begs leave to report that the following lodges have made returns and paid their dues since last report.

LISBON No. 121.

MONTICELLO No. 92.

Fraternally submitted.

J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D.,

Grand Secretary.

The R. W. Grand Secretary reported that he had found upon his desk a communication from Caddo Lodge No. 179, and asked that the same be received and referred to the Board of Directors of Grand Lodge Hall, which was so ordered.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully beg leave to report that the following lodges have made returns and paid dues, and are entitled to representation:

LISBON LODGE No. 121..... W. D. Hester, W. M.; E. Sprawls, S. W.;
J. D. Pennington, J. W.

MONTICELLO LODGE No. 92..... W. T. C. Anderson, W. M.; Jno. L. Cheatham, S. W.; Robt. J. Dowdon, J. W.

R. W. Bro. E. D. Craig, of Marion Lodge No. 68, proxy for W. M. of Spring Creek Lodge No. 189.

S. H. Brown, of Union Lodge No. 172, proxy for W. M. of Darlington Lodge No. 149.

A. QUEANT,

GEO. BALDY.

The M. W. Grand Master elect, Sam'l M. Todd, announced the appointment of the following named brethren, to serve as officers of the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year:

REV. C. S. HEDGES, D. D., George Washington Lodge No. 65, G. Chaplain.

HUGH BREEN, W. M. Jefferson Lodge No. 191, Senior Grand Deacon.

F. H. BABBIT, W. M. Atchafalaya Lodge No. 163, Junior Grand Deacon.

G. W. RACE, Mount Moriah Lodge No. 59, Grand Marshal.

M. E. GIRARD, W. M. Hope Lodge No. 145, Grand Sword Bearer.

GEO. BALDY, W. M. Linn Wood Lodge No. 167, Grand Pursuivant.

WM. ROBSON, Caddo Lodge No. 179

J. C. MILLER, St. Albans Lodge No. 28.

J. B. SORAPURU, W. M. Concorde Lodge No. 3.

O. CZARNOWSKI, Hiram Lodge No. 70.

A. QUEANT, W. M. Orleans Lodge No. 78, Grand Tyler.

} Grand Stewards.

The M. W. Grand Master, Henry R. Swasey, announced the installation of Grand officers in order, and requested M. W. P. G. M. J. Q. A. Fellows to act as his deputy.

M. W. P. G. M. J. Q. A. Fellows, as Deputy Grand Master, presented M. W. Sam'l M. Todd, of Marion Lodge No. 68, M. W. Grand Master elect, to M. W. Henry R. Swasey, Grand Master, for installation. After an earnest appeal to the Great Grand Master of the Universe, by the W. and Rev. C. S. Hedges, Grand Chaplain, Bro. Sam'l M. Todd was installed M. W. Grand Master of Masons of the State of Louisiana, in ample form.

He then addressed the assembled Grand Lodge in an earnest, forcible and interesting manner, and then proceeded to install (assisted by M. W. P. G. M. J. Q. A. Fellows, as Deputy Grand Master) the following Grand officers elect, in ample form:

SY. G. PARSONS.....	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
AMOS KENT.....	R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
JOHN L. BARRETT.....	R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
HENRY R. SWASEY, P. G. M.....	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D.....	R. W. Grand Secretary.
REV. C. S. HEDGES, D. D.....	W. Grand Chaplain.
HUGH BREEN.....	W. Senior Grand Deacon.
F. H. BABBIT.....	W. Junior Grand Deacon.
GEO. W. RACE.....	W. Grand Marshal.
M. E. GIBARD.....	W. Grand Sword Bearer.
GEORGE BALDY.....	W. Grand Pursuivant.
WM. ROBSON.....	} W. Grand Stewards.
J. C. MILLER.....	
J. B. SORAPURU.....	
O. CZARNOWSKI.....	
A. QUEANT.....	W. Grand Tyler.

The officers of the Grand Lodge were then proclaimed in ample form.

P. G. M. J. Q. A. Fellows called up the amendment to Sec. 2, Art. 1, Chap. 3 of the By-laws, as proposed by W. Bro. J. B. Scot, in session of the 11th inst., and, on motion, the same was adopted.

W. Bro. J. B. Scot moved that the M. W. Grand Master appoint the Board of Directors of Grand Lodge Hall, and the same was adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following named Brethren:

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS.

S. M. TODD, M. W. Grand Master. HENRY R. SWASEY, R. W. Grand Treas.
J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D., R. W. Grand Secretary.

APPOINTED MEMBERS.

W. M. PERKINS, M. W. Past Grand Master.
 J. Q. A. FELLOWS, M. W. Past Grand Master.
 EDW. BARNETT, R. W. Past Deputy Grand Master.
 JOHN ANDERSON, P. M. Mount Moriah Lodge No. 59.
 RUFUS L. BRUCE, W. M. Excelsior Lodge No. 166.
 JOHN G. FLEMING, W. M. Quitman Lodge No. 76.
 EDWIN MARKS, W. M. Dudley Lodge No. 66.
 JOSEPH P. HOBOR, W. M. Orient Lodge No. 173.
 GEO. G. GARNER, Louisiana Lodge No. 102.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed P. G. M. Henry R. Swasey, on the Committee of Masonic Law and Jurisprudence.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed, as Committee of Foreign Correspondence, the following named brethren:

J. B. SCOT, of Geo. Washington Lodge No. 65.
 J. P. HOBOR, of Orient Lodge No. 173.
 A. GOLDMANN, of Ocean Lodge No. 144.

The Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered Lodges submitted the following Reports and Resolutions, which were read, and on motion, severally adopted.

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered Lodges respectfully beg leave to report that they have examined the reports of the following D. D. G. M. which were submitted to us, viz:

First District—M. A. Calongne.	Eleventh District—D. H. Hayes.
Second District—A. Kent.	Thirteenth District—J. W. Jones.
Third District—Geo. A. Pike.	Fourteenth District—Boling Williams.
Fifth District—W. W. Risher.	Fifteenth District—S. O. Scruggs.
Sixth District—H. R. Lott.	Sixteenth District—G. B. Burr.
Ninth District—J. C. Jones.	Seventeenth District—J. C. Gordy.
Eighteenth District—W. H. Wells.	

And also that of the M. W. Dep. G. Master, and R. W. D. G. Master. We find much of interest contained in these reports to recommend to the careful perusal and attention of the craft, in this jurisdiction, but there is nothing contained which requires especial attention on part of this M. W. Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

AMOS KENT,
 BOLING WILLIAMS.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered Lodges respectfully beg leave to report, that they have had under consideration the returns of Solomon Lodge No. 130, with letter from Bro. H. Goodrich in relation to same. The records in the case show there are but five (5) members remain-

ing in that part of the State. In view of the facts in the case, your committee deem it best to offer the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
 AMOS KENT,
 W. C. DRIVER,
 BOLING WILLIAMS.

Resolved, That as soon as practicable after the conclusion of this session of the M. W. Grand Lodge, the W. G. Secretary be instructed to take the necessary steps to secure the charter and any property remaining belonging to said Solomon Lodge, that demits be granted by him to the members of said lodge on the payment of a proportionate share of the dues owing to this Grand Lodge, and should the remaining five members, with a sufficient number of brothers, make application for dispensation, they be permitted to retain name and No. of said lodge.

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered Lodges respectfully beg leave to report, that at the request of W. Bro. N. H. Bray, of Anacoco Lodge No. 147, they respectfully recommend that the W. Grand Secretary be instructed to issue to said Anacoco Lodge, a duplicate charter, as the one now in their possession is entirely unintelligible, from age and constant use.

Fraternally submitted,
 AMOS KENT,
 W. C. DRIVER,
 BOLING WILLIAMS.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered Lodges respectfully beg leave to report, that they have given this portion of the work assigned them the closest examination, and find the following lodges have made their returns correct, and the work of the lodges has been in accordance with our ancient usages:

P. U. 1, P. S. 1, 4, L. A. D. O. 5, 19, 24, 31, 38, 45, 46, 52, 53, 58, 59, 63, 65, 66, 68, 72, 76, 78, 83, 87, 98, 102, 103, 108, 109, 120, 122, 125, 138, 144, 146, 148, 149, 151, 153, 155, 156, 158, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 166, 167, 171, 173, 174, 175, 176, 179, 182, 183, 185, 189.

The work and returns of the following lodges are incorrect for the reasons stated, viz:

CONCORDE No. 3--We find five instances of passing and raising a candidate at the same communication.

SILENCIO No. 9--Initiating April 4th, passing April 5th, and raising April 6.

ST. ALBANS No. 28--In the report of work, the Secretary has returned all the work done by the lodges since 1853, and without seal.

FOYER MAGONNIQUE No. 44--Passing and raising at the same communication.

ST. JAMES No. 47--Omission of nineteen names in the list of members.

PROVIDENCE No. 50--Two members not accounted for.

MINDEN No. 51--Five members omitted; two not accounted for.

MOUNT GERIZIM No. 54--Eight members omitted; one not accounted for; also, two candidates initiated October 8th; passed October 9th; raised October 10th.

- DESOTO No. 55—One member omitted.
- FRANKLIN No. 57—Officers names omitted.
- “DEWITT CLINTON,” No. 80, (7) seven members omitted.
- OLIVER No. 84—One member omitted.
- MANY No. 88—One member omitted.
- CYPRESS No. 89—Two members omitted, and several unaccounted for.
- THIBODEAUX BENEVOLENT No. 90—Four members omitted.
- BELVUE No. 95—P. M. names not placed at head of list of members.
- ST. HELENA No. 96—Two members omitted.
- FRANKLINTON No. 101—Three members omitted; several unaccounted for.
- MOUNT LEBANON No. 104—Six members omitted. P. M. names not placed at head of list of members.
- TRINITY No. 105—The records of this lodge being destroyed, the returns are necessarily incorrect. The Secretary deserves great credit for the manner in which he has performed his duty.
- VIENNA No. 106—Two members omitted, several unaccounted for, and P. M. not placed at head of list.
- URIM No. 111—Officers names omitted from list of members.
- BARTHOLOMEW No. 112—Eight members omitted from list.
- THOS. JEFFERSON No. 113—No seal, and P. M. not placed at head of list.
- SHEREVEPORT No. 115—Eight names omitted from list.
- ACACIA No. 116—Three names omitted from list.
- MILFORD No. 117—Secretary not signed certificate; omissions of members, and no seal.
- TERRYVILLE, No. 118—Two members omitted, no seal, and demitted members returned.
- LISBON, No. 121—P. M. names not at head of list.
- LIBERTY No. 123—Three members omitted from list.
- KELLERTOWN No. 124—Two names omitted from list.
- DAWSON No. 129—Five names omitted from list; one demitted member of last year reported.
- SHILOH No. 131—One member omitted from list.
- PLAINS No. 135—One “ “ “ “
- ATHENS No. 136—Five members omitted.
- HOUMA No. 139—Eight members omitted on list.
- COOL SPRING No. 140—Two demitted members of last year reported.
- DOWNSVILLE, No. 143—No seal; date of affiliation not given.
- HOPE No. 145—One member omitted from list.
- ANACOCA No. 147—Six “ “
- PERKINS No. 150—No date of meetings, if any stated; W. S. Warden on list, and no seal.
- MORGANZA No. 159—Returns *entirely* irregular; should be returned for correction to the Secretary or W. M. of the lodge.
See resolution appended.
- MONTGOMERY No. 168—One member omitted from list.
- HAYNESVILLE No. 169—Sixteen members omitted from list.
- ORUS No. 170—Three members omitted from list.
- UNION No. 172—Returns correct, but no seal.

EUREKA No. 177—One member omitted from list; affiliated members not accounted for.

TULIP No. 178—List of members improperly given; one member omitted from list.

LITTLE ROCK No. 180—List of members improperly given.

SPRING CREEK No. 184—Returns correct, but no seal.

KISATCHIE UNION No. 186—Returns correct, but no seal.

In conclusion, your committee would say, that perhaps they may have gone outside their province, relating to some of the work reported as incorrect; but they deem the passing and raising of a candidate at one—that is, the same day, or three successive ones, contrary to the spirit of the law contained in section 4, Art. 2, By-laws of this Grand Lodge. It is possible that a candidate may be so apt as to be able to stand a very creditable examination in open lodge, as soon as he has passed through the ceremonies of the Degrees; but it is their opinion that such rapid work is not at all conducive to making good Masons. It is impossible for a candidate to understand or appreciate even the ritual of any one of the Degrees, until he has had time for full reflection and information. Were the officers and members of our lodges more particular, in requiring a thorough knowledge of each Degree as the brother receives it, we should hear far less often the excuse: I am very rusty, which is only another form of expressing the fact, I was never well taught. And your committee respectfully recommend an expression of reprobation in decided terms of such rapid work, unless under very *peculiar circumstances*.

Your committee take this method of urging upon the W. M. and wardens the necessity of overlooking and correcting the returns, as they certify the returns are correct.

The making out of the returns. If the instructions of the W. Grand Secretary or the directors, printed on the return itself, are followed, it is impossible to make any mistake; and a few minutes careful study will fully inform any intelligent brother what is necessary to do. Complaints and recommendations on this subject have become chronic in this Grand Lodge. Your committee on Chartered Lodges have every year an immense amount of unnecessary labor to perform in hunting up and reporting such errors. If the officers of the lodges would only reflect, not only on the position in which they place themselves, but also the amount of valuable time and expense of printing saved to this Grand Lodge, they would certainly endeavor to perform that part of the duty assigned them in a proper manner.

Respectfully submitted,

AMOS KENT,
W. C. DRIVER,
BOLING WILLIAMS.

Resolved, The W. Grand Secretary be instructed, when he shall next send out the blanks for returns, he forward with each a printed set of instructions, similar to the ones already sent by him, and the Secretary of each lodge be required to have them pasted in his minute book or ledger, so that hereafter there may be no complaint on the part of any officer of proper knowledge how the returns should be made out; and it is hereby recommended that each lodge should procure a proper printed register.

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered Lodges respectfully beg

leave to report that they have had under consideration the returns of Morganza Lodge No. 159, and respectfully offer the following resolution:

Resolved, The returns of said lodge be referred back to the W. M., W.'s and Secretary of said lodge, to be properly made out; and their petition relative to further time for payment of dues be granted.

R. W. Bro. S. O. Scruggs, P. D. G. M. entered and took his seat in the East.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances submitted the following reports and resolutions, and on motion the reports were received and the resolutions severally adopted:

To the W. M. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances respectfully beg leave to report, that they have had under consideration the case of Kisatchie Lodge No. 156, against Many Lodge No. 88. No papers were brought before your committee, and being informed by the District Deputy Grand Master of that District that the matter has been amicably settled, your committee recommend the dismissal of the appeal.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH P. HORNER,
SAM'L J. POWELL,
JOHN G. FLEMING,
R. L. BRUCE,
J. W. HIGMAN,
F. H. BABBIT.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances respectfully beg leave to report, that, in the matter of the appeal of Henry Carter, from a sentence of expulsion passed upon him by St. John's Lodge No. 153, no papers have been sent up; your committee are therefore unable to pass upon the matter. We present a resolution ordering the lodge to perform their duty in the premises.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH P. HORNER,
SAM'L J. POWELL,
JOHN G. FLEMING,
R. L. BRUCE,
J. W. HIGMAN,
F. H. BABBIT.

Resolved, That St. John's Lodge No. 153 be and is hereby ordered to send up for examination the record in the case of Bro. Henry Carter, expelled by said lodge.

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances respectfully beg leave to report, that they have had under consideration the portion of the resolution of your Committee on the Work and Returns of Chartered Lodges, which was referred to them at the session of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, held on Thursday, Feb. 11, 1869, to wit: The prayer of Harrisonburg Lodge No. 110, to be released from dues for members who have died, or otherwise disappeared

since last returns to Grand Lodge, and respectfully ask that the same be referred back to the Committee on Chartered Lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH P. HORNOR,
J. W. HIGMAN,
SAM'L J. POWELL,
F. H. BABBIT,
R. L. BRUCE,
JOHN G. FLEMING.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted the following report, in reference to the condition of Masonry in Brazil, and on motion the same was received and adopted:

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence respectfully beg leave to report: That so far as they have been able to ascertain, Masonry in Brazil is in a very unsatisfactory and unsettled condition. The Grand Bodies Dos Benedictinos and Do Lavradio, at Rio de Janeiro, are still occupying their former antagonistic position. Your committee have no means of ascertaining the regularity of either of these bodies, or what relation exists between them and the Supreme Council of Brazil, and, therefore, are of the opinion that it would be premature for this Grand Lodge to formally receive a representative from any Masonic body in that country until some definite information on the subject has been obtained.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES B. SCOT,
JOSEPH P. HORNOR,
A. GOLDMANN.

The M. W. Grand Master then proceeded to appoint the following Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered Lodges, in accordance with amendment to By-laws submitted by Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, in session of the 10th inst., and adopted on that of the 11th inst.:

SECTION 1ST.

AMOS KENT, St. Helena Lodge No. 96.
W. C. DRIVER, Louisiana Lodge No. 102.
BOLING WILLIAMS, DeSoto Lodge No. 55.

SECTION 2ND.

T. J. O'REGAN, Friends of Harmony Lodge No. 58.
RENE LAFFON, Perfect Union Lodge No. 1.
J. MCCRORY, Bartholomew Lodge No. 112.

W. Bro. J. B. Scot submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the resolution appropriating seven hundred and fifty dollars annually to the permanent Committee on Work, for the purpose of disseminating Masonic knowledge in this jurisdiction, be, and is hereby, repealed.

W. Bro. S J. Powell moved that the aforesaid resolution lay over for consideration until our next Annual Grand Communication.

R. W. Bro. J. C. Batchelor, Grand Secretary, then offered the following resolution, as a substitute for the original motion:

Resolved, That any Grand Lecturer, or District Deputy Grand Master, who has been, or may be, employed or appointed by the M. W. Grand Master, or this Grand Lodge, possesses no power or authority to dispense with any constitutional provision, By-law, or regulation of this Grand Lodge. He and they are equally bound to obey all requirements of the Constitution, By-laws, and edicts, as any lodge or member thereof.

The question being put on the motion to lie over till the next Annual Grand Communication, a vote by lodges was called for, and the same was laid over by the following vote:

AYES.—G. M., D. G. M., S. G. W., J. G. W., G. Treasurer, G. Secretary, G. Chaplain, S. G. D., J. G. D., G. S. B., G. Stewards J. B. Sorapuru and O. Czarnowski; Lodges No. 28, 31, 47, 53, 54, 55, 58, 72, 76, 96, 104, 109, 112, 113, 117, 124, 131, 135, 139, 145, 149, 151, 158, 161, 163, 164, 166, (2 votes,) 168, 184, 189, 191. Total, 108 votes.

NAYS.—G. P., G. Stewards J. C. Miller, Wm. Robson; Lodges No. 3, 9, 38, 44, 45, 59, 65, 66, 68, 95, 102, 115, 125, 143, 146, 147, 148, 160, 166, (1 vote,) 169, 172, 173, 175, 179. Total, 74 votes.

W. Bro. W. C. Driver submitted the following resolution, and on motion the same was received and referred to Committee on Audit and Accounts:

Resolved, That one thousand dollars be appropriated to the Grand Secretary for extra service performed in the labors of his office during the past year, in addition to his salary.

W. Bro. E. D. Craig submitted the following resolution, and on motion the same was received and referred to Committee on Audit and Accounts:

Resolved, That this M. W. Grand Lodge appropriate, out of the treasury of this Grand Lodge, the sum of one hundred dollars to R. W. and Rev. C. S. Hedges, D. D., as compensation for his services as Grand Chaplain.

W. Bro. J. Snider called up the amendment to Sec. 5, Art. 1, Chap. 2, of the By-laws, submitted by him in session of the 10th inst., and the same was read and declared out of order by the M. W. Grand Master, it being in conflict with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered Lodges submitted the following report and resolution, and on motion, the same were adopted:

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered Lodges respectfully beg leave to report, that they have had under very careful consideration the petition of Harrisonburg Lodge No. 110, referred the second time to them, asking the remission of the dues of said lodge, for reasons set forth in their petition.

In consideration of the circumstances, (and not as a precedent,) the prayer of the petitioners will be recommended by your committee.

Respectfully submitted,

AMOS KENT,
W. C. DRIVER,
BOLING WILLIAMS.

Resolved, That the indebtedness of Harrisonburg Lodge No. 110, to this M. W. Grand Lodge, be hereby donated to said lodge.

The Committee on Audit and Accounts submitted the following reports and resolutions, and on motion the reports were received, and the resolutions severally adopted:

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Audit and Accounts respectfully beg leave to report, that having carefully considered the resolution making an appropriation of one thousand dollars for services of the Grand Secretary, in addition to his salary as per the Constitution, your committee being well aware of the arduous labors incurred in that office, and the accumulating and increasing labors thereof, feel fully satisfied that the salary of fifteen hundred dollars is not sufficient, and your committee therefore respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN ANDERSON,
EDWIN MARKS.

Resolved, That the sum of five hundred dollars be, and is hereby, appropriated to Bro. Batchelor, for services rendered as Grand Secretary during the past year.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Audit and Accounts respectfully beg leave to report: That they recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Fraternally submitted,

JNO. ANDERSON,
EDWIN MARKS.

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated to W. Bro. C. S. Hedges, Grand Chaplain, for services during the past year.

W. Bro. G. G. Garner demanded the roll of Lodges to be called, that it might be ascertained if a quorum were present. The following were found to be represented:

No. 28, 31, 38, 45, 47, 53, 54, 55, 58, 59, 65, 66, 68, 70, 72, 76, 78, 95, 96, 102, 104, 112; 115, 117, 143, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 151, 153, 160, 161, 163, 166, 167, 175, 179, 184, 189, 191. Total, 42 lodges.

W. Bro. W. T. Murdock submitted the following resolutions; on motion, the first was referred to Committee on Audit and Accounts, and the second adopted:

Resolved, That as a small mark of the appreciation of this Grand Lodge for the faithful, arduous and devoted services of Bro. James B. Scot, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the sum of -----dollars is hereby appropriated to him.

Resolved, That hereafter the Grand Secretary shall place fifty copies of the future printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge at the personal disposition of the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

W. Bro. W. C. Driver submitted the following resolution as an amendment to general regulations. On motion, the same was received and laid over until our next Annual Communication.

Resolved, That Sec. 3, Art. 2, G. Reg., By-laws of this Grand Lodge be so amended as to read twenty-five hundred, instead of fifteen, as stated salary of R. W. G. Secretary.

R. W. Bro. A. Goldmann presented letters from R. W. Bro. R. F. N. Wieprecht, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge Royal York of Friendship, R. W. Bro. K. F. J. Heinersdorf, our Grand Representative near the National Grand Lodge of the Three Globes at Berlin, and R. W. Bro. Carl Paul, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of the Eclectic Union, at Frankfurt-on-the-Main, expressing the thanks of these R. W. Brethren for the appointment; also presenting his credentials as Grand Representative of the last named Grand Lodge, and also the letter of the Grand Lodge congratulatory upon the happy consummation of our connection.

The Committee on Audit and Accounts submitted the following report and resolution, and, on motion, the report was received, and the resolution adopted:

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Audit and Accounts respectfully beg leave to report: That they have considered the resolution appropriating ——— sum for services rendered by Bro. Jas. B. Scot, as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Your Committee cannot but express their full appreciation of the arduous and most valuable services to this Grand Lodge, rendered by Bro. Scot, and that such services be in some manner compensated. We respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Fraternally submitted,

JNO. ANDERSON,
EDWIN MARKS.

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred dollars be appropriated to Bro. Jas. B. Scot, for valuable services rendered to this Grand Lodge, as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

On motion of W. Bro. Sam'l H. Brown, it was

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master be authorized to approve and sign the minutes of this session, after the close of the present Grand Communication.

W. Bro. J. G. Fleming called up the amendment to Sec. 1, Art. 2, of the By-laws, as submitted by him, in session of the 9th inst., which was read, and, on motion, laid over until the next Annual Grand Communication.

On motion of W. Bro. J. B. Scot, the R. W. Grand Secretary was authorized to have printed fifteen hundred copies of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

No further business being proposed, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, through Rev. and W. Bro. C. S. Hedges, D. D., Grand Chaplain, returned thanks and praise to the Great Grand Master of the Universe, after which M. W. Saml. M. Todd, Grand Master, closed the Grand Lodge in ample form until the next Grand Annual Communication, to be commenced on Monday, the 14th day of February, A. D. 1870, A. M. 5870, at the Grand Lodge Hall, St. Charles Street, New Orleans.

SAML. M. TODD, *Grand Master.*

AMOS KENT, *Senior Grand Warden.*

JOHN L. BARRETT, *Junior Grand Warden.*

J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D., *Grand Secretary.*

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, }

GRAND LODGE HALL, CORNER OF ST. CHARLES AND PERDIDO STREETS.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, *that the foregoing pages from Nos. 3 to 132 contain a true transcript of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, at its last Annual Grand Communication, held in the City of New Orleans, from the eighth to the twelfth of February, A. D. 1869, inclusive.*



ATTEST:

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, *I have hereunto affixed the Seal of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, A. F. and A. Masons, together with my official Signature, this twenty-second day of February, A. D. 1869, A. L. 5869.*

James C. Batchelor
Grand Secretary

N. B.—*All communications should be addressed to JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D., Grand Secretary, Lock Box No. 872, Post office, New Orleans, La.*

Report of R. W. Bro. H. W. Kirkpatrick, D. D. G. Master.

Received 27th March, 1869.

HOMER, La., Feb'y 4, 1869.

To M. W. H. R. Swasey, Grand Master of Masons of Louisiana:

M. W. SIR AND BRO—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your appointment on the 10th of April last, and in pursuance of my duties as D. D. G. M., I have visited all the lodges in my District, viz: Lisbon No. 121, Dawson No. 129, Cool Spring No. 140, Burnsville No. 162, Haynesville No. 169. I take pleasure in reporting that all are doing good work, and in accordance with that reported by R. W. Bro. Jno. C. Gordy from the Committee on Work of the Grand Lodge.

In accordance with the authority received through the R. W. Grand Secretary, I constituted Flat Lick Lodge No. 187, and installed the following officers:

W. P. Myers, W. M.	L. M. Grigsby, S. W.	R. L. Hasty, J. W.
N. Martin, Treas.	L. Z. Grigsby, Sec.	M. W. Garland, S. D.
J. P. S. Harvey, J. D.	J. A. Miller, Chaplain.	A. G. Camp, Tyler,

All of which is fraternally submitted,

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SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

[Received after the close of the Grand Lodge.]

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Since the close of the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, the Committee on Foreign Correspondence have received the proceedings of the Supreme Council of the Third-Third Degree of the A. A. S. Rite for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America. Containing much of general interest, these proceedings give fuller and more definite information concerning the condition of Masonry in Italy, Brazil, and other foreign countries, than we have been able to find elsewhere, and we therefore submit the following supplementary report:

The annual communication of the Supreme Council was held in New York, June 24, 1868, and remained in session four days. Before proceeding to give a synopsis of its doings, it is proper to remark that as all the members of this body are "thirty-thirds," we dispense with the numerals designating that grade.

Ten States were represented, and the M. P. Sov. Grand Commander, Ill. Bro. Josiah H. Drummond, in his address, congratulates the brethren that, for the first time in the history of the Rite in his jurisdiction, they came together in annual session around a common altar, peace and harmony prevailing throughout their border—the gratifying result of the labors of the previous year. This statement is fully corroborated by the reports of the deputies for twelve States. Bro. Drummond's address is able and instructive, but we have only space to notice such topics as are of general interest. He states that the rituals in use "differ not merely in their language, but in their teachings," and in accordance with his recommendation a committee was appointed to take this subject into consideration.

In reference to bodies under dispensation, he remarks that in the York Rite such bodies are considered inchoate, and are not constituted and fully organized until after a charter is granted, whereas in the A. A. S. Rite a body under dispensation "is a regularly constituted body of limited existence, unless a charter is granted;" and if a charter is granted "that very act gives the body authority to continue its labors, and the charter is merely evidence of such authority."

Having received a communication from Ill. Bro. Albert Pike, Sov. Gr. Com. of the Southern Jurisdiction, stating that the Supreme Council of Belgium had recognized and entered into mutual representation with the spurious Sup. Council of Louisiana, and invoking his prompt action in the matter, Bro. Drummond referred the subject to Ill. Bro. Lucius R. Paige, the representative of the Supreme Council of Belgium, near the Grand East of the Northern Jurisdiction. The subject received a careful investigation, and from the cor-

respondence it appears there are two distinct governing bodies in Belgium: a "Grand Orient," which exercises jurisdiction over Blue Masonry only, and a "Supreme Council," which exercises jurisdiction over the A. and A. S. Rite. Whatever the Grand Orient may have done, the Supreme Council has never had any correspondence with any Masonic body in New Orleans, nor has it ever been in correspondence with the Supreme Council at Charleston. Under these circumstances, Bro. Paige feels aggrieved at the unjust charge brought against the Sup. Council of Belgium, and expects that Bro. Pike will withdraw it as publicly as he made it. The invitation of Bro. Pike to suspend friendly relations with the Sup. Council of Belgium was therefore declined, and Bro. Drummond, having communicated the facts to Bro. Pike, doubts not "that he will correct the error into which he has fallen in a manner satisfactory to all concerned."

Bro. Drummond states that he has directed the Grand Secretary to forward three copies of the proceedings to all Grand Bodies of the York Rite, adding: "We know that there is no reason why there should not be intimate fraternal relations between leaders of the two Rites; why they should not act as the allies of each other; and I have deemed it proper to assume that position as far as we are concerned." This is the true Masonic spirit, and we regret that the proceedings of 1867 did not find their way to the hands of your committee, as doubtless there was much in them which would have proved interesting to the brethren of this jurisdiction.

A few questions of Masonic law had been submitted to and decided by Bro. Drummond, only one of which he deems of sufficient importance to report. He says:

I have decided that suspension from membership, or striking from the roll in a Blue Lodge does not affect the Masonic standing of a member of the Scotch Rite; but that suspension or expulsion of a member from Masonry by a Blue Lodge, duly confirmed, suspends or destroys all his rights in our bodies until restored. Our degrees are founded on those of the Blue Lodge. We have no jurisdiction over those. When the foundation is destroyed, the structure falls with it.

This is in accord with the rule which governs the bodies of the so-called higher degrees of the York Rite.

There has been considerable discussion in relation to the line of division between the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions. Bro. Drummond states that he has conferred with Bro. Pike upon the subject, who met the question in a fraternal manner. A committee was appointed to confer with the Southern Council, and we doubt not the whole matter will soon be satisfactorily arranged.

On the second day of the session a Sorrow Lodge was held, and eloquent and appropriate eulogies delivered in honor of the illustrious dead of the past year. A large amount of business was transacted, and several important questions referred to the appropriate standing committees, to be reported upon at the next annual session.

The most interesting portion of the pamphlet before us is the report of Ill. Bro. Albert G. Goodall, who, having occasion to visit South America, was commissioned by the Sov. Grand Commander as a Special Representative near such Supreme Councils and Grand Orients as he might visit. Leaving New York, October 22, 1867, Bro. Goodall arrived at Rio Janeiro in the latter part of November following, and, after performing his mission in South America,

proceeded to Europe and returned to the United States in the latter part of 1868. The valuable information in relation to the condition of Masonry in the countries visited, induces us to notice at length the contents of this very able report.

BRAZIL—On his arrival at Rio de Janeiro, Bro. Goodall renewed his official relation with the Supreme Council, Grand Orient of Brazil, Valley of Lavradio, a very cordial and fraternal reception being extended to him by the members of the Supreme Council and subordinate lodges. During his stay several new lodges were organized; the work and mode of conferring the degrees had much improved since his previous visit, and the frequent habit of communicating the third degree had been prohibited by the Sup. Council. This action has been attended with the happiest results; the brethren are becoming better informed in the history, principles and work of the order, and Masonry is rapidly on the increase.

The history and general condition of Masonry in Brazil were given by Bro. Goodall in a former report, which we have not seen. But in the present report, he gives the following notice of the body known as "Dos Benedictinos:"

This spurious assembly, that became somewhat conspicuous by separating from the regular body, in 1861, and establishing what they termed a "new order of Masonry," are now gradually on the decline; their political motives, corrupt and irregular proceedings, violation and disregard of Masonic law and usage, have become generally understood, and many who were induced to join under false representations have left them and been healed or admitted by the regular Body of Lavradio; the aspiring leaders having generally accomplished their private and political aims, have quietly withdrawn, and there is every indication that in a short time this body will cease to exist, being the usual fate of all such spurious assemblies that attempt by deception to practice and inculcate the pure principles of Masonry.

Bro. Goodall adds "that the Grand Bodies who, by mistake, entered into communication with the 'Benedictinos,' at once ceased to recognize them, on being made acquainted with the facts of their spurious character."

This settles the question referred to your committee during the session of the Grand Lodge. The application for recognition and mutual representation came from the body styling itself "Dos Benedictinos," and as it is a clandestine organization the proposition cannot be entertained.

BUENOS AYRES—From Rio de Janeiro Bro. Goodall proceeded to the River Plate, and arrived at Buenos Ayres in April, 1868, when that city was recovering from the dreadful cholera epidemic which caused such fearful mortality in that city and surrounding country during the four months previous. Immediately on his arrival he entered into correspondence with the Supreme Council and Grand Orient for the Argentine Republic. A proposition for mutual representation was accepted, a day designated for his official reception, and the treaty of alliance solemnly ratified. On this occasion, the ceremonies were of the most impressive character, the Grand Assembly was assisted by the presence of the officers of the District Grand Lodge of England, and the hall was filled to its utmost capacity by members of the fraternity.

During the months of December, 1867, and January and February, 1868, over four thousand persons fell victims to the ravages of the cholera. The distress and suffering, which always accompany an epidemic, were so great

that "parents, children and friends were deserted to suffer the horrors of anguish and disease, and die for the want of assistance." Bro. Goodall says:

It was at this trying period that Masonry gave practical evidence of its principles; and on the 16th of December, 1867, there was a meeting of representatives from the lodges in the city, including those under the District Grand Lodge of England, who formed the "Sociedad Masónica de Socorros," Daniel Maria Cazon, the Sov. Gr. Com., being President, and Charles Murray, W. M., Secretary. Over twenty-six thousand dollars were subscribed by the order, and the active committees visited, without distinction of persons, over three hundred families, furnishing them with medicine, medical advice, food and clothing, and burying the dead; also, sent funds and assistance to several towns in the country where the epidemic was raging. All these sacred acts were performed according to the rules of our order, without show or ostentation; and, should the future historian do justice to those who performed their duty in the hour of trial during that sad period, the honor must be given to the Masonic fraternity of the city of Buenos Ayres.

Bro. Goodall was the recipient of many fraternal attentions from the subordinate lodges, and makes special mention of the English Lodge "Star of the South" for their fraternal courtesies and hospitality so generously extended, not only to himself, but to all worthy American Brethren visiting that city. The Supreme Council has under its jurisdiction twenty-one lodges in working order, and four that are dormant. The disturbed and unfortunate condition of the country during the past two years, has seriously interfered with the progress of Masonry—but the seed has been sown in good soil, and will yet yield an abundant harvest.

The Grand Orient of Italy, at Florence, having established a lodge at Buenos Ayres, under the title of "Italia," the Supreme Council of the Argentine Republic protested against this violation of Masonic law. But the Grand Orient has paid no attention to the fraternal communications addressed to them on the subject, and permits the lodge to continue its labors under its authority. In relation to this matter, Bro. Goodall says:

The worst feature of this unlawful Masonic proceeding is the startling fact that one of the members to whom the charter was granted for the lodge was an expelled member from one of the city lodges, and that the profanes rejected, or members expelled, by the lodges under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council of the Argentine Republic are admitted into this irregular lodge of "Italia."

URUGUAY—Bro. Goodall visited Montevideo in January, 1868, in the midst of the cholera epidemic, and had no official communication with the Supreme Council and Grand Orient of Uruguay at that time; but returning in June he received a fraternal welcome, a special meeting of the Council having been called for that purpose. He gives full particulars of the infringement of the jurisdictional rights of this Grand Body by the so-called Grand Orient of Italy, at Florence, establishing a lodge called "Esperanza," in Montevideo. We have alluded to this in a former report, and it is only necessary to add that as the Grand Orient declines to withdraw its protection from the lodge "Esperanza," which is composed of similar material to that of the lodge "Italia" at Buenos Ayres, the Supreme Council of Uruguay has ceased all correspondence with the Grand Orient of Italy, at Florence, and refuses to recognize all Italian Masons until complete justice is obtained.

There are fourteen lodges in successful operation in this jurisdiction, but owing to the unsettled state of the country during the past two years, Masonry has made little progress in numbers. A more stable government and settled

condition of affairs now exist, and it is confidently anticipated that our institution will again continue its onward march. That the brethren appreciate the teachings of our order, is proved by the following extract. Bro. Goodall says:

During the prevalence of the cholera epidemic at Montevideo, in the months of December, January and February last, when death, panic and distress prevailed throughout the city and surrounding country, the Masonic Order again organized their Sociedad Filantropica, and the faithful committee gave evidence of their good deeds by contributing more to the wants of the suffering than was given from any other source—there being no physicians to attend the large majority of sick, the Government, being paralyzed by assassinations and revolution, could render no assistance during the crisis and time of need. This society—permanently organized in 1857, during the yellow fever epidemic, and which did such noble service at that time—has also under its charge a school for orphans and poor children, and over two hundred pupils annually receive the benefit of an education, funds for the same being contributed by the Masonic fraternity.

PORTUGAL—Bro. Goodall gives a full and interesting sketch of the history of Masonry in this country, and it is no flattery to say that it is the best we have ever seen. Some Masonic writers claim that Masonry existed in Portugal as early as 1150, being a sequel to the military order of the Templars—but there are no authentic records to support this statement. The earliest authentic record of the existence of Masonry in Portugal, is about the year 1735, when a lodge was established in Lisbon, under authority of the Grand Lodge of England. We have not space to detail the persecutions to which the members of the fraternity were subjected, but notwithstanding the activity and relentless cruelty of the Inquisition, Masonry appears to have continued its organization, principally in the ports of Lisbon and Oporto, aided by the officers of foreign vessels, on board of which lodges were often held. It is said that a Grand Lodge was constituted in 1805; at all events in 1807, when the French under Gen. Junot entered Lisbon, a Masonic deputation waited upon him and entreated his protection for the order. The request was granted and the fraternity permitted to work without molestation. But shortly afterwards some of the brethren made an imprudent political demonstration against the French; this caused Gen. Junot to withdraw his protection, and the Grand Lodge deemed it expedient to close its meetings. On the expulsion of the French, fresh persecutions were commenced against our institution, and Masonry received a decided check. This state of affairs continued until 1832, when Don Miguel, who had made the dungeon, the galleys, and the scaffold the fate of those known to belong to the fraternity, was driven from the throne and a more civilized Government inaugurated under Donna Maria II. In 1833, José de Silva Cavalho, Minister of Finance, was elected Grand Master, and the Grand Orient Lusitano re-established at Lisbon. The fraternity continued their labors free from persecution, but in 1836, the ambitious views of a few produced dissensions in the lodges, resulting in a schism, which continued until November 6, 1867. On that date the long-standing difficulties were happily adjusted, a union effected, and a concordat entered into, by which the name of the Grand Body was changed to that of "Supreme Council Grand Orient Portugueza;" a new constitution was adopted, and it is to be hoped that the harmony thus secured will tend to the advancement of the interests of our institution.

When Bro. Goodall was in Lisbon, in August, 1868, none of the bodies under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council were in session—it being their summer vacation—but he enjoyed the full intercourse of the Grand Officers, and received from them every courteous attention. After a full and laborious investigation, he is satisfied that the “Supreme Council Grand Orient Portugal” is “the only regular and legitimate Masonic authority for Portugal,” and gives an account of the other bodies claiming to be Masonic in that country, which we condense as follows:

“The Provincial Grand Lodge of Portugal,” under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, working only in the three symbolic degrees of the York Rite, has four lodges under its jurisdiction, who appear to work strictly in conformity with the laws and principles of the order. There is also a Rose Cross Chapter, working under authority of the Supreme Council of Rites in Ireland. These are the only bodies in Portugal working under a foreign jurisdiction.

“The Grand Orient Lusitano” is a spurious and clandestine body, of which the Conde de Paratay is Grand Master. It is asserted by the fraternity at Lisbon that he was not regularly initiated, but received the degrees by communication from an expelled Mason. This body has, however, been recognized by the Grand Orient of France, and noticing this, Bro. Goodall very correctly observes:

Their recognition by the Grand Orient of France cannot justly be used as an argument for their legality, as it is a well-known fact in the Masonic world that the Grand Orient of France generally recognizes every so-called Grand Body that applies to them, without investigating the facts, and arrogating to themselves a supremacy of opinion in such matters without deigning to be guided by the knowledge and co-operation of those with whom they are in fraternal alliance.

Besides the Grand Orient Lusitano, there are several other irregular bodies in Portugal. Bro. Goodall says:

There are two independent lodges professing to work in the A. A. Rite (Scottish), under the Visconde Soares Pramo. They are generally known as a military club, and have no relations with any parties except the Lusitanos, and claim to have obtained their authority from Montezuma, of Brazil, about 1842, who was an expelled Mason.

A number of lodges, under the name of *Masonic Federation*, organized without authority at various times, and only having intercourse with the Grand Orient Lusitano, who, being in the same irregular position, co-operate with any and all such assemblies.

There are also several isolated lodges working independent as a political and pecuniary speculation, making no claim to any regular Masonic authority.

SPAIN—The earliest reliable record of the introduction of Masonry into Spain was about 1727, when lodges were established at Gibraltar, by authority of the Grand Lodge of England. Soon afterwards a Grand Lodge was organized at Madrid, but a papal bull and the relentless enmity of the Inquisition soon terminated its existence. Masonry however survived, and notwithstanding the persecutions to which it was subjected, continued its work in secret; with varied success, until 1807, when the occupation of Spain by the French enabled the fraternity to work in public. We now quote from the report:

The order was rapidly increased, and the Grand Lodge on being re-established at Madrid in 1809, enjoyed the proud satisfaction of occupying the *hall of the Inquisition*. In 1811, it is asserted that Joseph Bonaparte, while acting

as Grand Master, created chapters of the higher degrees, which is peculiarly adapted to the French ideas and taste for display. But the prosperity of the order was of short duration; and on the return of Ferdinand VII. to the throne, his first progressive act was to re-establish the Inquisition, and this hypocritical tyrant, in May, 1814, issued a violent and stringent edict against Freemasonry, and the fate of the order was again sealed in benighted Spain.

Additional decrees were issued against the order at various times, and the one of August 1, 1824, required that all the members should appear within a month and deliver up all their papers—the penalty for not complying being hanging without ceremony or trial. In 1825, seven members of one lodge were put to death at Grenada; and the death penalty was awarded to many as late as 1833, and among them several prominent personages.

About 1849, the "Grand Orient Hesperico" is said to have been established, incorporating the A. A. Rite to the 33d degree, and admitting all the lodges then working in Spain in other rites. This Grand Orient has no fixed locality, and its authority emanated from the "Invisible Valley," and their meetings were held in different parts of the country for security. The existence of this Grand Lodge, or Orient, is not generally known, and they have never been able to enter into relations with any foreign Grand Bodies.

In 1853, the Lodge St. John of Spain was betrayed by its treasurer, and dissolved by the Minister of Police, the Master and members that were caught condemned to four years imprisonment, and finally pardoned by Queen Isabella.

When the late successful revolution broke out, Masonry was strictly prohibited in Spain, and no lodges were working except those in Gibraltar, and one or two in the different seaports, under foreign authority and protection. If a liberal and enlightened Government is established on the ruins of the former despotism, the reign of persecution will have passed away, and the fraternity be permitted to continue their labors in peace.

ITALY—There are five organizations which claim to be independent governing Grand Bodies in this country, instead of four as stated in our former report. The information given by Bro. Goodall in relation to the history and claims of these bodies is very valuable, and we present the following synopsis:

Masonry appears to have been introduced into Italy in 1733, when Lord Charles Sackville established a lodge at Florence, under authority from England; and in 1736 numerous lodges were in existence, located in the principal cities of Northern Italy. In 1737, our order was strictly prohibited, and although some of the civil rulers wished to favor the fraternity, the power of Clement XII. prevailed. His bull of 1738 effectually suppressed our institution and gave the Inquisition full sway.

Naples—From 1750 to 1765, several foreign lodges were established at Naples, under authority from France, Holland and England—the latter having a Provincial Grand Lodge. National prejudices prevented these lodges from working in harmony, and a "Grand National Lodge" was formed in 1762, which flourished for a time; but political intrigue and partisan feeling placed the members in the power of their enemies. In 1776, under the protection of Queen Caroline, the order revived and the National Grand Lodge resumed its labors. New lodges were instituted, and continued with varied success until the occupation of the country by the French, when Masonry was again revived. A new Grand Lodge was established June 24, 1809, and Murat, King of Naples, occupied the Grand Mastership; but the ceremonies were all in accord with French customs and ideas, and the native population participated to a very limited extent. On the restoration of the Bourbons, new persecu-

tions were instituted, and if any of the lodges continued their labors, it was in the greatest secrecy. During this period the secret political organization of the "Carbonari," or "Colliers," was instituted, and although totally distinct from Freemasonry, yet our institution had to suffer as its enemies made it appear that its principles were the same—but time has fully vindicated Masonry from this unjust charge. When the Bourbons were driven from the throne, the Grand Lodge was again revived. Since then there has been an irregular mixed combination of authority; but at present the Grand Body at Naples is known as the "Grand Lodge Sebezia," and has many symbolic lodges under its jurisdiction.

Palermo—Documents, lately brought to light, show that lodges were established at Palermo, Mesina and Girgenti in 1730, by foreign merchants and traders to those ports. According to one account, only the first and second degrees were conferred, the third being added many years later, and the authority under which they worked was derived from England and Scotland. But here, as elsewhere in the south of Europe, the fraternity did not escape the persecutions of the Inquisition. Yet, notwithstanding the relentless cruelty to which our institution was subjected, it was found impossible to crush it out of existence, and, on the occupation of Southern Italy by the French, new lodges were established with authority from England, France and the United States, there being an extensive trade with this country. The re-establishment of the Bourbon dynasty inaugurated new persecutions against the fraternity, and this state of things continued until 1860, when a successful revolution gave freedom to the people. Masonry revived, the lodges gradually resumed their labors, and in the following year a Supreme Council was established. Of the organization of this body, Bro. Goodall gives the following account:

In 1861, three Italians while visiting New Orleans, claim to have received the 33d degree from an irregular and spurious Supreme Council of the A. A. Rite in that city; the names of the parties given are Guiseppe Tortorici, Nicola Collura and Guiseppe Juglusmini. One or all of these parties returned to Sicily in 1861, and, under the professed impression that they possessed lawful Masonic and dogmatic powers, proceeded to form and constitute a Supreme Council and Grand Orient A. A. Rite for Italy, at Palermo, and claim to have incorporated under its authority all the lodges on the Island of Sicily, and many in Naples and other parts of Southern Italy. In 1862, Gen. Guiseppe Garibaldi was elected Grand Master and Sov. Gr. Commander, and duly installed as such at Palermo.

In May, 1868, the Supreme Council and the Central Grand Lodge held an extraordinary session at Palermo, for the purpose of perfecting their organization for the better government and advancing the interests of the fraternity in the jurisdiction. The business transacted was of a very important character, having in view the establishment of Sunday Schools in or under the direction of the lodges, the system of reforms and progress of the order, a communication to Garibaldi to learn exactly what are his intentions concerning their Grand Body, and in illustration of the amount of work done it was reported that £15,837, or about \$79,000 had been received for initiations alone. They claim to have about one hundred lodges under their jurisdiction, besides other bodies of the higher degrees. But they have not been recognized by any foreign Grand Body, the only claim for recognition having been presented to the Supreme Council of England, which was refused on account of the spurious source from which they emanated. They now apply to the Supreme

Council of the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States to take into consideration the circumstances of their case, alleging they innocently accepted authority from parties they did not know were spurious, and asking that they may be legalized, or have a new and regular power granted which will entitle them to recognition. After a careful examination of the whole question Bro. Goodall cheerfully recommends their petition to a favorable consideration of his Supreme Council.

Turin—The early history of Masonry at Turin presents a repetition of the persecutions to which our institution was subjected in other parts of Italy. In 1848, a Supreme Council and Grand Orient, A. A. Rite for all Italy, was constituted at Turin; but the legality of the movement was contested by a Grand Body at Palermo. As Lombardy was favored with a more liberal government than central and southern Italy, Masonry was undisturbed, and everything appears to have progressed in harmony. In 1863, difficulties arose in consequence of a desire to change the location of the Grand Body to Florence, and a schism occurred; the political party withdrawing for the purpose of establishing a new Grand Orient at the capital. The Supreme Council then reorganized, and is still located at Turin, having a Grand Lodge styled "Pietro Micca," for the government of the symbolic lodges under its jurisdiction.

Milan—Bro. Goodall gives the following information in relation to the Grand Body located at Milan:

Ill. Bro. de Grasse Tilly, who appears to have had a general roving authority from the Supreme Council, at Charleston, established a Supreme Council, 33d degree, A. A. Rite, at Milan, in 1805, for the Kingdom of Italy, and, Prince Eugenius was for some time the Sov. Grand Commander, and Grand Master of a kind of side introduction known as the *Grand Orient de la Division Militaire*. This Grand Body, with all its lodges, appears to have quietly passed into permanent oblivion under the Austrian rule, as the Pope's commands were strictly obeyed in regard to prohibiting Masonry. In 1863, when the difficulties and withdrawal of some of the members from the Supreme Council at Turin occurred, they embraced the opportunity of exercising the imaginary Masonic right of independence, declared themselves free from the Supreme Council and higher degrees, and constituted what they call a Grand Council of Symbolic Masonry, and elected Antonio Franchi as Grand Master, and have about twenty lodges now under their jurisdiction.

Florence—In a former report, we recommended that action upon the application of this Grand Orient for recognition and mutual representation should be postponed until our Grand Lodge had more definite information as to its Masonic status before it. This is fully supplied by Bro. Goodall's able report, which states that the "Grand Orient of Masonry in Italy," at Florence, was organized in 1864, by the parties who separated from the Supreme Council and Grand Orient at Turin in 1863. Not content with exercising a local jurisdiction, the Grand Orient at Florence, in violation of all Masonic law and precedent, ignores the other Grand Bodies in Italy, and constitutes itself a supreme power over them. Nor is Italy large enough for its ambition—it aims at universal dominion. It has granted charters to lodges composed of expelled and unworthy Masons in the cities of Buenos Ayres and Montevideo, and the fraternal remonstrances and protests of the Supreme Bodies at both places have been entirely disregarded. Its general character is thus summed up by Bro. Goodall:

The entire proceedings of this so-called and self-constituted Masonic Body are so entirely irregular and contrary to the long-established and universally-acknowledged laws of Masonry, that it is painful to have to record such proceedings as facts and historical incidents at this age and progress of the order, and demonstrates very clearly the necessity of a general repudiation, or reorganization of the order in Italy, before they can be received or fraternize with the Brotherhood in this country, according to our system, laws and work.

Bro. Goodall says "the only argument and claim worthy of note, which the Grand Orient at Florence condescends to make known, as its authority for creating this new Masonic Body" is to be found in a circular issued by it, (of which he gives a translation) and comments upon it as follows:

It appears that Guiseppe Garibaldi and F. de Luca called a meeting of the lodges in Italy and its colonies, which assembled at Naples in June, 1867, abolished by their edict all the other governing Grand Bodies in Italy, and declared themselves the only body of legitimate authority for that entire country, all of which was without the consent or co-operation of the other parties then long in power. Of the three hundred lodges in Italy only sixty appear to have been represented at the Naples assembly. Garibaldi was, and still is, the nominal Grand Master of the body at Palermo, which being irregular is not recognized, and F. de Luca was the nominal Grand Master of the same style and irregular body at Florence, neither possessing any Masonic power to call the assembly, enact any laws or constitute a Grand Orient, while the general phraseology of their circular and novel mode of electing officers must be rather comical to our old members who are sticklers for ancient landmarks and Masonic jurisprudence.

They first declare Garibaldi honorary member for life, *and the first Mason of Italy*, (while Gherzi, of the Turin body, claims to be the most ancient Mason in Italy.) They then create a *defective* Grand Master, who, it appears by a subsequent notice, is not able to attend to the duties, and they make two supplementary Grand Masters Adjunct, that may be called upon if wanted to do anything they may deem expedient. Two of the articles in the general statutes of this body are also deserving of attention, of which the following is a translation:

"1. To abolish in the several degress the practice and forms which have become incompatible with the civilization of the present times.

"2. To democratize the prerogatives and jurisdictions of those Rites which are distinguished by the multiplicity of the degrees."

The four other bodies, viz: at Palermo, Naples, Turin and Milan, ignore this new and progressive Florence Grand Orient, and have issued protests against it, while the Palermo body have repudiated the acts of Garibaldi, who, it appears, has never taken an active part, and is sadly deficient in his knowledge of Masonic law, usage and principles, and however much honor there may be due to him in the political world, he certainly is not entitled to any such claims in Masonry, which has gained nothing in Italy by his direct association with it. These four Grand Bodies have also agreed to wait until Rome is the capital of Italy, when they will *then* unite and constitute a Grand Masonic centre for that country. In obedience to this mutual agreement, the Palermo body have the following addition to their official heading: "*Finché Roma non sia capitale degl' Italiani*" (until Rome will be the capital of Italy.)

Notwithstanding the irregular character of the Grand Orient at Florence, it has been recognized by several foreign Grand Bodies, and Bro. Goodall very correctly remarks that this illustrates "the careless and imperfect manner of 'taking things for granted,' that all bodies are legitimate that send forth what apparently purports to be a Masonic document asking for recognition."

TURKEY AND EGYPT—In 1749, a lodge was opened in the house of an English interpreter in Constantinople; a number of Turks were initiated, when the Government gave notice that if any more meetings were held, the house and all in it would be burnt. About 1836, the Grand Lodge of England granted

a second authority, and a lodge was opened in the same city, but the fanatical opposition proved too strong, and Masonry again died out. A third attempt of the Grand Lodge of England proved more successful. In 1859, Oriental Lodge No. 988, under its jurisdiction, was firmly established, and subsequently Bro. Goodall saw the work and initiation done in this lodge in five different languages. About the same date, the Lodge *Etoile du Bosphore* was organized under authority from the Grand Orient of France. Since then lodges have rapidly increased; there is now a District Grand Lodge of England at Constantinople, having twelve lodges under its jurisdiction, and altogether about thirty-five lodges in Turkey and Egypt, working under authority from European Grand Bodies. There is also a Supreme Council at Smyrna, but it has not yet been recognized by any foreign Masonic Grand Body, as there is some doubt whether or not it has been a legally constituted.

Much has been written and said of late years, relative to the existence of Freemasonry among the Dervishes in Turkey and Asia Minor. Bro. Goodall paid particular attention to the subject, repeatedly attending the meetings of several of those orders, and was satisfied that "while there were many things in the ceremonies that resembled somewhat our mystic forms, yet it was very evident that they were in no way allied to the history, legends, or teachings of Masonry." Since his visit Bro. John P. Brown, Secretary and Dragoman of the U. S. Legation at Constantinople, has given a very thorough investigation to the subject—his long residence, extensive travels in the country, and knowledge of the languages, peculiarly fitting him for the task—and in his History of the Dervishes, he fully corroborates the statement of Bro. Goodall. The name of Freemasonry in the Turkish language is *Fermason*, and is one of great reproach, as it signifies Atheism of the most condemnable character. Notwithstanding this, many of the educated and higher classes of the Turks have of late years become members of the fraternity, being initiated either in France or the lodges recently established in Turkey.

FRANCE—The truthfulness of the following remarks in relation to the Grand Orient will be recognized by all who have paid any attention to its history:

The Grand Orient of France, the history of which forms a volume, has, during the past quarter of a century, occupied the most conspicuous position of any Masonic Grand Body on the Continent; but I regret to say that the record of its labors, system and teachings has not met with the flattering results that should have emanated from so prominent a body, having control of such an extensive field of labor, and opportunities for perpetuating our sublime art. That body appears to have been content since adopting the work in conformity with their ideas of Masonry, as illustrated in what is generally known as the French Modern Rite, to continue its practice regardless of the opinions of the fraternity in other countries, as to what is or should be the guide and rule, according to our ancient customs and mutual benefit of the Brotherhood in other jurisdictions; and while admitting that climate, education, habits, local civil laws and customs may have a decided influence in changing somewhat the routine adopted by others, there certainly can be no justifiable excuse in making such radical changes in the work as to make it questionable whether their peculiar style of ceremonies are intended for the same Masonic purpose. This the Grand Orient of France has done, and it is a noted fact that the ceremonies, teachings and principles under that jurisdiction are so peculiarly liberal and totally different from the Masonic order as known and practiced in Germany, England, Ireland, and throughout the United States, as to make it a subject of serious comment, whether our interchange of fraternity should

exist, when the obligations are so totally different. The feeling and ideas of the Latin race do not harmonize with those of the Anglo-Saxon, and the question of a universal Brotherhood, based upon Masonic principles of mutual obligations and secret work for recognition is yet to be accomplished, and the *farce* so generally practiced in France, of unintelligible, superficial, philosophical mummeries, must be changed to a more simple, comprehensive, practical system of mutual obligations and recognition in the mystic and sacred bonds of Masonry, free from the political influences that have so often been interwoven by designing, unscrupulous aspirants for the past half century, before we can justly unite with them on the broad platform of Masonic Brotherhood, according to our laws, ceremonies and obligations.

After alluding to the acts of the high dignitaries of this body in 1862, which obliged the civil government to place a military ruler over its affairs, and which system is still retained, Bro. Goodall says:

Among the serious objections strongly urged against the administration of the Grand Orient is, the careless and indifferent manner in which they acknowledge nearly every spurious Masonic Grand Body that applies to them, thereby giving encouragement to illegal acts, and creating much controversy and dissatisfaction among the regular members of the order at large, which, with a little more caution and attention, could easily be avoided. There are five so-called Grand Bodies mentioned in their calendar for the present year, that are irregular and spurious.

During his visit to Paris in August, 1868, Bro. Goodall made an earnest appeal on this subject, and was induced to believe that this objectionable feature would be remedied by the Grand Orient in future. He was therefore surprised to find in the Bulletin of the Grand Orient for October, the official decree of Grand Master Mellinet recognizing the spurious Supreme Council in this city. "The subject being of vital importance to all the Grand Bodies throughout the United States," he gives a translation of the decree and the report upon which it is based, and doubts not that this violation of the jurisdictional rights of our Grand Lodge will receive prompt attention and response.

The Supreme Council for France, A. A. Rite, was established in Paris, December 22d, 1864, by, Ill. Bro. DeGrasse Tilly, under authority from the Supreme Council at Charleston. The Grand Orient considered this an invasion of its jurisdiction; a contest of authority ensued, and the two Grand Bodies have never worked in perfect harmony. On three different occasions they recognized each other—but the old antagonistic feeling soon separated them. In the early part of 1866, they again entered into relations of amity, which still continue with a rather reserved feeling, and the name of the Supreme Council does not appear in the annual calendar of the Grand Orient.

For many years past, the Supreme Council has made little effort to extend its authority, and its communication with foreign Grand Bodies has been very limited. Bro. Goodall renewed the long-existing amicable relations between it and his Supreme Council, and received their assurance that they intended to adhere strictly to the ancient laws of the fraternity. He states that under the present administration their jurisdiction is gradually increasing, many new lodges and chapters being established in France and her colonies.

ENGLAND—The history of Masonry in England is so closely identified with that of the fraternity in this country, that Bro. Goodall only deems it necessary to speak of the Supreme Council, A. A. Rite. This body was organized in 1846, under authority of the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction U. S., and until about a year ago appears to have limited its operations

to London and its vicinity. At the last regular meeting of the Council, it was reported that bodies of the Rite had been established in Canada, India, Australia, and other British possessions; there are over one thousand members in England and Wales; the finances are in a satisfactory condition; new and spacious apartments had been secured for the Supreme Council, which has a valuable Masonic library of over three hundred volumes.

SCOTLAND—A Supreme Council, A. A. Rite, was established in Edinburgh in 1848, by virtue of authority from the Supreme Council of France. Bro. Goodall correctly remarks:

The word "Scottish," which has accidentally and improperly been incorporated with the Ancient Accepted Rite, appears to have no lawful origin as such; at least, not from the land of Scotia, as they are among the last who have thus far adopted that Rite, and hence receive the word *Scottish* from foreign jurisdictions.

IRELAND—During the past few years, the higher degrees of the A. A. Rite have rapidly advanced in Ireland. Bro. Goodall was unable to ascertain when and where the authority was obtained to constitute the Supreme Council 33d degree, but published records show that bodies of the Rite were in successful operation prior to 1807. In reference to its present condition, he says:

The order, as it now exists in Ireland, is more united, and, in my opinion, better regulated and systematized than any jurisdiction I have yet visited; all the different bodies and Rites being under one able management and governing head, as follows: the Grand Lodge of Ireland, Grand Royal Arch Chapter, Grand Conclave of High Knights Templar, Grand Council of Rites, and Supreme Council, 33d and last degree A. A. Rite. The Duke of Leinster has for many years presided over these bodies, and the systematic arrangements, harmonious and prosperous condition of the order, is the best evidence of his able administration.

Before closing his report, Bro. Goodall notices several special subjects which, although intended for the consideration of his Grand Body, possess a general interest. His remarks on "Grand Inspectors-General 33°," apply with equal force to a few of that grade not very far from home, and we take pleasure in reproducing them:

From my observations in South America and Europe, I find in most instances that the many difficulties, dissensions, separations and formations of spurious Masonic Bodies, especially in the Ancient Accepted Rite which is now so universal, have, to a great extent, resulted from an improper exercise of imaginary power of members of the 33d degree, a large number of whom I have met abroad being totally ignorant of the laws, usages and principles of the order, and not able to pass a correct examination in the three first degrees of Masonry; having as a general rule, received all their professed knowledge of the mysteries by *communication*, and with an occasional reference to certain philosophical publications, imagine they are proficient in the secret work, and have full power to exercise their selfish, and too often, personal ambitions and corrupt aims, by the power granted in the ancient constitutions; and I feel that I cannot be too urgent in bringing this important subject to the serious consideration of the Council, in the hope that this growing evil may receive the prompt attention of this and other jurisdictions, as it is necessary that there should be mutual co-operation between the legitimate Grand Bodies to assist each other in the enforcement of their prerogatives, and prevention of at least the recognition of spurious and irregular assemblies, and imposition now so much practiced on the fraternity at large.

Bro. Goodall considers that Grand Representatives "have been in the past, and are still, as a general rule, far more ornamental than practically useful," and is of the opinion that their position, privileges and duties should be

clearly defined. He suggests the necessity of a Masonic Congress to take into consideration the divided condition of Masonry in the different Rites, and to establish a uniformity in the rituals. He states that it was his earnest desire to place his Supreme Council, and the Masonic fraternity at large, in possession of correct information in relation to the condition of Masonry in the countries he visited. The extensive field over which he traveled, while affording him unusual facilities for this purpose, required much time and labor, but his zeal and ability enabled him to successfully accomplish his mission, and his report is a valuable addition to the Masonic literature of the age.

Our report has exceeded the limits intended, but we cannot take leave of the proceedings before us without bearing witness to the fraternal spirit exhibited towards the Grand Bodies of the York Rite, and the interest manifested for the welfare of the whole craft. Nor can we refrain from expressing the opinion, that if the Supreme Council at Charleston had given the same attention to its foreign relations, the Grand Orient of France might not have recognized the Supreme Council of Louisiana.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES B. SCOT,
JOSEPH P. HORNER,
A. GOLDMANN.

New Orleans, March 15, 1869.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

M. W. GRAND LODGE OF LOUISIANA.

GRAND LODGE HALL, }
 NEW ORLEANS, April 24, 1868. }

At a special communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, held as above at 10 o'clock A. M., the following

OFFICERS PRESENT:

HENRY R. SWASEY.....	M. W. Grand Master.
ED. BARNETT, P. D. G. M.....	as R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
JOHN C. GORDY, P. S. G. W.....	as R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
WM. McDUFF.....	R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
S. M. TODD, P. G. M.....	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D.....	R. W. Grand Secretary.
REV. C. S. HEDGES, D. D.....	W. Grand Chaplain.
G. H. PABST.....	as W. Senior Grand Deacon.
THOS. F. HEDGES.....	as W. Junior Grand Deacon.
I. W. HOMAN.....	W. Grand Marshal.
HY. BEZOU.....	as W. Grand Sword Bearer.
P. BIDAULT.....	} W. Grand Stewards.
J. T. CAREY.....	
WM. WEBER.....	
WM. CARSON.....	
A. QUEANT.....	W. Grand Tyler.

The M. W. Grand Lodge was opened in ample form in the E. A. Degree, when the M. W. Grand Master stated the object of the communication was for the purpose of consecrating and dedicating the Grand Lodge Cemetery, and laying the corner stone of the tomb of Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1, and appointed the following additional officers, viz:

M. W. J. Q. A. FELLOWS, P. G. M., Grand Orator.
 W. Bro. S. S. SELLECK, as oldest M. M. to carry the Holy Scriptures.
 W. H. LEWIS, W. M. Geo. Washington Lodge No. 65.
 L. P. HEINTZ, W. M. Kosmos Lodge No. 171.
 F. W. DELESDEKNIER, W. M. Mount Moriah Lodge No. 59, to carry the lights.
 R. W. L. E. REYNOLDS, P. M., Grand Architect.
 W. JOHN ANDERSON, P. M. Mount Moriah Lodge No. 59.

W. A. E. DICK, P. M. George Washington Lodge No. 65, and JOHN R. PURVES, of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 59, aids to the Grand Marshal.

The following Past Grand Officers and Grand Representatives were present, viz:

M. W. JNO. F. DASHIEL, P. G. M. of Tennessee.

M. W. W. M. PERKINS, P. G. M. and Grand Rep. of M. W. Grand Lodges of Tennessee and Virginia.

M. W. Sam'l M. TODD, P. G. M. and Grand Rep. of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Alabama.

M. W. J. Q. A. FELLOWS, P. G. M. and Grand Rep. of the M. W. Grand Lodges of Florida, Minnesota and Vermont.

R. W. W. P. COLEMAN, P. G. S. W. and Grand Rep. of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio.

R. W. L. E. REYNOLDS, Grand Rep. of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Iowa.

R. W. C. W. NEWTON, Grand Rep. of the M. W. " " of Indiana.

R. W. E. D. CRAIG, " " " " " " of New Jersey.

R. W. W. C. DRIVER, " " " " " " of Texas.

R. W. T. J. O'REGAN, " " " " " " of Ireland.

R. W. A. GOLDMANN, " " " " " " R. Y. of Friendship, Prussia.

R. W. and Ill. E. SOLOMON, 33d, Grand Rep. of the Supreme Council 33d, Colon.

R. W. and Ill. F. RICAR, 33d, Grand Rep. of the Supreme Council 33d, Uruguay.

R. W. and Ill. J. C. BATCHELOR, 33d, Grand Rep. of the Supreme Council, 33d, Mexico, and a large number of brethren.

The M. W. Grand Lodge was called to refreshment, and the Grand Marshal ordered to form the procession, giving the Visiting Grand Bodies, consisting of R. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter, M. I. Grand Council Royal and Select Masters, M. P. Grand Consistory 32d, with attendant bodies, and R. E. Grand Commandery Knights Templars as escort, their proper position in line of procession—when the whole procession moved to the Masonic Cemetery, where the ceremonies of Consecration and laying corner stone of Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1 Tomb was concluded; when, after the address of the M. W. Grand Master Henry R. Swasey, M. W. J. Q. A. Fellows delivered an oration; after which the procession returned to the Grand Lodge Hall in the order above mentioned, when the M. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana was called to labor in the E. A. Degree, and then closed in ample form.

HENRY R. SWASEY,

Grand Master.

J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D., *Grand Secretary.*

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

M. W. GRAND LODGE OF LOUISIANA.

GRAND LODGE HALL, }
NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 21, 1868. }

At a special communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, held as above at 2 o'clock p. m., the following

OFFICERS PRESENT:

HENRY R. SWASEY.....	M. W. Grand Master.
JOHN ANDERSON, P. M.....	as R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
AMOS KENT, D. D. G. M.....	as R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
WM. McDUFF.....	R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
JOHN G. FLEMING, P. M.....	as R. W. Grand Treasurer.
A. GOLDMANN, P. M.....	as R. W. Grand Secretary.
REV. J. C. CARPENTER.....	as W. Grand Chaplain.
A. E. DICK, P. M.....	as W. Senior Grand Deacon.
WM. C. DRIVER, P. M.....	as W. Junior Grand Deacon.
I. W. HOMAN, P. M.....	W. Grand Marshal.
W. H. WELLS.....	as W. Grand Sword Bearer.
WM. CARSON.....	as W. Grand Pursuivant.
SAML. LEVY.....	} W. Grand Stewards.
P. BIDAULT.....	
HUGH BREEN.....	
W. S. BENEDICT.....	
A. QUEANT.....	W. Grand Tyler.

The M. W. Grand Lodge was opened in ample form in the E. A. degree, when the M. W. Grand Master stated that the object of the communication was to perform the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the Hall of the Turner's Association (Germandie) whose invitation to perform the ceremony had been accepted by the M. W. Grand Master.

The M. W. the Grand Lodge was then called to refreshment, and the W. Grand Marshal ordered to form the procession, which proceeded to the corner of Lafayette and Dryades streets, the site of the intended hall, where the usual ceremony was per-

formed by the Grand Lodge, and after an interesting and impressive oration from the orator of the day, W. Bro. W. R. Whitaker, and from Dr. Benjamin Maas, the procession was re-formed and returned to the Grand Lodge Hall, when the M. W. Grand Lodge was called to labor in the E. A. degree; no further business appearing, the M. W. the Grand Lodge was closed in due and ample form.

HENRY R. SWASEY, *Grand Master.*

J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D., *Grand Secretary.*

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

M. W. GRAND LODGE OF LOUISIANA.

GRAND LODGE HALL, }
NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 27, 1868. }

At a special communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, held as above at 3 o'clock P. M., the following

OFFICERS PRESENT:

R. W. WM. McDUFF, J. G. W.....	as	M. W. Grand Master.
W. J. G. FLEMING.....	as	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
W. R. L. BRUCE.....	as	R. W. Senior Grand Warden.
BRO. Z. M. PIKE.....	as	R. W. Junior Grand Warden.
W. A. C. LABAT.....	as	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
W. THOS. CLEMENTS.....	as	R. W. Grand Secretary.
R. W. & REV. H. S. JACOBS.....	as	W. Grand Chaplain.
W. I. W. HOMAN.....		W. Grand Marshal.
W. C. S. STEWART.....	as	W. Grand Sword Bearer.
BRO. W. H. MOON.....	as	W. Grand Pursuivant.
BRO. A. ROLLINS.....	as	W. Senior Grand Deacon.
W. G. H. PABST.....	as	W. Junior Grand Deacon.
W. S. H. BROWN.....	as	} W. Grand Stewards.
W. WM. WEBER.....	as	
BRO. WM. ENDELL.....	as	
W. WM. COOPER.....	as	
W. A. QUEANT.....		W. Grand Tyler.
W. BRO. W. A. WHITE.....	as	Ass't W. Grand Tyler.

The M. W. Grand Lodge was opened in due form in the Third Degree, when the M. W. Grand Master stated that the object of the communication was to pay respect and honor to the remains of our deceased Bro. Willis P. Coleman, P. G. S. W., and Grand Representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio. The M. W. Grand Master then appointed P. M. Henry Hamburger to carry the three Great Lights, and W. P. M's E. A. Dick, W. H. Lewis, W. J. H. DeGrange, to carry the Lights, and Bros. J. P. Manico, G. W. Race and B. Campbell were appointed Pall Bearers.

The M. W. Grand Lodge was then called off, and the W. Grand Marshal ordered to form the procession; then moved from the Grand Lodge Hall to the Masonic Cemetery, where the remains of our R. W. Bro. were deposited in the Grand Lodge vault, No. 18, with the solemn ceremonies of the fraternity, when the procession returned to the Grand Lodge Hall, and the M. W. Grand Lodge was called to labor in the Third Degree.

On motion, the following brethren were appointed a committee to draw up resolutions expressive of respect to the memory of our late R. W. Brother, and of sympathy and condolence with his family and friends, viz :

M. W. J. Q. A. FELLOWS, P. G. M.; R. W. ED. BARNETT, P. D. G. M.
R. W. JOS. SANTINI, P. J. G. W.

No other business being proposed, the M. W. Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

WM. McDUFFE, J. G. W.,
as Grand Master.

J. C. EATCHELOR, M.D., *Grand Secretary.*

To the Memory of

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

GEORGE W. CATLETT,

OF ST. ALBANS LODGE NO. 28,

Past Deputy Grand Master.

Died at Jackson, Louisiana, April 12th, A. D., 1868. Earnest, kind
and charitable, though dead, yet his memory liveth.

To the Memory of

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER

WILLIS PIERSON COLEMAN,

OF DUDLEY LODGE NO. 66,

PAST SENIOR GRAND WARDEN

AND

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE

OF THE

M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio,

BORN IN BELMONT COUNTY, OHIO, AUGUST 26, A. D., 1806.

Died in New Orleans, La., Sept. 26. A. D., 1868.

For over 40 years a Mason—he was noted for his zeal to maintain
and extend the principles of the Craft.

HE RESTS.

To the Memory of
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER
HENRY REGENBURG,

OF UNION FRATERNAL LODGE NO. 53.

Past Junior Grand Warden,

AND

District Deputy Grand Master

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

BORN IN APONRAD, DENMARK, MAY 12TH, A. D. 1817.

DIED IN FARMERSVILLE, LOUISIANA, OCT. 8, 1868.

As a man and a Mason he was respected and loved by all who knew him. To love God, to comfort the distressed, to relieve the unfortunate, and to do good unto all, was the theory and practice of a life now returned to Him who gave it. His example is left us to imitate.

"The good Mason liveth, even after Death."

To the Memory of

M. W. THOMAS BROWN,

OF THE

W. M. GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA,

AND

R. W. GRAND REPRESENTATIVE

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF LOUISIANA,

AT THAT GRAND EAST,

Who Died August 24th, A. D. 1867.

To the Memory of

R. W. EDW. GILL,

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE

OF THE

M. W. GRAND LODGE OF LOUISIANA,

AT THE

M. W. GRAND LODGE OF VIRGINIA.

RETURNS OF CONSTITUENT LODGES,

FOR THE YEAR 1868.

PERFECT UNION LODGE No. 1.

Rampart street, between Main and St. Philip streets, N. O.—Meets 2d Wednesday and 4th Friday in each month.

OFFICERS.

René Laffon de Ladebat....	W M.	Ramon Oriol.....	Sec.
J A Celles.....	S W.	Gustave Pitot.....	S D.
Jules Delery.....	J W.	Paul Laborde.....	J D.
Hy Ducatel.....	Treas.	Chas Raymond.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

D Augustin,	A F Elliott,	A Schreiber,	Chas Laffon de Ladebat,
J H Pitot,	Hy Bezou,		René Laffon de Ladebat.

MEMBERS.

Baquié, A W	DeLassus, C	Guyol, Theo	Laffon de Ladebat, P
Baudoin, A A	Debuis, Emile	Hubbard, R D	McCall, E J
Boudousquie, L	Eustis, Leo	Honold, C	Mazureau, A
Cabiro, A	Forstall, C E	Judice, P N	Mioton, E F
Choppin, Samuel	Gerard, Jules	Leaumont, G	Musson, M
Damiens, H	Gaillard, O	Lewis, Jno L	Nott, W H
DeBlanc, Chas	Gardere, F	Laube, P N	Noblom, A P
Debuys, O			46 members.

Initiated—Gustave Pitot, P Laffon de Ladebat, P F Laborde, Jules Girard, Emile DeBuys, Ramon Oriol.

Passed—R D Hubbard, Hy Ducatel, Gustave Pitot, P Laffon De Ladebat, P F Laborde, Jules Gerard, Emile Debuys, Ramon Oriol.

Raised—R D Hubbard, Hy Ducatel, Gustave Pitot, P Laffon De Ladebat, P F Laborde, Jules Gerard, Emile De Buys, Ramon Oriol.

Demitted—A A Baudoin, L W Basquie, E F Mioton.

POLAR STAR LODGE No. 1.

Polar Star Hall, corner Love and History streets, N. O.—1st and 3d Fridays.

OFFICERS.

C R Fagot.....	W M.	P Bennachi....	Master of Ceremonies
O Schwaner.....	S W.	C Antonini.....	Hospitaller.
P Artigue.....	J W.	H DeGruy.....	S D.
J Meylie.....	Treas.	J M Cressy.....	J D.
F Daujean.....	Master	J Bourdonnay.....	Tyler.
C Babled.....	Expert.		
	Sec.		

PAST MASTERS.

A R Morel,

F. Levasseur.

MEMBERS.

Andre, G	Cazeau, J	Giroux, C	Mindeck, A
Beer, R	Cambouzon, A	Hernandez, M	Newman, E
Bidault, A	Cazeres, B	Lay, L	Picard, A S
Bataille, A Sr	Claque, R	Lassere, E	Siess, S
Bataille, A Jr	Daret, H	Marigny, M	Texier, A
Bidault, Ph	Estebinet, P	Maillet, J	Tissot, J L
Beyrés, P	Filleul, E	Marceau, O	Vial, C
Bertrand, L	Frémaux, J	Monlaur, J	Vial, L
Claiborne, C	Farrart, F D		

47 members.

Initiated—O Marceau, P Artigue, H Daret, A S Picard, P Bennachi, C Babled, C Antognini, E Duval.

Passed—O Marceau, P Artigue, H Daret, A S Picard, P Bennachi, C Babled, C Antognini.

Raised—O Marceau, P Artigue, H Daret, A S Picard, P Bennachi, C Babled, C Antognini.

Demitted—G André, A Texier.

Stricken from the roll—A Bataille, Sr, A Bataille, Jr, A Bidault, E Filleul, G Giroux, E Lassere, C Vial, L Vial, M Marigny.

Reinstated—F D Farrart, R Beer.

CONCORDE LODGE No. 3.

Perseverance Hall, corner Dumaine and St. Claude--First Tuesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

J B Sorapuru.....	W M.	H Masseau.....	Master of Ceremonies.
Louis Prados.....	S W.	Jas Brandin.....	S D.
H Haber.....	J W.	C Mandry.....	J D.
F A Bachler.....	Treas.	Louis Sorapuru.....	Tyler.
E A Devron.....	Sec.		

PAST MASTERS.

J B Sorapuru, Simon Meilleur.

MEMBERS.

Aaron, S	Decorte, Y	Hillman, A	Nickhaus, P V
Babin, Jos	Dubois, V R	Kuentz, Jos	Paillotet, E
Bardeau, F	Erath, Albert	Kuntz, Henry	Parosel, E
Cartau, A	Fasnacht, R	LeBlanc, P	Pinto, B A
Devron, O A	Frantz, Chas	LeFranc, E	Prados, Jos
Dubréuil, M	Garpard, T	Lee, P O	Rey, Jos
Durbridge, W	Hickock, Danl	Masseau, Henry	Silvestre, F

38 members.

Initiated—Louis Sorapuru, P O Lee, C Mandry, E LeFranc, H Haber, F Bardeau, Jos Brandin.

Passed—L Sorapuru, P O Lee, C Mandry, E LeFranc, H Haber, F Bardeau, Jas Brandin.

Raised—L Sorapuru, P O Lee, C Mandry, E LeFranc, H Haber, F Bardeau, Jas Brandin.

Demitted—E Parosel.

Stricken from the Roll—J Rey, Jos Babin, V E Dubois.

Reinstated—Dan Hickock.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE No. 4.

Corner of Main and St. Claude streets, New Orleans—Second and Fourth Sunday.

OFFICERS.

M A Calongne.....	W M.	F Ricau.....	Sec.
J Magennie.....	S W.	P Daverede.....	S D.
M Labusquiere.....	J W.	A Lacaze.....	J D.
P Sarthou.....	Treas.	J L Daussat.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

M A Calongne, D D G M. Fulgence Ricau, Hy St Gez.

MEMBERS.

Andrieux, F	Carrouche, A	Devellé, L D	Lavigne, Jean
Bailleux, H	Chagnard, Gus	Duvieau, Hy	Louis, A J
Bois, Oscar	Cessac, J M	Didieu, D'que	Marcoux, Joseph
Bru, Ulysses	Cerisé, J	Ducasse, J	Merlin, J
Beney, Louis	Calongne, Chas	Fisse, Jean	Parenton, Louis
Bousses, Jno	Curet, P	Frigerio, F Louis	Pedarré, Hy
Barbé, J B	Cannère, A	Glaudot, Aug	Rousse, D
Barrère, P	Canterou, P N	Laade, W H C	Sagassie, J
Bibé, J B	Duco, John	Lanabere, B	Sarrazin, J L
Barbé, J B	Delucky, F	Lapeyrolerie, S	Sarrazin, J P
Campagnolle, Jean			

48 members.

Initiated—Jno Bousses, P Daverede, A Lacaze, Jules Robillot.

Passed—Jno Bousses, P Daverede, A Lacaze.

Raised—Jno Bousses, P Daverede, A Lacaze.

LOS AMIGOS DEL ORDEN LODGE No. 5.

Corner Main and St. Claude streets, N. O.

OFFICERS.

Jos Planellas.....	W M.	C P Conto.....	Sec.
Marco Sitges.....	S W.	F Billero.....	S D.
Mannuel Blanco.....	J W.	J T Cintes.....	J D.
Mateo Azcona.....	Treas.	M A Vega.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

L J Garcia, Angel Martin, Bruno De Lucas, José Planellas.

MEMBERS.

Angulo, D	Fernandez, Ant	Marco, G	Partagas, Ant
Barba, Fernandez	Flores, Juan	Mascaro, Juan	Palermo, Jose
Bery, Fred	Friay, J	Menendez, José	Rodriguez, M
Borras, Juan	Flores, Manuel	Mestier, Louis	Rendueles, F
Barcelo, Juan	Frilla, José F y	Munez, B	Ribas, Jose
Baratan, R	Ferrer y Ferrer, J	Manuel, R M	Sotres, Santos
Caballero, F	Fernandez, Jose	Parexa, M	Sambola, Antonia
Carmona, Fra	Gonzales, Andres	Pase, Francisco	Sureda, Jose
Castaneira, E	Knorr, Jos	Parras, Juan J	Suares, Juan
Castellanos, Juan	Luz, Pedro	Palliser, G	Salomone, Ant
Casanova, G	Linares, Lorenzo	Prats, Vincente	Wilson, W W
Delermo, N A	Lopez, Victoriana	Martinez, Jose E	Trigo, M T
Desanglis, J B	Menendez, J A	Presto, S S	Triay, Juan C
Fauries, Mariano	Martinez, Domingo	Pelayo, Mariano	

64 members.

Initiated—Jose Sureda, G Casanova.

Passed—Jose Sureda, G Casanova, F Bery, M A Vega.

Raised—Jose Sureda, G Casanova, F Bery, M A Vegas.

Demitted—Jose Sureda, G Casanova.

Died—Joseph Knorr.

Stricken from the Roll—J T Parra, B Barratan.

Reinstated—J Castellanos, J Triay.

ST. ANDREW LODGE No. 5.

Conti, between Villeré and Robertson streets, N O.

OFFICERS.

Joseph Lamarre.....	W M.	F. Cauhape.....	S D.
Aug. Leicher.....	S W.	E Monnier.....	J D.
A Debarbieris.....	J. W.	T Michon.....	Hospitaler.
F Cazarac.....	Treas.	C Thénard.....	Steward.
E Danty.....	Mas. Ex.	J P Carrère.....	Int. Guard.
M Sanchez.....	Mas. of Cer.	T Ricaud.....	Tyler.
.....	Sec.		

PAST MASTERS.

P. Cauhape.	Danty, E	J Lamarre,	T B Ternot,
		H Cerise.	

MEMBERS.

Abadie, V.	Dumestre, P	Lusse, G	Pausas, J
Bonnafon, J A	Daliet, J	Marshal, C	Philippe, L
Berge, P	Decroo, M	Masson M	Picot, A A
Boudreau, J	Duffard, A	Masquere, E	Prouharam, P
Coig, J	Esteben, P	Martin, S V	Rey, J M
Crey, P	Genre, C E	Mousson, J	Sarou, F
Carite, C	Larcade, B	Medal, P M	Tournier, N
Curey, J B	Laroux, X	Meunnier, D	Tnjague, G.
Darey, J	Lecompte, C D	Nihoul, M	

51 members.

Initiated—M Sanchez, V Daret, M Coig.

Passed—M Sanchez.

Raised—M Sanchez.

Demitted—J B Cury, J Mousson, L Phillips.

Died—V Abadie.

Stricken from the Roll—P. Crey, C C Genre, C D Lecompte, A A Picot, P Prouharam.

SILENCIO LODGE No. 9,

Polar Star Hall, corner of Rampart and History streets, New Orleans.

OFFICERS.

F De A. Ribot.....	W M.	Felix Gilbert.....	Sec.
Martin Perez.....	S W.	C Gonzalez.....	S D.
F de P Villasana.....	J W.	F Orfila.....	J D.
Luis Clandon.....	Treas.	D Menendez.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Gabriel Segui y Gahona, D D G M

P Ugarte.

MEMBERS.

Alabau, J	Ferrer, C	Menendez, J	Perez, P
Bunol, Pedro	Garcia, Jose	Molinas, M	Rosello, José
Begue, J M	Gilbert, F	Molinas, J P M	Roses Juan
Bunol, J	Ginart, J	Mendola, A	Roig, F
Camps, M	Hevia, J. de P.	Mendola, L	Relimpio, P V
Carreras, Juan	Hunt, E	Martinez, J A	Schwarz, David
Cahue P	Jaureguiberry, P	Martinez, Antonio	Turro, P
Cimarelli, G	Lopez, A	Pons Miguel,	Xampen, Thos
Estela, M	Minangolarra, Jno	Pujol, Dionisio,	Ximenez, C
Fronti, A	Marquez, M	Ponseti Gab	Ysern, Pablo

50 members.

Initiated—M Marquez, G Ponseti, J Carreras, J Molinas, J P M Molinas, M Pons, J A Martinez, P Cahue.

Passed—M Marquez, G Ponseti, J Carreras, Jose Molinas, J P M Molinas, M Pons, J A Martinez, P Cahue.

Raised—M Marquez, G Ponseti, J Carreras, Jose Molinas, J P Molinas, M Pons, J A Martinez, P Cahue.

Affiliated—D Schwarz, M Camps.

Demitted—G Ponseti, J Carreras, J Rosello, J Molinas, J P M Molinas.

Died—Ewd Hunt.

HUMBLE COTTAGE LODGE No. 19.

Opelousas, Parish of St. Landry, La.—Stated meetings 1st Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

James Ray.....	W M.	Jos Block.....	Secretary.
C. Mayo.....	S W.	A Calvin Frazee.....	S. D.
George Pulford.....	J W.	John Cochran.....	J W.
John J Morgan.....	Treasurer	L Lejeune.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

J J Beauchamp,	W A Robertson,	P Leonce Hebrard,	J M Porter,
James Ray,		John McDonald.	

MEMBERS.

Brewer, Wm P	Ehrhardt, Jacob	Louaillier, Alf	Pitre, F L
Bodemuller, K H	Estilette, E D	Lobdell, J L	Quirk, Thos C
Bissenger, F P	Firnberg, S	Lawler, R. W	Quirk, D H
Brown, A F	Garland, Hy L	Lawler, T B	Read, John
Bouchez, Erneste	Guidry, O A	Lassiter, L B	Raulin, Réne,
Bridges, Allen	Godwin, W D	Meyers, Julius	Reed, Ben W
Brooks, J G	Hudson, Jehn P	Meyers, B L	Richard, Jos D
Baillio, G	Hartman, H B	Mayo, Thad	Schmidt, J B
Cotterell, Wm	Houston, J H	Mayo, E S	Scales, Thos A
Capps, A J	Hayes, D B	Morris, J L	Swindall, Jas W
Chenier, Joseph	Harman, S B	Martel, B A	Steel, Chris
Clouret, J Lewis	Hudspeth, G W	Morris, W J	Taylor, John M
Carriere, Gerand	Ingram, J M	Morrogh, John	Thompson, J M
Chretien, H	Jackson, Jas W	McMillan, J A	Thompson, Chas
Chachere, R	Jenkins, Nath	Millsbaugh, J H	Tatman, C D
Desbrest, Louis	Jarman, James	Moore, Jas F	Vatter, Louis D
Drinkard, J G	Kuhule, Gus	Polingue, J H	Valin, Louis
Davidson, B	Kennon, R M	Porter, W W	Worrell, E
Earbee, Floyd	Lewis, W B	Pickett, C C	White, Jas M
Earbee, Glover	Littell, R H	Prescott, Louis D	White, B F.
Ealer, Chas N			

93 members.

Initiated—Jas W Jackson, Chris Steel, S S Hinckley, P Donnelly, Allan Bridges.

Passed—Jas W Jackson, E S Mayo, Hy L Garland, Chris Steel.

Raised—T Mayo, J L Morris, Jas W Jackson, E S Mayo, Hy L Garland, Chris Steel.

Affiliated—Allan Bridges, A F Brown.

Demitted—B Davidson, O A Guidry, R M Kennon, R H Littel, J L Lobdell, B L Meyers, Wm J Morris.

Died—Jno G Drinkard, Wm B Lewis, Jas F Moore, (1862.)

Stricken from the Roll—E Bouchez, A J Capps, H Chrétien, E D Estilette, Jno P Hudson, A Louaillier, Jno Morrogh, Jas A Millsbaugh, Rene Rawlin.

WESTERN STAR LODGE NO. 24.

Monroe, Ouachita Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

J F McGuire.....	W M.	Jno. A. McGuire.....	Sec.
Robt Richardson.....	S W.	L. W. Surghnor.....	S D.
Simon Marx.....	J W.	S Meyer.....	J D.
Jno. G. Saunders.....	Treas.	F. L. McCormick.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

W J Q Baker,	F. L. McCormick.	Jos F McGuire,	Joseph Hoffman,
	F C Jones.		

MEMBERS.

Bradford, M W	Fluitt, John S	McEney J D	Richardson, E W
Bry, Henry M	Garrett, F	Mitchell, J H	Ray, James S
Bofinschen, Chas	Garrett, Isaiah	McQuiller, David	Shuster, Isaac,
Burke, S P	Gerson, H Jr	McQuire, J E	Sanford, A W
Chambliss, W R	Halsey, David	McFee, G W	Scarborough, J F
Chamberlain, G	Herndon, Geo L C	Meyer, H	Slack, A L
Chapman, M B	Hinson, Andrew	McKitrick, Ed	Swan, J T
Delery, Chas	Herron, D B	Merritt, J	Stubbs, F P
Endom, F L	Herrin, H	Maughan, Wiley C	Scarborough, W
Esrick, George	Herron, J E	Murphy, S C	Trippett, R Jno
Eusminger, Ph	Howard, John M	McMichael, E H	Wilson, Robt J
Ezelius, P	Jameson, R W	Naughton, Thos	Wintzell, John
Ensminger, Geo C	King, G	O'Meal, J S	Wilcox, Wm
Faulk, David	Kinney, J E	Richardson, J A T	White, John A
Fenner, J F	Kennedy, W G	T Roane, E H	Walker, Jos H
Feibelman, M	Ludeling, John	Richardson, J G	

74 members.

Initiated—L W Surghnor, Geo L C Herndon, S. Meyer, Robt. Dortch, A. B. Oliver, A L Slack, M B Chapman, E H McMichael, Geo C Ensminger.

Passed—L W Surghnor, G L C Herndon, S Meyer, Robt Dortch, A L Slack, M B Chapman, E H McMichael, Geo C Ensminger.

Raised—L W Surghnor, G L C Herndon, S Meyer, A L Slack, M B Chapman, E H McMichael, Geo C Ensminger, Jno W Scarborough.

Affiliated—Jas S O'Neal, Sam C Murphy, J A T Richardson, Moses Feibelman, Chs Bofinschen, W P Mangham.

Demitted—Wm R Chambliss, R Trippett, Jos E McGuire, M B Chapman, S C Murphy.

Died—J A T Richardson, Geo. Esrick.

ST. ALBANS LODGE No 28.

Jackson, East Feliciana Parish, La.—Stated Meetings Saturday on or before full moon in each month.

OFFICERS.

Alfred Hazard.....	W M.	H L Pond.....	Sec.
Wm C Matingly.....	S W.	J B Haynes.....	S D.
Chas Wolf.....	J W.	S E Beauchamp.....	J D.
H. Reinburg.....	Treas.	E C Kiblinger.....	Steward.
J. G. Rogillio.....	Tyler.	E S Norwood.....	Steward.

PAST MASTERS.

G W Catlett, P D G M Alfred Hazard, John C. Miller, W T Rogillio.

MEMBERS.

Barrow, A L	Fulsom, W W	Miller, A G	Ratchiff, C H
Brown, L W	Flonacker, Jos	Meyer, Abm	Sullivan, F M
Belvin, L	Hart, Arthur	McVea, C	Sullivan, W
Chapman, P C	Hagaman, F V D	Openheimer, M	Sullivan, Pat
Dawson, W W	Haynes, J F	Posey, H A	Turner, P
Dawson, Thomas	Johnson, L B	Rogillio, W H	Tomb, S G
Douglas, W W	Jones, J W	Reams, P A	Vaugh, R S Jr
Driggs, M H	Kent G W	Rhodes, J G	Walden, C W H
East, John			46 members.

Initiated—L H Miller.

Affiliated—Johnson, L B

Died—G W Catlett, P D G M., W W Dawson.

Suspended—A. L. East, January 18th, 1868, for nine months.

FELICIANA LODGE No. 31.

St. Francisville P. O., West Feliciana Parish, La.—Stated meetings 1st and 3d Saturday.

OFFICERS.

S J Powell.....	W M.	E D Remonde.....	Sec.
Jas Reid.....	S W.	C W Temple.....	S D.
G W Miller.....	J W.	A H Pillet.....	J D.
J S Wooster.....	Treas.	Wm Town.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Samuel J Powell, P. J. G. W. W W Leake.

MEMBERS.

Welton, H S, P M	Cotten, S H	Lavassy, B	Percy, Clarence
Annis, W C	Chambers, J J	Leake, F V	Parrioux, Arthur
Barrow, John J	Donnally, R N	Levy, Abram	Richardson, W H
Barry Jno W	Davis, Jesse	Leonard, T	Raby, Jas R
Barrow, R H	Gorham, D B	Magearl, Wm H	Sterling, R G
Barton, Robert	Hale, James	Moore, S D	Stocking, D L
Briant, A B	Harper, Jas P	Muse, K P	Stoer, Chas
Bethany, Thos	Hearsay, Wm	Newman, E	Thomas, S D
Burgess, L A	Henshaw, J H	Nibling, J M	Whiteman, C P
Barrow, B H	Hamilton, Jeff		46 members.

Initiated—A B Briant, Robt C Wickliffe.

Passed—A B Briant.

Raised—A B Briant.

Demitted—D L Stocking.

PHENIX LODGE No. 38.

Natchitoches P. O., Natchitoches Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

Sam M Hyams.....	W M.	CB Eggleston.....	S D.
Ph Myers.....	S W.	Hy M Levy.....	J D.
D H Boult.....	J W.	J E Breda.....	Mas. of Cer.
Chas Hamlin.....	Treas.	A P Breda.....	Steward.
Isaac Jacob.....		Thos J Stimpson.....	Tyler.
Wm Payne.....	Sec.		

PAST MASTERS.

John B Williams,	Thos Hunter,	C Champlin, Jr.
P A Morse,	John S Levy,	Wm Payne,
S M Hyams,	Felix Metoyer,	J H. Stevens,
P. Myers.		

MEMBERS.

Breda, J P	Harkins, Wm D	Keizer, J C	Perini, A
Brosset, M C	Holloway, G W	Levy, J	Robison, N A
Bullit, B W	Harkins, C J	Lamm, E	Schuman, The.
Caspiri, L	Hervey, Wm	Martin, J J A	Smith, J Ben
Carrell, F F	Hawthorne, H H	Martin, Jos	Stephens, Jos G
Carrell, J A	Hill, Jas H	Marcy L	Thompson, K
Cunningham, J H	Jack, Wm E	Morrow, W P	Tauzin, H L
Chaplin, Thos P	Jones, R S	Ponder, W A	Vienne, F
Capmartin, O	Kile, S W	Phillips, Edw	Wolfson, J A
Goss, G W	Kahn Isaac,	Petitjean, F	Wacholder, Marks.

59 members.

Initiated—A C Alexander, F W Hirey, C J Harkins, J P Hyams, W A Mims, F Petitjean, M Wacholder.

Passed—A C Alexander, C J Harkins, F Petitjean, M Wacholder.

Raised—C J Harkins, F Petitjean, M Wacholder.

Demitted—H H Hathorne.

Died—Geo W Holloway, F Metoyer, E L Hyams (E A.)

FOYER MACONNIQUE LODGE No. 44.

Perseverance Hall, corner of Dumaino and St. Claude streets, 2d and 4th Tuesdays.

OFFICERS.

P Brugier, Jr.....	W M.	J M Laens.....	S D.
Geo Ittman.....	S W.	M Weill.....	J D.
C Courtois.....	J W.	L Heideusfeild.....	Mas. of Cer.
J Llado.....	Treas.	F Constantini.....	Almoner.
J C Kattman.....	Orator.	A Sbisa.....	Inside Guard.
C A Perceau.....	Mas. Experts.	P. Brugier.....	Tyler.
Hy Antoine.....	Sec.		

PAST MASTERS.

J Santini, P J G W, (honorary member)	U Marinoni,	H J B Pain.
P Brugier, Jr.	J F M Fondard.	

MEMBERS.

Amodeo, N	Campiglio, B	Hernandez, J M	Recoullez, N
Ammon, O A	Charbonnet, A F	Kahn, Chas	Rose, J
Boudreau, S	Dreyfous, A	Keller, F A	Raas, Samuel
Bompet, N	Defargues, Gustave	Lazar, C	Raas, Isaac
Brauer, C	Fick, F	Levy, S	Stella, D
Bizot, P	Fehrenbach, M	Levi, H	Sheppard, W H
Budendorff, W R	Fulck, B	Mettler, M	Sbisa, L

Benedic, A	Frankel, F	Mortedo, J B	Sangassan, B
Brugier, A	Gherardi, A	Noullet, L	Salomon, I
Chambers, W R	Gery, L F	Peltier, J C	Schickedanz, —
Cerf, H	Gougenheim, M	Panzer, S H	Scooler, M
Campbell, W S	Gzrybowski, C	Pellegrin, J L	Vegas, J
Cantoni, M	Gavin, G W	Pirolle, J B	Weiss, J
Caro, P M.	Hyer, G A	Reber, P	Zuberbier, H

72 members.

Initiated—C A Perceau, H Cerf, P Bizot, J M Laens, M Weill, B Fulck, A Suari, C Petrie.

Passed—C A Perceau, H Cerf, P Bizot, J M Laens, M Weill, B Fulck.

Raised—C A Perceau, H Anthoine, H Cerf, P Bizot, J M Laens, M Weill, B Fulck.

Affiliated—M Scooler.

Demitted—J C Peltier, W R Budendorff, M Cantoni.

Died—W R Chambers, A Gherardi, Isaac Raas.

Stricken from the Roll—C Gzrybowski, H J B Pain.

JACKSON LODGE No. 45.

Greenwood, Caddo Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

J M Ford.....	W M.	J A McRaday.....	Sec.
GW Riggins	S W.	Chas Flourney.....	S D.
E H Baugh.....	J W.	Thos A Smith.....	J D.
A Flourney, Jr.....	Treas.	Wm Mulhall.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

A Flournoy, Sr.,	V H Jones	W A Pegram,	J M Ford.
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MEMBERS.

Agurs, W C	Fournoy, L	Lefoy, M E	Sibly, S
Coleman, E M	Fournoy, C	McCutcheon, S B	Sibley, H S
Cates, E J S	Flournoy, A	Pollard, A	Tucker, A W
Cates, W	Gamblin, Jno S	Pollard, Willis	Vinson, R W
Carter, A A	Howell, Z	Roth, M	Wall, H
Calhoun, Jno C	Henderson, C C	Rudd, J D	Watt, H
Crish, L R	Jeter, J A	Sharp, Thos J	Williams, E D
Doctury, S H	Lee, Jesse	Schumpert, J S	Willis, S P
Doctury, L B	Lee, David	Sharp, Thos J	Wise, W H.

46 members.

Initiated—D P Fenner, J S Gamblin, Jas Martin, J J Roth, R W Vinson, F Webb, J M Warmick.

Passed—J S Gamblin, Jas Martin, R W Vinson, F F Webb.

Raised—J S Gamblin, R W Vinson.

Affiliated—W C Agurs, S P Willis.

Demitted—A A Carter, Jno C Calhoun, S B McCutcheon, R W Vinson.

Died—L R Crish, S H Doctury.

GERMANIA LODGE No. 46.

St. Louis street, between Derbigny and Roman streets—Every 2d and 4th Sunday.

OFFICERS.

Chs Koerrenzig.....	W M.	Jacob Gugenheim.....	Sec.
Wm Frommeyer.....	S W.	B. Carlson.....	S D.
Rud Gieseler.....	J W.	H Heideman.....	J D.
H Schwartz.....	Treas.	Jacob Lanz.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

P Jensen,	John Gerlach,	Charles Fischer,	John Wild,
	Ph Schneider.		

MEMBERS.

Abry, J G	Friede, Wm	Kirchmeyer, Jos	Rees, Chas
Asche, Christian	Friedenthal, J	Kattman, John	Rosenbaum, L
Aufenkolk, F	Feherhegy, M	Kurth, L	Stonne, W A
Arnhalt, Nicholas	Flach, Geo	Kamerun, Chas	Schmidt, A
Becker, J	Forrer, A	Kasche, H	Spiro, H
Boh, J B	Freese, F	Langemann, G H	Staenken, G
Brandt, K C	Goldmann, H	Lippe, J N	Stich, Isidore
Brupbacher, R	Gugenheim, Sam	Lieb, J F	Szubisky, H
Boehm, Adolph	Heilbrunner, D	Lubinsky, S	Schulte, Jos
Braun, H	Hoffman, G A	Lukash, A	Springer, C
Baum, S	Hartmann, Wm	Mann, L	Treder, F
Buck, Ch	Heisemann, M	Mayer, J F	Volbrath, H
Bravermann, Max	Hoch, Mich	Michelfelder, Jno	Wild, Chris
Conrad, A	Heilborn, Marz	Middendorf, J	Wachter, Lorenz
Cohn, H	Hartkorn, A	Marks, Isadore	Winkleman, A
Droege, N	Hahn, C	Marks, I	Wunderlich, E G
Duerling, J W	Israel, Solomon	Merz, Geo	Werner, Jacob
Delfs, F	Jackson, Isidore	Ostermann, G	Wurzlow, W
Dorhauer, A	Kramer, W	Pfeffer, Ph	Wahl, C
Erhardt, E	Koehn, J H	Plettinger, J G	Wild, J F
Fulda, Julius	Kaiser, J L	Pinkus, L	Weil, Simon
Fulda, L P	Kersten, Wm	Reuter, J E	Zollinger, Jacob
Frederich, J			102 members.

Initiated—Simon Weil, Chs Ludwig, H Schoreitz, H Lehman.

Passed—L P Fulda, S Weil, E Schoreitz.

Raised—L P Fulda, S Weil.

Affiliated—A Conrad.

Demitted—A Boehn, A Fohrer, H Goldman, L Pincus, A Conrad, J F Leib, 1866.

Died—Sol Israel, Aug Winkelman, F Freese.

Stricken from the Roll—Wm Kraemer, W A Stone, Wm Wurtzlow, J W Duerling, (1866.)

ST. JAMES LODGE No. 47.

Baton Rouge P. O., La.

OFFICERS.

W H Stroube.....	W M.	M Granary.....	Sec.
H Abramson.....	S W.	C A Thiel.....	S D.
Wm Reynaud.....	J W.	K W Knickerbocker.....	J D.
J Jastremski.....	Treas.	W G Reeder.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

S M Hart, P G S W,	G A Pike, P G S W, D D G M,	A S Herron,
S M Asher,	R H Day.	

MEMBERS.

Aldrich, M C	Elam, J E	Krain, Jos	*Reger, A
Alverson, E W	Enger, C J	Kowalski, A	Sharp, W J
Alexander, A D	Fay, Timothy	Kahn, Jacob	Stephens, B
Burke, R H	Fuqua, J O	Kuhn, J	Stafford, J C
Buffington, T J	Goodall, W H	Lefever, J J	Sheppers, A
Bauer, Philip	Gentles, Hy	Lobdell, J	Turner, James
Blackie, Wm*	Gerlach, F	McCormick, Jos	Taveres, J M
Bogel, Wm	Higgins, H	McCutcheon, J M	Tully, L J
Banker, F	Hayden, J F	Mendelshon, S J	Trahan, F
Bogel, J C	Huguet, J S	McKetrick, D L	Vibbert, H B
Collins, J M	Holt, O	Oladowski, H	Van Pelt, J C
Dunn, J B	Hyams, H J	Perillat, F	Walker, Jos
Dunn, A M	Hubbs, Wm	Praratt, J W	Williams, J M
Dubroca, E M	Jadot, L	Payne, A B	Williams, J A
*Evat, C B	Jones, H	Rosenfield, A	72 members.

Initiated—K W Knickerbocker, Wm Reynaud, J Bogan, H J Hyams, O Holt, E M Dubroca, P Machet, W D Peterson, H Schoder.

Passed—K W Knickerbocker, Wm Reynaud, J Bogan, H J Hyams, O Holt, E M Dubroca.

Raised—K W Knickerbocker, Wm Reynaud, H J Hyams, O Holt, E M Dubroca.

Affiliated—M C Aldrich, H Abramson, J O Fuqua, Wm Hubbs, J Lobdell.

Demitted—B Stephens, S M Asher, J J Lefever, A Reger, H B Vibbert, S C Van Pelt.

Died—T. Fay.

Stricken from the Roll—A D Alexander, F Gerlach, H Higgins, W J Sharp, J A Williams, J Walker, A Sheppers.

*Not accounted for.

PROVIDENCE LODGE NO. 50.

Lake Providence, Carroll Parish, La.

RETURNS OF 1867.

D L Morgan.....	W M.	R C Simms.....	Sec.
W F Pennington.....	S W.	F Strasner.....	S D.
W R C Lyons.....	J W.	E Mathews.....	J D.
Jno F Webb.....	Treas.	A Richard.....	Tyler.

Past Master—G G Wilson.

40 members.

Initiated—D C Jenkins, M E Kingsby, P B Tompkin.

Raised—J Hirsch, Jno W Keller, C H Webb, Jno F Webb.

Demitted—R M Smith, (1862.)

Died—H Holmes, G G Wilson, P M.

RETURNS OF 1868.

OFFICERS.

W F Pennington.....	W M.	C R Egerly.....	Sec.
F Strasner.....	S W.	M E Kingsby.....	S D.
Jno F Webb.....	J W.	C H Webb.....	J D.
Simon Lewis.....	Treas.	A Richard.....	Tyler.

Past Master—D L Morgan.

MEMBERS.

Aicklen, Jas F	Goffe, C H	Larche, S A	Purdy, V M
Bags, A	Guest, Jno A	Lee, J M	Salem, G
Beasley, R J	Herbert, E	Lyons, W R C	Sharp, W
Campton, R N	Hendrickson, J S	McNeil, A J	Simms, R C

Connelly, R T	Hirsch, J	McCarrell, J L	Smithe, G W
Deloney, E J	Ingraham, J S	McAllister, Chas	Spurlock, J L
Ferry, E	Jenkins, D C	Matthews, E	Spinetti, Jno
Green, A W	Kent, J N	Newman, E F	Shelby, J A
Griffith, Thos	Keller, Jno W	Pilcher, C M	Tompkins, S B
Goodrich, F M	Larchs, S W	Prescott, J W	44 members.

Initiated—J F Aicklen, W A Blount, E P Deloney, C R Egerly, C H Goffe, J L Goffe, J L McCarroll, J L Spurlock, S Seymour.

Passed—J F Aicklen, W A Blount, E P Deloney, C R Egerly, C H Goffe, D C Jenkins, M E Kingsby, J L McCarroll, J L Spurlock, J B Tompkins.

Raised—J F Aicklen, E P Deloney, C R Egerly, C H Goffe, D C Jenkins, M E Kingsby, J L McCarroll, Jno Spinetti, J L Spurlock, J B Tompkins.

Affiliated—Jno. A Guest, J W Prescott.

Demitted—J A Shelby, J M Lee.

Died—J. B. Tompkins,

Stricken from the Roll—R J Beasley, R N Campbell, R T Connolly, E Herbert, J S Hendrickson, J S Ingraham, A J McNeil, G Salem, W Sharp.

MINDEN LODGE No. 51.

Minden P. O., Claiborne Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

W E Paxton.....	W M.	Jno J Carter.....	Sec.
Jno J Hodges.....	S W.	S H McCrary.....	S D.
J P Geren.....	J W.	S B Miller.....	J D.
Wm Shields.....	Treas.	Wm Life.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

J W Berry,	Chas Chaffe, D D G M.	H McFarland.
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MEMBERS.

Alexander, G W	Elkins, J G	Lowry, L P	Permenter, H B
Bates, P P	Floyd, N J	Loye, Jno C	Philips, L J
Beck, E	Fleming, Lemuel	Lane, Jno G	Ratcliff, I
Burns, W O	Franks, W L	Lucas, Chas E	Rockett, W G
Burson, E G	Gassaway, T J	McFarland, H	Roberts, M
Burnett, R H	Green, W H	McKlosky, B	Ratcliff, —
Bryan, J N	Goodwill, A	McKinney, C W	Reynolds, A J
Canfield, F M	George, A B	Miller, M W	Sledge, J M
Colbert, A J	Gray, S	Moreland, T H	Smith, M C
Collins, H G	Hodges, John J	Monzingo, Sam	Sanders, Thos
Collins, Jesse	Holbert, W Y	Martin, E C	Smith, D O
Carter, J N	Hardy, T H	McWilliams, J C	Taylor, W
Colbert, D J	Harper, J D	Miller, M	Tucker, A
Canfield, J M	Holly, Jno	Montgomery, A V	Turner, C M
Culpepper, S W	Hunter, J C T	Morgan, Joseph	Turner, J C
Colbert, J A	Kea, C J	McIver, T A	Tompkins, Jno T
Deck, B P	Kelly, W A	Miller, Jno A	Walker, D M
Davis, W G	Hamilton, D B	Nickerson, J W	Wade, Ben
Daw, T L	Hamilton, J B	Nickerson, E T	Wooten, T P
Doyle, D B	Joiner, G W B	Newman, S	Wren, B C
Everett, G W	Laird, Jesse	Nuckolds, R M	Youngblood, Jacob
			95 members.

Passed—M Roberts.

Raised—M Roberts.

Affiliated—N J Floyd, D B Hamilton, J B Hamilton, C J Kea, Wm Shields, D O Smith, Wm Taylor, T P Wooten, J Youngblood, Simeon Gray, 1866, J H Thompson.

Demitted—G W B Joiner, E C Martin, T A McIver, Jno A Miller, Ben Wade

Died—W A Kelly, Sam Newman, J C Turner, Chas E Lucas, (1864) M W Miller, (1867.)

Stricken from the Roll—T H Hardy, J C McWilliams.

Reinstated—B McClosky.

OLIVE LODGE No. 52.

Clinton P. O., Parish of East Feliciana, La., stated meetings 1st Saturday on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

G W Munday.....	W M.	E J Pullen.....	Sec.
J P Monahan.....	S W.	C R Cornelius.....	S D.
G H Packwood.....	J W.	F R D'Armond.....	J D.
J G D'Armond.....	Treas.	W A Knapp.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

G W Munday.

MEMBERS.

Barnes, E W	Eddards, O G	Hardesty Frank	Norwood, J A
Brown, R S	East, T L	Haygood, J W	Norwood, Z G
Bowman, C D	Embree, Joseph	Hunter, S E	Neafus, G A
Barfield, D	Fawver, B W	Jordon, W M	Offet, John
Bilger, C	Fawver, W N	Jones, W W	Reese, G W
Brown, Lafayette	Felps, J T	Jackson, J C	Rist, C A
Castello, J J	Felps, E R	Kernan, W F	Robbins, T W
Currie, A F	Felps, J F	Kilbourne, G G	Ross, E
Carney, J G	Fuqua, J O	Kent, S B	Rheams, L T
Covert, J I	Fuqua, J T	Knox, J P	Rutledge, E H
Chapman, L G	Gurney, Wm Sr	Langworthy, O P	Sadler, Wm
Chapman, W W	Godfrey, J A	McPherson, T J	Seals, Lucius J
Chance, Sam J	Green, W H	Meyers, J H	Shattuck, J W
Campbell, S W	Gale, C O	McGuffey, H	Tilden, N
Craig, J M	Hayney, P J	Meyers, Wm	VanWycke, J C
Catlett, T R	Hatchell, B B	Mitchell, A	Wall, Isaac
D'Armond, T H	Hertzler, John	Montgomery, J R	Womack, A M
Dembinski, L	Hardee, D C	Nesom, James	Wood, John
Duringer, L	Hall, S J	Norman, Lewis	Wiley, J C
Dunn, W W	Higginbotham, J B	Norwood, S J	Young, J M
Doughty, Ben			89 members.

Initiated—J P Knox, W A Knapp.

Passed—J P Knox, W A Knapp.

Raised—J P Knox, W A Knapp.

Affiliated—Z G Norwood.

Demitted—J O Fuqua, E H Rutledge.

Died—David Barfield, W W Chapman.

Reinstated—E H Rutledge.

UNION FRATERNAL LODGE No. 53.

Farmersville, Union Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

B F Dillard	W M.	Thos C Lewis.....	Sec.
Wm C Smith.....	S W.	Jno L Barrett.....	S D.
W P Brown.....	J W.	M S Carson.....	J D.
David Arent.....	Treas.	W M Davenport.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

H Regenburg, P J G W, D D G M, B F Dillard, John L Barrett, D D G M,
Wm C Smith.

MEMBERS.

Albritten, Jas R	Culbertson, W H	Ham, H H	Phillips, J F
Betterton, Nathan	Carr, Allen	Jones, B L	Shields, John M
Raker, E H	Findley, T B	Kolb, J G	Tompkins, Thos B
Baker, Jos	Fitch, R W	McVicker, P H	Taylor, J G Sr
Billbery, E B	Gulley, John M	McFarland, W A	Trimble, Jas E
Bransford, J A	Guthrie, W W	Odom, Pinckney	Ward, E H
Carr, Wm K	Honeycutt, A		35 members

Initiated—Wm K Carr, Wm M Davenport.

Passed—Wm K Carr, Wm M Davenport.

Raised—Wm K Carr, Wm M Davenport.

Demitted—Jas R Albritten, W W Guthrie, J F Phillips.

Died—Hy Regenburg, P J G W and D D G M, Nathan Betterton.

MOUNT GERIZIM LODGE No. 54.

Bastrop P. O., Morehouse Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

Jno W Hignan.....	W M.	Saml W Reily.....	Sec.
J J Schardt.....	S W.	W C James.....	S D.
J R Brodnax.....	J W.	Mat Levy.....	J D.
Jno B Briscoe.....	Treas.	G F Tisdale.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

S G Parsons, D G M, D D G M, R D Marble, R B Todd, J H Traylor,
J H Broadnax.

MEMBERS.

Buntin, J L	Felton, J G	Mannette, Jas	Smith, B W
Bently, J W	Hendrick, R C	Morgan, D C	Smith, D
Bartlett, H	Harper, A D	McFee, Eugene	Stevenson, R W
Bussey, A L	Holt, D M	Margin, D C	Silbernagle, B
Boutz, F W	Henderson, Jno	McLain, R W	Stevens, J H
Brodnax, A T	Hall, Wm T	Newton, D	Stiver, W H
Brown, J M	Howell, J D	Naft, J T	Schardt, Jno
Bonner, Wm	Hall, B C	Pratt, J L	Starsney, F
Casen, J T	Hartner, W H	Parker, J R	Treousdale, D B
Carter, J M	Jones, R H	Patton, B P	Temple, J R
Carney, S W	Knox, A A H	Polk, H M	Taylor, W B
Davenport, A S	Keller, A S	Pettit, J L	Taylor, J C F
Douglass, W P	Kean, A C	Perks, B F	Warley, A T
Dunn, C F	Lowhead, Wm	Ross, J A	Weeks, J C
Dennard, J S	Lawson, T B	Sharp, G D	Walker, A J
Evans, D M	McKoin, John	Sisson, J E	Wright, J L

78 members.

Initiated—Wm H Hartner, Jno Schardt, Moses Wolf.

Passed—Wm H Hartner, Jno Schardt.

Raised—Wm H Hartner, Jno Schardt.

Affiliated—Jno Henderson.

Demitted—H M Polk, J H Traylor.

Stricken from the Roll—J L Buntin, W T Bentley, A S Davenport, J G Felton, R C Hendrick, A A H Knox, A C Kean, R W McLean, J R Parker, B P Patton, Isaac A Ross, G D Sharp, J E Sisson, Dan Smith, R W Stevenson, J H Stevens, W H Stivers, J M Sharp, D B Trousdale, J R Temple, J C Weeks, A J Walker.

Expelled—John McKoin.

DE SOTO LODGE No. 55.

Mansfield P. O., DeSoto Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

Jackson Douglass.....	WM.	J L Scales	Sec.
F J Williams.....	S W.	J E Hawkins.....	S D.
J A Booty.....	J W.	S F Walker.....	J D.
J W McElroy.....	Treas.	W F Herrin.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

R Mundy, J H Sutherlin, J E Hawkins, Boling Williams, D D G M

MEMBERS.

Brown, Israel	Guy, S E	John, Abel	Reiley, John
Bailey, W B	Goldman, H L	Jeffries, Thos D	Russell B M
Best, I J	Greening, S W	Jackson, W R	Rudicil, M R
Bishop, J M	Gibson, W T	Knically, Samuel	Steel, J G
Burgess, D C	Graham, Geo	Lard, D J	Sutherlin, G H
Bonds, Jas	Grubbs, A	Lewis, Martin	Spaulding, T B
Boyd, Jno	Herriot, D M	Lester, T M	Scott, J W
Clifton, Robert	Hatcher, R. S	McLaughlin, Saml	Thweatt, H V
Chandler, W F	Hale, W G	McCraw, J H	Tait, W C
Caspary, P W	Hawkins, P G	McClanahan, J T	Tibbetts, C D
Carr, R T	Harris, G E	Morgan, N A	Terrell, W H
Cunningham, W W	Holman, P S	Moseley, J T	Thigpen, Burket
Caffey, Jas P	Ivey, H C	Moss, J M	Thigpen, Job
Durham, J F	Ivey, J T	Nolan, J W	Thigpen, Elijah
Dubois, S P	Jackson, B F	Nance, Wm	Wynne, P D
Donaldson, W S	Jackson, A E	Nabors, Jno	Wiley, T J
Eastham, J H	Jenkins, B F	Phillips, H J	Williams, J M
Fleniken, M D	Jackson, James	Pipes, John	West, Samuel
Fincher, John P	Johnson, N W	Phifer, S	Walker, J F Sr
Forston, A J	Johnson, J B	Parson, W F	Walker, J F Jr
Godfrey, Wilson	Jackson, J S	Parsons, Jas	Yates, C F
Gordon, T J			96 members.

Initiated—J P Caffey.*Passed*—J P Clarkson, J P Caffey, W G Moseley.*Raised*—J P Caffey.*Affiliated*—W F Chandler, W A Williams.*Demitted*—N A Morgan, J T Moseley, C D Tibbetts, R T Carr, W. S. Donaldson.*Stricken from the Roll*—T J Gordon, J J Best, J M Bishop, Robert Clifton, H L Goldman, W T Gibson, R S Hatcher, W G Hale, Geo E Harris, H C Ivy, J T Ivy, A E Jackson, Jas Jackson, M Lewis, J H McCraw, P D Wynne, C F Yates, W F Parsons.*Reinstated*—W B Bailey.

LAFAYETTE LODGE No. 56.

Vernon, Jackson Parish, La.

Received since close of Communication.

OFFICERS.

J C Jones.....	W M.	W T Kidd.....	Sec.
F Hambleton.....	S W.	J M Bar.....	S D.
H W Sherrard.....	J W.	M A Childs.....	J D.
H T Smith.....	Treas.	D C Goodwin.....	Tyler,

PAST MASTERS.

J W Jones, Jno C Jones, P S G W, and D D G M.

MEMBERS.

Allen, J G	Embry, R S	Lewis, J G W	Powell, F G
Allen, W J	Everett, R B	Lucas, W A	Pearce, L C
Bullard, Wm	Embry, J M	McBride, J G	Robinson, W S
Blount, B B	Gentry, T C	McBride, Jas L	Slaton, H T
Blakemore, P M	Graves, B B	Murphy, Wm	Sanderson, H T
Bar, J R	Hargrove, P H L	McLeroy, Y W	Spinks, W J
Coon, J A	Herlong, C A C	McBride, Wm	Sholan, A B
Chaddick, Wm	Jones, R B	Miles, J A	Sikes, Jno
Culpepper, J J	Jones, Wm E	McDonald, W B	Steagall, J W
Culpepper, W W	Kidd, T N B	Nall, N B	Woodward, W E
Clark, W F	Kenedy, D H	Parker, J L	Williams, Wilson

54 members.

Initiated—J G McBride, E J Davis, G S McBride.*Passed*—J G McBride, J L McBride.*Raised*—J G McBride, J L McBride.*Demitted*—R B Everett.*Died*—W A Lucas, R E Davis, (1866).*Stricken from the Roll*—J A Miles, John Sykes, J W Steagall, C A Herlong, W Williams, W B McDonald, W W Culpepper, J M Embry, J L Parker.

FRANKLIN LODGE No. 57.

Franklin P. O., St. Mary's Parish, La.—First Tuesday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Homer H Smith.....	W M.	Sam'l L Randelett.....	Sec.
Thos R Reynolds.....	S W.	J R Brown.....	S D.
Jno D Saint.....	J W.	Robt Hatcher.....	J D.
Wilson McKerral.....	Treas.	Jas S Black.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

R W Allen,	John C Gordy, P S G W and D D G M,	Homer H Smith,
	A L Tucker.	

MEMBERS.

Atkinson, Jno J	Hull, H W	Pumphrey, O L	Saxon, Wm G
Boneno, J B	Haifleigh, W F	Parkinson, J G	Sanders, E E
Baster, John	Heidenseich, Chas	Palfrey, C C	Smith, Abe
Burnett, L T	Head, W C	Palfrey, W C Sr	Smith, Charles
Bedell, J D	Hine, T D	Perret, F P	Tucco, Martin
Curtis, Reuben	Hungerford, Wm	Peterman, J A	Todd, James
Dennett, Dan	Knight, Wm O	Pharr, Jno N	Trellieu, L W
De Valecourt, Alec	Lacey, J E	Pharr, H H	Trowbridge, N
Ellis, John H	Levy, Felix U	Parker, Wm C	Wilson, Chas
Ettie, E J	Lee, J A	Picot, Peter	Wendell, Aug
Forgey, J P	Millard, N P	Robert, C	Walker, J H
Garrett, M A	Mayer, Mayer	Rosenthal P	Wyche, John F
Gadsbury, T J	Moss, J E	Rose, Edwin	Wilson, T G
Gordy, Minos T	Murphy, J C	Smylie, W L	Walker, William
Gordy, Michael B	Murphy, John	Splane, B R	Whitaker, W A
Harding, Lyman	Mayer, Saml	Smith, J A	Wendell, G
Hopkins, Geo W	Palfrey, F C	Stansbury, H N	Writt, Thos

79 members.

Initiated—E J Ettie, A DeValecourt, G W Hopkins, Wm G Saxon, J A Lee, Jno F Wyche, Wm O Knight, John DeValecourt, Jno G Dreher, Wm A Bryan, V Schwan.*Passed*—E J Ettie, A DeValecourt, G W Hopkins, P Picot, W G Saxon, Jas A Lee, Jno F Wyche, Wm O Knight, Jno DeValecourt.

Raised—E J Ettie, A DeValecourt, G W Hopkins, H H Pharr, P Picot, Wm G Saxon, J A Lee, J F Wyche, Wm O Knight, Thos Writt.

Affiliated—Jno D Saint.

Demitted—Sam Meyer, Ph Rosenthal, H N Stansbury.

Died—Wm T Palfrey.

FRIENDS OF HARMONY LODGE No. 58.

Grand Lodge Hall, Corner St. Charles and Perdido streets, N. O.—Meets Every Tuesday.

OFFICERS.

Jno H Clark.....	W M.	Hilel Marks.....	Sec.
Chas E Whitmore.....	S W.	Jas Gordon.....	S D.
Hy Marks.....	J W.	Edw Spink.....	J D.
Simon Kaufman.....	Treas.	Hy Cruise.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

H Williams,	John H Clark,	Robt S Keaghey,	W H Holland,
T J O'Regan,		Jas Davis.	

MEMBERS.

Adams, G W	Fielding, T R	Hirsch, Abram	Ochiglevich, John
Agnew, J H	Fowler, John	Jorda, Thos	Pearson, H
Adler, E	French, W K	Kells, C E	Patterson, P
Austin, C W	Goslenski, G	Kraft, F A	Palmer, A L
Bradstreet, C D S	Gales, Jas	Leach, Jos	Royal, Charles
Bates, Jordy G	Gilmore, John S	Lang, E	Rickers, F H
Bowers, L	Gracey, R B	Laurent, A P	Summers, W M
Berry, John	Gardenghi, L	Lockwood, J B	Scott, John K
Brux, Cha	Gomila, John	Leeson, W H	Smith, T R
Charier, A	Gay, S	Minieri, G	Smith, J C
Cook, L D	Gomila, M J	McQuoid, Jas	Smith, R C
Cognovich, A	Gompert, G S	McColgan, P	Selleck, J R S
Clark, W A	Greer, J King	Moore, Wm	Trelford, A
De la Cruz, R	Gainsburg, J B	Miller, H	Todd, Alex
Dreyfus, B	Gildig, John A	Moret, John	Thackery, R
Dreyfus, Hs	Hart, F W	Myers, John	Vidovich, S
Demitriade, P M	Hyland, L	Nicoll, D	Wilner, J C
Desforges, L O	Hiley, T R	Nielson, G W	Wheeler, C
Ellsworth, N K	Hougham, John	O'Regan, W G	Young, Christian
Forshee, P	Honsen, John		91 members.

Initiated—Jas Mer sham.

Raised—D L Cook.

Affiliated—J R S Selleck.

Died—Hy Williams, Jas Davis, Jno Moret, Jno S Gilmore, Rich B Gracey, E Silinan, (E. A.)

MOUNT MORIAH LODGE No. 59.

No. 163 Camp street, between Girod and Julia, New Orleans, every Tuesday

OFFICERS.

Jno W Black.....	W M.	Jas Furneaux.....	Sec.
L T Murdock.....	S W.	Felix Rice.....	S D.
Richard Lambert.....	J W.	Robert Downey.....	J D.
Wm M Grant.....	Treas.	P C Nessin.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.		
Jno Anderson,	J W Black,	F W Delesternier.
MEMBERS.		
Armstrong, J	Dobrilvich, A	Leslie, G G
Albro, J W	Donnella, O J	Legare, J C
Andrew, W D	Dodsworth, W	Luhman, W
Berry, S A	Eckert, J H	Lurges, F
Baxter, J B D	Eames, D W	Larkin, J J
Bryde, A	Engmann, Peter	Levy, Louis
Benners, R	Evans, R J	McCulloch, J
Behan, T W	Edmondson, T N	Murray, Thos
Boulware, A	Fabian, A	McClellan, W
Benson, George	Font, Salvador J	McCulloch, Wm
Bensadon, Joseph	Floriat, Chas	Moore, W H
Behan, J H	Font, J Fred	Morse, R S
Barrera, A	Fitzhenry, J W	Milttenberger, C A
Bennett, B T K	Flesenfield, H	Menzies, Jas
Blackeney, W	Giffney, W H	Mackin, P W
Bidwell, Henry	Gresham, Jas A	Malarcane, F J J
Bosworth, W	Grayson, J A	McFarland, D L
Butler, E S	Gamet, E	McMasters, W
Baker, John	Guthiem, J K	Muse, J F
Burns, J	Gubernator, J L	McCaffrey, M
Biety, John	Gilmore, W T	McDuffie, H E
Bone, F	Gilman, S H	McLaughlin, J
Broas, Smith	Grau, A	Mitchell, W G
Birmingham, N B	Gillum, Henry	Maheu, F
Bairnsfather, Geo	Gardiner, Jas	Miller, S
Beaumont, F	Grijalva, C G de	Maybin, W
Boyd, W	Gregor, G W	Medina, G E
Bennet, E	Graner, A	Murray, William
Boyd, Jno	Garrett, A G	Machray, J A
Boling, Thos T	Graham, B R	McCormick, Jas
Berckes, F	Gordon, S F	McGrath, Peter
Bedford, W D	Hayden, J	Mure, Jos M
Bradford, Thos	Howard, H	Nichols, John
Barstow, C J	Harloe, J E	Noble, Wm
Cope, E L	Hawes, Samuel	Nourse, H L
Cassidy, H	Heron, A C	Olle, J
Cook, F	Hibben, James	Oser, W
Cowsley, Jas	Hans, M	O'Leary, M
Calmes, W W	Hill, H T	Poincy, B
Calder, Thos	Hatch, F H	Preston, R L
Collins, J K	Hass, C	Perthius, J J
Cohen, Bernard	Harp, R J	Peck, M A
Carey, Robert	Hyatt, A W	Purves, J R
Chism, Geo	Hyland, W	Pasley, John
Carvin, M	Hobson, Jno	Pendleton, W E
Corson, J J	Howell, J M	Purves, George
Christie, John	Hotchkiss, C W	Powers, James
Clark, John	Harris, Jno	Prague, J B
Chandler, J B	Hemstead, O H	Phillips, J A
Crippen, J H	Jacobshagen, G	Philpot, S
Clark, G H	Janvier, C A	Payson, Asa
Clark, Phil	Jordan, John	Pooley, John C
Campbell, W	Kelly, E C	Papp, J F
Creary, James	Kearney, J M	Probst, Fred
Dorand, J S	Kip, A P	Raynal, L T
Dodd, J W	Knapp, F H	Roberts, Isaac E
Dunlap, J G	Koontz, W B	Richards, W T
Davis, James	Knoop, Otto	Roquest, E H
Durno, Wyatt C	Larrimore, J	Rogers, C J
		Rosenfield, L
		Rainey, H H
		Richter, A F
		Rollins, A
		Ryan, W W
		Ramelli, D S
		Roberts, Robert
		Reynolds, W H
		Robertson, S B
		Royer, F T
		Redding, W E
		Remyson, H
		Race, G W
		Reckman, M
		Shields, T H
		Slater, M J
		Stewart, W
		Smith, W C
		Stewart, D
		Silcock, R
		Stith, Gerard
		Stephens, T A
		Smythe, A
		Seguin, J F
		Siza, Lorenzo
		Surls, W M
		Stevens, F M
		Stewart, James
		Samuel, J
		Siewards, A H
		Smith, Wm
		Stanley, H H
		Stanton, W C
		Simpson, J F
		Shropshire, H C
		Taylor, J L
		Titzel, S L
		Towne, A
		Tisdale, E K
		Volz, C L
		Vergnes, E
		Van Slooten, J
		Woods, Arthur
		Wolff, J
		Wells, Wm
		Wilson, W C
		Winslow, Moses
		Weems, A W
		Williams, P
		Wang, Fred
		Wang, Augustus
		Weiners, J J H
		Warner, J L
		Williams, H
		Whitbread, Jas
		Weiss, Chas
		Weatherly, R C
		Watson, Robt
		Zeigler, Jos

246 members.

Initiated—E J Barstow, Hy Cassidy, J M Kearney, Louis Levy, J A Machray, J J Pertius, M A Peck, L T Raynal, M J Slater, Robt Watson.

Passed—E J Barstow, Hy Cassidy, J M Kearney, L Levy, J A Machray, J J Perthius, M A Peck, L T Raynal, M J Slater, Robt Watson, J Gardiner, Peter McGrath, J M Mure, J C Roberts.

Raised—E J Barstow, Hy Cassidy, J M Kearney, L Levy, J A Machray, J J Perthius, M A Peck, L T Raynal, M J Slater, Robt Watson, J Gardiner, Peter McGrath, J M Mure, J C Roberts, Jas McCormick, Otto Knoop, R L Preston.

Affiliated—Thos Bradford, E L Cope.

Demitted—C J Rogers, J Creary.

Died—Sam'l Hawes, S Miller, B T K Bennett, J L Warner, J McLaughlin.

TUNICA LODGE No. 63.

Tunica Landing P. O., West Feliciana Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

W T Cox.....	W M.	W B Keller.....	Sec.
J H Hobgood.....	S W.	R Day.....	S D.
M P Day.....	J W.	A G Reily.....	J D.
J J Seeders.....	Treas.	W B White.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

W T Cox, J J Seeders, W B Keller, M P Day.

MEMBERS.

Curry, G A	Godfrey, C R	McElwee, J C	Row, J S
Dawson, W H	Haile, W R	Roberts, Josiah F	Seeders, R B
Day, H H	Leatherman, D		20 members.

Initiated—James Q Keller.

Passed—Jas Q Keller.

Affiliated—W B Keller, C R Godfrey.

GEORGE WASHINGTON LODGE No. 65.

Grand Lodge Hall, corner St. Charles and Perdido Streets, N. O.

Every Wednesday.

OFFICERS.

Jas B Scot.....	W M.	F A Dentzel.....	Sec.
Z M Pike.....	S W.	O S Babcock.....	S D.
Wm Murphy.....	J W.	E Baxter.....	J D.
Hy R Swasey.....	Treas.	H Cruice (not a member).....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Thomas R Brady, H R Swasey, P G M Jas B Scot, Gustavus Sontag,
A E Dick, W H Lewis.

MEMBERS.

Hedges C S Rev, P M	Carroll, Mich	Hyland, James	Poff, John
Hamburger H, P M	Collins, G W	Henriques, J D	Peck, D W C
Pomet, G G, P M	Cowper, John	Hall, Robt F	Quilliam, J
Adams, G W	Davey, Thos W	Isenhour, J E	Raymond, Chas
Ankrim, P	Dickson, W	Johnson, J W	Smye, J H
Benedict, N	Dickson, J R	Kowalski, B	Sandak, Jacob
Bell, W O	Dick, Jos F	Keefe, J H	Semper, C S
Bidwell, D	Dirmeyer, Geo W	Kuhnholz, F J	Taylor, Francis

Boyle, E	Evans, Geo P	McClure, Jno E	Tinker, John
Bothick, T W	Enderlin, Jacob	McConnell, J B	Turek, J R
Buckholtz, A P	Feltus, H J	Mahood, J	Ure, Thomas M
Baltz, J L	Florat, Jules A	Mattinson, Jas	Walsh, P P
Carter, J H	Ford, Chas	Meillon J J	Walker, J S
Cassidy, Hugh	Freeland, Thomas	Neeley, Wm N	Walker, Chas
Carson, W	Fulton, S H	Neyland, J S	Watkins, John A
Christian, Paul J	Gray, S A	Nugent, J R	West, Jos
Clarke, J D	Galpin, John	O'Beirne, W J	Wingard, J C
Cunningham, John	Greenfield, T	Phillips, M	Wilson, W A
Cunningham, Jas	Giraud, Isadore	Peck, O F	Whitaker, C F
Cline, Wm	Graner, John	Palmer, W H	Wagner, P
Clancy, Patrick	Gumpert, Roman	Paech, E A F	94 members.

Initiated—G W Collins, J Cowper, J Golding, R H Gribble, J J Lee, D W C Peck, J H Smye, Levi Wells, E Baxter, W T Joseph.

Passed—G W Collins, J Cowper, D W C Peck, J H Smye, E Baxter.

Raised—G W Collins, D W C Peck, J H Smye, E Baxter.

Affiliated—J L Baltz, O F Peck, P P Walsh.

Demitted—Jno Graner, J W Johnston, Chas Ford.

Died—Jno Galpin, J B McConnell, J E Isenhour.

Stricken from the roll—G W Dirmeyer, J H Keefe.

DUDLEY LODGE No. 66.

Grand Lodge Hall, corner St. Charles and Perdido streets, New Orleans.
Saturday Evenings.

OFFICERS.

Edwin Marks.....	W M.	Alec Mackay.....	Sec.
A M Riddle.....	S. W.	Jno P Manico.....	S. D.
Jno T Purves.....	J W.	J J Bender.....	J. D.
W T Purviance.....	Treas.	A Queant (not a member)....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

W P Coleman, P S G W,	T D Van Horn,	Jas Chamberlain,	Morris Langhorne
John A Stevenson, P J G W,	Edwin Marks,	W G Bradford.	

MEMBERS.

Allen, J M	Dreyfus, Theo	McCartney, Jno	Schwartz, G
Adams, Lucien	Ellis, L L	Marks, Theo	Smith, F C
Adams, R W	Estlin, C T	Montgomery, B J	Sorensen, S C
Abernathy, W M	Evans, M W	Montgomery, R M	Snodgrass, Sam
Arbuckle, Jas	Friedlander, S	Mason, W J	Scott, T
Alexander, J	Finley, L A	Mayenno, L L	Smith, Jacob
Braughn, G H	Gause, H C	Mouchon, J A	Stoulig, Peter
Baldwin, J M	Griffith, J B	Moseley, G M	Seymour, Shelby
Barker, Jas	Gennison, J H	Marsden, T W	Seixas, C L
Blum, Jacob	Glenn, Archibald	Moore, R L	Simmons, F
Bodley, T B	Glenn, J W	Myers, Jacob	Seymour, S J
Burton, J H	Germaine, H S	McFarland, John	Spooner, E
Beebe, Henry	Hurd, S R	McClintock, J R	Stubbs, Jeff
Bevan, John	Hall, J W	McClelland, J	Simon, Jos
Bullard, E C	Hopper, T J	McElroy, J	Schinotti, E G
Benedict, J	Hall, H F	Moore, J D	Shaubert, F
Bloom, Isaac	Hawkins, John	Mathieson, W McL	Terreberry, J S
Curley, Wm	Holcomb, W R	Newcomer, T C	Thomas, H C
Coleman, H D	Ivens, E M	Norman, Jas	Thompson, W J
Cooper, Wm	Jackson, D	Orvis, D A	Tarbell, B
Chesley, C G	Jacobs, T N	Parker, C A	Taber, H H

Carlson, W W	Johnston, Dave C	Pfeifer, M	Tomlin, Hiram
Canter, D Costa	Jordan, W A	Pendergrast, L	Turner, T S
Call, H E	Kuzac, J C	Powers, Dyas	Thomas, A
Cushing, Henry	Klopman, L	Price, J S	Taylor, Henry
Catlin, Geo L	Keiffer, M	Roberts, B	Taylor, P H
Davis, J B	Lemon, Robert	Rusk, S K	Watt, J M
Diamond, C V	Lowe, B M Jr	Reeder, J T	White, J M
Dickinson, A G	Lockhart, I	Randolph, E W	Work, G P
Diamond, J A	Levi, Isaac	Robinson, H E	Walsh, P P
Dixon, C H	Lester, W H	Reynolds, E W	Woods, M
DeGrange, Jos H	May, W T	Shumway, Sam	Wood, R H

127 members.

Initiated—A M Riddle, G Schwartz, S C Sorensen, J J Fowler, M W Evans, F C Smith, Chs Newman, Jno A Monchon, H C Gause.

Passed—A M Riddle, G Schwartz, S C Sorensen, J P Manico, M W Evans, F C Smith, Jno A Mouchon, H C Gause, W Marks. Chas Newman.

Raised—A M Riddle, G Schwartz, S C Sorensen, J P Manico, M W Evans, F C Smith, Jno A Mouchon, H C Gause.

Affiliated—M Pfeifer.

Demitted—P P Walsh, B M Lowe, Jr., A G Dickinson, T M Jacobs, W J Mason, Theo Dreyfus.

Died—S C Sorensen, W P Coleman. P S G W.

Stricken from the Roll—J M Allen, C G Chesley, C H Dixon, R Lemon, J R McClintock, W M Mathieson, J D Moore, T C Newcomer, Jas S Price, W T Scott, H H Taber, P H Taylor, T S Turner, J M Watt, W Whann, Jr, J M White.

MARION LODGE No. 68.

Grand Lodge Hall, corner St. Charles and Perdido streets, New Orleans,
Thursday Evenings.

OFFICERS.

Sam'l M Todd.....	W M.	G L C Davis, Jr.....	Sec.
Hy Higinbotham.....	S W.	J W Davis.....	S D.
Thos F Patton.....	J W.	J H Hummel.....	J D.
E Blessey.....	Treas.	E O'Sullivan, not a mem'r.	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

L E Reynolds,	Chas W Newton,	Daniel E Scruggs,	Richard Angel,
W M Perkins, P G M	S F Pennington,	J P Dillingham,	Chas A Fuller,
S M Todd, P G M	Thos F Hedges,	Thos Cripps,	Hy P Buckley.
J Q A Fellows, P G M.			

MEMBERS.

Santini, J, P M, J G W	Dallemore, P E	Lewis, J S	Rogers, F C
Chaffe, Jno, P M	Davis, Robt	Lee, John M	Reid, C H
Colgen, J G, P M	Dahlgreen, Chs G	Levy, J H	Rickarby, W D
Albertson, B Jr	Endel, Wolff	Lindsey, James	Robinson, C W
Bassetti, U	Florance, Hy C	Liberman, E	Swan, J L
Behan, J H	Fisher, Geo D	Levi, Isadore	Sansoni, A J
Beebe, W J	Fitzgerald, W E	Logan, J G	Scheick, L
Beers, J S Jr	Ferguson, S G	Ludwigsen, J H	Samuels, M H
Bain, George	Foot, A S	Macon, T L	Schmidt, Chas
Betterton, W G	Griffiths, W S	Mahe, J A	Simonds, J S
Beard, Jos C	Gaudet, F B	McKenzie, Wm R	Stevenson, J A
Browne, R H	Goodwin, G W W	Mayer, L	Strenna, John
Buck, F H	Gardiner, Sam	McMurdo, C	Sylvester, W F
Buck, W H	Garson, Oscar	Morgan, M H	Strong, Robt
Butterworth, H J	Halsey, E W	McIntyre, J C	Scott, Thos M
Custer, A B	Harrison, Daniel	Middlemiss, P R	Todd, Wm E

Capers, W C	Hodges, H	Maddux, H S	Tobin, Jno
Casey, John	Hatch, L B	McClellan, G D	Taylor, R G
Craig, E D	Herrick, S S	Manning, W H	Williamson, N
Cresap, H B	Hill, Artemon	Navra, M M	Wilson, E H
Christian, R J	Haas, M	Nash, C T	Wolters, Cornelius
Coeler, F W	Hewitt, W H	Norcom, W R	Weymouth, J M
Coiton, D E	Johnson, A B	Olroyd, F B	Wolf, Morris
Campbell, J G	James, T A	Oliver, S D	Walshe, B T
Craig, John R	Keefe, Thomas	Oliver, Robert	White, W W
Dannese, N	Killili, C	Pinckney, Wm E	Way, N H
Dentzel, H H	Kahu, Sam'l	Pickert, James A	West, B J
Delmas, A H	Knott, Louis O	Pike, W S	Winslow, H
Dapremont, A	King, G H	Postlewaite, J J	Yorke, Ed A
Douglas, J P	Knee, Thos	Paxton, W H	138 members.

Initiated—A B Custer, J B Collie, R Davis, C G Dahlgreen, J P Douglas, P E Dallemore, Wm E Pinckney, C H Reid, J S Barton, L Fizer, F Kountz, J H Low, J Martin, N C Folger, Jr., Chs Lavender, R T Packwood, Jos Holt.

Passed—B Albertson, Jr., A B Custer, G L C Davis, Jr., R Davis, C G Dahlgreen, J P Douglas, P E Dallemore, W E Pinckney, C H Reid, F Koontz, J Martin.

Raised—B Albertson, Jr., U Basetti, J H Behan, A B Custer, G L C Davis, Jr., R Davis, C G Dahlgreen, J P Douglas, P E Dallemore, J A Molaison, Wm E Pinckney, J A Pickert, C H Reid.

Affiliated—Jno Chaffe, G J Colgin, G D Fisher, F A Olroyd, Ed A Yorke, Fred C Rogers.

Died—Jno R Craig, L O Knott, Wm H Paxton.

HIRAM LODGE No. 70.

Grand Lodge Hall, corner St. Charles and Perdido streets, New Orleans.

Friday Evenings.

OFFICERS.

Oscar Czarnowski.....	W M.	Wm D Taylor.....	Sec.
Wm H Sims.....	S W.	J Grossman.....	S D.
Louis Sincer.....	J W.	Chs Miller.....	J D.
Wm Davis.....	Treas.	Hy Cruice.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Timothy Carroll,	Wm Baynham,	R E Diamond,	Samuel Levy.
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MEMBERS.

Albright E, P M	Graham, James	Konigslow, Fred	Plonsky, J
Bosch, Louis	Guthrie, J	Kellett, John	Pfaff, Wm
Breen, Hugh	Harper, John	Loeber, F	Preston, T L
Buchanan, H	Hochstein, Tobias	Long, Robt	Peterson, J M
Berger, Jos	Heymann, Abram	Lagan, M D	Pou, Emilio
Bein, Ph	Hoey, J A	Laycock, Samuel	Rogers, Alex S
Bernstein, S	Heidensfelder, E	Labrath, J J	Reid, James
Bryant, G W	Helmke, A	Lañlow, John	Saicism, G
Behrens, J	Hausen, Thos	Lucas, P	Sullivan, Pat
Coleman, J	Hawkins, D	McKenzie, Robt	Schreder, F
Carney, Jas	Harrison, Chas	McConnell, M	Sitzman, Geo
Clelland, Wm	Howell, G W	McKeown, Chas	Schmittle, Jos
Caufield, John	Hymann, S	McNamara, Robt	Savage, Pat
Carrahar, Pat	Hall, Thos	Maire, Alf	Turner, T B
Connell, J T	Jeffrey, John	Medd, James	Thomason, T H
Devereux, Thos	Kavanaugh, P	Moore, T S	Veit, Morris
Dreyfus, Aaron	Kaiser, S	Matthews, F L	Willis, John

Evans, Wm	Kay, Jno A	Neams, Charles	Wardle, J R
Ellsworth, O	Kalberlah, Wm	Pincus Jos	Wood, John F
Everett, H E	Kaufman, Joseph	Peets, John S	Whitforth, T J
Flatow, B	Kishner, N	Plonsky, E	Yates, Jno P
Forest, And			96 members.

Initiated—Jno R Bennett, Jno Girm, J Gossman, S Loeb, A Poland, P Sullivan, G Saicison, Jno E Smith, Jno P Yates.

Passed—Thos Devereux, Jno Grim, J Grossman, P Sullivan, G Saicison, Jno P Yates.

Raised—Thos Devereux, J Grossman, P Sullivan, G Saicison, Jno P Yates.

Demitted—B Flatow, J Plonsky.

Died—Jno Caulfield, Wm Baynham.

Reinstated—Louis Bosch.

ALPHA HOME LODGE No. 72.

Grand Lodge Hall, corner St. Charles and Perdido streets, New Orleans.

Tuesday Evenings.

OFFICERS.

Jas C Batchelor, M D.....	W M.	Geo J Pinckard.....	Sec.
C F Verlander.....	S W.	T J Brinkley.....	S D.
M Fisher.....	J W.	J W Maguire.....	J D.
H Geo F Hubener.....	Treas.	A Queant, not a member....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

W H Hutchings,	J M Bockius,	D F Mitchell,	Jas C Batchelor,
	J A Douglass.		

MEMBERS.

Selleck S S, P M	Frank, Jno	McCartney, J H	Smith, J S
Anderson, John	Glennen, R	Miller, N	Seymour, J W
Barry, D	Gardiner, Wm A	Morehead, J M	Simpson, Geo
Brenford, J T	Horn, F	Mandal, P C	Smith, S B
Bouqué, P	Heiner, J	Moltzen, A	Schilling, H T
Beattie, Wm	Hilger, Chas L	McCoy, Hugh	Sevart, C L
Bateman, Chas	Hanglin, P	McStocker, T F	Thomas, R B
Bevan, Geo	Huston, R C	McNeil, Hugh	Thienemann, A
Batchelor, S S	Huft, B	Morehead, W G	Trabue, L
Barnes, Wm	Holdsworth, L	Olsen, F	Vetters, Geo
Croften, Robt	Jennings, L A	Payne, C B	Ward, Ed
Drews, W	Kent, James	Philips, A	Weidt, Chas
Donald, S	Knight, G F	Pettis, P W	Williamson, A C
Farwell, S P	Krantz, J F	Rea, E S	Williams, W L
Fisher, M	Lunn, Thos		68 members.

Initiated—E S Rea, T J Brinkley, P W Petiss, C McMahon, Jas Wilson.

Passed—E S Rea, T J Brinkley, P W Petiss, P Bourque, G J Pinckard, Jno Frank, C McMahon.

Raised—E S Rea, T J Brinkley, T F McStocke, J W Petiss, P Bourque, G J Pinckard, Jno Frank.

Demitted—Hugh McCoy.

Died—Luther Holdsworth, Andrew Moltzen, Geo F Knight, W L Williams.

Stricken from the Roll—Hugh McNeil, J M Bockius, C B Payne.

Reinstated—Hugh McCoy.

SABINE LODGE No. 75.

Fort Jessup P. O., Sabine Parish, Louisiana.
No Returns.

QUITMAN LODGE No. 76.

Odd Fellows Hall, Camp street, Friday Evenings.

OFFICERS.

Jno G Fleming.....	W M.	J D Tilden.....	Sec.
W H Wells.....	S W.	J K Collins.....	S D.
G O Wilkinson.....	J W.	C A Dewing.....	J D.
E A Tyler.....	Treas.	Wm Tenbrink.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Ben Bloomfield,	T A Bartlette,	J G Fleming,	Isaac W Homan,
Geo M Beaman,	S J Flatow,	T C Herndon,	W H Seaman.

MEMBERS.

Alston, S	Folwell, J N	Keep, O H	Summers, John
Ames, W H	Ferwald, G P	Kendall, G W	Summers, A M
Ashbridge, A M	Gieffers, H	Kennedy, A V	Smith, J W
Anthony, J M	Gillen, Wm	Langdon, J W	Silverstein, S
Bayly, G M	Graetz, Isaac	Langsfield, J H	Schwartz, J M
Bloomfield, W Jr	Giffen, W B	Loeb, E	Scovell, W T
Bloomfield, J M	Gogreve, H R	Langdon, T J	Sproule, R
Bennett, P	Geiffers, F	Ligon, W E	Stafford, J
Birkey, Hy	Hardin, J S	McChesney, W H	Smith, G W
Bartlett, F A	Hamilton, G C	McChesney, J C	Turner, S
Biggar, J R	Howard, T J	Mullan, H J	Taylor, W J
Baar, J W	Hopkins, S Jr	Meyer, M	Thiel, W
Brown, A	Herndon, A C	Marks, D H	Thiele, F W
Bartine, Chs	Hall, O L	Mohr, P W	Voorhies, O
Barnes, J S	Herwig, P F	March, Henry	Voight, J A
Bullington, J H	Heilner, J C	Mackay, W H	Venables, R S
Broker, C	Hanning, John	Malone, T L	Venables, G W
Borvhnning, F F W	Hall, E A	Maurer, Robt	Wood, J C
Carpenter, J C	Holt, Geo W	Mullvey, R	Williams, J L
Casey, G W	Hart, Archie	McLain, Daniel	Wright, Thos
Clark, R B	Higgins, J P	Maxwell, T L	Waters, M H
Carlton, J S	Hardmey, J C	McBride, Wm	Wingfield, J H
Clark, C W	Hill, J T	Overmeyer, A	Wolf, J C
Carey, P S	Harris, T B	Offergeld, A	Wilson, J
Cutler, W C	Homan, G W	Proctor, F F	Wiltz, E V
Dickey, N L	Isaacson, A H	Pierpont, A C	Williams, D M
Dixon, J K	Johnson, J L	Peterson, A H M	Walker, G T
Davenport, Isom	Johnson, Geo	Pfetzing, Chas	Walker, J A
Dirhammer, J M	Jenkins, P M	Robinson, S B	Winehill, M A
Dutton, Wm	Kouns, G L	Searing, T F	Wilson, R
Dewing, W T	Kane, Richard	Sears, T A	Young, J Jr
Debrell, W C	Kouns, J	Strawbridge, J	Young, John
Davidson, A S	Kouns, B B	Soulé, George	Young, W H
French, G P			149 members.

Initiated—J S Barnes, C A Dewing, J D Tilden, O Voorhies, E V Wiltz, S Turner, H J Mullan, J K Collins, J Haymaker, J H Bullington, D M Williams, C Broker, A C Herndon, J S Hopkins, E W Church, G T Walker, F F W Borvhnning, S Alston, W W Kirby, W G Coyle.

Passed—J S Barnes, C A Dewing, J D Tilden, C Bartine, O Voorhies, W H H Brooks, E V Wiltz, S Turner, Jno Wilson, H J Mullan, J K Collins, J H Bullington, D M Williams, C Broker, A C Herndon, R Sproule, J S Hopkins, G T Walker, F F W Borvhnning, S Alston.

Raised—J S Barnes, C A Dewing, J D Tilden, J S Hardin, C Bartine, O Voorhies, E V Wiltz, S Turner, Jno Wilson, H J Mullan, J K Collins, J H Bullington, D M Williams, A C Herndon, R Sproule, J S Hopkins, G T Walker, F F W Borvhnning, S Alston, R Wilson, M A Winehill, C Broker.

Affiliated—W C Dibrell, T J Howard, G C Hamilton, J Kouns, B B Kouns, A S Davidson, Jno Young, Jr, J C Carpenter, G W Smith, G W Carey, J A Walker, M Meyer, J Stafford.

Demitted—H March, R Maurer, J C Wood.

Died—J T Hill, J C Hardmev, J S Carleton, H C Heilner.

Stricken from the Roll—W H Ames, P M Jenkins, G W Kendall, A Hart, T A Sears, J Strawbridge, J L Williams, T Duffy, A V Kennedy.

ORLEANS LODGE No. 78.

Grand Lodge Hall, Friday Evenings.

OFFICERS.

A Queant.....	W M.	G C Butland.....	J D.
J L Gusowsky.....	S W.	L Stern.....	Mas. of Cer.
Jas Fernon.....	J W.	P. Green.....	Steward.
Rich Charles.....	Treas.	I Finkle.....	Steward.
E G Pickett.....	S D.	Geo Hexter.....	Tyler.
C F Williams.....	Sec.		

PAST MASTERS.

C F Huftt,	S D Stafford,	S B Churchill,	A Queant.
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MEMBERS.

Allabough, J R	Evans, Jos	Munn, Chis	Smith, Wm W
Bruenn, Z	Finkle, B	McConeghey, W	Stevenson, R
Berwin, M	Fedder, Isaac	McGovern, P F	Stein, S
Bevans, George	Finberg, L	Nimick, James	Stewart, Jas II
Barber, D P	Fielder, F W	Newman, C	Smith, Jos H
Briggs, N C	Finnegan, W H	Nathan, H	Tallon, J E
Brown, G H	Gilchrist, Jno E	Ohlsen, C F	Thompson, James
Bell, W R	Gould, J	Olmstead, S H	Tompson, Jno
Beckman, J F	Gilding, John	Pausem, M	Tilton, N
Burke, Wm	Grass, J A	Porter, J A	Turner, A P
Beebee, O H	Harrison, J W	Prophet, Ed	Voss, C L
Bestle, John	Heide, J L	Pettigrew, J P	Watson, J C
Creevy, W J	Holden, I S	Payne, B H	Ward, John
Cane, L B	Hunter, D	Powers, John	Walsh, Jos
Collins, L E	Hughes, Jno P	Rieber, T	White, Sam Jr
Cohen, H	Kaiser, L	Rogers, J	Wilson, L
Conway, H	Kelley, S L	Roth, Jacob	Willson, J
Cohen, J	Kuntzman, Jno	Rosenberg, B	Webb, W H
Drake, Jno	Jones, Theo	Rosenthal, P	Walsh, W F
Duvall, Geo W	Langdon, S L	Ripinski, Chas	Weinges, G H
Dreyfus, H T	Lorick, H	Ray, John	Wallace, H
Daniels, M	Monroe, John T	Smalley, D A	Wolf, B J
Dublo, N	Meyerdiecks, E A	Salomon, E	Wallace, A J
Dolsen, C L	Morse, G L	Smith, H P	Waite, Geo E
Daily, J R	Markss, M A	Stewart, J C	Winslow, J M
Davie, John	Munroe, S F	Stafford, E R	White, G A
Dewitt, Jos	Miller, J A		120 members.

Initiated—G C Butland, Isidore M Caspar, Jno Drake, G W Duvall, R L Hayman, Thos Inglis, Geo M Lally, James Low, Jno Tompson, A J Wallace.

Passed—Geo C Butland, Jno Drake, Geo W Duvall, Jas Hawthorn, Thos Inglis, Jno Tompson, A J Wallace.

Raised—Geo C Butland, Jno Drake, Geo W Duvall, Jno Tompson, A J Wallace.

Affiliated—H P Smith, Jno Kuntzman, Levy Stern.

Demitted—H T Dreyfus, Isaac Fedder, S H Olmstead, B H Payne, D A Smalley.

Died—Jno Bestle, H Conway, Jno Rogers, (1866.)

Stricken from the Roll—Jno L Heide, Sam L Kelley, J A Miller, Jas Thompson, A P Turner.

DE WITT CLINTON LODGE No. 80.

Marion, Union Parish, La.—Third Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS.

B B Thomas.....	W M.	C E Johnston.....	Sec.
W T Porter.....	S W.	Isaac Reppond.....	S D.
Jas Gresham	J W.	Allen Martin.....	J D.
J H Roark.....	Treas.	J Robinson.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

S L Robinson.

B B Thomas.

MEMBERS.

Bryant, Jas R	Cole, Isaac	Lopez, J J	Russell, J W
Cooper, T S	Cooper, C M	Morrison, D C	Traylor, G W
Cooper, L	De Fee, Geo	Manning, Steph	White, N T
Cooper, W D	Downs, D H	Robinson, M C	24 members.

Initiated—L D Barker.*Affiliated*—Stephen Manning.*Demitted*—J R Bryant, H D Downs, J W Russell.*Stricken from the Roll*—S L Robinson, M C Robinson, G W Traylor.*Expelled*—Geo De Fee.*Reinstated*—J W Russell.

MOUNT VERNON LODGE No. 83.

Logansport, DeSoto Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

Jno L Cole.....	W M.	J L Hickey.....	Sec.
J B Sinclair.....	S W.	Noah Smith.....	S D.
F L Hickey.....	J W.	T J Creach.....	J D.
John Norris, Sr.....	Treas.	W O Fletcher.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

John L Cole.

MEMBERS.

Douglass, G W	Pyle, Jas P	Smith, Wm	Williams, Jas
Palmer, J F M	Pyle, Peter	White, Jos W	15 members.

Initiated—W O Fletcher, F M Ramsey.*Passed*—W O Fletcher.*Raised*—W O Fletcher.*Died*—J F M Palmer, Jas Williams.

OLIVER LODGE No. 84.

Alexandria P. O., Rapides Parish, Louisiana—First and Third Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Julius Levin.....	W M.	Mires Rosenthal.....	Sec.
Jno M Barrett.....	S W.	Jonas Weil.....	S D.
Ewd Weil.....	J W.	Moses Rosenthal.....	J D.
Jos Fellows.....	Treas.	A Hilton.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

W B Hyman,

L A Texada,

Julius Levin.

MEMBERS.

Arden, D D	Gossens, Louis	Oswald, Ph	Texada, J W
Abadie, Louis	Haygood, S B	Osborn, Hy P	Tindal, J A
Barlow, J H C	Irving, Jacob	Peart, Francis L	Weis, Ben
Bailio, Landry	Johnson, J W	Paul, M	Walker, Jno L
Butler, Wm	Ledoux, C V	Paul, David	Williams, Jno A
Calvit, C M	Levi, Isaac	Ridge, W S	Williams, J R
Calvit, W N	Lehman, David	Richardson, U L	Walden, C H
Dammon, W O	Martin, A	Shaw, D W	Williams, S D
Fox, R L	Murray, R A	Snelling, J P	Wise, J C
Fellows, Sam	Neal, M	Schmalinsky, Sam	Weil, Simon
Fish, Jas S			51 members.

Initiated—Jno J Ferguson, Chas Ker, F L Peart.*Passed*—Chs Ker, D Lehman, F L Peart, Simon Weil.*Raised*—J S Fish, D Lehman, F L Peart, S Weil, B Weis.*Affiliated*—J W Johnson, P H Oswald, Sam Schmanlinsky, Jno L Walker.*Demitted*—R A Murray, J P Snelling, W A Richardson.*Died*—Isaac Levy.*Stricken from the Roll*—C V Ledoux, D W Shaw.*Reinstated*—Landry Bailio.

PLEASANT HILL LODGE No. 86.

Pleasant Hill, DeSoto Parish, La.

(Received since close of Communication.)

OFFICERS.

S D Chapman.....	W M.	H J Davis.....	Sec.
W J Horn.....	S W.	W H Jordan.....	S D.
W R Harell.....	J W.	F M Horn.....	J D.
Wm Hampton.....	Treas.	G W. Martin.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

S D Chapman,

J W Foster.

MEMBERS.

Armstrong, R L	Fanley, Wm	Jordan, A G	Reed, W P
*Beall, A J	Freeman, R W	Lane, J W	*Smith, H L
Chapman, E M	Gibbs, J M	Lane, J S	Simmons, T S
Davis, B	Heath, J S	Patton, C C	Wagley, F H
Fanley, W R	Jordon, Jno	Redding, J T	28 members.

Initiated—B Davis.*Passed*—B Davis, J S Lane.*Raised*—J S Lane, B Davis.*Demitted*—J W Foster, J W Lane, Wm Fanley, W R Fanley, C C Patton, R W Freeman, T S Simmons, J S Lane, A G Jordan.

—*Not accounted for.

LAFAYETTE LODGE No. 87.

Pattersonville P. O., St. Mary's Parish, La.—First Thursday in every month.

OFFICERS.

Nelson Keys.....	W M.	T Bellisein.....	Sec.
Jas M Rawls.....	S W.	T S Eleaxander.....	S D.
Jno M Rogers.....	J W.	David Robbins.....	J D.
Jno Vetter.....	Treas.	Joseph Knight.....	Chaplain.
		Wm Kern.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Nelson Keys,

S G Sanders,

Desire Couro.

MEMBERS.

Ager, Wm	Gailliet, Aug	Hartman, J A	Rentrop, H N
Bateman, M W	Gougenheim, L	Knight, Ed	Sanders, Thos S
Burnley, Hardin	Holmes, Jas	Levy, Bernard	Smith, W M
Charpentier, J M	Hamilton, Wm	Malcolm, Jas	Schulte, Henry
Cochran, J M	Huntington, H M	Rogers, Jas B	Wafford, James N
Comro, A			32 members.

Initiated—J P Bourdier, W D Bethell, A J Stansbury.*Passed*—J P Bourdier, W D Bethell.*Demitted*—Thos S Sanders.*Died*—Hardin Burnley, S G Sanders.*Reinstated*—Jos M Charpentier.

MANY LODGE No. 88.

Many P. O., Sabine Parish, Louisiana.

OFFICERS.

J W Eason.....	W M.	J J Horton.....	Sec.
V A Montgomery.....	S W.	W T Alford.....	S D.
Dan Duggan.....	J W.	Jno Parrott.....	J D.
R L F Sibly.....	Treas.	W J Edmondson.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Jas K Pharis

W B Stille.

MEMBERS.

Alford, N B	Garner, J F	Patterson, J H	Smith, J F
Curtis, Wm R	Goodwin, J J M	Quirk, W T	Tynes, J H
Davidson, E C	Jacobs, Jno	Roberts, A	Tyler, J
Eason, S A	Lout, A	Raines, Isaac	Vines, Wm
Edmondson, W H	Mitchell, A R	Rhodes, T	Wily, Thos
Ferguson, W	Neale, A S	Stille, J D	33 members.

Affiliated—Thos Wily.*Died*—W Ferguson, Wm Vines.

CYPRESS LODGE No. 89.

Collinsburg, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

OFFICERS.

B B Matlock.....	W M.	H W Ogden.....	Sec.
C W Arnold.....	S W.	R W Prothro.....	S D.
W E Adger.....	J W.	A C Strain.....	J D.
J A Herron.....	Treas.	M Roy.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

B B Matlock,

James T Turnley,

E A Shipley.

J G Lambright.

MEMBERS.

Adger, J E	Gladney, S Y	McCulloch, S P	Sentell, G W
Arnett, R W	Hamilton, Lander	Marks, J H	Sentell, J B
Bush, W J	Hancock, James	Milling, J S	Sentell, H V
Brice, J R	Hooker, W W	Norman, H P	Sanders, J L
Burnham, D M	Hooker, J H	Norman, Carter	Stanley, Wm
Coates, Martin	Harper, J M	Newman, G W	Strahan, J P
Cavett, M C	Holdman, E F	O'Neal, Elias	Underwood, H M
Cross, E	Jones, P E	Pegues, E J	Vansyckle, Saml
Chasteen, Thomas	Lawrence, J B	Pickett, John	Vance, S W
Dickson, D E	Mason, George	Painter, E L	Walker, G H
Doles, Z	McDonald, W D	Rodgers, Jas	Willard, Jacob
Davidson, D A	Morris, Allen	Roundtree, J T	Wiley, S S
Graham, J L C	Miller, Saml	Stinson, R T	Wilson, J D

63 members.

Initiated—H W Ogden, P E Jones, J M Harper, J S Milling, J W Robinson, T G Boykin, W N Doles.

Passed—H W Ogden, J H Marks, P E Jones, J M Harper, J S Milling.

Raised—H W Ogden, J H Marks, P E Jones, J M Harper, J S Milling.

Affiliated—R W Prothro, C W Arnold, J D Wilson, J E Adger.

Demitted—E F Holdman, E Goss, (1859,) H P Norman, E L Painter, J S Brice, G W Sentell, J B Sentell, H B Sentell, J H Hooker, M C Cavett.

Died—D M Burnham, (for many years).

Stricken from the Roll—Saml Miller, J T Turnley, R W Arnett, M Cotes, D E Dickson, S Y Gladney, L Hamilton, J B Lorange, W D McDonald, E J Pegues, John Pickett, J L Sanders, G H Walker.

THIBODAUX BENEVOLENT LODGE No. 90.

Thibodaux P. O., Lafourche Interior, La. Second and last Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS.

F L Mead.....	W M.	Isaiah D Moore.....	Sec.
W H Ragan.....	S W.	E W Lawless.....	S D.
D Moore.....	J W.	A Weise.....	J D.
L Keefe.....	Treas.	Owen Conlan.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

P L Mead.

MEMBERS.

Aubert, L C	Cox, Thos D	Ledit, Hy E	Rutledge, S M
Armitage, C	Drexler, Leon	Lawhon, F M	Sims, Wm
Atkinson, T S	Darden, R G	Meyer, L	Stamply, M B
Bush, L	Grunberg, C H L	McSpaden, S M	Stewart, J J
Buford, Jas A	Head, W L	Murray, R A	Tanner, W
Bruff, E J	Kling, David	Perkins, Jas S	Williams, J P
Barron, Wm M	Koltz, Abraham	Ribbeck, A	Williams, C C
Burton, Wm D	Kerrigan, T W		38 members.

Initiated—J A Billin, A Klotz, I D Moore, G Kling, Wm Sims, J B Thompson, F A Pike, Simon Simon, P A Gilbert.

Passed—J A Billin, A Klotz, I D Moore, G Kling, Wm Sims, L Keefe.

Raised—A Klotz, I D Moore, Wm Sims, L Keefe.

Affiliated—T W Karrigan, T D Cox, R A Murry, W D Burton, W M Barron, S M Rutledge.

Demitted—T W Karrigan, T D Cox, L Bush.

Stricken from the Roll—W Tanner, Jas A Buford.

MONTICELLO LODGE No. 92.

Floyd, Carroll Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

W T C Anderson.....	W M.	Jas W Draughon.....	Sec.
Jno L Cheatham.....	S W.	Hy D Briggs.....	S D.
R J Loudon.....	J W.	E C Jackson.....	J D.
C T Motley.....	Treas.	J L Cawthorn.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

C B Richardson,	Jno M Gaddis,	H R Lott, D D G M,	Thos F Gaddis,
	Wm T Oliver,	N J Drew.	

MEMBERS.

Adams, B F	Eddins, Abram	Hawkins, L D	McCandless, T S
Atkins, Chas M	Ellis, H C	Herring, J S	Massingill, L C
Brown, Jno R	Eppes, J W	Henderson, W C	Mann, T M
Bell, Jas W	Faith, Geo R	Hannigan, E D	Richards, J S
Capers, L R	Flemming, E M	Imboden, J D	Richardson, W A
Cochran, Thos M	Guier, Geo	Keller, Wm	Ray, J E
Cummings, Jas	Guy, E C	Langford, Geo M	Stewart, W T
DeFrance, P W	Hedrick, C A	Lott, J D	Sims, Jno P
DeFrance, C A	Hedrick, W A	Lyons, Augustus	Sage, Thos J
DeFrance, W L	Humphreys, R B	Leftwich, Jno S	Watson, J M
Dollerhide, R H	Hays, John W	Land, L J	Wells, S M

58 members.

Initiated—T B Renan, W W Jasper, R S Gerald.*Affiliated*—Thos M Cochran.

Stricken from the Roll—B F Adams, L R Capers, C A DeFrance, P W De France, J W Eppes, C E Guy, R B Humphreys, L D Hawkins, J D Imboden, A Lyons, T M Mann, C Richardson, J S Richards, W A Richardson, J E Ray, W T Stewart, J M Watson, S M Wells.

Expelled—Jas Cummings, W L DeFrance, Jno W Hays.

NAPOLEON LODGE No. 94.

Springhill, Union Parish, La.

[Returns of 1867.]

OFFICERS.

Wm A Parks.....	W M.	Benj. Ford.....	Sec.
N U Pierce.....	S W.	J W Hally.....	S D.
John R Parks.....	J W.	L J Parks.....	J D.
Hught Yougne.....	Treas.	E G Cashill.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Benj. Fore,	L K Thomas,	Wm A Parks.
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MEMBERS.

Alford, G B	Hill, Jno G	Kirkpatrick, W A	Reppond, E A
Absent, Chas	Hill, Hy H	Kennedy, J T	Roan, Peter
Bumpers, Wm	Hollis, John.	Meredith, Jno	Sawyer, Saml
Farrar, A P	Jinright, J T	Markham, J J	Turner, J M

25 members.

Initiated—J T Kennedy.*Passed*—L J Parks.*Raised*—L J Parks.*Affiliated*—A P Farrar, J M Turner, John G Hollis.*Died*—G B Alford.

RETURNS FOR 1868.

(Same Officers.)

MEMBERS.

Absent, Chas	Hill, H H	Knox, W W	Parks, Wm
Bumpers, Wm	Hill, J G	Kolb, T J	Roan, Peter
Dobbs, J M	Hussey, J T	Kirkpatrick, W A	Sawyer, Samuel
Farrar, A P	Jinright, J T	Meredith, John	Turner, J M
Hollis, J G	Kennedy, J T	Markham, J J	Reppond, E A

30 members.

Initiated—J M Dobbs, T J Kolb, Wm Parks, Wm Scriber, Geo Matterson, Joseph Williamson.

Passed—J M Dobbs, J T Kennedy, T J Kolb, Wm Parks, Wm Scriber.

Raised—J M Dobbs, J T Kennedy, T J Kolb, Wm Parks.

Affiliated—J T Hussey, W W Knox.

Demitted—J M Dobbs, T J Kolb, L K Thomas, W A Kirkpatrick, E A Reppond.

Died—John Meredith.

Stricken from the Roll—P Roan.

BELLEVUE LODGE No. 95.

Bellevue, Bossier Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

J A Snider.....	W M.	Thomas M Fort.....	Sec.
J L Biggs.....	S W.	Wm H Scanland.....	S D.
J M Doyle.....	J W.	F C Hodges.....	J D.
E R Moore.....	Treas.	N A Dardin.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Joseph L Biggs,

J A Snider.

MEMBERS.

Applewhite, Thos	Doyle, S W	Head, W R	Mitchell, D N
Braden, Thos N	Edwards, Wm S	Hodges, E W	Perritt, Wm
Collins, W N	Fuller, Thos W	Johnson, Jas	Rosberry, L C
Denmon, G B	Griffin, Jno R	Jones, Jas M	23 members.

Initiated—Thos Applewhite, W M Collins, F C Hodges.

Passed—Thos Applewhite, W M Collins, E W Hodges, F C Hodges.

Raised—Thos Applewhite, W M Collins, E W Hodges, F C Hodges.

Affiliated—S W Doyle.

Demitted—J M Jones, Wm Perritt.

ST. HELENA LODGE No. 96.

Greensburg, St. Helena Parish, La.—Meets first Saturday of each month.

OFFICERS.

Amos Kent.....	W M.	L R Parker.....	Sec.
J J Thompson.....	S W.	D D McGehee.....	S D.
John Freiler.....	J W.	S H Pearson.....	J D.
H M Carter.....	Treas.	J D Methvien.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Edw Story, W W Carter, Wm A Carter, Amos Kent, S G W & D D G M.

MEMBERS.

Addison, W S	Day, D D	McKinney, Jephth	Tull, J F
Addison, Ashford	Dennis, J	Odom, Isaac	Thompson, W L
Alford, J H	Gill, Wm A	Prescott, W G	Tillery, Wm H
Allen, Charles H	Gorman, D K	Powell, John G	Wheat, J J
Bankston, Leslie	George, C W	Parry, W J	Watson, B M
Bates, W S	Hodges, R F	Quinn, J H	Wilson, J E
Birch, Jno W	Hendry, J S	Robertson, T C S	Womack, Abner
Burton, J G	Hyde, C H	Richardson, J A	Womack, A B
Bennett, Thos	Jones, Thos	Strickland, H W	Womack, W F
Burton, R Y	Kemp, J D	Smith, Jas E	Watson, John G
Corkern, Jas B	Kemp, Dempsey	Smith, A W	Williams, Jas A
Carruth, W K	Kenhon, C E	Strickland, C D jr	Williams, H E
Clark, R J	Kent, J F	Terry, S R	Yarborough, E
Carter, Hannibal	McClendon, J B	Thompson, W L	Womack, A.
Dennis, Wm			68 members.

Initiated—J H Williams.

Passed—J H Williams.

Affiliated—A Womack.

Demitted—(1866) L Bankston, C W George,

Stricken from the Roll—W R Carruth, J D Kemp, J McKinney, A B Womack, J G Powell,

HERMITAGE LODGE No. 98.

Tchoupitoulas street, between Philip and Jackson. Thursday Evenings.

OFFICERS.

Wm Woelper.....	W M.	W J Canning.....	S D.
A Gerstner.....	S W.	N Mohr.....	J D.
A W Skardon.....	J W.	J V Housner }	
Henry BenseL.....	Treas.	Jas Benton }	Stewards.
Thomas Wilson.....	Sec.	T Osborne.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Clement Brown,	T Burden,	Wm Weber.
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MEMBERS.

Andrews, Samuel	Ford, F	Miller, C H	Schorr, Thomas
Blunt, F J	Freidheim, Abm	Mayer, Isaac	Smith, John F
Beck, E	Goldman, J A	Meyer, J G(hon. m.)	Strohmayer, J
Beattie, John	Gertner, F	Oberkamp, Chas	Shepherd, J H
Brunes, Richard	Hays, M	O'Dowd, Jas	Stafford, James
Boulcog, P L	Herighausen, Jno	Pierson, N G	Stanley, Wm
Bairle, Chas	Henry, Wm	Rebentisch, Wm	Turney, R
Burnett, Jos	Hautau, Fred	Ricks, E	Tinney, E B
Bauman, Aug	Hambacher, Max	Reich, John	Werkle, Peter
Ber, H	Irving, Edgar	Reid, Hy	Weil, Saml
Boud, P	Koop, Louis	Rielman, George	Weser, Wm
Coulhardt, John	Klinehole, C	Rotz, E L	Walsh, J A
Deilman, D W	Lobel J J	Russell, C	Weser, G A
Dalton, John G	Loos, A	Russell, C	Welch, G
Drum, Ph	Leitz, A	Siebert, Wm	Young, Jno jr
Freidman, F K	Miller, J		63 members.

Initiated—N Mohr, F Freidheim, A R Wilms, David Rich.

Passed—N Mohr, Wm Benlenke, F Freidman, John Beattie, A Freidheim.

Raised—N Mohr, T Freidman, John Beattie, A Freidheim,

Demitted—Isaac Meyer, Jas Stafford, John Young jr, Henry Reid.

Died—E Beck.

Suspended—Clement Brown.

FRANKLINTON LODGE No. 101.

Franklinton, Washington Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

Jno Wadsworth.....	W M.	W H Dixon.....	Sec.
H Burkhalter.....	S W.	J M Burris.....	S D.
Jos Kemp.....	J W.	B Edwards.....	J D.
A C Bickham.....	Treas.	Jno Foil.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

J M Burris.....	John Wadsworth.
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MEMBERS.

Alford, M T	Clower, A J	Mizell, Stephen	Spring, John S
Brumfield, J	Dees, E B	Morris, B A	Spring, J L
Bulloch, D	Erwin, Jas A	Magee, T M	Self, Levi H
Burch, Jno R	Ellis, S Rev	Morris, C B	Seal, C B
Brumfield, J Q	Fisher, Ben	Morris, John E	Smith, J M
Bennett, T G	Fussell, E A	Magee, Z T	Stringfield, D H
Buneh, T C	Graves, Nat	McLain, Kenneth	Thomas, C P
Brock, Jas	Hosmer, Wm B	Mizell, John	Thomas, Jas
Bankston, L H *	Hobgood, O M	Morris, B A	Thomas, Mat
Babington, R	Hayden, S A	Pounds, I J	Wood, John R
Bickham, S W	Haley, E	Pierce, Jas	Welch, Jas P
Bickham, Abner C	Magee, Jacob	Richardson, W P	Wallis, J M
Collins, W D	McLain, Kenneth	Slocum, J J	Williams, Wm
Crow, John L	McCain, Edward	Spring, Henry F	Waskum, P Y
62 members.			

Passed—A Hatton.*Raised*—Thos M Magee, B Fisher.*Affiliated*—E Haley.*Died*—W G Collins.

LOUISIANA LODGE No. 102.

Odd Fellows Hall—Stated meetings held every Thursday Evening.

OFFICERS.

W C Driver.....	W M.	R O Fazende.....	J D.
Ed J Kirsheedt.....	S W.	R H Gayle.....	Mas. of Cer.
S B Newman, Jr.....	J W.	A M Merriam.....	Steward.
G W Sizer.....	Treas.	C Beard.....	"
Arthur Wagh.....	Sec.	F A Bonito.....	"
H T Twichell.....	S D.	Ed Bouligny.....	"
Geo W Gavin, not a member....Tyler.			

PAST MASTERS.

Harmon Doane,	W C Driver,	Aaron Harris.
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MEMBERS.

Clements, T, P M	Elliott, John F	Lonsdale, H T	Rountree, A W
Jacobs, H S, P M	Fitz, J D	Lonsdale, H H	Railey, C R
Abbott, A L	Folger, F G	Miller, R W	Read, Robt H
Adams, Thos E	Glenny, J E	McLearn, J G	Rali, N P
Allen, C H	Gardner, L H	Myer, Victor	Reinhardt, B F
Asch, M J	Garner, G G	Mott, Robt	Rogers, Thos Jr
Brickell, W E	Harrod, B M	Mure, John	Rice, Geo C
Buckner, Jno A	Hardie, W T	Martin, H	Routh, S W
Barnes, F	Hailey, A B	Mann, J H	Sebastian, G C

Bolles, E C	Hall, O E	Morgan, P H	Scott, J D
Bianchi, N M	Hurley, M	Micks, T R	Seixas, H O
Boardman, T S	Hill, J B	Murphy, John	Scott, J M
Barbot, J T	Hill, J D	Macmurdo, J R	Seixas, J M
Baldwin, A	Herron, F J	Magner, Selim	Slocum, C H
Buckner, S B	Hays, H T	Macmurdo, R L	Screven, R D
Buchanan, Henry	Harris, A Jr	Mooney, H C	Steever, W
Cushman, B C	Hutchinson, R C	McKnight, H C	Surget, E
Carey, Jos T	Heine, Armand	Mitchell, W S	Schonfeldt, F W
Convers, G T	Harris, Alex	Nixon, J O	Smith, Howard
Cummings, A N	Harris, Edwin	Nixon, J Jr	Sherry, James N
Cammack, T D	Hite, Geo D	Nathan, Geo	Starke, W N
Crosby, J S	Hopper, B B	New, John H	Snowden, S H
Crawcour, I L	Ivy, Edw	Parker, Robt	Thompson, P K
Clark, Walter P	Joseph, L H	Pierson, H	VonZinken, Leon
Cotting, Chas C	Kennard, J H	Prehn, Wm	Walton, J B
Dashiel, W H	Krumbhaar, W B	Perry, A W	Witherspoon, H E
Dupré, E	Krull, C F	Parker, E T	Walker, Thos F
Durno, Jas	Luzenberg, C H	Peale, A H	Williams, Thos E
Denning, J H	Lipmann, J	Quentell, W m	Williams, Thos S
Dickey, E S			129 members.

Initiated—E Bouligny, H A Battles, F A Bonito, Jno D Fitz, J E Glenny, W T Hardie, L Kaufman, A M Merriam, H Martin, H Pierson, E A Palfrey, J E Smith, F K Wheaton.

Passed—E Bouligny, F A Bonito, Jno D Fitz, J E Glenny, B M Harrod, W T Hardie, A M Merriam, H Martin, H Pierson.

Raised—M J Asch, E Bouligny, F A Bonito, Jno D Fitz, J E Glenny, B M Harrod, W T Hardie, A M Merriam, Hy Martin, Hy Pierson, G C Sebastian.

Affiliated—C H Allen, W E Brickell, B C Cushman, Thos Clements, R H Gayle, R Parker, J M Seixas, Jno D Jcott, J M Scott.

Demitted—Wm Prehn, Wm Quentell.

Died—J R Macmurdo, Thos E Adams.

CLOUTIERVILLE LODGE No. 103.

Cloutierville, Natchitoches Parish, La.

RETURNS FOR 1867.

OFFICERS.

S O Scruggs.....	W M.	A L Grow.....	Sec.
S B Shackelford.....	S W.	S Williams.....	S D.
J E DeBlanc.....	J W.	K R Hyams.....	J D.
J C Morantini.....	Treas.	W F Carnahan.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

S O Scruggs, P D G M and D D G M.

MEMBERS.

Bush, Jas	Carnahan, A	Leroux, Jos	Moreau, A C
Bush, E A	Calhoun, W S	Lowe, Thos	Moreau, P
Boswell, Jno S	Lacour, G	McNeily, Thos	Williams, S
			20 members.

Initiated—A L Grow, K R Hyams.

Passed—A L Grow, K R Hyams.

Raised—A L Grow, K R Hyams.

Affiliated—J E DeBlanc, G Lacour.

RETURNS FOR 1868.

OFFICERS.

S B Shackelford.....	W M.	A L Grow.....	Sec.
J C Morantini.....	S W.	S Williams.....	S D.
A Moreau.....	J W.	G Lacour.....	J D.
W F Carnahan.....	Treas.	P Moreau.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Samuel O Scruggs, M D., P D G M and D D G M.

MEMBERS.

Bush, Jas	Carnahan, A	DeBlanc, J E	Lacroix, J
Bush, E A	Carnahan, Jno	Hyams, K R	McNeily, T
Boswell, J S	Calhoun, W S	Lowe, Thomas.	20 members.

Passed—L Edward.

Demitted—K R Haynes.

Died—A Carrahan.

MOUNT LEBANON LODGE No. 104.

Mount Lebanon, Bienville Parish, La.

RETURNS FOR 1867.

OFFICERS.

R A Smith.....	W M.	W C Boone.....	Sec.
B H Stall.....	S W.	W F Wells.....	S D.
Jno Brice.....	J W.	F M Candler.....	J D.
W L Candler.....	Treas.	T A Tookey.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

C G Thurmond,	J C Egan,	Jno Brice,	C W Rogers,
	W B Prothro,	J C Rogers.	

MEMBERS.

Brice, Wm	Hillburn, J W	Key, W M	Prescott, J Q
Colbert, J R	Howerton, J J	Koonce, R A	Traylor, Joshua
Courtney, E	Harris, E P	Milliens, L	Tompkins, T B
Courtney, F	Hillburn, J B	Mizzell, D J	Walker, J H
Green, J L			30 members.

Affiliated—E P Harris.

Demitted—C G Thurmond, J R Prescott, R A Koonce, T B Tomkins.

Died—C W Rogers, (1863 or 1864) J L Green, L Milliens, (date unknown.)

RETURNS FOR 1868.

OFFICERS.

W B Prothro.....	W M.	J D Duke.....	Sec.
Jno Brice.....	S W.	B H Stall.....	S D.
R A Smith.....	J W.	T A Tookey.....	J D.
J C Egan.....	Treas.	E Courtney.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Jno Brice,	J C Egan,	W B Prothro,	J C Rogers.
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MEMBERS.

Brice, Wm	Colbert, J R	Harris, E P	Perkins, H A
Boone, W C	Candler, F M	Howerton, J J	Traylor, J
Courtney, F	Duke, E M H	Key, M W	Wells, W F

Candler, W L	Hilburn, J B	Koonce, R A	Walker, J H
Candler, P H	Hillburn, J A	Mizell, D J	28 members.

Affiliated—P H Candler, J D Duke, E M H Duke, H A Perkins.

Demitted—W C Boone, E P Harris.

Died—W L Chandler, J H Walker.

TRINITY LODGE NO. 105.

Trinity, Catahoula Parish, La.

RETURNS FOR 1867.

OFFICERS.

A Montepelier.....	W M.	R G Wooten.....	Sec.
Wm Dale.....	S W.	B M Carter.....	S D.
T Breithaupt.....	J W.	F Routh.....	J D.
J P Ogden.....	Treas.	J Shutzer.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

A Montepelier.

MEMBERS.

Brannin, J	Crossgrove, S D	Morris, W T	Thomas, S
Beard, Wm	Dampier, W	Marx, G B	Wright, J
Crooks, P	Fulton, N A	Sprinks, H	Wooten, J S
Cotton, G T	Huffman, B	Thomas, W H	23 members.

Died—J Brannin, G T Cotton.

Stricken from the Roll—In 1862 and 1863, A S Wooten, R B Keeper.

J B Gibson, R G Gibson, P Kizer, A J Liddell, F H Wharton.

RETURNS, FOR 1868.

OFFICERS.

C B Wheeler.....	W M.	N Koshland.....	Sec.
A Montpelier.....	S W.	J L Davis.....	S D.
W H White.....	J W.	B M Carter.....	J D.
D P Calhoun.....	Treas.	F Routh.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

A Montpelier.

MEMBERS.

Beard, Wm	Gibson, R G	Morris, W T	Thomas, W H
Breethaupt, T	Hanes, P	May, G B	Thomas, S
Crooks, Ph	Huffman, B	Ogden, J P	Wharton, F H
Cosgrove, S D	Kiger, P	Rawlings, R G	Wright, J A
Dale, Wm	Kiger, J R B	Spinks, H	Wooten, R G
Gibson, B J	Liddell, A J	Shutzer, Jno	31 members.

Initiated—C B Wheeler, N Koshland, W H White, M J Beard, Sam Block, D Lemle, N W Rothbrock, L B Ker, S S Elam, C R Brumson, W Hunter, T C Ellis, J E Rourke, J W Horton, W M Ogden, F Griffin, M R Barrow.

Passed—C B Wheeler, N Koshland, D P Calhoun, J L Davis, W H White, M J Beard, D Lemle, N W Rothbrock, W Hunter, F Griffin.

Raised—C A Wheeler, N Koshland, D P Calhoun, J L Davis, W H White.

Affiliated—R G Rawlings.

Demitted—S Thomas, P Kiger, J R B Kier, J B Gibson, R G Gibson, A J Liddell, F H Wharton.

VIENNA LODGE No. 106.

Vienna, Jackson Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

M P Quinn	W M.	F C Greenwood	Sec.
J W Calcote	S W.	T L Walker	S D.
A C Simonton	J W.	B B Britten	J D.
John Rucy	Treas.	W C Calcote	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

M P Quinn,	J H Stevens,	J W Calcote,	G W Dobbins.
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MEMBERS.

Aswell, D S	Coker, T C	Milner, J C	Scarborough, P D
Baremore, H	Collie, John	Ottis, J B	Stuart, R J
Ball, J R	Carlton, W F	Robinson, A	Stuart, T H D
Beck, Chas	Cox, J E	Russ, B E	Ship, G W
Bauchmann, M	Fowler, V H	Rinehart, J W	Vining, Jas E
Coker, W H	Gaar, W P	Smith, W J	Wood, Willis
Colvin, A H	Gay, Elijah	Stallings, Jep G	Windsor, Isaac
Colvin, A F	Gibson, A	Skinner, Saml	Wilder, J J
Colvin, J T	Hines, Wiley	Spivy, M	Woodward, Thos
Colvin, M T	Harrison, W	Stewart, R H	Walker, J C
Colvin, W D	Jackson, J W	Simmons, J A	Young, W R
Colvin, D	Knowles, T C	Simmons, J W	
Coker, S H	Leggett, S P		59 members.

Passed—J C Milner.*Raised*—W R Young, J C Milner.*Affiliated*—F C Greenwood, J E Cox.*Demitted*—J G Stallings.

SPARTA LODGE No. 108.

Sparta P. O., Bienville Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

W S Cockerham	W M.	C H Murphy	Sec.
S B Dubose	S W.	W M Kemp	S D.
J T Boone	J W.	S T Neal	J D.
D H Sheppard	Treas.	E Murphy	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

R M Crowson,	C H Murphy.
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MEMBERS.

Allen, J H	Holder, J P	Melton, J W	Rushing, A G
Blume, J B	Hamilton, H T	McCoy, Gilbert	Shively, C
Burnett, M D	Hightower, T J	Matthews, B H	Scheen, J H
Barron, L G	Hartley, J A	Murphy, Jesse	Stephens, John F
Boylston, W W	Head, J R	McCrary, E J	Stall, A
Crawford, Thos	Hortman, W W	Noles, J G	Tenison, L C
Chance, Jas M	James, W M	Noles, O L	Tolbert, E
Cockerham, Jno	Kimball, W P	Pearce, J L	Upshaw, Jas
Caldwell, W M	Koonce, Alex	Powell, Abraham	Wilkerson, G W
Cooper, Martin	King, H M	Pickens, A O P	Warren, John
Collingsworth, Jas	Kemp, G W	Prothro, H M	Warren, E N

Collingsworth, O M	Long, James O	Potts, Theodore H	Warren, Arthur M
Cotton, A P	Low, G W	Pearce, B W	Wardlaw, L B
Fouts, J T	Low, W M	Poole, John N	Webb, J P
Franks, D	Long, J E	Paxton, T E	Williams, Darlin
Grice, Lewis	McCreight, W	Preslar, W C	Wooley, R W
Gee, C P	Mays, J A	Pierson, H L	Wooley, J M
Harrel, John A			78 members.

Initiated—M E Blume, S Day.

Passed—W C Preslar.

Raised—W C Preslar, J M Wooley.

Affiliated—H L Pierson, Jesse Murphy.

Demitted—J H Allen, C P Gee, W W Boylston, J A Harrell, W M Prothro, J A Hartley, E M Talbot, Theod Botts, W W Hartman, M D Burnett.

Died—G W Kemp.

Stricken from the Roll—T H Hamilton, O L Noles, A Koonce, G McCoy, G W Wilkerson, J O Long, B H Matthews, D Williams.

CASTOR LODGE No. 109.

Castor P. O., Caldwell Parish, Louisiana.

OFFICERS.

W L DeGraffenreidt	W M.	Joel Tatum	Sec.
W T Nettles	S W.	W O Morgan	S D.
A B Wood	J W.	D C Brown	J D.
B F Street	Treas.	James Brown	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

W L DeGraffenreidt.

MEMBERS.

Allen, B W	Butler, T B	Fowler, Jas	Roberts, E M
Baygents, T M W	Buckhalter, Wm	Harris, E W	Raymond, W M
Baygents, D M	Cook, H M	Harris, A H	Thomas, D B
Baynard, T H W	Cox, Zachariah	Hall, Henry	23 members.

Initiated—D C Brown, A H Harris.

Passed—D C Brown, A H Harris.

Raised—D C Brown, A H Harris.

Affiliated—T M W Baygents, F W Harris.

Demitted—Henry Hall.

Died—D M Baygents.

HARRISONBURG LODGE No. 110.

Harrisonburg, Catahoula Parish, La.

(No returns since 1860.)

OFFICERS.

Wm M Tew	W M.	Wm Griffin	Sec.
Geo H Wells	S W.	A Conn	S D.
S C Cuny	J W.	T O Hynes	J D.
David Marks	Treas.	L Jacobs	Tyler.

39 members.

[No work for 1861-2-3-4-5-6-7.]

RETURNS FOR 1868.

OFFICERS.

C C Duke.....	W M.	S D S Walker.....	Sec.
R H Harris.....	S W.	A Coun.....	S D.
J Lanius.....	J W.	Eli Splawn.....	J D.
L Mayer.....	Treas.	A R Philips.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Wm M Tew,

Geo H Wells,

C C Duke.

MEMBERS.

W W Richer,	Green, Hy L	Lanehardt, Jesse	Roach, D
P M, D D G M,	Green, T L	Levystein, A	Shlenker, I
Beaman, C	Green, C S	Marks, D	Small, B S
Cuny, S C	Gaulden, W E	McCollum, W H	Sheffield, J P
Cohen, J A	Hynes, T O	Mecour, H	Sherwood, I D
Evans, Henry	Hodkins, E L	Norris, R H	Stamper, J N
Fleishman, I	Hanks, T W	Prichard, D M	Wineburg, M
Griffin, Wm	Hudnall, E F		39 members

Initiated—R H Harris, S D S Walker, M Wineburg, L G Duke, H S Doniphan, John Dorker, C P Madiron, H Necoman, Thos Rhinehart.

Passed—R H Harris, S D S Walker, M Wineburg, L G Duke, H S Doniphan.

Raised—R H Harris, S D S Walker, M Wineburg.

Affiliated—W W Risher.

Died—C Beaman, J A Cohen, Hy Evans, Isaac Fleishman, Wm Griffin, E F Hudnall, D Marks, W H Collum, R H Norris, B S Small, J D Sherwood, J M Stanter, Wm M Tew.

URIIM LODGE No. 111.

Forksville, Ouachita Parish, La.—Stated meetings every Saturday preceding full moon.

OFFICERS.

Thos L Simpson.....	W M.	John H Milling.....	Sec.
Wm W Patriek.....	S W.	John McP B Brooks.....	S D.
A Calhoun.....	J W.	A F Parker.....	J D.
J E Puckett.....	Treas.	James J Butler.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Thomas L Simpson.

MEMBERS.

Achord, L F	Bishop, Caldwell	Inabinet, Jno D	Sheppard, B D
Averett, E D	Craig, Jas A	McLendon, A D	Sheppard, Fred M
Bryan, W	Collins, Sam W	Nobles, John H	Wise, M
Brooks, R D L	Fuller, John	Parker, M H	Wallace, Wm
Bolton, G W	Fuller, John N	Parker, P C	Zeigler, N L
Bradford, H	Gainey, R	Peevy, C	Zeigler, J A
Brooks, J	Head, Danl T	Richardson, J C	Zeigler, A C
Brady, G W	Huey, B M	Sheppard, A W	
Britt, Lewis S	Hodge, C W	Simmons, Jno R	42 members.

Initiated—E D Averett, A C Zeigler.

Passed—F D Averett, A C Zeigler.

Raised—E D Averett, A C Zeigler.

Affiliated—W Bryan, C W Hodge.

Demitted—H Bradford, D T Head, J H Nobles, F Sheppard, B D Sheppard.

Stricken from the Roll—J D Inabinet.

BARTHOLOMEW LODGE No. 112.

Plantersville, Morehouse Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

John McCrory	W M.	J S Knox	Sec.
J W Baker	S W.	W B McCrory	S D.
M S Hunter	J W.	W A Haddick	J D.
Thomas Buncley	Treas.	T H Edwards	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

John McCrory.

MEMBERS.

Avriett, W J	Huff, R S	McCord, J W	Stevenson, S M
Arant, J D	Hill, L H	McLeod, S W	Thompson, J A
Buncley, R	Haddick, B S	Moore, Dixon	Thigpen, H A
Brown, S D	Humphrey, Wm	Miller, W	Vaughan, G B
Duckworth, E D	James, B H	Perry, Z C	Vaughan, H D
Daniel, E L	Jenkins, Wm	Pugh, T J	Washburn, W M
Daniel, B G	Knox, Robt J	Pugh, Jas A	Ward, W R
Eusterling, D S	Kimbrough, G W	Richmond, W L	Worley, J C
Harp, Jas M	Mangrum, W S	Simpson, Thos	Williams, L D
			45 members.

Initiated—W F Watt, W E Rison.*Passed*—W F Watt, W E Rison.*Affiliated*—W A Haddick, W Jenkins, W L Richmond.*Demitted*—S D Brown, B H James, W Miller, T J Pugh, J A Pugh, S M Stevenson.

THOMAS JEFFERSON LODGE No. 113.

Spearsville P. O., Union Parish, La. First Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS.

J R Goyne	W M.	Wm D Henderson	Sec.
G R Carroll	S W.	W L Spears	S D.
B F Harrall	J W.	Thomas McCuller	J D.
D Henderson	Treas.	D G Gardner	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

W L Spears,

J S Gilbert.

MEMBERS.

Campbell, M Q	Hardin, M	Metts, John	Ramsey, J A
Dildy, Robert	Hunt, Rev W	McDaniel, C C	Spears, John P
Gray, John	Kilgore, T B	Moore, W T	Spears, J B
Goyne, E H M	Lawrence, T P	McAdams, I F	Thompson, T J
Hayes, B V	Light, Y K	Nelson, N L	Williams, J A B
Hays, J	Love, John B	Post, J M	Williams, J C
Hardin, E K	McCuller, J J	Post, J S	Wooley, W A
Henderson, J W	McCuller, B	Rester, F M	Word, S W
			41 members.

Raised—N L Nelson.*Demitted*—E H M Goyne, Thomas R Killgore, John Metts, E R Dildy, W A Woolley.

SHREVEPORT LODGE No. 115.

Shreveport P O., Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

OFFICERS.

S M Asher.....	W M.	Wm Kinney.....	Sec.
O H Spilker.....	S W.	J P Brice.....	S D.
B P Barker.....	J W.	L Weidenmann.....	J D.
L Bodenheimer.....	Treas.	A L Hay.....	Chaplain.
		W Hecox.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Warren Hecox, Geo Williamson, M D Parks, H Hunsicker.

MEMBERS.

Allen, H E	Haas, M	Lewis, Harry S	Stacey, A J
Beck, W C	Holtzman, B	Mahle, J W	Stevens, R M
Bertrand, G B	Jacobs, J A	Marshal, A W	Strauss, L
Bennett, E B	Jacobs, Ed	Martin, E S	Stoner, J H
Boazman, H C	Jacobs, B	Mulhaupt, F X	Van Nostrand, EM
Davidson, M	Kaufman, M Sr	Murphy, N W	Watson, M
Dickinson, John	Kahn, A	Poland, Thos Jr	Waldorn, F M
Gustine, L	Kilpatrick, J H	Pobst, D	Wisenor, W B
Fulsom, W M	Knox, Levin	Phelps, J E	Wolf, A
Foster, W J	Levy, S Jr	Pickens, J W	Wells, Samuel
Heffner, Jas	Levy, Sam	Sheridan, J S	Walker, Jos
Hamilton, Geo	Leavenworth, J P	Spilker, F W	Wheaton, J W
Howard, Thos J	Linman, H	Seovell, N	Weil, J N
Hecox, J H	Levy, Moses	Scott, W J	67 members.

Initiated—B Holtzman, N Hirsch, L Weidenmann, H C Boazman, J P Brice.

Passed—B Holtzman, L Gustine, L Weidenmann, H C Boazman, J P Brice, N Haas.

Raised—Jos Walker, J N Weil, B Holtzman, L Gustine, L Weidenmann, H C Boazman, J B Brice, N Haas.

Affiliated—M Davidson, S M Asher, L Straus.

Demitted—M D Parks, W J Foster, T J Howard, W J Scott.

Died—L Knox.

Reinstated—H Hunsicker.

ACACIA LODGE No. 116.

Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, Louisiana.

OFFICERS.

G Schlater.....	W M.	Jno Marcot.....	Sec.
D N Barrow.....	S W.	E Selly.....	S D.
Sam Matthews.....	J W.	H Levy.....	J D.
Jno Altimus.....	Treas.	J S Tuttle.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Paul O Hebert, Henry S Browne, John Marcot, Sam Matthews,
D M Barrow.

MEMBERS.

Arceneaux, E A	Commeaux, J J	Jumel, Allen	Schmalinski, S
Avet, Vincent	Desobry, H	Lendry, M	Scott, A W
Blanchard, A	Freeman, G B	McWilliams, J	Savory, Ira J
Blanchard, J S	Hall, B R	Marionneaux, B	Schlater, R
Brown, J M	Hall, Alfred	Orcut, Ira E	Woods, E D
Breaux, J A	Herbert, A O	Shearkey, J	Warden, Sam
Boote, W R			36 members.

Demitted—S Schmalinski, Sam Warden.

MILFORD LODGE No. 117.

Manchac settlement—East Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

RETURNS FOR 1867.

OFFICERS.

J S Gardner.....	W M.	E A Dixon.....	Sec.
P S Harelson.....	S W.	J ^c Delaune.....	S D.
D H Miller.....	J W.	J Tarlton.....	J D.
A Dixon.....	Treas.	Wm Quine.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTRS.

J J Freeman,	T W Brown,	J S Gardner.
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MEMBERS.

Adams, O	Dixon, S S	Felder, O H	Singletery, B
Aucoin, P	Dixon, E	Felder, J T	Smith, T M
Brown, W D	Dixon, M	Garig, G	Turner, Wm
Bullion, O A	Denham, Joe	Lusk, H	Webb, C C
Brown, T L	Denham, R T	Piker, J F	Watkins, E
Chambers, J S	Doiron, E	Pierce, D B	Wilkerson, J P
			33 members.

Demitted—D B Pierce.

Died—T M Smith.

RETURNS FOR 1868.

OFFICERS.

J S Gardner.....	W M.	P S Harelson.....	Sec.
J J Freeman.....	S W.	J Delaune.....	S D.
D H Miller.....	J W.	J Tarlton.....	J D.
H L Lusk.....	Treas.	E Watkins.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

J J Freeman,	J S Gardner,	T W Brown.
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MEMBERS.

Adams, O	Dixon, M	Denham, R T	Singletery, B
Aucoin, P	Dixon, E	Felder, O H	Smith, T M
Bullion, O A	Dixon, E A	Felder, J T	Turner, W
Brown, W D	Dixon, A	Garey, G	Webb, C C
Brown, T L	Dixon, S S	Piker, J F	Wilkerson, J P
Chambers, J S	Denham, J	Quine, Wm	32 members.

Initiated—J Simpson.

Passed—A B Booth.

Demitted—G W Keller, no date.

Died—E E Prunyn, no date.

TERRYVILLE LODGE No. 118.

Quay P. O., Claiborne Parish, La.—First Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS.

H F Petty.....	W M.	G W Davidson.....	Sec.
B W Wilson.....	S W.	W R Byers.....	S D.
M A Henry.....	J W.	Thos Morris.....	J D.
S G Bickham.....	Treas.	G W Knowles.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

H F Petty.

MEMBERS.

Atkins, M F	Duty, M	Swint, Jos	Stova, Wm
Dorman, J M	Henry, J F	Stova, B	Taylor, W W
			16 members.

Initiated—F M Byers.*Passed*—W R Byers.*Raised*—W R Byers.*Affiliated*—Thos Norris.

Demitted—For several years and not reported: J E Allen, W W Bartlett, W Boyle, J F Beard, S M Coker, Thos Davenport, L P Fuller, V H Fauler, J D Henry, W S Hood, B Hood, Wm Hood, T L Knowles, J Kite, J E Knowles, J M A Lesneur, W Mitcham, Pat Marsealous, H H McClendon, J W Nicholson, J Rogers, S W Reeves, F M Sprawles, R Stewart, J M Simmons, J Taylor, R Tyler, W C Vernon, Thos Walker, J C Walker, W W Walker, J M Walker, W W Wauldron, G B Waldran, T L Walker, C T Williams.

Died—1864, Thos Harkins, T Watson, J C Watson, J C Wair; 1865, L J Gray.

Stricken from the Roll—J S Cook, B F Estep, B J Holcomb, J Johnston, J A Robinson, John Trussell, M Parrett.

Reinstated—W W Taylor, W F Atkins.

DEERFIELD LODGE No 120.

Deerfield, Carroll Parish, La., Delhi P O.

OFFICERS.

G W Trezevant.....	W M.	Chas R Slider.....	Sec.
D S Travis.....	S W.	W M Scott.....	S D.
J F Trezevant.....	J W.	M M Munholland.....	J D.
D S McKelvy.....	Treas.	Wm D Davis.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

G W Trezevant,	J H Calloway,	W M Scott.
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MEMBERS.

Armstrong, A	Couch, Marion	Keel, Sam A	Reed, Robt T
Atchinson, E W	Coe, Thos J	Munholland, C T	Smith, John P
Brumby, G McD	Caldwell, W J	Mabin, W J	Stubblefield, J B
Balf, O P	Davidson, J T	McIntyre, R S	Vick, J T
Balf, N S	Feenan, P B	McLemore, Hy W	Williams, B
Cook, W W	Holly, John D	McLemore, Ben	Wolfe, Jos H
Couch, J H	Heffner, Oliver	Purvis, W C	Wadkins, Frank B
Cassity, M F	Irwin, Ed	Rickard, L	40 members.

Initiated—A Grulles, D W Frisby, S Fori, C Barker, E Rossen.

Affiliated—E W Atchinson.

Demitted—M F Cassity, W J Caldwell.

Stricken from the Roll—J H Calloway.

Reinstated—W J Mabin.

LISBON LODGE No. 121.

Lisbon, Claiborne Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

W D Hester.....	W M.	W J Leslie.....	Sec.
E Sparks.....	S W.	J J Duke.....	S D.
J D Pennington.....	J W.	E M Oakes.....	J D.
J Cook.....	Treas.	John W Cook.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

W D Hester, E Sparks. T H Remington, W J Leslie, Jno L Williams.

MEMBERS.

Aycock, J	Corry, A A	Lay, L R	Rudisel, S
Atkin, John	Ford, J F	McClendon, H H	Tatum, S
Autrey, W N	Garlington, D F	Mullens, A	Thompson, J V
Baach, J L	Harris, J W	McClendon, C W	Tait, R E
Bullock, W O	Hilley, F A	McAdams, J T	Tait, C H
Rullock, E	Hargrove, B F	McClendon, S W	Talley, J M
Beach, J W	Harris, Eli	Morehouse, J F	Waugh, J W
Caruthers, D A	Heard, J F	Patton, H W	Willis, T N
Coleman, W G	Jackson, J V	Pennington, J D	Williams, J H
Carpenter, E	Kimball, Wm	Robinson, H A	Young, Jesse
Cooksey, J W	Killgore, B S	Ruticil, E	Williams, W L
Clements, Jas M	Killgore, J B	Reagan, T M	Williams, D A

58 members.

Initiated—E Ruticil, J P Rider.*Passed*—E Ruticil.*Raised*—E Ruticil.*Affiliated*—J F Moreland, D A Caruthers, J M Thomasson, J L Beach.*Demitted*—D F Garlington, E Carpenter, E Ruticil.

MACKEY LODGE No. 122.

Ringgold, Bienville Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

J H Scott, D D G M.....	W M.	A J Kolb.....	Sec.
H V Tooke.....	S W.	J F McDaniel.....	S D.
H D Shehee.....	J W.	M Hand.....	J D.
J B Booth.....	Treas.	D Batchelor.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

J D Cawthorn, W M D Cawthorn, A J Kolb, D H Hays.

MEMBERS.

Bryan, Jas	Davis, F B	Maxey, H T	Regan, John
Bryan, T C	Ellis, J R	Melvin, G W	Theus, H P
Bryan, J B	Hayes, G S	Murphy, Jessee	Tooke, J A
Bryan, Terrell	Kitley, E N	Martin, N A	Todd, W D
Burnett, T H	Long, J J	Normen, D R	Theus, E P
Burt, J D	Munroe, Jas	Newsom, W A J	Thomas, J M

Bludworth, W	McDuffie, G W	Pate, A W	Walker, J W
Caldwell, J A	Manning, B M	Prothro, T L	Webb, O T
Cotter, W H	Martin, W A	Perry, J C	Woodward, J E
Cawthon, G W	McFarland, J P	Pior, A S B	Waters, S P
Davis, E W	Mays, M J		54 members.

Initiated—A S B Pior.

Passed—A S B Pior.

Raised—A S B Pior.

Affiliated—J P McFarland.

Demitted—J D Burt, D H Hays, J Murphy, J M Thomas, T L Prothro, O T Webb.

Stricken from the Roll—J R Ellis, Jas Munroe, J W Walker. Reported May, 26th, 2868.—Daniel Stewatt.

Demitted—H H McClendon, 1861; S S Garlington, 1863; G B Talbot, Wm Bell, 1865; G W Primrose, 1866.

Died—W H Cross, —; S O Thomas, 1862.

LIBERTY LODGE No. 123.

Keachi, DeSoto Parish, La. Third Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS.

A J Caffey.....	W M.	Chas Schuler.....	Sec.
Thomas M Gatlin.....	S W.	F J Harrison.....	S D.
Robert Horn.....	J W.	W H Davis.....	J D.
T P Fullilove.....	Treas.	T D Cotey.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

L L Tompkins,

A J Caffey.

MEMBERS.

Anderson, T D	Doke, F Y	Hungerford, Chas	Spilker, W G
Adams, E B	Dewitt, W	Hall, John	Stanley, W G
Abington, T W	Guill, Josiah	King, E C	Smith, W A
Boney, W G	Graner, G W	Lee, J B	Thompson, D
Blunt, L C	Graves, Y W	Long, John J	Taylor, L S
Brown, Jas	Holmes, Robert	Moon, F J	Wells, D S
Brown, W F	Holmes, Wm	Powell, J M	Wayland, G W
Boney, R C	Headrick, George	Perry, W	Wiltiams, J
Bowles, J M	Hall, S E	Powell, E	Williamson, Jacob
Cater, W G	Holland, B D	Rich, A G	Warner, G J
Connell, C B	Headrick, F	Rogers, Y W	Warden, J C
Caster, D J			55 members.

Initiated—James Brown.

Passed—James Brown.

Raised—James Brown.

Demitted—T M Abington, R C Boney, B D Holland, F Hedrick, S R Taylor.

Stricken from the Roll—W F Brown, J Guill, W A Smith.

KELLERTOWN LODGE No. 124.

Kellertown, East Feliciana Parish, La. First Saturday on or before full moon in each month.

OFFICERS.

R J Pemble.....	W M.	A J Norwood.....	Sec.
J A Ramsay	S W.	C S Palmer.....	S D.
J R Freeman	J W.	Samuel W James.....	J D.
W C Palmer.....	Treas.	C Gore.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

A J Norwood, P G M,

L G Perkins,

R J Pemble.

MEMBERS.

Becknam, A J	Graves, Thos J	Norwood, J E	Smith, Isaac B
Rethany, R F	Hunt, J M	Newsoms, J B	Street, Thos P
Bankston, Aaron	Henderson, John	Palmer, L A	Scott, Ed A
Ceffert, C T	Henderson, Wm A	Palmer, W F	Smith, Adam P
Carruth, Ancil	Lipscomb, S W	Palmer, C	Stanley, Jes S
Collins, Thos F	McRainie, A	Redhead, Joseph	Tousinou, D
Delee, C P	McNeil, C	Robinson, H D	Wood, Chas
Dickey, D N	McQueene, N	Reiley, Joseph C	Williams, M B
Freeman, Z	Mathews, J A	Singletary, J L	Williams, J P
Gorig, W W	McHugh, T J	Singletary, S L	Williams, Jesse
Graves, Benjamin			50 members.

Died—M B Williams.

PEARL RIVER LODGE No. 125.

Line Academy (Shady Grove P. O.) Washington Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

W C Warren.....	W M.	J E Eord.....	Sec.
Wm Warren.....	S W.	J L Simmons.....	S D.
J J Grimsley.....	J W.	S E Rankin.....	J D.
R Daniel.....	Treas.	N Ball.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

James Ford,

W C Warren.

MEMBERS.

Ard, Jos	Blackburn, G F	Hardy, A	Rawls, W E
Adams, W H	Bateman, H L	Harvey, A A	Smith, James
Adams, S W	Baxter, James	McKenzie, A Z	Smith, J E
Amacker, J A	Faulk, W R	Moody, John	Smith, Hiram
Adams, P G	Fornea, T J	Pittman, Jos A	Stewart, J A
Ball, N	Fornea, B R	Pigott, N W	Seale, Jos C
Byrd, D S	Forbes, A J	Ryall, Hardy	Tate, T A J
Baughman, Joel	Forbes, N C	Ryall, J B	Warren, S J
Batson, Eli	Fortenberry, W G	Rouse, C R	Warren, D R
			45 members.

Initiated—P T Gillis, D R McKenzie.

Died—James Ford, W R Faulk.

Stricken from the Roll—Jos Ard, D S Byrd, G F Blackburn, H L Bateman, W G Fortenberry, John Moody, J B Ryall, H Regal, T J Fornea.

Expelled—B R Fornea.

Demitted—A Hardy.

ARCADIA LODGE No. 126.

Arcadia, Bienville Parish, La. First Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS.

A J Wilson.....	W M.	J M Ryant.....	Sec.
R T Goff.....	S W.	E Gresham.....	S D.
J A McGuire.....	J W.	L Teasley.....	J D.
James Young.....	Treas.	J H Robertson.....	Tyle.

PAST MASTERS.

James Brice,

Geo N Clampitt,

W J Fields.

MEMBERS.

Aswell, B W	Givens, W T	Jordan, John H.	Patterson, W C
Brice, C C	Givens, T S	Mitchell, B S	Pulig, Thos A
Bond, J L	Henderson, P	Mitchell, J W	Smart, S S
Brown, J M	Haynes, J T	Murphy, Richard	Spurlock, R
Brown, D E	Heys, John C	McGuire, Thomas	Scarborough, J M
Beard, P R	Hagan, William	McConathy, J J	Tamplin, Jas
Driscoll, James C	Jones, W A	Mizell, J W	Wheaton, R J
Gray, J F	Jordan, John M	Moore, W	Youngblood, Wm
Givens, J A H	Jackson, J A B	Powell, J A	46 members.

Demitted—Wm Hayan, T McGuire, R J Wheaton.

SPRING HILL LODGE No. 127.

Spring Hill Church, Union Cross Roads, Louisiana.

(Received since close of Communication.)

OFFICERS.

C W Clowe.....	W M.	J W Hopkins.....	Sec.
J T Godley.....	S W.	R C Murphy.....	S D.
J M Gathright.....	J W.	J McGovern.....	J D.
W J Pickel.....	Treas.	W T Poole.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

George W Murphy,

J P Everett,

J T B Andrews,

C W Clowe,

P R Goldsby.

MEMBERS.

Branch, J W	Dawkins, D D	Godley, J B	Townsend, R H
Buckley, J O	Daniel, M E	Hambrick, John	Tucker, J D
Buckley, H L	Eckles, J B	Johnson, A W	Tommey, J T
Clark, C C	Everett, T M	Poole, T P	Watkins, D A
Caskey, J W	Garner, T J	Pistole, A	Wood, O P
Caskey, W H	Gulley, S L	Robinson, J B	White, J T
Cammack, A J	Gaught, J H	Slade, J H	Wardlow, D W
			40 members.

Initiated—W T Barfield.*Passed*—W T Barfield.*Demitted*—P R Goldsby. J H Slade, J B Godley, A W Johnson, 1864; D L Tucker, 1862; D W Wardlow, 1867.*Died*—H L Buckley, W H Caskey, 1863, J Hambric, R H Townsend.

DAWSON LODGE No. 129.

Scottsville P O., Claiborne Parish, Louisiana.

OFFICERS.

W C Miller.....	W M.	A M Thornton.....	Sec.
R J Hart.....	S D.	C H Thompson.....	S D.
E F Williams.....	J D.	*R E Thompson.....	J D.
G H Ferin.....	Treas.	Ed Denton.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

V V Thompson,

J Hardy,

W S Thompson.

MEMBERS.

Arrington, J	Greer, J T	Kennedy, W R	Spears, Green
Alford, A	Godley, J L	Kinsey, E	Stephenson, H W
Alford, Wm	Galbraith, J	Kennedy, S C	Seyers, D J
Bridges, James	Hightower, J F	Lowery, J F	Thompson, J L
Bridges, Robt	Hosey, A	Moore, E	Thurmond, W H
Boggs, J W	Harris, T W	McLaurin, D A	Wasson, M
Bennette, A J	Hines, W H	Massey, T	Ward, H H
Bailey, Jno S	Hardy, Jno	Moore, R F	Wasson, W
Curlin, Sam	Hargis, J F G	Stanley, J E	Wilkinson, J B
Everett, C			48 members.

Initiated—C Everett.*Passed*—C Everett.*Raised*—C Everett.*Demitted*—Jno Arrington, C Everett, T W Harris, R E Thompson.*Stricken from the Roll*—J Galbraith, J F G Hargis, D A McLaurin, M Wasson.

*Not accounted for.

SOLOMON LODGE No. 130.

Pecan Grove, Carroll Parish, La.

(Charter forfeited February 12th, 1869.)

LIST OF MEMBERS, JANUARY 4, 1869.

Sale, Johnson, w m, dead,	Morgan, O T, left the State,
Smith, A C, s w, left the State,	Morgan, Mike, dead,
Richardson, Hugh, j w, dead,	McLean, Samuel, dead,
Devine, E M, Treasurer,	Parker, J T, dead,
Lilly, T W, Secretary, left the parish,	Scarborough, T C, left the State,
Manning, A S, s d, left the State,	Shaw, Hy, dead,
Bell, W D, left the parish,	Skinner, N C, left the State,
Bledsoe, W F, left the State,	Walker, S R, dead,
Bledsoe, Cyrus, dead,	Erwin, Jas
Deeson, J S, left the parish,	McAllister, C
Deeson, Wm M, dead,	Catlin, J D, dead,
Goodrich, Hy	Richardson, J A, dead,
Goodrich, Silas, lives in Cambridge-	Evans, T M, dead,
port, Mass.	Harrell, A H, dead,
Hanna, P H, living near Lake Provi-	Kimball, W P, left the State,
dence.	Mershon, Thos, dead,

Mershon, Wyatt

To the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, F. and A. M.

Bro. J. C. Batchelor—In consequence of the deaths of most of the officers of Solomon Lodge No. 130, and no one else authorized to make a report, we, the undersigned members of said lodge have made a list, and marked those dead.

and left the country, you will perceive that there are now left but five brothers in this part of the country who were members in 1861.

E. M. DEVINE, *Treasurer.*
T. W. LILLEY, *Sec.*
H. GOODRICH,
J. E. ERWIN,
W. MERSHON,
CHAS. MCCALLISTER.

SHILOH LODGE No. 131.

Shiloh, Union Parish, La.—Fourth Saturday of each month.

OFFICERS.

L J Loveless.....	W M.	Jno C B White.....	Sec.
E P Bolton.....	S W.	T R Hardin.....	S D.
W P Smith.....	J W.	J T Bolton.....	J D.
*P Moore.....	Treas.	W Breed.....	Tyler

PAST MASTERS.

John Edmunds,

S M Fuller.

MEMBERS.

Booles, W A	Heard, S S	Hearn, W H	McLane, Thos
Byram, Q A	Henry, C J	Hardin, Calvin	Parish, Jas O
Bagwell, Bayliss	Heard, C J, Sr	Harper, A C	Pleasants, B F
Booles, J J	Hammock, J A	Harper, A L	Patten, W M
Cook, Wiley	Harper, H W	Harper, W C	Raburn, J M
Davis, J T	Heard, J R, Jr	Johnson, W M	Shaw, Jos
*Duty, Jno W	Heard, J D	Lovelady, J S	Simmons, W G
Dacus, J W	Hopkins, W L	Leach, J A	Tabor, R J
Elliott, C W	Hamilton, J D	McLaurin, D K	Tabor, John L
Edmunds, W J	Heard, C A Jr	Martin, W H K	Tatum, P L
Fuller, L B	Hopkins, Wm	Manning, F C	Tatum, Jas A
Fuller, G W	Heard, J P	Milner, Jonathan	Weldon, W R
*Findley, L F	Harper, H M	Mitchell, C J	Welch, W P
Harris, A W			65 members.

Initiated—J T Bolton, Thos R Hardin, F C Manning, T T Porter, W W Poer, W P Welch, G W Luther.

Passed—J T Bolton, T R Hardin, F C Manning, T T Porter, W P Welch.

Ruised—J T Bolton, J T Davis, T R Hardin, F C Manning, W M Patten, W P Welch.

Affiliated—W A Booles, J R Heard, Jr, W H K Martin, Jas A Tatum.

Demitted—W H Heard, J A Leach, Thos McLain, J M Raburn.

Died—Jno Edmunds, L B Fuller, W L Hopkins.

Reinstated—J A Leach.

*Not accounted for.

WARREN LODGE No. 132.

Winnsboro P. O., Franklin Parish, La.

RETURNS FOR 1867.

OFFICERS.

H P Wells.....	W M.	B B Nugent.....	Sec.
Wm E Rapp.....	S W.	_____	S D.
Jos Bryan.....	J W.	_____	J D.
M Samuel.....	Treas.	J L Ward.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

S G Hamilton,

Jos Petit.

MEMBERS.

Block, H	Hower, M L	Rosenfield, L	Washburn, M
Cutter, E W	Lacy, T J	Redfield, R C	Wheatley, J C
Hagard, M L	McCaleb, A R	Russell, D T	Yarboro, H D
Head, J H	Neiber, I G	Sanders, A A	Zim, L
Hooter, J W	Osborn, M S	Ward, L S	27 members.

Initiated—W O Parker, M Samuel, R T Hawthorn, J W Elam.*Passed*—M Samuel.*Raised*—M Samuel.*Died*—M S Osborne, H D Yarboro, S G Hamilton.

No Returns for 1868.

GORDY LODGE No. 133.

Cheneyville, Rapides Parish, Louisiana.

OFFICERS.

J H Audebert.....	W M.	J C Johnson.....	Sec.
J L Pearce.....	S W.	J P Snellings.....	S D.
G B Marshal.....	J W.	O Cheney.....	J D.
G W Stafford.....	Treas.	D M Callihan.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

J H Audebert.

MEMBERS.

Drinkard, J G	Keary, P F	Marshall, M R	Tanner, R L
Helm, T B	Long, H F	Riggs, W H	Unsworth, Jno
Hart, Robt	McCormick, C G	Slaughter, S	Wells, M
Hendricks, R W	McDonald, J W	Tanner, E L	Williams, D W
			24 members.

Initiated—Chs L Johnson, M McEnnis.*Passed*—M McEnnis, Chs L Johnson.*Affiliated*—J P Snellings.*Died*—J G Drinkard.

PLAINS LODGE No. 135.

Plains Store, East Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

OFFICERS.

A G Carter.....	W M.	T L Mills.....	Sec.
J D Nettles.....	S W.	H W Sherburne.....	S D.
A Levy.....	J W.	D H Lusk.....	J D.
R T Young.....	Treas.	Jos McHugh.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Wm L Young,

H C Young,

A G Carter, P D G M.

MEMBERS.

Atkinson, L G	Corcoran, R E	Loudon, J M	Rist, Jno
Barnett, B B	Carney, J P	Levy, H	Richard, J L
Black, N	Groom, J R	McFarty, Jas Jr	Riley, Jno
Brown, T B	Harrell, C W	McHugh, J A	Sherburne, H L
Carter, H	Kirkland, J D A	Neville, A M	Whitaker, D J B
Chick, R	Knox, J C	Pennington, A J	Young, W B
Culbreathe, D	Lilley, J Y	Regillio, Julian	37 members.

Initiated—H Carter, D Culbreathe, J W Jeans, A Levy, G C Mills, J L Richards.

Passed—H Carter, D Culbreathe, A Levy, J L Richards.

Raised—H Carter, D Culbreathe, A Levy, J L Richards.

Affiliated—L G Atkinson, B B Barnett, R Chick, D H Lusk.

Stricken from the Roll—N Black, J P Carney, J R Groom.

ATHENS LODGE No. 136.

Athens, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, 1st Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS.

W F Bridges.....	W M.	R G Bridges.....	Sec.
R P Webb.....	S W.	J F Mooty.....	S D.
J H Simmons.....	J W.	W H H Walker.....	J D.
B B Webb.....	Treas.	J F McFarland.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

W F Bridges,

H A McFarland.

MEMBERS.

Atkins, J M	Hundley, A L	Merret, J M	Stricklin, E
Aubery, P A	Jordan, J H	McFarland, J B	Webb, R J
Bickham, W T	Johnson, J C	Morris, Jordan	Walker, N H
Cargill, D	Keener, J H	Payne, J H	Walker, John
Carr, J H	Knighton, B	Peel, J M	Wafer, T B
Fincher, Ben	Kimbell, L J	Raney, G M C	Wafer, G W
Frey, G W	Leverett, W G	Smith, B P	Wafer, J T
Hobday, L	Methvin, D J		39 members.

Demitted—L J Kimbell, W P Leverett, (J H Winset, 1865.)

Stricken from the Roll—A L Hundley.

JEFFERSONIAN LODGE No. 138.

Kingston, DeSoto Parish, La.—Stated meetings, second and fourth Sunday in each month.

OFFICERS.

L F Scott.....	W M.	E W Lacy.....	Sec.
A F Stephenson.....	S W.	Joe Wood.....	S D.
J H McCrery.....	J W.	J H Crowley.....	J D.
J M Farmer.....	Treas.	*Jno Baker.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Chas E Crawford,

John C Gordy, honorary member.

*Not accounted for.

MEMBERS.

Burke, W R	Jackson, C G	Loftus, P H	Scott, Thos
Gilmer, W L	Kirven, E H	Logan, B S	Taylor, L A
Hall, Thos	Knight, J R		19 members.

Initiated—P H Patterson, J F Dewitt, J R Knight.

Passed—J R Knight.

Raised—J R Knight.

Died—Thos Hall.

HOUMA LODGE No. 139.

Houma, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana—Saturday on or before full moon.

OFFICERS.

Jas B Dunn.....	W M.	P Xavier.....	Sec.
A Delaporte.....	S W.	G G Hatch.....	S D.
A S Helmuck.....	J W.	Sam Wolf.....	J D.
Jas Blahut.....	Treas.	N D Fuqua.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Joseph Aycock,	John R Bisland,	Jas B Dunn,	Wm M Mercer
	D S Cage.		

MEMBERS.

Barrow, R C	Gatewood, F W	Loevenstein, M	Philson, Jas
Buford, Thomas	Gagné, Jos A	Miller, J S	Quick, W A
Brown, Simon	Henley, John	Miller, Elias	Semple, Joseph
Bisland, W A	Hatch, W	Mooring, W H	Stewart, J B
Cage, A G	Harlam, J	Midleton, J C	Sanders, J M
Collins, H F	Hargis, J G	Moore, J M	Singleton, T W
Cross, Edward	LeBlanc, J P	Pelton, J M	Tennent, C
Earnest, R G	Lyons, L C P	Pattison, J E	Viola, Hypolite
Francis, R W			45 members.

Initiated—A W Connely.

Demitted—Jos Aycock, Wm M Mercer, Jas Philson, J M Pelton.

Suspended—R W Francis.

COLD SPRING LODGE No. 140.

Cool Spring Academy, (Houma P. O.,) Claiborne Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

J T Tigner.....	W M.	G W Tigner.....	Sec.
E Gray.....	S W.	J T Mangham.....	S D.
A W Palmer.....	J W.	M Odum.....	J D.
John Wilson.....	Treas.	Jos Oliver.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

A H Brown,	J T Tignor.
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MEMBERS.

Allen, Y D	Calloway, W E	Monk, J R	Parker, W F
Allen, Robert	Cleaveland, R H	Moreland, W C	Palmer, A E
Allen, W J	Duggan, D	McClish, J	Pool, A J
Allen, J J	Foster, J W	McDaniel, T S	Simmons, A C
Baker, J C	Glover, J J	Monk, M	Smith, J J
Brown, T H	Glover, E P	Moreland, W m	Taylor, J
Brooks, R J	Hedrick, E P	Newman, S C	Taylor, J H M
Burt, J H	Hawkins, R O	Neely, J	Taylor, S M
Blackman, J S	Hightower, R R	Nicholson, W B	Taylor, J P
Beavans, J W	Jarrell, W M	Nelson, J F	Thomas, J S
Bentley, B	Kirkpatrick, J M	Nelson, A T	Willis, J
Brinham, J S	Loveless, M H	Oliver, William	Willis, J W
Brown, S T	Monk, T J	Oliver, George	Wafer, T N
Brown, McNorrell	Menefee, H W		63 members.

Initiated—H C Hanson, O A Smith.

Passed—H C Hanson, J T Mangham, O A Smith.

Raised—J T Mangham.

Affiliated—McNorrell Browm.

Demitted—J Oliver, G Oliver, W F Parker, J Taylor, J Willis.

Died—J M Kirkpatrick.

Reinstated—R R Hightower, M H Loveless.

DOWNSVILLE LODGE No. 143.

Downsville, Union Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

John Shultz.....	W M.	E S Pipes.....	Sec.
John W Hester.....	S W.		S D.
M A Lawrence.....	J W.		J D.
W B Mattox.....	Treas.	James Brewster.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Geo A Stenson,	John E Woodward,	John W Hester,	H C Railey.
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MEMBERS.

Landers, J B. P M,	Kearn, L	Mays, A J	Raney, Wm J
Auldbrinton, W	Hicks, D L	McCormick, W B	Rinehart, W L
Auld, J W	Hughes, John	Manning, A J	Roberts, R
Barnes, Wm	Henry, R H	Manning, J C	Stinson, H F
Carter, John	Honeycutt, A	McCormick, F M	Sellers, E T
Calloway, John	Jones, Gilbert	Norris, W S	Taylor, Elias
Dacus, C H	Lewis, Chas	Pipes, Jos	Tidwell, James H
Etheridge, P	Larche, Lucien	Pardee, L	Wade, Jas
Greer, Thos J	Lamene, M A	Peevy, H H	Woodward, Danl
Grayham, E M	McFarland, M	Peevy, M	47 members.

Initiated—J C Manning.

Passed—J C Manning.

Raised—J C Manning, John Hughes.

Affiliated—H H Peevy, A Honeycutt, L Pamee, F M McCormick, J B Landers.

Demitted—R Roberts, John Calloway, E T Sellers, J W Auld.

Died—B F Farmer, B C Elhs, John Hinton.

OCEAN LODGE No. 144.

Polar Star Hall, corner of Rampart and History streets, N O. Wednesdays.

OFFICERS.

H Millsbaugh	W M.	J A Letten	Sec.
J T G Guel	S W.	Wm Erslew	S D.
John Robinson	J W.	Wm Kneale	J D.
M Boyne	Treas.	A P Buncle	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Edward Barnett, PDGM, J P Warner, A Jensen, A Goldman.

MEMBERS.

Anderson, R	Diggs, Joseph	Meekens, R L	Smith, Wm
Anfaux, O	Donnelly, P	McLean, John	Smith, J H
Arnet, Wm F	Dumas, Theodore	Marks, A	Smith, Wm H
Bourges, A	England, R	Melder, Wm	Schwarm, M J
Bostar, Chas	Goldmann, T	McCarthy, Chas	Sturtevant, Wm H
Blazer, F	Grayer, John	Mehl, Chas	Schehr, J D
Blohm, Henry	Guptill, G H	Matz, Jacob	Stow, Geo W
Batchelor, W M.	Gerken, H	Newman, Peter	Thomas, John E
Cooper, J B	Hunter, R E	Ohse, A	Theodore, N
Chavigny, Ceo	Helay, W P	Post, Hy	Thomas, C
Curry, Teo	Heaton, J	Power, L	Tracy, M
Connor, T	Hayman, A	Paersch, A	Teens, Henry
Cain, G L	Ingle, E W	Peterson, M	Wright, Hy
Clark, James	Kennedy, Jas	Parker, James	Weeks, Chas
Carroll, Thomas	King, W H	Raymond, J M	Westholtz, H W
Dreyfus, Jacob	Lewis, J H	Raymer, T W	Worch, Herman
DePass, Benj	Long, Webster		78 members.

Initiated—W M Batchelor, G Chavignay, P Donnelly, R E Hunter, James Kennedy, C Mehl, J Matz, J Parker, Wm H Sturtevant, J D Schehr, G W Stow, H Worch, J Johnson, A Gallbery, J W Redmon, R Kelly, C B Hall.

Passed—W M Batchelor, G Chavigny, P Donnelly, R E Hunter, J Kennedy, C Mehl, J Matz, J Parker, W H Sturtevant, J D Schehr, G W Stow, H Worch, Wm Kelly.

Raised—Hy Blohm, Wm M Batchelor, G Chavignay, P Donnelly, R E Hunter, J Kennedy, C Mehl, J Matz, J Parker, W M Sturtevant, J D Schehr, G W Stow, H Worch.

Affiliated—Wm F Arnet, Chas McCarthy.

Demitted—B De Pass, Aug Hayman.

Died—A Jensen, John E Thomas, Chas Weeks.

HOPE LODGE No. 145.

Vermillionville, Lafayette Parish, La. Meets on the day of full moon, except the full is on Sunday, and then on the day preceding.

OFFICERS.

M E Girard	W M.	Wm Brandt	Sec.
H Eastin	S W.	W B Bailey	S D.
A V Martin	J W.	P S Arceneaux	J D.
R Dugat	Treas.	A Haas	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

W E Bailey, M E Girard, A Mouton.

MEMBERS.

Bendel, Wm	DeBlanc, A	Mouton, C H	Plonsky, L
Bailey, Adolphe	Daigle, F	Mouton, Wm	Read, H O
Bernard, E	Ewing, E	Mudd, F S	Roger, L
Barnard, Joseph T	Garnier, A	Monge, E	Siebeck, L
Caffrey, J J	Judice, J N	Perry, R S	White, Wm D
Couret, Louis			39 members.

Initiated—A Gatnier, C Asher.

Passed—A Garnier.

Raised—A Garnier, A Haas.

Demitted—E Ewing, L Rogers, Wm D White.

SILENT BROTHERHOOD LODGE No. 146.

Springville P. O., Natchitoches Parish, La. First Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Julius Lisso.....	W M.	Davis Hovey.....	Sec.
B G Kinney.....	S W.	John E Murch.....	S D.
Edward Friend.....	J W.	E C DeBreuhl.....	J D.
M Lisso.....	Treas.	Jas M Elliott.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Saml Clark, R A L McCurday, Franklin L Armistead, John E Murph.

MEMBERS.

Abney, T W	Hammeth, Robt E	Moberly, A H	Sprawl, J
Armistead, Wm W	Hughes, Robt F	Mangham, J G	Threadville, W H
Baird, J H	Jones, G W	Nelson, L C	Wilson, Joseph T
Britt, Harison	Jones, Ben F	Nettles, H	Williams, J W R
Dewberry, J W	Kenney, Jas E	Perry, W A	Wynne, Geo H
Foster, E P	Lee, B S	Prior, B B	Walmsley, T C
Gray, Jas	Love, L E	Rowland, M	Williams, W S
Gohagan, O P	McAlister, Jas	Stallings, M H	42 members.

Initiated—W L Haines.

Affiliated—L E Love.

Stricken from the Roll—A H Moberly, J T Wilson.

Demitted—James Gray.

ANACOCO LODGE No. 147.

Anacoco P O., Sabine Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

N H Bray.....	W M.	T H J Richardson.....	Sec.
C Bray.....	S W.	R A Brown.....	S D.
W W Taylor.....	J W.	W H Smart.....	J D.
J A Brown.....	Treas.	W P Cain.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

N H Bray, DDGM.

MEMBERS.

Brown, J A, P M	Franklin, J M	McGee, G	Turner, J
Bray, Isaac, P M	Franklin, Jno	Prewitt, Y J	Turner, A
Bray, David	Hagan, B T	Russell, J G	Turner, W W
Cole, John J	Hale, J H	Regan, J H	Winfree, E A
Evans, A F	Jones, W H	Richardson, W L	Winfred, Isaac O
Faircloth, W K	Koonce, P	Stephens, T R	West, M
Fuller, F A	Lambrith, J N	Smart, W W	Wright, A
Franklin, J W	McAlpen, M		37 members.

Initiated—J N Hale.

Passed—J H Hale.

Raised—J H Hale.

Affiliated—W L Richardson.

Demitted—Y S Prewitt, J H Hale, E A Winfree, J O Winfree.

Died—W H Jones.

Stricken from the Roll—J H Ragan.

RED LAND LODGE No. 148.

Collinsburg P. O., Bossier Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

J J Swindle.....	W M.	J G Allen.....	Sec.
J J Scott.....	S W.	J A Martin.....	S D.
R E Wyche.....	J W.	Isaac N Franks.....	J D.
F M Barnett.....	Treas.	H C Allen.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

John B Campbell,

John G Allen.

MEMBERS.

Alien, Gideon	Fish, Wm J	Lynn, B F	Smith, D
Brock, M H	Gossett, W B	Mading, J B	Stroud, J H
Blackburn, J M	Hughes, Wm J	McLamore, J L	Stroud, W A
Crawford, J B	Heiffner, Jno	Nuckolls, J M	Spurlin, A J
Curry, A A	Johnson, W E	O'Daniel, C S	Sanderson, E S
Edens, A K	Kemp, Jno T	Owens, L D	Winfrey, H R L
Edens, J C	Lewis, J O	Rosenborough, B C	Wilson, J D
Engram, S M	Long, M P	Swindle, C	Whitaker, A
			41 members.

Initiated—Isaac N Franks, T N Goodwin.

Passed—I N Eranks.

Raised—I N Franks, F M Barnett.

Affiliated—J M Blackburn.

Demitted—J B Crawford, J D Wilson, J M Mickolls, (A A Curry, 1866).

DARLINGTON LODGE No. 149.

Darlington, St. Helena Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

O L Collins.....	W M.	J L Nettles.....	Sec.
A W Carruth.....	S W.	W B Kemp.....	S D.
T C Bradford.....	J W.	J F Fobertson.....	J D.
G R Henley.....	Treas.	H C Newsom.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

M H McClane,

O L Collins.

MEMBERS.

Allen, T D	Graves, H S	Nettles, J M	Thompson, C
Chance, B	Hurst, W J	Pipkin, H W	Thompson, B W
Carter, W M	Hobgood, J W	Ramsey, W H	Williams, M C
Clinton, J W	Kemp, D C	Rogers, J P	Williams, B W
Davis, W K	Lee, W G	Rodgers, Moses	Wilson, D P
Dougherty, W B	Nettles, S S	Raborn, Quincy	Wells, G W
Edwards, H	Newson, H G	Stewart, L	White, John A

36 members.

Initiated—G W White.*Passed*—G W White.*Demitted*—M C Williams.*Stricken from the Roll*—H Edwards, H S Graves, J W Hobgood, C Thompson.

PERKINS LODGE No. 150.

Donaldsonville, Ascension Parish, La.

RETURNS FOR 1867.

OFFICERS.

E B Cox.....	W M.	W C Laws.....	Sec.
	S W.	A J Dalferes.....	S D.
H W Miller.....	J W.	M Israel.....	J D.
J J Clavierie.....	Treas.	E Lion.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

T H Wheightman,

E B Cox.

MEMBERS.

Cohen, L	Lion, M	Moore, R C	Rougeau, P
Cohen, M	Lion, S	Nicholls, F T	Sterne, S
Dodge, J A	Mavor, C L	O'Hara, John	Superville, E
Humbert, P	Maurin, V	Parks, J H	Thibaut, A
Lacaze, B	Mershon, A L	Rogers, A J	Weinschenk, S
Lion, L			29 members.

Demitted—Z Parker, (1860.) A J Powell, (1860.) D B Peirce, (1866).*Died*—Jno O'Hara, A L Mershon, R C Moore, E Superville, A Thibaut, S Laylor, (1863.) P Rougeau.

EASTERN LODGE No. 151.

Winfield P. O., Winn Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

James R Bevil.....	W M.	Jno A Dixon.....	Sec.
J P Cook.....	S W.	S M Smith.....	S D.
D P Morris.....	J W.	Jas Neely.....	J D.
J A Mathis.....	Treas.	D W Collins.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

John A Dixon,

J R Bevil, D D G M.

MEMBERS.

Allbright, W S	Dickerson, J J	Muirhead, P	Shumake, F
Allbright, J A	Dean, C D	Muirhead, Chas	Sims, R C
Allbright, Ben	Davis, W A	Muirhead, P	Streetman, M
Anderson, Ed	Earnest, Sam	Moseley, J W	Smith, H P
Adams, J B	Fouts, D C	Martin, E P	Smith, P
Abel, Joseph	Gans, Isaac	Maybin, J O	Smith James
Bellaney, J F	Griffin, W A	McCarthy, P	She to, J
Bolton, N	Goodson, H B	McCarthy, A	Stone, Wm
Baer, M A	Holston, J W	Maxwell, C A	Stone, D M
Barron, John	Huthnance, H	Milling, T D	Stone, B W
Beale, W J	Irvin, James	Milan, J T	Stevens, W
Baten, W H	Jackson, S	Mackie, Dennis	Strait, Wm
Bryan, J C	Jones, A H	Nugent, R O	Snelling, J W
Bolton, G W	Jones, R C	Pierson, D	Teddle, W J
Carter, G B	Jackson, M E	Pipes, D	Teddle, Sol
Cockerham, A	Killen, John	Roberts, John	Williams, J M
Corley, I T	Kelly, Dan	Riser, T H	Wright, W A
Clifton, G D	Lacey, J H	Roberts, W R	Watson, J A
Carter, Wm	Lowe, J B	Rentz, James	Wade, A
Collins, Willie	Lucky, G W	Rains, S P	Wynn, J F
Davis, Thomas			90 members.

Initiated—J B Adams, G W Bolton, J E Brin, L L Bisset, J W Barnes, W A Davis, W E Jackson, S P Rains, James Rentz, J N Satcher, J L Shelton, R Womack, D J Warner.

Passed—J B Adams, G W Bolton, W A Davis, M E Jackson, S P Rains, James Rentz, John Starks, J N Satcher.

Raised—J B Adams, G W Bolton, W A Davis, M E Jackson, R O Nugent, S P Rains, James Rentz.

Affiliated—Joseph Abel, Dennis Mackie, W R Roberts, J F Wynne.

Demitted—G W Lucky, Sol Teddle (1864.)

Died—J F Bellamy, A Cockerham.

HOMER LODGE No. 152.

Homer, Claiborne Parish, La., 1st Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS.

A C Hill.....	W M.	J R Ramsey.....	Sec.
A Ward.....	S W.	.....	S D.
Jno Young.....	J W.	.....	J D.
A McCranie.....	Treas.	J H Mitchell.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

A C Hill,

J M Thomasson,

F A Jones.

MEMBERS.

Payne, A H, P M	Gaudy, W H	Morton, J C	Scaggs, J E
Amite, A J	Greer, John Jr	Martin, W C	Stacy, J W
Amite, A C	Grider, M	Martin, J R	Smith, A H
Alexander, Robt	Greyder, Hiram	McKenzie, Jas	Scott, N J
Brown, J J	Grumitt, W J	McKenzie, Tom	Smith, Dan
Boykin, A B	Hamilton, T P	McMahon, H B	Schockley, B S
Briscoe, T W	Hargrove, A H	Martin, M	Thomas, W J
Bartlett, W T	Hightower, T J	McKinley, H B	Thomas, G W

Bryant, J S	High, A J	Martin, C C	Thigpen, B
Boykin, John	Herring, J S	Murphy, N	Thigpen, J H
Bennett, S W	Hightower, R D	Nail, Mason	Tinsley, J B
Bailey, T E	Hamiter, J A	Neeley, J T	Tinsley, W T
Butler, Columbus	Hamiter, A C	Neeley, J D	Warren, G W
Berry, Geo	Hasty, S	Obier, John	Wilcox, L F
Carr, W A	Jeter, J H	Odom, Aaron	Williams, S O
Coleman, B R	Jackson, R S	Odom, Natt	Wilson, J W
Crowson, R M	Kimbrew, E H	O'Kelley, J B	Wilson, W L
Cole, J M	Kellett, W A	Price, G W	Witter, J A
Cornelius, M	Krouse, F O	Potts, J H	Wilder, J B
Case, J M	Kendrick, N E	Phillips, W L	Williams, P J
Crutcher, W C	Kendrick, J E	Reams, W J	West, E J
Davis, S W	Lippmins, M H	Ross, E K W	Weil, M
Demoss, W M	Lewis, D H	Reid, D A	Williams, J T
Ellington, W T	Lesley, M C	Reynold, F	Weil, A
Egan, J C	Laukford, E C	Spear, T S	Wooten, F P
Ferguson, J	Mitchell, W J	Smith, J P	Young, J S
Goodson, J E	Murrell, John	Smith, C H	115 members.

Initiated—R S Jackson, O P Anderson.

Passed—R S Jackson.

Raised—R S Jackson, J D Neeley.

Demitted—W T Bartlett, A B Boykin, Geo Berry, W A Carr, H Grider, H B McMahon, J B O'Kelly, L Z Grisby.

Died—S O Williams, E H Kimbrow.

Stricken from the Roll—F P Wooten, T W Briscoe, J S Bryant, S W Bennett, C Butler, R M Crowson, J M Case, W T Ellington, W H Gaudy, W J Grumitt, J S Herring, J H Jeter, W A Kellett, N E Kendrick, J E Kendrick, J R Martin, N Murphy, M Nail, A Odom, N Odom, E K W Ross, D A Reid, T S Spears, J P Smith, C H Smith, J E Scaggs, J W Stacey, A H Smith, D Smith, L F Wilcox, W L Wilson, P J Williams, E J West, D H Lewis.

Received March 27, 1869.

ST. JOHNS LODGE No. 153.

Algiers, Parish of Orleans, La., every Tuesday evening.

OFFICERS.

A B Seger.....	W M.	W H Martin.....	Sec.
Jno McCluskey.....	S W.	Jas Mitchell.....	S D.
Wm Barclay.....	J W.	L F Giesh.....	J D.
Wm Sarazin.....	Treas.	Jno Brunett.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

A B Seger.

MEMBERS.

Bell, Robt	Finck, P	Mahoney, John	Roberts, F
Bacon, A B	Freeman, W W	Martin, F	Richardson, Jno
Brownlee, John	Garner, Hy	Muirehead, Thos	Riley, W H
Briel, C P	Hotard, E A	McCann, John	Stafford, J E
Buchanan, J	Hasam, Thos	McLean, J O	Sturtevant, J A
Carr, Geo P	Herbert, Geo	Mackey, Thos G	Sloan, G W
Callier, J B	Haggett, Thos	Morse, M A	Schwarzenbach, H
Carter, H	Haight, Rufus	Nelson, T F	Seery, Jas
Dodge, L W	Heap, Sam	Noyes, F	Sprague, I W
Davidson, J M	Hall, B F	O'Conner, M	Williams, Sam
Dodd, J R	Harkins, E	O'Conner, D H	Wilson, R M

DeSeamus, J F	Jarvis, J	Powell, Wm	Witherap, Jos
Dodge, L J	Jennings, T L	Porter, T K	Young, H L
Follet, Jno F	Kruger, Geo	Randolph, W	Young, E H
Forrest, John	Lennox, A	Robb, J W	Ziffle, G
Fee, William	Long, D A		70 members.

Initiated—J Avrill, G P Carr, W W Freeman, J M Kelles, Wm Kussman, F Lindenger, S Landry, T Muirehead.

Passed—G P Carr, W W Freeman, H C Hastings, F Lindenger, S Landry, Thos Muirehead, J A Sturtevant, Geo Ziffle.

Raised—G P Carr, W W Freeman, E F Giesh, Thos Muirehead, W H Riley, J A Sturtevant, Geo Ziffle.

Demitted—A B Bacon.

Died—Wm Randolph.

Stricken from the Roll—J M Davidson, Jno Richardson.

Reinstated—J E Stafford.

FILLMORE LODGE No. 154.

Fillmore, Bossier Parish, La.

(Received since close of Communication.)

OFFICERS.

H Barnacastle.....	W M.	James Ford.....	Sec.
E J Hamilton.....	S W.	A J McDade.....	S D.
B F Daniells.....	J W.	J N Magee.....	J D.
W H Bledsoe.....	Treas.	H Guthrie.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

A J McDade,	T W Bledsoe,	Henry Barnacastle.
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MEMBERS.

Burton, B F	Edwards, J A	Hudson, Elijah	Murff, N B
Berry, Sam	Edwards, W H	Hamilton, W E	Platte, David
Brothers, W E	Everett, C	Harrell, C W	Phelps, J A
Cade, S M	Ferguson, S	Lilly, G W	Platte, Wm
Coombs, R K	Holly, W J	Lawrence, A	Rains, J W
Dortch, J N	Haughton, M B	Lyon, H J	Snider, T A
Dortch, W E	Hill, W H	McGolerick, R H	Thompson, P P
Dennard, J S	Hickman, W J	Miller, Jacob	Talbot, N M
			42 members.

Raised—W H Hill.

Affiliated—C Everett, G W Lilly.

Demitted—S M Cade, J A Edwards, W E Hamilton, J A Phelps, T A Snider, N M Talbot.

Died—Sam Berry, W H Hill.

Stricken from the Roll—E Hudson, W Platte.

CHERRY RIDGE LODGE No. 155.

Cherry Ridge, Union Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

E J Lee.....	W M.	Jno F Peterson.....	Sec.
M L McFarland.....	S W.	S J Beard.....	S D.
Jas R Booles.....	J W.	W D Regan.....	J D.
W E Davis.....	Treas.	Geo Fenton.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

M T Simmons,

S J Beard.

MEMBERS.

Austin, W	Elkins, H K	Holloway, J	Phelps, John
Carr, W C	Gully, J H	Manning, S	Tubb, B M
Dougal, C M	Gilbert, B M	McFarland, J W	Wasson, W W
Dilda, B	Haney, J E	Odum, J M	24 members.

Initiated—J R Booles.*Passed*—J R Booles, Jno F Peterson.*Raised*—J R Booles, Jno F Peterson.*Demitted*—B Dilda, W W Wasson, W Austin, W C Carr, S Manning, J H Gully.*Stricken from the Roll*—B M Tubb.

KISATCHIE LODGE No. 156.

Kisatchie, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana.

OFFICERS.

L J Nash.....	W M.	D W Self.....	Sec.
John C Sibley.....	S W.	J D Addison.....	S D.
J F Bolton.....	J W.	John H Jordon.....	J D.
A C Leach.....	Treas.	M E Leach.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

W Jackson Self,

John D Addison.

MEMBERS.

Bolton, F M	Lynch, J T	Nash, R F	Ramsey, T J
Bolton, John	Leach, J W	Owen, W C	Wooley, W B
Corley, Jas M			18 members.

Initiated—A D Wrinkle, A J Defer.*Demitted*—T J Ramsey, Isaac Powell.

GROSSE TETE LODGE No. 157.

Rosedale, Iberville Parish, La.

Charter Surrendered February, 1869.

List of Members in last Returns—Received March, 1867.

OFFICERS.

John Philson.....	W M.	C E Dupuy.....	Sec.
Hiram Sigler.....	S W.	J E Bargas.....	S D.
J B Woolfolk.....	J W.	J D Worsham.....	J D.
J W Stilwell.....	Treas.	Austin Woolfolk.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Jno S Whitney,

Hiram Sigler.

MEMBERS.

Anselm, B B	Holt, Jordan	McHugh, D	Schwing, S D
Bush, J G A	Harrall, J G	Pope, W C	Woodruff, J W
Brooks, J M	Howard, Louis	Raby, B S	Warren, J A
Doremus, J E C	Little, P J	Sugg, P P	Young, J N
Gellusseau, P	Lewis, W C	Saunders, J W	29 members.

Initiated—R Barrow.*Died*—J H Johnson.

RAPIDES LODGE No. 158.

Huddleston P O., Rapides Parish, La. Second Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS.

Chas K Oakes.....	W M.	John P Eddleman.....	Sec.
Thos S Knight.....	S W.	J W Moore.....	S D.
L Cooper.....	J W.	J H Wood.....	J D.
John C Knight.....	Treas.	W Perkins.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

G B Burr,

G A Smith.

MEMBERS.

Ainsworth, A	Hewitt, J T	Knight, D R	Scoggins, H W
Burr, C B	Hicks, James	Landrum, J M	Stanley, M H
Fennell, D	Hunt, C C	Lewis, A	Stephens, N A
French, Thos	Iles, John	Martin, S	Turner, A C R
Gill, T S	Iles, H W	Perkins, B G	Williams, A S
Groves, Jas	Knight, Robert	Roberts, Samuel	Williams, H A
Hatch, J L			35 members.

Initiated—J H Harvey, J W Moore, S Roberts.*Passed*—Jas H Harvey, Robt Knight, J W Moore, C Nesmith, S Roberts.*Raised*—Jas Hicks, R Knight, J W Moore, S Roberts.*Affiliated*—Jas Groves.*Demitted*—H W Iles, G A Smith, M H Stanley.

MORGANZA LODGE No. 159.

Morganza, Parish of Point Coupée, Louisiana.

(Received since close of Communication.)

OFFICERS.

J W Newsom.....	W M.	John Meobius.....	Sec.
C G Hale.....	S W.	J W Anderson.....	S D.
W A Harbour.....	J W.	W K Penny.....	J D.
M Sauter.....	Treas.	John Jamison.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

J W Newsom.

MEMBERS.

Baker, Chas	Hess, Wm	Masson, L J	Vignee, Adelon
Barrow, Wm	Hebert, C D	Robinson, B	Vosburg, J H
Bondy, A	Jeffrion, P	Robertson, O	Watson, J P
Bouchard, A	Lejuane, Ovide	St Cyr, J B	Weil, Michel
Byerly, S	Leonard, N	Thomas, Wm	Weil, Benj
Dedier, H	Morgan, J A	Villeret, Chas	Yoist, John
Falconer, W R			33 members.

Initiated—C Altman, C D Hebert, L J Masson, J Mayer, Benjamin Weil, S Penny.*Passed*—C Altman, L B Dagries, C D Hebert, L J Masson, G R Newsom, B Weil, H Didier.*Raised*—A Bouchard, C D Hebert, L J Masson, W K Penny, B Weil, H Didier.*Demitted*—J H Vosburg.*Died*—S Penny.

LIVINGSTON LODGE No. 160.

Pontchatoula P. O., Livingston Parish, La. Fourth Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS.

S S Hoyt.....	W M.	J W Addison.....	Sec.
Wm Akers.....	S W.	Wm Watson.....	S D.
S D Simms.....	J W.	E B Stevens.....	J D.
W W Bankston.....	Treas.	H Johnson.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

W Akers, C Waynright, S S Hoyt, A B Robertson, J W Addison.

MEMBERS.

Bankston, G W	Dunnington, R L	Lanier, R M	Stewart, Kinchin
Burns, B F	Durbin, James	Robertson, D T	Tucker, Zelotes
Bankston, S M	Hutchinson, Robt	Robertson, W B	Tucker, Warren
Bradley, Alfred	Holden, Wm H	Rounds, W S	Tucker, A G
Beatty, Daniel	Holden, S P	Starns, E B	White, C W
Chapman, L	Helmicht, J P	Settoon, D T	Wilson, W D
Carter, M T	Kemp, Simpson	Sands, J D	Wall, C W
Duncan, Wm			39 members.

Initiated—E B Stevens.*Passed*—J J Acord, E B Stevens.*Raised*—E B Stevens.*Demitted*—Wm B Robertson.*Stricken from the Roll*—D Beatty, J D Sands, B Tucker, W Tucker, C W White.

BROOKVILLE LODGE No. 161.

Oak Ridge, Point Jeffersen P O., Morehouse Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

J P Myers.....	W M.	J M Huffman.....	Sec.
R E Phillips.....	S W.	G W Higginbotham.....	S D.
G W Dannels.....	J W.	J E McGowan.....	J D.
A W Bridges.....	Treas.	G Crister.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

J P Myers, D S Beauchamp, Wilson G Myers.

MEMBERS.

Baird, T W	Ewing, Amos G	Higginbotham, CW	Oliver, T F
Breshear, C H	Fitch, W P	Jones, John	Puckett, E B
Brown, Jos M	Graves, C W	Larkin, M K	Sandel, Wm
Culpepper, L B	Hatch, C A	McAdams, Thos B	Stark, L R
Davis, J W	Hatch, A H	Muir John R	Tucker, R J
Eason, C W, sr	Higginbotham, WD	Madison, Jno F	Williams, T W
Eason, C W, jr	Higginbotham, Cla	Malone, G T	Wallace, Jas A
Eason, Jos J	Higginbotham, D F	Meyers, T W	41 members.

Initiated—L R Stark, J C Bass, J P Larkin.*Passed*—L R Stark, J Y Hylliard, S P Graves.*Raised*—L R Stark.*Affiliated*—G W Higginbotham, C H Brashear.*Demitted*—T W Myers, A H Hatch, T F Oliver, J R Muir, Wm Sandal, J M Brown, A G Ewing.*Died*—C A Hatch.

BURNSVILLE LODGE No. 162.

Shangaloo, Claiborne Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

G J Wise	W M.	E Sanders	Sec.
J M Burns	S W.	E Sanders	S D.
J W Day	J W.	B F Sykes	J D.
W Simms	Treas.	T F Burns	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Jno C Gordy, (honorary.) Shelvey Baucum, G J Wise, D H Courtney.

MEMBERS.

Burns, W W	Fletcher, David C	McDonald, Jno C	Sikes, Jesse
Burns, J A	Fletcher, D	McCarty, A	Sears, A K
Burns, C B	Holt, John	Morgan, C R	Shaw, S W
Burley, J Y	Henry, R J	Marshall, S	Stevens, H Y
Cook, S B	James, J J	McDonald, W S	Wagoner, E P
Courtney, J F	Lansford, P R	Nations, L	Ward, E
Campbell, J M	Liverman, M	Prnett, T J	Winburn, W H
Cleaver, J M	Lindsey, W A	Remkin, J A	Wise, D
DeLoache, A F	Lennard, W T J	Sanders, T B	Wallace, H B
Davis, H	Lewis, J M	Sykes, Jackson	Whoten, B W
Doyle, D P	Lindsey, B B		58 members.

Passed—J H Barnard, B F O'Neal.*Affiliated*—H Y Stevens, A K Sears, B W Whoten, J C McDonald.*Demitted*—H B Wallis, S Baucum, D T Fletcher.*Suspended*—Thos J Prewitt.

ATCHAFALAYA LODGE NO. 163.

Red River Landing P. O., Simmsport, Avoyelles Parish, La. On Saturday
before full moon.

OFFICERS.

F H Babbit	W M.	S A Harmanson	Sec.
H W Coyle	S W.	P J Whitley	S D.
S W Bunch	J W.	E K Branch	J D.
S Barbre	Treas.	G Amburn	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

F H Babbit.

MEMBERS.

Armstrong, W F	Cason, J H	Kirk, T C	Spurlock, T J
Brooks, John T	French, R F F	McCrea, J J	Stribling, S R
Belson, John	Gayle, Jas R	Mills, J W	Samuel, S
Blakewood, B W	Harmanson, T P	Nesmith, F J	Stribling, Seaborn
Cobb, S W	Jones, J C	North, Levi T	Way, J W O
Callihan, H G	Keller, L	Pouncey, W T	Wood, J W
Callihan, Jas	Kirk, J B	Rogers, S T	Way, A T
			36 members.

Initiated—T S Robius, D T Merrick, A D Harmanson, J E Featherston.*Passed*—D T Merrick.*Raised*—G Amburn.*Affiliated*—T J Spurlock, W T Pouncey, S W Cobb, H W Coyle, J W Mills,
S W Bunch, T C Kirk.*Demitted*—John C Jones.

COLUMBIA LODGE No. 164.

Columbia, Caldwell Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

C C Meredith.....	W M.	R S Slemmons.....	Sec.
P R Smith.....	S W.	T J Hough.....	S D.
L M Daws.....	J W.	J A Dowden.....	J D.
J F Varner.....	Treas.	Henry Haas.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

J F Varner,

C C Meredith.

MEMBERS.

Butler, J J	Davis, N M	Johnson, R	Parker, J F
Bridger, J C jr	Graves, J Q	Levy, J	Redditt, W C
Boyd, Jas A	Humphries, A	Meredith, J M	Saucier, J G
Blanks, J D	Haas, J	Myers, John	Stroud, F W
Bridges, J C	Haas, J L	Meaks, E M	Stringer, J J
Blanks, F N	Hough, W H	Masters, Jesse	Simmins, M
Bridger, R D	Hogan, Wm	Meredith, J A	Wright, J E
Dial, J N			37 members.

Initiated—T J Hough, J A Dowden, W L Wooten, T E Meredith, Wm B Grayson, J J B Everete.

Passed—John Myers, T J Hough, J C Bridger, J A Dowden, W L Wooten, T E Meredith.

Raised—Hy Haas, John Meyers, J D Graves, T J Hough, J C Bridger, J A Dowden.

Affiliated—A Humphries, J Masters.

Demitted—John Myers, J L Haas.

Died—J D Blanks.

Reinstated—E N Meaks, J E Wright.

LAKE CHARLES LODGE No. 165.

Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

L Levicque.....	W M.	W H Haskell.....	Sec.
G W Reeves.....	S W.		S D.
M J Rosteet.....	J W.		J D.
D J Reed.....	Treas.	E L Cole.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

A G Williams,

F G Moeling.

MEMBERS.

Andrus, C	Forman, D D	Lecoq, Jno O	Pugo, A
Bush, Chas	Fitzgerald, P	Newman, M	Reeves, Geo
Benoit, M	Gill, Wm E	O'Brien, J	Rutland, W R
Blair, Jas	Goos, Daniel	Pharris, M P	Ryan, J
Christian, Jas	Hebert, D	Platz, Peter	Simms, E R
Derouen, L	Kepthaut, Jno	Perkins, A J	Vondy, Jno
Fairchild, Wm L			33 members.

Initiated—J Blair, D Derouen, M Newman, J Miller, D Hebert, J Kepthaut, A S Esconbas.

Passed—J Blair, L Derouen, M Newman, D Hebert, J Kepthaut.

Raised—J Blair, L Derouen, M Newman, D Hebert, J Kepthaut, D D Forman.

Affiliated—W R Rutland.

Demitted—Chas Rush, F G Moelling, D D Forman.

EXCELSIOR LODGE No. 166.

Grand Lodge Hall, corner St. Charles and Perdido streets, N O. Wednesday Evenings.

OFFICERS.

R L Bruce.....	W M.	C W West.....	Sec.
J D Crwford.....	S W.	H F Hardy.....	S D.
F Holyland.....	J W.	George Selby.....	J D.
Jos A Brown.....	Treas.	E O'Sullivan.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Oliver J Noyes,	Victor Hebert,	E D Beach,	R L Bruce.
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MEMBERS.

DeHaven, D, P M,	Conant, F A	Grandjean, C W	McRee, Robert
Chamberlain, W C,	Cainig, Wm	Griggs, S R	Nelson, John
P M,	Cox, M S	Gould, C W	Noyes, L E
Winfree, Ph, P M	Clark, Frank	Hastings, F J	Nelson, J M
Anderson, W C	Campbell, A	Hart, Alex	Phillips, Wm
Ayres, Wm	Chase, S M	Henning, H E	Roy, John
Augustus, E D	Drew, E S	Hays, Chas	Starr, Wm
Bassett, Wm S	Dunbar, A F	Huchez, Cesare	Smith, Gardner
Bier, C C	Davidson, D	Halsey, W S	Scratchley, Geo
Black, J H	Day, L P	Hinton, I T	Scott, S M
Brown, Chas	Doyle, E J	Hurley, John	Thayer, F N
Bruce, R J	Day, J Morris	Henning, W H	Timberlake, John
Bruce, N L	Dill, E G	Isaacson, H M	Tucker, C T
Berthelot, W H	Eckford, F M	Keese, Chas H	Tracy, C C
Butler, S L	Faisant, René	Logan, W Y	Urban, D
Burke, J S	Fish, J S	Morgan, L J	Van Slyck, J W
Breedlove, W W	Frank, W	Martin, J M	Webster, L J
Boning, Geo	Fletcher, Geo W	Mount, W S	Wrede, J W
Cornell, J H	Gullett, N C	Mackey, J G	Walker, Samuel

86 members.

Initiated—H F Hardy, R Fairsant, F J Hastings, J T Tucker, H M Isaacson, P H Waters, John Roy, Wm Hoelcke, P Dustillon, C C Tracy, E Cochran, W C Anderson, A W Priest, L J Morgan.

Passed—H F Hardy, R Faisant, F J Hastings, J T Tucker, H M Isaacson, John Roy, C Keese, C C Tracy, W C Anderson, L J Morgan, L F Noyes.

Raised—H T Hardy, R Fairsant, F J Hastings, J T Tucker, H M Isaacson, C C Tracy, W C Anderson, L J Morgan, L F Noyes.

Affiliated—F M Eckford, Alex Hart, H E Henning, E G Dill.

Demitted—J W Van Slyck.

Died—R J Bruce, C C Bier, G Smith, O J Noyes.

Stricken from the Roll—J G Mackey, S P Day, C A Hays, F Clark, S R Griggs, A Campbell.

LINN WOOD LODGE No. 167.

No. 163 Camp street. Thursday Evenings.

OFFICERS.

George Baldey.....	W M.	Henry Abel.....	Sec.
S A Stockdale.....	S W.	S B Wright.....	S D.
Thomas Sheehan.....	J W.	A J Young.....	J D.
S N Burbank.....	Treas.	P C Nestor (not a member).....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Thomas McGinnis,	Wm McDuff, P J G W.
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MEMBERS.

Beelcher, C. P M,	Deleon, J A H	Lattimer, W A R	Russ, E K
Wilson, Danl, P M,	Dutton, R J	Leetch, Wm	Rogers, Thos J
Barksdale, E J, P M,	Donnelly, C	Long, A B	Romine, H H
Abbott, Geo H	Fyle, John	Leche, F J	Robinson, W M
Acock, J T	Fort, Charles	Landers, Edmund	Rose, J C
Aldrich, D C	Fish, W R	Maginnis, J J	Reid, Ed
Aikman, W M	Foult, J L H	Milne, H	Stewart, W P
Aikman, J B	Fredburg, Alfred	May, Thos P	Steele, H R
Reggs, Jas	Friend, Thomas	Manning, E G	Scott, C A
Bennett, F S	Fisher, Chas B	Masters, E H	St Clair, J F T
Breese, J L	Gruneberg, C H	Miller, A M	St Clair, Chas H
Bailey, C A	Guthrie, Jas B	Martin, H J	Stanford, W L
Billings, E C	Greely, A W	Memminger, Geo	Taylor, J G
Beers, Frank H	Guion, E B	Mathieu, W M	Taylor, J D
Bernheim, J C	Gitzinger, J	Marshal, J	Thrusell, A
Bristoll, Wm M	Greathouse, W R	Mellach, E	Tomlin, W S
Brower, G C	Getchel, Z	Morse, H F	Tuttle, Thos
Billings, A E	Hall, W B	McNeill, Alex	Ulmer, John
Brooks, Samuel	Hart, L	McNeil, Duncan	Vanorum, W H
Bendernagle, Jno	Hawkins, Jacob	McGowan, Ed	Valentine, W G
Bragg, Wm B	Haile, E O	McCullum, Hugh	Widney, L S
Rovard, R D	Hogan, Wm T	Mandell, Kaufman	Walsh, J J
Burlingame, E	Hurdeo, J D	Madden, John W	Williams, John
Brown, H C	Hughes, A B De	New, Geo W	Woolfey, F A
Barnes, Aug	Hughes, E A	Noe, Jas	Wilder, James
Burbank, Nath	Hindman, J H	Pitcher, Geo E	White, J C
Coupland, T V	Herwig, J L	Perkins, W F	Wilson, F H
Curry, E S	Ingalls, C E	Perkins, F W	Wildman, Chas C
Crawford, L S	Joachim, A	Parle, Andrew	Wolf, Simon
Cotter, John	Jones, S	Pearne, W H	Whitaker, Wm R
Chase, A B	King, V O	Parker, Richard	Webber, H
Collier, H	Keene, A	Pearson, Geo	Winn, Thos R
Campbell, Benj	Keenan, P	Packard, G W	Woolsey, L R
Cazabat, A	Krentz, A	Rice, C S	Wynn, Chas E
Cosby, John J	Kellog, L D	Remick, F C	Yorke, E A
Cellos, John V			150 members.

Initiated—F T Bennett, C A Bailey, J L Breese, E C Billings, G E Bovee, T V Coupland, C L Cooper, J J Cosby, G E Ford, R M Farquier, M M Grady, A B De Hughes, J D Harde, Z Inbean, B B Keeler, A Krentz, R D Mitchell, C H Merritt, W F Perkins, F W Perkins, W P Stewart, J G Taylor, J T Taylor, W G Valentine, J J Williamson, L S Widney.

Passed—F T Bennett, C A Bailey, J L Breese, E C Billings, G E Bovee, T V Coupland, J J Cosby, G E Ford, E Gifford, A B De Hughes, J D Harde, B B Keeler, A Krentz, R D Mitchell, Geo E Pitcher, W F Perkins, F W Perkins, W P Stewart, J G Taylor, J D Taylor, W G Valentine, L S Widney.

Raised—B T Bennett, C A Bailey, J L Breese, E C Billings, T V Coupland, J J Cosby, J Fyle, A B De Hughes, J D Harde, A Krentz, Geo S Pitcher, W F Perkins, F W Perkins, E K Russ, W P Stewart, J G Taylor, J D Taylor, W G Valentine, L S Widney.

Affiliated—W M Aikman, James Beggs, C Belchet, E S Curry, C H Gruneberg, C E Ingalls, S Jones, L D Kellog, W A R Lattimer, J J Maginnis, J J Walsh.

Demitted—A Barnes, J Cotter, C Fort, J L H Foult, Z Getchel, E A Yorke.

Died—John Williams.

Stricken from the Roll—William B Bragg, E Burlingame, E McGowen, G W Packard.

Reinstated—F H Beers, J A H DeLeon, Z Getchell, W T Hogan, H Milne, Richard Parker, T J Rodgers, John Williams.

MONTGOMERY LODGE No. 168.

Montgomery, Winn Parish, La. Fourth Saturday in each month.

OFFICERS.

James W Jones.....	W M.	D Hardy.....	Sec.
J M Plunkett.....	S W.	S Bernstein.....	S D.
D H Shumate.....	J W.	A N O'Quinn.....	J D.
C C Dunn.....	Treas.	L G Bird.....	Tyler.

Rev J H Boulton, Chaplain.

PAST MASTERS.

Samuel Bernstein,

W T Hardee.

MEMBERS.

Bernstein, P	Harrison, Thos O	McNaughton, J T	Satcher, A G
Bonnett, Jas R	Jones, J W	Newman, S B	Selly, Geo A
Cockerham, J W	Jackson, R E	O'Quinn, D S	Turner, R H
Drewitt, Wm H	Kelly, G A	Roe, John	Turner, Wm S
Eletcher, Geo W	Killingsworth, R	Ragan, A V	Wilson, W J
Fletcher, D T	Lowe, Thos J	Shumate, T	Wheeler, Chas M
Gans, Mich			35 members.

Initiated—G W Davidson.*Demitted*—Wm S Turner, G A Kelly.

HAYNESVILLE LODGE No. 169.

Haynesville, Claiborne Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

Jas E Smith.....	W M.	G W Nelson.....	Sec.
W L Oaks.....	S W.	N W Peters.....	S D.
J H Darden.....	J W.	D M Phillips.....	J D.
J Gibson.....	Treas.	J C Butler.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

H W Kirkpatrick, D D G M,

W L Oaks,

Jacob Reeder,

Jno C Gordy, honorary member.

MEMBERS.

Browning, J A	Featherston, L H	Maddox, W S	Reed, R E
Browning, G W	Fuller, G W	McEacheren, Jas	Ruple, E
Bennett, J S	Green, J C	Moore, W B	Stevens, J B
Bond, R P	Gunby, G	Moore, J D	Strickland, J R
Burk, P P	Harris, T O	Monerief, Asa	Short, J
Brooks, H G	House, J A	Maddox, W T	Short, F
Brown, J L	Hauser, G W	McKamie, J A B	Smith, A J
Copeland, N S	Harris, E H	McWilliam, W T	Taylor, H
Camp, J M W	Harp, T J	Nelson, T J	Traylor, W P
Camp, J W	Hearn, E	Neil, B R	Veazey, D
Carraway, M	Hearn, E C	Narmore, John	Winn, H
Collier, P C	Kelly, James	Nelson, W E	Whaley, E
Dunn, J F	Kelly, J R	Pullen, James	Walters, A J
Dyke, A J	Knox, H	Peninger, H H	Walters, B A
Demoss, G	Lane, F A	Peninger, James	Watson, W J
Dick, W J	Longino, H M	Patrick, J E	Whaley, J M

Eidson, J W	Maddox, W A	Phipps, J	White, J M
Everett, W B	Moore, T J	Price, Thomas	Whaley, Thos
Evans, D R	Meeks, Nacy	Rogers, J C	Winn, R A N

86 members.

Initiated—H M Longino.*Passed*—H M Longino, R A N Winn.*Raised*—H M Longino, R A N Winn.*Affiliated*—T J Moore, Thos Price.*Demitted*—A J Walters, P P Burk, H H Peninger, F Short, J Short, Hy Taylor, T O Harris, Geo Gunby.*Stricken from the Roll*—J A Browning, J S Bennett, G Demoss, E Hearn, E C Hearn, H Knox, B A Walters, T J Harp, T J Nelson, M Carraway.

ORUS LODGE No. 170.

Conti, between Villeré and Robertson streets, New Orleans.

OFFICERS.

R D Ouvrard.....	W M.	L Wust.....	Sec.
J L Israel.....	S W.	F Francinques.....	S D.
L Hauptman.....	J W.	T B Sanarens.....	J D.
A Walz.....	Treas.	P Ricand, not a member...	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

R D Ouvrard.

MEMBERS.

Amiel, F	Callus, P L	Jagou, J	Malapart, F
Artigues, J	Chavanne, C	Jolissaint, A	Pelissier, A
Baron, A	Duplan, J	Jolissaint, L	Peyregne, J C
Boué, G	Dupas, E A	Levy, A	Regotaz, L
Bellocoq, F	Durand, Victor	Langlumé, A	Revol, C
Bouricand, F	Doyen, N	Laberdeus, B	Rizan, P
Birkenstock, P M	Delcous, A	Lustaneau, J	Sperier, L A
Bayron, J P	Favre, L F	Miquet, J L	Soudain, J
Bernard, P L	Freeche, J L	Michel, F	Villeneuve, G
Camblong, E	Hayem, E	Moreau, H	Waltz, Ad
Cadroy, A			48 members.

Initiated—G Boué, F Malapart.*Passed*—G Boué, A Delcous, L Hauptman, L Jolissaint, A Levy, F Malapart, A Pellissier.*Raised*—G Boné, A Delcous, L Hauptman, L Joissant, A Levy, F Malapart, A Pellissier.*Demitted*—P Rizan, Ad Waltz.*Died*—V Durand.*Stricken from the Roll*—J P Bayron, E Camblong, J L Miquet, A Baron.

KOSMOS LODGE No. 171.

Corner of Commercial Alley and Camp, 2d and 4th Mondays.

OFFICERS.

Ludwig P Heintz.....	W M.	A W May.....	Sec.
V Fabian.....	S W.	Wm Weissborn.....	S D.
Geo Yalets.....	J W.	F Falkenheimer.....	J D.
F Hechler.....	Treas.	Wm F Ahrens.....	Mas. of Cer.
Chas Wackendorf.....	Mas. of Ex.	J H Mueller, not a member,	Tyler

PAST MASTERS.

Ludwig P Heintz.

MEMBERS.

Albers, Otto	Grau, C	Lehmann, L A	Schmidt, E F
Ambruster, Ben	Hosch, John	Maier, E M	Schulze, R
Behme, T	Hasenberg, F	Meyer, J T	Simon, B
Braun, Fred	Hoessly, M J	May, F G	Steuber, H
Behr, F W	Heft, P	Nil, C H	Tebbe, H
Betz, N	Haub, H	Otto, F	Thorhauer, Chas
Boesnel, J	Huff, J F	Ohmsted, John	Tobleman, J F
Clerc, F V	Klemm, John	Plumer, F	Weishaar, C
Dressel, W	Kallmann, Chas	Rengstorff, J E	Wittum, F
Euchenhofer, C F	Krauss, Wm	Rombach, B	Waldsaur, F
Eylandt, J E	Leonhard, L	Sieger, R	Zimmermann, A
Ennemoser, J	Loeper, A		56 members.

Initiated—J T Meyer.*Passed*—J Ennemoser, P Heft, J T Meyer.*Raised*—B Armbruster, J Ennemoser, P Heft, J T Meyer.*Affiliated*—J Lehmann.*Demitted*—F Hasenburg, H Haub, Jno Hosch, L Leonhard, J E Rengstorff, E

P Schmidt, Ben Simon.

Died—Hy Steuber.*Stricken from the Roll*—J H Hoessly, Wm Kraus, A Loeper, E M Maier, F Plumer.

UNION LODGE No. 172.

Corner of Commercial Alley and Camp—Thursday Evenings.

OFFICERS.

Geo H Pabst.....	W M.	C Schneider.....	J D.
Chas Openheimer.....	J W.	G Troy.....	Mas. of Ex.
Eph Offner.....	J W.	W Hodgins.....	Mas. of Cer.
S B Brown.....	Orator.	H C Brehop.....	Almoner.
S W Moore.....	Treas.	David Hughes.....	Steward.
Jos Zengel, Jr.....	Sec.	E Moral.....	J D.
E Morel.....	S D.	J H Miller.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Samuel H Brown,

G H Pabst.

MEMBERS.

Allen, C H	Haan, Julius	Moretz, L	Reitmeyer, F
Bridge, C V	Helm, Ph	Meyers, C A	Singleton, W S
Collins, T S	Hoffman, A T	Miller, C D	Stark, Hy
Carlisle, C C	Henry, Jos L	May, John W	Schmidt, R H
Croft, John	Hutchins, Wm	Mitchell, James	Suhling, Geo
Dushane, S P	Jacobs, B	McLin, J B	Stromeyer, G C
DeMahy, Jos C	Kreider, J J	Nichols, J S	Sands, W H
Dussel, J	Kinsela, A E	Pons, B	Slawson, J B Jr
Fox, Aug	Karstendick, J A	Pureell, John	Singleton, R
Fritz, Fred	Knopf, Louis	Pfeifer, E	Schneider, L F W
Folger, Josiah	Lane, J J	Potter, J	Taylor, Jno
Holbrook, C J	Lautier, Jos J	Parodi, D	Tabony, Jos H
Huber, Z	Lawton, W H	Rooney, John	Woolverton, N W
			65 members.

Initiated—Wm Hutchins, C Schneider, J Taylor, J H Tarbony, J Zengel, T O'Conner, Wm H Berry, E Bochler, G Doctor, J Frank, J T Shearer, J Walsh, J Schwenk.

Passed—Wm Hutchins, J J Kreider, L Moretz, H Stark, C Schneider, J Taylor, J H Tabony, J Zengel, F Duplessis, T O'Conner, J Walsh.

Raised—Wm Hutchins, J J Kreider, L Moretz, H Stark, C Schneider, Jno Taylor, J H Tabony, J Zengel.

Demitted—C H Allen.

Stricken from the Roll—C V Bridge, C C Carlisle, J L Henry, W H Lawton, Jas Mitchell.

ORIENT LODGE No. 173.

Grand Lodge Hall, corner of St. Charles and Perdido streets, N. O. Every Monday evening.

Jos P Hornor.....	W M.	Benj Weil.....	J D.
Jno T Barrett.....	S W.	Henry Street.....	M of C.
Wm S Benedict.....	J W.	H A Perry.....	} Stewards.
Jos H Wilson.....	Treas.	Henry Perry.....	
Vincent Mielly.....	Sec.	Wm Tell.....	Tyler.
A Hero, jr.....	S D.		

PAST MASTERS.

Joseph P Hornor.

MEMBERS.

Norris, Jno W, p m	Childs, G T	Lara, Marcellus	Russell, B
Stearns, C F, p m	Deems, John H	Leopold, Nathan	Rykoski, John
Abell, Edmund	Davis, Geo E	Leopold, S	Stanley, R W
AtLee, Wm Y	Dane, H C	Levins, Chris	Swift, John A
Adams John W	Dennee, R S	Lawrence, Thos	Stocker, W T
Anson, G H	Dresser, Jas F	McBeth, Jas E	Stedman, H
Baker, Wm	Dowling, Jas D	Maxwell, S D	Shaw, Alfred
Benjamin, L	Edwards, Jas D	Martin, Chas T	Soulier, Emile
Blake, Geo A	Ehrlich, Samuel	Mudge, C	Smith, D M
Bensel, Henry jr	Fish, Stephen F	Messonnier, Hy	Shearer, D L
Baker, Jno P	Gilthorpe, Wm	Madden, Chris	Stone, G H
Berthold, Wm	Gorlinski, Jos	Norris, J B	Simpson, D F
Brennan, Jno	Hall, S B	Oplatek, J	Todd, W P
Bairnson, Jas	Hire, Wm H	O'Mealle, H M	Thorn, Jno
Christie, John	Hire, Saml S	Page, Edward	Thorn, Chas
Curtis, Charles	Hunt, Ira W	Pierce, H D	Trepagen, H F
Callinan, D F	Heath, Edw	Peel, John A	Taylor, David
Clibborn, R R	Houston, H	Pace, F jr	Weimann, J M
Clarke, Ro't	Heyman, M	Quirk, Edward	Watson, Robt
Conlon, J G	Heyman, A	Rasha, E M	White, Chas B
Crooks, H M	Jarvis, Alfred	Roosen, Theod	Winteler, M
Cromer, John	James, W G		97 members.

Initiated—L M Cowan, Henry Perry, C F Duplessis, Hy Street, Hy Messonnier, F Pace jr, D Kattache, J D Dowling, B L Brown, J W Fairfax. A Hero jr, G D Wilcox, J Bairnson.

Passed—Hy Perry, Hy Street, Hy Messonnier, F Pace jr, C Mudge, A Hero jr, Jas Bairnson.

Raised—Theod Roosen, Hy Perry, H Street, Hy Messonnier, F Pace jr, C Mudge, A Hero jr, Jas Bairnson.

Affiliated—B Weil, Jas D Dowling.

Demitted—J G Conlon, G T Childs, W H Hire.

Died—R W Stanley.

Stricken from the Roll—E Soulier, H C Dane, G E Davis, Jos Gorlinski, Wm Gilthorpe.

DANTE LODGE No. 174.

Polar Star Hall, corner of Rampart and History streets, New Orleans. Monday evenings.

OFFICERS.

G B Rossi.....	W M.	C Romagnoli.....	Sec.
D Zanolli.....	S W.	G Limonghi.....	S D.
A Torre.....	J W.	E Negro.....	J D.
A Bonzone.....	Treas.	A Cetti.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

G Brisolari,

G Lavizzo,

G B Rossi.

MEMBERS.

Buttorini, Aug	Draskovich, M	Nicholich, E	Sardi, S
Bregazzi, G	Debarbieri, E	Ossognat, A	Soldani, G
Bossio, G B	Drouet, Leon	Ollivari, C	Sereni, V
Bisso, G	Delfino, F	Perrelli, A	Soucier, Ph
Bravo, M	Falcone, F	Pippo, F	Sardi, L
Bosse, A	Figalo, C	Paxino, Ant	Toraneli, G
Boni, C	Gargani, G	Persenico, G B	Tresconi, G
Borzone, G	Garbini, N	Pozzi, C	Vientini, F
Biaggio, A	Herbez, J	Pozzi, P	Vassala, P
Canova, D	Menhgin, G	Ratto, S	Vassala, A
Catenaro, A	Marice, S	Rivera, P N	Villa, C
Cernich, A	Majole, S	Radovich, G	Zonaroli, D
Cominotti, G	Maggi, Ant		61 members.

Initiated—C Boni, G Borzone, A Biaggio, F Delfino, G Limonghi, S Majoli, E Negro, G B Persenico, C Pozzi, P Pozzi, E Romagnoli, G Tresconi.

Passed—C Boni, G Borzone, A Biaggio, F Delfino, G Limonghi, S Majoli, E Negro, G B Persenico, C Pozzi, P Pozzi, E Romagnoli, G Saredi, G Trisconi, C Villa.

Raised—C Boni, G Borzone, A Biaggio, F Delfino, G Limonghi, S Majole, E Negro, G B Persenico, C Pozzi, P Pozzi, E Romagnoli, G Saredi, G Trisconi, C Villa.

Demitted—A Cernich, A Maggi, A Pazino.

Died—D Carnova, G Soldani.

Stricken from the Roll—A Buttorini.

AMITE CITY LODGE No. 175.

Amite City, St. Helena Parish, La. Stated meetings 1st Saturday of each month.

OFFICERS.

Chas S Stewart.....	W M.	W H Wilder.....	Sec.
J A Hooton.....	S W.	Jno M Moore.....	S D.
S D Ellis.....	J W.	Thos Price.....	J D.
J J Lemon.....	Treas.	Rev Elias George.....	Chaplain.
		D H Bankston.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Chas S Stewart.

MEMBERS.

Jas F Ard, P M,	Crane, A C	Gullett, B D	Sibley, C C
Acy, Wm	Carpenter, J M	Grace, E D	Spring, H F
Bowman, M L	Cothran, J W	Hayden, S A	Spiller, L
Branagan, P	Cansey, T J	Hough, Jas	Settoon, J B
Bishop, T C	Davis, C H	Killian, J D	Sibley, P M
Bankston, H H	Ellis, J E	Kemp, T D	Vernon, M W W
Bennett, S B	Ellis, E P	Kemp, J J	Waller, R M
Bunch, E F	Ellis, T C W	Lee, W J	Weigle, John
Bankston, L Jr,	George, C W	Matthews, W W	Zachary, T D
Bennett, Thos G	Gertman, J		47 members.

Initiated—C H Aby, T J Cansey.

Passed—T J Cansey, G W Bell.

Raised—T D Zachary, P M Sibley, T J Cansey, E D Grace.

Affiliated—T C W Ellis, W H Wilder, Thos Price, R M Waller.

Demitted—H F Spring, T G Bennett, J Hough.

Died—P Brannagan.

PERFECT HARMONY LODGE No. 176.

Grand Lodge Hall, N. O. Stated meetings every Monday evening.

OFFICERS.

J O DeCastro.....	W M.	Thos H Handy.....	Sec.
E Booth.....	S W.	E D White.....	S D.
C A Kaufman.....	J W.	L D'Meza.....	J D.
C B Block.....	Treas.	R S Burk.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

J O DeCastro.

MEMBERS.

Aarons, M	Evans, R	Moses, B	Samuels, M M
Abrams, John	Eldridge, L	Marks, S M	Salomon, L F
Bull, G	Gutman, H	Miller, L L	Sternklar, B
Bloom, L	Huey, J	Mayer, M	Simon, S
Blum, M	Hiller, M	Madge, T J	Salomon, W
Bergman, E	Henriques, A D	Pearson, A F	Traub, E
Brugere, E P	Kaufman, M	Phillips, E	Trudeau, Jas
Block, F	Klupenberg, H W	Ralph, Theo	Travaris, R
Baer, A	Keiffer, J	Rea, J W	Wren, W S
Davidson, L	Kahn, G	Stern, Sol	White, W A
DaSilva, D H	Levy, A	Seligman, M	Wolf, J
DeSola, A	Levy, M	Stern, H	Wolf, A
DaSilva, B	Laudman, B	Stern, M	62 members.
Darling, J H	Meyer, Leon	Stern, I	

Initiated—C Dunn, J H Darling, H Fisk, J Huey, S Levy, L M Meyer, L F Salomon, E A White, A Wolf.

Passed—S Block, C Dunn, J H Darling, R Evans, H Fisk, Jno Huey, L Meyer, L F Salomon, E A White, A Wolf.

Raised—S Block, E P Brugere, J H Earling, R Evans, J Hues, L Meyer, L F Salomon, E A White, A Wolf.

Affiliated—A Baer, H Gutman, B Laudman, B Moses.

Demitted—D H DaSilva, W Salomon, B Taveres.

EUREKA LODGE No. 177.

Woodville, Jackson Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

C N Howell.....	W M.	W E Redwine.....	Sec.
E Jackson.....	S W.	W W Pattison.....	S D.
C W Lyles.....	J D.	H E Goodwin.....	J D.
A L W Reid.....	Treas.	J W Mallory.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

C N Howell,

H E Goodwin.

MEMBERS.

Conger, Jep	Howell, G N	McCurley, W	Pollard, M B
Fulmer, L G	Madden, J C	McLaughlin, C A	Stamps, W T
Goodwin, J M	McKee, J W		18 members.

Initiated—C A McLaughlin, J H Nelson.*Passed*—C A McLaughlin.*Raised*—C A McLaughlin.*Affiliated*—G F Howell, J C Madden, J W Mallory, Wm McCurley, W T Stamps.*Demitted*—J Conger, L G Fulmer, J M Goodwin, C A McLaughlin.

TULIP LODGE No. 178.

Homer P. O., Tulip, Claiborne Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

H H McClendon.....	W M.	J H Jordan.....	Sec.
C L Hays.....	S W.	J Bickham.....	S D.
A R Warner.....	J W.	B F Smith.....	J D.
J Watts.....	Treas.	E Landers.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

H McClendon.

MEMBERS.

Beard, J F	Ferguson, J E	Moot, C W	Tarkinton, T B
Brewer, A J	Gowin, W C	Morton, J C	Taylor, R S
Bullock, T J	Hood, B	Murser, W J	Watson, W A
Callender, J S	Hood, W S	Oden, A M	Wood, B
Dick, E G	Hall, G W	Shockley, M L	Watson, J J
Delony, M	Harsalis, P	Story, W R	Watson, T A
Frazier, B C	Hall, F	Seay, W B	35 members.

Initiated—C W Moot, W J Murser.*Passed*—C W Moot, W J Murser.*Raised*—C W Moot, W J Murser.*Affiliated*—J H Jordan, R S Tylor, J C Morton, M Delony.*Demitted*—W R Story, M L Shockley, T B Tarkinton.

CADD O LODGE No. 179.

Shreveport, Caddo Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

J F Davis.....	W M.	A Teah.....	J D.
Wm Rob-on.....	S W.	W T D Dalzell.....	Chaplain.
R B Burns.....	J W.	R T Buckner.....	} Stewards.
J G Williams.....	Treas.	T J Alcock.....	
A J Newman.....	Sec.	W Hecox (not a member).....	Tyler.
N B Murff.....	S D.		

PAST MASTERS.

D H Dyer,	John W Jones, D D G M,	Saml M Morrison,
Wm M Turner,		P W H Cumming.

MEMBERS.

Askew, H G	Ford, J F	Lewis, H S	Schaffner, A
Bush, A	Fulkerson, A F	Lindsay, R H	Sour, A
Baer, M	Gregg, N	Lewis, C W	Spencer, J H
Black, Wm B	Gilmore, J B	Marks, A G	Thompson, C
Buckner, A B	Hamilton, W B	Morris, James E	Taylor, S L
Buckner, Jas C	Haymakers, G W	Moore, Chas jr	Thurmond, C G
Cake, A F	Hurt, C W	McCutchen, S B	Thatcher, Wm
Clay, D M	Hamilton, W E	Nicholson, W F	Vance, J C
Carlisle, Wm B	Iler, Thos H	Norris, E C	Wharton, J T M
Chapman, S M	Jacobs, T E	Patterson, R B	Waller, R A
Compton, James	Jacobs, Thos N	Phillips, L B	Watts, Wm T
Cole, G W	Kirk, A M	Randall, J G	Williamson, J H
Donaldson, W S	Kaufman, M jr,	Ratliff, Jas W	Woodward, Geo L
Eberstat, E	Lewis, W S	Randall, J S	Wilder, Jos
Elstner, J C	Lewis, J B jr,	Rogers, J V	Wright, R J
Engle, A	Leonard, A H		78 members.

Initiated—A J Bush, A Teah, A Sour, F J Alcock, S Simon.*Passed*—A P Fulkerson, A J Bush, R T Buckner, A Teah, A Sour, F J Alcock.*Raised*—A P Fulkerson, A J Bush, T E Jacobs, R T Buckner, A Teah, A Sour, R B Patterson, F J Alcock.*Affiliated*—J S Randall, D M Clay, W T D Dalzell, S L Taylor, J H Spencer, R S Trippett, N B Murff, J C Elsner, W S Lewis, N Gregg, L B Phillips, A Schaffner, J T M Wharton, S B McCutchen, J V Rogers, C G Thurmond, W E Hamilton, T N Jacobs, W S Donaldson.*Demitted*—A P Fulkerson, A B Buckner, A M Kirk, W B Carlisle, J G Randall.

LITTLE FLOCK LODGE No. 180.

Wineburg, Sabine Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

Wm M Antony.....	W M.	M K Speight.....	Sec.
A Curtis.....	S W.	J J Curtis.....	S D.
G W Neel.....	J W.	M G Antony.....	J D.
J Caldwell.....	Treas.	C Bennett.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

William M Antony

MEMBERS.

Antony, J H O	Holland, S L	McCollister, J N	Sattee, W. J.
Brown, Edward	Linn, L W	Sibley, S T	Wright, Jesse
Garlington, J C	Morris, G	Sibley, W W	Youngblood, W H

19 members.

Initiated—H Bath, B F Howell, W J Sattee.*Passed*—W J Sattee.*Raised*—W J Sattee.*Demitted*—S T Sibley.*Died*—J C Garlington, L W Linn.

SAM TODD LODGE No. 182.

Sugar Town, Calcasieu Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

B J Ford.....	W M.	G W Richardson.....	Sec.
D L Simmons.....	S W.	J Dove.....	S D.
D A Cole.....	J W.	S S Cole.....	J D.
John Dear.....	Treas.	W Bishop.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

John Dove.

MEMBERS.

Ashley, J B	Gill, S	Ken', J T	Rowell, J A
Akin, W E	Garlington, S S	LaBlance, L	Simmons, V
Bailey, Isam	Garlington, W M	Lewis, S S	Simmons, C
Bailey, A L	Harper, Saml	Leoftin, M T C	Simmons, Wm
Burnett, Alfred	Heard, J T	Liles, H C	Simmons, W P*
Cagle, R J	Hall, J	Liles, D P	Teal, W C
Cole, S D	Hanchey, Jas W	McClellan, A J	Wells, J F
Cole, V D	Hanchey, John M	Marrow, W M W	Watson, A J
Cain, S M	Heard, J H	Marrow, D F	Ward, J T
Ford, L A	Harper, Jesse		46 members.

Initiated—J T Heard, D P Liles, Wm Simmons.*Passed*—J T Heard, M T C Leoftin, H C Liles, D P Liles, Wm Simmons.*Raised*—J T Heard, M T C Leoftin, H C Liles, D P Liles, W M W Marrow, J T Ward, Wm Simmons.*Demitted*—W M Garlington, J T Ward.

LONGWOOD LODGE No. 183.

Longwood, Caddo Parish, La. First Saturday of each month.

OFFICERS.

T R Vaughan.....	W M.	John B Porter.....	Sec.
Jas M Compton.....	S W.	Jno W Erwin.....	S D.
Wm E Noel.....	J W.	John A Currie.....	J D.
D F Hoyder.....	Treas.	R T Cole.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTER.

Thomas R Vaughan.

*Not accounted for.

MEMBERS.

Attaway, A	Goodgion, R F P	Mooring, C B	Smyley, Jno W
Barnes, Z W	Harrington, C	Mooring, H W	Stallcup, Jno W
Burcham, Jas A	Henderson, J G	Mooring, J C	Thompson, J C
Currie, H B	Hoyler, J D	McClair, D F	Tatham, Jno G
Currie, H	Hoyler, N	Newberry, John	Vaughan, S F
Francis, M W	Mooring, J M	Rowell, R P	Vaughan, G W

32 members.

Initiated—J A Burcham, J G Tatham, J W Stallcup, N Hoyler, B M Martin, J Newberry, S F Vaughan.

Passed—J W Smyley, J A Burcham, H W Mooring, J G Tatham, J W Stallcup, N Hoyler, O P Taylor, B M Martin, J Newberry, S F Vaughan.

Raised—J W Smyley, J A Burcham, H W Mooring, J G Tatham, John W Stallcup, N Hoyler, J Newberry, S F Vaughan.

Affiliated—D F McClair, Z W Barnes, A Attaway.

Demitted—J G Tatham, J W Stallcup, G W Vaughan.

SPRING CREEK LODGE No. 184.

Spring Creek Church, Washington Parish, La.—Saturday before the 2d Sunday of each month.

OFFICERS.

Hardy Richardson.....	W M.	J C Fisher.....	Sec.
N S Edwards.....	S W.	B L Lea.....	S D.
H Z Jenkins.....	J W.	W A Holton.....	J D.
H W L Lewis.....	Treas.	J Westmoreland.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

H Richardson,

C P Bailey.

MEMBERS.

Breland, W G	Gibbon, M F	McDaniel, W	Ricks, W W
Bond, G S	Eady, F W	Mixon, S C	Ford, J D
Dixon, W W	Lea, Jas	Morris, Jas	20 members.

Initiated—N S Edwards.

Passed—J Morris, W J Lewis, N S Edwards.

Raised—J Morris, N S Edwards.

Affiliated—M F Gibbon.

ORPHANS' FRIEND LODGE No. 185.

Big Cane, St. Landry Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

Geo W Bundick.....	W M.	E A Carmonche.....	J W.
P G Cullihan.....	S W.	H O White.....	Chaplain.
E O Hayes.....	J W.	M S Street.....	Steward.
T C Ward.....	Treas.	L Goudcheaux.....	Steward.
O S Smith.....	Sec.	P Jacobs.....	Tyler.
J Levy.....	S D.		

PAST MASTERS.

F G McDonald,

G W Bundick.

MEMBERS.

Allen, D G	Frazier, D L	Hightower, H H	Quirk, W P
Allen, E	Eilert, H	Hicks, T A	Reynolds, W B
Allen, A	Faneher, W M	Kirkpatrick, J A	Read, J P
Butler, J J	Fisher, J W	Lester, J H	Richard, M J
Bundick, E	Frazier, A B	Neyland, M	Sawyer, I R
Cole, J H	Fogleman, J S	O'Neal, W	Simmons, C
Creagh, J W	Fogleman, E	O'Quin, E J	Singleton, M V
Calliham, D G	Gay, B S	Oliver, J G	Stagg, A
Carson, F W	Hanks, E A B	Oliver, C C	Smith, J J
Curry, D A	Havard, L S	Pender, Jos	Sloan, L G
Davis, R A	Heath, R W	Pickett, J M	Ward, S P

56 members.

Initiated—J H Lester, Ph Stagg.*Passed*—J H Lester, E A Carmonche.*Raised*—J H Lester, J P Read, E A Carmonche.*Demitted*—J P Read, P Stagg, E A B Hanks, M J Neyland, A Stagg, B S Gay, J R Sawyer, F G McDonald, A B Frazier.*Died*—D G Allen, D G Callihan, J G Oliver.

KISATCHIE UNION LODGE No. 186.

Kile's Mills, Natchitoches Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

A Airhart.....	W M.	A R Dowden.....	Sec.
J J Key.....	S W.	E A Bush.....	S D.
W K Taylor.....	J W.	S Grant.....	J D.
E Weldon.....	Treas.	G Airhart.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Jacob Kile,

J J Key.

MEMBERS.

Airhart, Wm	Collins, H D	Jackson, R H	Marshall, A W
Biles, V	Grant, Wm	Killen, B F	Powell, Isaac
Collins, C D	Gilbert, W B		18 members.

Initiated—E Weldon.*Passed*—E Weldon.*Raised*—E Weldon.*Demitted*—H D Collins.

FLAT LICK LODGE No. 187.

Flat Lick Bayou, Claiborne Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

W P Myers.....	W M.	R L Hasty.....	S D.
L M Grigsby.....	S W.	J P S Harvey.....	J D.
Thompson Wood.....	J W.	J A Miller.....	Chaplain.
N M Martin.....	Treas.	N M McCoy.....	Tyler.
L Z Grigsby.....	Sec.		

PAST MASTERS.

Wm P Myers.

MEMBERS.

Camp, A G	Clark, J L	Hasty, S	Lewis, J G
Cater, I C	Dunn, J J	Hobbs, Wm	Robinson, W
Clinton, H G	Garland, W W	Jones, H	Webb, S M D

21 members.

Initiated—Jno F Hamiter, S A Johnson.*Passed*—Jno F Hamiter.*Affiliated*—C J Cater, S Hasty, J A Miller.

COVINGTON LODGE No. 188.

Covington, St. Tammany Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

J M Thompson.....	W M.	A Simon.....	Sec.
F B Martindale.....	S W.	Chas Bradley.....	S D.
H F Spring.....	J W.	J R Hosmer.....	J D.
Chas Heintz.....	Treas.	Chas Dutsch.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

R F Clute.

MEMBERS.

Arthur, J H	Gillespie, T	Hangen, W H R	Thomas, E B
Edwards, B	Givens, A	Penn, G H	Theobald, J
Ford, J M	Hosmer, J R	Miller, E	20 members.

Initiated—E Miller, P Gusman.*Passed*—E Miller.*Raised*—E miller.*Died*—J H Arthur.

EVERGREEN LODGE No. 189.

Evergreen, Avoyelles Parish, La.—Saturday before full moon of every month
at 5 o'clock p m.

OFFICERS.

D M K Campbell.....	W M.	H C Kemper.....	Sec.
M Bennett.....	S W.	C W Knight.....	J D.
H A Ditto.....	J W.	W O Pearce.....	J D.
Ishum West.....	Treas.	C W Duvall.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

Jno W Pearce,

L Scofield.

MEMBERS.

Branch, L K	Ewell, J	Irion, R R	Stewart, W M
Bassett, W H, Jr	Ewell, W M	Keller, C W	Toon, J J
Crawford, W W	Frith, T P	Miles, L	Wier, D S
Cheney, W F	Hadley, O F	O'Quinn, J	Winn, W H
Cappel, Jos	Hudson, J J	Perkins, S M	29 members.

Initiated—E B Fielding, W O Pearce, J J Toon, R J McCann.
Passed—E B Fielding, C W Duvall, W O Pearce, J J Toon.
Raised—C W Duvall, W O Pearce, J J Toon.
Affiliated—J O'Quinn, O F Hadley, C W Keller, H A Ditto, J J Hudson, D M K Campbell, D S Wire.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, U. D.

Charter granted February 9, 1869, No. 190.

Stated meetings every Wednesday evening, No. 163 Camp, between Girod and Julia streets.

OFFICERS.

A E Billins.....	W M.	G H Abbott.....	Sec.
W Carson.....	S W.	Wm L Stanford.....	S D.
J E McBeth.....	J W.	W J Bovard.....	J D.
A B Long.....	Treas.	P Nessin, not a member...	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Bovard, A B	Pitcher, G E	Remick, F C	Valentine, W G
James, W G	Price, C S	Slaght, H L	Whitaker, W R

15 members.

Initiated—W J Bovard, H L Slaght.
Passed—W J Bovard, H L Slaght.
Raised—W J Bovard, H L Slaght.

JEFFERSON LODGE, U. D.

Charter granted February 9, 1869, No. 191.

Stated meetings every Tuesday evening, Berlin street, Opposite City Hall, City of Jefferson.

OFFICERS.

Hugh Breen.....	W M.	H C Brown.....	Sec.
W Frank.....	S W.	J P Collins.....	S D.
T Friend.....	J W.	H J Martin.....	J D.
J Ulner.....	Treas.	J Joachin.....	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Aycock, J T	Campbell, R	Lemle, D	Winn, J Z
Bruns, J H C	Chambers, S R	Milner, U R	Wright, J S
Blessey, P	Donaldson, J	Mitchell, R B	Wiess, Geo
Cazabat, A	Keenan, P		22 members.

Initiated—J P Collins, Jas S Wright, Geo Wiess, H Noyes, J Donaldson, J C H Bruns, R B Mitchell, R Campbell, S R Chambers, P Blessey, J Z Winn.
Passed—J P Collins, J S Wright, G Wiess, J Donaldson, J C H Bruns, R B Mitchell, R Campbell, S R Chambers, P Blessey, J Z Winn.
Raised—J P Collins, J S Wright, G Wiess, J Donaldson, J C H Bruns, R B Mitchell, R Campbell, S R Chambers, P Blessey, J Z Winn.
Affiliated—U R Milner, D Lemle.

ABBEVILLE LODGE, U. D.

Charter granted February 9, 1868, No. 192.

Abbeville, Vermillion Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

W D White.....	W M.	Lastie Broussard.....	Sec.
L M Roger.....	S W.	Jos T Labit.....	S D.
Elijah Ewing.....	J W.	E C Roger.....	J D.
Jos Pionsky.....	Treas.	H H Bartels.....	Tyler.

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Cartis, W H	Mims, J H	Robertson, J M	White, J M
Henry, W	Perry, J F	Rhoades, A J	Wise, S
20 members.			

Initiated—H H Bartels, L Broussard, W Henry, Jos T Labit, J M Robertson
E C Roger, S Wise, A Bernard, C H Remick.

Passed—C Asher, H H Bartels, L Broussard, W Henry, J T Labit, Jno M
Robertson, E C Roger, S Wise, A Bernard, C H Remick.

Raised—C Asher, H H Bartels, L Broussard, W Henry, J T Labit, Jno M
Robertson, E C Roger, J Wise.

Affiliated—W H Swain.

AURORA LODGE, U. D.

Charter granted February 10, 1869, No. 193.

New Iberia, St. Martin Parish, La.

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W S Leake.....	S W.	J P Border.....	J D.
E J Etie.....	J W.	A E Goodwyn.....	Chaplain.
E Bourne.....	Treas.	D Levy.....	Tyler.
F Erhman.....	Sec.		

MEMBERS.

Fuller, J C	Harris, H H	Robertson, W	Walker, W E
Goodwyn, A E	Richardson, F D	Tolson, T T	18 members.

Initiated—H C Boas, E M Bouligny, F Erhman, J C Fuller, D Levy, E H
Lombard, W Robertson, J M Venillemot, Wm E Walker.

Passed—F Erhman, J C Fuller, D Levy, Wm Robertson, W E Walker.

Raised—F Erhman, J C Fuller, W Robertson, W E Walker.

Affiliated—H H Harris, T T Tolson.

MOUNT OLIVET LODGE, U. D.

Charter granted February 10th, 1869, No. 194.

Bayou Boeuf, St. Landry Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

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P Staggyr.....	Treas.	F G McDonald.....	Tyler.

PAST MASTERS.

F G McDonald.

MEMBERS.

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Reed, J P

Vidrine, Theo
11 members.*Initiated*—Ph Stagg, H Savant, R Tate, Wm Tate, Theo Vidrine.*Passed*—Ph Stagg, H Savant, R Tate, Theo Vidrine.*Raised*—Ph Stagg, H Savant, Theo Vidrine.

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Charter granted February 10th, 1869. No. 195.

Trenton, Ouachita Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

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S O Larche.....	S W.		

MEMBERS.

Dawson, F M	Key, D H	Morris, T M	Sheppard, B D
Flournoy, J H	Miles, S W	Noble, J H	Sellers, E T
Garlington, M D	McGuire, J E	Standifer, T C	Trent, H J
Head, D T	McGuire, Thos	Shumaker, V B	18 members.

Initiated—D H Key.*Passed*—D H Key.*Raised*—D H Key.*Affiliated*—F M Dawson, J H Flournoy, D T Head, T M Morris, J H Noble,
B D Sheppard, E T Sellers.*Died*—H J Trent.

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Charter granted 22d of March, 1869, No. 196.

Saline, Bienville Parish, La.

OFFICERS.

James H Allen.....	W M.	Wm J Mobley	J W.
Chas P Gee.....	S W.		

MEMBERS.

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Boylston, J J	Hartley, J A	Luckey, G W	Rentz, S P
Duncle, W R	Hathorn, H H	Prothro, H M	14 members.

Initiated—J J Boylston, W R Duncle, S P Rentz, W C Ross, D B Brown, A
J Babers, Jas Thomas.*Passed*—J J Boylston, W R Duncle, S P Rentz, W C Ross.*Raised*—J J Boylston, W R Duncle, S P Rentz, W C Ross.*Affiliated*—H H Hathorn, G W Luckey, T L Prothro.

MAGNOLIA LODGE, U. D.

Washington, St. Landry Parish, La.

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 T C Quirk..... S W.

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 Carriere, G Pitre, F L Quirk, W P Trainor, Jno O
 Erhart, J 12 members.

Initiated—J O Trainor, Geo O Elms, M Sazarro, J Plonsky.*Passed*—J O Trainor.*Raised*—J O Trainor.

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G Giroux, " " " ".....	" " " ".....	" 1
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YEAR.	GRAND MASTERS.	DEP. GRAND MASTERS.	SEN. GRAND WARDENS.	JUN. GRAND WARDENS.	GRAND TREASURERS.	GRAND SECRETARIES.
1812.	*L F Dubourg	*L Moreau	*J Blaque	*Francis Penot	*Jean Baptiste Pinta	*J B Gregoire Veron
1813.	*J F Dubourg	*L Moreau	*J Blaque	*Francis Penot	*Jean Baptiste Pinta	*J B Gregoire Veron
1814.	*L F Dubourg	*L Moreau	*J Soule	*Dominique Roquette	*Jean Baptiste Pinta	*J B Gregoire Veron
1815.	*J Soule	*L Moreau	*Dominique Roquette	*Modeste Lefebvre	*Jean Baptiste Pinta	*Auguste Guibert
1816.	*J Soule	*L Moreau	*Modeste Lefebvre	*Y Lemonnier	*Jean Baptiste Pinta	*Auguste Guibert
1817.	*J Soule	*L Moreau	*Modeste Lefebvre	*Y Lemonnier	*Jean Baptiste Pinta	*Auguste Guibert
1818.	*L Moreau Lislet	*Modeste Lefebvre	*Jean B DeBois	*Y Lemonnier	*Jean Baptiste Pinta	*Auguste Guibert
1819.	*Modeste Lefebvre	*Jean B DeBois	*Y Lemonnier	*Aug Macarty	*Jean Baptiste Pinta	*N Visinier & *F Dissard
1820.	*Y Lemonnier	*Aug Macarty	*J F Canonge	*G Dubuys	*Jean Baptiste Pinta	*F Dissard
1821.	*Aug Macarty	*J F Canonge	*G Dubuys	A Peychand	*G W Morgan	*F Dissard
1822.	*J F Canonge	*G Dubuys	*Y Lemonnier	G Leumont	*G W Morgan	*F Dissard
1823.	*D F Barthe	*G Dubuys	*L Moreau Lislet	*L A de Bodin	*G W Morgan	*F Dissard
1824.	*J F Canonge	*Y Lemonnier	*L A de Bodin	*A Longer	*G W Morgan	*F Dissard
1825.	*John H Holland	*L A de Bodin	*A Longer	*Charles Maurain	*C Miltenberger	*F Dissard
1826.	*John H Holland	M Fietas	*A Longer	*Charles Maurain	*C Miltenberger	*F Dissard
1827.	*John H Holland	M Fietas	*Charles Maurain	*A Morphy	*C Miltenberger	*F Dissard
1828.	*John H Holland	*A Morphy	*Charles Maurain	*A Longer	*C Miltenberger	*F Dissard
1829.	*J F Canonge	D F Barthe	*A Longer	J B Faget	*C Miltenberger	*F Dissard
1830.	*John H Holland	*A Longer	*M Fouché Congot	J B Faget	*L H Ferand	*F Dissard
1831.	*John H Holland	J B Faget	*Seth W Nye	Jean Lamothe	*L H Ferand	*F Dissard
1832.	*John H Holland	*Aug Douce	*Seth W Nye	*Thomas Bois	*Alex Phillips	*F Dissard
1833.	*John H Holland	*Aug Douce	Jean Lamothe	*J B F Giquel	*Alex Phillips	*F Dissard
1834.	*John H Holland	*Aug Douce	Jean Lamothe	*Charles Revoile	*Alex Phillips	*F Dissard
1835.	*John H Holland	*Aug Douce	F J Verrier	*J B F Giquel	*Alex Phillips	*F Dissard
1836.	*L H Ferand	*J F Canonge	*J B F Giquel	Jean Lamothe	Joaquim Viosca	*F Dissard
1837.	*L H Ferand	*F F Verrier	*J B F Giquel	F Coquet	Joaquim Viosca	*F Dissard
1838.	*John H Holland	*J J Mercie	*J B Lambert	*Zanon Colson	*Francois Coquet	*F Dissard
1839.	*John H Holland	*Alexander Phillips	F J Verrier	*Perez Snell	*Cotton Henry	*F Dissard

1840.	*A W Pichot.....	*G A Montmain.....	J Viosca.....	Ramon Vionnet.....	Jean Lamothe.....	*F Dissard, *L H Feraud
1841.	*A W Pichot.....	Jean Lamothe.....	J Viosca.....	Ramon Vionnet.....	*Fleury Generelly.....	*P Dubayle.
1842.	Jean Lamothe.....	†Ramon Vionnet.....	*Paul Bertus.....	Ramon Viosca.....	*Fleury Generelly.....	*P Dubayle.
1843.	*E A Canuon.....	*Robert Preaux.....	A D Guesnon.....	*H Kidel.....	*Fleury Generelly.....	*Dubayle, * F Verrier
1844.	*E A Canuon.....	*Robert Preaux.....	Lucien Hermann.....	*Francis Calongne.....	†Ramon Vionnet.....	*F Verrier.
1845.	*Robert Preaux.....	*Felix Garcia.....	Lucien Hermann.....	*Francis Calongne.....	†Ramon Vionnet.....	*F Verrier.
1846.	*Felix Garcia.....	Lucien Hermann.....	*Francis Calongne.....	*Joseph Lishony.....	†Ramon Vion et.....	*F Verrier.
1847.	*Felix Garcia.....	*Robert Preaux.....	*Francois Meilleur.....	†Roman Brugier.....	†Ramon Vionnet.....	*F Verrier.
1848.	{ *Felix Garcia.....	{ Lucien Hermann.....	{ *Thomas B Patten..	{ Alexander Derbes..	{ †Ramon Vionet.....	*F Verrier.
L. G. L.	{ *M R Duddy.....	{ *Thomas H Lewis..	{ *W P Coleman.....	{ G Gorin.....	{ Daniel Blair.....	*W H Howard.
1849.	{ *Lucien Hermann..	{ *F Calongne.....	{ Antoine Mondelli..	{ Simon Meilleur.....	{ †Ramon Vionnet..	*F Verrier.
L. G. L.	{ *John George.....	{ *John W Crockett..	{ Wm M Perkins.....	{ J W McNamara.....	{ Daniel Blair.....	*W H Howard.
1850.	{ W Lucien Hermann..	{ *F Calongne.....	Antoine Mondelli..	*George W Catlett..	†Ramon Vionnet.....	*J E Massicot. [nett.
1851.	*John Gedge.....	*George W Catlett..	*R F McGuire.....	W L Knox.....	*S Herriman.....	J E Massicot, E Bar-
1852.	*H R W Hill.....	*Robert F McGuire..	Wm L Knox.....	S M Hart.....	*S Herriman.....	Edward Barnett.
1853.	*H R W Hill.....	Wm L Knox.....	S M Hart.....	*H W Huntington..	*S Herriman.....	Edward Barnett.
1854.	Wm M Perkins.....	Wm L Knox.....	*H W Huntington..	*Geo D Shadburn....	*S Herriman & D Good-	*Samuel G Risk.
1855.	Wm M Perkins.....	*Geo D Shadburn....	*M H Dosson.....	*Law P Crain.....	*Stephen C Michell..	*Samuel G Risk.
1856.	Wm M Perkins.....	*M H Dosson.....	Louis Texada.....	S O Scruggs.....	*Stephen C Michell..	*Samuel G Risk.
1857.	Wm M Perkins.....	*Amos Adams.....	*A S Washburn.....	S O Scruggs.....	*Stephen C Michell..	*Samuel G Risk.
1858.	*Amos Adams.....	Samuel M Todd.....	S O Scruggs.....	A J Norwood.....	*Stephen C Michell..	*Samuel G Risk.
1859.	Samuel M Todd.....	S O Scruggs.....	A J Norwood.....	Joseph Santini.....	*Stephen C Michell..	*Samuel G Risk.
1860.	J Q A Fellows.....	A G Carter.....	John C Gordy.....	*Henry Regenburg...	*SC Michell & S M Todd	*Samuel G Risk.
1861.	J Q A Fellows.....	A G Carter.....	John C Gordy.....	*Henry Regenburg...	Samuel M Todd.....	*Samuel G Risk.
1862.	J Q A Fellows.....	A G Carter.....	*B G Thibodaux.....	Samuel J Powell.....	Harmon Doane.....	Samuel M Todd.
1863.	J Q A Fellows.....	A G Carter.....	*B G Thibodaux.....	Samuel J Powell.....	Harmon Doane.....	Samuel M Todd.
1864.	J Q A Fellows.....	A G Carter.....	*B G Thibodaux.....	Samuel J Powell.....	Henry R Swasey.....	Samuel M Todd.
1865.	J Q A Fellows.....	Edward Barnett.....	*George A Pike.....	*John Booth.....	Henry R Swasey.....	Samuel M Todd.
1866.	Wm M Perkins.....	A J Norwood.....	S O Scruggs.....	John C Jones.....	Henry R Swasey.....	Samuel M Todd.
1867.	A J Norwood.....	H R Swasey.....	John C Jones.....	John A Stevenson...	Samuel M Todd.....	Jas C Batchelor, M D.
1868.	Henry R Swasey.....	Sy G Parsons.....	S O Scruggs.....	Wm McDuff.....	Samuel M Todd.....	Jas C Batchelor, M D.
1869.	Sam M Todd.....	Sy G Parsons.....	Amos Kent.....	Jno L Barrett.....	H R Swasey.....	Jas C Batchelor, M D.

*Dead.

†Expelled by Grand Lodge for Defalcation and swindling as Grand Treasurer.

‡Not in good standing.

§Expelled in 1862.

HISTORICAL TABLE OF LODGES

WHICH FOUNDED THE GRAND LODGE OF LOUISIANA, AND THOSE CREATED BY IT SINCE ITS FOUNDATION.

No.	NAMES OF LODGES.	No.	PLACES OF THEIR ESTABLISHMENT.	DATE OF PRESENT CHARTER.	REMARKS.
1	Parfaite Union.....	1	New Orleans.....Organized 1793	12 July....1812	Founded Grand Lodge.
2	Etoile Polaire.....	1	New Orleans.....do 1811	do.	Founded Grand Lodge.
3	Charité.....	2	New Orleans.....do 1802	do.	Founded Grand Lodge. Extinct.
4	Amis Réunis.....	2	New Orleans.....	G. . O. . F. . . 1829	Annexed to Perseverance Lodge No. 4.
5	Trinosophes.....	2	New Orleans.....	G. . Lodge., 1829	do. do. do.
6	Concorde.....	3	New Orleans.....Organized 1810	12 July....1812	Founded Grand Lodge.
7	Liberal.....	3	New Orleans.....	16 Oct ....1838	Extinct.
8	Perseverance.....	4	New Orleans.....Organized 1810	12 July....1812	Founded Grand Lodge.
9	Amor Fraternal.....	4	New Orleans.....	1 April....1839	Annexed to Los Amigos del Orden No. 5.
10	Disc. du Sénat Maçonnique.	5	New Orleans.....	3 June ....1839	Name changed to St. André, Feb'y 14, 1865.
11	Los Amigos del Orden.....	5	New Orleans.....	24 Sept....1842	
12	Friendship.....	6	New Orleans.....	12 July....1812	Charter forfeited 17th March, 1820.
13	Reunion Frater. de Caridad.	7	New Orleans.....	12 July....1815	do. do. do.
14	Amigos Reunidos.....	8	New Orleans.....	12 July....1816	Extinct.
15	Reunion de la Virtud.....	9	Campeache.....	12 July....1817	Charter forfeited in 1821.
16	Etoile Flamboyante.....	10	Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge....	do.	do. do. in 1834.
17	Templo de la Divina Purida	11	Matanzas, Cuba.....	12 July....1818	do. do. in 1822.
18	La Vérité.....	12	Donaldsonville, Ascension Parish.....	do.	do. do. in 1829.
19	L'Union.....	13	Natchitoches, Natchitoches Parish.....	do.	do. do. in 1828.
20	La Rectitude.....	14	Havana, Cuba.....	do.	Extinct.
21	Columbian.....	15	Alexandria, Parish of Rapides.....	12 July....1819	Extinct.
22	Eureka.....	16	Blakesly, Alabama.....	do.	Extinct.
23	Washington.....	17	Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge....	do.	Extinct.
24	Aurera de ****	18	Yucatan.....	12 July... 1820	Extinct.
25	Humble Chaumière.....	19	Opelousas, St. Landry Parish.....	do.	Humble Cottage.
26	Tripple Rienfaisance.....	20	New Orleans.....	do.	Charter surrendered March 1, 1829.
27	Sincère Amité.....	21	St. Martinsville, Attakapas.....	12 July....1821	do. August 1, 1825.
28	Mobile.....	22	Mobile, Ala.....	do.	Extinct.

29 Union	23 Parish of St. James.....	12 July.....1823	Charter surrendered November 7, 1833.
30 Western Star.....	24 Monroe, Ouachita Parish.....	do.	New Charter granted in 1840.
31 Lafayette.....	25 New Orleans.....	12 July.....1824	Extinct.
32 Harmony	26 New Orleans.....	12 July.....1826	Extinct.
33 Numantina.....	27 New Orleans.....	do.	Extinct.
34 St. Albans	28 Jackson, East Feliciana.....	12 July.....1827	
35 Harmony	29 Opelousas, St. Landry Parish.....	do.	Extinct.
36 Lafayette.....	30 Vermillionville, Attakapas..	do.	Extinct.
37 Feliciana.....	31 St. Francisville, West Feliciana.....	9 March... 1828	
38 Louisiana.....	32 New Orleans.....	do.	Extinct, (2d April, 1842).
39 Hiram.....	33 Cheneyville, Avoyelles.....	do.	Extinct.
40 Selected Friends	34 Clinton, Avoyelles.....	3 January... 1829	Extinct.
41 Fraternité	35 New Orleans.....	13 August... 1833	Charter surrendered Oct. 14, 1840.
42 Holland.....	36 Brazoria, Texas.....	27 Jan'y... 1836	Now No. 1, Grand Lodge of Texas.
43 Alexandria.....	37 Alexandria, Parish of Rapides.....	do.	Extinct.
44 Phoenix.....	38 Natchitoches.....	6 October... 1836	
45 Poinsett	39 New Orleans.....	6 October... 1837	Extinct. Members thereof formed Marion, 68.
46 Milam.....	40 Nacogdoches, Texas.....	22 Sept.... 1837	Founded Grand Lodge of Texas in 1857.
47 McFarland	41 St. Augustine, Texas.....	do.	do. do. do. do.
48 Morning Star.....	42 Arkansas Post, Arkansas.....	6 Jan'y... 1838	do. do. of Arkansas in 1842.
49 Western Star.....	43 Little Rock, Arkansas.....	do.	do. do. do.
50 Foyer Maçonnique.....	44 New Orleans.....	6 October... 1838	
51 Désert.....	44 Napoleonville, Assumption Parish.....	24 Dec.... 1841	Extinct.
52 Jackson	45 Greenwood, Caddo Parish.....	28 Jan'y... 1843	
53 Germania.....	46 New Orleans.....	18 April... 1844	
54 St. James.....	47 East Baton Rouge.....	28 June... 1844	
55 Hospitalière du Teche	48 St. Martinsville, Attakapas.....	25 Sept.... 1844	Extinct. Charter forfeited in 1849.
56 Caddo.....	49 Shreveport, Caddo Parish.....	14 February. 1845	Charter surrendered in 1853.
57 Providence	50 Lake Providence, Carroll Parish.....	19 April... 1845	
58 Minden.....	51 Minden, Claiborne Parish.....	do.	
59 Olive.....	52 Clinton, East Feliciana.....	27 Nov.... 1845	
60 Union Fraternal.....	53 Farmerville, Union Parish.....	13 Sept.... 1845	
61 Mt. Gerizim	54 Bastrop, Morehouse Parish.....	28 Nov.... 1846	
62 DeSoto.....	55 Mansfield, DeSoto Parish.....	27 March... 1847	
63 Lafayette.....	56 Vernon, Jackson Parish.....	27 Nov.... 1847	
64 Franklin.....	57 Franklin, St. Mary Parish.....	24 Jan'y... 1848	

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No.	NAMES OF LODGES.	No.	PLACES OF THEIR ESTABLISHMENT.	DATE OF PRESENT CHARTER.	REMARKS.
65	Friends of Harmony.....	58	New Orleans.....	22 April....1848	
66	Mt. Moriah.....	59	New Orleans.....	24th March...1849	
67	Coushatta.....	60	Coushatta, Natchitoches Parish.....	1 May.....1849	Extinct since 1854.
68	Western Star.....	61	Monroe, Ouachita Parish.....	do.	Number changed to 24 in 1866.
69	Hermann.....	62	New Orleans.....	26 Nov.....1849	Charter surrendered in 1852.
70	Tunica.....	63	Tunica, West Feliciana.....	28 Jan.....1850	
71	Edna.....	64	Columbia, Caldwell Parish.....	29 Nov.....1849	Charter forfeited in 1856.
72	George Washington.....	65	New Orleans.....Organized 1847	3 March....1850	
73	Dudley.....	66	" " " "	do.	
74	Warren.....	67	" " " "	do.	Charter surrendered June 5, 1852.
75	Marion.....	68	" " " "	do.	
76	Crescent City.....	69	" " " "	do.	Annexed to G. Washington Lodge 65, in 1851.
77	Hiram.....	70	" " " "	do.	
78	Eureka.....	71	" " " "	21 Feb .....1848	Charter surrendered April 22, 1850.
79	Alpha Home.....	72	Alpha (organized 1848,) Home, 1855.....	3 Feb.....1859	A union of two Lodges, Alpha and Home, 1858.
80	St. Johns.....	73	New Orleans.....Organized 1847	.....	Extinct.
81	Joppa.....	74	Shreveport, Caddo Parish.....	4 March....1850	Charter surrendered in July, 1857.
82	Sabine.....	75	Fort Jessup, Sabine Parish.....	do.	
83	Quitman.....	76	New Orleans.....	do.	
84	Mt. Moriah.....	77	Port Hudson, Par. E. Feliciana, " "	do.	Charter returned August, 1866.
85	Orleans.....	78	New Orleans.....	do.	
86	St. Joseph.....	79	St. Joseph, Tensas Parish.....	do.	Charter forfeited February 12, 1862.
87	DeWitt Clinton.....	80	Marion, Union Parish.....	do.	
88	Iberville.....	81	Plaquemine, Iberville Parish....	do.	Charter forfeited in 1856.
89	Clinton York.....	82	Clinton, East Feliciana Parish..	do.	Annexed to Olive No. 52 in 1852
90	Mt. Vernon.....	83	Logansport, DeSoto Parish.....Organized 1849	do.	
91	Oliver.....	84	Alexandria, Rapides Parish.....	do.	
92	Florida.....	85	Jackson, East Feliciana Parish..	11 Jan.....1848	Annexed to St. Albans Lodge, No. 28.
93	Pleasant Hill.....	86	Pleasant Hill, DeSoto Parish....	4 March....1850	Charter restored February, 1866.
94	Lafayette.....	87	Pattersonville, St. Mary Parish..	do.	

95	Many	88 Many, Sabine Parish	Organized 1849	10 Feb.	1858	
96	Cypress	89 Collinsburg, Bossier Parish	"	do.		
97	Thibodaux Benevolent	90 Thibodaux, Lafourche Interior		21 Jan.	1851	
98	Livonia	91 Livonia, Point Coupée Parish		do.		Charter surrendered in 1857.
99	Monticello	92 Monticello, Carroll Parish		do.		
100	Le Vrais Amis	93 Cheniere Caminada, Barrataria		13 Feb.	1851	Charter forfeited in 1856.
101	Napoleon	94 Marion, Union Parish		21 Jan.	1851	Charter forfeited in 1857. Revived in 1858.
102	Bellevue	95 Bellevue, Bossier Parish		do.		Charter surrendered in 1857. Revived in 1866.
103	St. Helena	96 Greensburg, St. Helena Parish		do.		
104	Patmos	97 Richmond, Madison Parish		17 Jan.	1854	Charter surrendered in 1859.
105	Hermitage	98 New Orleans		21 Jan.	1851	
106	Henderson	99 Cotile, Rapides Parish		do.		Extinct December, 1865.
107	Taylor	100 Homer, Claiborne Parish		do.		Charter forfeited in 1858.
108	Franklinton	101 Franklinton, Washington Parish		do.		
109	Louisiana	102 New Orleans		23 Jan.	1851	
110	Cloutierville	103 Cloutierville, Natchitoches Parish		21 Jan.	1852	
111	Mt. Lebanon	104 Mt. Lebanon, Bienville Parish		do.		
112	Trinity	105 Trinity, Catahoula Parish		do.		
113	Vienna	106 Vienna, Jackson Parish		do.		
114	Patrick Henry	107 City of Jefferson, Jefferson Parish		do.		Charter surrendered in 1855.
115	Sparta	108 Sparta, Bienville Parish		do.		
116	Castor	109 Castor Landing, Caldwell Parish		do.		
117	Harrisonburg	110 Harrisonburg, Catahoula Parish		do.		
118	Urim	111 Forksville, Ouachita Parish		2 Feb.	1853	
119	Bartholomew	112 Plantersville, Morehouse Parish		25 Feb.	1853	
120	Thomas Jefferson	113 Spearsville, Union Parish		do.		
121	Friendship	114 Woodville, Jackson Parish		do.		Charter surrendered in 1861.
122	Shreveport	115 Shreveport, Caddo Parish		27 Jan.	1853	
123	Acacia	116 Plaquemine, Iberville Parish		17 Jan.	1854	
124	Milford	117 Manchac Settlement, East Baton Rouge		20 Jan.	1854	
125	Terryville	118 Quay Post Office, Claiborne Parish		17 Jan.	1854	
126	Constantine	119 Waterproof, Tensas Parish		do.		Charter surrendered February 7, 1862.
127	Deerfield	120 Deerfield, Carroll Parish		do.		
128	Lisbon	121 Lisbon, Claiborne Parish		do.		
129	Mackey	122 Ringgold, Bienville Parish		20 Jan.	1854	
130	Liberty	123 Keachi, DeSoto Parish		14 Feb.	1855	Charter restored February, 1866.

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No.	NAMES OF LODGES.	No.	PLACES OF THEIR ESTABLISHMENT.	DATE OF PRESENT CHARTER.	REMARKS.
131	Kellertown.....	124	Kellertown, East Feliciana	14 Feb. 1855	
132	Pearl River.....	125	Line Academy, (Shady Grove,) Washington Ph.	do.	
133	Arcadia.....	126	Arcadia, Bienville Parish.....	do.	
134	Springhill.....	127	Springhill Church, Union Cross Roads, Union Ph	do.	
135	D'Arbonne.....	128	D'Arbonne, Union Parish	do.	Charter surrendered in 1859.
136	Dawson.....	129	Scottville, Claiborne Parish.....	do.	
137	Solomon.....	130	Goodrich Land'g, Pecan-Grove P. O., Carroll Ph	17 Feb. 1855	Charter forfeited in 1859.
138	Shiloh.....	131	Shiloh, Union Parish.....	14 Feb. 1855	
139	Warren.....	13	Winnsboro, Franklin Parish	do.	Charter restored February, 1866.
140	Gordy.....	133	Cheneyville, Rapides Parish.....	do.	
141	Harry Hill.....	134	Bastrop, Morehouse Parish	do.	Annexed to Mt. Gerizim No. 45. in 1862
142	Plains.....	135	Plains, Store, East Baton Rouge	12 Feb. 1856	
143	Athens.....	136	Athens, Claiborne Parish.....	do.	
144	Murray.....	137	Alexandria, Rapides Parish	do.	Charter forfeited in 1857.
145	Jeffersonian.....	138	Jefferson Mills, DeSoto Parish.....	do.	Charter surrendered in 1860. Restored in 1868.
146	Houma.....	139	Houma, Terrebonne Parish	do.	
147	Cool Spring.....	140	Cool Spring Academy, Claiborne Parish.....	do.	
148	Huntington.....	141	Minden, Claiborne Parish	do.	Charter surrendered in July, 1866.
149	Home.....	142	New Orleans	do.	Annexed to Alpha Home Lodge No. 72 in 1858.
150	Downsville.....	143	Downsville, Union Parish.....	do.	
151	Ocean.....	144	New Orleans.....	10 Feb. 1857	
152	Hope.....	145	Vermillionville, Lafayette Parish	do.	
153	Silent Brotherhood	146	Springville, Natchitoches Parish.....	do.	
154	Anacoco.....	147	Anacoco, Sabine Parish	do.	
155	Red Land.....	148	Rocky Mount, Bossier Parish.....	do.	
156	Darlington.....	149	Darlington, St. Helena Parish.....	10 Feb. 1858	
157	Perkins.....	150	Donaldsonville, Ascension Parish.....	do.	
158	Eastern Star.....	151	Winnfield, Winn Parish	do.	
159	Homer.....	152	Homer, Claiborne Parish.....	do.	
160	Saints John.....	153	Algiers, Parish of Orleans.....	do.	

161 Fillmore.....	154 Fillmore, Bossier Parish.....	12 Feb.....	1858	
162 Cherry Ridge.....	155 Cherry Ridge, Union Parish.....	do.		
163 Kiseatchie.....	156 Kiseatchie, Natchitoches Parish.....	do.		
164 Grosse Tête.....	157 Iberville Parish.....	16 Feb.....	1859	Charter surrendered in February, 1869.
165 Rapides.....	158 Huddleston, Rapides Parish.....	do.		
166 Morganza.....	159 Morganza, Point Coupée Parish.....	do.		
167 Livingston.....	160 Pontchatoula, Livingston Parish.....	do.		
168 Brookville.....	161 Point Jefferson, Morehouse Parish.....	16 Feb.....	1860	
169 Burnsville.....	162 Shangaloo, Claiborne Parish.....	do.		
170 Atchafalaya.....	163 Simmsport, Avoyelles Parish.....	do.		
171 Columbia.....	164 Columbia, Caldwell Parish.....	do.		
172 Lake Charles.....	165 Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish.....	do.		
173 Silencio.....	9 New Orleans.....	12 Feb.....	1861	
174 Excelsior.....	166 New Orleans.....	do.		
175 Linn Wood.....	167 New Orleans.....	13 Feb.....	1861	
176 Montgomery.....	168 Montgomery, Winn Parish.....	do.		
177 Haynesville.....	169 Haynesville, Claiborne Parish.....	do.		
178 Orus.....	170 New Orleans.....	9 Feb.....	1864	
179 Kosmos.....	171 New Orleans.....	do.		
180 Union.....	172 New Orleans.....	17 Feb.....	1865	
181 Orient.....	173 New Orleans.....	17 Feb.....	1865	
182 Dante.....	174 New Orleans.....	14 Feb.....	1866	
183 Amite City.....	175 Amite City, St. Helena Parish.....	do.		
184 Perfect Harmony.....	176 New Orleans.....	15 Feb.....	1867	
185 Eureka.....	177 Near Woodville, Jackson Parish.....	do.		
186 Tulip.....	178 Tulip Town, Claiborne Parish.....	do.		
187 Caddo.....	179 Shreveport, Caddo Parish.....	do.		
188 Little Flock.....	180 Godwin's Bluff, Sabine Parish.....	do.		
189 Jeffersonian.....	181 Kingston, DeSoto Parish.....	do.		Charter No. 181 sur. and char. No. 128 res., 1868
190 Sam Todd.....	182 Sugar Town, Calcasieu Parish.....	do.		
191 Longwood.....	183 Long Wood, Caddo Parish.....	do.		
192 Spring Creek.....	184 Spring Creek Church, Washington Parish.....	do.		
193 Orphans' Friend.....	185 Big Cane, St. Landry Parish.....	do.		
194 Kissatchie Union.....	186 Kile's Mills, Natchitoches Parish.....	13 Feb.....	1868	
195 Flat Lick.....	187 Flat Lick, Claiborne Parish.....	do.		
196 Covington.....	188 Covington, St. Tammany Parish.....	do.		

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No.	NAMES OF LODGES.	No.	PLACES OF THEIR ESTABLISHMENT.	DATE OF PRESENT CHARTER.	REMARKS.
197	Evergreen	189	Evergreen, Avoyelles Parish.....	13 Feb. 1868	
198	Corinthian.....	190	New Orleans.....	9 Feb. 1869	
199	Jefferson.....	191	Jefferson City, Jefferson Parish.....	do.	
200	Abbeville.....	192	Abbeville, Vermillion Parish.....	do.	
201	Aurora.....	193	New Iberia, St. Martins Parish.....	10 Feb. 1869	
202	Mt. Olivet	194	Bayou Boeuf, St. Landry Parish.....	do.	
203	Trenton	195	Trenton, Ouachita Parish.....	do.	
204	Saline.....	196	Saline, Bienville Parish.....	22 March.... 1869	

NOTE—The following Lodges: George Washington No. 65, Dudley No. 66, Warren No. 67, Marion No. 68, Crescent City No. 69, Hiram No. 70, and Eureka No. 71, received Dispensations from the Grand Lodge of Mississippi in the year 1847, and on the 21st February, 1848, were regularly chartered by that Grand Lodge. On the 8th of March, 1848, these seven lodges met in Convention and formed a Grand Lodge under the style of the "LOUISIANA GRAND LODGE OF A. Y. M. MASONS," which issued Charters to these seven lodges, numbering them one to seven as named above. This new Grand Lodge continued in its labors for two years, and established the following lodges during that period: Alpha No. 72, Saints John No. 73, Joppa No. 74, Sabine No. 75, Quitman No. 76, Mt. Moriah No. 77, Orleans No. 78, St Joseph No. 70, DeWitt Clinton No. 80, Iberville No. 81, Clinton York No. 82, Mt. Vernon No. 83, Oliver No. 84, Florida No. 85, Pleasant Hill No. 86, Lafayette No. 87, Many No. 88, and Cypress No. 89, numbering them respectively from eight to twenty-five, as named above. On the 4th of March, 1850, a union of the two Grand Lodges was ratified.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

BODY.	COUNTRY	REPRESENTATIVE OF	APP'D.	REPRESENTATIVE TO	RESIDENCE.	APP'D.
Grand Lodge	Arkansas		18 —	M. W. Luke E. Barbour...	Little Rock.....	1857..
"	Alabama	M. W. Samuel M. Todd	1857..	R. W. Wm. P. Chilton.....	Montgomery, Ala..	1857..
"	California		18 —	R. W. Isaac S Titus.....	Placerville.....	1869..
"	Connecticut.....	R. W. Charles M. Emerson	1860 ..	R. W. H. B. Ensign.....	New Haven, Conn..	1860..
S. C. 331	Cuba.....	R. W. Ezekiel Salomon.....	1868 ..			18 —
Grand Lodge	District of Columbia		18 —	W. M. B. B. French.....	Washington, D. C..	1860 ..
"	Florida	M. W. J. Q. A. Fellows.....	1861 ..	M. W. Thos. DeW. C. Dawkins	Jacksonville.....	1869 ..
"	Frankfort, city of (E. Union)	R. W. A. Goldmann.....	1863 ..	R. W. Carl Paul.....	Frankfort on Maine	1869 ..
"	Georgia		18 —	R. W. Geo. W. Adams.....	Macon, Ga.....	1869 ..
"	Illinois.....	M. W. J. Q. A. Fellows.....	1869 ..	M. W. I. W. Buck.....	Aurora, Ill.....	1860 ..
"	Indiana.....	R. W. Charles W. Newton.....	1861 ..	M. W. H. G. Hazelrigg.....	Lebanon, Ind.....	1860 ..
"	Iowa	R. W. L. E. Reynolds.....	1861 ..	M. W. James R. Hartsock.....	Iowa City, Iowa	1860 ..
"	Ireland	R. W. T. J. O'Regan.....	1867 ..	R. W. L. H. Deering, G Sec.....	Dublin, Ireland.....	1860 ..
"	Kansas	R. W. A. G. Carter.....	1861 ..	R. W. E. T. Carr.....	Leavenworth, Kan.....	1869 ..
"	Kentucky.....		18 —	M. W. Chas A. Fuller.....	Louisville, Ky.....	1869 ..
"	Maryland.....		18 —	R. W. Chas. Goodwin.....	Baltimore, Md.....	1860 ..
"	Maine.....	R. W. Clifford Belcher.....	1860 ..	R. W. Jas C. Stevens.....	Portland, Me.....	1860 ..
"	Minnesota.....	M. W. J. Q. A. Fellows.....	1863 ..	R. W. E. A. Hodson.....	St. Paul, Minn.....	1859 ..
"	Missouri.....		18 —	R. W. Thos. E. Garrett.....	St. Louis.....	1869 ..
"	Michigan.....		18 —	M. W. C. L. Coffinbury.....	Constantine.....	1869 ..
"	Mississippi.....		18 —	M. W. Jno. T. Lamkin.....	Holmesville.....	1869 ..
"	North Carolina.....		18 —	M. W. Robt. B. Vance.....	Asheville.....	1869 ..
"	New Hampshire.....		18 —	R. W. John George.....		1860 ..
"	New Jersey.....	R. W. E. D. Craig.....	1861 ..	R. W. Jos. H. Hough.....	Trenton, N. J.....	1860 ..
"	New York.....		18 —	R. W. Jas. M. Austin, M. D.....	New York City.....	1857 ..
"	Ohio.....		18 —	M. W. Wm. B. Dodds.....	Cincinnati.....	1860 ..
"	Oregon.....		18 ..	R. W. S. F. Shadwick.....	Roseburg.....	1869 ..
"	Prussia, three Globes.....	R. W. A. Goldmann.....	1868 ..	R. W. C. F. Heinersdorff.....	Berlin.....	1869 ..
"	Prussia, Royal York of F.....	R. W. A. Goldmann.....	1867 ..	R. W. C. F. N. Weilprecht.....	Berlin.....	1867 ..

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Grand Lodge	Pennsylvania.....	18—	R. W. S. C. Perkins.....	Philadelphia.....	1869
"	Rhode Island.....	18—	M. W. Thos. A. Doyle.....	Providence, R. I.....	1860
"	South Carolina.....	R. W. Rev. H. S. Jacobs.....	1867	R. W. A. G. Mackey.....	Charleston, S. C.....	1860
"	Saxony.....	R. W. A. Goldmann.....	1868	R. W. Carl Robt. Gehl.....	Dresden.....	1869
"	Tennessee.....	M. W. W. M. Perkins.....	1861	R. W. F. G. Roche.....	.....	1860
"	Texas.....	M. W. W. M. Perkins.....	1868	M. W. F. R. Sexton.....	San Augustine, Tex.....	1860
S. C. 33d	Uruguay.....	R. W. F. Ricau.....	1868	Dr Juan de la Sierra.....	Montevideo.....	1869
Grand Lodge	Virginia.....	M. W. W. M. Perkins.....	1861	M. W. James Evans.....	Richmond.....	1869
"	Vermont.....	M. W. J. Q. A. Fellows.....	1858	R. W. W. P. Russell.....	Littlebury.....	1858
"	Wisconsin.....	.....	18—	M. W. H. L. Palmer.....	Milwaukie.....	1869
"	West Virginia.....	.....	18—	M. W. W. G. Bates.....	Wheeling.....	1869

REGISTER OF LODGES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.

No.	NAMES OF LODGES.	No.	LOCATION.	MASTER'S NAME.	SECRETARY.
1	Perfect Union.....	1	New Orleans, Rampart, bet. Main & St Philip sts	René Laffon.....	Ramon Oriol.....
2	Polar Star.....	1	“ cor. Rampart and History streets..	C R Fagot.....	C Babled.....
3	Concorde.....	3	“ Rampart, bet Main & St. Philip sts	J B Sorapurn.....	T A Devron.....
4	Perseverance.....	4	“ cor. Main and St. Claude streets..	M A Calongne.....	F Ricau.....
5	St. Andrew.....	5	“ Conti, bet. Villere and Robertson.	Jos Lamarre.....	N Debarberis.....
6	Los Amigos del Orden.....	5	“ corner Main and St. Claude.....	Jos Planellas.....	C P Conte.....
7	Silencio.....	9	“ cor. Rampart and History sts.....	F de Assis Ribot.....	Felix Gilbert.....
8	Humble Cottage.....	19	Opelousas, St. Landry Parish.....	James Ray.....	Joseph Block.....
9	Western Star.....	24	Monroe, Ouachita Parish.....	J F McGuire.....	J A McGuire.....
10	St. Albans.....	28	Jackson, East Feliciana.....	A H Lizard.....	H L Pond.....
11	Feliciania.....	31	St. Francisville, West Feliciana.....	S J Powell.....	E D RemouDET.....
12	Phoenix.....	38	Natchitoches, Natchitoches Parish.....	S M Hyams.....	Wm Payne.....
13	Foyer Maçonnique.....	44	New Orleans, corner Main and St. Claude.....	P Brugier, Jr.....	Henry Antoine.....
14	Jackson.....	45	Greenwood, Caddo Parish.....	J M Ford.....	J R McRady.....
15	Germania.....	46	New Orleans, St. Louis street.....	Chas Koerenzig.....	J Gougenheim.....
16	St. James.....	47	East Baton Rouge.....	W H Stroube.....	M Cranary.....
17	Providence.....	50	Lake Providence, Carroll Parish.....	W F Pennington.....	C R Egerly.....
18	Minden.....	51	Minden, Claiborne Parish.....	WE Paxton.....	John J Carter.....
19	Olive.....	52	Clinton, East Feliciana.....	W W Munday.....	F J Pullen.....
20	Union Fraternal.....	53	Farmerville, Union Parish.....	B F Dillard.....	Thos C Lewis.....
21	Mt. Gerizim.....	54	Bastrop, Morehouse Parish.....	John W Higman.....	A L Bussey.....
22	DeSoto.....	55	Mansfield, DeSoto Parish.....	Jackson Douglas.....	J L Scales.....
23	Lafay tte.....	56	Vernon, Jackson Parish.....	J C Jones.....	W T Kidd.....
24	Franklin.....	57	Franklin, St. Mary Parish.....	H H Smith.....	Samuel R Randlett.....
25	Friends of Harmony.....	58	New Orleans, Grand Lodge Hall.....	John H Clark.....	Hilel Marks.....
26	Mt. Moriah.....	59	“ 163 Camp street.....	J W Black.....	Jas Furneaux.....
27	Tunica.....	63	Tunica Landing, West Feliciana Parish.....	W T Cox.....	W B Keller.....
28	George Washington.....	65	New Orleans, Grand Lodge Hall.....	J B Scot.....	Fred A Dentzel.....
29	Dudley.....	66	“ “ “.....	E Marks.....	A Mackay.....

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30	Marion.....	68	New Orleans, Grand Lodge Hall.....	Samuel M Todd.....	G L C Davis, Jr.....
31	Hiram.....	70	" " ".....	O Czarnowski.....	W D Taylor.....
32	Alpha Home.....	72	" " ".....	J C Batchelor, M D.....	Geo J Pinkard.....
33	Sabine.....	75	Fort Jessup, Sabine Parish.....	John G Fleming.....	J G Tilden.....
34	Quitman.....	76	New Orleans, Odd Fellows' Hall.....	A Queant.....	C F Williams.....
35	Orleans.....	78	" " Grand Lodge Hall.....	B B Thomas.....	C E Johnson.....
36	DeWitt Clinton.....	80	Marion, Union Parish.....	John L Cole.....	J L Hickey.....
37	Mt. Vernon.....	83	Logansport, DeSoto Parish.....	Julius Levin.....	Myra S Rosenthal.....
38	Oliver.....	84	Alexandria, Rapides Parish.....	S D Chapman.....	H J Davis.....
39	Pleasant Hill.....	86	Pleasant Hill, De Soto Parish.....	Nelson Keyes.....	J B Hessian.....
40	Lafayette.....	87	Pattersonville, St. Mary's Parish.....	J W Eason.....	J J Horton.....
41	Many.....	88	Many, Sabine Parish.....	B B Matlock.....	H W Ogden.....
42	Cypress.....	89	Collinsburg, Bossier Parish.....	F L Mead.....	Isiah D Moore.....
43	Thibodaux Benevolent.....	90	Thibodaux, Lafourche Interior Parish.....	W T C Anderson.....	J W Brughan.....
44	Monticello.....	92	Monticello, Carroll Parish.....	W A Parke.....	Benjamin Ford.....
45	Napoleon.....	94	Springhill, Union ".....	J A Snider.....	Thos M Ford.....
46	Bellevue.....	95	Bellevue, Bossier ".....	Amos Kent.....	L R Parker.....
47	St. Helena.....	96	Greensburg, St. Helena Parish.....	Wm Woelper.....	Thos Will-on.....
48	Hermitage.....	98	New Orleans, Tchoupitoulas street.....	Jno Wadsworth.....	W H Dixon.....
49	Franklinton.....	101	Franklinton, Washington Parish.....	Wm C Driver.....	Arthur Waugh.....
50	Louisiana.....	102	New Orleans, Odd Fellows' Hall.....	S B Shackelford.....	A L Grow.....
51	Cloutierville.....	103	Cloutierville, Natchitoches Parish.....	W B Prothro.....	J D Duke.....
52	Mt. Lebanon.....	104	Mt. Lebanon, Bienville Parish.....	C B Wheeler.....	N Roshland.....
53	Trinity.....	105	Trinity, Catahoula Parish.....	M P Quinn.....	F C Greenwood.....
54	Vienna.....	106	Vienna, Jackson Parish.....	W S Cockerham.....	C H Murphy.....
55	Sparta.....	108	Sparta, Bienville Parish.....	W L de Graffenreidt.....	Juel Tatam.....
56	Castor.....	109	Castor, Caldwell Parish.....	C C Duke.....	S D S Waller.....
57	Harrisonburg.....	110	Harrisonburg, Catahoula Parish.....	Thos L Simpson.....	J H Milling.....
58	Urim.....	111	Forkville, Ouachita Parish.....		

59	Bartholomew.....	112	Plantersville, Morehouse Parish.....	John McCrory.....	J S Knor.....
60	Thomas Jefferson.....	113	Spearsville, Union Parish.....	Jos R Goyne.....	W D Henderson.....
61	Shreveport.....	115	Shreveport, Caddo Parish.....	S M Asher.....	Wm Kinney.....
62	Acacia.....	116	Plaquemine, Iberville Parish.....	Gervois Schlater.....	John Marcot.....
63	Milford.....	117	Manhac Settlement, East Baton Rouge.....	J S Gardner.....	P S Harelson.....
64	Terryville.....	118	Salem, Claiborne Parish.....	H T Petty.....	G W Davidson.....
65	Deerfield.....	120	Delhi, Carroll Parish.....	G W Trevezent.....	Chas E Slider.....
66	Lisbon.....	121	Lisbon, Claiborne Parish.....	W D Hester.....	W J Leslie.....
67	Mackey.....	122	Ringgold, Bienville Parish.....	J M Scott.....	A J Kolb.....
68	Liberty.....	123	Keachi, DeSoto Parish.....	A J Caffey.....	Chas Schuler.....
69	Kellertown.....	124	Kellertown, East Feliciana.....	R J Pemble.....	A J Norwood.....
70	Pearl River.....	125	Line Academy, (Shady Grove,) Washington Ph.....	W C Warren.....	J E Ford.....
71	Arcadia.....	126	Arcadia, Bienville Parish.....	A J Wilson.....	J N Ryant.....
72	Springhill.....	127	Union Cross Roads, Union Parish.....	C W Clowe.....	J W Hopkins.....
73	Dawson.....	129	Scottville, Claiborne Parish.....	W C Miller.....	A M Thornton.....
74	Shiloh.....	131	Shiloh, Union Parish.....	L J Loveless.....	J C B White.....
75	Warren.....	132	Winnboro, Franklin Parish.....	H P Wells.....	B B Nugent.....
76	Gordy.....	133	Cheneyville, Rapides Parish.....	J H Audebert.....	T C Johnson.....
77	Plains.....	135	Plains Store, East Baton Rouge.....	A G Carter.....	T L Mills.....
78	Athens.....	136	Athens, Claiborne Parish.....	W F Bridges.....	R J Bridges.....
79	Jeffersonian.....	138	Kingston, De Soto Parish.....	L T Scott.....	E W Lacey.....
80	Houma.....	139	Houma, Terrebonne Parish.....	Jas B Dunn.....	Xavier Baul.....
81	Cool Spring.....	140	Cool Spring Academy, Claiborne Parish.....	J T Tignor.....	G W Tignor.....
82	Downsville.....	143	Downsville, Union Parish.....	John Shultz.....	E S Pipes.....
83	Ocean.....	144	New Orleans, Po. Star Hall, c. Ramp't & History.....	H Millsbaugh.....	J A Letten.....
84	Hope.....	145	Vermillionville, Lafayette Parish.....	M E Girard.....	Wm Brant.....
85	Silent Brotherhood.....	146	Springville, Natchitoches Parish.....	Julius Lisso.....	David Hovey.....
86	Anacoco.....	147	Anacoco, Sabine Parish.....	N H Bray.....	T H J Richardson.....
87	Red Land.....	148	Rocky Mount, Bossier Parish.....	J J Swindle.....	J C Allen.....
88	Darlington.....	149	Darlington, St. Helena Parish.....	O L Collins.....	J L Nettles.....
89	Perkins.....	150	Donaldsonville, Ascension Parish.....	.....	.....
90	Eastern Star.....	151	Winnfield, Winn Parish.....	J R Bevil.....	John A Dixon.....
91	Homer.....	152	Homer, Claiborne Parish.....	A C Hill.....	J R Ramsey.....
92	Saints John.....	153	Algiers, Parish of Orleans.....	A B Seger.....	W H Martin.....
93	Fillmore.....	154	Fillmore, Bossier Parish.....	H Bareacastle.....	Jaa Ford.....
94	Cherry Ridge.....	155	Cherry Ridge, Union Parish.....	E J Lee.....	John F Peterson.....

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95	Kisatchie.	156	Kisatchie, Natchitoches Parish.	L J Nash	D W Self.
96	Rapides	158	Huddleston, Rapides Parish.	C K Oakes.	J P Eddleman.
97	Morganza.	159	Morganza, Point Coupée Parish.	J W Newsom.	D Leatherman.
98	Livingston.	160	Pontchatoula, Livingston Parish.	S S Hoyt	John W Addison.
99	Brookville.	161	Lake Lafourche, Morehouse Parish.	J P Myres.	J M Huffman.
100	Burnsville.	162	Shangaloo, Claiborne Parish.	G J Wise	Edw Sanders.
101	Atchafalaya	163	Simmsport, Avoyelles Parish.	F H Babbitt	S R Harmanson.
102	Columbia	164	Columbia, Caldwell Parish.	C C Meredith	R S Slemmons.
103	Lake Charles	165	Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish.	Louis Levigne.	W H Haskell.
104	Excelsior.	166	New Orleans, Grand Lodge Hall.	R L Bruce	C W West.
105	Linn Wood	167	New Orleans, 163 Camp street.	Geo Baldy.	Henry Abel.
106	Montgomery.	168	Montgomery, Winn Parish.	Jas W Jones.	Davis Hardy.
107	Haynesville	169	Haynesville, Claiborne Parish.	Jas R Smith	G W Nelson.
108	Orus	170	New Orleans, Conti, bet. Villeré & Robertson sts	R D Ouvrard	L Wust
109	Kosmos.	171	New Orleans, cor. Camp and Commercial Place.	L P Heintz.	A W May
110	Union.	172	" " "	G H Pabst	Joseph Zengel, Jr.
111	Orient.	173	New Orleans, Grand Lodge Lodge Hall.	Jos P Hornor	Vincent Mielly.
112	Dante	174	New Orleans, Polar Star Hall.	G B Rossi.	C Romagnoli.
113	Amite C. ty.	175	Amite City, St. Helena Parish.	Chas S Stewart.	W H Wilder.
114	Perfect Harmony.	176	New Orleans, Grand Lodge Hall.	J O De Castro	T H Hand y.
115	Eureka.	177	Near Woodville, Jackson Parish.	C N Howell.	W R Redwine.
116	Tulip.	178	Tulip Town, Claiborne Parish.	H N McClendon.	J H Jordan.
117	Caddo.	179	Shreveport, Caddo Parish.	J F Davis.	A J Newman.
118	Little Flock.	180	Godwin's Bluff, Sabine Parish.	W M Anthony.	M K Spreight.
119	Sam Todd.	182	Sugar Town, Calcasieu Parish.	P J Ford.	G W Richardson.
120	Longwood.	183	Hoss Mills, Caddo Parish.	Thos R Vaughan.	John B Porter.
121	Spring Creek	184	Spring Creek Church, Washington Parish.	H Richardson.	J C Fisher.
122	Orphans' Friend	185	Big Cane, St. Landry Parish.	Geo W Bundick.	O S Smith.
123	Kisatchie Union	186	Kile's Mills, Natchitoches Parish.	A Airhart.	A R Dowden.

124	Flat Lick.....	187	Flat Lick, Claiborne Parish.....	J M Thompson.....	Aug Lemon.....
125	Covington.....	188	Covington, St. Tammany Parish.....	D M Campbell.....	H C Kemper.....
126	Evergreen.....	189	Evergreen, Avoyelles Parish.....	Alf E Billings.....	G H Abbott.....
127	Corinthian.....	190	New Orleans, 163 Camp street.....	Hugh Breen.....	H C Brown.....
128	Jefferson.....	191	City of Jefferson, Jefferson Parish.....	Wm D White.....	S Broussard.....
129	Abbeville.....	192	Abbeville, Vermillion Parish.....	John F Wyche.....	E Ehrman.....
130	Aurora.....	193	New Iberia, St. Martins Parish.....	Jno McCrory.....	A Staggs.....
131	Mt. Olivet.....	194	Bayou Boeuf, St. Landry Parish.....	J H Allen.....	T L Prothro.....
132	Trenton.....	195	Trenton, Ouachita Parish.....		
133	Saline.....	196	Saline, Bienville Parish.....		
	Magnolia.....	u d	Washington, St. Landry Parish.....		

WORK OF LODGES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.

No.	NAMES OF LODGES.	No.	MEETINGS HELD.	No. of MEMBERS.	No. INITIA- TED.	No. PASSED.	No. RAISED.	No. AFFILI- ATED.	No. DEMIT- TED.	No. DIED.	No. STRICKEN FROM ROLL.	No. SUS- PENDED.	No. EXPEL- LED.	No. BEN- STATED.
1	Perfect Union.....	1	28	43	6	8	8	3	3	1	9	5	1	2
2	Polar Star.....	1	25	47	6	7	7	2	2	1	3	5	1	2
3	Concorde.....	3	29	38	7	7	7	1	1	1	3	5	1	2
4	Perseverance.....	4	18	48	4	3	3	1	1	1	3	5	1	2
5	St. Andrew.....	5	20	50	3	1	1	3	3	1	5	5	1	2
6	Los Amigos del Orden.....	5	35	64	2	4	4	2	2	1	1	5	1	2
7	Silencio.....	9	39	49	8	8	8	2	2	1	3	5	1	2
8	Humble Cottage.....	19	27	94	4	4	6	2	7	3	9	5	1	2
9	Western Star.....	24	37	74	9	8	8	6	5	2	1	5	1	2
10	St. Albans.....	28	24	46	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	5	1	2
11	Feliciania.....	31	17	47	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	5	1	2
12	Phoenix.....	38	22	69	7	4	3	1	1	2	1	5	1	2
13	Foyer Maçonnique.....	44	29	72	8	6	7	1	3	3	2	5	1	2
14	Jackson.....	45	9	46	7	4	2	4	2	2	7	5	1	2
15	Germania.....	46	28	102	4	3	2	1	6	3	1	5	1	2
16	St. James.....	47	36	72	9	6	5	5	7	2	7	5	1	2
17	Providence.....	50	29	49	9	10	10	2	2	1	9	5	1	2
18	Minden.....	51	14	94	1	1	1	11	1	2	1	5	1	2
19	Olive.....	52	16	89	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	5	1	2
20	Union Fraternal.....	53	15	35	2	2	2	3	3	2	1	5	1	2
21	Mt. Gerizim.....	54	18	78	3	2	2	1	2	2	1	5	1	2
22	DeSoto.....	55	26	97	1	3	1	2	6	1	1	5	1	2
23	Lafayette.....	56	10	54	3	2	2	1	1	2	9	5	1	2
24	Franklin.....	57	30	79	11	9	10	1	3	1	1	5	1	2
25	Friends of Harmony.....	58	45	91	1	1	1	1	5	5	1	5	1	2
26	Mt. Moriah.....	59	54	246	10	14	16	2	2	5	1	5	1	2
27	Tunica.....	63	10	20	1	1	1	2	5	5	1	5	1	2

28	George Washington	65	40	94	10	5	4	3	3	3	2			
29	Dudley	66	48	137	9	10	8	1	6	2	17	2		
30	Marion	68	46	138	17	11	13	6		3				
31	Hiram	70	41	96	9	6	5		2	2				F
32	Alpha Home	72	47	68	5	7	7		1	4	3			F
33	Sabine	75												
34	Quitman	76	56	149	20	20	22	10	3	4	4			
35	Orleans	78	50	120	10	7	5	3	5	3	5			
36	DeWitt Clinton	80	9	23	1			1	3		3		1	1
37	Mt. Vernon	83	14	15	2	1	1			2				
38	Oliver	84	40	51	3	4	5	4	3	1	2			1
39	Pleasant Hill	86	12	29	1	2	2		9					
40	Lafayette	87	19	32	3	2			1	2				1
41	Many	88	9	33										
42	Cypress	89	11	63	7	5	5	4	10	1	13			
43	Thibodaux Benevolent	90	25	39	9	6	4	6	4		2	1	3	
44	Monticello	92	15	23	6	5	4	2	5	1		1		
45	Napoleon	94	14	23	3	4	4	1	3					
46	Bellevue	95	14	23	3	4	2	1	2					
47	St. Helena	96	12	66	1	1		1	2		5			
48	Hermitage	98	39	73	5	5	4		4	1		1		
49	Franklinton	101	7	63		1	2			1				
50	Louisiana	102	35	129	13	9	11	9	2	2				
51	Cloutierville	103	9	20		1			1	1				
52	Mt. Lebanon	104	9	34										
53	Frinity	105	14	32	17	10	5	1	1					6
54	Vienna	106	11	69		1	2	2	1					
55	Sparta	108	12	78	2	1	2	2	10	1	8			
56	Castor	109	15	23	2	2	2	2	2		1			
57	Harrisonburg	110	7	38	9	5	3	1	0	13				
58	Urim	111	11	42	2	2	2	2	5		1			
59	Bartholomew	112	12	45	2	2		3	6					
60	Thomas Jefferson	113	14	41			1		5					
61	Shreveport	115	42	67	5	6	8	3	4	1				F
62	Acacia	116	6	36					2					
63	Milford	117	4	32	1	1			1	1				

REGISTER OF LODGES—Continued.

No.	NAMES OF LODGES.	No.	MEETINGS HELD.	No. OF MEM- BERS.	No. INITIA- TED.	No. PASS- ED.	No. RAIS- ED.	No. AFFILI- ATED.	No. DEMIT- TED.	No. DIED.	No. STRICKEN FROM ROLL.	No. SUS- PENDED.	No. EXPELL- ED.	No. REIN- STATED.
64	Terryville.....	118	12	18	1	1	1	1	33	3	6	1	1	2
65	Deerfield.....	120	14	40	5	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
66	Lisbon.....	121	10	58	2	1	1	4	3	1	1	1	1	1
67	Mackay.....	122	10	53	1	1	1	1	6	1	3	1	1	1
68	Liberty.....	123	14	55	1	1	1	1	5	1	3	1	1	1
69	Kellertown.....	124	14	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
70	Pearl River.....	125	7	45	2	1	1	1	1	2	9	1	1	1
71	Arcadia.....	126	9	46	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
72	Springfield.....	127	8	40	1	1	1	1	6	4	1	1	1	1
73	Dawson.....	129	11	48	1	1	1	1	4	1	4	1	1	1
74	Shiloh.....	131	14	66	7	5	6	4	4	3	1	1	1	1
75	Warren.....	132	9	26	4	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1
76	Gordy.....	133	12	24	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
77	Plains.....	135	14	37	2	4	4	4	1	1	3	1	1	1
78	Athens.....	136	9	39	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1
79	Jeffersonian.....	138	23	19	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
80	Houma.....	139	16	45	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1
81	Cool Spring.....	140	12	63	2	3	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	2
82	Downsville.....	143	11	47	1	1	2	4	5	3	1	1	1	1
83	Ocean.....	144	56	78	17	13	13	2	2	3	1	1	1	1
84	Hope.....	145	16	30	2	1	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	1
85	Silent Brotherhood.....	146	10	42	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
86	Anacoco.....	147	13	37	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1
87	Red Land.....	148	11	41	2	1	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	1
88	Darlington.....	149	8	36	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	1
89	Perkins.....	150	11	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
90	Eastern Star.....	151	25	88	13	8	7	4	1	2	1	1	1	1

91	Homer	152	19	115	2	1	2	7	2	34	1
92	Saints John	153	45	70	8	8	7	1	1	2	1
93	Fillmore	154	11	42			1	2	6	2	
94	Cherry Ridge	155	12	24	1	2	2		6	1	
95	Kisatchie	156	5	18	2				2		
96	Rapides	158	13	35	3	5	4	1	3		
97	Morganza	159	8	34	6	7	6	1	1	1	
98	Livingston	160	12	39	1	2	1			5	
99	Brookville	161	12	41	3	3	1	2	6		
100	Burnsville	162	14	52		2		4	3	1	
101	Achafalaya	163	16	36	4	1	1	7	1		
102	Columbia	164	14	37	6	6	6	2	2	1	
103	Lake Charles	165	12	33	7	5	6	1	3		2
104	Excelsior	166	52	86	14	11	11	1	4	6	
105	Linn Wood	167	58	150	26	32	19	1	6	1	4
106	Montgomery	168	12	35	1			2	2		8
107	Haynesville	169	14	86	1	2	2	2	8	10	
108	Orus	170	20	48	2	7	7		2	1	4
109	Kosmos	171	28	56	1	3	4	1	7	1	5
110	Union	172	51	63	13	11	8		2	5	
111	Orient	173	48	97	13	7	8	2	3	1	5
112	Dante	174	33	56	12	14	14		3	2	1
113	Amite City	175	12	47	2	2	4	4	3	1	
114	Perfect Harmony	176	47	62	9	10	9	4	3		
115	Eureka	177	13	19	2	1	1	5	4		
116	Tulip	178	12	35	2	2	2	4	3		
117	Caddo	179	28	78	5	6	8	19	5		
118	Little Flock	180	13	19	3	1	1		1	2	
119	Sam Todd	182	12	46	3	5	7		2		
120	Longwood	183	18	32	7	10	8	5	3		
121	Spring Creek	184	10	20	1	3	2	1			
122	Orphans' Friend	185	13	57	2	2	1		9	3	
123	Kisatchie Union	186	11	18	1	1	1		1		
124	Flat Lick	187								1	
125	Covington	188	17	20	2	1	1				
126	Evergreen	189	12	29	4	5	4	7			

REGISTER OF LODGES—Continued.

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127	Corinthian.....	190	13	14	1	1	1	
128	Jefferson.....	191	32	25	11	10	10	2	1	
129	Abbeville.....	192	20	19	9	10	8	1	
130	Aurora.....	193	11	15	9	5	4	2	
131	Mt. Olivet.....	194	6	11	5	4	3	
132	Trenton.....	195	13	17	1	1	1	7	1	
133	Saline.....	196	8	14	7	4	4	3	
....	Magnolia.....	C. D.	7	12	4	1	1	
Total.....			2536	6099	602	518	490	250	394	142	285	8	6	37

EDICTS OF GRAND LODGE IN FULL FORCE.

Resolved, That all Masonic intercourse be, and is hereby, strictly forbidden with any Mason who does not acknowledge his duty of obedience, when within our jurisdiction, to this Grand Lodge, and the lodges of this jurisdiction are hereby ordered to strike from their roll of members all such Masons.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge does hereby authorize the establishment of a Lodge of Instruction, composed of the Masters and Wardens of lodges, and such other Master Masons as may choose to join it in New Orleans, for the purpose of giving instruction and lectures on the various forms and symbols of the Three Symbolic Degrees, and to investigate, in connection with the Special Committee on Work, the various means of recognition, and the ties which bind us together as Masons; and that the said Committee report the result of their investigation to the Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication.

Resolved, That the Permanent Committee on Work, and the lodges of this jurisdiction, be and are hereby instructed, that this Grand Lodge expects and requires that UNIFORMITY in the following particulars shall be both taught and practiced, viz:

1. In the means of recognition.
2. In the ties which bind them together as Masons.

Adopted 1858.

Resolved, That in future, all notices of applications for the Degrees of Masonry, in the city of New Orleans, shall contain the actual residence of the candidate by street and number.

Adopted February 16, 1859.

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Audit and Accounts be empowered and directed to examine, from time to time, the accounts and books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and to report thereon to the Grand Lodge, at the opening of the Grand Annual Communication, and also to report to the Grand Master, during the recess, whenever required by him, or by them deemed proper.

Resolved, That all claims against the Grand Lodge, except those on account of the Grand Lodge Hall, and those provided for in the general regulations or special orders of the Grand Lodge, shall, before payment, be submitted to and approved by the Committee on Audit and Accounts.

Adopted 1860.

Resolved, That the Committee on Audit and Accounts be hereafter required, in their Annual Report to this Grand Lodge, to specify the items for which the Warrants of the Grand Secretary are drawn.

Adopted February 15, 1861.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to insert in the printed proceedings published yearly, the names and numbers of the lodges which no longer appear on the roll of this Grand Lodge, giving the place where said lodges met, the authority and dates of their creation; also, the date and cause of their disappearance; and if any old number has been revived, to state the same.

Adopted 1861.

Resolved, That the contract of purchase of the property of Polar Star Lodge No. 1, made by the M. W. Grand Master, by act before Edward Barnett, Notary Public, on the 22d day of May, 1861, be ratified and approved; and be it further

Resolved, That said property be placed under the control and future management of the Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge Hall, in all respects the same as the Grand Lodge Hall now is, and the revenues arising from the same, for all future time, be devoted exclusively to charitable purposes, as is set forth in section 6, art. 1, chap. 3, of the present regulations of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters, as well as the Committee on Work, shall be permanent.

Adopted February 11, 1862.

Resolved, That every lodge in this jurisdiction shall, previous to the initiation of a candidate, demand of him, in addition to the usual interrogatories propounded to him in the ante-room of the lodge, whether he has applied to, or has been rejected by any Masonic Lodge.

Adopted February 18, 1865.

Resolved, That no resolution, or order appropriating money shall be made until the same shall have been referred to the Committee on Audit and Accounts, or a Special Committee raised for that purpose, and a report made to the Grand Lodge in regard to its propriety.

Adopted February 18, 1865.

A candidate for advancement, having been rejected, must wait six months before he can again be ballotted for.

Pages 102 and 103, proceedings of 1865.

On motion, the future compensation of an Assistant Grand Secretary was referred to the Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge Hall.

Adopted Feb. 17, 1865.

Resolved, That the lodges in the whole of the Parish of Orleans, and Parish of Jefferson, shall have concurrent jurisdiction in both parishes, and shall observe in all matters, the same rules and formalities as if said two parishes were but one, and that any lodge in either parish be allowed to locate itself at any place within said parishes as it shall deem most conducive to its own interests. *Provided*, said lodge shall first obtain the consent of the M. W. Grand Master.

Adopted February 13th, 1866.

A candidate who has lost an arm cannot have any Masonic degree conferred upon him.

Page 153, proceedings of 1866.

No D. D. Grand Master has the power to authorize the continuance of a Dispensation beyond the time for which it was issued by the M. W. Grand Master, nor to authorize a change of officers.

Page 154, proceedings of 1866.

Resolved, That the resolution adopted February 18th, 1861, viz: that electioneering for Masonic offices is unmasonic, and is reprobated by this Grand Lodge is in full force and vigor, and that the same be hereafter published with the resolutions and edicts of this Grand Lodge.

Adopted February 17, 1867.

Resolved, That the regulation of this Grand Lodge, adopted Feb. 15th, 1859, providing "that no one made in a clandestine lodge can be affiliated with or healed by our lodges, but must come in as a profane, or by a special dispensation from the Grand Lodge, in each particular case as it may arise," remains in full force and vigor.

Adopted February 11, 1868.

Resolved, That every Mason in this jurisdiction is strictly forbidden to display Masonic emblems on sign-boards, business cards or advertisements, and the lodges are hereby directed to discipline any brother who continues to do so after being duly warned to discontinue the same.

Adopted February 11, 1868.

Resolved. That all lodges are strictly forbidden to confer the first section of the first and second degrees, and the first and second sections of the third degree on more than one candidate at the same time.

Adopted February 11, 1868.

Resolved. That the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars be annually appropriated to meet the expenses of the permanent Committee on Work in disseminating Masonic knowledge in this jurisdiction, the same to be expended by said committee, under the supervision of the Grand Master.

Adopted February 12, 1868.

Resolved. That the Grand Secretary shall transfer to capital account, and therefrom to a "black book," all accounts now standing upon the books of the Grand Lodge against lodges whose charters are forfeited or surrendered, and all other credits of the Grand Lodge that are, from time to time, deemed valueless by the Committee on Audit and Accounts for the time being.

Adopted February 14, 1868.

Resolved. That chapter III, article 1, section 2, By-laws of the Grand Lodge, be amended so as to read "nine" instead of "six" other members, etc.

Adopted February 15, 1868.

Resolved. That it is improper to perform any of the public ceremonies peculiar to the fraternity, in connection with other secret associations, and especially so in regard to the funeral services. Should the deceased brother or his family have expressed a desire, it is the duty of Masons to bury him masonically, but not otherwise. There is no obligation on any one, and hardly any degree of propriety to do this, unless this desire has been expressed. When, however, this has been done, our ceremonies should not be encroached upon after the religious rites are ended, and the body taken charge of by the brethren, by the ceremonies of any association, of any kind whatever.

Adopted February 10, 1869.

EDITS DE LA GRANDE LOGE EN PLEINE FORCE.

Résolu, Qu'il est strictement défendu d'entretenir aucun commerce Maçon-
nique avec tout Maçon qui ne reconnait pas son devoir d'obéissance, à cette
Grande Loge dans notre juridiction—et il est ordonné par les présentes aux
loges de cette juridiction de rayer comme membre de leur rôle tout Maçon
qui se mettra dans ce cas.

Résolu, Que cette Grande Loge autorise par les présentes l'établissement
d'une Loge d'Instruction, composée des vénérables et surveillants de loges et
de tels autres maîtres Maçons qui seront disposés à en faire partie à la
Nouvelle Orléans, dans le but de répandre l'Instruction et de conférer sur les
formes et symboles des trois degrés symboliques et d'investiguer conjointe-
ment avec le comité spécial de travail Maçonique les différents moyens de
reconnaissance et les liens qui nous unissent comme Maçons; et que le dit
comité fasse un rapport sur le résultat de son investigation à la Grande Loge,
à sa prochaine Communication Annuelle.

Résolu, Que le Comité Permanent de Travail Maçonique et les loges de
cette juridiction, entendent, par les présentes, que cette Grande Loge attend
et exige qu'ils enseignent et pratiquent l'Uniformité dans les détails qui
suivent:

1. Dans les moyens de reconnaissance.
2. Dans les liens qui nous unissent comme Maçons.

Adopté 1858.

Résolu, Qu'à l'avenir, toutes notices d'applications pour les degrés Maçon-
niques dans la ville de la Nouvelle Orléans, renfermeront la résidence actuelle
du candidat, la rue, et le numéro.

Adopté Février 16, 1859.

Résolu, Que le Comité Permanent de Contrôle et Comptes a Pouvoir et
qu'ils est requis d'examiner de temps à autre les comptes et les livres du Grand
Trésorier et du Grand Secrétaire et d'en faire rapport à la Grande Loge à
l'ouverture de la Grande Communication Annuelle et d'en faire aussi rapport
au Grand Maître pendant le recès, toutes les fois qu'il ou qu'ils le jugeront
convenable.

Résolu, Que toutes réclamations contre la Grande Loge excepté celles pour
le compte du Local de la Grande Loge et celles prévues par les règlements
généraux ou les ordres spéciaux de la Grande Loge ne seront payées qu'après
avoir été soumises et approuvées par le Comité de Contrôle et Comptes.

Adopté 1860.

Résolu, Que d'orénavant le Comité de Contrôle et Comptes Spécifiera dans
son rapport annuel à cette Grande Loge les items pour lesquels le Grand Sec-
rétaire aura tiré ses mandats.

Adopté Février 25, 1861.

Résolu, Que le Grand Secrétaire soit autorisé à insérer dans les procédures
imprimées annuellement les noms et les numéros des loges qui ne figurent
plus sur le rôle de cette Grande Loge; qu'il indique l'endroit où elles s'assem-
blaient, l'autorité et la date de leur création ainsi que la date à la quelle elles
ont cessé d'être, qu'il déclare si quelque vieux numéro a été rappelé à la vie.

Adopté 1851.

Résolu, Que le contrat d'achat de la Propriété de la loge Etoile Polaire No.
1, fait par le Très Ven. Grand Maître, par acte devant Edward Barnett, No-
taire Public, le 22 Mai, 1861, soit ratifié et approuvé, et qu'il soit de plus.

Résolu, Que la dite propriété soit placée sous le contrôle et la gestion futus du Board des Directeurs du Local de la Grande Loge sur le même pied que se trouve maintenant le local de la Grande Loge et que ses revenus, désormais, soient affectés aux oeuvres de charité comme il appert, section 6, art. 1, chap. 3, des présents réglemens de la Grande Loge.

Résolu, Que la nomination de Députés Grands Maîtres de District aussi bien que le comité de Travail Maçonnique seront Permanent.

Adopté Février 11, 1862.

Résolu, Que chaque loge de cette juridiction, demandera au candidat avant l'initiation, outre l'interrogatoire habituel qui lui est fait dans les parvis de la loge, s'il a déjà fait une application à une loge Maçonnique et s'il a été rejeté.

Adopté Février 18, 1865.

Résolu, Que nulle résolution allouant ou ordonnant de l'argent ne sera faite avant d'avoir été référée au comité de Contrôle et Comptes ou bien à un Comité Spécial nommé dans ce but et qu'un rapport sur sa convenance en sera fait à la Grande Loge.

Adopté Février 18, 1865.

Un candidat à l'avancement, une fois rejeté, devra attendre six mois afin qu'il puisse encore être ballotté.

Pages 102 et 103, procédures de 1865.

Sur motion, est référée au Board des Directeurs du Local de la Grande Loge la compensation future d'un assistant Grand Secrétaire.

Adopté Février 17, 1865.

Résolu, Que les loges dans toute la paroisse d'Orleans et celle de Jefferson, auront juridiction concourante dans les deux paroisses, qu'elles suivront en toute matière les mêmes règles et formalités comme si les deux paroisses n'en faisaient qu'une et que toute loge dans ces paroisses aura faculté d'élire son siège ou bon lui semblera dans ces paroisses. Pourvu, que la dite loge obtienne préalablement le consentement du Très. Vén. Grand Maître.

Adopté Février 13, 1866.

Un candidat amputé d'un bras, ne peut recevoir aucun degré Maçonnique.

Page 153, procédures de 1866.

Aucun D. D. Grand Maître n'a l'autorité d'étendre la dispense au-delà du temps pour lequel le Très. Vén. Grand Maître l'aura émise ou l'autorité de changer ses officiers.

Page 154, procédures de 1866.

Que la résolution adoptée le 15 Février, 1861, savoir: "Que la Grande Loge réproouve comme anti Maçonnique la cabale pour les emplois de la Maçonnerie," demeure en pleine force et vigueur et qu'elle soit désormais publiés avec les édits et les résolutions de cette Grande Loge.

Adopté Février 13, 1867.

Résolu, Que le réglemant de cette Grande Loge adopté le 15 Février, 1859, qui pourvoit que nul reçu dans une loge clandestine ne peut être affilié ou rétabli par nos loges, mais doit se présenter comme profane ou moyennant une dispense spéciale de la Grande Loge, selon le cas particulier qui peut se présenter, demeure en pleine force et vigueur.

Adopté Février 11, 1868.

Résolu, Qu'il est strictement défendu à tout Maçon de cette juridiction de faire montre d'emblèmes Maçonniques sur les enseignes, les cartes d'affaires, les avis et il est enjoint aux loges de soumettre à la discipline tout frère dument sommé de le discontinuer qui persistera à le faire.

Adopté Février 11, 1868.

Résolu, Qu'il est strictement défendu aux loges de conférer la première section des 1er et 2ème degrés et la 1ère et 2de section du troisième à plus d'un candidat à la fois.

Adopté, Février 11, 1868.

Résolu, Qu'une allocation annuelle de sept cent cinquante piastres soit faite pour défrayer le comité de Travail Maconnique dans sa mission de répandre la science Maconnique en cette juridiction, la dite somme ne devant être employée par le comité que sous la surveillance du Grand Maître.

Adopté Février 12, 1868.

Résolu, Que le Grand Secrétaire transférera à compte capital et de là, a un "livre noir" tous les comptes qui figurent dans les livres de la Grande Loge contre les loges dont les chartes sont forfeites ou remises et tous les crédits de la Grande Loge qui de temps en temps seront considérés de nulle valeur par le Comité de Controle et Comptes pour le temps actuel.

Adopté Février 14, 1868.

Résolu, Que chapitre 3, article 1, section 2, des Statuts de la Grande Loge soit amendé de façon à dire neuf, au lieu de six autres membres, etc.

Adopté Février 15, 1868.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTEES EN GRANDE LOGE, }
En sa Session de 1869. }

Résolu, Qu'il soit alloué une prolongation de temps aux loges qui suivent afin de leur permettre de payer leur balance arriérée et qu'elles aient droit à être représentées à cette séance:

La. Lodge Providence No. 50.

La. " Thibodaux Benevolent No. 90.

La. " Brookville No. 161.

Et La. " St. James No. 47.

Adopté le 9 Février, 1869.

Résolu, Que des chartres soient accordées aux loges, Corinthian, Jefferson et Abbeville.

Adopté le 9 Février, 1869.

Résolu, Que la sentence d'expulsion prononcée dans le cas du F. G. Schneider, par la Loge De Soto No. 55, soit et est par les présentes renversée et que ce cas soit soumis de nouveau à la dite loge pour une nouvelle audition.

Adopté le 9 Février, 1869.

Résolu, Que l'action de la loge Océan No. 144, expulsant J. K. Belden de la Magonnerie et le privant de tous ses droits et privilèges de Magon soit et est par les présentes, ratifiée.

Adopté le 9 Février, 1869.

Résolu, Que l'action de la Loge Dudley No. 66, suspendant indéfiniment L. A. Finley, Jr., soit et est par les présentes ratifiée.

Adopté le 9 Février, 1869.

Résolu, Que toute correspondance et relations fraternelles, entre la Grande Loge de la Louisiane et le Grand Orient de France, cessent et soient discontinuées et qu'aucun Magon venant de ce Grand Corps ne soit reconnu comme tel dans cette juridiction.

Adopté le 9 Février, 1869.

Résolu, Qu'une copie authentique du rapport et de la résolution qui précèdent soit transmise au Grand Orient de France ainsi qu'à toutes les Grandes Loges régulièrement constituées, tant Americaines qu'Européennes.

Adopté le 9 Février, 1869.

Résolu, Que les Grands Représentants auprès de cette Grande Loge aient droit au rang de Passé Deuxième Grand Surveillant.

Adopté le 9 Février, 1869.

Résolu, Qu'un joyau approprié soit procuré conformément à la résolution ci-dessus et envoyé par le Grand Maître à chaque représentant de cette Grande Loge, maintenant en activité et à tous ceux qui seront nommés subseqüemment.

Et que le Grand Maître soit autorisé à tirer son mandat sur le Grand Trésorier pour les dépenses encourues et occasionnées par cette résolution.

Résolu, Qu'une somme n'excédant pas trois cent cinquante piastres soit appropriée pour mener à fin la résolution ci-dessus du comité de correspondance étrangère.

Adopté le 10 Février, 1869.

Résolu, Que le comité de contrôle et de comptes ait à faire un rapport à cette Grande Loge et cela aussitôt que possible, sur les changements nécessaires à faire, si besoin est, dans les finances des différentes loges constituant d'après les résolutions des sessions annuelles de 1865, 1866 et 1867, lesquelles leur abandonnaient les redevances avant ces dates respectives.

Adopté le Février, 1869.

Résolu, Qu'il soit donné pouvoir discrétionnaire au Grand Maître et aux directeurs du local de la Grande Loge afin de lever une somme suffisante, sur hypothèque, ou par la vente d'une portion des biens de la Grande Loge, afin de faire face aux obligations ou dettes de la dite Grande Loge.

Adopté le 9 Février, 1869.

Résolu, Que les remerciements de cette Grande Loge soient et sont par les présentes votés aux V. : F. F. : nommés dans le rapport du Grand Secrétaire, qui ont si promptement répondu à sa requête et qui ont envoyé des contributions si acceptables à la Librairie de la Grande Loge.

Adopté le 9 Février, 1869.

Résolu, Que la Loge Terryville soit autorisée à changer son lieu de réunion de Quay Post-office ou Terryville, dans la paroisse Claiborne, à Salem dans la même paroisse.

Adopté le 10 Février, 1869.

Résolu, Que le Grand Secrétaire soit requis, aussitôt que faire se pourra, après cette Grande Communication, de prendre possession de la chartre et des propriétés de la loge Grosse Tête No. 157, et qu'il soit autorisé à remettre des certificats aux membres de la dite loge, prouvant qu'ils jouissent de tous leurs droits et privilèges Maçonniques à la charge par eux de lui payer leur proportion de la dette de la Loge Grosse Tête No. 157.

Adopté le 10 Février, 1869.

Résolu, Qu'une chartre soit accordée aux Loges Aurora, Mount Olivet et Trenton et à la Loge Saline sur présentation par elles faite d'une pétition en due forme à la satisfaction du T. : V. : Grand Maître.

Adopté le 10 Février, 1869.

Résolu, Que la dispense de la Loge Magnolia soit continuée une année de plus.

Adopté le 10 Février, 1869.

Résolu, Que la Grande Loge de la Louisiane tend cordialement la main aux Grandes Loges de Montana, New Brunswick et Idahoe, et leur souhaite fraternellement la bien-venue dans la famille des Grandes Loges.

Adopté le 10 Février, 1869.

Résolu, Que le comité d'Histoire Maçonnique soit requis par les présentes de procéder à l'œuvre pour laquelle il a été créé et qu'il ait le pouvoir d'em-

ployer telle assistance qu'il jugera nécessaire afin de compléter la traduction et la compilation des Régistres de la Grande Loge, et qu'il fasse un rapport écrit le premier jour de la prochaine communication annuelle.

Adopté le 10 Février, 1869.

Résolu, Que la Comité de Jurisprudence et de loi Maçonnique est requis par les présentes d'examiner les provisions des Réglements Généraux de la Grande Loge ayant trait aux appels et de faire connaître, s'il y en a, les changements nécessaires à faire pour assurer à de tels cas une liquidation prompte et par là économiser le temps précieux de la Grande Loge.

Adopté le 10 Février, 1869.

Résolu, Que la reconnaissance par cette Grand Loge et que la concession de représentation mutuelle entre elle et le Grand Orient d'Italie, à Florence, soient différées jusqu'à ce que le résultat de l'enquête, maintenant commencée, soit établi à la satisfaction de cette Grande Loge.

Adopté le 10 Février, 1869.

Résolu, Que nos Représentants en Europe soient requis de s'enquérir s'il existe, outre le Grand Orient de France, des Grands Corps ayant reconnu aucune des organisations clandestines existant dans notre sein, et que le Grand Maître lancera immédiatement un édit interdisant toute communication, aussitôt qu'il aura obtenu connaissance que tel est le cas.

Adopté le 10 Février, 1869.

Résolu, Que la démission du T. V. R. V. F. J. C. Batchelor, M. D., comme Grand Représentant du Suprême Conseil du Mexique, soit accepté.

Résolu, Que cette Grande Loge sympathise sincèrement avec le Grand Orient du Pérou dans les infortunes qui ont frappé ce pays et le Grand Secrétaire est, par les présentes, requis d'appeler l'attention des loges subordonnées sur la destitution et la souffrance occasionnées par les récents tremblements de terre, et de transmettre telles donations qu'il pourrait recevoir pour venir en aide aux éprouvés du Grand Orient.

Adopté le 10 Février, 1869.

Résolu, Que le Grand Secrétaire soit, et par les présentes est, requis de créditer les différentes loges ci-mentionnées, conformément à ce rapport.

Adopté le 11 Février, 1869.

Résolu, Que telles parties de ce rapport ayant trait aux loges en arriéré pour leurs quotités de 1867 et 1868 soient référées au Comité de Créances.

Adopté le 11 Février, 1869.

Résolu, Qu'une chartre en duplicata soit accordée à la Loge Harrisonburg No. 110, et que la pétition de la dite loge relativement à la rémission de ses quotités soit referée au comité d'appels et griefs.

Adopté le 11 Février, 1869.

Résolu, Qu'une page des registres soit consacrée à la mémoire de chacun et que les joyaux et ornements de la Grande Loge soient revêtus des enseignes de deuil.

Adopté le 11 Février, 1869.

Résolu, Que le Grand Secrétaire fasse parvenir aux amis ou familles de nos ff. V. décédés une copie de ces résolutions sous le sceau de la Grande Loge.

Adopté le 11 Février, 1869.

Résolu, Que le cas ayant trait à la réception des Grands Représentants du Brazil et de Colon soit referé au Comité de Correspondance étrangère afin qu'il fassent rapport à ce sujet à cette Grande Loge.

Adopté le 11 Février, 1869.

Résolu, Qu'aussitôt que possible après la cloture de cette session de la T. V. R. V. Grande Loge, le T. V. R. V. Grand Secrétaire soit requis de prendre les mesures nécessaires pour s'assurer de la chartre et des biens encore existant appartenant à la dite Loge Solomon, que des démissions soient accordées par

lui aux membres de la dite loge sur le paiement par eux fait d'une part proportionnée des quotités de cette Grand Loge. Et si les cinq membres qui restent encore, avec l'aide d'un nombre suffisant de ff. font application pour une dispense, qu'il leur soit permis de garder le nom et le numero de la dite loge.

Adopté le 11 Fevrier, 1869.

Résolu, Que le T. R. Grand Secrétaire soit requis, à la prochaine fois qu'il enverra des Blancs pour Retours, d'y joindre une serie d'instructions imprimées, pareilles à celles déjà envoyées par lui; et que le secrétaire de chaque loge soit requis de les affixer à son livre de planches, ou à son Grand Livre afin qu'à l'avenir aucun officier ne puisse s'excuser d'ignorer la forme à donner à ces retours; et il est recommandé que chaque loge se procure un registre imprimé à ce sujet.

Adopté le 11 Fevrier, 1869.

Résolu, Que les retours de la Loge Morganza No. 159, soient referés de nouveau au Ven. M. Surveillants et Secrétaire de la dite loge afin d'être faits conformément aux règles établies et que, leur pétition, demandant une prolongation de temps pour payer leur rédevance, soit accordée.

Adopté 11 Fevrier, 1869.

Résolu, Que la Loge St. John No. 153 soit, et par les présentes, est requise de produire, pour examen, le dossier concernant l'expulsion du F. Henry Carter, de la dite loge.

Adopté le 11 Fevrier, 1869.

Résolu, Qu'il soit fait don à la Loge Harrisonburg No. 110, de la somme due par elle à cette T. R. Grande Loge.

Adopté le Fevrier, 1869.

Résolu, Qu'une somme de (\$500) cinq cents piastres soit, et par les présentes, est allouée au T. R. F. J. C. Batchelor, M. D., pour services par lui rendus comme Grand Secrétaire pendant l'année écoulée.

Adopté le 11 Fevrier, 1869.

Résolu, Qu'une somme de (\$100) cent piastres soit allouée au T. R. et Rev. C. S. Hedges, comme Grand Aumônier, pour l'année expirée.

Adopté le 11 Fevrier, 1869.

Résolu, Que dorénavant le Grand Secrétaire mettra cinquante copies des procédures futures de cette Grande Loge à la disposition personnelle du Président du comité de correspondance étrangère.

Adopté le 11 Fevrier, 1869.

Résolu, Que la somme de (\$300) trois cents piastres soit allouée au F. J. B. Scot, pour services précieux par lui rendus à la Grande Loge, comme Président du comité de correspondance étrangère.

Adopté le 11 Fevrier, 1869.

Résolu, Que le T. V. Grand Maître soit autorisé à approuver et à signer les minutes de cette session après la clôture de la présente Grande Communion.

Adopté le 11 Fevrier, 1869.

Résolu, Que le T. R. Grand Secrétaire soit autorise à faire imprimer 1500) quinze cents exemplaires des procédures de cette Grande Loge.

Adopté le 11 Fevrier, 1869.

Amendements aux Statuts et Règlements Généraux de la Grande Loge.

Adoptés en la session de 1869.

Résolu, Que la section 2, article 2, chap. 1, des règlements soit amendé de

manière à ce que le Comité de Travail Maçonnique et Retours des Loges à Chartres, soit permanent et puisse agir durant le recès de la Grande Loge et qu'il doit consister de (6) six membres divisés en deux sections de trois membres chaque; Le Président de chaque section devra être un Ven. : ou ex-Ven. de Loge.

Adopté le 10 Février, 1869.

Résolu, Que la section 7. art. 3, chap. 2, des règlements de la Grande Loge soit amendée afin d'être conçue de la manière suivante:

Sec. 7. Quand un Fr. aura été trouvé coupable et que la sentence aura été prononcée il lui sera permis, en notifiant la loge par écrit, si toutefois sa communication est faite dans les trente jours après le reçu de la sentence prononcée contre lui, de faire appel à la Grande Loge et devra porter à la connaissance immédiate du Grand Secrétaire les faits sur lesquels il compte afin de faire annuler le verdict et la sentence de la loge. Dans ce cas, le Ven. : M. : de la Loge, pendant les trente jours qui suivront la réception de la communication du condamné, fera faire et enverra au Grand Secrétaire un relevé complet de toutes les procédures, documents et témoignages de l'affaire; et tel témoignage qui n'aurait pas été pris par écrit sera pris par un comité de la loge de la manière prescrite par la section 3 de cet article.

Adopté le 10 Février, 1869.

Résolu, Que la section 2, art. 1, chap. 3, des Statuts de la Grande Loge soit amendée de la façon suivante:

Ce comité se composera de douze membres, savoir:

Le Grand Maître, le Grand Trésorier et le Grand Secrétaire ex-officio, et de neuf autres membres, dont six devront être Ven. : ou ex-Ven. : de loges, et dont 3 pourront être choisis parmi l'ordre en général; ils seront divisés en trois classes composées de deux membres de la première catégorie et de un de la seconde; d'une classe dont le service sera expiré et d'une autre; qui sera choisie annuellement par la Grande Loge pour le long terme, en même temps et d'après les mêmes règlements qui sont prescrits pour l'élection des Grands Officiers. Les vacances qui pourraient avoir lieu pendant le recès de la Grande Loge seront remplies par le Grand Maître.

Adopté le 10 Février, 1869.

Résolu, Que la dite classification sera faite dans l'organisation du présent conseil.

Adopté le 10 Février, 1869.

Qu'il est malséant de célébrer en public aucune des cérémonies, de l'ordre conjointement avec d'autres sociétés secrètes. Et particulièrement celles qui regardent les services funèbres si le frère ou la famille du décédé en exprimait le désir, alors, et pas autrement, les Maçons se feront un devoir de l'ensevelir avec les formes Maçonniques. Rien ne l'oblige, et il serait guère convenable de le faire sans que le désir n'en soit manifesté.

Cependant, s'il en était, ainsi, le service religieux, terminé et le corps une fois livré aux frères, nous ne devons pas souffrir que les cérémonies d'aucune autre association quelconque empiètent sur les nôtres.

Adopté Février 10, 1869.

LOCAL DE LA GRANDE LOGE, NOUVELLE ORLEANS, }
Mardi, 2 Février 1869. }

Le Board des Directeurs du Local de la Grande Loge ayant dument considéré la résolution de la Grande Loge lui demandant de soumettre à la présente session, un plan pour la distribution du fond de secours perçu des revenus du Local de la Grand Loge, soumet respectueusement le plan qui suit et demande qu'il soit l'effet d'une section additionnelle de l'art. 1, chap. 3, des Règlements de la Grande Loge.

Sec. 8. Le Grand Secrétaire sous la surintendance des directeurs fera aussitôt que possible, un compte accusant la balance du fond de secours du

Local de la Grande Loge, conformément aux provisions des sections 5 et 6 de cet article et de telles sommes que le Board des Directeurs jugera nécessaires pour la fourniture de livres, papeterie et services du Grand Secrétaire. Cette balance devra être frappée au 1er jour de Janvier de l'année 1869, et de chaque année subséquente. Cette balance sera appropriée et distribuée ainsi qu'il suit:

20 per cent. seront payés au Trésor de la Loge de Secours de la Louisiane No. 1, pour être par elle distribuées aux frères en détresse qui le mériteront ainsi qu'à leurs veuves et orphelins indigents. Les 80 per cent. qui restent devront être divisées au pro rata (d'après la liste de leurs membres en activité) parmi les loges de l'Etat possédant chartres et ayant fait leurs retours et payé leurs redevances dans le temps prescrit par les réglemens de la Grand Loge. Ces sommes ne seront employées par elles que pour des œuvres de charité; pourvu que toutes les loges faisant retours et payant leurs redevances en plein pendant la communication de 1869, soient considérées comme ayant fait de tels retours, etc., de façon à leur donner droit de recevoir la distribution pourvue par cette section; mais toute loge qui aura manqué de faire ses retours et de payer ses redevances comme il est pourvu dans cette section et qui, plus tard, ne fera pas annuellement comme partie de ses retours un état complet et détaillé de l'emploi qu'elle aura donné aux fonds de secours qu'elle aura regu, comme il est ici stipulé en ayant soin de mentionner la date, le nom et l'objet; et qui n'aura pas distribué au moins les trois-quarts du montant total regu en conformité avec les provisions de la section 6 de cet article, ne sera pas en droit de participer à la distribution à faire pendant la même année, dans laquelle elle n'a ni fait ces retours ni payé ses redevances, et ses membres ne seront pas inclus dans le nombre parmi lequel le sur plus du fond sera divisé.

Le tout est respectueusement soumis,

JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D.

Secrétaire du Board.

Résolu, Que le compte ouvert à mobilier soit fermé et transféré à compte capital.

AMENDEMENTS A LA CONSTITUTION, }
Proposés en la Session de 1859. }

Résolu, Que la section 3, art. 8, de la Constitution soit modifiée comme suit:

Les loges de la Nouvelle-Orléans ne pourront fixer le prix d'initiation pour les degrés d'apprenti, Compagnon et Maître à moins de soixante quinze piastres. Les loges seant dans d'autres paroisses de l'Etat ne pourront fixer ce prix à moins de (\$50) cinquante piastres, et dans aucun cas ne pourront accorder de temps pour solder.

Les loges pourront demander la somme qu'elles jugeront nécessaires pour les affiliations ainsi que pour les quotités.

AMENDEMENTS AUX STATUTS, }
Proposés en la Session de 1869 et déposés. }

Résolu, Que la section 1, art. 2, chap. 2, des statuts soit amendée afin de lire deux ans au lieu de douze mois.

9 Février, 1869.

Résolu, Que la section 3, art. 2, chap. 1, des statuts de cette Grande Loge soit amendée de façon à lire deux mille cinq cents au lieu de quinze cents.

12 Février, 1869.

Résolu, Que la résolution adoptée pendant la communication du 14 Février, 1869, relativement à un emprunt de \$50,000, soit amendée de manière à dire à un taux n'excédant pas 10 pour cent. au lieu de 7 per cent. comme il est dit dans la résolution primitive.

NAMES AND RESIDENCES

OF THE

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

APPOINTED UNDER THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS,

TOGETHER WITH THE LODGES UNDER THEIR CHARGE.

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*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Master be empowered to divide the State into a convenient number of Masonic Districts, and appoint for each District a District Deputy Grand Master, which Deputies shall be required to attend on the Annual Communications of this Grand Lodge, and Lecture together under the supervision of the Committee on Work, until they have acquired the Work and Lectures alike. After returning to their several Districts, they shall notify each Lodge in their Districts to send one or more Delegates to such place as they shall name, which should be some central point in each District, there to remain and lecture until they have acquired the Work and Lectures as their District Deputy Grand Masters have them, and on their return home they shall instruct their lodges in the same manner.

*Resolved*, That the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters, as well as the Committee on Work, shall be permanent.—[Passed February 11, 1862.]

*Resolved*, That the Grand Master be requested to re-district the State, and that the District Deputy Grand Masters be required to furnish him such information as to enable him to do so.—[Adopted February 15, 1868.]

#### First District—First Division.

LODGES USING ENGLISH AND GERMAN LANGUAGES.

SAML. M. TODD, M. W. GRAND MASTER.....NEW ORLEANS.

Germania No. 46; Friends of Harmony No. 58; Mount Moriah No. 59; Geo. Washington No. 65; Dudley No. 66; Marion No. 68; Hiram No. 70; Alpha Home No. 72; Quitman No. 76; Orleans No. 78; Hermitage No. 98; Louisiana No. 102; Ocean No. 144; Saints John No. 153; Excelsior No. 166; Linn Wood No. 167; Kosmos No. 171; Union No. 172; Orient No. 173; Perfect Harmony No. 176; Corinthian No. 190; Jefferson No. 191. *St. Tammany Parish*—Covington No. 188.

#### First District—Second Division.

LODGES WORKING IN THE FRENCH LANGUAGE.

M. A. CALONGNE, SpL D. D. G. M.....NEW ORLEANS.

Perfect Union No. 1; Polar Star No. 1; Concordia No. 3; Perseverance No. 4; St. André No. 5; Foyer Maçonnique No. 44; Orus No. 170.

#### First District—Third Division.

LODGES WORKING IN THE SPANISH AND ITALIAN LANGUAGES.

G. SEGUI Y GAHONA, SpL D. D. G. M.....NEW ORLEANS.

Los Amigos del Orden No. 5; Silencio No. 9; Dante No. 174;

**Second District.**

AMOS KENT, S. G. W. . . . . TANGIPAHOO, ST. HELENA PARISH.

*St. Helena Parish*—St. Helena No. 96, Greensburg; Darlington No. 149, Darlington; Amite City No. 175, Amite City. *Washington Parish*—Franklinton No. 101, Franklinton; Pearl River No. 125, Line Academy; Spring Creek No. 184, Spring Creek Church. *Livingston Parish*—Livingston No. 160, Pontchartroula.

**Third District.**

GEO. A. PIKE . . . . . BATON ROUGE, EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH.

*East Baton Rouge Parish*—St. James No. 47, Baton Rouge; Milford No. 117, Manchac Settlement; Plains No. 135, Plains Store. *Iberville Parish*—Acacia No. 116, Plaquemine; Grosse Tête No. 187, Rosedale. *Ascension Parish*—Perkins No. 150, Donaldson.

**Fourth District.**

GEO. W. MUNDAY . . . . . CLINTON, EAST FELICIANA PARISH.

*East Feliciana Parish*—St. Albans No. 28, Jackson; Olive No. 52, Clinton; Kellertown No. 124, Kellertown. *West Feliciana Parish*—Feliciana No. 31, St. Francisville; Tunica No. 63, Tunica Landing. *Point Coupee Parish*—Morganza No. 159, Point Coupée.

**Fifth District.**

W. W. RISHER . . . . . HARRISONBURG, CATAHOULA PARISH.

*Catahoula Parish*—Trinity No. 105, Trinity; Harrisonburg No. 110, Harrisonburg. *Franklin Parish*—Warren No. 132, Winnsborough.

**Sixth District.**

H. R. LOTT . . . . . MONTICELLO, CARROLL PARISH.

*Carroll Parish*—Providence No. 50, Lake Providence; Monticello No. 92, Monticello; Deerfield No. 120, Deerfield; Solomon No. 130, Pecan Grove.

**Seventh District.**

SY. G. PARSONS, D. G. M. . . . . BASTROP, MOREHOUSE PARISH.

*Morehouse Parish*—Mt. Gerizim No. 54, Bastrop; Bartholomew No. 112, Plantersville; Brookville No. 161, Lake Lafourche. *Ouachita Parish*—Western Star No. 24, Monroe; Winn No. 111; Trenton No. 195, Trenton.

**Eighth District.**

JNO. L. BARRETT, J. G. W. . . . . FARMERSVILLE, UNION PARISH.

*Union Parish*—Union Fraternal No. 53, Farmersville; Napoleon No. 94, Ouachita City; Thomas Jefferson No. 113, Spearsville; Spring Hill No. 127, Springhill Church, Union Cross Roads; Shiloh No. 131, Shiloh; Downs ville No. 143, Downs ville; Cherry Ridge No. 155, Cherry Ridge.

**Ninth District.**

JNO. C. JONES, P. S. G. W. . . . . VERNON, JACKSON PARISH.

*Jackson Parish*—Lafayette No. 56, Vernon; Vienna No. 106, Vienna; Eureka No. 177, Woodville.

**Tenth District.**

J. R. BEVIL . . . . . WINNFIELD, WINN PARISH.

*Winn Parish*—Eastern Star No. 151, Winnfield. *Caldwell Parish*—Castor No. 109, Castor Landing; Columbia No. 164, Columbia.

**Eleventh District.**

D. H. HAYS . . . . . SPRINGVILLE, NATCHITOCHES PARISH.

*Bienville Parish*—Mackey No. 122, Ringold. *Natchitoches Parish*—Sparta No. 108, Sparta; Silent Brotherhood No. 146, Coushatta Shute. *Bienville Parish*—Saline No. 196, Saline.

**Twelfth District.**

J. N. CLAMPITT.....ARCADIA, BIENVILLE PARISH.

*Bienville Parish*—Arcadia No. 126, Arcadia; Mt. Lebanon 104, Mt. Lebanon.  
*Claiborne Parish*—Minden No. 51, Minden; Terryville No. 118, Quay Post  
Office; Athens No. 136, Athens; Tulip No. 168, Tulip.

**Thirteenth District.**

JNO. W. JONES.....SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH.

*Caddo Parish*—Caddo No. 179, Shreveport; Jackson, No. 45, Greenwood;  
Shreveport, No. 115, Shreveport; Longwood No. 183, Hoss Mills. *Bossier  
Parish*—Cypress No. 89, Collinsburg; Red Land No. 148, Rocky Mount;  
Fillmore No. 154, Fillmore.

**Fourteenth District.**

BOLING WILLIAMS.....MANSFIELD, DE SOTO PARISH.

*De Soto Parish*—De Soto No. 55, Mansfield; Mt. Vernon No. 83, Logansport;  
Pleasant Hill No. 86, Pleasant Hill; Liberty No. 123, Keachi; Jeffersonian  
No. 138, Kingston.

**Fifteenth District.**

S. O. SCRUGGS.....CLOUTIERVILLE, NATCHITOCHES PARISH.

*Natchitoches Parish*—Cloutierville No. 103, Cloutierville; Phoenix No. 38,  
Natchitoches; Kisatchie Union No. 186, Kile's Mills. *Winn Parish*—Mont-  
gomery No. 168, Montgomery.

**Sixteenth District.**

N. H. BRAY.....MANY, SABINE PARISH.

*Rapides Parish*—Rapides No. 158, Huddleston Post Office. *Sabine Parish*—  
Sabine No. 75, Fort Jessup; Many No. 88, Many; Anacoco No. 147, Anacoco  
Post Office; Kisatchie No. 156, —; Little Flock No. 180, Galmisses' Bluff.

**Seventeenth District.**

JNO. C. GORDY, P. S. G. W.....FRANKLIN, ST. MARY'S PARISH.

*St. Mary's Parish*—Humble Cottage No. 19, Opelousas; Orphans' Friend No.  
185, Big Cane; Mt. Olivet No. 194, Bayou Boeuf. *St. Mary's Parish*—Frank-  
lin No. 57, Franklin; Lafayette No. 87, Pattersonville. *Rapides Parish*—Oli-  
ver No. 84, Alexandria; Gordy No. 133, Cheneyville. *Lafourche Interior*—  
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139, Houma. *Lafayette Parish*—Hope No. 145, Vermillionville. *Avoyelles  
Parish*—Atchafalaya 163, Simsport; Evergreen No. 189, Evergreen. *Vermil-  
lionville Parish*—Abbeville No. 192, Abbeville. *St. Martin's Parish*—Aurora  
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GEO. H. WELLS.....LAKE CHARLES, CALCASIEU PARISH.

*Calcasieu Parish*—Lake Charles No. 165, Lake Charles; Sam. Todd No. 182,  
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**Nineteenth District.**

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*Claiborne Parish*—Lisbon No. 121, Lisbon; Dawson No. 129, Scottsville; Cool  
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# GRAND MASONIC BODIES OF LOUISIANA,

HOLDING THEIR MEETINGS IN GRAND LODGE HALL. CITY OF

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1869.

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J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D., New Orleans.....R. W. Grand Secretary.  
Second Monday in February of each year.

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FOR 1869.

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## APPENDIX.

### Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

TO THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence have received from the Grand Secretary the printed proceedings of the following Grand Lodges:

|                       |                      |                        |
|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| ALABAMA, 1867.        | KANSAS, 1867.        | NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1867.   |
| ARKANSAS, 1867.       | KENTUCKY, 1867.      | NEW JERSEY, 1868.      |
| CALIFORNIA, 1867.     | MAINE, 1868.         | NEW YORK, 1868.        |
| CANADA, 1868.         | MARYLAND, 1868.      | NORTH CAROLINA, 1867.  |
| CONNECTICUT, 1868.    | MASSACHUSETTS, 1867. | OREGON, 1868.          |
| DELAWARE, 1868.       | MICHIGAN, 1868.      | PENNSYLVANIA, 1867.    |
| D. OF COLUMBIA, 1867. | MINNESOTA, 1867.     | RHODE ISLAND, 1867, 8. |
| FLORIDA, 1867, 1868.  | MISSISSIPPI, 1868.   | SOUTH CAROLINA, 1867.  |
| GEORGIA, 1867.        | MISSOURI, 1868.      | TENNESSEE, 1867.       |
| IDAHO, 1867.          | MONTANA, 1867.       | TEXAS, 1868.           |
| ILLINOIS, 1867.       | NEBRASKA, 1867.      | VIRGINIA, 1867.        |
| INDIANA,*1868.        | NEVADA, 1868.        | WASHINGTON, 1867.      |
| IOWA, 1868.           | NEW BRUNSWICK, 1868. | WISCONSIN, 1868.       |

--in all thirty-nine American Grand Lodges, and leaving only Colorado, Nova Scotia, Ohio, Vermont, and West Virginia unrepresented on our list. In addition, we have the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England and three German Grand Lodges, viz.: the Three Globes and Royal York of Friendship, at Berlin, and the Eclectic Union, at Frankfort-on-the-Main, the Official Bulletin of the Grand Orient of France, and a "*Memoria Annual*" from the Grand Lodge of Chile.

Heretofore the Committees appointed by the Grand Lodge have paid little notice to the transactions of the European Masonic Grand Bodies. Recent events, however, not only demonstrate the necessity of presenting an abstract of their doings for the consideration of this Grand Lodge, but must force upon its attention the importance of entering into closer relations, by mutual representation, with all regularly constituted Grand Lodges wherever located. We have therefore aimed to give a brief, but comprehensive, view of the condition of Freemasonry in Europe, so far as it is presented to us in the proceedings received and in the able report of Bro. Pinner, of the New York Committee. The great length of that report alone prevents us giving it entire; but our review of the European Grand Bodies whose proceedings have not been received is based upon it, and in many instances we have adopted Bro. Pinner's language, or incorporated it with our own. In such cases we have omitted quotation marks, and here give Bro. Pinner credit for whatever of interest that portion of our report contains.

Without further preface, we proceed with the work before us, and commence with the proceedings of the American Grand Lodges, taking them up in alphabetical order.

ALABAMA.—The forty-seventh annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Alabama was held in Montgomery, December 2, 1867, Wilson Williams, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and 140 lodges represented—session, five days.

The address of the Grand Master presents a concise and lucid statement of his official acts. In alluding to the general distress prevailing throughout his jurisdiction, he states that the subordinate lodges had in many instances relieved the wants of the widow and orphan, and gratefully acknowledges donations received from other jurisdictions to assist them in the noble work. We learn that our institution is in a prosperous condition, increasing in numbers, and commanding the attention and securing the approbation of the good and true throughout the State. Grand Master Williams granted nine dispensations for the establishment of new lodges, but, although applied to, invariably refused to grant dispensations to confer the degrees upon maimed candidates. He received an application from a subordinate lodge, praying for a dispensation to elect a W. M. and S. W.—those officers having moved out of the jurisdiction—and also requesting that the office of J. W. be declared vacant. He declined granting the dispensation, and very correctly remarks:

Upon the death or removal from office of the W. M. and S. W., the J. W. becomes, *ex officio*, the governing officer of the lodge; assumes the east, and serves as W. M., filling the other offices by appointments, *pro tem*. Neither does the Grand Master possess the power of vacating an office. He may suspend a W. M. for cause, but by so doing the Grand Master does not vacate the office.

The Grand Master reports a number of decisions on Masonic law, among which we find the following:

If the W. M. prefers charges, who shall preside when the charges come up? It is very evident to my mind that the W. M. should not be allowed to preside, as it would be to sit in judgment on his own case; neither has he the power to appoint any other person to supersede the S. W. I therefore decided that on the trial alone, notwithstanding the W. M. was present, the S. W. should preside.

An E. A., if he wishes, may withdraw from a lodge, if in good standing, and the lodge must give him a certificate to that effect. Should he move within the jurisdiction of another lodge, he may there affiliate as an E. A., if found worthy, and afterwards receive the F. C. and M. M. degrees in that lodge.

We question the correctness of this decision. If an E. A. moves out of the jurisdiction and obtains a permanent residence elsewhere, the lodge in which he was initiated ought, on his application, to grant him a certificate and recommend him to the lodge within whose jurisdiction he resides, to confer on him, if found worthy, the degrees of F. C. and M. M., and admit him to membership. But, in cases where the residence is not changed, an E. A. cannot, in our opinion, withdraw from his lodge "if he wishes," because the lodge has a prescriptive right to finish the work which it has commenced. The lodge may of its own good pleasure waive this right, but to make it obligatory on it to permit its initiates to withdraw would violate the ancient landmarks, by

opening a door which would allow one lodge to interfere with the work of another, and thus legalize the supplanting of a brother in his work.

In Masonry it is not legal for an officer to resign; but he may dimit, if in good standing, which will vacate the office.

We dissent, and are at a loss to understand how Masonry can sanction anything to be done evasively which it prohibits being done openly. We agree, however, with the views expressed by Grand Master Williams on the subject of dimits in general. He says:

When a member pays his dues, and there are no charges against him, and, upon application, the lodge orders a dimit, and is then closed; from that moment he ceases to be a member of that lodge, and the only way he can become a member thereof again, is by petition and affiliation, like any other non-affiliated Mason. It is not the written dimit, which is only the evidence of a dimission, that dimits him from the lodge, but it is the order placed on the minutes of the lodge that dimits; and the dimit which he carries with him is the evidence of that dimission. It is too late to consider the matter after the lodge is closed.

A non-affiliated Mason can only visit a lodge by permission of the W. M., and should not be allowed by the presiding officer to fill any office whatever in the lodge.

The Grand Secretary acknowledges the receipt of an "altar-piece" belonging to one of the subordinates, which was obtained by Bro. John C. Reynolds, Deputy Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, from a soldier (a Mason) in the Federal army, who got it from a negro boy. The Grand Secretary also presented a report on the "memorial to the members of the subordinate lodges who had lost their lives in the service of the Confederate army." It was referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, and finally laid on the table.

A large amount of business, principally of a local character, was transacted. The Grand Lecturing System submitted at the previous annual communication, and referred to the subordinates, was rejected. The committee appointed to codify the constitution, laws, edicts and resolutions of the Grand Lodge submitted a code, which was adopted, and ordered to be published and sold at cost. A committee was appointed to inquire into the propriety and possibility of forming a "Mutual Masonic Life Insurance Company" under the patronage of the Grand Lodge. We hope that at the next annual communication this scheme will receive its quietus. A Grand Lodge has quite enough to do in attending to the interests of the craft, without entangling itself in any enterprise outside the sphere of its legitimate duties. But such organizations may be formed by Masons, as individuals, and, if properly conducted, prove of great benefit to the families of deceased members. It is a duty which every brother owes his family to provide for their comfort and support, and, in the event of his death, this can be accomplished in no better mode than by insuring his life when enjoying health and prosperity.

A number of lodges report that they are educating the orphans of deceased brethren. It is in this manner the true spirit of Masonry is exemplified.

Some years ago, certain brethren borrowed sums of money belonging to the trust fund of the Grand Lodge; suits were brought before the legal tribunals, and the Grand Lodge non-suited. A resolution was adopted, instructing the subordinate lodges to prefer charges of gross unmasonic conduct against any of their members who are in arrears to the trust fund, and who are endeavoring to avoid payment of it on this plea. This appears to have exercised con-



siderable influence upon the Finance Committee, for after deducting the appropriations made and recommended, they report "a balance of \$7520 58 on hand unappropriated, and claiming the attention and action of the Grand Lodge," and add:

Your committee believe that the dues contributed to this Grand Lodge should be sufficient only to provide for its ordinary and necessary expenses—anything more is hurtful—and admonished by past experience of the dangers and evils incident to the control of surplus funds by a body having, during its brief annual communication, so many and more important duties to perform and impressed with the necessity of providing against any further accumulation of surplus funds, and to this end recommend that the dues from subordinate lodges be reduced from fifty cents to ten cents for each member, and so remain until the surplus in the treasury is exhausted, and it becomes necessary to increase them to provide for expenses of the Grand Lodge.

This report was concurred in, and thus the erection of a Masonic Hall and creation of a charity fund are indefinitely postponed.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence decided that an E. A. made in an Army Lodge, which lodge with its records was no longer in existence, and unable to furnish either documentary or verbal evidence to prove himself an E. A., could not petition a lodge for advancement, but must apply for initiation *de novo*; and this decision was concurred in by the Grand Lodge.

A communication was received from the Grand Orient of Italy inviting a fraternal interchange of Masonic courtesies, and the Grand Master was requested to enter into correspondence with the Grand Orient on the subject. The work was exemplified before the Grand Lodge, and a Past Grand Master's jewel was presented to M. W. Bro. Felix G. Norman, who responded to this testimonial for his services to the craft in a feeling and eloquent manner.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is again from the pen of our venerable brother, P. G. Master Wm. C. Penick, who reviews the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Lodges in a genial and courteous manner. Our own proceedings receive a fraternal notice, and Bro. Penick joins issue with Bro. Honor, who, in his report for 1867, protested against the action of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, in adopting a report from the Committee on Appeals, which seems to take the power of inflicting punishment for Masonic offences out of the hands of the lodge and vests it in the Master. The case as stated in the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alabama for 1865, page 57, is as follows: Charges and specifications were preferred against a brother,

To which he pleaded guilty, for which the lodge voted to reprimand him; the W. M. refused to do so, because the punishment to be inflicted was not equivalent to the crime. \* \* \* We are of opinion that the W. M. was correct in his refusal to reprimand, and recommend that he be sustained, and that he proceed to inflict adequate punishment.

Bro. Penick, however, gives a very different version of the case. He says:

The committee reported that, in their opinion, the punishment assessed by the lodge was not proportionate to the crime, and recommended that the lodge proceed to inflict the punishment due to the offence, by suspension or expulsion, leaving it to the lodge which to choose. The Grand Lodge approved the opinion of the committee and adopted their recommendation. Now in all this we do not see the terrible one man power which has labored into life the protest of our worthy brother of Louisiana. The order of the Grand Lodge, arising out of the adoption of the recommendation of the committee, was not directed to the W. M., but to the lodge. And this distinction, our brother of Louisiana seems to have overlooked.

We hope for the credit of our institution that Bro. Penick's statement of the case is correct, but we do not see how Bro. Hornor can be accused of overlooking it. All he could judge from was the printed proceedings; we have examined them and find they were quoted correctly. There is nothing to show that the case was referred back to the lodge; the language of the committee is, "that the W. M. was correct in his refusal to reprimand, and recommend that he be sustained, *and that he proceed to inflict adequate punishment.*" The recommendation was concurred in by the Grand Lodge, and it was against this doctrine that Bro. Hornor protested "as reversing all known Masonic law and usage on the subject."

But Bro. Hornor went further, and said: "We believe that it is wrong for the prosecution to be allowed to appeal at all, and think that the right should be vested solely in the defence, for if the lodge to which a brother belongs declare him not guilty, or pass a sentence to which he is willing to submit, the matter should be allowed to rest, and further prosecution simply becomes persecution." Bro. Penick asks: "What protection then has the worthy brother, the lodge, or the institution at large against bad men, who may for a time have the majority in a lodge? How are we to be protected in our rights and privileges against parties, cliques, sectarianism and designing men?" Whenever a lodge falls into such a condition its charter should be arrested, and therefore, in the following remarks we do not take into consideration exceptional cases, but such as may arise in any well-governed lodge.

We admit that Bro. Hornor in giving his individual opinion might have expressed himself more carefully. We know that, while he thinks appeals by the prosecutor should, except in extreme cases, be discountenanced, he holds that the right of appeal is inalienably invested in every Mason. The Grand Lodge exercises not only appellate but original jurisdiction, and if, on appeal, it is satisfied that a lodge has failed to assess adequate punishment on the accused, it has the right to determine what the penalty should be, or remand the case for a new trial. If, either through partiality of the members or from any other cause, it is feared that the ends of justice will not be subserved in any particular lodge, the case should be sent to another for trial. But a Masonic trial is always a delicate and disagreeable task, and we have never known one which resulted to the entire satisfaction of both parties. As a general thing the prosecutor considers the penalty inadequate to the offence, while the accused and his friends think that undue severity has been exercised. Therefore, unless it can be clearly shown that the trial was not fairly conducted, or that the regulations of the Grand Lodge were not complied with, we are opposed to reversing the judgment of a lodge, on the appeal of a prosecutor, as the lodge, knowing the antecedents of both parties and the surroundings of the case, is better qualified to judge upon its merits than the Committee on Appeals. Besides, mercy should temper justice, and the true object of a Masonic trial is not to gratify a spirit of revenge, but to vindicate the purity of our institution and effect, if possible, the reformation of an erring brother. If a brother pleads guilty it shows contrition, and this, of itself, should mitigate the penalty of the offence. To a high-toned and honorable man, a simple reprimand for a dereliction of duty would be a heavier punishment than expulsion to one of a grosser nature. Therefore, while we do not deny the right of the prosecutor to appeal, we are of opinion that it should, except in extreme cases, be discountenanced as not only savoring of

persecution, but tending to take up the time of the Grand Lodge which might be more profitably employed.

Most of the subjects discussed by Bro. Penick were noticed in our report of last year. The opinions expressed are, in general, correct, and in dissenting from the views of Grand Master Hazelrigg, of Indiana, on reports of Foreign Correspondence, Bro. Penick remarks :

The difficulty does not consist simply in the labor and time—however valuable—of writing out a report, but of condensing into suitable length the large amount of valuable, useful, instructive, edifying matter contained in all the proceedings we receive from the various Grand Lodges, and also in such a manner that while it has a tendency to advance the principles of the institution, to defend the right and condemn the wrong, to purify the practice of us all, it must also be done in that *suaviter in modo* which will make it acceptable to all. Just here, my brethren of the Foreign Correspondence Committee, permit me to say that I have seen in a few instances a disposition to indulge the *fortiter in re* towards our brethren, to use personal invectives, harsh epithets, and unfraternal expressions in writing about our brethren who differ with us. We have never known one single expression of this kind to do any good, either to the one who said it, or to the one to whom or for whom it was said. It seems to us that it is but the indulgence of an unbridled temper, and is calculated to do more harm to him who said it, than to him for whom it was intended.

We notice that \$100 was appropriated to Bro. Penick as a compensation for his services as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

A supplemental report from the Finance Committee shows that the donations received from other jurisdictions, for the purpose of relieving the distress existing throughout the State, amounted to \$3511 55, and was contributed by brethren in Great Salt Lake City, New Mexico, Missouri, New York, Kentucky, Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

We have also to acknowledge the receipt of a handsome volume, entitled "The Masonic Code of Alabama." It contains a historical synopsis of the Grand Lodge up to 1833, with the act of incorporation passed in 1859; the constitution of the Grand Lodge; the ancient charges; a digest of decisions, edicts and resolutions of the Grand Lodge, and other interesting and valuable information. To the esteemed brother who kindly sent us this token of remembrance, we return our thanks and hope that his shadow may never grow less.

George D. Norris was elected M. W. Grand Master, and Daniel Sayre re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

**ARKANSAS**—The twenty-ninth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas was held in Little Rock, November 4, 1867, E. H. English, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and eighty-one lodges represented—session, three days.

"And God said let there be light, and there was light," forms the text of the Grand Master's address. After showing that the sun, as the source of natural light, has been a Masonic symbol from the earliest ages—that the alternations of day and night are emblematical of the struggle between light and darkness—between truth and error—he demonstrates the capacity for improvement with which man has been endowed by the Creator and the duty imposed upon him of cultivating his intellectual faculties. Applying this to Masonry, he conducts the initiate from the darkness of the profane world, step by step, over the checkered pavement, and up the winding stairs, until he enters the

*sanctum sanctorum*. After alluding to the wonderful accuracy with which the legendary traditions of Freemasonry, especially those relating to the "Builder," have been transmitted from age to age, although the knowledge of the mechanical powers which enabled the masters of old to erect the pyramids and other monuments of antiquity has been lost, Grand Master English says :

All along the track of time, blackened by crime and stained with blood, Masonry has erected her temples of light, and taught men to be virtuous, charitable and good. But her voice has too often been as unavailing as the feeble wail of the child amidst the hoarse howlings of the storm. It has said to the waves, be still, and heedless of her voice they continued to rage. She has said "let there be light," and darkness yet prevailed. But never discouraged, she has toiled away at her noble work, and has, at no period, however dark, been wholly destitute of influence. It often happens that during the darkest night, the rays of some beautiful star struggle through the rifted clouds, and light up the pathway of the belated traveler. So it has been with Masonry. But now her temples are springing up in every land, her Sons of Light are becoming numerous, and her influence is surpassed by no social organization.

Illustrative of the influence of Masonry over the passions and prejudices of men, may I be permitted, without intending to tread upon forbidden ground, to allude to a striking contrast. Whilst extreme partisans amongst the profane have been clamoring for the blood and extermination of the Southern people, the Masons of the North, rising above the passions and prejudices engendered by the late unhappy war, have been sending bread into the South to feed her impoverished and starving families. Among other instances of the liberality of our Northern brethren, the Grand Lodge of New York donated five thousand dollars for the relief of the destitute of the Southern States, and the Grand Treasurer, our Ill. Brother John W. Simons, sent me five hundred dollars of the contribution to be distributed at my discretion. I have been endeavoring to divide it among a hundred of the most destitute widows to be found in the different parts of the State. So that, small as the sum is to each, a hundred hearts might feel emotions of gratitude to the Grand Lodge of New York.

Diverging from his text, the Grand Master compliments Bro. Simons and playfully alluding to his gastronomic taste intimates, that were he present the entire Grand Lodge would cheerfully call from labor to refreshment and join in a general *frog hunt* for his benefit. Returning to his theme, the Grand Master states that St. Johns' College, having been evacuated by the military and restored to the trustees, is again open and has forty-five students on its free list. He indulges in the hope that a brilliant future is in store for it—if the fraternity will only support it—and states that should the college prove a failure it would not bankrupt the Grand Lodge, as the naked land alone would sell for 300 per cent. on the whole investment. As Masonic colleges have generally been unsuccessful experiments, Bro. Guilbert of Iowa, in his report for 1867, suggested that it would be better to abandon the enterprise and devote the means to the erection and endowment of asylums for aged and indigent Masons, or for their destitute widows and orphans. Grand Master English meets the suggestion by contrasting the climate of Arkansas with that of Iowa, and says his "people have no great need for poor houses, and not much fancy to live in them." In support of this he gives an instance where some years ago a home for the destitute widows of Masons was erected in Arkansas, but it was found impossible to persuade a solitary Mason's widow to go and make it her home, and the house was converted into an academy. He says they want a college in Arkansas, and invites Bro. Guilbert to move down and settle there, holding out as an inducement that they will make him chairman of the Committee on Correspondence and place his sons on the free list at the college.

It may be considered heretical, still we cannot avoid expressing the opinion that the personal invitation to Bros. Simons and Guilbert are out of place in this otherwise excellent address.

The enthusiasm and zeal displayed by the Grand Master in favor of St. Johns' College, has communicated itself to the Grand Lodge, which considers the honor of Masonry in Arkansas pledged to sustain the institution. The Committee on Education recommended that each Mason in the State pay at least one dollar for the benefit of the college during the ensuing year, and that the surplus funds of the Grand Lodge be appropriated for the same purpose. Both recommendations were adopted, also a resolution declaring that, in the opinion of the Grand Lodge, it is the duty of such subordinate lodges as are able to do so, to send one or more students to the college. We hope these efforts of our brethren will be crowned with success—but we are not over-sanguine. Men, who are Masons, are also members of religious and other associations, and the social and business relations thus formed have claims upon them, which exercise considerable influence in determining to what college they will send their children. This, in our opinion, is the reason that Masonic colleges prove unprofitable investments.

To return to the address, M. W. Bro. English reports a number of decisions on Masonic law and usage, from which we extract the following :

A lodge cannot voluntarily surrender its charter while seven members vote to retain it, that being the number to whom the original warrant to work was granted.

A lodge should not surrender its charter for the purpose of avoiding the payment of its debts. That would not be just to creditors; and Masons should be just.

The W. M. and S. W. being absent, the J. W. invited a neighboring P. M. to open the lodge and preside. Before the business of the meeting was concluded the J. W. was unavoidably called away, and left the lodge in charge of the P. M. to finish the work and close the lodge. There was nothing illegal or improper in this.

We entertain a different opinion, although we are not aware that the question has ever been discussed. In the absence of the Master, after the Warden has congregated the lodge he has the right to place a P. M. in the chair. But we consider it his duty to remain until the lodge is closed, for if any irregularity is committed he should be present to correct it, as he is responsible for the acts of the P. M. Besides, we hold that a lodge cannot be legally opened or closed unless one of the first three officers is present.

Two Masons fall out, quarrel, pass the lie, and come to blows—parted—sorry for it, confess the wrong to the lodge, and offer to make any concessions required. Must the lodge forgive them? *Answer*—Repentance and confession are treated as atoning virtues in religion, and as mitigating virtues in moral associations. It is only in the civil tribunals, where the penal law is administered with sternness, and its administrator is legally inexorable, that repentance and confession, however sincere, are unavailing. Masonry is a moral order. In dealing with its offending members, it does not attach the consequence to repentance and confession that the church does, on the one hand; nor disregard them altogether, as the minister of the penal code does, on the other. It takes the medium ground, and treats them as mitigating, attaching more or less consequence to them, according to the magnitude of the offence and the attending circumstances, of which the lodge must judge in its investigations and trials.

Although the following relates to local regulations, we consider it of interest. Grand Master English says :

In this jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge having made no regulation to the contrary, a Master Mason may be a member of more than one lodge. When a dimitted Mason desires to affiliate, he should send in his dimit with his application. When a Mason affiliated with one lodge desires to retain his membership, and affiliate with another lodge also, he should so state in his application, and accompany it with the certificate of the secretary of the first lodge that he is a member of it in good standing; and if affiliated in the second lodge, the first lodge should be advised of it, so that if he is suspended or expelled by one lodge, the other may be informed of it.

The Grand Master granted thirteen dispensations for new lodges during the recess. He remarks that eighteen years ago, when the duties of the office were first imposed upon him, there were but thirty-five subordinate lodges upon the register; now there are over two hundred. While this demonstrates that Masonry has increased and flourished in Arkansas, it is not the less evident that for this prosperity the craft are indebted to the zeal and ability with which Bro. English has presided as Grand Master.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns complain of the careless and inexcusable errors with which many of the returns of the subordinate lodges abound; and state, that while the returns indicate our fraternity is in a growing and prosperous condition, the conviction is forced upon them that many of the lodges have used more material than caution. The Committee on Masonic Law and Usage, to whom the reports of the D. D. Grand Masters were referred, submitted an able report, which was adopted. The following decisions are of interest, and receive our approval:

D. D. Grand Masters possess none of the extraordinary powers of a Grand Master. They are the creatures of the constitution, and must look to it for their powers.

The Master of a lodge, after the expiration of his term, cannot be tried for an offence committed by him while Master, that had any connection with his official duties.

Where the rules of a church lead a Mason to renounce Masonry, as a matter of conscience, it is not a matter for Masonic discipline.

The following amendment to the by-laws of the Grand Lodge was adopted:

Hereafter a dimit from a subordinate lodge, to a brother Mason, shall be nothing more than a certificate of good standing, and permission to join another lodge; and until the person to whom such dimit is granted affiliates with another lodge, his membership and liability to dues shall continue with the lodge from which he so dimits.

This is the Connecticut rule, and while we have no sympathy with unaffiliated Masons, we question its correctness. It is not to be denied that it is the duty of every Mason to belong to a regular lodge, and that voluntary non-affiliation violates the constitutions and spirit of our institution. At the same time, Masonry is a voluntary association, and if a brother desires to sever his connection with the order, he has the right to ask for his dimit, and, if in good standing, it is the duty of the lodge to grant it. By dimitting he voluntarily disfranchises himself, and is liable to all the penalties attached to non-affiliation. If these penalties are not enforced, it is the fault of the fraternity. But we have no power to enforce compulsory membership, and, even if it were practicable, we can see no good which would result from it.

A brother was tried by his lodge on charges of unmasonic conduct and acquitted. The case came up on appeal, and the Committee on Grievances reported:

We think the charges are good and the proof seems to sustain them fully,

and the finding ought to have been guilty. The lodge, however, saw proper, with all the evidence before it, and with a full personal knowledge of his previous conduct and character, to find him not guilty. We must, in charity to the lodge, suppose they must have had some promise of amendment and proof of general previous good character to induce them to find thus. The conduct of Bro. ——— certainly deserved a severe reprimand, and on repetition of the offence, expulsion. But we are unwilling to reverse the finding of a lodge on so solemn a matter, when they had all the facts before them—when all the proceedings are in other respects regular. We would, therefore, recommend that the brother be reprimanded by the Master of the lodge.

The report was adopted—but we confess we do not understand the rationale upon which it is based. The lodge finds the brother not guilty; the Grand Lodge does not reverse the judgment, but orders him to be reprimanded! In our opinion, this is equal to any of the recorded decisions of Sancho Panza, when Governor of Barataria.

The work was exemplified by conferring the degrees upon a candidate of a lodge under dispensation; a committee appointed to prepare a history of Masonry in Arkansas, and the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia recognized.

Bro. Samuel W. Williams submitted a very interesting report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Lodges, our own for 1867 included. In his notice of California, after commending the oration of Bro. Leonidas E. Pratt as “elegantly beautiful,” he makes the following excellent remarks:

It is decidedly heterodox in advancing the idea now becoming too common, that Masonry contains a religion by which a man need not fear to die. Neither Jew, Mohamedan nor Christian believes that. And admitting that Masonry contains a religious element, catholic in its character, in the sense of acknowledging and worshiping the Deity, and recognizing man's immortality and moral accountability; yet whenever we lose sight of that great truth—the fall of man—and his consequent depravity, and the necessity of a redeemer and intercessor, a Messiah either come or to come, as taught or shadowed in the sacrifices and ceremonies of all religions, and substitute Masonry in its place, we will have indeed “hewn out cisterns that can hold no water.” The disposition to substitute Masonry for religion is getting secretly and silently too common; and it will, if continued, lead to a collision and will be a death-blow to Masonry, and in such a contest it ought to die.

Bro. Williams considers the Nevada plan of life membership a scheme for the establishment of “a vast Masonic bank,” and thinks the plan proposed by M. W. Bro. Fellows would “make the support of Masonry dependent upon the profane, and lead to the making of Masons of bad material for money.” Once or twice he gets the two plans jumbled up, but this is immaterial as he says “rather than see either of them adopted, we would have the degrees conferred free and the dues made higher.” As the payment of dues is considered a cause for non-affiliation, we fail to see how making them higher would remedy an evil which he thinks the deprivation of Masonic privileges is inadequate to accomplish. But Bro. Williams has a panacea to cure the evil, and recommends as an infallible remedy the adoption of the Connecticut rule—a rule which enjoins compulsory membership, and which, in our opinion, is calculated to aggravate the evil sought to be remedied.

Bro. Williams deprecates the introduction of partisan remarks into Masonic papers, and noticing Bro. Guilbert's criticism on Bro. Barry's report, asks: “In the name of all that is holy when are these things to cease? We admit that we are great sinners, but it does not come well from the pot to call the kettle black.” Referring to the action of Grand Master Holmes, of New York, in

making a Mason at sight, he says he likes "bold experiments," but thinks "Grand Masters had better leave Mason-making to the lodges." So think we. He dissents from the decision of the Grand Master of Nebraska that "a man who can neither read nor write cannot be made a Mason," pronounces it an innovation on the old rules, and says:

If a man's inability to read and write grows out of want of opportunity, it does not prove that he may not make a good Mason. And his inability to read and write will not prevent him from learning and understanding the esoteric ceremonies of our order, and becoming even an efficient worker in the lodge, and understanding the moral of our symbolisms. While this is true as a question of law, yet we think practically, a lodge should be very cautious in receiving material of this kind, and a brother in recommending the petition of such. For in this land of opportunity, such ignorance bespeaks either stupidity or indifference, and either is not an inviting subject for initiation.

The admission contained in the last sentence destroys the force of the brother's special pleading, as "stupidity or indifference" shows the absence of those qualities which are necessary to make a good Mason. In his notice of South Carolina, Bro. Williams returns to the subject, and thinks the question should be left to the discretion of the brethren of the lodge. In answer to Bro. A. G. Mackey, who argues that a man of mature age, who can neither read nor write, and who at any time could in a few weeks learn to do both, "shows a debased intellect and an absence of all ambition for improvement," he says:

Not so fast, my brother. In this western country, in early times, when our nearest neighbor was forty miles, the schoolmaster's visits were rare, and some as shrewd men as we have ever known in Arkansas could neither read nor write. The celebrated Jack Musset, who was long a member of the Arkansas legislature, and was distinguished for his wit and business sense, could not write his name; yet he was a country merchant, sold goods and kept accounts in hieroglyphics of his own invention, and never was known to make but one mistake, and that was in a settlement with a customer. Among other articles he called out a cheese. Upon the customer protesting he had bought none, but remarking that a grindstone had been omitted, Jack replied, "O, that's a fact; I forgot to put a hole in it;" and suiting the action to the word, made a hole in his round hieroglyphic.

During the past thirty years we have heard this story told of a dozen different persons and located in as many different States, and had come to the conclusion that it was a veritable Joe Miller. Hereafter we will give "Jack" the proper credit, although we do not think the story any argument in favor of admitting illiterate men into our order. The Grand Lodge of England makes reading and writing necessary qualifications for initiation, and we would like to see the rule universally adopted; for, to use the language of Grand Master Belcher, of California, "he who, in our day, and in our country, so far forgets himself as to grow up to the stature of man, without being able to read or write, or who, having arrived at man's estate, neglects to acquire that ability, is not deserving a place in our midst."

E. H. English, M. W. Grand Master, and William D. Blocher, R. W. Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

CALIFORNIA.—The eighteenth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of California was held in San Francisco, October 8, 1867, Gilbert B. Claiborne, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and 132 lodges represented—session, five days.

The Grand Master congratulates the fraternity on the auspicious circum-



stances under which the annual communication is held. The general prosperity, resulting from the flourishing condition of the arts of peace and a bountiful harvest, had been largely shared by the craft, and he enjoins the duty of returning grateful thanks to Him from whom all blessings flow. Prosperity and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction, while the relations existing between his own and other Masonic Grand Bodies are of the most fraternal and cordial character. Alluding to the formation of the Grand Lodges of Montana, Nova Scotia and West Virginia, he says the proceedings of Montana give evidence of lawful and careful organization, and present a legal claim for recognition. Nova Scotia is also considered entitled to recognition, but he recommends "a full consideration of the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Virginia on the subject, before its subordinates, claiming to have formed a new Grand Lodge, shall be recognized in a sovereign capacity." The subject was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who do not seem to have reported upon it.

The Grand Master granted five dispensations for the creation of new lodges, and gave his written consent to a gentleman, about to visit his native State, to present his petition for initiation to a lodge in that jurisdiction. This is mentioned that other Grand Lodges may be reminded that as California endeavors to avoid the commission of any act which would seem to disregard their rights, she expects her own will be fully respected. In this connection the Grand Master states the case of a resident of California, who, during a temporary sojourn in New York, had the degrees conferred upon him by a lodge of that jurisdiction in violation of the by-laws of its own Grand Lodge. From the statement of the person referred to, it appears he was rushed through in such a hurried manner that he is unable to prove himself, and is therefore excluded from the enjoyment of privileges which the lodge in New York undertook to guarantee to him.

Only one instance of confusion occurred among the craft during the year. The Grand Master promptly arrested the charter of the lodge, which produced a salutary effect. Soon afterwards all differences were settled, harmony re-established, and the charter restored. Most of the questions submitted to M. W. Bro. Claiborne were decided by a reference to the constitution and general regulations. Among them we notice the following:

An E. A. whose lodge has been declared extinct, and who properly applies to another lodge to be advanced, must receive the unanimous ballot of the members present in the lodge at the time the petition is voted on; otherwise he must be declared rejected.

A petition signed with a cross-mark is *prima facie* evidence that a party petitioning is not capable of writing his own name, and unfit to be made a Mason.

The appearance of persons claiming to have been made Masons in Army Lodges had proved a source of annoyance to the lodges, and caused application to be made by the Board of Relief of San Francisco in its own behalf, and in behalf of the city lodges, for the expression of a rule to guide them in their action. Grand Master Claiborne decided that in all such cases, "as a condition precedent to examination, proof shall be required, under seal of the Grand Lodge from which the dispensation emanated, that the lodge from which the applicant hails was legally established under the laws of such jurisdiction, and that his name is borne upon its roll of members." He considers that the popularity of our institution has been increased by the accounts,

published in the newspapers, of the humanizing influences it exercised during the war. Under these circumstances, he thinks it not unnatural that apprehensions should be awakened that all who approach our portals are not actuated by pure motives, and enjoins caution in the following appropriate remarks:

While we hail with pleasure the voluntary approach of all good men, we should be at this time especially careful in applying the rules which protect us against the unworthy. I am satisfied that many instances of carelessness occur on the part of members who recommend candidates, in forgetting one of the first injunctions spoken in the East—"If, in the circle of your acquaintances, you find a person desirous of being initiated into Masonry, be particularly attentive not to recommend him unless you are convinced he will conform to our rules," etc. It is not a mere form to recommend a petitioner, as some seem to think; it is a personal pledge of Masonic honor to the lodge, that in the opinion of those who sign the recommendation, the person recommended possesses the positive qualifications which will contribute to "the honor, glory and reputation of the institution" of Freemasonry. It is not the true design to receive unknown or doubtful characters, who penitently promise reformation, with a hope to make them good;—that is the mission of Holy Religion, which is high above us in its attributes and promises;—but the true design is to receive and associate all men of positively good character who voluntarily desire to unite with us in promoting our purposes. It is as damaging to our speculative character and practical operations to admit poor material to a knowledge of and participation in our rites, as it is for the operative Mason to introduce an imperfect stone in the temple which he rears. A lodge violates less law when it rejects ten worthy persons than when it receives one unworthy one.

More care should be exercised in the examination of strange brethren and visitors. It must necessarily be, for causes already adverted to, that through the instrumentality of the traveling lodges much drift-wood has been set afloat, and persons claiming to have been made in these migratory institutions are now wandering over the country claiming recognition with little proof of the faith that is within. They should be received kindly but firmly, and if they are not clearly in possession of convincing evidence of their true fellowship, they should be dismissed from our portals. Private examinations by individual members, without authority from the Master, do not, as a matter of right, entitle a member of a lodge to vouch for a visitor. The Master himself is responsible for the admission of all visitors within the lodge which he governs. He specially makes a promise that "no visitors shall be received into his lodge without due examination and producing proper vouchers of their having been initiated into a regular lodge," and it is therefore his right and his duty to discriminate in favor of the most discreet and skillful brethren as the proper persons to conduct an examination, who, indeed, act as his proxy in such cases. It is the installation charge which rests upon him, and he should never lose sight of it.

The Grand Master enjoins the secrecy of the ballot, and deprecates all discussion as to the merits or demerits of candidates after the action of the lodge has resulted in a rejection. In conclusion, thanking the brethren for the uniform confidence and trust reposed in him, M. W. Bro. Claiborne announces that his official relations with the Grand Lodge terminate with this communication.

From the report of the efficient Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Alex. G. Abell, we learn that ninety-two volumes had been added to the Grand Lodge Library during the year, making the number of bound volumes of Masonic works, now upon the shelves, 467. A full catalogue is appended to the proceedings, and Bro. Abell congratulates the Grand Lodge "upon the possession of that which is believed to be the largest and most complete collection of purely Ma-

sonic works to be found upon the continent." In closing his financial report, Bro. Abell makes the following statement:

It is very gratifying to be enabled to state that no lodge in the jurisdiction was in arrears for dues at the date of closing the foregoing financial report, and that the returns of every lodge for the present year have been received—a showing most creditable to the lodges of California, and one which few, if any, of the Grand Lodges of the Union have heretofore been able to present.

We call the attention of the lodges in this jurisdiction to this statement, and recommend them to do likewise, so that our Grand Secretary may be able to say as much in their favor.

The report of that splendid charity the Masonic Board of Relief shows the total receipts for the year amounted to \$9230 65, from which \$1573 55 being deducted for deficit of preceding year, there remained for the uses of the Board \$7657 10. The expenditures amounted to \$6315 71—three cases from Louisiana receiving \$406 25. From a summary of receipts and disbursements of the Board during the twelve years of its existence, we extract the following:

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| Total receipts.....                            | \$61,096 76        |
| Donations to Masons of California.....         | \$11,037 21        |
| “ “ “ of other jurisdictions.....              | 25,269 07          |
| “ “ Widows and orphans of California.....      | 5,141 78           |
| “ “ “ of other jurisdictions.....              | 17,392 41          |
| Sundry expenses.....                           | 914 90             |
| Leaving a cash balance in the treasury of..... | 1,341 39—61,096 76 |

The Board presented a memorial stating that the above sums expended in Masonic charities, had been exclusively drawn from the fraternity of San Francisco, with the exception of an appropriation from the Grand Lodge at its last annual communication, and sundry comparatively small amounts refunded by lodges whose members had been relieved by the Board. San Francisco being the principal commercial sea-port on the coast naturally receives a large majority of all the Masons from other jurisdictions, arriving in the State, who require Masonic assistance, and the burden falls exclusively upon the city lodges. The Board suggest that this burden should be shared by the entire jurisdiction; and believe “that the whole matter of the dispensation of Masonic charity should be under the control and direction of the Grand Lodge, that body raising the funds therefor by a tax upon each Mason in the jurisdiction, and the fund so raised to be applied in such manner as that body, in its wisdom, may direct.” The memorial and accompanying resolutions were referred to a special committee, who, while agreeing with the Board that it is the duty of the lodges in the interior to aid in every manner in their power the brethren of San Francisco in dispensing charity to the sick and destitute of other jurisdictions, and also to reimburse the Board when assistance has been given by that body to one of their own members, his widow or orphans, did not deem it advisable to act in the matter until it had been submitted to the subordinate lodges. The report was concurred in and the subject lies over to the next annual communication.

By resolution, the general regulation directing the setting aside annually the sum of at least \$1000, from the revenues of the Grand Lodge, as an accumulating fund for the future erection of a Masonic Hall, was rescinded.

On an appeal from the decision of a lodge acquitting a brother of charges preferred against him, the action of the lodge was set aside and the case was

remanded for a new trial. From the report of the Committee on Grievances on this case we extract the following remarks:

The accused has unquestionably been guilty of a Masonic offence. The specifications are, that he made statements of a highly defamatory character against a brother. Every Mason is under the obligation not to injure a brother in his good name. He must neither originate statements of a defamatory nature against a brother, nor give circulation to any he may have heard, because injury may be done as well by the one as by the other; in fact, it is the circulation that gives slander its effect.

It is as much an offence to circulate such statements amongst Masons as amongst others. If the offence is committed without malice, the offender is deserving, at least, of a reprimand; if it be committed maliciously, the offender deserves expulsion. \* \* \*

That a brother commits an offence under the influence of liquor is no excuse upon a Masonic trial, because his condition is itself a disregard of one of the cardinal virtues of a Mason—temperance.

Commenting upon the action of the Grand Lodge in this case, Bro. Lewis, of New York, makes the following judicious remarks, in which we fully concur:

This is in accordance with the law in California, as already noted; but, to our mind, it presents the error of twice trying a man for the same offence, besides being a roundabout way of getting at what was the evident intention of the Grand Lodge, namely, the punishment of the delinquent brother. Nor does it follow that the new trial will develop any different result from the first; for the lodge is not directed to punish the delinquent, but to try him over again. If they have no choice in the matter but to find him guilty and punish him, then the new trial will be a farce, since its result would be a foregone conclusion; if, on the other hand, the lodge is a free agent and may follow the bent of its own wisdom, a new acquittal will inevitably ensue. It appears to us that the Grand Lodge should have completed its own work, and, on the evidence in its possession, have either assessed such punishment as it deemed suitable to the offence proven, or have disciplined the whole lodge, including, of course, the accused, for acquitting an accused brother when his offence was clearly proved.

The Committee on Jurisprudence presented several able reports, all of which were concurred in. One of these was on the statement that a member of a lodge was supposed, improperly, and almost generally, to use the black-ball on the application of candidates for admission into the order, and for this reason the Master refused to allow him to enter the lodge. The committee decided that the Master was incorrect in his action, and very properly remark:

A member of a lodge is at all times entitled to be present and participate in its proceedings, while he conducts himself with due order and propriety; and nothing short of a violation of such rules authorizes his being refused admission to his lodge whilst he remains a member of it in good standing.

A committee was appointed to devise and procure a suitable testimonial to Past Grand Master Claiborne, as an evidence of the high appreciation of the earnest and faithful manner in which he had discharged the duties of the Grand Mastership, and to express, in an enduring form, the affectionate respect and esteem entertained for him by the Grand Lodge.

An interesting and eloquent oration was delivered by W. Bro. John R. Buckbee, Grand Orator. Our space, however, will only permit us to extract the following gem, although it abounds with others of equal beauty:

A pyramid whose base rests on human brotherhood, whose apex pierces the divinity of heaven, at whose altar men of every nation and clime and creed kneel to the common Father, within whose portals the sound of discord is unheard, thou standest, O Masonry! majestic in thy severe simplicity! We,

thy votaries, love thee that thou art good; that thy benevolent hand scatters the blessings of charity like gentle drops of dew from heaven upon the erring and the suffering; that we, the living fibres in thy mighty body, feel the brotherly thrill of the Master's words: "Together, brethren." Let us not abuse our glory and our privilege. Let us not forget to practice out of the lodge all those virtues inculcated in it, that the world may see our acts correspond with our professions.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. Lawrence B. Owen, and reviews in an interesting and able manner the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Lodges, including our own for 1867. Noticing that the duty assigned in his Grand Lodge to the Committee on Returns is divided, in that of Alabama, among ten committees, consisting of five each, he says:

Experience has taught us this duty can not be performed during the sessions of the Grand Lodge with any approach to accuracy. We have, therefore, made the Committee on Returns a standing committee, of which the Assistant Grand Secretary has heretofore been chairman, and the reports of the lodges, which are required to be transmitted to the Grand Secretary two months prior to our annual meeting, are carefully examined in his office as received. If any of them contain errors of any kind that officer immediately writes to the secretary of the lodge sending the incorrect report, and the proper corrections are made without delay.

It is the strict observance of this rule which enables Grand Secretary Abell to make such a creditable report of the lodges in his jurisdiction. We have a constitutional provision requiring the subordinates to deliver their returns and pay their dues to the Grand Secretary at least one week before the annual communication—but many of the lodges pay no attention to it, and seem to think if their returns are made any time during the session of the Grand Lodge they are in ample season. This, while it prevents accuracy being attained, devolves much extra labor on the Grand Secretary and the committee; for, as a general thing, the returns which come in last are prepared in a hasty and careless manner. A little attention on the part of Masters of lodges would remedy all this, and we trust that the example set by the lodges in California will not be lost upon them.

To return to Bro. Owen's report: He agrees with Bros. Drummond and Guilbert that fees for affiliation should be abolished. Our own opinion—affiliation is a duty, not a privilege, and therefore should not be taxed. He coincides with Grand Master DeBell, of Nevada, that Mormons, being polygamists, cannot be good Masons. He dissents from the opinion of Bro. Mackey that "the candidate who has applied to a lodge becomes forever the property of that lodge." This was to be expected, as the California rule in regard to rejected candidates is similar to the one in Colorado, and against which Bro. Mackey protested as a violation of the regulation which prohibits a brother from supplanting his fellow in the work." Bro. Owen says: "A person rejected in Charleston may afterward move to Columbia, or San Francisco, and after residing in one or the other of these places one, two, three, or more years, may again desire to apply for the degrees, and if he should we can not either see the justice or the policy of compelling him to return to Charleston to receive them. As in such a case, on a proper showing, the consent of the lodge which rejected the applicant could easily be obtained and the necessity of the journey obviated, we consider this a rather poor apology for working up the rejected material of other jurisdictions.

William A. Davies was elected M. W. Grand Master, and Alex. G. Abell re-elected V. W. Grand Secretary.

CANADA.—This Grand Lodge held two special communications for the purpose of laying the corner stones of churches: one at Port Dalhousie, June 24, and the other at Dundee Centre, July 1, 1868. On both occasions the ceremonies were performed in public, according to the ancient usages of the fraternity, and the acting Grand Masters delivered beautiful and appropriate addresses to the multitude assembled.

The thirteenth annual communication was held in the city of London, Ont., Wm. Mercer Wilson, M. W. Grand Master, "on the throne," and 160 chartered lodges and 10 U. D. represented—session, three days.

The address of the Grand Master, although principally occupied with matters of local interest, contains many valuable suggestions, and is a well written paper. After paying a tribute of respect to the fraternal dead of the past year, he notices the foul murder of the Hon. D'Arcy McGee, and the attempted assassination of the Duke of Edinburgh, while paying an official visit at Sydney, Australia. The Grand Lodge expressed itself in an appropriate manner on both of these events, and an address was ordered to be prepared and forwarded to her Majesty Queen Victoria, congratulating her on the fortunate escape of her son.

In reference to the proposed General Grand Lodge of Canada, Grand Master Wilson says:

The consideration of the subject of a General Grand Lodge for our new Dominion has not been overlooked by me during the past year, although no special action has been taken in the matter. The solution of this great question must be left to time, and to the calm consideration of the craft generally. Any exhibition on your part of too great a desire to secure this result, would in all probability only delay, if it did not entirely defeat, that union of the whole Masonic body in the British dependencies here which so many are anxious to secure.

Twelve dispensations for the formation of new lodges were granted during the year, and in reference to the election of Masters, he says:

In connection with these matters, there is one evil existing to which I trace many of the difficulties which are now of so frequent occurrence; I allude to the want of a proper care, and to the neglect of Masonic law and principle, too often evinced by the members of the craft in the selection of those who are to govern our subordinate lodges. Brethren are too often selected as rulers, merely because their social qualities may be of a high order, and often, also, from their general popularity, without duly considering their ability to work the lodge, their administrative capacity to govern it, or their possession of those still higher qualities which are so essential to the successful carrying on of the great work of Masonry. In selecting your Masters, let me entreat you, my brethren, always first to consider your duty to Masonry and to your lodge. This important duty can never properly be performed, if you place in the chair one who has to rely upon others for doing that which he is incapable of performing himself.

These remarks apply with equal force to jurisdictions further South than Canada, and the following has also a general application:

In the course of the discussions which occasionally take place at our annual meetings, sentiments are sometimes expressed by the younger members of the fraternity which have led me to believe that they neither fully understood nor appreciated the original design and aim of our institution; but had come to regard it as if the great and sole object of our association was the mere accumulation of funds for the relief of distressed Masons, for the support of their widows, and for the education of their destitute children, forgetting, apparently, the explanations which had been given and the lessons they had received at their initiation into our mysteries. Charity, in its largest sense, in its

broadest signification, is a virtue dear to the heart of every true Mason, and that charity which is not only active, but passive, is freely exercised by the genuine brother; he is ever as ready to assist the distressed as he is to abstain from unkindness, uncourteousness, or the malicious construction of his neighbor's motives. The inculcation of every virtue, the improvement of our species, the advancement of learning and science, the study of the liberal arts, and especially the cultivation of brotherly love, these are some of the aims of the craft and of its votaries. If there is to be found in our ranks any individual who has joined us actuated by no higher motive than self-interest, and influenced by the idea that he is thereby making a most judicious investment for himself and family, he will soon discover that he has not only deceived himself, but that he has altogether misapprehended the genius, the scope, and the great objects of Masonry; for our brotherhood is not for a moment to be placed on the same level with those mere benefit clubs which have recently been established, with the sole and avowed intention of making to the contributor, or to his legal representatives, a full and equivalent return in hard cash for that which he has invested in their hands. Neither is Masonry to be thus shorn of her fair proportions; nor is she to be circumscribed or fettered as to the discharge of her numerous duties. We are told that the three great tenets of a Mason's profession are Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth; and to you, my brethren, I now say: cultivate them all.

In his address of the previous year, M. W. Bro. Wilson, in referring to the ritual, used the expression that he "regarded with much apprehension any attempt at innovation or change in the *lex non scripta* of Masonry;" and having reason to believe that his views on the subject, as then expressed, were not very clearly understood by some, while by others they were entirely misapprehended, he makes the following correct remarks:

The ritual is not to be considered as a landmark in Masonry; many parts of it are not essential; they have been changed and may be changed again, though, as a learned and reliable writer remarks, such changes should be made with great caution, and perhaps had better not be made at all. But, adds he, on the other hand there are portions of the ritual, and large portions, too, which do constitute landmarks; which never have been changed, and never can be changed without a destruction of the very identity of Freemasonry. The beautiful lectures which form so important a feature in our system are most useful, but, as the same author remarks, they are not essential, neither are they to be considered as constituting landmarks, for before the year 1717 no such system existed. Many changes—some of them, doubtless, decided improvements, while others were very much the reverse—have since been introduced, which proves conclusively that they have no claim to be regarded as landmarks of the order.

Appended to the address are notices of the presentation of the testimonials voted by the Grand Lodge at its previous communication. The one to R. W. Bro. T. B. Harris consisted of a beautiful silver claret jug and goblets, with tray; each piece elaborately engraved and appropriately inscribed, as a token of the esteem entertained for him personally, and as a slight acknowledgment of the valuable services he had rendered the craft by his efficient discharge of the duties appertaining to his office during the past twelve years. The other consisted of a very fine silver tankard and a silver "Boehm" flute, to P. Grand Master T. D. Harrington, "for his valuable services to Canadian Freemasonry." The speeches delivered on the presentation of the first of these testimonials, and the correspondence connected with the transmission and acknowledgment of the second, are imbued with true Masonic feeling, and, while they show that the gifts of the Grand Lodge were worthily bestowed, prove they were properly appreciated.

The reports of the D. D. Grand Masters deserve special notice for the care-

ful manner in which they are drawn up. We learn from them that Masonry is in a flourishing condition and enjoys a satisfactory degree of harmony throughout the jurisdiction, for much of which, we believe, the craft is indebted to the zealous and able manner in which these officers have discharged their onerous and responsible duties.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is an interesting paper, from the pen of Bro. Thomas White, Jr. The proceedings of thirty-six American Grand Lodges, our own for 1868 included, are noticed in courteous terms. Louisiana Relief Lodge receives favorable mention, and liberal extracts are given from its report.

Our Canadian brethren place their Grand Master "on the throne," we place him "in the chair." It is a mere philological distinction, and should not be made the subject of censorious remarks. Unfortunately such has not been the case, and Bro. White, noticing some strictures of the Montana Committee, replies:

It is an offence to our good Bro. Sanders, that we place our Grand Master "on the throne." Well, that is very much a matter of taste, about which we will not quarrel; but we cannot permit our brother to advise our Grand Master to "give his thrones to the fools to whom, of right, they belong," without telling him that he has permitted his political egotism to cause him, for the moment, to forget what was due to himself as a gentleman and a Freemason.

A. A. Stevenson was elected M. W. Grand Master, and Thomas B. Harris re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.—The eightieth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut was held in Hartford, May 13, 1868, William Storer, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and eighty-nine lodges represented—session, two days.

The Grand Master, in his address, announces that the past year has been one of prosperity to the craft; harmony prevails throughout his jurisdiction, and our institution has become "perhaps too popular." This makes it all the more necessary, he says, that "candidates for Masonic honors should be carefully scrutinized, and their qualifications thoroughly investigated, so that none but the good and true shall be permitted to pass our portals." He deprecates the idea that the strength of a lodge consists in the number of its members, and remarks: "A lodge of thirty upright, honorable, intelligent members, may be said to have achieved a success; whereas one with a hundred men of doubtful character is an utter failure." This introduction is followed by a recital of his official acts, including visitations, dedications, installations and correspondence, all of which clearly show that M. W. Bro. Storer is a capable and efficient Grand Master. He had issued dispensations for the formation of two new lodges, and then refers to a case which has frequently engaged the attention of his own Grand Lodge as well as that of New York:

He, [Charles W. Bradley,] while a resident of the city of New Haven, was made a Mason in one of the regular lodges in the city of New York, after having been rejected in a New Haven lodge, in violation of our jurisdictional rights. The regulations of our Grand Lodge prohibit the Masonic recognition of persons initiated under such circumstances; and yet, Mr. Bradley, as I am credibly informed, has visited several lodges in this jurisdiction, and has been received to Masonic fellowship. His friends claim that he was ignorant of our regulations at the time of his initiation. I have received several letters from lodges in various parts of the State, inquiring as to the Masonic status of



Mr. Bradley, and asking what course they should pursue in case he should offer to visit them.

To these inquiries I have invariably replied, in substance, that Mr. Bradley was undoubtedly a regular Mason, having been initiated in a regular Masonic lodge; but that the by-laws of our Grand Lodge do not allow his recognition as such in this jurisdiction.

Owing to the importunities of Bradley and his friends, the Grand Master suggested that the case receive a full and fair investigation. The committee to whom it was referred submitted a resolution, which was adopted, declaring that Bradley, having received the degrees in a regularly constituted lodge, is "recognized as a Master Mason in good standing and entitled to all the rights and privileges of such," until convicted by a competent tribunal of having received the degrees of Masonry "with intent to evade the Masonic law and with a knowledge thereof." To provide for this, and other cases of a similar nature, the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That whenever it shall come to the knowledge of a subordinate lodge in this State, that any person shall have obtained the degrees of Masonry during a temporary absence therefrom, and in violation of the regulations of the Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the lodge in whose jurisdiction said person shall reside, without delay, to present charges against him, and proceed with his trial in due form.

We approve of this course, as it tends to simplify matters. The status of the person receiving the degrees can be determined at once, while the question of the violation of the jurisdictional rights of the Grand Lodge is reserved for the action of the lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides.

During the past year, Death had not entered the portals of the Grand Lodge, but during that period Bros. Joshua R. Jewett and George E. Palmer, two well known and exemplary Masters, had been summoned to the spirit land. At the time of his decease Bro. Jewett was in the ninety-seventh year of his age, and had been a Mason over seventy-one years. The Grand Master pays an affectionate tribute to the memory of both, and appropriate resolutions were adopted by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was recognized, and a large amount of business of a local character transacted.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Jos. K. Wheeler. It is his first effort in this line, and is a very creditable performance. The proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Lodges, Louisiana for 1867 among the number, are reviewed in a brief and fraternal manner. Bro. Wheeler is rather chary in giving his opinions, but when expressed they are generally correct. Alluding to Grand Master Holmes' pronunciamento of "rescuing from desuetude" the prerogative of making a Mason at sight, he says:

We think it would have been a matter of but little importance to the Masonic world if it had never been rescued, and, in fact, we think so now, notwithstanding the superhuman efforts of the Grand Master of the State of New York to raise it to the surface. With regard to the right of a Grand Master to make Masons at sight, we agree, under certain restrictions. But we can not see the propriety of communicating the degrees to any one, be he honorable or not, while lodges are so abundant and so capable of conferring the degrees "in due form," as at present. Let lodges work, and Grand Lodges and Grand Masters legislate.

William Storer, M. W. Grand Master, and Jos. K. Wheeler, R. W. Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

DELAWARE.—The sixty-second annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Delaware was held in Wilmington, June 27, 1868, Daniel McClintock, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and fifteen lodges represented—session, one day.

The address of the Grand Master is devoted to matters of local interest. He had received many applications for dispensations to confer the degrees in less than the regular time, but he granted none—being thoroughly convinced that cases of emergency, sufficient to warrant the exercise of this prerogative, rarely, if ever, occur. He decided that the petition of an applicant for the degrees, who had been previously rejected in a sister jurisdiction, could not be acted upon, without first obtaining the consent of the lodge rejecting him, and this was concurred in by the Grand Lodge. Charges of unmasonic conduct having been presented against the Master of one of the subordinate lodges, he suspended him from office and appointed a Past Grand Junior Warden to act as Master until the regular meeting of the Grand Lodge. This is in accordance with a regulation of the Grand Lodge, which prohibits a Warden, unless he is a P. M., conferring degrees. We confess our surprise at finding such a regulation in existence. The revenue of the Grand Lodge being derived solely from initiations is very unreliable, and has proved inadequate for its support, and M. W. Bro. McClintock recommends the levying of an annual tax on each member belonging to the subordinate lodges; this suggestion was adopted and the tax fixed at fifty cents.

With one exception the business transacted possesses no general interest. The appendix contains a letter of the Grand Master in relation to the election of a candidate under peculiar circumstances. The report of the committee was unfavorable, but the Secretary, by mistake, read it "favorable." The committee was discharged, the candidate balloted for and declared duly elected. Two of the committee had signed the report in blank, with the understanding it was to be filled up "favorable," while the other one, who acted as chairman, "without the knowledge or consent of the other two, filled up the report 'unfavorable.'" One of the committee was present and participated in the ballot. The one who filled up the report was absent, and "neither sent word to the committee, or the lodge, that there were any valid objections to the candidate," but on learning the result of the ballot, objected to any further proceedings. A majority of the committee being in favor of the candidate, and the Master, from the best information he could gain, deeming him worthy, the case was submitted to the Grand Master, who decided: That the candidate was duly elected; that a ballot can only be reconsidered at the same meeting, and when all the members who participated in the first ballot are present; that when a report is unfavorable, and by any means the candidate is elected, the committee would have the right, as any member or visiting brother would, to object to the conferring of the degrees, "but the W. M. would be the judge as to whether they were valid or not, and would be presumed to take such action as would promote peace and harmony." This was concurred in by the Grand Lodge.

We object to the last clause of this decision. We admit that when a visitor objects to the initiation of a candidate, he is bound to satisfy the lodge that his objections are valid, and not the result of prejudice or personal pique. But the case is entirely different when objection is made by a member of the lodge. The objection of a member operates as an unfavorable ballot, and the

candidate cannot be initiated until the objection is withdrawn. The reason is obvious: each member of a lodge is interested in the admission of new members, and the rights of all must be protected. This is independent of the question, whether or not the candidate was duly elected. Nor is it obligatory on a member, who was absent when the ballot was taken, to state his reasons; although we think it better that he should do so. But in such a case, the W. M. is not the judge whether they are valid or not. It is his duty to preserve the peace and harmony of his lodge, and that cannot be done by initiating a candidate who is personally objectionable to any member of the lodge.

The record of this case shows gross negligence on the part of the committee and Secretary. No brother should sign a report in blank; and we coincide with the Grand Master that the brother who filled up the report committed a grave error. If he did not agree with the majority, he should have made a minority report. Then the lodge would have voted understandingly upon the petition, and its harmony would not have been disturbed.

A special communication was held July 23, for the installation of Grand Officers, and, on the 27th of the same month, another special communication was held for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Town Hall in Middleton. On the latter occasion, a beautiful oration, prepared by Rev. Bro. J. C. McCabe, was read by another brother—indisposition preventing the author from delivering it.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. J. P. Allmond, and reviews in a fraternal and courteous manner the proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Lodges, Louisiana for 1868 among the number.

E. J. Horner was elected M. W. Grand Master, and J. P. Allmond re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge, was held in Washington, May 7, 1867, George C. Whiting, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and thirteen lodges represented. A charter for a new lodge was granted. The Grand Secretary reported that a number of books had been taken from the library by brethren, of which no record had been kept, and never returned. Efforts had been made for their recovery, but without success; which is not strange, as borrowed books are seldom or ever returned. An assessment of one dollar for each member was levied upon the constituent lodges to enable the Grand Lodge to meet its liabilities.

At a special communication, held August 19, 1867, an invitation was received from the Board of Directors of the Masonic Hall Association to take charge of the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of the new Masonic Hall. It was resolved, however, that it was inexpedient to have any public demonstration upon the occasion; that the Grand Master and officers of the Grand Lodge should lay the corner-stone according to Masonic usage, and the public celebration be postponed until the hall was completed and ready for dedication.

A resumed communication was held September 6, 1867, to attend the funeral of Grand Master George C. Whiting. The funeral cortege was large and imposing, and at the grave "the solemn rites of the Grand Lodge, Knights Templar, and I. O. O. F. were performed." We think one funeral ceremony is quite enough, and do not fancy such arrangements.

The annual communication was held November 5, 1867, R. B. Donaldson, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and sixteen lodges represented. The address of the Grand Master is devoted to matters of local interest. He refers in feeling and appropriate terms to the death of Grand Master Whiting—suitable resolutions were adopted and a memorial page inscribed to his memory. He congratulates the Grand Lodge on the settlement of all difficulties with the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and the complete restoration of friendly and fraternal relations between the two jurisdictions. M. W. Bro. B. B. French presented the Grand Lodge with a piece of sperm candle used at the funeral of Bro. GEORGE WASHINGTON, December 18, 1799. The Grand Lecturer, Bro. John Lockie, reports the subordinates in a flourishing condition, thinks the introduction of music during the work has been attended with beneficial results, and that a creditable degree of uniformity has been attained. B. B. French was elected M. W. Grand Master, and N. D. Larner re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

The installation communication was held December 27, 1867. Bro. W. Morris Smith submitted a brief but creditable report on Foreign Correspondence. The proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Lodges, our own included, are noticed in a fraternal manner. Bro. Smith says he never concurred in the doctrine of Grand Master Whiting, and quotes the comments of committees and the action of several Grand Lodges in relation to the practice of lodges in the District conferring degrees upon non-residents. He calls the attention of his Grand Lodge to the subject, and suggests the appointment of a special committee to consider the propriety of amending the section of the constitution authorizing the practice.

On his installation, Grand Master French delivered an excellent address. Alluding to the present prosperity of the craft, he states that when first elected Grand Master, in 1846, there were only 235 Master Masons in the jurisdiction. The last returns show the present number to be 2323—an increase almost tenfold in twenty-one years. He enjoins every Mason to live up to his obligations—to practice charity, forbearance and brotherly love one towards the other—"as the aspect of the times is such as to have a tendency to array man against man and brother against brother." In regard to the dispensing power, he says that should applications be made to him he will exercise the power solely for the benefit of the fraternity, and never issue a dispensation "on merely personal grounds, or to gratify alone individual aspirations." M. W. Bro. French next alludes to a charge of inconsistency which has been preferred against him. In 1860, he made an elaborate report to his Grand Lodge upon the difficulties then existing between the Grand Lodges of Maine and England, in which he took the ground "That no lodge can extend its geographical jurisdiction beyond the territorial limits of its own Grand Lodge." In 1865, however, he endorsed Grand Master Whiting's claim for universal jurisdiction. Pleading guilty, he says "now, with no attempt at explanation, or excuse, I must assume the position I occupied in 1860," and after some remarks upon the peculiar political status of the District, says:

My opinion in regard to this question is, that every man who is otherwise a proper candidate, who comes into this Masonic jurisdiction with the intention of becoming a resident here, may properly petition to the lodges here, and if found worthy, be legally admitted here. It is not requisite that a man shall vote or pay taxes here, but he must be permanently here. To illustrate my

view of the matter, if a person receive an appointment as an officer of the Government, the duties of which require his constant presence in this District, and he comes here to exercise those duties permanently, he is, for all Masonic purposes, a resident here.

The degrees of Freemasonry may legally be conferred here, or in any other jurisdiction, without any question as to right, on any sojourner who has no legal residence elsewhere, such as an officer of the army or navy, who has been roaming over the world until his residence, if he ever had any, is lost, and he has become, in common parlance, "a citizen of the world." But when such persons apply to be made Masons, the severest scrutiny into their characters and standing should be made, that all reproach may thereafter be avoided. Indeed, if we desire to maintain our order in the high position in which it should ever move, and in the purity which should ever mark all its actions, we cannot be too careful in scrutinizing the character of every candidate who desires to enter our sanctuary and become a brother amongst us.

In all my action as your Grand Master, I shall endeavor to see that no right of the Grand Lodge is trampled upon; but I shall also take especial care that the utmost respect, kindness, courtesy and brotherly affection shall ever be extended to all jurisdictions who are in harmony with us, and who reciprocate all the evidences of fraternal regard which it is possible for Masonry to exercise.

Having thus quietly withdrawn the claim set up by Grand Master Whiting "to work timber from Maine to California," M. W. Bro. French advises the craft of his jurisdiction not to be too anxious to swell their numbers, and thinks "a little of the black leaven in the ballot-box does no harm." Although cases may occur where it is used improperly, he ventures the assertion "that nine times out of ten the unknown hand that deposits the black ball is actuated by a pure heart, determined to exert its proper influence to keep our holy arcana undefiled." Alluding to the difficulty of getting rid of a bad man after he once becomes a member of the fraternity, he says:

It is very easy to make a man a Mason—sometimes, I fear, too easy—but when he once becomes a member of the craft, it is by no means so easy a matter to get rid of him. The bad man who gets amongst us (and bad men do get into all human societies) has a thousand ways to annoy his brethren, without subjecting himself to Masonic discipline. He may become a thorn that cannot be extricated in the side of many a worthy brother, and therefore the infliction must be borne with all possible patience. But if, at length, some overt act renders him amenable to discipline, and expulsion follows, has the craft got rid of him? By no means! When the devil has once entered into a human being, he likes the tenement so well that no ordinary process of ejection will dispossess him; and perhaps the next thing you will learn of the delinquent is, that he is exercising his calling of rascality in some far off place, under the garb of Freemasonry; for, although you may deprive him of his standing, you cannot deprive him of his knowledge, and he will swear falsely as long as the Evil One is his prompter, and the good things of this world are his object!

Why, my brethren, in years gone by, I myself have been sufficiently duped by some of these rascals, who, in common parlance, were "*very bright Masons*,"—that is, they could rattle off Masonry as rapidly as a school-boy can his alphabet—to give them letters of credence; and it really seemed to me as if those letters became ubiquitous, for inquiries concerning them came from every part of this broad land, and I soon became aware how severely I had been imposed upon! For many years I have discontinued that sort of thing, and I write no more letters of Masonic credence, unless I know beyond a peradventure that he for whom I write is entitled to the endorsement I give him.

When Master of Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1, years ago, the writer had ample opportunity to verify the truth of these remarks. The most unmitigated rascals, who at that time attempted to impose upon the fraternity, were

generally well supplied with letters of credence, which in more than one instance were discovered to be forgeries.

After urging upon the craft the necessity of having a Masonic Hall of their own, and entreating them to use their utmost exertions to complete the one now in process of erection, M. W. Bro. French closes his address with a beautiful eulogy on the life and character of Grand Master Whiting.

FLORIDA.—The annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Florida was held at Tallahassee, January 14, 1867, DeWitt C. Dawkins, M. W. Grand Master, presiding—session, four days.

The address of the Grand Master, although almost wholly devoted to local matters, is an able and interesting paper. After paying a glowing eulogy to Freemasonry he enjoins upon the fraternity the practice of the precepts it inculcates; exhorts the lodges to exercise a proper discipline over their membership; denounces intemperance, profanity, gambling and their kindred vices; urges upon the craft the duty of educating the children of indigent Masons, and to provide sustenance and learning for the orphans of deceased worthy brothers; and recommends that the particular lodges be required to make an annual report to the Grand Lodge of the amount of their charitable donations. Six dispensations for new lodges had been issued during the year, and Grand Master Dawkins declined a re-election on account of his "remote situation and the time necessary to be devoted to daily avocations."

The Committee on Credentials and Returns complain of the imperfect manner in which the returns are made out—many of the lodges having lost their seals or neglected to use them. It is gratifying to observe however that, although reprehensible in this particular, the lodges have not been remiss in the sacred cause of charity. Five children of Master Masons are being educated by one lodge; two by another, while several lodges report that they are educating one each.

A special committee, to whom several questions of Masonic law were submitted, presented an able report, which was adopted. Most of it relates to the powers and rights of lodges under dispensation. The committee decide that such lodges cannot elect members. This is the original rule, but in several jurisdictions, our own among the number, the power has been extended to them by local regulations. The following rule doing away with double membership was adopted by a vote of lodges:

No brother in this Grand Jurisdiction can be a member of more than one lodge at the same time; nor can any of the particular lodges entertain the petition of a brother for membership until such brother has filed with the lodge, a regular demit from the lodge of which he was last a member, or, if non-affiliated, indubitable Masonic evidence of his standing and acceptability in the order. And it is required of those who are now members of more than one lodge, that they secure demits from all except the one in the jurisdiction of which they reside.

The following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, the conduct of Bro. Francis I. Wheaton, a Past Junior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge, is such as to be well calculated to bring disgrace upon the order we so highly cherish; therefore,

*Be it resolved*, That Bro. Francis I. Wheaton be expelled from membership from this Grand Lodge.

This is the complete record of the case, which is a direct violation of the principles of Masonic law and justice. Before a brother can be subjected to

punishment for an alleged offence, he has a right to be heard in his own defence, and is entitled to a fair and impartial trial—neither of which appear to have been granted the accused in the present instance. If a brother is guilty of contempt of the Grand Lodge or its officers during the session, we grant that the Grand Lodge may proceed in a summary manner and expel the offender. But in this case the brother is charged with conduct “well calculated to bring disgrace upon the order,” and, in our opinion, regular charges should have been preferred in the particular lodge to which he belonged, or in whose jurisdiction he resided. Had this course been pursued, the anomaly would not have been presented of a brother having been expelled from membership in the Grand Lodge for unmasonic conduct, and still remaining a Master Mason in good standing!—the only conclusion we can arrive at from the resolution adopted.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of that veteran in Masonry, P. G. Master Thomas Brown, and reviews the proceedings of thirty-five Grand Lodges, our own for 1865 included, giving liberal extracts from addresses of Grand Masters and reports of committees.

Previous to the session of the Grand Lodge, Bro. Brown met with a severe personal injury, and a committee was appointed to wait upon him, and tender him the condolence and sympathy of the Grand Lodge. They found him sitting in his chair, unable to move without assistance, and requiring to be lifted to and from his bed like a child. The Grand Lodge, in appreciation of his long and faithful services, donated him the sum of three hundred dollars.

“The Masonic Covenant: its history, nature, and obligation,” is the title of a beautiful address delivered before the Grand Lodge by Rev. Bro. J. A. Harrold. We have only space for the following brief extract:

The design of Masonry is not fulfilled in the ceremonial observance of its graceful and beautiful ritual, but in the faithful practice of its divine virtues. Its consummation is to promote in man those virtues which it indirectly teaches by its beauty and order, and directly imposes upon him by its truth and fidelity. Its ceremonial law, like that of its more beautiful and glorious antitype, will fade away. Like as the temple built by King Solomon, under the direction of God, has passed away in the fulfillment of its mission; so shall the material fabric of Masonry, with all its grace and beauty, pass away when it has accomplished its mission, in time; but its principles will live in that temple not made with hands, as “lively stones” of that spiritual building; for its foundation is laid in truth, its columns of support are temperance, fortitude, prudence, justice; its keystone is fidelity; its ornamentation, wisdom and beauty; its capstone faith, hope, charity.

1868—The annual communication was held at Tallahassee, January 13, Henry J. Stewart, W. M. Grand Master, presiding, and thirty-five lodges represented—session, four days.

The Grand Master, in a well written address, refers to the harmonizing influences of Masonry in restoring fraternal relations between the different sections of our country, and acknowledges the kind attention and distinguished consideration extended to him by the brethren of New York when on a recent visit to that city. He notices in feeling terms the death of the venerable P. G. Master Thomas Brown, P. D. Grand Master F. C. Barrett, and Bro. J. W. Baker, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alabama. He denounces intemperance, profanity, and gambling as vices which degrade and disgrace whoever indulges in them, and urges the brethren to devise some plan by which these vices may be abolished from among the members of our frater-

nity. In rendering an account of his stewardship, we regret the Grand Master found it necessary to speak as follows:

Allow me to direct your attention to another evil which I very much fear prevails to a great extent within this Grand Jurisdiction. It is the zeal among subordinate lodges for accumulating members. Several lodges in the past year have surrendered their charters, others have had serious difficulties and troubles to encounter, the causes of which can be traced directly back to the admission of numerous unworthy members. Let us take this subject into consideration, in order to devise some remedy for the evil.

The constitution question was again before the Grand Lodge. The committee appointed for that purpose reported a new one, which was adopted section by section, and then laid over until the next annual communication. One of its sections provides that in cases of an appeal from a sentence of expulsion, if the Grand Lodge acquit the accused, or reverse the decision of the lodge below, the action of the Grand Lodge does not restore the brother to membership in the lodge from which he was expelled without the unanimous consent of the lodge, as in cases of a ballot for membership. In our opinion, this is opposed to every principle of justice. We believe that where proceedings are reversed by the Grand Lodge for want of proof, the accused should be restored to all the rights he possessed before the proceedings commenced. In such cases we fully agree with Bro. John L. Lewis, of New York, who says:

We have never been able to understand on what ground any other result can be justified, but it appears that it is. To punish a man by a deprivation of his rights when it is demonstrated that the proceedings have been illegal and the proof insufficient, is like knocking down and robbing a man and then putting him in prison for suffering himself to be assaulted. We should think that whenever in a grand jurisdiction, the regulations permit a brother's rights to be thus disposed of, every man's regard for his own safety would prompt him to agitate for a repeal.

Resolutions were adopted declaring it the duty of the subordinate lodges to provide, as far as possible, for the education of orphans of Masters Masons, residing within their respective jurisdictions.

Appropriate resolutions were adopted in memory of the fraternal dead. From the obituary of P. G. Master Brown, we learn that he was born in Virginia, Oct. 25, 1785; that he served with distinction in the war of 1812, and was a member of the Virginia Legislature from 1817 to 1820. Settling in Florida in 1827, he filled many public offices, and in 1849 was elected Governor of the State, in which office he served four years. He was initiated in Hiram Lodge No. 59, Virginia, in 1806, and on his removal to Florida was one of the petitioners to the Grand Lodge of Alabama for a warrant to establish Jackson Lodge No. 23, (now No. 1,) in which lodge he retained his membership to his death. He was one of the founders of the Grand Lodge of Florida, and, after holding several subordinate positions, was in 1849 chosen Grand Master. He was chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for seven years, and the fidelity and ability of his reports placed him in the front rank of Masonic jurists and writers. Full of years and honors he expired August 24, 1867, aged nigh 83 years. Such a life requires no eulogy from us, and we sympathize with the Grand Lodge in the great loss they have sustained in his death.

DeWitt C. Hawkins was elected M. W. Grand Master, and Hugh A. Cooley re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.



GEORGIA.—The annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia was held in Macon, October 30, 1867, John Harris, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and 195 lodges represented—session, three days.

The address of the Grand Master is instructive and interesting. He is afraid that the importance of the annual communications is not fully appreciated by many of the brethren, and correctly remarks that these annual assemblies of the craft are not simply designed for representatives to make returns, pay dues, elect officers, and then return home; but for the purpose of "counseling together in the noble work of elevating humanity, alleviating distress, disseminating the pure principles of virtue, and, especially, to render ourselves more capable of dispensing true Masonic light and knowledge to the craft." After a few general remarks upon the duties of the fraternity to their Creator, their neighbors and themselves, and stating that it is imperative upon Masters of lodges to qualify themselves for the responsible position to which they have been elected, he proceeds:

From some communications, which I have received during the past year, representing occasional disturbances in some lodges, by disorderly members, I am admonished to call the attention of Masters of lodges to some of their most important duties, in presiding over their lodges. The Master of a lodge, for the time being, is clothed with absolute power in the government and control of his lodge. With the Masonic implement of power in his hands, by its sound, confusion must cease and order prevail. If the sound of the gavel is not obeyed, he has the power, and it is his duty, to close the lodge. He can, and it is required of him, to have the guilty punished; and if the members refuse to sustain him, by inflicting adequate punishment on the offender, he can object to their finding, and refuse to sustain their action, and appeal to the Grand Lodge to be sustained. There is no appeal from the decision of the Master, by its members, excepting to the Grand Lodge. The power of a Master being thus absolute, it should, nevertheless, be exercised, not in an arbitrary or harsh manner, but with kindness and courtesy, yet with firmness. The Master of a lodge, to a very considerable extent, is responsible for the peace, character and standing of his lodge. No impostor or unworthy visitor, can be received within the lodge without his permission. By his ballot he can close the door of his lodge against the reception of an unworthy or disqualified candidate. It is his neglect to discharge his duty, if the illiterate, the immoral, the drunkard, the gambler, the profane swearer, or the halt and the maimed, are permitted to enter our sacred temple, and thus violate our ancient landmarks, and bring dishonor and reproach on the institution. But few of the evils complained of, by which the peace and harmony of a lodge is disturbed, but what the Master can—and it is his duty—to prevent, or cause to be punished.

The Grand Master states that it has been his constant effort to have all difficulties arising in the subordinate lodges, and offences committed by any of the members, settled in the lodges themselves, by inflicting adequate punishment upon the offender. In this he appears to have been eminently successful, as it was deemed necessary to bring only two of all the cases, which had been appealed to him, before the Grand Lodge. In connection with this subject, he very correctly remarks that, in the investigation and punishment of offences committed by brethren, it is not consistent with the spirit and honor of our institution, or necessary for the demands of justice, that the name of the offence or crime should be published in our proceedings, and thus proclaimed to the world. In such cases, it is sufficient to describe the offence as unmasonic, or gross unmasonic conduct; any thing further gives occasion for scandal.

During the past year, M. W. Bro. Harris had granted a few dispensations—

none for the formation of new lodges—and only such as he considered absolutely necessary for the interest of the craft. Suggesting the propriety of restricting the exercise of the dispensing power, he says: “It is a power which no officer, knowing the responsibility connected with it, would desire to be clothed with, and would, most willingly, be relieved from its exercise. Experience has, to my mind, fully demonstrated that its exercise has very seldom been beneficial to the institution.” And he adds, that by the constitution of the Grand Lodge, “the dispensing power is given not only to the Grand Master and D. Grand Masters, but to the Master and Wardens of a lodge; and by implication to even the Wardens of a lodge, in hastening the process of making Masons.” The committee, to whom the Grand Master’s address was referred, heartily approved his recommendation, but the Grand Lodge failed to take any action on the subject. Nor is it surprising that Masters and Wardens would not be willing to relinquish the power conferred upon them by the constitution, until they fully understand “that all lodges are created for the benefit of Masons and not for the accommodation of candidates,” and that every petition should take its regular course.

The Grand Master acknowledges the receipt of the Bible of Atlanta Lodge, which was taken from the lodge room when the Federal army entered Atlanta, and returned by Grand Master Sparrow, of Ohio; also, of the charter of one of the subordinate lodges, returned through the Grand Secretary of Indiana. These articles were not carried off by Masons, but, afterwards, falling into the hands of brethren, they were carefully preserved and finally restored to their owners, thereby illustrating the divine principles which actuate all true Masons. He also alludes in a very feeling and grateful manner to the numerous donations received during the year for the purpose of alleviating the distress of worthy brethren, their widows and orphans; and although true charity vaunteth not its acts, he thinks such acts of benevolence should be made known to the fraternity, that they may be duly appreciated and acknowledged.

After stating that peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction—that there is a highly improved moral condition in the lodges, and among the fraternity generally, the address closes with an eloquent appeal to the brethren to divest themselves of all political or religious prejudice, or, at least, to leave all such discordant elements without the door of the lodge.

The reports of the D. D. Grand Masters are interesting, and show that they have been faithful in the discharge of their duties—two dispensations for the formation of new lodges having been issued, and a large amount of local business transacted. All acknowledge the receipt of donations to assist in relieving the suffering and destitution in their districts. The total amount received is not stated, but it was all expended in the manner indicated by the donors. A munificent donation of \$1000 was received from M. W. Bro. I. T. Martin, of Kentucky, and in acknowledging it and other contributions to the same cause, R. W. Bro. J. E. Blackshear, D. Grand Master of the Fourth District, takes occasion to remark: “It is due to the parties who have made these contributions that I should notice them in this place, yet I blush to make the announcement, knowing that this Grand Lodge, with twelve thousand dollars locked up in her treasury, has herself made no provision whatever for the relief of her own suffering poor.” The remarks produced good fruit. The Grand Lodge appropriated \$5000 to be applied “either for the relief of phys-

ical suffering in the jurisdiction of the several subordinate lodges, or in assisting education in local schools," and it is especially provided "that this distribution shall be appropriated for the benefit of indigent widows and orphans of worthy brethren, members of subordinate lodges at the time of their death." Resolutions were also adopted tendering the thanks of the Grand Lodge "to all Masonic brethren, lodges and chapters that had in any way contributed to relieve the distress of the poor in Georgia."

R. W. Bro. W. W. Boyd, D. Grand Master of the Third District, in his report, regrets that the Georgia State Lottery had given offence to some of the brethren. In extenuation of his connection with it, he states that he had "been actuated by the purest motives that ever moved the heart of man," and knowing that two Masonic temples, at least, in the State had been erected by lotteries, without any objection by the Grand Lodge, he never, for one moment, thought that any one would object." Bro. Barry, in his report on Foreign Correspondence, fears that the official signature of Bro. Boyd to his lottery circulars has led to the erroneous impression that the lottery was recognized by the Grand Lodge. In controverting this, he attests to Bro. Boyd's integrity, and says so long as he manages the concern "it will be conducted upon the strictest principles of honesty," but adds, "should it fall into other hands, the iniquity of the lottery system will become apparent." In another place, commenting upon lotteries in general, he remarks:

Your committee are of the opinion that if the hitherto unsullied honor of our beloved order is to be bartered for "thirty pieces of silver"—if the purity of its character is to be blackened for the consideration of unholy gain, that a much more efficient, speedy and certain plan can be arranged than swindling by lotteries. Let each Grand Lodge establish, with a sufficient fund, a *faro bank*, appoint a skillful adept in the cheating and swindling department to manage it, and see that the profits are secured. In such institutions the dupes may see, to some extent, the *modus operandi* by which they are speedily fleeced, but are not kept in disturbing suspense as to their certainty of being defrauded and robbed.

To close this subject, we take pleasure in stating that the Grand Lodge adopted a resolution, disclaiming "all connection with the institution known as the Georgia State Lottery, for the benefit of the Masonic Orphans' Home."

One of the cases referred to the Committee on Grievances deserves particular notice. A Mason charged with gross unmasonic conduct, and the charge fully sustained by the testimony, was found guilty by his lodge and sentenced to be "reprimanded at some future period." The committee, after a careful examination of the evidence in the case, report:

Believing the punishment prescribed to be inadequate to the offence committed, we recommend that the said ——— be, and that he is hereby expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry. Furthermore, believing that Monroe Lodge No. 18, has, in the finding of such verdict, failed to sustain the dignity and character of the institution, and betrayed the trust reposed in her, (in the finding of the lodge in the trial referred to above,) we recommend that the charter of said lodge be, and that it is hereby forfeited, and that the property and effects of said lodge be turned over to competent brethren (to be appointed by the M. W. Grand Master,) to take charge of the same, until otherwise disposed of by order of the Grand Lodge.

The report and recommendations were adopted. Sharp, quick and decisive laying the axe to the root of the tree, in this manner, will have more effect than preaching a thousand homilies. There is too much laxity in Masonic trials. No matter how grave the offence committed, or how clearly the charge

is proven, Masonic charity is invoked in behalf of the offender. It is of no unfrequent occurrence that a brother of position and influence in the order is retained for the defence, who, forgetting the duty he owes to the fraternity, sinks the Mason in the lawyer, and resorts to legal quibbles and technicalities to benefit his client, not omitting an appeal to Masonic charity at the close of his peroration. This trickery—for it deserves no better name—and the specious plea of Masonic charity tend to defeat the ends of justice. If, after a fair trial, a brother is found guilty, Masonic charity teaches us to temper justice with mercy—nothing more—and when this principle is observed we do not favor appeals by the prosecution. But otherwise, when a lodge, through sympathy with the accused, fails to convict, or, after conviction, simply reprimands a brother who is a disgrace to the fraternity. In such a case, the lodge betrays the trust reposed in it, and the sooner its charter is arrested the better. Thus the honor and dignity of our institution will be vindicated, and its purity preserved.

A communication from an E. A., complaining that he had been refused advancement in his lodge, and claiming relief, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who reported that the Grand Lodge was "powerless" to grant relief. But it appearing that the lodge had entered the brother over one negative ballot, and that he was also in possession of the state of the ballot on his application for advancement, the committee recommended that the lodge "receive the sharp censure and reprimand of the Grand Lodge," for this violation of Masonic law and usage, and the recommendation was concurred in.

The Grand Lecturer, Bro. Geo. L. Barry, reports that he had visited 153 lodges, and states there is a decided improvement in the condition of the craft generally. More attention is now paid to the necessary qualifications of applicants; a newly awakened interest has manifested itself for the preservation of the cardinal principles of our institution, and a dissemination of the correct teaching of the duties which it enjoins and demands. We take pleasure in noticing this, as Bro. Barry's report at the previous annual communication showed there was much room for improvement both in the work and discipline of the subordinates. Now that they have entered upon a new career, we hope they will not weary in well-doing.

The Southern Masonic Female College is reported to be in a languishing condition. Two reasons are assigned: first, the impoverished condition of the country, and secondly, a want of general interest on the part of the fraternity, for with proper exertions on their part a sufficient number of pupils could have been obtained to make it self-sustaining. We are afraid this reason will always operate against the success of such institutions. The Grand Lodge, however, donated \$3000 to pay the president's salary and the necessary repairs upon the buildings and enclosures for the next year, on condition that the fees for tuition be made as low as practicable. A resolution was also adopted, requesting the subordinate lodges "to contribute the fee for initiating, passing and raising one candidate, each year, to the college, to be used in educating the daughters of indigent brethren, living and dead."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. Geo. L. Barry, and contains a short but fraternal notice of our proceedings for 1867. It is ably written and contains much that we approve, but we regret to state that it abounds with the same faults which characterized his previous effort.

The appendix contains the edicts, decisions, constitution and by-laws of the Grand Lodge, together with the ancient constitutions.

John Harris, M. W. Grand Master, and Simri Rose, R. W. Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

IDAHO.—A convention was held in Idaho City, December 16, 1867, at which four chartered lodges, viz: Idaho No. 35, Boise No. 37, Placer No. 38, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, and Pioneer No. 12, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory, were represented.

The Grand Lodge was duly formed. A constitution was adopted, and resolutions were passed declaring that one ballot, if clear, entitles the applicant to the three degrees; that no candidate shall be advanced until he has proved his proficiency by examination in open lodge, and prohibiting the holding of membership in more than one lodge at the same time. A charter was granted to Owyhee Lodge working under dispensation from the Grand Master of Oregon.

The formation of the Grand Lodge of Idaho puts at rest the controversy between the Grand Lodges of Oregon and Washington Territory, so far as the question of jurisdiction is concerned. We hope that a spirit of mutual conciliation and forbearance will put an end to the personal difficulties which the discussion has engendered, and restore fraternal relations between the two Grand Lodges.

George H. Coe was elected M. W. Grand Master, and P. E. Edmonson, R. W. Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.—The twenty-seventh annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Illinois was held in Springfield, October 1, 1867, Jerome R. Gorin, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and 402 lodges represented—session, two days.

The address of the Grand Master is a carefully prepared and business-like document. After expressing his gratitude to the Grand Architect of the Universe for the manifold blessings bestowed upon the craft, and for the peace and harmony which exist throughout his jurisdiction, he proceeds to render an account of his stewardship. Fifty-seven dispensations for the formation of new lodges had been issued during the year. Having been informed that a jeweler was in possession of a valuable gold Masonic jewel, which he had obtained from a soldier on his return from the South, the Grand Master, in behalf of his Grand Lodge, purchased it at the price demanded, \$53 75. It proved to be a jewel which had been presented by the Grand Lodge of South Carolina to R. W. Bro. Chas. Jones Colcock. Inquiries were instituted; it was ascertained that the brother was dead, but his family resided in Charleston, and the highly prized relic was forwarded to R. W. Bro. R. S. Bruns, Grand Secretary, to be returned to the rightful owner. Owing to the destitution existing in the South, the Grand Master deemed it his duty to address a circular to the subordinate lodges, "asking them to contribute, according as God had prospered them, towards the relief of the starving ones of the South." To this appeal many lodges and individuals responded promptly and nobly; many more would have done so had they been able, while a few individuals, and the Grand Master thanks God "very few," objected and refused to give anything "because, perhaps, they might keep some poor fellow-being from starvation who had participated in the late rebellion." He denounces such conduct as repugnant to every principle of humanity and a violation of

Masonic duty, because "Masonry teaches a charity which is neither narrow nor contracted—not confined to any sect or party, but as expansive as the "blue arch of heaven itself, and co-extensive with the boundaries of the world." The demise of Bros. Michael J. Noyes, Jonathan Young, Joseph R. Scroggs—members of the Grand Lodge—and Chas. R. Starkweather, a prominent Mason, is feelingly alluded to by M. W. Bro. Gorin. Appropriate resolutions were adopted, and mourning pages set apart to their memory. A laudable spirit has been evinced by the craft, in different portions of the State, in the erection of elegant Masonic Halls, and the Grand Master considers the halls of Blaney Lodge and Oriental Lodge, Chicago, as worthy of special notice. Of the last, he says it is finished in true oriental style, and is the finest and most magnificent hall he ever beheld. The corner-stones of a large number of public edifices, Masonic halls, etc., had been laid during the year, and everything indicates that Masonry is popular and prosperous in Illinois.

The display of Masonic emblems for advertising purposes and the meretricious use of Masonic jewelry are reprobated by the Grand Master, and he recommends that the former practice be prohibited, under penalty of expulsion. He complains that the matter of vouchments in lodges is greatly abused, and calls the special attention of all Masters and Wardens to the law of the Grand Lodge on the subject:

No visitor shall be permitted to sit in lodge until some brother, known as such, shall vouch in open lodge, or to the Master at the time of opening, that he has sat with him in open lodge; and, in addition to this, the vouching brother should be able to state in what degree he sat with him.

This is an excellent regulation, and one which should be enforced everywhere, on account of the evil consequences which would result from permitting the right of vouchment to be exercised indiscriminately. Every Master has solemnly promised that "no visitor shall be received in his lodge without due examination and producing proper vouchers of their having been initiated in a regular lodge," and the Master who permits a visitor to enter his lodge on the simple announcement "a brother vouched for," violates his installation vows. The name of the visitor and the lodge of which he is a member, as well as the name of the brother vouching for him, should always be given. Private examinations, except under very peculiar circumstances and by an experienced brother, should not be countenanced—the lodge-room is the proper place where the examination of a visitor should be conducted.

After some remarks upon the necessity of preserving inviolate the entire secrecy of the ballot, the Grand Master recommends that he be empowered to employ such assistance and take such steps as he may deem necessary to prepare a history of Masonry in Illinois. He states that a Grand Lodge was formed in the State in 1820, but that it became extinct in 1827. The records of the first lodge in the State, and a portion of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, are in the archives of the present Grand Body; a portion are wanting. When the Grand Lodge went down in 1827, charters were granted to the lodges by the Grand Lodges of Kentucky and Missouri. For several years after the formation of the present Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Missouri held jurisdiction over several lodges in the State, and had a District Deputy as late as 1846. Here is ample material for a valuable history, and, as the recommendations of the Grand Master were adopted, we may reasonably hope that the work will be prosecuted with vigor.

M. W. Bro. Gorin recommends that a registry be kept of the initiation, passing and raising of Masons, and their subsequent changes—as experience demonstrates the necessity of it. Such a registry is kept by our own and most other Grand Lodges, and we are surprised that the Grand Lodge of Illinois, with a membership almost equal to that of New York, should have dispensed with one so long. The manufacture and sale of “books in cypher” is still in operation, and the Grand Master recommends that any Mason engaging in the illegal traffic be expelled, and that lodges failing to perform their duty in this respect be disciplined. Referring to the complaints which have been made in relation to the infringement of Grand Lodge jurisdiction, he recommends the adoption of a regulation “declaring that all persons, properly residents of Illinois, who shall be initiated in any other Grand Lodge jurisdiction without proper consent, shall be regarded as clandestine,” and *non-intercourse* declared against the Grand Lodge in whose jurisdiction the offence is committed, until proper apology and redress is made. We are as much interested in this matter as our brethren in Illinois, but we cannot endorse the *dictum* of M. W. Bro. Gorin that Masons made in jurisdictions in which they are non-residents should be considered clandestine. Profanes cannot be expected to know the laws and customs of the fraternity, and if a profane, who is not a rejected candidate, receives the degrees of Freemasonry in a regularly constituted lodge, he is a regular made Mason, and entitled to recognition as such. The mere fact that he received the degrees in a jurisdiction of which he is a non-resident, does not of itself deprive him of his vested rights, or make him clandestine. But when a profane receives the degrees in a jurisdiction of which he is a non-resident, one of two things is evident: He either practiced a fraud upon the lodge, or the lodge knowingly violated the established laws of the order in receiving and acting upon his petition. If he practiced fraud upon the lodge, he should be expelled, “not for unamasonic conduct, but because the fraternity chose to rescind the compact they were induced to enter into by his fraud.” But in nine times out of ten, we believe the fault lies with the lodge in receiving and acting upon such petitions, if not knowingly, at least without making due inquiry. In such cases, if the proper Grand Lodge, on having the matter brought to its notice, fail or neglect to discipline its subordinate, let an edict of non-intercourse be issued and enforced—then, and not until then, we are afraid, will complaints on the subject cease.

The Grand Master endorses the action of the Grand Lodge of New York in denouncing lotteries, gift enterprises, and other kindred swindles. As the “jurisdiction is becoming too large to be under the successful control of one man,” he recommends that it be divided into twelve Masonic Districts, and D. D. Grand Masters appointed for each. For the purpose of securing harmony in the work of all the lodges, he recommends the appointment of a committee to prepare a “manual,” and thus banish from the jurisdiction “the horde of books, all in conflict with each other,” which now distract the labors of the craft. He closes his address with calling the attention of the Grand Lodge to the necessity of building a Grand Lodge Hall, “as the inconvenience of meeting in halls from year to year which have been built for other purposes, has been felt by all.”

The business transacted was of a local character. The committee on the Grand Master's address presented a report, endorsing his recommendations,

which was adopted. A special committee, to whom that portion of the address relating to a Grand Lodge Hall was referred, submitted a report, which recommended that the Grand Lodge proceed without delay to raise funds and make preparation to go on with the work of building. They also recommended that a fund of one hundred thousand dollars be raised from the subordinates in the following manner: five dollars upon each initiation, and one dollar on each Master Mason "subject to Grand Lodge dues," in addition to the present annual Grand Lodge dues. The whole subject was recommitted to the committee to report at the next annual communication. After an ineffectual attempt to change the location of the Grand Lodge from Springfield, to Chicago, to Peoria, and to Quincy, the first four officers of the Grand Lodge were constituted a committee to receive bids from the several cities desirous of the honor. This may be a very good way to reconcile conflicting interests; still it looks rather strange for either the interest or convenience of the craft to be put up at auction and disposed of to the highest bidder. M. W. Bro. Bromwell, from the Committee on Masonic Correspondence, presented a report on Bro. J. F. Brennan's translation of Rebold's "History of Freemasonry," which was adopted. So far as the work is historical, the committee regard it a valuable addition to the literature of Masonry, but condemn it as advocating a philosophical atheism. If the book is of such a dangerous character, the committee, in our opinion, would have acted more wisely had they not noticed it. There is a natural desire to read whatever is denounced, and this criticism on Bro. Rebold's work will do more to increase its sale and circulation than if the committee had not directed attention to it.

A lodge working in the German language petitioned for permission to receive and act upon petitions of Germans, unable to speak the English language, residing within the territorial limits of other lodges. The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom the petition was referred, reported that "every lodge has full and complete right to determine upon the qualifications of every applicant for Masonry living within its own territorial jurisdiction, whether the applicant speak one language or another, except in cases wherein several lodges are situated in the same town or city, in which case, concurrent jurisdiction is given to all;" and therefore they could see no good reason why the law and usage should be disturbed. The report was adopted, and the peace and harmony of the jurisdiction secured. The fees for the three degrees were increased from fifteen to twenty-five dollars. Resolutions were offered requiring that no candidate shall be admitted unless he has resided at least two years in the State and twelve months within the jurisdiction of the lodge to which he applies: also, that no petition for initiation shall be balloted on until it has been three months before the lodge; that no E. A. shall be passed in a less time than three months from his initiation, and no F. C. raised in less time than six months from his passing, unless by dispensation. These are amendments to the by-laws and lie over for one year, and, although there is no probability that such stringent regulations will be adopted, it is evident that the rapid increase in popularity and in membership of the fraternity in Illinois is viewed with apprehension by some of the brethren, who think it time to "whistle down the brakes."

An excellent oration on the moral and religious character of our institution was delivered by Rev. Bro. James I. Davidson.

W. Bro. John C. Bagby presented the report on Foreign Correspondence,



which notices the proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Lodges, and gives the New York report on European Grand Lodges entire. The proceedings of our own and several other Grand Lodges are disposed of in a few lines. The action of Grand Master Holmes, of New York, in making a Mason at sight, is thus referred to:

The action of the Grand Master was in accord with the law in New York, and the candidate unexceptionable. But we hope that such a case will never occur in the United States again, and that every Grand Lodge will enact regulations to prevent it. It is a matter fraught with danger, liable to abuses; and when it is asserted that this dangerous power in the hands of unscrupulous and bold men must be exerted in order to bring the prerogative to the surface, we think it time to protest against it.

M. W. Bro. Guilbert was present at the annual communication of 1866. In his report to the Grand Lodge of Iowa in 1867, instead of confining himself to a review of the printed proceedings of Illinois, he "told tales out of school." The committee quote his remarks *in extenso*, and accuse Bro. Guilbert of a "want or absence of good breeding and Masonic comity." We hope the matter will be settled without a further resort to personalities, for, as the committee remark, "if the matter of correspondence cannot be prosecuted with dignity, courtesy, good temper, and mutual respect, it had better cease altogether."

Jerome R. Gorin, M. W. Grand Master, and Harman G. Reynolds, R. W. Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

INDIANA.—The fifty-first annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Indiana was held at Indianapolis, May 26, 1868, Harvey G. Hazelrigg, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and 363 lodges represented—session, three days.

The prominent feature of the pamphlet is the address of the Grand Master. It is a plain, out-spoken document, exhibiting vigor of thought, discriminative ability, and occasionally a vein of good-humored satire. After congratulating the craft on the advent of the annual communication, M. W. Bro. Hazelrigg alludes to the regulation of his Grand Lodge which requires the Grand Master to perform the duties generally assigned to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Several of these committees, it seems, have asked the question why our brethren of Indiana do not abolish their committee of that name, as they make no report on the subject. In reply M. W. Bro. Hazelrigg, while he takes no exceptions to those who prefer the other course, "being perfectly willing that they shall regulate their domestic affairs in their own way," considers it more appropriately the duty of the Grand Master to communicate to the Grand Lodge the transactions of sister Grand Bodies, "so far as he may think it important to the interests of the craft." He believes the Grand Master is as competent as the chairman of any committee to judge what is important, and thinks the practice of Masonry, in this respect, should correspond with that of the civil government of the country in which it exists. In the United States, he says, it is "through the principal officer (the President) of our civil government, that information as to its connections and transactions with other governments are derived;" and hence his Grand Lodge conforms to the practice. The subject is governed by local regulations and requires no comment, at the same time we may remark that most Grand Masters find the duties of their office sufficiently onerous, without the addition of those devolving upon the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Having explained his position, M. W. Bro. Hazelrigg acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Lodges, our own for 1868 included. After paying his compliments to the "legal wise-acres" of the Committees on Foreign Correspondence, who have commented on the peculiar legislation of his Grand Lodge, and arriving at the sage conclusion "that it is a useless effort to try to please everybody," he proceeds to notice the principal topics which have elicited discussion. Inquiring into "the powers and prerogatives of Grand Masters," he incidentally considers the question "what are the ancient landmarks?" The different opinions entertained on this point by Masonic writers is noted, and he considers the following—first published by Bro. J. W. S. Mitchell—"as near a correct definition of the unchangeable laws of Masonry as we have:"

1st.—The boundaries set up as checks to innovation. 2d.—Those peculiar marks of distinction by which Masons are separated from the profane, and by which they are enabled to designate their inheritance as Sons of Light. 3d.—Those immemorial laws which have been handed down from age to age, and from generation to generation, no one knowing when they originated, and no one having a right to alter or change them, but all being bound by a fair and liberal interpretation of them.

Admitting the difficulty of having this question definitely settled, he says that "after a close and laborious examination of all the old constitutions, charges, regulations and landmarks," he cannot find one word about making Masons at sight, and is therefore forced to the conclusion "that such a power *does not now, nor ever did exist*, except when given by the Grand Lodge itself, from which the Grand Master derived his office." But "not believing that Grand Lodges are omnipotent," he very correctly questions their competency to grant such a power, when their relation to the subordinate lodges is considered. A Mason made anywhere but in a regularly organized lodge is, in his opinion, a "clandestine made Mason," and he closes his very able argument on this question by saying:

Grand Masters doubtless are possessed of large and extensive powers, but making "Masons at sight" is not one of them. Since 1717, and I suppose before, they have just such powers as are conferred upon them by law, and I doubt whether any more; they can't exist in this country without a Grand Lodge—they are made by them, and from them, the general regulations and ancient landmarks, they derive their authority, and nowhere else. They can neither make nor abrogate a law, unless they are authorized by the law itself to dispense with it, and where this power is not given it can't be exercised; thus, when the regulation of 1721 declared that no man could be made a Mason in any lodge (and he can be made in no other place) without due notice being given, it also provided that the Grand Master might dispense with this due notice; but the very next regulation declares that no man can be made a Mason without the unanimous consent of all the members present, and that the unanimity could not be dispensed with: and so sacred have we in this jurisdiction held this doctrine of unanimity, that we forbid the making while a single member objects, whether present or not, if he makes his objection known. It is of all ideas the most absurd to suppose that he, who is under the most solemn obligation not only to obey the law himself, but also to see that others do so too, can dispense with that obedience. The power to dispense with a law can only be done in pursuance of law; and where no provision is made for that purpose, there is no power. The obligation to obey the landmarks is no greater than that to obey the laws and edicts of the Grand Lodge—they are one and the same.

The question of appeal from the decision of the Grand Master is next considered, and he remarks:

I suppose it is generally conceded that there is a right of appeal from the decision of a Grand Master to the Grand Lodge, at least I know of no Grand Lodge where it is not practiced. The Grand Master makes decisions in vacation, reports them to the Grand Lodge, and it either affirms or reverses them as to it may seem right. If it is proper to reverse or affirm his decision made in vacation, it is equally so to act upon those made in term time, and an appeal is one way of getting the decision of a presiding officer to the body over which he presides. While some hold that the Grand Master exercises the power of the Grand Lodge in vacation, I believe none claim so high a prerogative for him while the Grand Lodge itself is in session.

Thus far we agree with Grand Master Hazelrigg. These remarks, however, only serve as an introduction to an argument in favor of permitting an appeal from the decision of the W. Master to his lodge in all cases except in the ceremonial work of the lodge. It is unnecessary to examine the argument advanced, for it is a settled doctrine in Masonic law that there can be no appeal from the decision of the Master to the lodge itself. The Master is supreme, and governs his lodge according to his will and pleasure. For his own acts and the good conduct of his lodge he is responsible to the Grand Lodge, therefore to permit the lodge to overrule his decision or control his authority would not only be unjust, but subversive of one of the cardinal usages of our institution.

Considerable space is devoted to a defence of the regulations of his Grand Lodge permitting Masters and Wardens to resign, and providing for the trial of W. Masters by their own lodges. No new argument is advanced in support of this violation of Masonic law, and we fail to see either the "propriety" or the "expediency" of such anomalous legislation.

Grand Master Hazelrigg notices the action of the Masonic Board of Relief at San Francisco and our Relief Lodge in granting relief to persons hailing from Indiana, and on the recommendation of the committee to whom the subject was referred the Grand Secretary was instructed to obtain from these bodies the name of the lodge to which the parties relieved severally belonged; he is then to transmit the information obtained to the lodge with a recommendation to reimburse the party furnishing the relief, "provided the lodge is satisfied that said relief was worthily bestowed."

There is a quiet humor in the following extract which will be relished by all who desire to see ancient craft Masonry kept free from entangling alliances:

In some locations there is a great penchant for an accumulation of degrees. Their name, although not legion, yet there is a goodly batch of them. I can but smile when I recollect in my early Masonic days, of hearing talk of Knights of Constantinople, Secret Monitor, Heroine of Juno, Confidence Degrees, Mason's Daughter, Sister, Mother, Eastern Star, and who knows how many more—in none of which do I suppose there is one particle of ancient craft Masonry; if there is it has clandestinely got there. I hope none of the brethren will ask if I have taken all these so-called degrees, and to keep them from it I will say in advance that I have seen some of them communicated. There is in ancient craft Masonry, and that is what we profess, but three degrees, and as an organized body of such, we can recognize but them. Should I be asked what is that about which our Grand Lodge has legislated so much, called the Past Master's degree, I would say that as a Master Mason I neither do nor can know any thing about it, unless it is the fact of having been duly elected and presided over a lodge of Master Masons. If this is it, and I presume it is as we can only know it, then, if experience is worth any thing, I ought, at least, to know something of it, having for twenty-three years and a half consecutively presided over a subordinate lodge, and, during a part of the time, three years over a Grand Lodge; but I am now by the legislation of our Grand

Lodge, happily relieved from presiding over a subordinate lodge, never having been elected and installed a Warden; I hope, however, that that won't render me obnoxious to the charge of being a clandestine Past Master, for I took that degree in a just and lawful convocation of Past Masters. In one or two Grand Lodges they have a Past Grand Master's degree; as a degree I know nothing about it, nor do I know who does. In some jurisdictions, from the array of capital letters following the names of some of the Grand Officers, we might fear that there was another litter of new-fangled degrees, just come or coming from some hot-bed of imagination, that is as productive of novelties, as well in Masonry as in any other science; but as it is a part of my nature, and which I have always cultivated, never to presume an impropriety unless I have strong evidence of its existence, I have, therefore, sought for some Masonic meaning that might be attached to these letters. One attaches to his name the letters M. D., which we may readily conclude stands for Master's Degree; another, D. D., that might do for two or Double Degrees; another, LL. D., this will do for Lawful Lodge Degree, in contradistinction to clandestine degrees; but when I come to the figures I give it up; there is too much of it; some have 32 with a little " attached to their names, some 33 with the same character attached. Now, a teacher in geography in our common schools would, perhaps, tell his pupil that it stood for degrees of latitude or longitude, but this can't be its meaning in the proceedings of a lodge of ancient craft Masons, for I find it attached in the proceedings of lodges located in different degrees both of latitude and longitude. It can't mean degrees taken in a lodge of ancient craft Masons, for that is a good many more than the "oldest inhabitant," in the old latitude and longitude of Masonry ever heard of; but if, after all, it is merely a display of taste, we, having no right to say a word, will keep silent, only suggesting that there are other places where it would be more appropriate for an exhibition simply of taste than in a Masonic Lodge. How lovely, and to be admired is the good old fashioned ancient craft Masonry; it needs no curls, bibs, tucks, flounces, primps, starch or paint to commend it to the love, support and admiration of the good and the true the world over in all ages and countries.

On the subject of the physical qualifications of candidates, M. W. Bro. Hazelrigg maintains that the term "making" upon which so much stress has been laid in certain quarters, is not restricted to the making of an E. A., but, applies with equal force to the making of an F. C. or an M. M. He advocates a strict adherence to the old rules of our institution, and very correctly says: "We were never able to even conjecture how you could practically teach Masonry to a one-legged, or one-armed candidate, or how he could teach it to others." In regard to the *grand representative system*, he thinks if it were properly carried out it would be of great advantage to the craft. He says, "a representative of one Grand Lodge at or near another, should perform in Masonry, to a great extent, similar duties as performed by the representatives from one civil government to another." The system originated in this country with the Grand Lodge of New York, and its friends claimed that it would accomplish the object here stated. In practice, however, all official correspondence between the different Grand Lodges is conducted through the Grand Secretary, and the appointment of a grand representative is a mere matter of courtesy, and the office "an empty honor."

The following remarks of Grand Master Hazelrigg are so conservative and well-timed, that we present them in full:

The subject of making Masons of a certain class of our population, might be made a disturbing element of no mean proportions in the Masonic family, if it could be moved by a few who are ambitious of being considered wise in advance, or "above what is written;" but I have an abiding faith in the Masonic prudence of the present generation, that they will not permit themselves to be carried headlong and with their eyes open into a maelstrom, the effect of which no one can foresee, when it is so much safer and easier to keep

out than it is to get in it. It will be time enough to meet this question when the necessity presents itself: it certainly don't present itself now. Let future generations settle their own difficulties, by the light that may be before them at that time. None of us are wise enough to know now what we would do a century hence, if we were permitted to continue here that long. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." There are other questions about which differences of opinion are entertained, and upon them the most learned may exhaust their skill and talents without affecting the peace and harmony of the Universal Brotherhood in the slightest degree. But this question cannot now be investigated, much less discussed, without producing feelings and alienations that would very materially disturb the friendly relations at present existing between the Grand Lodges of the United States. Then, as there is no necessity for the examination of this or any other question, so far in advance of its day, it is hoped that it will not be lugged in simply for the sake of variety, or opening a field for the bandying of words; there is in it but little space for the display of either learning or taste.

In rendering an account of his stewardship, M. W. Bro. Hazelrigg states that he had settled several cases of grievance, which for want of time at the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge had been referred to him for adjudication and settlement. In consequence of the increasing number of such cases annually brought before the Grand Lodge, and the limited time at its disposal, he suggests that the appropriate committee should meet a few days before each annual communication, and, after examining the cases referred to them, report their decisions to the Grand Lodge, with such a statement of the facts in each case as will enable the Grand Lodge to act knowingly and satisfactorily, not only to itself but also to the parties. His remarks, "the adoption of this course would certainly very much abridge the labors of the Grand Lodge, and frequently save it from the mortifying reflection of having, in its great anxiety to get through its business, not only violated its own laws, but often done irreparable injury to parties." The Grand Lodge adopted the recommendation, and extended it to the Committee on Chartered Lodges and Lodges U. D., who are hereafter to meet one week before each annual communication.

Twenty-two dispensations for the formation of new lodges were issued by the Grand Master during the year. He arrested the charter of a lodge which had initiated a candidate minus a leg, and correctly remarks that in such cases the "punishment should be commensurate to the offence. If forfeited rights and privileges are restored upon slight and trivial grounds, we cease to have any guarantee for the faithful observance of and obedience to our laws." The Grand Lodge, however, restored the charter.

He reports one decision. The question was asked: What is the status of a member of a Lodge, who was suspended one year for the non-payment of dues, at the expiration of the twelve months, and if the dues for the non-payment of which he had been suspended could be collected? He decided that the brother at the expiration of the time was in as perfect affiliation as before the sentence, and that the dues could not be collected. We concur with Grand Master Hazelrigg that a definite suspension for the non-payment of dues is a novelty in Masonic practice, but the lodge is bound by its own act, and must submit to the consequences.

M. W. Bro. Hazelrigg considers it important that the compilation of the history of Masonry in Indiana should be deferred no longer, and resolutions were adopted empowering the Grand Master to select a competent person, and report upon what terms he would undertake the work. He recommends

Mitchell's History of Masonry to the favorable consideration of the craft; and alludes to the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, as owing to the reduction of the dues from the subordinate lodges the income falls short of the expenditures, making it necessary to draw upon the hitherto accumulated funds, which should have been reserved for the improvement of the Masonic Hall. The building is almost untenable, and he states that the Trustees had failed "to modernize and repair it," as instructed at the previous communication. We judge from the report of the Trustees that they construed the word "remodel" as equivalent to "rebuild," as they obtained plans and estimates for that purpose. This plan would have entailed an expense of \$80,000, but it did not meet the approbation of the Grand Lodge, and the Trustees were directed to make such repairs as would keep the present building in a tenable condition.

The demise of P. G. M. Isaac Bartlett and P. G. M. Eleazer Malone is noticed in appropriate terms, after which, thanking the brethren for the uniform kindness received at their hands, and congratulating them on the prosperity of the craft throughout the jurisdiction, he closes his address by declining a re-election.

P. Grand Master J. W. S. Mitchell, of Missouri, and Grand Master Howard Matthews, of Ohio, were present during the session, and were both elected honorary members of the Grand Lodge. A large amount of business was transacted, but with the exception of that already noticed it possesses no general interest.

Martin H. Rice was elected M. W. Grand Master and John M. Bramwell, R. W. Grand Secretary—R. W. Bro. William Hacker declining a re-election.

IOWA.—The twenty-fifth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa was held at Des Moines, June 2, 1868, Reuben Mickel, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and 131 lodges represented—session, three days.

The Grand Master's address is a clear business-like statement of his official doings. "Peace and plenty and a degree of prosperity almost unparalleled in the history of the past" prevail throughout his jurisdiction. He had issued twenty-one dispensations for the formation of new lodges, several Masonic halls had been dedicated and the corner-stones of a number of public buildings laid by the craft. Referring to the hundreds of letters received by him, asking his opinion or decision upon some points which could have been readily solved by a reference to the constitution and by-laws of the Grand Lodge, he regrets that, in his tour of visitation, he found many of the lodges apparently destitute "of either the book of constitutions, proceedings of the Grand Lodge, Grand Lodge by-laws, or even printed by-laws of their own lodge." As three copies of the constitution, etc., are forwarded to each new lodge along with its dispensation, and the proceedings are regularly furnished to all lodges, he says:

These should be kept in the lodge room ready for inspection or examination by every brother seeking Masonic information, and not carried away and placed in some brother's private library. They are the property of the lodge and should be kept where they may be obtained whenever desired.

Four schools of instruction were held during the year, at three of which Grand Master Mickel was present; he also visited a large number of the subordinates, and reports having found the craft earnestly and zealously devoted

to the cause of Masonry, and in many instances exhibiting a commendable *zeal* in the erection and furnishing of commodious and suitable lodge rooms. He recommends the "Evergreen," a Masonic monthly published at Dubuque, and edited by P. G. Master Guilbert, to the patronage of the craft, and notices in appropriate terms the death of P. G. Junior Warden, J. L. Corse. In alluding to the great popularity of our institution, and the consequent necessity to exercise the utmost caution in the admission of candidates, M. W. Bro. Mickel remarks:

Let us remember that at the present time our every word and act are closely scrutinized by most active, vigilant and earnest enemies of Masonry, anxious for even a straw on which to base their wicked, slanderous persecutions. Our best defence and protection against their attacks is to purify our order by purifying our lodges of the unworthy, and carefully guarding the outer door, so that none but those whose daily lives are a guarantee of honor and uprightness can gain admission. The *motives* of each applicant should be closely scrutinized, and his character and standing carefully investigated. It is not enough that no one knows any evil of him. He should possess positive and affirmative qualities of goodness and influence, such as tend to raise him in the scale of life. The external qualifications of "worldly wealth or honor" should never be considered for a moment, when the internal qualifications of mind and heart, of truth, honesty and uprightness before God and man, are wanting. The destiny of our institution rests entirely in the hands of the fraternity itself, and we have more to fear from our own errors within than from the attacks of those without.

Appended to the address, we have the reported decisions of the Grand Master, all of which were concurred in by the Grand Lodge. In regard to Masonic trials we notice the following remark, which cannot be too often or too forcibly impressed upon Masters of lodges:

The grand object of a Masonic trial is to ascertain the truth without extenuation or exaggeration, and every facility should be given to discover the truth of the allegations without regard to any mere technicalities or quibbles of law.

The Grand Secretary calls attention in his report to donations granted to applicants from Iowa by the San Francisco Board of Relief. The subject was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and its chairman, P. G. Master Guilbert, presented an able report, in which, after an examination of the cases relieved, the committee come to the conclusion that the Grand Lodge is not bound "to refund any moneys advanced to unaffiliated Masons, or to the widows and orphans of such brethren," and therefore recommend that only the sum of twenty-five dollars be paid to the San Francisco Board of Relief, *in part* to cancel their obligations to that magnificent charity for the courtesies extended to regularly affiliated members of subordinate lodges in their jurisdiction. They further recommend

That in future all questions of this character which may come before this Grand Lodge be referred to the recognized representatives of the Grand Lodge whose subordinate Boards of Relief have thus nobly responded to applications for aid which have been made by Masons from Iowa; and that these representatives be requested to conduct the correspondence which may ensue. We believe such to be a legitimate duty of these representatives, who ought, by the terms of their appointment, and in view of the theory of the representative system, which has been recognized by our Grand Lodge, to be made *useful* instead of merely *ornamental* appendages of the Grand Lodges by whose authority they have been made "ministers plenipotentiary" to our Grand Lodge.

The committee notice the action of Louisiana Relief Lodge in relieving Ma-

sons hailing from Iowa during the year, and recommend that P. G. Master Hartsock, our representative to the Grand Lodge of Iowa, be requested to correspond with their representative at our Grand East on the subject, and if satisfied to refund the amount.

The report and recommendations were adopted. We cordially endorse the views expressed in regard to grand representatives; it was for such purposes, and not for show, the system was instituted.

In the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted, we find the following

*Query*—Has a lodge in another Grand Lodge jurisdiction the right to try and discipline a member of a lodge in this jurisdiction? *Answer*—No. If he has rendered himself obnoxious to discipline, it is the business of the lodge within whose jurisdiction the offence was committed, to send to that member's own lodge charges, specifications and proofs of wrong, and it would then be the duty of our subordinate to proceed to try the brother in accordance with our regulations.

We dissent from this decision. While a Mason is amenable to the lodge of which he is a member for his conduct, we hold that he is also subject to the penal jurisdiction of the lodge within whose geographical jurisdiction he resides. Both lodges exercise concurrent jurisdiction over him, and he may be charged and tried before either. Courtesy may dictate that, when a brother is guilty of unmasonic conduct, the complaint should be presented to his own lodge—if it is within a reasonable distance. This, however, is a matter of courtesy and not of right, and may be given or not at the discretion of the lodge. Cases may arise in which the honor and reputation of our institution would suffer, if the courtesy were extended. The law of Masonry in this respect, is similar to the law of the land—geographical jurisdiction confers authority to take cognizance of all offences, and legalizes the proceedings.

In connection with this, the question is asked: How is a lodge to obtain redress from a lodge in another jurisdiction, which tries and convicts one of its members "in good standing," and refuses to reinstate him on the request of his lodge? The committee answer: "Complain to the Grand Lodge of Iowa, stating the facts, which will take cognizance of the case, and protect its own members." We are not certain that we fully understand this answer. So far as we know the only mode by which a sentence of suspension or expulsion can be reversed is by appeal. In cases of this character the appeal does not lie to the Grand Lodge of Iowa, but to the Grand Lodge in whose jurisdiction the brother is tried and convicted, for it alone can investigate matters or redress grievances arising within its own territory and in one of its own subordinates.

Although the business transacted was principally of a local character, we may notice that the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was recognized and welcomed into the "Republic of American Grand Lodges." The subject of the location and erection of a Masonic Temple for Grand Lodge purposes engaged considerable attention. A plan was proposed locating it at Des Moines, which very properly was laid over until the next annual communication, in order that the subordinates might have time to consider the subject and vote understandingly upon it. During the session the Grand Lodge laid the corner-stone of the U. S. Court House and Post Office, and P. G. Master Guilbert delivered an address suitable to the occasion. The Masons and Masons' wives of Des Moines extended an invitation to the Grand Lodge to participate



in a "Strawberry re-union"—whatever that may be—which was accepted, and we have no doubt they had a good time generally. The annual address was delivered by the Grand Orator, Bro. A. B. Kendig; it is given in the appendix and repays perusal.

P. G. Master Guilbert made a statement relative to the report on Foreign Correspondence, and read some extracts therefrom, and the report, when completed, was ordered to be printed. We regret that it has not yet reached our table, and that Bro. Guilbert has not been reappointed on the committee.

The proceedings are got up in the usual handsome style and are adorned with a fine steel engraved portrait of Grand Master Mickel. The statistical tables prepared by the Grand Secretary, Bro. T. S. Parvin, are full and complete—and reflect credit upon his efficiency.

Reuben Mickel, M. W. Grand Master, and T. S. Parvin, R. W. Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

KANSAS.—The twelfth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Kansas was held in Leavenworth, October 15, 1867, M. S. Adams, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and thirty-seven lodges represented—session, four days.

The address of the Grand Master is a carefully prepared and methodically arranged paper. He recommends the Grand Lodge to decide "what work" shall be the standard, and the appointment of a Board of Custodians to disseminate it among the lodges. While a correct knowledge of the ritual is considered important, the Grand Master does not think it should be the limit of a Mason's ambition. He says:

It is the duty of every Master of a lodge to be able, not only to confer the degrees of ancient craft Masonry correctly, according to the standard adopted by the Grand Lodge, but he should also be versed in Masonic history, and capable of explaining to the brethren the meaning of the various symbols connected with those degrees; and, above all, he ought so to live, that his example, when contemplated aright, may be the means of leading the brethren into a clearer view of the attributes of Deity, and of their duties both to Him and to their fellow men.

He recommends the formation of lodge libraries, as a means of diffusing Masonic light and information among the craft. An excellent suggestion. Masons, as a class, do not read enough, or pay that attention to the literature of our order which its importance demands. "There is no royal road to geometry," said Euclid over two thousand years ago, and the remark is as true to-day as when first uttered. No man can become a "bright Mason" unless he is conversant with the history, traditions and jurisprudence of our institution. This knowledge can only be acquired by patient research and study—it is not to be found in "Monitors" or "Trestle Boards." Yet, strange as it may appear, the great mass of the fraternity know no more of the literature of Masonry than what is contained in these primers. We have known more than one Master of a lodge in this category, and, in our opinion, no better mode of dispelling this worse than Egyptian darkness can be devised than the formation of lodge libraries.

During the year, Grand Master Adams had issued seventeen dispensations for the formation of new lodges. He notices in feeling terms the death of P. G. M. Jacob Saqui; appropriate resolutions were adopted, and a mourning page is inscribed with his name and virtues. Petitions to dispense with the

physical qualifications of candidates had been received, but in every instance refused. The applications for dispensations to confer the degrees and to do work contrary to the general regulations were numerous, and although the Grand Master is opposed to them on principle, he granted five dispensations for this purpose under peculiar circumstances. One of these was to confer the F. C. and Master's degrees upon an E. A. who had come several hundred miles to receive these degrees in the lodge in which he had been initiated. He recommends caution in the examination of visitors, and hopes that hereafter no dispensation will be solicited, "until the brethren have obtained a hall fit for Masonic gatherings, where the true craftsmen can work without danger, and rest without exposure." Among the decisions reported by M. W. Bro. Adams is one declaring it improper to confer any of the degrees upon more than one candidate at a time. To the question whether a negro lodge, organized "under a dispensation from some Grand Lodge outside of this State, is clandestine," he replied:

Any lodge of Master Masons within the State of Kansas, not holding a charter or dispensation from the Grand Lodge of this State, or Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, must be held and regarded as a clandestine or spurious lodge, the members of which can be regarded only as profanes.

The other decisions either reiterated some well established principle of Masonic law, or were in accordance with local regulations—and all were concurred in by the Grand Lodge.

The business transacted was of a local character. The Committee on Grievances reported that the Grand Lodge of New York had made reparation for one of its subordinates trespassing upon the rights of a lodge in Kansas. A new constitution was adopted. The "ancient Webb work" was exemplified, adopted, and a Board of Custodians appointed to disseminate the same by holding lodges of instruction. Resolutions were passed expressive of the heartfelt sympathy extended to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the severe loss it had sustained in the death of Grand Master Goddard. Several communications were received, asking aid for poor and distressed lodges and brethren in the South; but, owing to the unfavorable condition of the finances of the Grand Lodge, no action was had thereon.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of R. W. Bro. E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary. It is a brief, but courteous, review of the proceedings of thirty-three Grand Lodges, our own for 1867 included.

M. S. Adams, M. W. Grand Master, and E. T. Carr, R. W. Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

KENTUCKY.—The annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky was held in Louisville, October 21, 1867, I. T. Martin, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and 359 lodges represented—session, five days.

The Grand Master reports that harmony and peace exist throughout his jurisdiction, and, alluding to the popularity of our institution, says:

The year now drawing to a close has been one of unexampled activity among the craft, and our numbers have been added to with fearful rapidity.

We have been led to look with alarm upon the rapid increase. This is not a democracy; not intended for the million; but for a select body of men; gathered up from the masses, because of their high moral worth and integrity of character. Men, among whom all can feel that in each of this band he has a friend and brother on whom he can lean with the fullest confidence.

It should be the duty of every Mason to see that no one enters the door of

our mystic temple, unless he is a man in the full Masonic acceptance of the term. It should be remembered, too, by every Mason that when the man is admitted to our order that he not only becomes his brother, but the brother of every other Mason also.

We do not want members; they already encircle the world. Then why add a link to our chain unless it is a golden link? We surely do not want money, and if we do, can we afford to barter away the privileges of our sacred order? Let us then, brethren, guard well the outer door of our mystic temple.

He suggests the propriety of making a rule for the government of subordinate lodges requiring the suspension of all members who are one year in arrears for lodge dues; and that not less than thirty dollars should be charged for the three degrees. He reports the finances of the Grand Lodge in a healthy condition, and calls attention to the evils of non-affiliation, estimating one-half of the Masons "as demitted and as drones in the great Masonic hive." He commends to the favorable consideration of the craft an association, which has obtained a charter from the legislature, for the erection and endowment of a "Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home," and refers to his active exertions in raising funds for the relief of the suffering and destitution prevailing in the South at the time of his entering upon the term of his office. He visited Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama, and a part of Mississippi to ascertain the extent of the destitution, and to determine the best mode of distributing funds to alleviate the distress then prevailing. As his call for aid was made at a time of much prejudice and excitement, he sent some of his circulars to other jurisdictions, and received liberal responses. In alluding to this, he beautifully remarks:

It shows us the true Mason will hear the cry of distress which misfortune and want wrings from the widow and orphan, regardless of sectional prejudice. It shows us the true Mason who has imbibed the spirit and tendency of Masonry, rises above the passions and prejudices which cloud the vision of mankind in general, and enables him to drink from the pure fountain of brotherly love, and to feel that he is drawn to the Celestial Lodge above, by one of the strongest cords with which God has attached us to his throne.

Grand Master Martin issued twenty-one dispensations for the formation of new lodges during the year, and, in closing his address, calls attention to the custom of his Grand Lodge, which limits the Grand Mastership to a single term. He thinks the practice generally adopted by the subordinate lodges, of keeping a good Master in office as long as he is willing to serve, should be followed in the Grand Lodge. This suggestion, and we consider it an excellent one, was made from a sense of duty, Bro. Martin's health precluding the idea of his being a candidate for re-election. Rotation in office is not calculated to benefit the craft. The better rule is to keep an efficient and faithful officer in place as long as possible, and to get rid of an incompetent one at the earliest possible moment.

Resolutions were introduced for the purpose of dividing the jurisdiction into two independent Grand Lodges. The proposition was not favorably entertained—being "laid on the table" by a vote of 264 to 46.

The committee on that portion of the Grand Master's address in relation to unaffiliated Masons, submitted the following, which was adopted:

All unaffiliated Masons who shall have remained so for a period of twelve months after their dimitt from their respective lodges, shall be divested of the following rights, viz: The right of Masonic burial, the right to walk in Masonic processions, and the right to visit any one lodge more than three times,

unless such non-affiliated Masons shall have good and sufficient reasons, of which the lodge under whose jurisdiction they reside shall determine, (subject to appeal to this Grand Lodge,) in which event said lodges may re-invest them temporarily or permanently, at their discretion. All Masons unaffiliated at the adoption of this resolution shall have twelve months in which to affiliate with some lodge.

During the session, Grand Master Hazelrigg, of Indiana, visited the Grand Lodge, and was received with appropriate honors.

The Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. J. M. McCorkle, submitted an able report on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Lodges in a fraternal and courteous manner. Our own for 1867 receive favorable mention; he reproduces and indorses Grand Master Perkins' remarks on the secrecy of the ballot, and gives a fair synopsis of our doings. He holds, with us, that an installed officer cannot resign, and that he cannot dimit until his successor has been duly elected and installed. In regard to lodges under dispensation, he looks upon the whole matter as a question of policy, and concedes that every Grand Lodge has a right to prescribe the terms and conditions upon which the Grand Master may grant such dispensations. He gives the rule of his own Grand Lodge as follows:

In Kentucky, every lodge under dispensation is authorized to do any and every act that a chartered lodge is capable of doing, except that it cannot elect its three principal officers. It is entitled to be represented in the Grand Lodge, also, like any other lodge.

We hold, also, that the Master of a lodge under dispensation, appointed as he is by the Grand Master, has a right to be installed and to receive the degree of P. M., as an adjunct to his office. We see no difficulty in the Master of a lodge under dispensation, appointed by the Grand Master, but in reality nominated by the petitioners, answering the questions and assuming the obligations in that degree just as well as if he had been elected by the same persons.

The powers of lodges under dispensation have received considerable attention and discussion of late, but we look upon the subject as one which is entirely governed by local regulations. So far as we know, Kentucky alone grants representation to such lodges, and we do not agree with Bro. McCorkle that their Masters have a right to be installed.

Bro. Gouley, of Missouri, having commented upon the mode of balloting practiced in Kentucky, Bro. McCorkle gives the following from the constitution of his Grand Lodge:

All balloting for membership shall be done in a Master Mason's lodge, but each lodge is authorized to regulate, in its own by-laws, the manner of voting upon petitions for initiation and advancement—the ballot for the first degree being spread in a lodge of Entered Apprentices or Master Masons, and that for the second degree in a lodge of Fellow Crafts or Master Masons, at the discretion of the lodge.

This, also, is a matter of local regulation, and he adds: "We do these things differently here in Kentucky from what you do in Missouri. We are not quite so deeply inoculated with the *virus* of the Baltimore Convention as you are, though, to our sorrow, we must confess, we have enough of it, and indeed too much." Commenting upon the making of a Mason "at sight" by Grand Master Holmes, of New York, he dissents from this so-called prerogative, and denies that a Grand Master, because he is a Grand Master, and by virtue of his office alone, possesses any such right. He says:

We know that the existence of this prerogative in every Grand Master has been frequently asserted, but it has also been frequently denied. There was

no Grand Master in existence in England in 1717, when the four London lodges met at the Apple Tree Tavern, and determined to form a Grand Lodge. When they elected Bro. Anthony Sayre their Grand Master, did he possess that prerogative? If he did, how did he become possessed of it? It was certainly not conferred on him by the four lodges, and they had no power to do so, and the General Regulations of 1721 do not hint at any such right. We think the practice an evil one to say the least of it, and, in our opinion, it ought to be discontinued.

In reply to the Oregon committee, he discusses the question of the present status of the E. A. Notwithstanding its length, we reproduce it for the information of the younger members of our fraternity:

The brother seems to be ignorant that only about twenty-five years ago, throughout the whole United States, all lodges, as they still do in England, Scotland and Ireland, and we believe on the Continent of Europe, made the Entered Apprentice's lodge the place where all the lodge business was transacted,—petitions for initiation and membership presented and voted on,—appropriations of money made and elections of officers held, in all which Entered Apprentices were as much entitled to vote as Master Masons, but they could not themselves be elected to office for obvious reasons. Then the lodge was only opened in the Fellow Craft and Master's degrees for the purpose of work, or for trials of those who were of those degrees. And it all worked smoothly enough. But most unfortunately, a Convention was gotten up in Baltimore about 1843, in which only a few Grand Lodges were represented, where, among other things, it was resolved that all business thenceforth should be done in a lodge of Master Masons; and this innovation, for it was an innovation, has gradually spread until we now find the doctrine proclaimed that an Entered Apprentice is in reality no Mason at all, or at best an *inchoate* Mason—the ward of the lodge—a child in Masonry, in short a kind of sucking Mason, we presume, who is to be fed on Masonic pap until he reaches maturity in the shape of a Master Mason. And we are also gravely told now that “the usages of Masonry have changed,” and it “has adapted itself to the progress of the world and a changed condition of society.” We admit the ancient usages of Masonry have in this particular been changed, but deny that there was any necessity for it; and to us that fine phrase about the progress of the world and the changed condition of society has no meaning. What did the progress of the world have to do with the change in the status of an Entered Apprentice Mason? and in what has the condition of society changed, so as to require a change in the rights of an E. A.?

But Bro. McCracken is mistaken in his sweeping assertion that “in 1718 Entered Apprentices attended and were a component part of the Grand Lodge, or general assembly of Masons. They took part in its deliberations and voted.” Entered Apprentices were only permitted to be present at the Grand Lodge when at the annual communication on St. John's day there was a feast, on which occasion there was “a general communication of all the brethren about London and Westminster,” and if any changes in the General Regulations were proposed their assent was asked; but when there was no feast, and at the three quarterly communications, only the Master and Wardens of the lodge could assemble. For the Tenth General Regulation, adopted in 1721, expressly says: “The majority of every particular lodge, when congregated, shall have the privilege of giving instruction to their Master and Wardens before the assembling of the Grand Chapter or Lodge, at the three quarterly communications hereafter mentioned, and of the annual Grand Lodge too; because their Master and Wardens are their representatives, and are supposed to speak their mind.” Again, the Twelfth General Regulation says: “The Grand Lodge consists of and is formed by the Masters and Wardens of all the regular particular lodges upon record, with the Grand Master at their head, and his Deputy on his left hand, and the Grand Wardens in their proper places;” and “no brother shall be present who is not at that time a member thereof, without a dispensation,” etc.

We agree with Bro. McCorkle that there was no necessity for the innovations introduced by the Baltimore Convention, but they have now become a

part of the American system of Masonry, and we see no mode by which we can get rid of them. Under the present system Entered Apprentices have very few rights, but their duties are also few—secrecy and obedience being the only obligations imposed on them—and while we do not deny their Masonic character, we do not consider them Masons in the full acceptance of the term. They have passed the threshold, and are styled Entered Apprentice Masons, but we hold that no man is a Mason in the legal sense of the word until he has received the third degree, and is in possession of the rights, privileges and mysteries of Masonry.

We have also received in advance of the proceedings of 1868, Bro. McCorkle's able report on Foreign Correspondence. We have read it with much interest, but postpone our review of it until the entire proceedings come to hand and can be examined together.

Elisha S. Fitch was elected M. W. Grand Master, and J. M. S. McCorkle re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

MAINE.—The annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine was held in Portland, May 5, 1868, Timothy J. Murray, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and 131 lodges represented—session, three days.

The address of the Grand Master is a carefully prepared paper. During the year he had traveled from the most western to the most eastern part of his jurisdiction in the performance of Masonic duty, and had enjoyed many happy occasions among the fraternity. He states that harmony and brotherly love prevail in most of the lodges, that more attention is being paid to the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge, and that the real character of applicants for the degrees is subjected to a closer scrutiny than heretofore. The prosperity of the craft is attested by the fact that not only have old halls been cleaned out and refitted, but new ones have been erected and dedicated. He had granted three dispensations for the formation of new lodges, and refused two.

Many questions of Masonic law and practice had been submitted to the Grand Master, and although most of them were answered by a reference to decisions already made, it still entailed a large amount of labor. M. W. Bro. Murray, however, says, "it has been pleasant to aid the brethren in the search after more light," and in this he shows a proper appreciation of the duties of his office. From the decisions reported, we quote and approve the following:

It is unmasonic to make nominations of officers to be voted for at the annual meeting of a lodge.

Laying corner-stones of public edifices, and dedications of halls, like the constituting of new lodges, can only be done by the Grand Master or his proxy.

The Grand Master recommends that no lodge be permitted to confer the degrees upon any man who has not been a resident of the State one year, or a resident within the jurisdiction of the lodge to which he applies at least six months immediately preceding the time of his application—and this salutary regulation, which prevails in most jurisdictions, was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

He suggests that a tax be placed upon unaffiliated Masons, who, he says, "are enjoying all the privileges of the institution and contribute nothing to its welfare or much to its honor." He thinks this might cause them more fully to appreciate our privileges and induce them to affiliate. A resolution

was adopted requesting Masters of lodges to bring this subject to the attention of unaffiliated Masons residing within their respective jurisdictions, and "in case such unaffiliated Masons neglect for more than one year after becoming a resident within the jurisdiction of a lodge, to apply for membership therein, said lodge should require a fee for each visit made to the lodge by such unaffiliated Mason." This may work better than the plan adopted in some jurisdictions of levying an annual tax upon non-affiliates, but we doubt if either mode will materially abate the number of these drones. They have gone out from us, because they are not of us—and, in our opinion, the rapid increase of this evil may be traced, in a great measure, to the popularity of our institution. In the rush of candidates too many are admitted who are not properly prepared; the outward and visible forms may be all carefully observed, but the preparation of the heart is wanting. As, in such cases, the application for initiation is prompted by idle curiosity and not "a desire of knowledge," neither the beautiful ceremonies or the sublime teachings of our institution are appreciated. In a short time the novelty wears off, the lodge room is seldom visited, and the lodge dues become a burden. Some pay and dimit, but the greater portion suffer their names to be stricken from the roll of membership, and in this manner the ranks of the unaffiliated are constantly augmented. We have no power to enforce compulsory membership, and if we had it would not be desirable, for our strength consists not in numbers but in the character of those who compose our lodges. So long as Masonry continues popular we expect to see the number of non-affiliated Masons increase, and we know of no better plan to mitigate the evil than the strict enforcement of the law which deprives these drones of all benefits arising from the lodge organization, except in cases where non-affiliation is not their fault.

•In order to secure greater correctness in the returns of the subordinate lodges, and to save time and labor at the annual communication, "when time is scant and labor pressing," the Grand Master recommends the appointment of a standing committee, of which the Grand Secretary should be chairman, to examine the returns and prepare the report before the meeting of the Grand Lodge. Owing to the rapid increase of new lodges and the action of the Grand Lodge at various times, the duties of the Grand Secretary have been greatly increased, and the Grand Master suggests that the salary of that officer should also be increased to \$500 per annum. Both recommendations were adopted.

Before closing his address, M. W. Bro. Murray alludes to the threatened crusade against Masonry, and his views on this subject are so much in consonance with our own, that we reproduce a portion of them under the head of General Remarks.

The Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge amounts to \$15,600, and is administered by a Board of Trustees. During the year the sum of \$1145 was distributed among eighty-five beneficiaries, and in accordance with the following regulations:

*First*, to poor and worthy members of lodges under this jurisdiction, in cases where the funds of their own lodges are not adequate to the exigency of the case. *Secondly*, to poor and worthy Masons resident in this State, not members of any subordinate lodge, and being in circumstances to render such membership not a Masonic duty. *Thirdly*, to poor and worthy Masons being sojourners in the State. *Fourthly*, to other cases of distress.

The widows and orphans of deceased Masons are to be relieved as the husband or parent would be upon the principle above stated.

A resolution was adopted by which the Grand Lodge expressed its earnest desire "that so far as is practicable the lodges shall occupy halls dedicated to the sole use of Masonry, and not used by other Masonic organizations." The section of the constitution in relation to rejected candidates was amended as follows:

No candidate whose application may be rejected by a lodge, shall be initiated in any lodge under this jurisdiction other than the one which rejected him, unless the lodge recommend him to another lodge by a unanimous vote—the vote to be taken by the secret ballot.

This appears rather stringent, but in the present popularity of our institution, the character of candidates cannot be too closely scrutinized, and we think the regulation will have a good effect.

During the session the corner-stones of a new custom-house and a post-office were laid by the Grand Lodge with appropriate ceremonies. The Grand Lodges of New Brunswick and Idaho were recognized. It was announced that Bro. Stephen Berry had commenced the republication of the early proceedings of the Grand Lodge—of which only a brief summary had ever been published—and would proceed with it if assured of the sale of a sufficient number of copies to pay the actual cost of printing, upon which the Grand Lodge subscribed for four hundred copies.

The reports of the District Deputies fully corroborate the statements of the Grand Master in regard to the prosperity and harmony existing throughout the jurisdiction. We notice, however, that while the Grand Master granted no dispensations to confer degrees in less time than that required by law, the power had been freely exercised by the District Deputies. We question the propriety of entrusting these officers with such power, and think, if dispensations are to be granted, the Grand Master alone should issue them.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by M. W. Bro. Josiah H. Drummond, and it is worthy of the reputation of its author. The proceedings of forty American Grand Lodges (our own for 1867 among the number) and Grand Orient of France are reviewed in a fraternal and courteous manner. We have received much pleasure and instruction from its perusal, and regret that our space will not permit the insertion of all the extracts we have marked.

Bro. Drummond dissents from the generally received opinion that on the formation of a new Grand Lodge the lodges forming it should surrender their old charters and take out new ones. In his notice of Colorado, he makes the following able argument in support of his position:

Two lodges chartered by this Grand Lodge [Colorado] in Montana united in forming the Grand Lodge of that Territory. Thereupon this Grand Lodge required a surrender of the charters, and enters the lodges on its register as extinct.

This action is founded upon the idea, that when a new Grand Lodge is formed, its constituents must surrender their old charters and take new ones. This is not according to the ancient practice, and is erroneous in principle. The proper course is to have the charters endorsed by the new Grand Lodge. The lodges should continue their existence. If they surrender their charters they at once cease to exist. They cannot have two charters at the same time; and it inevitably follows that if they surrender their charters, they put an end to their existence as lodges, and the new charters are for new lodges. When the



Grand Lodge of Maine was formed, the subordinates retained their charters, and are still working under them.

It is not necessary, in order for a Grand Lodge to *govern* a subordinate, that it should also give the subordinate existence. When lodges are chartered, they are created for an indefinite time. Lodges thus created may transfer their allegiance, in case of the formation of a Grand Lodge in their territory, and become a constituent of a new Grand Lodge. A Grand Lodge cannot be created without subordinate constituents. And it is a curious idea, and quite absurd, that after it has been created, its constituents must immediately die and receive new life from it! When they die, does it not die also? The true idea is, that the constituents from their location have the right to form a new Grand Lodge for *their own government*.

The regularity of a Grand Lodge may be questioned. If not formed by at least three regular lodges, it is irregular. The lodges forming it should retain their old charters, in order to have the proper evidence of their regularity, and the consequent regularity of the Grand Lodge. If their charters, for other causes, are ever surrendered, the new Grand Lodge should retain them for the same reason.

Every few years the Past Master's degree comes up for discussion. For our own part we are heartily tired of it, but the following remarks are both instructive and suggestive. Bro. Drummond says:

While we have always yielded to the practice in our State, our own views upon this question are, that when a Master is declared installed in due form by competent authority, he is *legally* qualified for the discharge of his duties. The P. M. degree may be a part of the installation ceremony; but if not actually conferred, the Master is nevertheless entitled to govern his lodge, and receive afterwards such instructions as have been omitted in the installation.

The installation of a Master is conclusive evidence to a Master's Lodge, that he has received all the necessary instructions and qualifications. We believe, therefore, either that the installing officer should be authorized to give him all these instructions, or if more Past Masters are required to give him *any*, the same number should be required to install. But as our laws authorize and *require* a Master to install his successor, he is thereby invested with full power to do so in every respect.

If the installation does not include the conferring of the P. M. degree, there should be a record of it. Accordingly, we have seen a few instances in which there appears upon the records of a lodge a certified copy of the proceedings of a lodge of Past Masters, certified by order of the installing officer. But these instances are rare and of recent date. The record, therefore, of an installation must have included in ancient times, by force of the term, the conferring on the Master of the P. M. degree. And we believe that the old practice was for the installing officer alone (if necessary) to confer this degree; that such should be the practice now; and that the practice of requiring a convocation of three Past Masters to confer this degree is modern, and was borrowed from another organization.

Bro. Mackey, of South Carolina, in his report to his Grand Lodge in 1866, dissented from a decision of Grand Master Preble, of Maine, which he states thus:

He has decided that "a member in good standing can legally prevent a candidate from being accepted in his lodge, by giving notice to the W. M. that he shall not be able to attend the communication when such candidate (naming him) will probably be balloted for, and that, if present, he should object to him in the manner recognized among Masons." In such a case the Grand Master of Maine thinks that it would be the duty of the Master of the lodge to have the candidate entered on the minutes as rejected.

In objecting to this decision, Bro. Mackey argued the case at considerable length, founding his objection on the sixth of the General Regulations adopted by the Grand Lodge of England in 1721, which provides that "no man can be entered a brother in any particular lodge, or admitted to be a member

thereof, without the unanimous consent of all the members of that lodge *then present* when the candidate is proposed and their consent is formally asked by the Master."

Bro. Drummond defends the decision as correct, and, as we agree with him and the question is one of importance, we give his argument in full:

We submit that the sixth regulation is a *limitation*, negative in its character, and not an affirmative grant of power. Being a limitation it does not follow that there may not be *other* limitations. Bro. Mackey construes the regulation as if it read "a man shall be entered a brother in any particular lodge, or admitted to be a member thereof if he receive the unanimous consent of all the members of that lodge *then present* when the candidate is proposed, and their consent is formally asked by the Master."

This language precludes any dissent expressed at any other time, or in any other manner. But such is not the regulation. It is the converse of the proposition stated in the regulation. But when a proposition is in the nature of a limitation, it does not follow that the converse of that proposition is true. A law prescribing one limitation upon our conduct does not by implication declare that there are and can be no other limitations binding upon us.

Our view is that while the regulation is a limitation upon the admission of members and must be strictly adhered to, *it is not the only limitation.*

This view is strengthened by another result of Dr. Mackey's construction of the regulation. If his construction is correct, it precludes a rejection after a favorable ballot either by a member "then present" or not "then present." But the almost (if not quite) universal law is that the objection of any member of a lodge at any time after acceptance and before initiation, is a rejection equivalent to a rejection by ballot. This has been settled by the Grand Lodges of Maine (after full investigation) 1861, 1862; Arkansas, 1867; Iowa, 1866; Louisiana, 1860; Vermont, 1861; and many others. Indeed, we do not remember that it has been questioned recently, though it has been referred to very often within the past few years.

Again, this sixth regulation grew out of a custom which had long obtained before *chartered* or *warranted* lodges were known; and, therefore, before there was any such thing as membership of a lodge. In those early days the Master summoned a number of brethren together, opened a lodge, performed such work as he designed, closed the lodge, and that was the end of it. Of course, when all the brethren "then present" gave their assent, there was no one else entitled or interested to object. But when warranted lodges were created, with permanent membership, new relations arose, and with them new laws regulating those relations. *All* the members of a lodge are interested in the admission of new members, and their rights are entitled to protection. But while no one of the old limitations can be dispensed with, there is nothing to prevent the enacting of such other limitations as the new order of things may require. The right of objection under the circumstances stated in this decision, grows out of the relations which are created by establishing regularly chartered lodges. It does not conflict with the regulations, and is, therefore, valid.

Before concluding, Bro. Drummond notices several subjects of special interest to the craft. His views in relation to the introduction of titles, etc., belonging to other degrees and rites, into Blue Lodge Masonry will be found under the head of General Remarks. He deprecates the discussion of the negro question, gives a synopsis of the history of the negro organizations, showing "these lodges are irregular, and all their masons clandestine." He answers the question, Will regular lodges receive negroes? and if so, must other lodges recognize them? by a reference to the landmarks, and says:

A candidate must be *free born*, and elected by the unanimous vote of the lodge; and no visitor can be admitted to a lodge against the objection of a single one of its members: and no new lodge can be formed without permission of the Grand Lodge. This would seem to be all that is required for this generation, at any rate: the law is simple, but comprehensive.

We consider this the only true light in which the question can be viewed, and are gratified to find that Bro. Drummond's opinions on this subject agree with those presented in our former report.

But our space admonishes us to close our notice of this very able report, and we do so with reluctance.

Timothy J. Murray, M. W. Grand Master, and Ira Berry, R. W. Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

MARYLAND.—The semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Maryland was held in Baltimore, May 11, 1868. John Coates, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and fifty lodges represented—session, two days.

The address of the Grand Master is confined to matters of local interest. Dispensations for the formation of four new lodges had been issued, and prosperity and harmony reign among the craft. The new Masonic Temple is hastening towards completion; more funds, however, are required for the purpose. There are about 5000 affiliated Masons in the jurisdiction, and a circular was adopted, urging them to assist in the work by each subscribing for one share of stock at ten dollars, and bearing six per cent. interest. The Grand Charity Fund, amounting to \$62,350, has been invested in this stock, and it is thought that with a proper system of financial management, the Grand Lodge will be able to redeem every dollar of the stock within twenty-five years from the completion of the Temple, when the Grand Lodge will become "the most powerful charitable institution in the State."

The same pamphlet contains the minutes of several meetings of the "Grand Stewards' Lodge," but we find nothing in them of general interest.

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence. We learn, incidentally, that hereafter it is to be presented at the annual communication in November—the proceedings of the annual communication for 1867 having failed to reach us.

John Coates, M. W. Grand Master, and Jacob H. Medairy, R. W. Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.—A beautifully printed pamphlet of 200 pages contains an abstract of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, at its quarterly, special and annual communications in 1867. Considerable space is devoted to a description of the ceremonies, etc., attendant upon the dedication of the new Masonic Temple, on the anniversary of St. John the Baptist, June 24, 1867. Our limits only permit us to mention that it was a gala day in Boston, business was suspended, and the whole population poured out to witness the procession, which in numbers and pageantry surpassed any Masonic display ever before presented to the public. The President of the United States and large delegations from the neighboring jurisdictions were present upon the occasion. Over 12,000 brethren participated in the ceremonies, and the festivities were concluded by a grand banquet in the "Egyptian Hall" of the new Temple. But "all that glitters is not gold," and the erection of this magnificent structure, almost rivaling the Temple of old in glory and splendor, has not tended to strengthen the bonds of peace and harmony among the brethren.

Grand Master Dame, in his address to the Grand Lodge in 1866, suggested the creation of a sinking fund to liquidate the debt incurred in the erection of the Temple, and recommended that in addition to the surplus revenues of the Grand Lodge, each initiate should hereafter pay five dollars to be applied to

that purpose. At the quarterly communication, held March 13, 1867, the committee to whom the address had been referred, presented an able report, in which, after a careful examination of the plan proposed, they conclude it would, not yield a sufficient sum to pay off the debt, nor give a regular and reliable revenue upon which the Grand Lodge could with certainty depend. The only resource left was to propose a capitation tax—a thing hitherto unknown in Massachusetts—and in accordance with their recommendation the Grand Lodge, “without a dissenting vote,” ordered and decreed that every affiliated Mason in the jurisdiction should pay annually the sum of one dollar as Grand Lodge dues for the term of thirteen years—any brother to be exempt by the payment of ten dollars at one time—and that “no non-affiliated Mason, residing in the State of Massachusetts, shall visit any lodge without first paying the sum of twenty-five cents at each visit.”

At the quarterly communication held June 12, 1867, a memorial was received from King Solomon's Lodge—one of the oldest in the jurisdiction—protesting against this action of the Grand Lodge, as having been “hastily adopted, without the opportunity for discussion by the lodges which its importance required.” The memorial further states that the “edict was in conflict with the permanently established regulations of the Grand Lodge, and therefore unconstitutional,” as it “should not have been adopted at the meeting at which it was proposed, but should have been referred to a committee, without further action, until the next quarterly communication.” The reading of this memorial elicited a long and able discussion, when, on motion, it was referred to a committee composed of one member from each of the sixteen Masonic Districts. At the quarterly communication, held September 11, this committee presented a report “which was accepted and considered,” but it does not appear in the proceedings. It was, however,

*Voted*, That so much of the report as relates to the financial condition of the Grand Lodge be printed and sent to the lodges, with such explanations and additions as the Grand Master may judge to be necessary for their information.

At the stated communication, held December 27, 1867, immediately after the installation of the Grand Officers, M. W. Bro. Dame delivered his annual address, in which, after alluding to the dedication of the Temple, its architectural beauty and elaborate finish, he gives the following statement of its cost:

The Auditing Committee, at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, made a full and detailed statement, by which it appears that the whole cost of the Temple, including interest and insurance, is \$418,532 03, and the cost of the furniture, including the organ, is \$35,000, making a total cost of \$453,532 03. The whole liabilities of the Grand Lodge are \$473,241 02. The amount in the sinking fund for the payment of the debt is \$24,997, which, together with \$42,000 in bonds on hand unsold, and \$6530 73 in cash on hand, makes \$73,527 73 to be applied in its liquidation. This leaves the net liabilities \$399,713 29.

The cost of the building has been largely in excess of the original estimates—\$250,000; and had the original plan been adhered to, the actual cost would probably have not much exceeded that amount. But a change in the Board of Directors was followed by a change in the plan of the building, and the Grand Master notices this in order to introduce the following remarks on the capitation tax:

I take occasion here to say, that a great deal of unprofitable and unauthorized discussion has been indulged in with reference to this tax, the effect of which has been to prejudice the peace, the reputation, and the business-credit of the Grand Lodge. The tax was fairly, Masonically, and lawfully laid. It was the unanimous act of the Grand Lodge, at a regular and legal meeting. The Grand Lodge and the whole fraternity were bound by it. It was not any preference of mine, nor was it, so far as I know, the choice of the Board of Directors. It was the result of the careful deliberations of a wise and intelligent committee. It was designed to protect the interests of the Grand Lodge, and to redeem the pledged faith and honor of the whole fraternity—of every lodge, and every individual member of a lodge in this Commonwealth. Necessity demanded it, the Grand Lodge ordered it, and the result has demonstrated its wisdom.

He states all the lodges, two excepted, had made their returns, and that these two would receive early attention and action; individual members also have not met this tax, and they are to receive such special attentions as the circumstances demand. *Per contra*, several lodges have commuted the tax for the whole term, and individual members of other lodges have done the same. He renews his recommendation for a special tax upon initiates, and alluding to “unauthorized statements, and frequently scandalous reflections on the proceedings of the Grand Lodge and its officers,” in the secular papers and other publications, states that he has hitherto refrained from noticing them, but should the practice be continued he will feel it his duty to interpose such authority as he may possess.

We sincerely hope that the peace and harmony of our brethren in Massachusetts may soon be completely restored, and regret that any difference of opinion should have induced brethren to forget the teachings of our institution by resorting to the public prints, instead of appealing to the Grand Lodge for a redress of any grievances—real or supposed. The various measures before our own Grand Lodge in relation to the erection of a new Masonic Hall, induce us to notice the embarrassing circumstances in which our brethren in Massachusetts find themselves placed, not for the purpose of interfering with their internal policy, but for the sake of preserving peace and harmony within our own borders, which we consider of far more importance than the erection of an imposing edifice.

It appears that the erection of the new Masonic Temple at Boston was commenced when the Grand Lodge had only about \$20,000 in its treasury, and this amount was early exhausted in the laying of the foundations. The Grand Lodge owned the ground, and a mortgage on the entire estate was effected “for a term of three years, at six per cent., for \$150,000; and subsequently a second mortgage was put upon the property, for the term of ten years, to secure the payment of the bonds or scrip of the Grand Lodge, issued at six per cent. interest, to the amount of \$150,000.” In addition to this \$300,000 secured by mortgage, a large floating debt was incurred. No provision for the liquidation of any portion of the indebtedness appears to have been made until within a few weeks of the completion of the Temple, when the capitation tax was imposed to create a sinking fund for that purpose. At that time there were about 16,000 affiliated Masons in the jurisdiction, and if they had all commuted the tax it would have yielded \$160,000, which would have barely sufficed to pay off the floating debt, leaving the amount secured by mortgage unprovided for. This is evident from the report of the committee, which calculates that the revenue to be derived from the new

Temple would probably reach \$30,000, but adds: "From the fluctuations of the currency and the uncertainty of the times, it is not safe to calculate upon the rents remaining at the price now anticipated;" while the interest, insurance, taxes and other necessary expenses would fully equal the amount received from rent.

From this it appears that, in a business point of view, the Temple has not proved a profitable investment. The debt contracted in its erection must be paid, and the proposed tax on initiates, if adopted, will to some extent relieve the Grand Lodge from its pressing liabilities, and give it time to mature some plan by which the extinguishment of the mortgages may be effected. In the meantime, we hope the recusant brethren and lodges will, upon reflection, yield a cheerful obedience to the edict of the Grand Lodge. The power of a Grand Body to impose a tax cannot be questioned, and the subordinates are bound by the acts of their representatives. But before a new tax is imposed, we deem it no more than right that it should be submitted to the subordinates for their approval. Any other course may produce dissatisfaction, and it should not be forgotten, that if the lodges consider the tax either inexpedient or oppressive, they can instruct their representatives to reduce the amount, or repeal it entirely. Besides, if the tax is imposed for the purpose of erecting a Masonic hall, justice demands that the city brethren should "bear the brunt of the burden." This principle has been fully recognized by our brethren in Pennsylvania, who are now engaged in erecting a Temple which will cost \$750,000, and take five years to complete it. Having a membership of 22,000, and possessing assets amounting to over \$600,000, the Grand Lodge displayed a commendable prudence in not entering upon this gigantic undertaking until a plan had been matured for the liquidation of the debt to be incurred. This plan, which was unanimously adopted, in addition to the annual dues to the Grand Lodge, imposes a special tax upon the lodges meeting in the city of Philadelphia, the committee, who recommended it, very correctly remarking that it was "nothing more than right, inasmuch as they more directly enjoy the honor and benefits of the new hall."

Grand Master Dame makes some suggestions in relation to the "prerequisite qualifications of candidates for office in the Grand Lodge," which, although intended for his own jurisdiction, deserve the serious consideration of every Grand Body which has large financial interests at stake. He says:

I am at a loss to understand how the experience of a presiding Master of a lodge can be made available in the performance of the duties of several of the officers of whom such a qualification is now required by the constitutions. The ablest and most intelligent brethren are not always the most-accomplished ritualists; nor are they always selected for Masters and Wardens of lodges. The Grand Lodge needs their services, and the influence of their social position.

I beg, also, to submit whether some change might not be profitably made in the term of office for which the Board of Directors are chosen. Under the present rule they are elected annually, and are therefore liable to be removed annually. The entire Board may be changed at any annual election, and the whole management of the property of the Grand Lodge thrown into new and inexperienced hands. The risk is too great, and may be lessened by a classification of the members of the Board into three grades, one grade to pass out, and another to enter upon the duties for the long term. It may be thought expedient, also, to repeal that provision of the constitution which restricts the election to members of the Grand Lodge.

With the exception of matters relating to the Temple, the proceedings con-

tain little of general interest. Ten dispensations for the formation of new lodges had been issued during the year, while the total membership had increased over one thousand. A committee reported adversely to the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, assigning, in addition to the reasons advanced by Grand Master Dame in 1866, "that whilst some forty-eight lodges continue under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Grand Master for England and Scotland, less than eight lodges seceded and engaged in the effort to make a Grand Lodge." An amendment to the constitution was adopted, by which the subordinates are prohibited from applying for, or receiving from, the legislature charters of incorporation. A communication was received from St. John's Lodge, in relation to the initiation by lodges in New Brunswick of candidates who had been rejected in Boston. The committee, to whom it was referred, in view of the then proposed formation of a Grand Lodge in New Brunswick, think if this was consummated the complaint would be set at rest forever, and at the request of St. John's Lodge the communication was withdrawn. At the same time, the committee submitted the following amendment to the constitution, which was adopted:

Any candidate residing within this State whose application has been rejected, who shall be initiated in any other lodge, without the recommendation aforesaid, [i. e. of the lodge rejecting him,] shall be deemed a clandestine Mason, and shall not be allowed to visit any lodge within this jurisdiction, and the craft is hereby forbidden to hold Masonic intercourse with him.

We refer to our remarks under the head of Illinois for our views on this subject. While we do not consider a Mason made in a regular lodge clandestine, still if he is a rejected applicant and receives the degrees in another jurisdiction, he may very properly be refused Masonic recognition. If he has not received the degrees by fraud, he has at least attempted to force himself upon the fraternity. The evil is becoming so great and so general that we know of no way to stop it except by holding Grand Lodges responsible for the acts of their subordinates.

Charles C. Dame was re-elected M. W. Grand Master, and Solon Thornton elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.—The annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Michigan was held in Detroit, January 8, 1868, S. C. Coffinbury, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and 209 lodges represented—session, three days.

In an interesting and eloquent address the Grand Master announces that prosperity and success had crowned the labors of the craft during the year. No sound of discord had been heard within the temple—peace and prosperity prevailed throughout the jurisdiction—and for these signal favors grateful acknowledgments are rendered to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe. Warm congratulations are extended to the brethren of the South that, the sound of war having died away, Masonry had resumed "her labors of peace and her offices of mercy." At the last annual communication an invitation was accepted to lay the corner-stone of the "Michigan Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument." The ceremony took place in Detroit on the Fourth of July, 1867. A large number of brethren from all parts of the jurisdiction were present, and two commanderies of Knights Templar acted as an escort to the Grand Lodge. The proceedings contain the minutes of the "emergent communication" summoned for the purpose. The Grand Master deemed it proper for the fraternity to join their fellow-citizens on this occasion, although, he says,

"meretricious displays and public demonstrations are not to be too often indulged in by our order, and, by some, are regarded as incompatible with its true spirit and genius, and its mission of mercy and benevolence." Eighteen dispensations were granted by M. W. Bro. Coffinbury for opening new lodges, and six for conferring the E. A. degree. Conceding the prerogative to issue dispensations, it is far better, in our opinion, that every petition should take its regular course. Lodges are created for the benefit of the craft—not for the accommodation of candidates. In rendering an account of his stewardship the Grand Master enumerates the dedication of several new Masonic halls. One of these deserves special notice—the Masonic Temple in the city of Adrian, which is a magnificent structure and cost nearly one hundred thousand dollars. The erection of such an edifice attests the prosperity of the craft, and the many manifestations of fraternal regard and personal respect extended to W. M. Bro. Coffinbury, on his official visits to the lodges, show that they appreciate an efficient and capable Chief. The erection of a Grand Lodge Hall is again recommended. Attention is called to the system of Masonic life insurance—not as a Grand Lodge speculation—but as an institution salutary in its effects, and as an investment in which Masons, in their individual capacity, may profitably engage. The adoption of a uniform system of by-laws for the government of the subordinates is recommended, and, in addition, the Grand Master suggests that the Grand Lodge print and furnish them at cost—leaving the necessary blanks for the name of the lodge, time and place of meeting, and the amount of fees for degrees and lodge dues. This plan has been adopted by the Grand Lodge of California with signal success, and it is claimed for it that it secures uniformity, neatness and economy. The absolute necessity for every member of the order to regulate his conduct in a manner to add to and enhance its moral force and dignity is inculcated in beautiful and impressive language. Intemperance is denounced as a vice in the profane, a crime in a Mason, and the Grand Master thus draws the distinction:

For the common street drunkard there may be a charitable palliation found, perhaps, in the circumstances of his education and the conditions and surroundings of his whole life. He may be illiterate and uninformed in the common decencies and social conduct of life. He may have been reared in a den of vice, and educated in the midst of debaucheries and drunkenness, and know no better life. But the Mason has no such excuses to mitigate the censure of the virtuous. The Mason is surrounded by high and honorable men who call him brother, and encouraged and supported in well doing by their example. They guide his footsteps to a fountain of purity, and open before his eyes a halo of moral light. A thousand influences are brought to bear upon his conduct; a thousand restraints upon his moral action; and, in spite of all these he fall, it is like an angel of heaven, from pure and everlasting light into moral darkness and degradation, too gross to mingle with the dust and ashes in which he grovels.

M. W. Bro. Coffinbury devotes considerable space to the new anti-masonic crusade which a few political charlatans and clerical fanatics are attempting to get up. We will notice this subject under the head of General Remarks. Only a few of the decisions made by the Grand Master are submitted, as the great majority of the questions had been frequently decided and become settled rules of Masonic jurisprudence. Among the number reported we find the following:

A voluntarily unaffiliated Mason cannot prefer charges against a member of



a lodge, nor has he a right to appear as counsel or attorney for a brother under charges. The position of a voluntarily unaffiliated Mason, in relation to our order, is such as he himself has sought, therefore he must submit to its consequences and embarrassments.

The Committee on Masonic Law concurred in all the decisions of the Grand Master, the above included. A difference of opinion, however, existed in the committee in regard to the extent this doctrine should be carried, and two reports were submitted. The majority report considered that while an unaffiliated Mason cannot claim any of the benefits or privileges of the lodge organization, still where a wrong is inflicted by an affiliated upon an unaffiliated Mason, in violation of the universal and reciprocal rights and obligations existing between all the members of the order, he is entitled to Masonic redress somewhere, and as by this decision he cannot obtain it in the lodge, he is entitled to prefer his charges to the Grand Lodge for redress. The minority report took the ground that an unaffiliated Mason "has no Masonic redress for grievances other than is awarded to profanes." After some debate, the following substitute for the resolutions reported by the majority and minority of the committee was adopted:

*Resolved*, That accusations or charges against members of lodges, or against subordinate lodges, cannot be received from non-affiliated Masons, except in case of charges against a member of a lodge by leave granted by a vote of such lodge, and in case of charges against a subordinate lodge by leave of the Grand Lodge.

From the report of D. D. Grand Master Thomas U. Flanner we learn that the lodges in the Upper Peninsula are prosperous and harmonious. Large accessions had been made to their membership, and at the same time proper care exercised in the selection of the material. Two cases are mentioned where lodges were opened and work done when neither the Master nor Warden were present—the work was declared irregular and healed. One of these cases subsequently involved the question as to the legality or propriety of a private brother conferring the degrees after the lodge had been previously opened by a Master or Warden, who then retired. R. W. Bro. Flanner decided very properly:

That as the work was an essential and very important part of the business of the lodge no one who had not been properly qualified could take the chair and assume the prerogatives appertaining to that position. If done at all it could only be while a properly qualified officer occupied the East and assumed the responsibility and conduct of the work.

The question of the possession and use of keys had been repeatedly brought to his notice, and a complaint was preferred by a Master of a lodge against a Past Master who was alleged to have been guilty of violating the edicts of the Grand Lodge in this respect. This case was referred to the Committee on Masonic Law, who reported that it was the duty of the lodge to prefer charges and try the offender, and, if found guilty, to inflict Masonic punishment. One or two examples would have a salutary effect and soon remedy the evil.

From the report of the Grand Lecturer, Bro. S. Blanchard, we learn that the "national system of lectures and work" is the standard in this jurisdiction, and that during the twelve consecutive years in which he has held the office "no tares have been sown or permitted to spring up from bad seed scattered by way-farers." Bro. B. is decidedly opposed to all innovations, and claims that our forms, symbols and words are "just as they were used by

Solomon, Hiram of Tyre, Hiram the Architect, and associated craftsmen, who formed our order during the progress and before the completion of the Holy Temple at Jerusalem!" Now, what good can possibly result from such gasconading?

During the session several questions were referred to the Committee on Masonic Law, among others the following, the answers to which were concurred in by the Grand Lodge:

Can a brother be disciplined for disclosing the proceedings of the lodge to a profane? *Ans.* Yes.

Has a brother the right to expose the financial proceedings of the lodge [to profanes] and ridicule the same? *Ans.* No: and for such an offence should be dealt with.

It is the duty of the Junior Warden to prepare and prosecute charges in Masonic trials when so directed by the W. Master of the lodge.

An appeal does not restore a suspended or expelled brother pending the appeal—his Masonic status is that of an expelled or suspended Mason.

The constitution of the Grand Lodge requires three black balls to reject an applicant for membership. An amendment, proposing to strike out "three" and insert "one," was rejected, but afterwards referred to the Committee on Masonic Law, who reported in favor of the amendment, quoting the Ancient Constitutions which require unanimity in the ballot. Yet, *mirabile dictu*, the report was laid on the table until next annual communication.

The business transacted was of a local character. Twenty-two charters were granted. A special committee reported against districting the State and the appointment of four D. D. Grand Masters, and the report was concurred in. A committee was appointed to draft a code of by-laws for the use of subordinates—to report at the next annual communication. A resolution was adopted forbidding "all members in the jurisdiction" from forming incorporate bodies under the laws of the State. The special committee on the subject of the erection of a Masonic Temple reported that it was expedient that such an edifice should be erected at some business point in Detroit, and a committee was appointed to devise ways and means, procure plans, obtain proposals, etc.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of R. W. Bro. James Fenton, Grand Secretary, who during the session presented his credentials and was received as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. The report is written in a fraternal and courteous manner, and gives a brief notice of the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Lodges, our own included.

S. C. Coffinbury, M. W. Grand Master, and James Fenton, R. W. Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

**MINNESOTA.**—The fifteenth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota was held in St. Paul, October 22, 1867, C. W. Nash, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and forty-four lodges represented—session, three days.

The address of the Grand Master is an able and interesting paper. After congratulating the Grand Lodge that the blessings of Heaven had been abundantly shed upon them, both as citizens and as Masons, during the past year, he proceeds to render an account of his stewardship. The craft had been unusually prosperous; the degrees had been conferred with greater care, and the lodges had manifested a desire to inquire more particularly into the moral, physical, intellectual and social qualifications of those seeking admission into

the order. A spirit of inquiry had been awakened in the minds of the brethren to examine into and become more familiar with the history, philosophy and jurisprudence of Masonry; peace, harmony and fraternal feeling existed throughout the jurisdiction; dispensations for the formation of twelve new lodges had been issued, and a number of applications refused for various reasons. Referring to the destitution existing in the Southern States, M. W. Bro. Nash says:

The devastations of war, the disorganized condition of the country, and the almost total failure of the crops, had produced this sad condition of affairs. Our duty, as Masons, was clear; and in this their great hour of need, we should fulfil that great mission that Masonry teaches, which is to feed the hungry and destitute, to clothe the naked, to soothe and cherish the disconsolate, to bind up the broken-hearted, and, in the true spirit of Masonry, forgive the errors of the past, remembering that to forget, is noble; to forgive, divine—that indiscretion in them should not destroy humanity in us, and the kind offices of Masonry are fraught with brotherly love, charity, harmony and peace.

Actuated by these feelings, he issued a circular to the lodges and brethren in his jurisdiction earnestly appealing to them to contribute to this noble work. Nor was the appeal in vain. The amount raised and forwarded to the Grand Secretary was \$2292 65, and it is worthy of record that in a number of instances those not Masons preferred this channel by which to make their contributions, which were distributed as follows: To the Grand Masters of South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama, \$500 each; to subordinate lodges in North Carolina, Alabama and Georgia \$779, leaving a balance, which was received at a late period, of \$13 65 in the hands of the Grand Secretary.

There are fifty-five chartered and sixteen lodges under dispensation in this jurisdiction. The Grand Master states that it was his intention to have visited all of them, but circumstances beyond his control had rendered it impossible. He had, however, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, visited forty-two lodges. During these visitations he inspected the records of the lodge, correcting errors and irregularities if any existed—"examining their financial condition, observing the appearance of the hall and furniture, and requiring the brethren to exemplify the work and ritual." Such a record demonstrates that M. W. Bro. Nash appreciates the responsibility attached to his high position, and that in accepting the honor he also recognizes the obligation to discharge the duties of his office. After alluding to several topics of local interest and noticing the death of Grand Masters Goddard and Whiting, the address closes with a recapitulation of the duties which Masonry enjoins upon its disciples.

The Deputy Grand Master, W. T. Rigby, visited several lodges by order of the Grand Master, and makes an interesting report. In one lodge under dispensation, he found it necessary to make many changes in the work and in the opening and closing ceremonies. He says the W. M. was made in Massachusetts and had never sat in a lodge in the West, and the "work practiced purports to be a Massachusetts work, and embraces much that would not be recognized as Masonry in this jurisdiction!" We were aware that some half dozen systems of work flourished in the Northwest—but we did not expect to hear such an avowal as this.

The special committee, appointed at the last annual communication to take into consideration the "troublesome question of personal defect," as stated by

Grand Master Prescott, and his suggestion that the defect could be remedied by the skill of "the cunning workman in artificial limbs," presented an able report, which was adopted. After referring to the Ancient Charges and the Gothic constitution, adopted at York in the year 926, the committee say:

There has of late, however, been a disposition in some jurisdictions to qualify the ancient regulation by giving to it a construction which would admit maimed or deformed persons, provided their maim or deformity be not such as to prevent them from complying with all the requisitions of the Masonic ritual.

No such qualification or construction anciently existed, and your committee see no good reason for giving to this landmark a different construction than that which it has received from time immemorial.

The symbolic temple we build is not other or different from that erected by the fathers of the craft in the early light of the world's morning. It is as necessary to-day that every block should be square and perfect in its physical proportions as it was in the days of Solomon.

In Masonry, the physically perfect man is a symbol of that perfect moral and intellectual temple whose builder and maker is God.

Such being the plain law of Masonry, it is not the province of any man, or body of men, to enlarge or abridge its landmarks by construction.

The Committee on Lodges U. D. report that no late returns had been received from Northern Light Lodge. In extenuation of this seeming neglect, they state that this lodge is located at Fort Garry, on the northern confines of the State, "several hundred miles from St. Paul, and far outside of the usual mail or transportation facilities—the mails being carried by dog trains, at long intervals, through the intervening wilderness, and often lost in transit." Besides, communication with this frontier settlement is mostly confined to the spring months. The dispensation was originally issued in 1863, and has been continued from year to year, and the brethren composing the lodge are said to be men of excellent character and of "good Masonic attainments." In consideration of these facts, the committee think that their remote situation and consequent inability to communicate with the Grand Lodge at its annual communication should not deprive them of the benefit of a charter, and they recommend that one be granted them, to be issued as soon as they make their returns to, and settle their accounts with the Grand Secretary. The report was adopted.

The District Deputy system was adopted. The District Deputies are to attend the meetings of the Grand Lodge, exemplify the work and lecture before it, hold lodges of instruction in their respective districts, and no lodge under dispensation is to be permitted to commence work until properly instructed, and so certified to, by the District Deputy, or on personal examination by the Grand Master.

A resolution was adopted by which no Mason can be stricken from the roll of his lodge for non-payment of dues, "except upon charges regularly preferred and conviction after an impartial trial, where the accused shall have had the opportunity of making his defence." We cordially endorse this resolution. Striking from the roll for non-payment of dues, as generally practiced, only tends to increase the number of unaffiliated Masons. The reason assigned for this reprehensible practice is that it enables a lodge to get rid of a delinquent or unworthy member without the trouble of a lodge trial. But, if the by-laws of a lodge require the payment of dues, the obligation to pay them is as sacred as any other covenant entered into with the fraternity. For

a willful violation of any Masonic obligation charges should be preferred, and, if this course was strictly pursued against delinquents instead of striking them from the roll, the evil would soon cease. No lodge will exact dues from a brother who is unable to pay them. Such cases, however, are extremely rare, for as Grand Master Hazelrigg, of Indiana, remarks, "the less the ability, the greater the punctuality."

That portion of the Grand Master's address relative to the death of Grand Masters John L. Goddard, of Pennsylvania, and Geo. C. Whiting, of the District of Columbia, was referred to a special committee, who reported appropriate resolutions, and mourning pages are inscribed with their names, age and Masonic rank. A committee was appointed to select a suitable place for, and inquire into the expediency of erecting, a Masonic Hall in the city of St. Paul.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is brief but fraternal; twenty-eight Grand Lodges are noticed, our own among the number. It is from the pen of Rev. Bro. R. Y. McMasters, who, at a late hour, was appointed chairman of the committee, in place of P. G. Master Prescott, who had removed from the State. The shortness of the time allowed compelled him, he says, "to ignore nearly all questions of Masonic law," for, as there was no opportunity to give them thorough consideration, he believed "that entire silence was better than immature judgment." On this account the report possesses little interest, but the Grand Lodge showed its appreciation of the service rendered by appropriating to Bro. McMasters the sum of one hundred dollars.

C. W. Nash, M. W. Grand Master, and Wm. S. Combs, R. W. Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

MISSISSIPPI.—The fiftieth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi was held in Natchez, January 20, 1868, John T. Lamkin, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and 132 lodges represented—session, four days.

The Grand Master, referring to the history of his Grand Lodge, says:

This, my brethren, is the semi-centennial anniversary of our organization as a Grand Lodge of Masons. Fifty years ago, the only three lodges then working in this State—they holding charters from different and distant Grand Lodges—met in convention in this, the most ancient town within our territorial limits, and organized the Grand Lodge of the State of Mississippi, by whose creative power more than three hundred subordinate lodges have since been brought into existence, a large proportion of which have now their representatives upon this floor, among whom I hail with special pride and joyous welcome those of the venerable and ever faithful trio, which formed the nucleus of this bright galaxy of sister lodges. Long may Harmony No. 1, Andrew Jackson No. 2, and Washington No. 3, continue to grace the head of our catalogue of subordinate lodges, mementoes of the honored past, and shining examples of that peace and concord—energy and determination—integrity and virtue, indicated by and characteristic of the honored names which they respectively bear.

With a few slight exceptions, nothing had occurred to mar the peace or interrupt the labors of the craft. Grateful for the harmony and degree of prosperity enjoyed, considering the general condition of the country, M. W. Bro. Lamkin feels despondent for the future. Alluding to the want, destitution and poverty which prevail, he says "never in the annals of Freemasonry in this country, has there been a time when we were more urgently called upon to exercise that brightest ornament of our profession—Charity"—and he enjoins upon the brotherhood, both as lodges and individuals, to exert them-

selves in relieving the distresses of their fellow-men, "particularly those who have a special claim upon our assistance and protection."

Referring to two cases of infringement of the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge, both of which occurred during the late war, Grand Master Lamkin says:

The exigence of the times might well be pleaded in extenuation of the fault, for we were then involved in a calamitous war, which had in a measure broken up the political and social relations of government and people, and, in effect, entrenched largely upon the good order of Masonry; yet I am persuaded that, as a Grand Lodge, we are not prepared to justify any departure from our ancient usages which might produce discord amongst ourselves, or interrupt harmonious intercourse with a sister jurisdiction.

The friendly manner in which the correspondence on this vexatious question has been conducted, and the action of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi in the premises, are in accordance with the fraternal relations which have ever existed between it and our own Grand Lodge. The principle involved in one of these cases, however, demands special notice. In March, 1864, a F. C. of St. Alban's Lodge No. 28, Jackson, La., was rejected by that lodge on his application for the third degree, and in November following presented himself to that lodge as a Master Mason, made such under a dispensation of the then Grand Master of Mississippi, in Canton Lodge No. 28 of that State. It is alleged that fraudulent representations were made and the fact of the rejection suppressed, in the application to Canton Lodge, and the committee to whom the subject was referred reported:

It appears that a misrepresentation of facts induced Canton Lodge to entertain the application, and as intercourse with St. Alban's Lodge, La., was suspended, Canton Lodge, as a precautionary step, represented the case to the M. W. Grand Master, who granted a dispensation to confer the degree; this, we consider, relieves Canton Lodge from any censure in the matter. Yet as a fraud had been practiced upon Canton Lodge and the Grand Master, the perpetrator should not escape with impunity, and we deem it but right that Canton Lodge should prefer the charge before St. Albans Lodge, La., as having jurisdiction over the offender.

The report was adopted, and this disposes of the case so far as the question of infringement of our jurisdiction is concerned. The conclusion arrived at by the committee coincides with the opinion expressed in our notice of Illinois, in considering the case of a profane, and the principle applies to an E. A. or F. C. receiving the degree of Master Mason in a jurisdiction of which he is a non-resident. The fact that the degrees are conferred in a regularly constituted lodge makes the recipient a regular Mason; he cannot be deemed clandestine, and far less can he be treated as a profane, E. A., or F. C., as the case may be. But he is not entitled to his Masonic rights and privileges in the jurisdiction whose rights have been infringed, until it has been conclusively established that his conduct has been blameless; and, where fraud is proved, the punishment should be commensurate to the offence. In the trial of such cases, the Masonic *status* of the accused must be recognized, for charges cannot be preferred against him *as a profane* in a Masonic lodge. This is a self-evident proposition. Yet we know a case, in a certain jurisdiction, which conflicts with it. A F. C., whose application for advancement had been rejected, shortly afterwards received the Master's degree in a lodge in a sister jurisdiction. On returning to his residence, charges were preferred against him, in his original lodge, for obtaining the degree of Master Mason by fraud, and by order of the Grand Master, he was tried *as a F. C.* On appeal, the

Grand Lodge sustained the action of the Grand Master! Comment is unnecessary.

M. W. Bro. Lamkin reports a few of his decisions. He decided that a Mason could hold membership in two lodges; and again, he says:

The question has frequently been presented: "Can a lodge lawfully tax its members, or exact contributions from them beyond the amounts prescribed by its by-laws?" I have uniformly decided that it cannot.

Both of these were overruled by the Grand Lodge, the committee, to whom that portion of the Grand Master's address was referred, remarking on the subject of taxing members, say:

Lodges have the power of fixing the amount of contributions from the members for lodge dues, and, having control of that matter, may change the amount of dues to any sum they may deem expedient for raising funds for Masonic purposes. This fund, so raised, is at the control of the lodges, and may be used for charitable or other Masonic purposes.

The Grand Secretary reports the issuance of ten dispensations for the formation of new lodges, and acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of twenty-six Grand Lodges, our own for 1867 among the number. These were forwarded to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, who failed to present a report. He states that, during the year, Bro. George Frank Gouley, R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, had forwarded to him \$273 for the relief of distressed widows and orphans of Masons in Mississippi—said sum being the amount of voluntary contributions by Monroe, Shelbina and Bucklin Lodges of Missouri, and Adytum Lodge, U. D., of New York city. Appropriate resolutions, expressive of the gratitude felt for this act of charity, were adopted and ordered to be sent to each of these lodges.

The impoverished condition of the country and the destitution prevailing among the fraternity engaged the serious attention of the Grand Lodge. The dues of a number of lodges were remitted; the Orphan's Home, located at Lauderdale Springs, containing ninety orphans of deceased Masons, was recommended to the sympathy and respect of the craft, and the lodges requested to contribute towards its support; and, in view of the prevailing destitution, and the opportunities it presented for imposition, the fraternity are cautioned to exercise the utmost circumspection in selecting the objects of their benevolence, "lest they rob the worthy by giving aid to the unworthy." Deeply sympathizing with our brethren in their distress, we trust that the bounteous harvests of the past season have enabled them to surmount all difficulties and enter upon a new career of prosperity.

A large amount of business was transacted, but it was principally of a local character. Bro. George H. Gray, Sr., presented to the Grand Lodge a beautifully bound copy of "The Mystic Circle," of which he is the author, and also a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge from its organization to the present time. The donation was gratefully accepted, and the Mystic Circle recommended "as a correct and valuable text-book of Masonic law and usage." After the installation of the Grand Officers elect, Past Grand Master Giles M. Hillyer delivered an address on the occasion of the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the Grand Lodge. We regret that the committee appointed to procure a copy of it for publication with the proceedings failed to do so, as it doubtless contained much valuable information in relation to the history of Freemasonry in our sister jurisdiction.

In two reports presented to the Grand Lodge, we notice the expressions "Most Worthy Grand Lodge," "Most Worthy Grand Master," etc. We suppose them to be typographical errors; still such nomenclature grates harshly on the Masonic ear, and suggests the necessity of more careful proof-reading.

Thomas S. Gathright was elected M. W. Grand Master, and D. P. Porter re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.—The forty-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Missouri was held in St Louis, October 12, 1868, W. E. Dunscomb, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and 146 lodges represented—session, four days.

From the address of the Grand Master we extract the following beautiful exordium:

Another Masonic year is about to close, and yet another about to open. We meet to congratulate each other over the successes, to weave the cypress wreath for the sorrows, and to throw the mantle of forgiveness over the errors of the one, and to bind hearts and hands together anew for the labors of the other. We meet for the first time in this noble Temple, about to be consecrated to the glorious traditions, and yet more glorious offices of Masonry. Let us thus early in our annual communication seek to catch the spirit which speaks forth from these lofty walls and splendid decorations, telling of efforts wisely put forth, of means wisely expended in behalf of the great principles which bind us together, and apply ourselves in the spirit of true and earnest brotherhood to the duties now before us.

He announces that throughout his jurisdiction "all is encouraging in the present and hopeful in the future." Good will and zeal prevail in the lodges, while the number of both lodges and members is rapidly increasing—forty-two dispensations for the opening of new lodges having been issued during the year. He recommends that the subordinates be required to conform to the work as exemplified by the Grand Lecturer, and suggests that no District Deputy should be commissioned until he has been strictly and thoroughly examined as to his proficiency. He closes his address with some remarks of an eminently practical nature, urging upon the craft the necessity of keeping Masonry free from all extraneous influences.

From a number of decisions submitted by him to the Grand Lodge for approval, we select the following:

A member of a lodge has the right to object to a degree being conferred upon an elected candidate at any time previous to his introduction into the lodge, and the Master is bound to respect his objection; nor can the degree be conferred until said objection be withdrawn.

A District Deputy has not the power to convene a Grand Lodge for any purpose whatever, without the authority of the Grand Master.

A lodge has a right to discipline a member for an unmasonic offence committed previous to his initiation.

This applies only to cases where fraud has been practiced upon the fraternity. Where the offence is of public notoriety and no deception is used by the applicant, the investigating committee are in fault, and, in our opinion, should be held responsible.

A non-affiliated Mason can not prefer charges against a member of a lodge.

A brother receiving the Master's degree in a lodge requested to confer it is a member of the lodge from which the request came. It is an act of courtesy, and the fee belongs to the lodge making the application.

It is improper and inexpedient for a lodge to try a member for a crime while the same is undergoing investigation in the courts of the country. \* \* \* Every man is presumed, by the criminal law to be innocent until his guilt is



proven. This, in my opinion, should be equally good Masonic law. The accused is entitled to our sympathies until his guilt is established, and it would be manifestly unjust and improper to permit a lodge to do anything which might have a tendency to prejudice the case of a member of the fraternity with a jury of his country, as a trial in a lodge would, either one way or another.

We agree in the above so far as it applies to criminal prosecutions which are pressed to a speedy trial, but not in cases where every obstacle, which legal ingenuity can devise, is employed to postpone the trial and thus defeat the ends of justice. Such cases are not rare. Money and influential friends too frequently enable a party charged with crime, or a magnificent swindle, to escape without punishment, while a petty culprit, without such advantages, receives the full rigor of the law. When the accused is a Mason and resorts to such artifices, we consider it the imperative duty of the lodge to proceed against him; for Masonry was never intended to shield crime or protect fraud. Our sympathies are due to the accused, but not to an extent to injure the reputation of our institution. Therefore an acquittal in a court of law is not sufficient to dismiss charges in a lodge, but on the trial the record of such acquittal should be received as evidence for the defence. And here we are reminded of the remarks made in our Grand Lodge, some twelve years ago, by the lamented M. W. Bro. Thomas H. Lewis. The question was, whether a lodge could try a member for an offence, of which he had been acquitted by a jury in a criminal prosecution. Bro. Lewis, who had much experience both as a lawyer and a judge in such cases, argued in the affirmative, and remarked that in the cases of acquittal, before a jury, which had come under his observation, he was convinced that nine times out of ten the accused was guilty.

The reports of the District Deputies show that they have been diligent in the discharge of their duties, and confirm the statements of the Grand Master as to the general prosperity of our institution and the zeal manifested by the brethren.

A committee was appointed to visit the Legislature and urge upon it the importance of complying with the conditions upon which the College property, at Lexington, had been transferred to the State. The work was exemplified. The Grand Lodge dedicated the new Masonic Hall according to the ancient usages of the fraternity, in the presence of a large concourse of brethren and ladies, on which occasion R. W. Bro. Thomas E. Garrett, Senior Grand Warden, delivered a beautiful and appropriate address. In the afternoon of the same day, the Grand Lodge proceeded in carriages to Bellefontaine Cemetery, where the monument erected to the memory of the lamented Anthony O'Sullivan was unveiled, and an appropriate tribute to the memory of the departed brother pronounced by R. W. Bro. T. E. Garrett, which we regret is not published in the proceedings. The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was recognized, and a large amount of local business transacted. The Committee on Grievances close an able report with the following remarks:

In conclusion, your committee would say, that among these cases we find almost every grade of offence charged known to the decalogue; and while we deprecate the fact that such characters have been permitted to "pass the outer door," yet we rejoice to see a disposition among the lodges to "heave them out among the rubbish," and hope the good work will go on until, "without fear, favor or affection," and not on account of malice or ill will, the Augean stable be cleansed, and the cancers upon our fair body be removed ere they sap the vital organs of the fraternity, and the institution fall to pieces by its own rottenness.

The Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Geo. Frank Gouley, submitted the report on Foreign Correspondence. Compared with his former efforts it is very brief, as his aim was to make it "as short as possible." In this he has fully succeeded, and at the same time presented a carefully prepared report, in which the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Lodges, our own for 1868 included, are duly noticed.

John D. Vincil was elected M. W. Grand Master, and Geo. Frank Gouley re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

MONTANA.—The third annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Montana was held at the city of Virginia, October 7, 1867. John J. Hull, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and seven lodges represented—session, six days.

The address of the Grand Master is brief and relates entirely to local matters. Masonry is in a flourishing condition, harmony prevails throughout the jurisdiction, and dispensations for the formation of four new lodges had been issued during the year. A communication, asking for a charter, was received from a number of brethren formerly composing Mt. Moriah Lodge U. D., at Great Salt Lake City, and which, as noticed in our report of last year, had been refused a charter by the Grand Lodge of Nevada. The communication, after setting forth a list of grievances arising out of the edict of Grand Master DeBell prohibiting the making Masons of Mormons, or permitting them to visit or affiliate—claimed the right of the lodge to be the proper judge who they should admit as visitors, stating that they "could not Masonically exclude a visitor on religious reasons, but would exclude polygamists on general reasons." The petition was referred to the Committee on Lodges U. D., who reported adversely, because the communication was defiant in its tone toward the Grand Lodge of Nevada, and that Grand Body having nearly for two years exercised jurisdiction over Mt. Moriah Lodge, was better enabled to form a correct judgment and render justice in the premises.

R. W. Bro. N. P. Langford, the Grand Historian, delivered an interesting address, from which we learn that the first lodge opened in Dakota—now Montana—was held on the summit of the Rocky Mountains. Bro. Langford was present on the occasion and gives the following description of it:

Our journey from Minnesota, of fourteen hundred miles, by a route never before traveled, and with the slow conveyance of ox trains, was of long duration and tedious. It was a clear September twilight when we camped on the western side of the range of the Rocky Mountains, where they are crossed by the Mullan road. The labors of the day over, three of our number, a brother named Charlton, another, whose name I have forgotten, and myself, the only three Master Masons in the company, impressed with the grandeur of the mountain scenery and the mild beauty of the evening, ascended the mountain to its summit, and there, in imitation of our ancient brethren, opened and closed an informal lodge of Master Masons. I had listened to the solemn ritual of Masonry an hundred times, but never when it impressed me so seriously as upon this occasion; such also was the experience of my companions. Our long journey, and its undeviating round of daily employments, had, until this occasion, been wholly unalleviated by any circumstance calculated to soften or mellow the feelings subjected to such discipline. We felt it a relief to know each other in the light of Masonry. Never was the fraternal clasp more cordial than when in the glory of that beautiful autumnal evening, we opened and closed the first lodge ever assembled in Montana.

We find in this address a graphic sketch of the lawlessness usually attendant upon the first settlement of a new territory. A great number of the out-

laws who infested the mining districts of the Pacific slope flocked into Montana for the purpose of depredating upon the honest and laborious settler. Organized for robbery, plunder and murder, they struck terror to the hearts of the well disposed. As yet there was no legally constituted government—no law to protect life or property—and crime stalked abroad in the glare of day, unchecked and unrestrained. At this time a circumstance occurred which soon changed the face of society. A brother fell sick of a mountain fever, which resulted fatally. Before his death, he requested, if possible, to be buried with Masonic honors. As the numerical strength of Masonry was unknown, notice was given for all the Masons in the settlement to assemble to make arrangements for the funeral. Great surprise was expressed when seventy-six good men and true answered the call—the funeral ceremonies were performed and steps taken to obtain a dispensation to organize a lodge. This event also afforded an opportunity of making known to each other nearly all the members of the Masonic fraternity in the territory. The bond of union already formed, enabled them at once to initiate law and order—to inflict punishment and compel obedience. The reign of terror soon ceased, for the other law-loving people, though not members of our order, united with the brethren in organized resistance to crime and drove it from their borders.

After the installation ceremonies W. Bro. Green Clay Smith delivered an address on the origin, progress and influence of Masonry; and the appendix contains an oration by the Grand Orator, W. Bro. H. L. Hosmer, delivered at the dedication of the new Masonic Temple at Virginia City, Dec. 2, 1867. Both productions are devoid of all effort at display or rhetorical flourish—but they are imbued with the true Masonic spirit, and amply repay a perusal. The former states that at that date it was a little less than four years since the first lodge was established in the Territory. The register shows twelve lodges, five of which received charters at the present communication, and although one of these is located in Utah, it proves the popularity and prosperity which Masonry enjoys in this mountain region.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is again from the pen of the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. W. F. Sanders, who briefly notices the proceedings of fifteen Grand Lodges, our own not included. Bro. Sanders attributes the non-receipt of the proceedings of sister Grand Lodges to the remote situation of Montana, the uncertainty of the mails, the discrimination against the interior territories in the transmission of printed matter, and, lastly, the destruction of the mails by the Indians, who it appears were upon a “rampage” upon the plains. Notwithstanding the disadvantages under which he labored, the report is an excellent one. Alluding to the fears entertained for our institution, on account of its increasing popularity, he says:

For one, we have an abiding faith in the future. It will never succumb while its mission is unfulfilled, nor will it outlive that mission. Not the high position of its patrons, the secrecy with which it enveloped itself, the pride, vanity, or ambition of its members, have preserved it to this day. Other organizations had all these, of whom it is written, “they were, but they are not.” Our organization survived because its spirit was more catholic, its labors more pure, its purposes higher, its professions more earnest than any other human organization. It lived because it deserved life. The world preserved it because the world could not spare it. It was the vanguard; it led faltering, stammering, blind, and hesitating mortals to the more refining humanities of the better day.

He advocates a higher standard for membership; he says we should vitalize our principles and improve our prosperity by building up and endowing institutions for the amelioration, and establishments for the education of the orphans of our dead. It is no time, he thinks, to cheapen the privileges of membership, or open wider the gates into our order. The lust for foreign rites and so-called higher degrees finds no favor in his eyes. He says:

Another element of weakness, in our judgment, is the rapid multiplication of what are claimed to be higher degrees, properly enough denominated *sky-rocket Masonry*. The dealers in this quality of pyrotechnics are numerous, and no peddler of wares exhibits more cunning or indecent zeal in disposing of his stock than they. We do not know whether they deal upon their own account or no. We trust they do, for their height is so giddy that it dizzies one's brain to contemplate how high they are above us common Masons; and contemplation of the fact that there are those higher still would be painful in the last degree. We have sometimes felt that they are so high that it would remove apprehension of danger could we know they never would come down.

So far we agree with Bro. Sanders, but dissent from his opinion that "the supreme power claimed and exercised by so many Grand Lodges can but be recognized as a source of danger." Moreover, it seems strange that a brother entertaining such views should endorse the action of Grand Master Holmes in making a Mason at sight, and say "the reasons are more than satisfactory, they are absolutely gratifying and raise Bro. Holmes in our estimation." If the supreme power of the Grand Lodge is a source of danger to the craft, in what light are we to regard the self-sufficiency and spirit of bravado displayed in the reasons assigned by M. W. Bro. Holmes for bringing to the surface his prerogative?

Although the proceedings of the Convention which formed the Grand Lodge of Montana have never reached us, we find that it has been recognized by the majority of Grand Lodges, and the legality of its formation has not been questioned by those Grand Bodies which are adjacent to it. Under these circumstances, we think its recognition should no longer be delayed, and recommend that our Grand Lodge extend to it the right hand of fellowship, and a fraternal welcome into the circle of Grand Lodges.

Leander W. Frary elected M. W. Grand Master, W. F. Sanders re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.—We have received in one beautifully printed volume the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, at its several annual communications, from its formation in 1857 to 1867. Former committees having noticed the proceedings of previous years as they came to hand, we confine ourselves to those of the tenth annual communication, held at Omaha, June 18, 1867, R. W. Furnas, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and fourteen lodges represented—session, three days.

The Grand Master delivered an able address, devoted principally to a recital of his official acts. He announces the continued prosperity and advancement of Freemasonry in his jurisdiction; alludes to the benign influence exercised by Masonry during the recent war, and, referring to the destitution prevailing throughout the South, calls upon the craft to assist in relieving the cry for bread, and thus by acts of kindness, relief and brotherly love, "quench the smoking flax," and aid in removing any lingering estrangement. During the year he had granted two dispensations for the formation of new lodges, and

refused one. Among the decisions reported by him and concurred in by the Grand Lodge, we notice the following:

Can a brother object to the admission of an applicant for either initiation or membership without being present at the lodge meeting, or in any other manner than by ballot? *Decision.*—Yes. A member in good standing can give notice to the W. M. that he objects to the admission of an applicant. This is a rejection, and the W. M. should so order it entered upon the minutes.

We are not certain that we fully understand the above; but, in our opinion, there is only one way to reject a candidate, and that is by the ballot. Whether the report of the committee is favorable or unfavorable, a ballot should be had, for it is the lodge which decides. If a member of a lodge has objections to an applicant, and cannot be present when the ballot is expected to take place, he may inform the W. M. of the fact, and request a postponement of the ballot. While it is the duty of the W. M. to grant the request, he cannot from the knowledge acquired declare the applicant rejected, for a rejection cannot be recorded until the ballot is cast and the result officially announced. If, after the candidate is elected, objection is made either privately to the W. M., or in open lodge, it should be entered upon the minutes, for it operates as a rejection until withdrawn.

Grand Master Furnas states that he had granted a number of dispensations in cases of emergency, and adds:

I have done so, however, only because it has become a custom in this jurisdiction. I believe it to be wrong in principle and practice—even a violation of the usages of the order of Freemasonry. I have been a Mason twenty-three years, and have never known a “case of emergency” attended with good results. In a case for initiation there is no time for inquiring into the character and standing of the applicant; and in case of advancement, where more than one degree is conferred on an evening, or without “suitable proficiency in the preceding” one, in ninety-nine times out of an hundred the proficiency is never attained. The great majority, too, of such cases, are those who have resided within the reach of some lodge for years, without thinking of making application for membership in the order, until suddenly some business or enterprise calls them to a distance, and then they must be made a Mason before they go—have not time to wait, and can’t think of going without the degrees. It is an imposition upon both the candidate and the order. I recommend that the Grand Lodge prohibit such violation by positive enactment.

M. W. Bro. Furnas thinks there is a growing tendency to modernize Freemasonry, and that this is manifested in the “ignoring or non-compliance with ancient landmarks, laws, usages and customs; the substitution of phraseology in the work, changing the manner of transacting business, etc.,” and remarks:

Too many seem to think that a knowledge of what we are pleased to term the “work” of the order, constitutes a “bright Mason.” ’Tis a great mistake, and the idea is performing a serious mission. The “bright Mason” is as familiar with the principles of Masonry, its landmarks, regulations, local and general, as with the opening and closing ceremonies of his lodge.

Another matter, and I am through. It is this: the great desire to increase the numbers of our membership. There is a proneness to think and act as if all “good clever people,” and especially all “our neighbors and friends,” must be taken into the order. The fact that there are certain indispensable essential requisites to qualify a man to be made a Mason, is too often forgotten, or rather disregarded. The mere possession of degrees or wearing of Masonic clothing, does not make Masons; a man may have all these, may have passed from the lowest to the highest round in the ladder, and yet not be a Mason; may not exercise charity; may not possess a single characteristic necessary to adorn and exemplify the cherished principles of our beloved order. No man

should be permitted to pass our threshold who would not devote himself to the institution; who would not practice its teachings; who would not be a constant living, moving exemplification of friendship, morality and brotherly love. Remember, my brethren, that it is much easier to keep out imperfect or unworthy material, than to get it out when once in.

A series of resolutions, having in view the erection and endowment of an Orphan's School for the education of orphans of deceased brethren, were adopted. They provide for the creation of a board of trustees, a standing committee to raise funds, and impose an annual tax of one dollar upon all members of the subordinate lodges, and two dollars upon all unaffiliated Masons in the State. The grand representative system was adopted. One hundred and fifty dollars was donated for the relief of the needy and destitute of our fraternity in Georgia, and the subordinate lodges were recommended to contribute as liberally as in their power to the same object.

An excellent oration on the principles, aims and objects of Masonry was delivered by Bro. J. Q. Goss, in which, after an eloquent allusion to the influence and practice of charity, he remarks:

It is to be feared, however, that there are some who become members of the fraternity for the benefit they expect to derive from it, rather than from a desire to confer blessings and benefits on others. They are advocates of brotherly love, when that love is to flow from another's breast towards them, but which kindles within their own hearts no sympathetic spark of love and affection. They believe it to be a duty to relieve the distressed, and who more distressed than they? They hope that great good will ensue to them from their association with Masons, and above all they believe that charity is the greatest of the Christian graces, and they have also learned that "charity begins at home." Such men have no sentiment in common with the teachings and spirit of Masonry. Within their breasts there pulsates no emotion of pure love. They live for themselves, and for themselves alone; and their hearts, if any they have, are like the glaciers of the Alps and the icebergs of the arctic seas. I thank God that but few such ever darken the doorway into the Masonic temple; and those few soon find that the lodge is no place for them, and they soon cease to frequent our assemblies, for the heart-felt greetings and fraternal communion there enjoyed are but torments to their uncongenial natures.

The report on Foreign Correspondence briefly reviews the proceedings of forty Grand Lodges, our own for 1867 included. It is from the pen of the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. J. N. Wise, and the truly Masonic spirit which is evinced throughout the entire document deserves commendation. Our proceedings are noticed approvingly; the remarks of Grand Master Perkins on the secrecy of the ballot are quoted and endorsed, and Bro. Hornor's report receives a favorable mention.

The appendix contains the constitution and by-laws of the Grand Lodge, by-laws for subordinates, installation ceremonies, burial service, etc.

O. H. Irish was elected M. W. Grand Master, and J. N. Wise re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

NEVADA.—The fourth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Nevada was held in the city of Virginia, September 15, 1868, John C. Currie, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and twelve lodges represented—session, three days.

The Grand Master, in an address occupied principally with local matters, congratulates the craft that the Grand Lodge met with unbroken ranks, and

had not to deplore, as in most other jurisdictions, the death of any of its members during the preceding year. Our institution is in a prosperous condition, and, although the membership has increased slowly, he says "the material worked into the building has been of excellent quality"—a judicious use having been made of the ballot and unworthy blocks thrown among the rubbish. He had granted dispensations for the formation of two new lodges, and reports that the regulation, adopted at the previous communication, abolishing the fee for affiliation, had been attended with the most beneficial results—the number of non-affiliates having considerably decreased.

In answer to the question: "does the loss of the index finger of the right hand disqualify a member from receiving the degrees of Masonry?" Grand Master Currie decided "No: that although authorities on this, as well as many other subjects pertaining to the ancient regulations, are conflicting, I can perceive no valid reason why the fraternity should be deprived of a valuable acquisition, through a trifling defect." He admits, however, that "the slightest infringement upon the ancient regulations" is liable to abuse, but defends his decision on the ground that the loss of one finger is not of such a character "as to interfere with ritualistic acquirements," while the loss of two or more would. We fail to see the cogency of his argument. If the Ancient Landmarks have any force and efficacy they must be observed in every jot and tittle. If "liberal interpretations" are to be placed upon the plain language of the law, it will not be long before the tide of innovation sets in so strong that every distinctive feature of our institution will be obliterated.

M. W. Bro. Currie deprecates "Masonic testimonials," and says they are generally bestowed upon those "who are in office or who have patronage to dispense." After some rather pungent remarks, he adds:

There ought not to be in Masonry any of this pandering to the corrupting sentiment which thus absorbs what is the due of the widow and orphan and distressed worthy brother. I once knew of a testimonial, much talked of in Masonic circles, where the recipient was himself a large subscriber to the token. Other instances there are where the token was borrowed or hired for the occasion. Let these things never occur among us. Let our truly worthy brethren who merit "testimonials" decline them, and thus save the credit of our fraternity, and assist in promoting the purity and usefulness of our honored institution.

If such is the practice in any jurisdiction, and we do not suppose M. W. Bro. Currie makes this statement unwittingly, we agree with him that the sooner testimonials are dispensed with the better. But, so far as we have had opportunities of judging, such testimonials are not generally bestowed upon those in office, and the cases he cites are an abuse of a custom which has much to commend it. While opposed to everything which has a tendency to lower the dignity of our institution, or subject it to the corrupting influences of the age, we can see no impropriety in presenting a testimonial to a brother whom the craft has delighted to honor, on his retiring from office. In the proceedings before us, a committee, appointed at the previous annual communication of his Grand Lodge, to procure a testimonial to Past Grand Master DeBell, report having performed the duty by selecting and presenting him "a beautiful watch." In such cases the testimonial is a token of the respect and esteem entertained for the recipient as a man, and a souvenir of the appreciation of the ability with which he discharged his official duties and advanced the interests of our institution. And we cannot agree with Grand Master Currie,

that such an act "creates a suspicion that there is some hidden reason for it," or that "its gushing spontaneousness, is an empty pretence."

The report on Foreign Correspondence reviews the proceedings of thirty-two Grand Lodges, our own for 1867 and 1868 inclusive, and is again from the pen of Past Grand Secretary, Bro. Robert H. Taylor. It is a carefully prepared document, conservative in tone, and fully sustains the reputation of the author for zeal and ability.

The business transacted was confined to matters of local interest, and at the close of the communication a beautiful oration was delivered by W. Bro. R. H. Taylor.

George W. Hopkins was re-elected M. W. Grand Master, and Wm. A. M. VanBokkelen re-elected V. W. Grand Secretary.

**NEW BRUNSWICK.**—The representatives of seven lodges held an informal meeting in St. John, August 16, 1867, to consider the Masonic status of the Province "consequent upon the confederation of the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick," and "whether or not it was desirable that a Convention be held to discuss the courses open to the lodges in New Brunswick, viz: To form an independent Grand Lodge, or to unite with the Grand Lodge of Canada, preparatory to the formation of a Grand Lodge of the Dominion." After an animated and harmonious discussion it was determined to issue a call for a Convention of all the lodges in the Province, which assembled October 9, 1867. At the time there were twenty-six lodges in the Province, viz: twenty English, three Irish and three Scotch; nineteen lodges were represented in the Convention, viz: fourteen English, three Irish and two Scotch.

A resolution to memorialize the mother Grand Lodges for consent to establish a Grand Lodge was rejected, whereupon one lodge (Scotch) asked and obtained permission to retire. It was then resolved to form a Grand Lodge by the unanimous vote of sixteen lodges—two delegates, although personally in favor of the movement, not voting, as they had no authority to record the vote of their respective lodges. Grand Officers were elected, and the constitution of the Grand Lodge of England adopted for the present.

The installation communication was held at St. John, January 22, 1868—session, three days. The Grand Officers were installed and the Grand Lodge consecrated. Grand Masters W. M. Mercer, of Canada, and T. J. Murray, of Maine, who had been invited for the occasion, were unavoidably absent, but W. Bro. D. E. Seymour, of Maine, was present, and on behalf of Grand Master Murray welcomed the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick into the circle of Grand Lodges.

The Grand Master announced that, in addition to the sixteen lodges which organized the Grand Lodge, four had joined the movement—that three had taken the subject into favorable consideration, and that three had as yet taken no action in the matter. The register, as published in the proceedings, gives the names of twenty-two lodges. The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That any lodge in the Province which has not at the present time surrendered its warrant and acknowledged the authority of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, shall have the privilege of doing so on or before the thirty-first day of March next, and any lodge so surrendering its warrant and acknowledging the authority of this Grand Lodge, shall be furnished with a warrant upon the same terms, and shall enjoy the same privileges as the lodges at present constituting this Grand Lodge: And any lodge which shall not,



on or before the thirty-first day of May next, surrender its charter and acknowledge the authority of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, shall (until the next communication of the Grand Lodge,) be dealt with as the M. W. Grand Master may, in his wisdom and discretion, determine.

The last clause of this resolution assumes jurisdiction over the four lodges which had not given in their adhesion to the new Grand Body. But the formation of the Grand Lodge, while it prevents the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland from establishing any new lodge in the Province, does not interfere with their right to exercise jurisdiction over those lodges, already in existence, which decline to join the new organization. The connection between these lodges and the parent bodies remains indefeasible, until severed by the surrender or forfeiture of their charters. It cannot be affected by any legislation on the part of the new Grand Lodge, and we know of no Masonic law or usage which would sanction an attempt at coercion. We hope, however, that by this time all the lodges have united in the movement, and thus secured Masonic peace and harmony throughout the Province.

The Board of General Purposes was instructed to take into consideration the propriety of erecting a Masonic Hall. The work was exemplified, and a constitution reported and adopted. The following section shows little sympathy with the persistent effort, manifested in certain quarters, to drag high sounding titles, etc., into Blue Lodge Masonry.

No honorary or other jewel or emblem shall be worn in the Grand Lodge, or any subordinate lodge, which shall not appertain to, or be consistent with those degrees which are recognized and acknowledged by the Grand Lodge.

A memorial from the new Grand Body, requesting the establishment of fraternal communication with our own Grand Lodge, has also been received. and as the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick appears to have been regularly formed, we recommend that our Grand Lodge extend to it a kindly greeting and fraternal welcome into the family of Grand Lodges.

B. Lester Peters, M. W. Grand Master, and Wm. F. Bunting, V. W. Grand Secretary.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE.**—The semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire was held at Manchester, December 27, 1866, John H. Rowell, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and thirty-eight lodges represented.

An interesting report was presented by a committee, appointed to investigate the subject of printing and publishing "books purporting to contain the work and lectures approved by the Grand Lodge." The brethren, implicated in the transaction, denied any intention to act unlawfully and professed to be actuated by the sole desire of furnishing information to the brethren, and justified themselves on the ground that as written books were permitted by the Grand Lodge, they could see no difference between writing and printing. The committee admit the plausibility of the argument, but do not feel called upon to express an opinion "how far the Grand Lodge can now correct the abuse of written books;" at the same time, they consider the evils certain to arise from printed books of this description much greater, and that the attempt to print and circulate them should be met with stern reprehension. Resolutions were adopted severely censuring all engaged in the transaction. We do not see how the Grand Lodge could have done less, although, in our opinion, the offence is the natural result of the permission to use written keys or cyphers.

This practice prevails in more than one Eastern jurisdiction, but we are at a loss to understand how it can be reconciled with the OB.

The work was exemplified; it was also "*voted*, That hereafter no E. A. or F. C. be permitted to join a Masonic funeral procession," from which it would appear that heretofore they have been allowed that privilege.

The annual communication was held at Concord, June 12, 1867, the Grand Master presiding, and sixty lodges represented—session, one day.

From the address of the Grand Master, which is devoted to matters of local interest, we learn that three dispensations for the formation of new lodges had been granted during the year. Harmony prevails throughout the jurisdiction, and our institution is increasing in strength and numbers. Under these circumstances, the Grand Master says: "Many are knocking at our doors, and it becomes us to throw around us all the safe-guards and securities we can, that none but the worthy may cross the threshold of our doors. Let a man have something more to recommend him than that there is nothing against him."

The reports of the D. D. Grand Masters show that they have been zealous and efficient in the discharge of their duties. The lodges in the respective districts are represented as being in a favorable condition and working harmoniously, and in almost every instance their records are reported to be well and neatly kept. This we consider high praise, as a good Secretary is as necessary to the welfare of a lodge as a good Master. It appears that the D. D. Grand Masters have the power to grant dispensations in cases of "emergency." One of them, R. W. Bro. F. McDuffee, states that he had granted quite a number, "not feeling justified in refusing applications which it has always been the custom to grant." But he is satisfied that the interest of the fraternity would be promoted if the D. D. Grand Masters were deprived of this power. Bro. McDuffee says: "Emergency is a word which ought never to be known in Masonry—it is a net which catches all kinds of fish;" and he very correctly adds: "No man has any *claim* to be received into our order; it is a *privilege* extended to him; and if he cannot conform to the condition required, if it is emergent that he should take the degrees, then that is either his fault or his misfortune."

Three charters were granted, and three applications for dispensations to form new lodges rejected. Five hundred dollars were appropriated for the relief of necessitous lodges in the Southern States, and the following resolution adopted:

*Resolved by this Grand Lodge*, That six hundred copies of the records of the proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge from 1842 to the present time, or such portion thereof as will make a volume of the size of the one already published be printed, and that the R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. Horace Chase, be authorized and instructed to prepare for, and superintend the publication of the same, and that he be further authorized to furnish to each lodge in the State a copy of the same at cost.

We consider the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodges of more value to the craft than any other class of Masonic books, and are pleased to see so many Grand Lodges republishing their records. We think it time for our own Grand Lodge to move in this matter, as our earlier records never have been published, while of those printed since 1849 it is impossible for any brother now to obtain a complete set.

Bro. John J. Bell presented an ably written report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Lodges, our own for 1866 among the number. He gives a favorable notice of Louisiana Relief Lodge; agrees with Bro. Hornor that the Master of a lodge cannot legally dimit, but thinks a brother may join a lodge without a dimit, unless it is required by a Grand Lodge regulation. We considered this subject last year, when replying to Bro. Drummond, of Maine, and as no new points are introduced, it is unnecessary to restate the case. In answer to some comments of a previous committee, who could see no utility in publishing the names of the members of subordinate lodges, Bro. Hornor remarked "that such lists enable the officers of the Relief Lodge, in very many instances, to detect those who make it their business to practice their impositions upon the craft." Bro. Bell entertains a different opinion, and says:

We can hardly agree to this view, if a man is bad enough to endeavor to impose upon the fraternity he would be bad enough to take any name necessary for that purpose, and we should imagine the published list would rather furnish facilities to impostors.

In his notice of New York, he also quotes some remarks of Bro. Lewis to the same effect, and adds, "Will our brother from Louisiana take notice?" Certainly. Years ago, when Bro. Fellows was chairman of this committee, he advocated the publication of the lists of membership and assigned the same reason as that given by Bro. Hornor. At that time, the objection against the practice was the expense attending it; now, it is urged that it will facilitate the very object it is intended to prevent. The value of these lists has been fully tested by our Relief Lodge, and we consider this sufficient refutation of both objections. We may add, however, that whenever imposition has been attempted to be practiced upon the officers of the Relief Lodge, it has rarely succeeded, and then the impostor has generally hailed from a jurisdiction which does not publish its list of membership.

Bro. Bell is opposed to the practice of striking from the roll of membership, by a vote of the lodge, a brother who is in arrears for dues; and we fully agree with him that "no man should be condemned unheard, or deprived of any of his rights without trial." Again, he correctly remarks:

Non-payment of dues is a Masonic crime, for it is, or may be, defrauding the lodge of what belongs to it; but no penalty should ever be inflicted without notice and trial. And the infliction of so severe a penalty as deprivation of membership by mere vote of the lodge, is inconsistent with the first principles of justice.

The views expressed in regard to physical qualifications are equally sound. We quote:

A great pressure has existed to evade or override the provision that the candidate for Masonry should be without maim. We do not apprehend that this ancient regulation, if not landmark, will be overthrown, however much it may be disregarded in a time like the present, when the strongest sympathy for the candidate and the cause of the maiming, in so many instances, urges the lodges to action not to be defended by our laws. In one branch of this question only has any attempt been successful—the *advancement* of those maimed after making. Several Grand Lodges have decided in favor of advancing such, and draw a distinction between those seeking admission and those seeking advancement. We cannot see any reason for the distinction, and should be sorry to see such rule adopted, as it would, in our judgment, do much to overthrow one peculiarity of our fraternity.

Before taking leave of this excellent report, we must give one more extract and bespeak for it an attentive perusal:

Non-affiliation has occupied much of the attention of the craft. That it is a great and increasing evil is apparent to all. How shall it be remedied? Without attempting to answer this question, we would like to call attention to one or two phases of the subject. Unaffiliated Masons are not all alike guilty. Some are mere drones in the hive. They remain outside of lodge-membership because they grudge the money or the labor required of members. Of such we have no good to say. Others have become dissatisfied, with or without reason, with the work of their lodges, and therefore they have left them. Not equally guilty with the first, they are wrong in their course of action, and neglectful of their duty as Masons. Others have left their lodges because they have been driven out, permitted to dimitt rather than suffer punishment, or permitted to leave, not because it was their own wish, but because such was the wish of the lodge. In this case the lodge is alike guilty with the brother, perhaps more so. If his character—and we know such cases—is such, that the lodge does not desire him for a member, he should be tried and expelled, and it is a criminal weakness that permits him to dimitt. Sometimes this is mere incompatibility of temper. Others, again, reside at such distances from the nearest lodges that they cannot attend the meetings. We have known Masons, earnest and warm hearted Masons, who lived more than one hundred miles from any lodge, and who deeply felt the deprivation of lodge privileges. Others again are still more unfortunate: desirous of doing their share of the work, they have been rejected in their application for affiliation. There is and can be no way of compelling a lodge to receive a member who is distasteful to them, or even to one of the members. To punish in any way either of the two last classes, would be contrary to every principle of justice or fair dealing. Again, lodges are modern Masonry. In old times there were Masons long before there were lodges, and how, without a radical change in the frame and groundwork of Masonry, a brother can be compelled to affiliate with any lodge, it is not easy to see. But the benefits that arise from the lodge organization, the unaffiliated has no claim upon. If he receives any such, it is from the free grace of his brethren, the members of the lodge. Any participation in lodge funds, meetings, processions, or other advantages arising from such organization, he may be denied. Yet even then we would ask that the two last classes we have named, might not be uncharitably treated.

John H. Rowell, M. W. Grand Master, and Horace Chase, R. W. Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

NEW JERSEY.—A special communication was held July 31, 1867, to take into consideration the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, and to raise funds to meet its current expenses. The address of the M. W. Grand Master, Wm. Silas Whitehead, reveals the humiliating fact that the Grand Treasurer, Bro. Jonathan S. Fish, had proved unfaithful to the trust reposed in him. No harsh or unkind word is used in stating the delinquency, and the Grand Master shows that his heart overflows with the milk of human kindness, when he says:

Although I can find no justification for the course he has pursued, yet, as a brother Mason, I sympathize with him in his misfortunes and his pecuniary embarrassments. I know that his own protracted illness, and the prostration of members of his household, near and dear to him, in consequence of the events to which I have alluded, testify to the deep affliction under which he labors. Not one of us is sufficiently acquainted with all the facts of the case, as to be authorized to judge that brother. As we sometimes behold, with pain, the errors of our brethren, let us remember, that

"One point must still be greatly dark,  
The moving why they do it;  
And just as lamely can we mark,  
How far, perhaps, they rue it."

M. W. Bro. Whitehead concludes with expressing the conviction that, "if the life and health of the Grand Treasurer be spared, the Grand Lodge will not eventually suffer any loss at the hands of a brother, who has been so highly honored and trusted." The only action taken was the adoption of a resolution requesting the lodges to pay at least one-half of their annual dues in advance, and as early as would be convenient to them.

To avoid returning to this subject, we may state that at the annual communication the Grand Master confessed that the opinion expressed, that the deficit would be eventually made good, was not well founded, and that the Grand Lodge ought to legislate upon the subject "without reference to any expectation of realizing anything from its former accumulated fund." The Grand Secretary reported that the subordinates had responded promptly to the appeal, and the Grand Lodge was thus enabled to meet its liabilities. The committee, to whom the subject was referred, report the deficit as amounting to \$5146 37, and recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure an acknowledgment of this indebtedness from the delinquent. To prevent the recurrence of such an act in the future, amendments to the constitution were proposed, which very strictly define the duties of the Grand Treasurer, and declare any embezzlement or misapplication of the funds of the Grand Lodge a breach of Masonic faith, and punishable with the highest penalty. These amendments lie over to the next annual communication, when they will doubtless be adopted.

No charges were preferred—not even a vote of censure passed upon a brother, for whose conduct the Grand Master could find no justification. The excessive lenity shown in this case may be owing to extenuating circumstances which do not appear in the printed proceedings; and, while we believe in the exercise of Masonic charity to the fullest extent, we also believe that the honor and dignity of the fraternity should in every instance be fully vindicated. To permit a brother to remain in good standing who has proved unfaithful to a sacred trust, is not calculated to redound to the credit of our institution, or likely to insure its purity. The honor of a Mason, like that of Cesar's wife, should be above suspicion. Our sympathies are due to an erring brother—but the offence should receive the reprehension it justly merits.

The eighty-first annual communication was held at Trenton, January 22, 1868, Wm. Silas Whitehead, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and seventy-seven lodges represented—session, two days.

The address of the Grand Master is an excellent paper. Before giving an account of his stewardship, he relates the adventures which befell him and other members of the Grand Lodge after the close of the previous annual communication. Starting on the railroad cars, with the expectation of spending the night in the bosom of their respective families, they had not proceeded far before an embargo was laid upon their progress. The pleasure of being compelled "to sit in a railroad car, on a high bridge, all night, with the fires out, and the freezing wind and drifting snow whistling past the windows," is graphically described, as are also the feats of pedestrianism which enabled the brethren, when relieved from this situation, to reach New Brunswick, where they were hospitably entertained by the members of Union Lodge No. 19, until the embargo was raised. Although there is no probability that a snow storm will ever prevent the members of our own Grand Lodge from reaching their homes, we commend to their attention the moral which Grand

Master Whitehead draws from the incident: "Never be in too much of a hurry to get home from the Grand Lodge."

M. W. Bro. Whitehead states that little of interest had transpired during the year, beyond the routine of official business. Dispensations for five new lodges had been issued—two of them receiving permission to work in the German language. Several new lodge rooms had been dedicated; prosperity and harmony reign among the brethren, who are manifesting a great interest in becoming proficient in the authorized work; and the reports of the Grand Officers fully corroborate this statement.

In 1863 the Grand Lodge adopted the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That no permission shall be granted to any lodge in a foreign jurisdiction to make Masons of any one residing within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

At that time, the Grand Master was upon the floor of the Grand Lodge, and advocated the adoption of the resolution; the experience of four years induces him to advocate its repeal. He states that frequent applications had been made to him from "foreign jurisdictions for dispensations authorizing foreign lodges to make Masons of persons residing in New Jersey," and that these applications had been uniformly refused, for the following reasons:

*First*. I have never yet been able to see what authority my dispensation could carry outside the limits of this jurisdiction, or how it could authorize a lodge in New York or Pennsylvania to do what, without such dispensation, it might not lawfully do; and

*Secondly*. Because this has appeared to me to be a question of the jurisdiction of the subordinate lodge, with which the Grand Master has no right to interfere. The Grand Master has no right to authorize any lodge in this jurisdiction to use the material belonging to another lodge. And he has no more right to authorize a lodge, located beyond our limits, to use the material within the jurisdiction of one of our subordinate lodges. The lodge, within whose jurisdiction the candidate resides, is the only power which can authorize the use of its material by another lodge, wherever located.

The correctness of these reasons cannot be controverted. But while the Grand Master had no power to grant such dispensations, the above resolution prohibited the subordinate lodges from giving permission to lodges in sister jurisdictions to make Masons of persons residing in New Jersey, when at the same time, the Grand Master states, they were constantly asking favors of this character from sister Grand Lodges. On this account, the resolution was very properly repealed.

From a number of decisions reported by the Grand Master and concurred in by the Grand Lodge, we transcribe the following:

1. If a candidate for affiliation presents a regular dimit, but is not vouched for, and is unable to prove himself a Master Mason, he cannot be balloted for and elected.
2. A subordinate lodge has the power to try a Past Master, after the expiration of his term of office, for offences committed while he was Master, provided that the charge is not for a breach of his official duties. For his official conduct, as Master, he is responsible only to the Grand Lodge.
3. No dimit can be granted without the affirmative vote of the lodge. A majority has therefore the power to deny a dimit. Having the power, the question of right is for the consciences of the members.
4. A candidate presents his petition for membership and the degrees. Upon the petition being read, the Master states to the lodge that the candidate is poor, and cannot afford to pay the initiation fee, but if the lodge will appropriate out of its treasury a sum sufficient to pay the initiation fee, he,

the candidate, will repay the amount to the lodge by his services, as organist. The appropriation is made, and the candidate is elected. Decided that the proceedings were irregular, as being a palpable evasion of the Grand Lodge regulations.

7. In the trial of a brother under charges, the affidavit of a profane taken under oath, before a civil officer authorized to administer oaths, but taken in the absence of the committee, the accused, and his counsel, cannot be admitted as evidence against the accused. The accused has the right to be confronted with, and to cross-examine the witness.

9. To render a brother eligible to the office of Master, it is necessary that he should have served as a Warden. It makes no difference whether such service as Warden was within or without the limits of this jurisdiction.

We dissent from the third decision, and refer to our notice of Arkansas for our views on the subject of limits.

"A candidate declares himself conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath. Can he be legally made a Mason by affirmation?" This question had been submitted to the Grand Master, but deeming it best that it should be considered and decided upon by the Grand Lodge, he declined to answer it. It was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who reported adversely, for the reason that "it would be a departure from a landmark handed down to us, and would be varying the conditions on which candidates are admitted."

The death of two venerable and prominent members of the Grand Lodge, R. W. Bros. John R. Crockett and Wm. Kerwood, both Past Senior Grand Wardens, occurred during the year. The address contains a brief biographical sketch of each, and mourning pages are inscribed to their memory.

After stating that "the institution of Freemasonry is not only a mystery and a paradox to the uninitiated, but the conceptions which are entertained of it by the initiated themselves are frequently unfounded and erroneous," M. W. Bro. Whitehead proceeds to consider our institution under the following propositions: 1. The Masonic lodge is not the church, nor a substitute for it. 2. It is not the *sole, primary and fundamental* object of the Masonic institution to enforce personal morality. 3. The Masonic fraternity is not, primarily, a charitable society. And, in answer to the question, what is the true, fundamental and essential idea of our institution, holds that the central idea of Masonry, the foundation stone upon which the superstructure rests, is the recognition and practical application of the great principle of the universal brotherhood of man.

Having filled the office of Grand Master for four years, M. W. Bro. Whitehead in a graceful peroration declines a re-election, and requests the brethren not to say "that he did well or ill—only he did his best."

The Committee on Jurisprudence presented a report on the following case, which came before them on appeal: A petition for initiation, presented to one of the subordinate lodges, after passing through the regular course, was rejected. The applicant, after waiting the usual time, applied to the lodge a second time, and the petition was referred to a committee. Action on the case was postponed from time to time, and at a subsequent regular meeting of the lodge, the S. W., at the suggestion of the W. M., and without the knowledge of the applicant, moved that the candidate be allowed to withdraw his petition. This was granted, and permission given to the applicant to apply to another lodge for initiation. The lodge then proceeded to other business, and some of the members, including one who had voted against the applicant's admission, retired. Whereupon the resolution permitting the candidate to

withdraw his petition was rescinded, and, the W. M. producing the report of the investigating committee, the candidate was balloted for, elected, and after a time the first degree was conferred upon him. Subsequently the M. W. Grand Master decided the election was irregular, and declared the candidate occupied the position of a profane. The committee are of opinion that

The irregularity in the proceedings of the lodge was in permitting the withdrawal of the petition of the candidate in the way it was done, and that action was therefore void; this proceeding being irregular, did not affect the standing of the candidate and his election was valid, and he is entitled to advancement in the usual order, although the sharp practice of the lodge towards those who objected to his admission, is open to censure. Your committee therefore recommend that the decision of the M. W. Grand Master in this case be reversed, and the lodge allowed to proceed.

The report was not concurred in; and if the case is correctly stated, while dissenting from the decision of the Grand Master, we cannot endorse all the conclusions arrived at by the committee. It does not appear that the candidate had anything to do with the irregular proceedings of the lodge, and to punish him is opposed to every principle of justice. The lodge is the guilty party, and the "sharp practice," as it is termed, instead of being simply "open to censure," deserved the severest reprehension. A W. M., who would act in the manner described, is unworthy to sit in the East of a lodge. He ought to have been suspended from the functions of his office, and as the lodge appears to have been equally guilty, its charter should have been arrested.

Our opinion upon the principles involved in the case, is: 1—A petition after it is presented and referred must be balloted on—it cannot be withdrawn either with or without the knowledge of the applicant. Therefore, if withdrawn, it makes no difference "in what way it is done"—the irregularity is the same. 2—A person initiated in a regular lodge is a regular made Mason. Having acquired a knowledge of the ceremonies of the degree, he cannot "occupy the position of a profane." If any irregularity occur, it is the fault of the lodge—not of the candidate; he cannot be expected, either before or at the time of his initiation, to know what constitutes an irregularity. If he has practiced imposition upon the lodge and obtained his initiation by fraud, he may be tried and expelled—but that does not place him in "the position of a profane." 3—An E. A. is not entitled to advancement, as claimed by the committee. He has the right to apply for the degree of F. C., but it is for the lodge to decide whether he is entitled to it or not. He possesses the right of petition—nothing more.

The business transacted was of local interest. Ten charters for new lodges were granted. The committee appointed at the last annual communication, on uniformity of Masonic clothing presented a report which was adopted. We deem it unnecessary to notice the jewels and collars, but give a description of the apron. For Grand Officers it is to be of plain white lambskin, lined with purple silk, fourteen by sixteen inches in size, flaps to be five inches in depth—corners to be made square. The aprons of subordinate lodges are to correspond in size with those of the Grand Officers, to be made of lambskin and lined with material of the same color. Various amendments to the constitution were proposed and lie over to the next annual communication; a number relate to the introduction of the system of D. D. Grand Masters, and one to constitute a standing Committee on Appeals, "to assemble whenever requested,



under the direction, of the M. W. Grand Master." This is a move in the right direction, and before long some similar regulation will have to be adopted by all Grand Lodges.

The following amendment to the constitution was adopted:

Immediately after the opening of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary shall place the ballot box upon his table, wherein any member of the Grand Lodge may place nominations for any or all of the Grand Officers who are elective previous to the election; the same shall be read for the information of the Grand Lodge, but no nominee shall be called upon in open Grand Lodge to accept or decline any nomination he may have received, and no votes shall be received for any person at the election, unless he shall have been previously nominated in the manner herein mentioned.

Nominations of candidates for office are in order in several jurisdictions, and the practice is sanctioned by ancient usage. We do not favor it however, and, although each Grand Lodge has the right to regulate the matter for itself, we cannot assent to the last clause of the above. If a brother is elected who has not been nominated, we consider his election would still be valid.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Joseph H. Hough. The proceedings of thirty-four Grand Lodges, our own for 1867 included, are reviewed in a fraternal and courteous manner. Noticing Bro. Guilbert's attack on Bro. Barry, of Georgia, he says:

With all respect and in all good feeling, we are compelled to say that that attack does no credit to the head or heart of any Mason. We are aware that the Georgia committee had given some provocation for the assault; but no provocation, however ample, could be a sufficient justification for the bitter (shall we say scurrilous?) character of the reply. The object of Committees on Foreign Correspondence, as we understand them, is to cultivate harmony and mutual good feeling between the respective grand jurisdictions of the world. Whenever such committees lose sight of this important and desirable end, and allow their reports to become the medium of bitter personal controversies, we, as far as in us lies, will exercise our influence towards their entire suppression.

Our own proceedings receive a favorable mention. He commends Louisiana Relief Lodge; quotes without comment the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, disapproving of special legislation in cases of drunkenness and non-attendance upon lodge meetings, and notices approvingly the bestowal of the testimonial to M. W. Bro. Fellows. Referring to Bro. Hornor's report on Foreign Correspondence, he says the notice of New Jersey is contained in eleven lines, and adds: "Thanks for small favors." We have endeavored to make amends for former short-comings, and thus enable Bro. Hough to complete the quotation—"larger ones in proportion."

Henry R. Cannon was elected M. W. Grand Master, and Joseph H. Hough re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.—The annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New York was held in the city of New York, June 2, 1868, Stephen H. Johnson, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and 590 lodges represented—session, five days.

The address of the Grand Master is a well written business document, detailing his official acts and making suggestions of great practical value. After the usual fraternal greeting and ascriptions of praise to the Supreme Architect of the universe, he remarks:

If we say we have no errors to correct, we deceive ourselves; and as our fallible nature applies to all the work of our hands, so it is that even the divine principle of Masonry is not always properly understood, nor its highest and most beneficial application always made. But while we may fail in the endeavor to discharge our highest duty, we can not be excused from earnest and truthful effort to make the talent entrusted to our keeping more widely useful to ourselves and our fellow men; we can not be excused from devoting our best energies to the labors now devolving upon us, and by careful and conscientious discharge of duty, by using the lessons of the past as a guide to the future, demonstrating that our constituents have not misjudged us, and that we are faithful and true disciples of the institution in whose name and behalf we are to transact the business of this annual communication.

He states that the fraternity in his jurisdiction are "in the enjoyment of the largest measure of peace, unity and prosperity ever vouchsafed to a purely human institution." The work in the lodges has steadily progressed, their membership has increased, and their means of doing good and relieving the distressed have been ample. While contemplating this prosperity, he pauses to render a tribute of fraternal regard to the memory of Past Grand Masters R. H. Walworth and Finley M. King, Past Grand Secretary James Herring, and D. D. Grand Master Robert Parker, who had died during the year. The Masonic reputation of two of these brethren, and the public services of another, deserve more than a mere passing mention. R. W. Bro. James Herring was elected Grand Secretary in 1826 and continued to hold the office until 1846. During the anti-masonic crusade he remained faithful to his vows, when many who had been honored by the craft faltered and yielded to the storm. It is to this brother that New York is indebted more than any other for the foundation of the Hall and Asylum Fund, and he was one of the first to organize the system of Foreign Correspondence, which has done so much to secure the prosperity of our institution and elevate the standard of Masonic excellence. M. W. Bro. Finley M. King was for many years an officer of the Grand Lodge, but his Masonic reputation was acquired as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and the Grand Master well remarks his reports made in that capacity "will perpetuate his fame and remain enduring monuments of his indefatigable industry and extensive knowledge of the jurisprudence and ethics of Masonry." P. G. Master Walworth was more distinguish for legal ability than his Masonic attainments, and was Chancellor of the State of New York from 1828 until the Court of Chancery was abolished, a period of about twenty years. In the several judicial positions occupied by him, he evinced great legal research, sound, discriminating judgment, and, above all, unflinching integrity. Appropriate resolutions were adopted and memorial pages inscribed with the names of the illustrious dead.

Referring to complaints made by the Grand Master of California and Nevada against subordinate lodges for violation of their jurisdictions, the Grand Master states the cases are undergoing investigation, and adds:

Difficulties of this character too frequently occur, much to the annoyance and disquiet of all the parties concerned; and yet we know that in most, if not in all cases, they arise from inadvertence, and not from any disposition to commit an intentional wrong.

To prevent a recurrence of such cases in the future, he recommends that it be made imperative upon each subordinate lodge to present to every candidate the series of questions adopted at the last annual communication, and very correctly adds:

If this law is enforced, these troubles must cease; and I can not more forcibly express my views upon the subject than by the declaration, that it is our bounden duty to ourselves and to our neighbors to see to it that there be no evasion of it without a corresponding exhibition of the disciplinary powers of the Grand Lodge. If the questions, as to residence, and previous rejection, be presented to a candidate, and his answers obtained thereto in writing, the deception, if any, will rest with him, while the lodge will be absolved from responsibility, and in a position to administer prompt discipline.

After stating that the Grand Lodge property had been sold, M. W. Bro. Johnson urges upon the craft the necessity of securing another and more suitable location for the erection of a Masonic Hall—not only as a means of accommodating the city lodges, but as its completion would secure the endowment of the Asylum and provide the fraternity of the State with a Masonic home for the aged and indigent, the widow and the orphan. He alludes to the question of work, which still exercises our New York brethren. Most of the lodges are already in possession of the work, or are earnestly engaged in an effort to render themselves proficient therein. A few of the lodges, however, refuse to adopt the standard work, and he suggests that in such cases their charters be suspended until they signify their willingness to comply with the requirements of the Grand Lodge. The committee to whom this portion of the address was referred, were of opinion “that absolute and entire uniformity is impracticable,” but that the purposely refusing or neglecting by any lodge to comply with the edicts of the Grand Lodge respecting work and lectures should subject it to discipline. In accordance with this view, a resolution was adopted by which such lodges have six months to acquire the work and lectures under the pain of having their charters arrested.

The foreign relations of the Grand Lodge continue to be of the most satisfactory nature, with one exception—the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, which, regardless of the opinions of the Masonic world, persists in the invasion of its jurisdiction.

The report of the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. James M. Austin, presents a lucid statement of the business of his office. During the year fifty-two new lodges had been established under charters issued at the last annual communication, and dispensations had been granted by the Grand Master for the formation of twenty-eight new lodges. The number of lodges, May 1, 1868, was 625, with a membership of 70,333,—the dues amounting to \$62,461 87. The value of property held by the Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund amounts to \$284,167 87.

The report of the Grand Lecturer, R. W. Bro. Joseph B. Chaffee, states that the conventions held for instruction in the work were largely attended, and compliments the officers and members of the lodges present on such occasions, “for the energy and zeal manifested in perfecting themselves in the ritual.” He suggests that the Grand Lodge should increase the facilities for holding such conventions, by requiring the Grand Lecturer to hold one in each Masonic District every year, and pay him for his services. The suggestion, and as we think very properly, was not adopted. In our opinion, Louisiana might profit by the experience of New York in this respect. There the Grand Lecturer “has no other emoluments than such as may be agreed upon between himself and those needing his services, and the system works smoothly and well.”

The reports of the D. D. Grand Masters fully corroborate the statements of the Grand Master as to the flourishing condition of our fraternity. Peace,

harmony and prosperity prevail; the standard work as a general thing is practiced, and more attention is paid to the reception of new material. In one of the reports we find a singular case of violation of the jurisdiction of a sister Grand Lodge. Complaint having been made to the Grand Secretary that a certain lodge had invaded the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, by accepting and conferring the degrees upon a resident of that State, who was a rejected candidate of one of its subordinate lodges, charges were preferred against the brother. On the trial, it appeared that he had made a false statement in asserting that he had never been proposed in any other lodge, and also that he had been advised and encouraged to make his application to the lodge in New York, at the instigation of the Master of the lodge in which he had been rejected, and who aided him in obtaining the degrees. In view of this mitigating circumstance, the brother was suspended for six months—a punishment we consider wholly inadequate to the offence. At the same time, we fully concur with D. D. Grand Master C. A. Marvin that the case should be reported to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, as any man who would act in such a manner is totally unfit to preside over a lodge. For such an offence degradation from office is not sufficient—expulsion is the only remedy; for if tricksters or shysters are permitted to govern our lodges the “glory has departed from Israel,” and the days of our institution are numbered.

R. W. Bro. Marvin also reports that a disposition to search for the hidden beauties of Masonry has been manifested in his district; and this has arisen from the true sentiment that all of Masonry does not consist in the conferring of degrees, but that a systematic study of the lessons it inculcates tends to develop the beauty and benefits of our institution. To further this end, we take pleasure in stating that Cornucopia Lodge No. 563, Flushing, L. I., has adopted the following plan, which we recommend to the careful consideration of lodges in our own jurisdiction.

The first meeting of the month is set apart to various exercises, such as the examination and discussion of Masonic questions previously presented; the hearing of reports of committees appointed to visit sister lodges; and a lecture on some Masonic subject; or, in place of that, two or three brief essays.

At the last annual communication a committee was appointed to devise a plan to relieve the Grand Lodge, with its overgrown and increasing representation, from the burdens of local legislation and executive and judicial action, without detracting from the authority or powers of the Grand Master, or lessening the dignity or impairing the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge. To accomplish this object, M. W. Bro. John L. Lewis submitted amendments to the constitution, which were referred to the Committee on Constitution and Laws, which, however, failed to report. The subject is one of great importance, and one which must be met before long. In our opinion the plan submitted by M. W. Bro. Lewis is eminently adapted to secure the desired result, and we therefore give its prominent features: It provides for the establishment of six Masonic Districts, for each of which the Grand Master shall annually appoint a District Grand Master, who shall annually hold a District Grand Lodge for his district, over which he shall preside. These District Grand Lodges are to be composed of the Grand Officers chosen by them respectively, (who shall be the same in number, title and duties as those of the Grand Lodge, the Deputy Grand Master excepted,) and the Masters and Wardens of

the lodges in the district. The M. W. Grand Master, however, may attend in person, and in such case preside. These District Grand Lodges are to have the government and control of all matters relating to Masonry within their respective districts, and make all needful rules and regulations respecting the same, not inconsistent with the constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge—the Grand Lodge reserving to itself exclusively the following powers:

1. The power of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master to issue dispensations to constitute lodges.
2. The power of the Grand Lodge to grant warrants.
3. The power and control over the work and lectures.
4. The power to regulate and control the management and disposition of its moneys, dues, funds, and other property.
5. The right of review on appeals of all matters in controversy which may have been originated or adjudicated by any commission, District Grand Lodge, or other board or tribunal.
6. Of supervising and controlling any and all executive, legislative, and judicial acts of such District Grand Lodges or their officers.

The returns and dues of the District Grand Lodges are to be first made to the District Grand Secretary, who shall arrange the returns in tabular form, and transmit the same and the dues to the Grand Secretary; and the expenses of the District Grand Lodges are to be fixed by a general regulation. The subject will undoubtedly come up at the next annual communication, and the action taken upon it will be looked upon with interest by every one who has the welfare of our institution at heart.

The Board of Relief reported that they had disbursed for charity and incidental expenses during the year the sum of \$5969 11; of this amount applicants from Louisiana received \$82. Besides the Board of Relief in the city of New York, there are seven other Boards in the State, located as follows: Brooklyn, W. District; Brooklyn, E. District; Albany, Buffalo, Troy, Rochester, and Lockport. Such organizations reflect the vital principles of our institution, and the amount of human misery and suffering relieved by their means can never be shown in a bald exhibit of dollars and cents. We note with pleasure that the Grand Lodge donated to these Boards the sum of \$6800, of which the Board in the city of New York received \$3000.

A resolution was adopted expressive of the sorrow of the Grand Lodge at the death of Bro. James Buchanan, late President of the United States, and, presenting his unspotted private character to the brethren, asked from those who had "differed from him in political opinion, Masonic charity for a statesman's life and grief for a brother's death."

The Committee on Jurisprudence presented severalable reports, which were adopted. The following decisions are of interest:

A lodge, after having (at a communication summoned for that purpose) given its consent to the foundation of a new lodge, cannot revoke that consent at a subsequent communication.

When a number of the members of a lodge are charged with the commission of a *joint offence*, they cannot claim a separate trial.

The right of a subordinate lodge to assess dues and collect the amount from its members admits of no debate, and must be left to the decision of lodges as between themselves and their members. Where a brother is stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues it is optional with the lodge to receive a partial payment or exact the full amount.

In answer to a communication setting forth the names of some thirty persons, said to have been initiated in a clandestine lodge, and asking what relief could be extended to them, the committee say:

We can only recommend that the gentlemen named pocket whatever loss of time and money they may have incurred on account of their supposititious reception into Masonry, and that they petition a regular lodge in the usual way for initiation.

This agrees with a regulation of our own Grand Lodge adopted ten years ago, and the beneficial results which have attended its enforcement cannot be over-estimated.

While concurring in the above decision, we must dissent from the following:

Is a brother, who was a Warden of a lodge under dispensation, and also Warden of a lodge from the time it received its warrant until the next annual election, but who has not since held office, eligible for Master?

It is decided that a Warden having served up to the annual election next after the reception of the warrant is eligible to the mastership, then or at any future time; and in like manner, a Master performing similar service in a lodge becomes a regular Past Master.

It is a new doctrine to us that a brother who serves as Master of a lodge under dispensation for three or four months "becomes a regular Past Master." Besides, the office of Master of a lodge is one of great responsibility, and requires experience as well as ability on the part of the brother who may be elected to discharge its duties. Yet, under this decision, a newly made Master Mason may join in an application for a dispensation, become one of the Wardens of the new lodge, and, after serving as such three or four months, "is eligible to the mastership." This is not only opposed to the general current of Masonic authority, but conflicts with the constitution of the Grand Lodge, (unless that document has recently been changed,) which declares that "no member can be Master of a lodge unless he has previously been *installed and served* as an elected Warden *for one year*, except at the institution of a new lodge, when no Warden or Past Master is found to serve as Master."

In 1863 a subordinate lodge "accepted, initiated, passed and raised" a candidate at the same communication. For this breach of constitutional law, the lodge was disciplined and its charter arrested. The candidate, in consequence of the manner of his advancement, was refused recognition by all lodges and Master Masons, but, on petition to the Grand Lodge for relief, the disability resulting from the irregularity of his advancement was removed, and he pronounced entitled to all the rights and privileges of a non-affiliated Mason.

A member of a lodge, holding a certificate of membership and good standing, died in indigent circumstances, and was buried by another lodge in whose jurisdiction he resided at the time of his death. Application having been repeatedly made to the lodge of which the deceased brother was a member, for re-imbursement of the expense attending his interment without any attention being paid to it, an appeal was made to the Grand Lodge to interfere in the matter, and take such action as would induce or compel the lodge to discharge this obligation. The Grand Lodge decided that the lodge "should at once cheerfully and fully meet the claim upon them, by defraying the expenses attendant upon the burial of their deceased brother;" and adopted the following resolution expressive of the moral obligation under which lodges rest in this regard:

*Resolved*, That the duty of a lodge to assist its needy members and to bury its indigent dead is recognized, not only by this Grand Body, but everywhere throughout the globe; and any lodge refusing to perform this sacred trust is

deemed false to its obligations, unfaithful to its duty, and an untrue exponent of the principles of Masonry.

The negotiations for the transfer of the "People's College," at Havana, N. Y., to the Grand Lodge for a Masonic Asylum have not been completed. Resolutions however were adopted by which the Grand Lodge agrees to accept the college, whenever the Trustees "can legally and properly transfer" the property belonging to that institution, free from all incumbrances; and, in the meantime, a Committee of Visitors were appointed to investigate the affairs of the institution. A large amount of local business was transacted; the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was recognized, and a committee appointed to procure and present to M. W. Stephen H. Johnson, the retiring Grand Master, a suitable testimonial in appreciation of his valuable services, and as an evidence of the high regard in which he is held by the Grand Lodge.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by M. W. Bro. John L. Lewis, and reviews the proceedings of thirty-six State and eighteen Foreign Grand Lodges. The review of the American Grand Lodges is from the pen of Bro. Lewis and fully sustains the reputation of its author. His notice of our proceedings for 1868 is genial and fraternal; Louisiana Relief Lodge receives favorable mention, and he thus comments upon our Grand Lodge paying \$1700 for a set of collars:

We have no objection to offer; but we note the fact that we may compare it with the other fact, that, in this neighborhood, collars are going out of use altogether, the officers being distinguished by wearing the jewel of their respective offices on the left breast.

We consider this a decided improvement on the collar business—no matter of what material the collars may be manufactured.

Noticing the recognition of the Grand Orient of Italy, of which L. Frapoli is the chief officer, by the Grand Lodge of Alabama, he remarks: "The spirit of this act is correct, but we trust that our Alabama brethren will not pursue the subject any further until the confusion now reigning in Italian Masonry shall have been reduced to order, and some authority established which will command respect at home before seeking recognition abroad." Referring to a complaint of Grand Master Claiborne, of California, against a lodge in New York for an invasion of his jurisdiction, Bro. Lewis says:

The matter is in the hands of our Grand Master, and we have neither the wish nor the right to make answer for him; but we will say, as the expression of opinion by this committee, that we will cheerfully unite in any reasonable measure which may be devised to keep our feet off our neighbor's corns. Cases of this kind have heretofore been dealt with as if no such combination of circumstances would be likely to arise again. But they do arise, producing vastly more annoyance than is either desirable or justifiable. We have tried mild remedies without effect, thrown tufts of grass without accomplishing the desired result, and it occurs to us that just about this time the projection of a few stones might be beneficial. If, with the vast population of New York in which to quarry, our lodges cannot find sufficient material for their wants, they should be taught some way of killing time better than trespassing on neighboring fields, and we trust that remedy may be found without further delay.

The following remarks on the modern tendency to make Grand Lodge documents the medium for advertising matters with which Grand Lodges have nothing to do, meet our fullest approbation:

Political and sectarian discussion is so totally at variance with the theory

and practice of Masonry, that even those who indulge in it find no reason but their own sweet wills to justify their sin, and now we see brethren announced in Grand Lodge, and their names published in the transactions, with appended titles with which Ancient Craft Masonry has nothing to do. If, in a Grand Lodge, or in its printed transactions, it be proper to announce Bro. Hiram Brick-Top, 93d or 95th, or any other numerical designation, why not also state the fact that he is a P. W. P., or a G. R. J. A., or what not, of any of the modern imitative societies? Either of them would be just as pertinent and appropriate to Grand Lodge business and Grand Lodge jurisdiction as those we see. Outside of the Grand Lodge and its business we are in favor of allowing to every other brother the same liberty we have always exercised for ourself, and the only restriction we would place upon the degrees and orders any brother might take upon himself would be, that in approaching the Grand Lodge he should leave them without the courts of the temple; entering there as a craftsman, bearing no titles but those conferred by its authority, and mingling with its business no extraneous matters of any kind or degree whatsoever.

We respectfully invite the attention of Bro. Saw-Bones and Bro. Tooth-Carpenter to the above. Although, in the play, Dr. Pangloss glories in appending the titles "LL. D. and A. S. S." to his name, such a display does not look well in the printed proceedings of a Grand Lodge. Nor is it always tolerated. The first printed charters issued by the Grand Lodge of Alabama were headed in large capitals, "Sit Lux et Lux Fuit. The Most Worshipful Major General Thomas W. Farrar, Grand Master." But, by an edict of the Grand Lodge passed at its first session after the appearance of these charters, the military title was erased.

We cannot too cordially endorse the following in relation to the funeral service:

We not only regard the church service as first, but as a matter of course, and to be performed under all circumstances, whether there be a society to follow or not. That being disposed of, we would have but one society service, and if that could not be exclusively Masonic, then it should not be Masonic at all. We would always wish to defer to the request of a dying brother, but not to the extent of mixing up Masonry with anything else on this earth.

There are many other things in this excellent report which we would gladly transcribe, but our time and space will not permit. The portion of the report devoted to the review of the proceedings of European Grand Lodges is by Bro. M. Pinner, and contains much valuable information. A synopsis of its contents will be found under the proper heading.

James Gibson was elected M. W. Grand Master, and James M. Austin re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

**NORTH CAROLINA.**—The annual communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina was held in Raleigh, December 2, 1867, R. W. Best, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, presiding, and 145 lodges represented—session, four days.

No address was delivered, the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. E. G. Reade, being unavoidably absent. The appendix, however, contains the conclusion of the address, which alludes in appropriate terms to the death of Grand Secretary Wm. T. Bain and P. G. Master W. F. Collins.

At the last annual communication, the Grand Secretary was instructed to forward to the Grand Lodge of England a copy of a report and resolutions in relation to a violation of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North Caro-



lina by "Athol Lodge No. 65 and Keith Lodge No. 36 or 61," located at Halifax, Nova Scotia. In our report of last year, we pointed out the error which the committee had made, and remarked that the transmission of the complaint and resolutions to the Grand Lodge of England would place our brethren of North Carolina in an unenviable position. The report of the Grand Secretary shows that the complaint was duly forwarded, and an answer received from V. W. Bro. Wm. Gray Clarke, Grand Secretary, in which he states the above-named lodges had no "connection whatever direct or indirect with the Grand Lodge of England," and trusts that a public contradiction will be "given to the very incorrect statement, so far at least as the Grand Lodge of England is concerned." The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom the subject was referred, report they "are satisfied that the Grand Lodge of England is in no way responsible;" but as the lodges charged with the violation of the jurisdiction of North Carolina have transferred their allegiance from the Grand Lodge of Scotland to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, they recommend "that the Grand Secretary be instructed to call the attention of the latter Grand Body to this subject, expressing the hope and belief that everything will be done by it, necessary and proper, to guard against like occurrences in the future."

An apology was due to the Grand Lodge of England, but as in the case of the wrongful accusation against the Grand Lodge of New York, none is made. This want of candor, in our opinion, reflects no credit on our brethren of North Carolina. But on the very day this report was made, (December 4,) the Grand Lodge of England met in quarterly communication. The subject had been referred to the Colonial Board, who presented an interesting report, in which the question of jurisdiction is incidentally considered. It is unnecessary to discuss these points in this case, as "neither of the lodges referred to were, or are, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England," and we give the conclusion of the report, which was adopted and the Grand Secretary instructed to forward a copy to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

In conclusion, the Board cannot but express regret that the statements and allegations contained in the said printed report have been permitted by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina to go forth, inasmuch as it might easily have been ascertained whether the Athol Lodge No. 65, or the Keith Lodge No. 36 or 61, Halifax, Nova Scotia, (for here it may be noticed that "the Committee of Masonic Jurisprudence" were uncertain by which of the two numbers the last-mentioned lodge should be designated,) were working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England or not; and if due care had been observed by that committee, the scandal and reflections upon the lodges alleged to have been working under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of England might have been avoided, and the Grand Lodge of North Carolina would, it is presumed, in such case, have abstained from passing the said resolution in reference to the matter contained in the report.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we learn that fifteen dispensations for the formation of new lodges had been issued during the year, and that fraternal relations had been entered into with the Grand Orients of Brazil, Portugal, New Grenada, Venezuela, Uruguay, Chile, and the Dominican Republic. The Grand Lecturers report the subordinate lodges in a healthy condition, and anxious to acquire a knowledge of the authorized work. A Board of Custodians of the work—the Stevenson system—was appointed. A beautiful panegyric on the life and character of the late Grand Secretary, William T. Bain, was pronounced by Bro. R. W. Lassiter. The Grand Lodge of Nova

Scotia was recognized, and a large amount of business of a local character transacted. We also notice that the "Square and Compass" and the "Masonic Sun," published respectively at Raleigh and Wilmington, were recommended to the patronage of the craft.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that an E. A. who had lost his right arm is not eligible for advancement; and that it is sufficient reason for a W. M. to refuse to receive a petition from an applicant who is unable to write his name, and signs it with a mark. The Grand Lodge concurred in the first decision, but overruled the second!

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence. The charter of the Grand Lodge, issued in 1771, is given in the appendix.

R. W. Best was elected M. W. Grand Master, and D. W. Bain re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

OREGON.—The eighteenth annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held in Portland, June 22, 1868, Avery A. Smith, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and twenty-six lodges represented—session, four days.

The address of M. W. Bro. Smith is occupied with local matters. He admonishes the brethren that they have higher duties to perform than "the transaction of the simple business of the lodge and learning scanty portions of our ritual," and congratulates them that Masonry in Oregon and on the Pacific Coast is gradually, but surely, assuming a higher moral ground. In the recital of his official acts, he states that he had issued dispensations for the formation of four new lodges; that he had experienced difficulty in obtaining the consent of brethren to act as Grand Lecturers—but had finally succeeded, and that after the work was agreed upon, the lodges, as a general rule, had adopted it. He calls the attention of the Grand Lodge to the conduct of one of its subordinates in failing to enforce Masonic discipline on two of its members—one a case of habitual drunkenness, the other a case of habitual gambling. The charges preferred in each case were, however, wanting in that definiteness and precision which should characterize such proceedings, and the subject was referred to the Grand Master for him to visit the lodge, take all the evidence in the case, and arrest the charter if, in his judgment, the lodge was not worthy to retain it.

Regretting the prevalence of profanity in his jurisdiction, the Grand Master says:

A Mason who believes it right for him to curse and swear, and utter the name of God in any other manner than with that awe and reverence due from the creature to his Creator, ignores the moral law, and is false to his professions and his duty, and is of greater injury to Masonry than all the anti-masons in the world, with all their slanderous vituperations.

He recommends the re-printing of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge from its organization, and submits twenty-nine decisions for approval. Some of them are governed by local regulation, others enunciate well established principles of Masonic law—such as the following:

No person can be initiated, passed or raised who is unable to read and write, as every applicant must sign his petition in his own handwriting.

A brother must have sat in open lodge with another within one year, before he can properly vouch for him; otherwise he should be examined.

No regalia should be worn on funeral occasions but white gloves and aprons, with crape on left arm, the officers wearing their jewels.

No Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, or Junior Warden can resign or

dimit after consenting to an election by being installed, until the expiration of his term of office.

An unfavorable report of a committee on a petition for the degrees does not act as a rejection. The ballot must be spread, no matter what the report of the committee of investigation may be.

This decision was not concurred in; the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence adopting the view advocated by Bro. A. G. Mackey, that an unfavorable report is equivalent to a rejection, and therefore no ballot is necessary. The decision of the Grand Master is in accordance with the practice in this and most other jurisdictions, and the reasons for requiring a ballot on an unfavorable report are so obvious that they require no elucidation.

A petition for the degrees after having been received and referred to a committee cannot be withdrawn.

Every Mason who refuses to obey the summons of a lodge of Master Masons, or its W. M., whether he be a member or otherwise, commits an offence against Masonry which demands stringent discipline.

It shall be the duty of subordinate lodges conferring the degrees to deliver the usual lecture belonging to the same, during the same communication.

The business transacted was of a local character. A plan of "Masonic relief" was adopted under the supervision of the Grand Lodge. It is based on the same principle which governs the Masonic life insurance companies which have lately sprung into existence. We believe that such associations are calculated to do much good, but doubt the propriety of a Grand Lodge entangling itself in such matters.

The following case of practical charity deserves commendation. A brother, hailing from Illinois, who had settled in the State, and held a dimit dated 1867, presented a petition for assistance, which was referred to a committee. It appearing that the brother was in destitute circumstances with a large family depending upon him, that he had been accidentally crippled for life, and was a farmer by occupation, the Grand Lodge adopted the recommendation of the committee, to purchase a small farm, giving him the use of it so long as he should continue worthy and his necessities require.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by P. G. Master S. F. Chadwick. We regret that the copy we have received is imperfect, as the portion before us is well written and proves the author an experienced craftsman. His notice of our proceedings for 1867 is brief, but kindly, and in reference to the peace and harmony prevailing in this jurisdiction, he quotes the line: "As cold water is to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country." He favors the advancement of an E. A. or F. C. who has become maimed in the performance of some meritorious act. He is opposed to the rule of his Grand Lodge requiring a rejected applicant for affiliation to wait twelve months before he can renew his application to the same or another lodge, and argues the case with great ability. He regrets the result of the controversy with the Grand Lodge of Washington, and submits the resolutions of non-intercourse adopted by it to the serious consideration of his own Grand Lodge. No action, however, was taken on the subject, and we hope that Washington will reconsider its action, and thus pave the way for the renewal of fraternal relations between the two Grand Bodies.

A. A. Smith, M. W. Grand Master, and J. E. Hurford, R. W. Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

PENNSYLVANIA.—A quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was held in Philadelphia, Dec. 4, 1867, Richard Vaux, R. W. Deputy Grand Master presiding, and 152 lodges represented.

Richard Vaux was elected R. W. Grand Master, and John Thomson re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary. After the election of the Grand Officers the standing committees submitted their reports. That of the Finance Committee is very interesting: the assets of the Grand Lodge are \$601,012 08; liabilities, \$53,000—being subscriptions by various lodges to the new Masonic Hall loan. The sum of \$73,000 remaining unpaid on the site purchased for the new hall is deducted from this statement. The committee also state that when the scale of rents for the lodge rooms in the Masonic Hall was first established, "the prices were fixed at such a rate as was supposed would always yield a fair rental over and above the expenses; but the great advance that has taken place during the last few years in the cost of everything, has caused the expenses to exceed the rental." The expenses of the meetings during the year amounted to \$7641 11, while the rental received was only \$5250. The committee are of opinion that there ought to be a fair rental above the cost of supplying lights, fuel, etc., and suggest the following scale of prices:

\$16 per night for the Grand Lodge room and Grand Chapter room.

\$12 per night for the Blue Lodge room and Grand Encampment rooms.

\$10 per night for the Supper room, when a regular supper is given; and

\$5 per night for the Supper room for a stand-up refreshment.

The Grand Lodge adopted the resolution submitted by the committee, and we have noticed the subject at length in order that the brethren of this jurisdiction may have some idea of what lodge expenses are at the North. The fees for dispensations "to pass the chair," or to enter, pass, or raise, were increased to ten dollars. A large number of dispensations "to pass the chair" are granted each year, but we are in the same fix as Bro. Drummond, who remarks: "We are obliged to confess, we don't know what such a dispensation is, or why it is granted. We have kept silent, hoping somebody would give or call for an explanation. But we can keep silent no longer: What *does* it mean?"

The special committee appointed to select a site for a new Masonic Hall report having bought a square of ground, bounded by Filbert, Broad, Cuthbert and Juniper streets, containing in front 150 feet and in depth 250 feet, at a cost of \$153,000. Plans and specifications were adopted, and the committee had resolved that the whole exterior should be of white marble; but the estimates showed the use of this material would increase the cost of the building to at least one million of dollars. The committee, being of the opinion that the Grand Lodge ought not to be subjected to so enormous an expense, were not disposed to adopt the exterior of the plan as furnished, and granite being substituted for marble, a new plan, specifications, estimates, etc., were obtained. We now quote from the report:

The plan adopted by the committee, is for a building of Norman architecture. It will be of granite; it will cover the whole lot—excepting only as it recedes from the streets—and will have a height of about 98 feet, where it will have a balustrade; but surmounting this, at different points, especially on its main front, there will be ornamental work, a portion of which will be 160 feet from the ground.

At the southwest corner of the lot there will be a grand tower; that though seemingly connected, will be built separately, for the purpose of security. It

will have a solid foundation of 15 feet, and will be from the top of its spire to the ground of the height of 300 feet.

All the exterior will be of granite, and every part will be corresponding in style and character. It will have an elegant porch of about 36 feet in width, in the centre of the front, at the rear of which, 20 feet from the line of the street, will be the main walls of the building.

Its interior will be divided into three stories. On the lower floor, at the height of about 8 feet from the ground, will be the rooms for the Grand Officers and committees, library and banqueting room, kitchen, and all the necessary accommodations and appliances for all the purposes for which these rooms may be used. On the principal floor is the Grand Lodge room, 105 feet by 53 feet 6 inches.

Three rooms for Blue Lodges, of about 59 feet by 43 feet, one Grand Chapter room, 81 feet by 53 feet, together with retiring rooms, and all other rooms ordinarily required for lodge and chapter purposes.

The third story, or *entree sol*, contains rooms for Encampments and other purposes; while there is throughout the building a grand staircase, running from a spacious hall entirely fire-proof, and the committee believe that a grander or more elegant stairway cannot be found in any public building in the United States.

On every floor will be found abundance of water, and the usual means of using it, as well as every means of promoting comfort.

No residence has been provided for within the building, the committee regarding the Grand Lodge as having expressed itself in favor of having the building for Masonic purposes exclusively. The entire cost, it is believed, will be within \$750,000, the approximate estimate being about \$733,000.

The committee are of opinion that it will take about five years to complete the building, and the Grand Lodge will then have the finest Masonic hall in the world, and a building which, in itself, will have few superiors. The 24th of June (St. John's day) was set apart for laying the corner-stone.

In undertaking a work of this magnitude, the Grand Lodge were satisfied that it would be folly to encounter the heavy liabilities with only their present surplus receipts to meet them. The Finance Committee had studied the matter carefully, and while they look to the brethren who meet outside the city for some assistance, they consider that it is nothing more than right that the city lodges should bear the brunt of the burden, "inasmuch as they more directly enjoy the honor and benefits of the new hall." They therefore submitted the following resolution, which was adopted.

That from and after St. John's Day, 1867, the dues from subordinate lodges for each member annually shall be one dollar, and the fee for initiation shall be two dollars, in addition to which every lodge meeting in the city of Philadelphia shall pay ten per cent. out of each initiation to the building fund for building the new Masonic Temple, and this law shall only continue in force until the new Masonic loan is paid off, when the dues and initiations shall revert to the present rates.

While the Grand Lodge is directing its attention to this magnificent undertaking, the practical working of Masonic charity flows on in its accustomed channel. Those who halted, faint and weary in the pilgrimage of life, have been relieved and comforted, and the hearts of the widow and orphan have been made glad. During the year the Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund disbursed \$3053, as follows:

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| 154 applications from widows of deceased members..... | \$2768. |
| 12 applications from orphans of deceased members..... | 255.    |
| 2 applications from mothers of deceased members.....  | 30.     |

Of this amount \$390 was bestowed upon applicants from other jurisdictions, one from Louisiana receiving \$20. The Stewards of the Stephen Girard Be-

quest granted \$2935 to ninety-six "poor and respectable brethren," thirty-eight of whom hailed from other jurisdictions; one brother from Louisiana receiving \$20.

At the annual communication held December 27, Grand Master Vaux delivered an excellent address, which is principally devoted to local matters. Nineteen lodges had been "lawfully warranted and duly constituted" during the year; most of the lodges had been visited, lodges of instruction opened, and the authorized work taught, explained and exemplified. As the Pennsylvania work is similar to, if not identical with, the English system, this had become essentially necessary, many innovations having been introduced into lodges adjacent to the boundary line of other jurisdictions. The Masters of the subordinate lodges have been notified that no other than the standard work of Pennsylvania is to be taught, "and that no one is authorized to exemplify it without authority granted for that purpose." This regulation will soon eradicate the evils complained of, while the visitations and lodges of instruction have been attended with the most beneficial results. By these means, the Grand Master says the bonds and ties of Masonic fraternity have been strengthened and brightened, and the unmasonic designations and rivalries of country and city lodges are rapidly disappearing. This auspicious result is due in a great measure to an amendment to the Ahiman Rezon, adopted during the past year, and of which Grand Master Vaux is the author. In Pennsylvania, Past Masters are members of the Grand Lodge and have the right to vote. Heretofore the city lodges controlled the legislation of the Grand Lodge as they could always cast a full vote, while the country lodges were only partially represented—few or none of their Past Masters being present. By the amendment the lodges are entitled to elect a delegate, who, on all questions before the Grand Lodge and in the election of officers, is "permitted to cast one vote for each member of his lodge in good standing, who is a member of the Grand Lodge, and who at the time is not personally present therein." This new system of representation was in operation at the annual communication and worked harmoniously. The Grand Master anticipates the happiest results from it, and we trust that his expectations will not be disappointed.

Owing to the difference which exists in the ceremonial of the various Grand Lodges of the United States, he says Masons made in Pennsylvania find it difficult to visit lodges in other jurisdictions. For the purpose of facilitating "the interchange of true Masonic fraternity," he suggests "that whatever is *not essential* in the ceremonial of examination of visitors, might be dispensed with, when those presenting themselves hail from Pennsylvania."

Grand Master Vaux states that he had been applied to both by authors and publishers for approval of books "purporting to be Masonic, or relating to Masonry, or containing Masonic information." In each case this had been courteously refused. He says "cheap Masonry and Masonic book-making are mischiefs which grow out of a zeal which seeks to cover up ignorance," and thinks "too much caution cannot be maintained by the craft against the increasing efforts to induce them to favor printed and published, so-called, Masonic books." Granting that there is much "printed and published" that is worthless, we should not on that account discountenance Masonic publications. Lord Bacon says: "Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested; that is, some books are to

be read only in parts; others to be read, but not curiously; and some few to be read wholly, and with diligence and attention." This applies to Masonic books as well as every other species of literature; and we believe the fraternity possess sufficient intelligence to decide what books are, and what are not, worthy of their patronage, without the aid of a censor or an *index expurgatorius*.

The Grand Master impresses upon the lodges the necessity of requiring "proof of a brother's proficiency in the craft before he is advanced," and in this connection he remarks:

The ground-work of our order rests on a solid and lasting foundation, which, in all ages, has defied the attacks of time as well as the opposition of the world, actuated either by invincible ignorance, or malicious and vindictive animosities. The moral grandeur, as well as the wonderful power of the Masonic fraternity, consists in its unity, harmony, fraternity, and the virtues that belong to it, and its practices and precepts. To maintain this character, it is the duty of us all so to enlighten the minds and purify the hearts of the brethren, that no inroads can be made into the temple which contains our ancient and honorable mysteries. The surest and truest means to effect this paramount obligation, will be found in so treating those who unite with the craft, as they proceed in gaining light and knowledge, that proficiency is thoroughly obtained as they progress. When so taught, so impressed, so enlightened, each carries with him as he advances, those great truths, which, when all are received, constitute him a perfect component of the great moral temple of the order, whose walls are thus made of living stones, and its battlements of the purest and most indestructible virtues. Let us then use all diligence in our day, to transmit to our successors the mysteries as we receive them from our fathers, that to the latest syllable of recorded time, the craft may exclaim, in the fullness of joy and truth, these walls of our temple are salvation, and its gates praise.

The following excellent remarks upon the duties of D. D. Grand Masters, although intended for local application, possess a general interest, and we transcribe them for the benefit of those concerned. Grand Master Vaux says:

The position of District Deputy Grand Master is highly honorable, and intended to be of essential benefit to the craft. I can well understand the great advantages which would necessarily be attained by the fraternity throughout this jurisdiction, from experienced and well-qualified brethren appointed to fill these stations. But from the examination of the subject, and the experience gained by the visitations in the Masonic districts, I have been led to the conclusion, that a marked change should be made in the duties of these officers, as well as the manner in which those now exercised are performed. The usefulness of these Grand Officers is greatly impaired by reason of the want of system which is manifested in their official relations to the craft under their supervision. A D. D. Grand Master is the representative of the R. W. Grand Master, in the district to which he is assigned. The dignity of the oriental chair; the teachings of the work and the law; the adjustment of constantly occurring questions; the decisions in Masonic jurisprudence; the settlement of matters out of which, if not promptly attended to, may grow unharmonious feelings; the replies to the many interrogatories that the legislation in subordinate lodges suggests; the necessity for counsel and advice near to the craft, and always accessible; uniformity in rules which govern the executive administration of this officer, all and each require, that the position of D. D. Grand Master should be elevated to the standard which marks its true character. I regard it as necessary to do all in my power thus to secure these desirable ends. Hereafter the districts will be so bounded, that direct communication can be had by the D. D. Grand Master with all the lodges under his care. This accomplished, the craft will be enabled to receive the attention they need or require. Whatever is within the Masonic power of a D. D. Grand Master, must be sought from him by lodges and members, and through him all communications on questions or subjects, which require the action of

the Grand Master, must be sent. Uniformity in work and jurisprudence will thus be attained, and the onerous duty of the Grand Master in obeying the law and the landmarks of Masonry, can be discharged in such a manner as to secure the peace, harmony, unity and prosperity of the fraternity.

R. W. Bro. Vaux congratulates the craft on their unanimous declaration in favor of the erection of the new Masonic Temple, and, before closing his address, alludes in feeling terms to the death of Grand Master Goddard and Grand Tyler Wm. B. Schnider.

Bro. Wilson McCandless having been forced by his official duties as Judge of the U. S. District Court to resign from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of which he was chairman, the Grand Master presents a brief report which acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Lodges, our own included. The only question discussed is the recognition of new Grand Lodges, and the rule laid down by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in the case of the Grand Lodge of Canada is restated and argued with ability. Under the circumstances which required the preparation of the report, the writer states that it was not his purpose "to do more than to salute cordially and fraternally our sister Grand Lodges," and concludes with the "wish and hope that the Grand Lodges of States and nations may, being separate as the billows, yet be one like the sea."

Appended to the proceedings is the correspondence and decision of the Grand Master in a case where, in the absence of the Master and Wardens, a Past Master, at the request of the W. M., proceeded to open the lodge and work until the W. M. arrived. The question is examined with great ability and at considerable length, the following being the conclusions arrived at:

In Freemasonry, what is not *permitted* is *prohibited*.

It is my opinion that a lodge, in the absence of a W. M., S. W. and J. W., cannot be opened.

That a P. M. has no authority to act, or a W. M. to delegate to him any such authority, in his absence.

That in the absence of the W. M. the warrant is in the custody or "charge" of the S. W., and in the absence of both, in the J. W.

That a lodge cannot be opened unless either the W. M., S. W. or J. W. is present.

That if either of the Wardens is present, he may put a P. M. in the chair for work and business of the lodge.

Since the above was written, we have received the programme of the ceremonies used at laying the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple, June 24, 1868, and a copy of the beautiful oration delivered on that occasion by Grand Master Vaux. Our space, however, will not permit us to extract from it.

**RHODE ISLAND.**—At the "festival communication" of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, held June 25, 1866, P. G. Master Ariel Ballow presided, and to show how our brethren of "Little Rhody" enjoy themselves on such occasions, we transcribe the record:

The festival communication is opened in due form on the E. A. degree. A procession is formed by the Grand Marshal, which proceeds under escort of St. John's Encampment of Knights Templar, to the Methodist Episcopal Church, where an oration is pronounced by our Rev. and W. Grand Chaplain, on the life and character of St. John the Baptist. After the exercises at the church, the procession again formed and proceeded to the mammoth tent, under which tables were spread, capable of accommodating seven hundred persons, where the brethren with their wives and daughters, regale themselves with the rich and substantial variety with which the tables are loaded. After



spending an hour or two in this very agreeable manner, the brethren return to the hall, and the business of Masonry is resumed.

The address delivered by the Grand Chaplain, W. Bro. B. W. Atwell, is both interesting and appropriate to the occasion. Three special communications were held "for the purpose of constituting, consecrating and dedicating" lodges, and installing their officers. At the semi-annual communication, held November 19, 1866, the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was recognized, and the work exemplified by conferring the degrees upon regularly elected candidates of subordinate lodges.

The annual communication was held in Providence, May 20, 1867, Thomas A. Doyle, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and twenty-two lodges represented. The address of the Grand Master states that more than ordinary prosperity had prevailed—a larger amount of work having been done than in any previous year, while the number of rejections indicate that proper care had been exercised in selecting the material. M. W. Bro. Doyle says "the greatest danger we have to encounter at the present time, is the rapid increase in the roll of membership." Where so many are pressing for the degrees, "committees of inquiries may become negligent," and a lodge crowded with work "becomes a mere machine for making Masons." They are such, however, only in name, he remarks, as "they know nothing of Masonry except the ceremonies they have passed through;—of its principles, its symbols, its duties and responsibilities, they are most ignorant, for there is no time to instruct them in these things." Unable to suggest a remedy, he urges upon the craft to guard the entrance to the lodge with greater caution, and to reject the applicant, in every instance, unless fully satisfied that he is worthy of a place among us. Notwithstanding the strictest economy, the indebtedness of the Grand Lodge had slightly increased, and the Grand Master says "the celebration of the festival of St. John is becoming quite a burden upon the treasury," and suggests that some measures be taken to meet it, without abandoning it altogether. Three members of the Grand Lodge had died during the year: Nathan Bardin, at the advanced age of eighty-nine, and after a Masonic life of sixty-five years; Wm. B. Merrill, aged seventy, after a membership of forty-three years, and Henry Butler, aged thirty-five. After paying an affectionate tribute to the memory of each, M. W. Bro. Doyle proceeds to render an account of his stewardship. He had issued dispensations for two new lodges, and decided that "an affirmation can be administered instead of an oath, to any person who refuses on conscientious grounds to take the latter." For reasons expressed in our report of last year, we dissent from this doctrine, but concur in the following decisions:

A brother, declaring his intention to stop the work of a lodge, can be punished therefor.

The Master of a lodge can open or close it at his own will and pleasure.

By-laws are not absolutely necessary for the work of a lodge.

The "Grand Lodge of Instruction" was re-organized; and considerable business of local interest was presented and referred, but not acted upon. There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

At the semi-annual communication held November 13, 1867, the work was exemplified, and some business of local interest transacted.

The annual communication of 1868 was held in Providence, May 18, 1868, Thomas A. Doyle, Grand Master, presiding, twenty chartered lodges and two under dispensation represented—session, one day.

The address of the Grand Master is occupied with local matters, and is a clear business paper, devoid of all rhetorical flourish. The large increase of membership had increased the expenses of the Grand Lodge, but he hopes the dues received will enable it to meet its liabilities, and carry it through the year; but to accomplish this the Festival Communication would have to be omitted, or the entire expense defrayed by the lodge with which the Grand Lodge meets on that occasion. He had issued dispensations for the formation of two new lodges, and after giving a full record of his official acts, sums them up thus:

Two new lodges constituted; three Masonic halls dedicated; five official and one unofficial visitations made to the lodges; the elections in ten lodges presided over; the officers of eleven lodges privately installed and of five lodges publicly. On all these occasions I have addressed the audiences assembled, striving as far as in my power to impress upon them the importance of our institution, the necessity of preserving it in its purity, and of protecting it from enemies within or assaults from without. In the private assemblies I have endeavored by illustrations of the rituals and of the esoteric portions of Masonry, to bring home to the hearts of the members, the duties incumbent upon them. The addresses have been uniformly listened to with attention, and I can but hope that some grains of the good seed I have sought to sow, may have fallen upon soil which will nourish it, and where it will bring forth fruit abundantly.

Grand Master Doyle reports seven decisions made by him during the year. We give two of them, and concurring in the first, dissent from the second, as it is a long step in advance of any violation of the law of physical qualifications, we have yet heard of:

A Mason, not a member of the lodge, cannot be admitted, if objection be made thereto by a member. Courtesy dictates that a brother applying to visit should be admitted.

A man who has lost one foot, which has been replaced by an artificial one, can be made a Mason.

The business transacted possesses no general interest.

Thomas A. Doyle, M. W. Grand Master, and Charles D. Greene, R. W. Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

**SOUTH CAROLINA.**—The annual communication of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina was held in Charleston, November 19, 1867, James L. Orr, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and eighty-two lodges represented—session, two days.

In a brief address, the Grand Master states that harmony reigns among the craft;—our institution enjoying the sympathy of the public and the zealous co-operation of its members. He gratefully acknowledges the receipt of "material aid" to assist in the alleviation of the distress prevailing in his jurisdiction. The entire amount received during the year is over \$5000; of this sum, \$1780 was contributed by New York, Illinois, Missouri, Minnesota and New Mexico, while the brethren in Kentucky, through their Grand Master, forwarded the munificent donation of \$3450. Appropriate resolutions of thanks were adopted, and the report of the committee to whom the distribution of the fund was intrusted shows a balance on hand of \$2328.

Dispensations for the opening of nine new lodges had been issued during the year. The P. G. Master's jewel, recovered by Grand Master Gorin, of Illinois, was presented to the Grand Lodge by the Grand Secretary, who also submitted the correspondence. Resolutions of thanks were adopted and the

jewel returned to its owner, Bro. C. J. Colcock, son of P. G. Master C. J. Colcock, to whom it had been presented by the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, at the union of the two Grand Lodges in 1817.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. R. S. Bruns, and reviews the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Lodges—our own for 1867 receiving a fraternal notice. Ably written, the report is characterized by an *ex cathedra* tone, and contains much which invites criticism. Deprecating all political allusions, Bro. Bruns allows his own political sympathies to crop out. Fearful that Grand Lodges will transcend their just power and encroach upon the rights of subordinates, he eulogizes M. W. Bro. Holmes, of New York, for having made a Mason at sight. Noticing the rule in Kentucky requiring all brethren in possession of “mnemonics” to deliver them up to the Grand Secretary, he very pertinently asks:

Is not this going a little too far? Has the Grand Lodge any right to penetrate the private libraries of brethren, and decide which books shall be permitted to be kept, and which taken away? There seems to be something inquisitorial in this proceeding, which carries us back to the dark ages. Grand Lodges should be very chary of the exercise of power, out of the strict line of authority, lest they should be thought assumptive, and so provoke a natural spirit of resistance, which shall, some day, endanger all authority. Men frequently keep in their libraries books which they study only to refute. They keep the books of infidel teachers, as well as those of greatest purity and propriety. A library is a vast and various collection of human evidence, opinion, speculation, suggestion, and discovery, all of which need to be examined in turn. The student sifts books, as one winnows grain, and it is only by a long struggle through seas of doubt that the man of thought arrives at the substantial faith upon which he is willing to rely.

M. W. Bro. Murray, of Maine, in his address to his Grand Lodge in 1867, made some excellent remarks in relation to organizing new lodges without proper halls, furniture and clothing. The suggestions were made in regard to new lodges that might be instituted in his jurisdiction—not to those already in existence—and had no allusion to lodges elsewhere. Bro. Bruns quotes the remarks, construes them as applying to the lodges in South Carolina, and comments upon them in terms which are far from courteous. As Bro. Drummond quietly corrects this error, we would not have noticed it, were it not that Bro. Bruns has improved the occasion to parade the poverty of the lodges in his jurisdiction, and made his comments the text for the following appeal:

If it be so much a reproach in the sight of our wealthy brethren, how easy to remove the reproach by a liberal appropriation from their superfluity and abundance. I will venture to say that there are few of our *poor* lodges who will not cheerfully exchange their jewels of tin for jewels of silver or gold.

I answer for the community here. Any donation which will enable us to do what has long been the wish of our fraternity and our earnest desire, namely, to substitute for our dim and dingy hall a noble Masonic temple, which shall at once dignify the institution, and do honor to the architecture which the institution is partially designed to illustrate, will be most thankfully received.

It is with deep regret we notice the spirit displayed in the above extract. The liberal donations bestowed upon our brethren of South Carolina seem only to have increased the desire for more, and the cry is still “give! give! give!” Immediately on the return of peace, the subordinate lodges in various portions of our sister jurisdiction “flooded the country with clamorous appeals for pecuniary aid,” and our brethren at the North, forgetting all past differences, nobly and generously responded. While applauding the noble responses

to these appeals, the lamented Fuller, of Tennessee, felt "constrained to condemn the appeals themselves, as tending to bring the brethren of the South into contempt." He remarked that undoubtedly the Palmetto State suffered severely at the close of the war, but no more if as much as Georgia and other States, and nothing in comparison with Virginia during the long and sanguinary struggle—that it was not in South Carolina alone that lodge rooms were destroyed, and the craft involved in the sweeping desolation which marks the track of contending armies—yet, so far as he knew, the brethren of no other State had made such piteous appeals for aid. We refrained from noticing this rebuke in our former report, as at that time the devastations of war had been followed by a failure of the crops. Famine stalked over the land, and the wail of the widow and the orphan was heard all over the South. With a generous sympathy and a munificent liberality, our brethren in the North and West answered to the cry for bread, and in the distribution of their charities South Carolina has been so bountifully remembered that she has a large surplus of these charity funds on hand. All this, however, does not suffice, and the Grand Secretary comes forward soliciting donations to erect a "noble Masonic temple" in place of the present "dim and dingy hall." The appeals for aid at the close of the late war may be excused—the wail of the widow and orphan finds a response in every manly heart—but for this appeal no extenuating plea can be offered. Coming from any other source, we would consider it the demand of a "sturdy beggar," and are loathe to believe that the appeal has been made with the knowledge and consent of our South Carolinian brethren. If it has, we would fraternally recommend to their attention the old adage: "The gods help those who help themselves." Let them summon energy, perseverance and well-directed industry to their assistance, instead of resting supinely on their oars and depending upon eleemosinary aid from abroad, and they will soon surmount all their difficulties, and a new career of prosperity will open before them.

We notice that Bro. Bruns attaches the numerals 32° to his signature. If a brother is entitled to the figures, he had better keep them where they belong; they are out of place in a Grand Lodge paper, and, in our opinion, their introduction is not only an evidence of bad taste but a violation of Masonic propriety.

We have also received in advance of the proceedings of 1868, a copy of the report on Foreign Correspondence, which is again from the pen of Bro. Bruns. We must defer our review of it, however, until the proceedings come to hand.

James L. Orr, M. W. Grand Master, and R. S. Bruns, R. W. Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

**TENNESSEE.**—The fifty-fourth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee was held at Nashville, October 7, 1867, Joseph M. Anderson, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and 221 lodges represented—session, five days.

The address of the Grand Master is an able and finished production. He notices in feeling and appropriate terms the deaths of P. G. Grand Master Thomas McCulloch and Amasa S. Underwood, a prominent member of the Grand Lodge, and sympathizes with our brethren in Pennsylvania in the great loss sustained in the death of their Grand Master, John S. Goddard. He announces a prosperous and healthful condition of the fraternity throughout his jurisdiction, that a spirit of devotion to the ancient landmarks and edicts of

the Grand Lodge prevails, and where there has been the slightest departure from either it has been produced by a want of information. Alluding to the many questions on Masonic law submitted to him, he says that it had been a matter of surprise to him that it was only necessary in many instances to refer the parties, with the most satisfactory results, to the edicts and resolutions of the Grand Lodge, and correctly remarks:

A worthy brother may exhibit commendable zeal in the discharge of his duties to the particular lodge which claims his membership; he may be faithful in his attendance upon it; prompt in the payment of his dues; charitable in his dealings with men, and a staunch defender of innocence and truth—yet, even such a brother has not perfected his education in Masonry, until he has familiarized himself with the practical workings of the order, and with all the rules and laws which control its civil government. These are as essentially a part of his education as are those higher lessons of charity and benevolence taught in its lodge rooms, and in the example of its brightest lights. I claim that an institution so venerable in its original conception, and so long approved by the generations that have followed upon its birth, contains nothing in it harmonizing with its sublime purposes which is not worthy the most careful study of all its members.

The particular inducements to this suggestion is the fact, that in my association with Masons, I have found the sentiment prevailing, that if a brother reaches the ultimate end in view, ignorance of the ceremonials and laws is an unimportant consideration. It is true, the chief aim of Masonry is to purify the human heart, exalt its aspirations, and train it to acts of charity and pure beneficence; and if this is accomplished, much indeed has been done. But this is not all, and he who thinks so forgets that Masonry has a civil government, that it has a constitution, precedents, and laws; and that these are the centripetal forces which hold it together. Without these our usefulness would be gone, and with it the honorable prestige of our name.

Grand Master Anderson is of opinion that the neglect to acquire a proper knowledge of our ceremonials and laws is the source of many of the evils which afflict the fraternity, and suggests as a remedy the propriety of appending to the proposed uniform code of by-laws for the subordinate lodges, the by-laws, edicts and resolutions of the Grand Lodge—to be published in cheap pamphlet form and supplied to the lodges at cost. He makes a long argument in favor of the advancement of persons who have become maimed subsequently to their initiation. The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, however, were not convinced and reported that the physical qualifications required in the candidate apply as well to passing and raising as to initiation, and the report was concurred in by the Grand Lodge. The question “whether a Mason can be charged and punished by a lodge for offences committed by him before he became a Mason?” had been submitted to the Grand Master. He decided that he could not, being governed in his decision by the principle that *ex post facto* laws are in conflict with the theory of civil government. But he thinks it extremely doubtful if this principle should control in Masonic jurisprudence. He considers the inattention and carelessness with which committees on the petition of candidates for the degrees generally discharge their duties, the source of great evil to the fraternity, and remarks:

Two of a committee of three most generally do nothing more than concur in the report of the third member, not thinking it necessary to ascertain the facts themselves, and without stopping to inquire if the information of the chairman or speaking member of the committee be sufficient to authorize a report either good or bad. We are too easily satisfied in this very essential matter, which lies at the very foundation of all Masonic usefulness. A negative report of the character of a candidate, is in very many instances acted

upon as sufficient. But it is not sufficient under the requirements of the law. The fact that a candidate is not an "immoral and scandalous man," is not sufficient. He must positively be a good man and true, and under the tongue of good report. Negative characters neither make good citizens nor good Masons, for it does not always follow that he who is not bad is necessarily good. Goodness, virtue and worth are active qualities, and these are the essential elements which the law requires.

But even where a committee carefully investigate the character of an applicant and report it unexceptionable, it may happen that an unworthy man is admitted into the fraternity. The Grand Master cites the case which had been referred to him: an individual who stood in fair repute in his community, sustaining an official relation with his church, applied to a lodge for initiation. A committee was appointed, who after a careful investigation of his character, reported it to be unexceptionable. He was elected, received the degrees, and was to all appearances a devoted and worthy Mason. Suddenly it was disclosed that about a year previous to his initiation he had committed a heinous crime. To reach this case, and others of a similar character, the Grand Master suggested the adoption of the following edict:

A Mason who is proven to have committed, before his initiation, any crime declared to be infamous by the laws of the State, and to have concealed the matter in such a manner that it could not be known at the time of his initiation, shall be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence submitted the following report on the question, which was adopted:

It is difficult to make any general rule upon this subject, but in cases where a person has practiced a fraud upon the lodge, and concealed his true internal qualifications, or his crimes, the committee are of the opinion that such past offences, when they become flagrant, are subjects of Masonic jurisdiction.

In our opinion it would have been better to have adopted the proposed edict. It has the merit of being clear and definite, and therefore not liable to be misconstrued. Fraud vitiates all contracts, and if a person receives the degrees of Masonry through fraudulent representations or by the concealment of crime, he should be expelled, "not for unmasonic conduct," but for fraud practiced upon the fraternity.

In the report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, we find the following, in answer to a question on the secrecy of the ballot:

Masonry ignores all political differences of opinion, and all religious tests save those required by the landmarks of Masonry. To demand new tests of qualification, would be an innovation on Masonry. A member can reject an application for initiation, passing, or raising, for any cause; and as long as he preserves the secrecy of the ballot, his reasons or motives cannot be inquired into: but should he state in open lodge, or otherwise, that he has or will vote to reject an applicant having the requisite qualifications, upon political or religious grounds alone, he would be guilty of unmasonic conduct; and if such declarations and improper exposure of his ballot should disturb the peace and harmony of the lodge, he *may* be reprimanded, suspended or expelled.

The Mason who prostitutes the sanctity of the ballot to black-ball a worthy candidate on political or religious grounds, or to gratify a spirit of petty revenge, is unfit to belong to the craft, and should sever his connection with an institution the beauty of whose teachings he can neither feel nor appreciate; and if he publicly declares that, influenced by any unworthy motive, he has thrown a black ball, we consider it obligatory, and not discretionary, upon the

lodge to discipline him. And such seems to have been the conclusion at which the Grand Lodge arrived, for on the last day of the session the following edict was adopted:

Any member of a lodge, improperly or publicly exposing his ballot, shall, upon trial and conviction, be reprimanded in open lodge, suspended, or expelled.

In the same report we find another decision, concurred in by the Grand Lodge, which takes us by surprise. The question is

Has a lodge the right to receive the petition of a candidate who has been rejected, and then another lodge established by dispensation, in whose jurisdiction the rejected falls, to elect and confer the degrees on said candidate, after the lapse of twelve months, when a member of the lodge rejecting is present and objects to the candidate? *Answer*—It has. Every lodge has the right to judge of the qualifications of its applicants for degrees.

This decision is in direct violation of the established usages and customs of the fraternity. The Gothic Constitutions declare that "a brother shall not supplant his fellow in his work," and the same principle is reiterated in the Ancient Charges. The candidate who applies to a lodge becomes the property of that lodge. If rejected, he cannot apply to another lodge without first obtaining permission from the lodge which rejected him. Any other rule would give opportunities to foist unworthy candidates upon the order and lead to conflicts between lodges, which would destroy the harmony that should exist between them. In cases where this principle is not contravened, "a lodge has the right to judge of the qualifications of its applicants for degrees." But, if objections are urged by a visitor, it is the duty of the lodge to carefully examine whether the objections are frivolous or well-founded, because, if a lodge elects and confers the degrees upon a candidate, he becomes not only a member of that particular lodge but is admitted to fellowship with the whole fraternity.

The following edicts were adopted:

That in case of newly discovered evidence, or other good cause, upon petition to the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Master in the recess, a new trial may be granted in favor or against a member of a subordinate lodge, who has been tried and convicted or acquitted in such subordinate lodge.

That no brother, a member of a subordinate lodge from which an appeal has been taken, can act as a committee-man on that appeal in the Grand Lodge.

During the recess the Grand Master had issued dispensations for the establishment of six new lodges and during the session the Grand Lodge granted sixteen—making in all twenty-two. A uniform code of by-laws was adopted and recommended to the subordinates for their adoption. Owing to the great increase in the number of appeals and the short time allowed for their examination, the Grand Lodge adopted the recommendation of the Committee on Appeals that the said committee hereafter assemble one week before the annual communication. This, in our opinion, is an excellent arrangement and will tend greatly to facilitate the business of the Grand Lodge. Appropriate resolutions were passed, and a Lodge of Sorrow held, in memory of P. G. Master Thomas McCulloch. A large audience, in addition to the members of the fraternity were present, and at the conclusion of the ceremonies Bro. Samuel H. Stout delivered a beautiful eulogy on the life and character of the deceased.

The Grand Orator, Rev. Bro. A. J. Baird, delivered an eloquent address on

the theory and practice of Masonry. Our space prevents extended extracts, and we have only room for the following:

Who is the bright Mason? He who is deeply read in all its ancient lore, yet is reckless of his Masonic practice? His Masonry is but a jewel of gold in a swine's snout. Is he bright who can pronounce all its sacred lessons, and flippantly rehearse all its sublime teachings, and then grieve sober decency with his profanity and dissipation? He is but a sounding brass and tinkling cymbal. He is the bright Mason whose life reflects back again the pure light that shines from the altar.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is again from the pen of the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Charles A. Fuller, and, notwithstanding it was prepared "under the discouragements of continued ill health," fully sustains the reputation of the writer. The proceedings of thirty-five Grand Lodges, our own for 1866 included, are reviewed in a fraternal spirit. Bro. Fuller gives copious extracts from the proceedings before him, and expresses his opinions upon the subjects under discussion with clearness and precision. He deprecates all allusions to political matters, quotes and endorses Bro. Hornor's remarks on increasing the fee for the degrees, and noticing the making a Mason "at sight" by Grand Master Holmes, of New York, denies the "prerogative" claimed for Grand Masters, but concedes the "right" when it is authorized by the constitution of the Grand Lodge.

Joseph M. Anderson, M. W. Grand Master, and Charles A. Fuller, R. W. Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

Since the above was written we have received a pamphlet containing the funeral obsequies of Bro. Charles A. Fuller, who expired June 5, 1868. His long protracted sickness rendered the event not unlooked for, but the sad intelligence falls not the less heavy upon the hearts of his many friends throughout the length and breadth of the land. For over quarter of a century Bro. Fuller was a prominent member of his Grand Lodge; and, after serving two terms as Grand Master, he was in 1852 elected Grand Secretary, which office he continued to hold to the time of his death. For many years chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, his able reports procured for him a national reputation, while it is to his untiring Masonic zeal and ability that the Grand Lodge of Tennessee is mainly indebted for the high position it holds among its sister Grand Lodges; and we sincerely sympathize with it in the great loss it has sustained.

The Grand Master appointed R. W. Bro. John Frizzell to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Bro. Fuller.

TEXAS.—The thirty-second annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas was held in Houston, June 8, 1868, John R. Fretwell, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and seventy-three lodges represented—session, five days.

The address of the Grand Master is devoted to local matters. He refers to the severe epidemic of 1867, which spread desolation over the southern border and sea coast of his jurisdiction. During the pestilence men deserted their usual avocations and occupied themselves in nursing the sick and burying the dead, and our beloved institution furnished its heroes and martyrs in the cause of humanity, for "Masons took their proper stand in the front rank." He mourns the loss sustained by the Grand Lodge in the death of P. G. Master Wm. B. Ochiltree, and P. G. Junior Warden Henry R. Cartmell,



both of whom had died during the year, and appropriate resolutions were adopted and mourning pages set apart to their memory.

In rendering an account of his stewardship, M. W. Bro. Fretwell states that he had not issued one dispensation for the formation of a new lodge. He very correctly remarks that the Grand Master does not make the law—he only executes it. Certain conditions being complied with, the Grand Master *may*, not *shall*, issue such dispensations. Bro. Fretwell therefore exercised the discretion vested in him by the constitution, in the manner which he believed most conducive to the interests of the craft—being satisfied that Masonry has become too popular with the masses, and that the greatest danger to our institution is to be found in its popularity. In this connection he alludes to the threatened crusade against Masonry, and says this movement is sufficient warning to the craft to exercise unusual caution in the admission of candidates.

Neither had the Grand Master issued a single dispensation for conferring degrees. He says he remembers no case where the interests of Masonry have been advanced by conferring degrees out of the legal time. The committee to whom the address was referred, commenting on this, remark: "A healthy change has been brought about in our jurisdiction in this matter within the recollection of many, when it was customary to supply lodges with blank sheets of paper, signed by the Grand Master, on which they could write dispensations when required." It was the abuse of the dispensing power which attracted the attention of the thinking portion of the fraternity to the evils resulting from dispensations to confer degrees in so-called cases of emergency. The practice is now so generally condemned, that no one can be found to defend it, and we have every reason to hope that in a short time it will become obsolete.

During the epidemic the time of the Grand Master was almost entirely engrossed in waiting upon the sick. He also suffered greatly during the year from sickness himself, yet he states he had written over one thousand Masonic letters, answering questions, etc. Instead of complaining of the labor, he says it was both pleasure and profit to him, and, declining a re-election, assures the brethren that whoever accepts the office of Grand Master need not expect to find it a sinecure.

The report of the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Philip C. Tucker, is a brief resumé of his official duties, including the granting of three dispensations for the formation of new lodges. We regret to learn that Bro. Tucker had also suffered from protracted sickness during the year.

The craft appear to be recovering from the effects of the war, and "the waste places of our Masonic Zion" are being built up. The Grand Secretary reports that the returns of the subordinate lodges have come up more perfect than those of the past three years. Much business, principally of a local character, was transacted; the work was exemplified; ten charters were granted, three dispensations for new lodges issued, and two dispensations continued.

A resolution was adopted declaring "that representatives to other Grand Lodges shall hold their appointment for the term only of the Grand Master who appointed them, subject to his will and pleasure." As the appointment of grand representatives is generally an empty honor, we consider it of little consequence how long the term of office lasts. But if the office should lose its purely ornamental character and become—as we hope it will—practically

useful, then, in our opinion, a brother who is personally acceptable at the Grand East to which he is accredited, should be retained in office as long as he discharges his duties to the satisfaction of the Grand Lodge which appointed him.

The committee to whom the reports of the Grand Officers were referred, in noticing the opinion of one of the D. D. Grand Masters, that it is unmasonic for a W. M. to submit a request for a dimit to the lodge before the dues are paid, remark:

The dimit is the right of the Mason on payment of dues: it is always granted if no valid objection is raised. It does not depend on a vote of the lodge, the right to it being inherent, and cannot be restrained by any power, and in the exercise of it the brother must be the sole judge of the propriety of his conduct: hence no vote need ever be taken. So long as the dimit is not taken by the brother he continues his membership.

The report was adopted, but if the word "dimit" in the last clause refers to the certificate of dismission we consider the decision erroneous. A brother's membership ceases when the order granting the dimit is entered on the minutes of the lodge. The certificate, or written dimit, is only evidence of dismission. When a brother dimits, he is entitled to a certificate of dismission, but it is not obligatory on him to take it at any particular time.

In answer to the question "Should not all unaffiliated Masons be required to pay, at least, the sum of one dollar annually to the Grand Lodge Fund?" it was decided that the Grand Lodge has no power to levy such a tax. As the unaffiliated are not entitled to charity or any of the rights and privileges of the lodge organization, this, in our opinion, is the only just conclusion which can be arrived at.

A singular case came before the Grand Lodge on appeal. A brother was expelled by his lodge on charges of unmasonic conduct. He appealed; after great delay, occasioned by the lodge neglecting to send up the papers, the appeal was sustained, judgment reversed, the case sent to another lodge for trial, and the brother acquitted. At its next session the Grand Lodge declared him restored to his original membership and to good standing as a Mason. Although the brother had been unjustly deprived of the benefits of Masonry for more than ten years, the bitter feelings engendered by the former trial had not been allayed, and new charges, based upon the old ones, were preferred against him. Notwithstanding his protest, and a request that the charges might be sent to another lodge, the trial was proceeded with and he again expelled. After a careful examination of the whole case, the Committee on Grievances and Appeals found the evidence did not sustain the charges, and that the controversy had been conducted on both sides in a spirit repugnant to the principles inculcated by our institution. The judgment was reversed, the charges dismissed, and all parties exhorted to exercise that charity which is the governing virtue of our order.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, by Bro. W. B. Botts, is a full and comprehensive review of the proceedings of thirty-four Grand Bodies. In noticing the proceedings of our own Grand Lodge for 1868, he says they "are always interesting—not only because it is our nearest neighbor, but because we recognize upon its pages the work of true and skillful craftsmen." He quotes Grand Master Norwood's remarks upon the epidemic of 1867, notices the workings of our Relief Lodge, and reproduces Bro. Hornor's remarks on the subject of Masonic grand visitations.

Noticing that Bro. Pinner, of the New York committee, had been led to suppose that the Grand Lodge of Texas had entered into fraternal correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, Bro. Botts says:

We are sorry that this misapprehension has arisen; or, that our stand in relation to the Grand Lodge of Hamburg should have been questioned. We hold no correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, and desire to hold none. Neither will we recognize any of her subjects until she has properly recognized the rights of our sister Grand Lodge of New York. If one of our reports, or circulars, found their way through the mail to the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, it was the result of accident and not design. We take our stand in this matter with the other Grand Lodges of the United States.

He devotes considerable space to the controversy between the Grand Lodges of Washington and Oregon, and thinks the question involved in the controversy has not been properly considered in its discussion. He decides in favor of the former, and illustrates his position by a reference to his own State. As the signs of the times indicate that a similar question may arise in Texas before long, we transcribe his closing remarks on this subject:

The Grand Lodge of Texas claims jurisdiction commensurate with the boundaries of the State, an immense area, much of which is uninhabited, and may, at any time, be regarded as liable to division by the political authorities. Should that portion over which we have never exercised practical or *de facto* jurisdiction be separated from us, we might be willing to share the jurisdiction with other Grand Lodges. But how would it be if our State was divided so as to sever the territory over which we hold and exercise positive jurisdiction? Suppose, for instance, it be divided into two States of equal area or population, over which would the Grand Lodge hold jurisdiction? Would we not be as tenacious of our rights as our far-off brethren of Washington? We hold to the principle that when the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge is once definitely defined and exercised to the exclusion of all others, that it holds such jurisdiction until the subordinate lodges therein located form a legal Grand Lodge. The action of the Government in changing the political boundaries of the territory may render it necessary and proper that the lodges cut off from the maternal Grand Lodge should form a new one; but it in no wise abrogates the original jurisdiction. This doctrine is by no means in conflict with the principle that any Grand Lodge may grant charters for local lodges in unoccupied territory.

Peter W. Gray was elected M. W. Grand Master, and George H. Bringham re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.—The annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia was held in Richmond, December 9, 1867, Edward H. Lane, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and 107 lodges represented—session, three days.

The Grand Master delivered an appropriate and truly Masonic address. After congratulating the brethren upon again meeting with them in Grand Lodge, and alluding to the principles inculcated by Masonry and the duties which it enjoins upon its initiates, he says:

I, for one, do not belong to that class of Masons—and I think I speak the sentiments of this Grand Lodge on this question—who insist that we shall accommodate our institution to every change in the condition of a country, whether it be a change in the social condition of its people or of her political institutions. No profane has any rights in Masonry. The privilege of becoming a member of our noble fraternity may be extended to those who possess the requisite qualifications, intellectual, moral and physical. It is, however, a mere matter of favor—hence the fraternity has the most undoubted right, and no one can question it, of selecting her own household. This selection should always be made with a wise reference to the good of the great body of

Masonry. I have thought it proper to say thus much upon the rights of profanes at this time, because in looking over the proceedings of several Grand Lodges, the question is being agitated as to the propriety of admitting into our sacred mysteries a class of persons who hitherto had been excluded, but who in consequence of recent events, familiar to you all, now claim such privileges. Documents bearing upon this subject have been received by me during the year, which, sooner or later, will have to be disposed of by the Grand Lodge. I do not consider it at all important, at this time, for me to discuss this question further. It is confidently believed, that when it becomes necessary that this Grand Lodge should speak out on this question, it will do so promptly, and in that firm and dignified manner that has always characterized her proceedings.

He notices approvingly the establishment of a school in the city of Richmond for the education of the orphans of deceased brethren. On the occasion of his visit, he found sixty-five pupils in attendance—the boys occupying one apartment and the girls another. He says that he never saw a school, with the same number of pupils, conducted with more order and system. We agree with the Grand Master that all praise is due to the Masonic fraternity of Richmond, “who originated the plan, founded the school, and now sustain it by their liberal contributions.” Such acts constitute the crowning glory of our institution.

He alludes to the conciliatory course pursued by Grand Master Bates, of West Virginia, and entertains no doubt that all difficulties will soon be amicably and satisfactorily arranged, and result in the recognition of that Grand Body and the restoration of fraternal relations. By a regulation of the Grand Lodge, it is made the duty of the D. D. Grand Masters to expound Masonic law and usage, and all appeals to the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge must be made through them. M. W. Bro. Lane recommends a careful investigation of the powers and duties of these officers, as the present regulation not only circumscribes the authority of the Grand Master, but occasions many inconveniences in having “thirty-two expounders of Masonic law” in the jurisdiction, each of whose decisions are binding in his respective district, until reversed upon appeal. The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, however, reported that it was inexpedient to make any change in the existing regulations, and the report was adopted.

At the annual communication of 1865, the following resolution was adopted:

It is contrary to Masonic law and usage to confer the degrees upon persons so maimed that they cannot conform to the ritual, and are incapable of pursuing their worldly avocations, if they should be necessitated so to do. And where doubt exists upon these points, application should be made to the Grand Lodge, or Grand Master, stating fully the character of the disability, and in a proper case a dispensation should be granted to confer the degrees.

The latter clause has been the subject of some comment, and M. W. Bro. Lane calls the attention of the Grand Lodge to it, in the following appropriate remarks:

It is one of great importance, and I have been called on a number of times to exercise the power contemplated in it. I have always refused. If no doubt exists as to the qualifications of the applicant, then there is no necessity for the exercise of the dispensing power. If doubt does exist, and this, in ninety-nine cases out of every hundred, can only be solved by a personal inspection, then the mere fact of such doubt should settle the question against the applicant. An idea prevails among some Masons, that the Grand Master can dispense with any of the requirements. A very mistaken one. The Grand Master is as much bound to observe himself, and see that others preserve the landmarks as the humblest Master Mason.

The Grand Lodge very properly repealed the latter clause of the resolution.

M. W. Bro. Lane closes his address by thanking the brethren for the confidence which they had reposed in him, and declining a re-election. At a time when the clash of contending armies resounded throughout the jurisdiction, the death of Grand Master Harman placed him in "supreme command," and he was afterwards honored by two successive elections. He found our altars overthrown and confusion in the temple; his zeal and ability enabled him to overcome all difficulties and he retires with the consciousness of having faithfully discharged his duty to the craft—prosperity and harmony prevailing throughout the jurisdiction.

The report on Foreign Correspondence reviews in an able manner the proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Lodges, our own for 1867 included. It is from the pen of Bro. B. R. Wellford, Jr., a clear and forcible writer, and although we may not fully endorse all the views expressed, we have perused it with both pleasure and profit. The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, for 1866, we have not seen, and therefore cannot say how far the following rebuke is merited, but the general tone of the remarks and the spirit they breathe receive our unqualified approbation. Bro. Wellford says:

We regret to be compelled to express our emphatic disapproval of the tone of the opening remarks of the annual address of the Grand Master. His eulogy of Masonry is sadly marred by the contrast in which it is sought to be presented with the Christian Church, and the apparent claim set up for it as a substitute for, if not an improvement upon religion. Sentiments like those of this address, coming from a private member, deserve the most prompt rebuke, but when spoken from the Grand East they afford occasion for much severer censure and much more serious consideration. If tolerated or countenanced, they can but bring the fraternity into deserved discredit, and array against us the just antagonism of all right thinking men. In its own place and for its own work, Masonry is a grand and noble institution. We can well content ourselves with that, and any and every effort to assert for it more, should be frowned upon with the sternest indignation by every member of the craft. As the handmaid of religion, her sphere is wide enough and honorable enough. If she aspires to supplant her mistress, great and deserved will be her fall. The children of Hagar must be Ishmaels—they cannot be Isaacs and inherit the promises.

Bro. Wellford shows his appreciation of the fraternal spirit exhibited by our Northern brethren in the following remarks:

The catholic and fraternal spirit manifested in many of our sister Grand Lodges of the North, demands as it receives our grateful and cordial appreciation. For the material aid which has been extended to relieve the suffering people of the South from the perils of famine, and to repair in a measure the waste places of our Masonic Zion, the brethren who have been privileged to perform the kindly deed may be assured of a lasting place in the memory and affections of the Southern fraternity. Nor are we wanting in a kindly appreciation of that charity which, in the absence of ability to extend aid, has not withheld the acceptable offering of fraternal and sympathetic words, and has manifested an appreciation of the sincerity of our convictions in the unfortunate past, and the delicacy of our present position, by abstinence from the language of reproach and the cheap patriotism of opprobrious epithets.

At the same time, Bro. Wellford feels the reproach which is liable to be cast upon the whole South by the course pursued, in certain quarters, of flooding the North with whining appeals for material aid. Many a brother whose cheek has blushed with shame at the spirit of mendicancy thus displayed, will read with pleasure the following rebuke: "We have no patience with these perpetual applications to the North for pecuniary help. They do injustice to our

people, and belie the feelings of those in whose behalf they profess to speak. We are poor enough, but, God helping us, we can 'paddle our own canoe' too well to justify one in a hundred of these mendicant appeals."

In his notice of our proceedings, he calls the attention of his Grand Lodge to Bro. Hornor's suggestion of affixing some compensation to the chairmanship of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and, alluding to the time and consideration required to make a report, says he feels no embarrassment in recommending its adoption, not for the benefit of his successor, "but as a necessary means of insuring to the fraternity the information and enlightenment for which they have a right to look to this source." He also advocates the printing of the report in advance of the meeting of the Grand Lodge. We regret that he has thought proper to give publicity to documents emanating from clandestine bodies in this State, by incorporating them in his report. True, he says "they best explain themselves," and gives the circular of our Grand Secretary warning the craft against these illegal organizations; but we question the propriety of reprinting, or attaching the slightest importance to manifestoes issued by bodies not entitled to Masonic recognition.

In the controversy between Oregon and Washington, he espouses the cause of the latter and argues the case with marked ability. The formation of the Grand Lodge of Idaho has closed the controversy, and we have no desire to re-open it. At the same time, although the numerical weight of opinion, including that of the former chairman of this committee, is in favor of Oregon, the writer of this report believes that the principle contended for by Washington—that political action does not affect Masonic jurisdiction—is correct.

Considerable space is devoted to a consideration of the questions arising from the formation of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia. Bro. Wellford admits the discussion of the subject is not pleasant to him, but we admire the taste and temper he displays in handling it. Alluding to the fact that the new organization has been recognized by the greater number of sister jurisdictions, he says:

We will not discuss that matter, however, with our brethren of other jurisdictions. If we could we would prefer to forget, and for those of our sister Grand Bodies, who have been accessories, either before or after the fact, we can only express the sincere hope that it may be long before their experience may teach them as Virginia has been taught, "How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child."

He expresses a high appreciation of the Masonic spirit and ability displayed by M. W. Bro. Bates, and remarks "our West Virginia brethren have been fortunate in the selection of their Grand Master." He anticipates the most fraternal relations between the two Grand Bodies as soon as the terms required by the Grand Lodge of Virginia are complied with, and closes his notice of the subject with the following feeling remarks:

The considerations which induced the establishment of their Grand Lodge were such as would readily have been appreciated by this body, if they had been made known to it, with any assurance that the brethren of West Virginia desired separation, and its assent asked in advance of the action taken. Virginia, Masonically, and, if it were proper to say so here, politically, never desired to retain her jurisdiction over a reluctant constituency. Hers has always been the spirit of the ancient patriarch, "Let there be no strife between me and thee, and between my herdsmen and thy herdsmen, for we be brethren—Go ye to the west, and we will go to the east." Entertaining these

feelings, with wounded but still maternal pride, she will follow the Grand Lodge of West Virginia in its future history, ready and willing, whenever occasion presents itself, to manifest the sincerity of her affection by every act of courtesy and affection.

The subject was referred to a special committee, who reported that the conditions upon which the Grand Lodge was willing to recognize the Grand Lodge of West Virginia had not been complied with, and that a number of the lodges still desire to remain under the jurisdiction of their mother Grand Lodge; they therefore submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That should this Grand Lodge, from a desire to maintain fraternal relations with our seceding brethren of West Virginia, hereafter extend Masonic recognition to the Grand Lodge which has been formed in that State, yet this Grand Lodge, while it would not, subsequent to such recognition, create any new subordinate lodges within the State of West Virginia, would also not undertake (without the consent of, and in the absence of any Masonic delinquency on the part of such subordinate lodges within the State of West Virginia, chartered by this Grand Lodge, and now working under such charters, as wish to remain under its jurisdiction,) to revoke any charters, or in any manner dissolve the connection of such subordinate lodges with this Grand Lodge, as it knows of no Masonic law or usage which would justify such a procedure.

The truly Masonic spirit in which this question has been met by both Grand Lodges, induces the hope that before long the whole matter will be satisfactorily arranged.

Twelve charters were granted, and the following resolution adopted:

*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient to require or authorize the Master of a subordinate lodge to refer petitions, for initiations or membership, to a select committee to make inquiry into the character of the applicant, but that it is the imperative duty of the Master, Wardens and members of each lodge to make such inquiries.

The old regulation of 1721 is explicit in requiring an inquiry into the character of the candidate, but it does not state how the inquiry shall be made. We consider the appointment of a committee for the purpose, more likely to be attended with satisfactory results than the method suggested in the resolution. "What is everybody's business, is nobody's business" will be very apt to hold good in this case as in almost everything else.

William Terry was elected M. W. Grand Master, and John Dove re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON.—The tenth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the Territory of Washington was held in Olympia, September 18, 1867, Thomas M. Reed, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and six lodges represented—session, four days.

Death had repeatedly invaded the household of the Grand Master, and severed the dearest ties which bind man to earth. He mourns the loss of wife, son, mother and brother, and we tender him our sympathy and condolence in his bereavement. He reports having issued a dispensation for the formation of a new lodge in Idaho Territory, and granted four dispensations to confer degrees out of the usual time. He states that he granted them very reluctantly, and adds that it would gratify him "if an end were put to the practice, and men and Masons taught that there is but one way, and *only one* way to enter the portals of Masonry, and that is the *right* way." The greater portion of the address is devoted to local matters, which, although possessing no general in-

terest, prove that Grand Master Reed has faithfully discharged his duties and labored successfully in promoting peace and harmony throughout his jurisdiction.

An ably written report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. W. H. Wood. The proceedings of thirty-two Grand Lodges, our own for 1867 included, are noticed in a fraternal manner—Oregon excepted, the controversy with which has assumed such a serious aspect that resolutions were adopted declaring that further intercourse with it was not desirable. The reasons which have induced this action may be briefly stated. In the spring of 1864, the Grand Master of Oregon, M. W. Bro. John McCracken, issued a dispensation to establish a lodge in that portion of Idaho Territory, which had been embraced in Washington Territory, until set off by act of Congress. This part of Idaho had been previously occupied Masonically by the Grand Lodge of Washington, which protested against the act of the Grand Master of Oregon as a violation of her jurisdictional rights. The recent formation of the Grand Lodge of Idaho has virtually closed the original question, and the present difficulty has culminated by the introduction of personal matters. Grand Master Reed, of Washington, was present at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Oregon in 1864; he was formally presented to the Grand Lodge, received with appropriate honors, and appealed to it not to persist in an act which he considered a trespass upon the jurisdictional rights of his Grand Lodge. In the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Oregon for that year all mention of the visit and the circumstances attending it was omitted. In his address to the Grand Lodge of Oregon in 1865, Grand Master McCracken apologized for the omission, stating that he had prepared that portion of the record himself, and that it was an inadvertence which he sincerely regretted. Here the matter ought to have rested, but in 1867, M. W. Bro. McCracken, as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, when referring to this matter, says:

We considered it at the time in very bad taste, while our guest, during the last hour of the session of the Grand Lodge, to intrude upon its time and notice a subject upon which was manifested so much feeling, which had been fully, and (we believe) fairly presented by the Grand Master, referred to a committee, their report fully discussed and disposed of. We were taught in *childhood*—when occupying the position of host or guest—to avoid as far as possible, topics of discussion of a disagreeable character. And it was in hopes to prevent the humiliation that we supposed would follow, in cooler moments, that you was urged not to speak upon this subject until you had learned what had already been said and done with reference to it.

The special committee to whom this matter was referred, come to the conclusion that this refers to the omission in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, and is given as a reason for that omission, adding that they now believe the omission was intentional. It is deeply to be regretted that this controversy, which has heretofore been conducted in the most Masonic spirit, and on the part of Washington with such marked ability, should have degenerated into a personal quarrel. We can not adopt the construction placed upon the above extract by the committee, and think there is too much feeling displayed in the report. In the meantime, let us hope that a spirit of mutual conciliation and forbearance will soon restore fraternal relations between the two Grand Lodges.

The Grand Lodge of Montana was recognized and welcomed into the circle



of Grand Lodges. The business transacted was of a local character. The returns of ten lodges give a total membership of 353, with 25 initiations and 8 rejections during the year. The sparseness of the population in this remote Territory may retard an increase of membership, but the Masonic zeal and ability displayed in the proceedings before us predict a brilliant future for the Grand Lodge of Washington. The Grand Master and Grand Secretary both declined a re-election and

James Biles was elected M. W. Grand Master, and Thomas M. Reed, R. W. Grand Secretary.

**WISCONSIN.**—The twenty-fifth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin was held in Milwaukee, June 9, 1868. Harlow Pease, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and 141 lodges represented—session, three days.

The address of the Grand Master is occupied with matters of local interest. He announces in appropriate terms the death of two prominent members of the Grand Lodge—Past Deputy Grand Master Luman M. Strong and Past Grand Treasurer S. S. Daggett. He reports our institution in a sound and flourishing condition in his jurisdiction, and adds there is a “fixed determination” to subject all candidates to a more rigid and critical examination. If this rule is adhered to, no anxiety need be felt for the stability and perpetuity of our order. At the last annual communication the Grand Lodge appropriated \$1000 for the relief of suffering brethren in the Southern States, and there was \$320 in the hands of the Grand Secretary, contributed by the subordinate lodges for the same purpose, making in all \$1320. At the close of the session this sum was distributed in equal amounts to Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia. He granted three dispensations for the formation of new lodges, and refused three—being satisfied, after a careful investigation of the facts, that their establishment would not result beneficially to the craft. He recommends Wisconsin Relief Lodge No. 1 to the favorable consideration of the Grand Lodge. This institution has been in practical operation a little less than a year, and has accomplished much good. Resolutions were adopted recognizing it as a legitimate body for the purpose for which it was organized, and recommending it to the confidence of the fraternity in their own and other jurisdictions. We bid it God-speed in the noble mission in which it has engaged.

M. W. Bro. Pease calls attention to the financial condition of the Grand Lodge. For several years its expenses have exceeded its income by a considerable amount, and he remarks that if the present system is continued, the treasury will in a few years be empty and the original plan for accumulating a grand charity fund, for the purpose of establishing an institution for the benefit of the widows and orphans of deceased brethren, prove a failure. The subject received due consideration, and among other measures adopted to secure the desired end, the Grand Lecturer is hereafter to hold schools of instruction at stated points instead of visiting each lodge in the jurisdiction, and, it is calculated that this will reduce the expenses of the lecturing system one-half. It also appears that since 1862 the Grand Master has been paid for his services as well as his expenses. This system was abolished: hereafter the Grand Master is to receive no compensation for services rendered by him in the discharge of the duties of his office, but will be paid his expenses and disbursements while in discharge of his duties. The resolution was introduced by the

Finance Committee, and we fully agree with them that the office of Grand Master is one of honor only, and the highest official position that can be held in the craft; that it is repugnant to connect the idea of "pay" with services rendered to the craft while holding that position, and it would detract from the dignity of the office and reduce the standard of its moral influence. Besides, if a Grand Master is entitled to pay for his services, why not also pay the Masters of subordinate lodges.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by Bro. Gabe Bouck. He acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of forty Grand Lodges, our own included, and confines his report to a consideration of a few of the questions discussed in the proceedings before him. Alluding to the complaint made in Indiana and Ohio that the reports on Foreign Correspondence have become "tediously voluminous, and subject the craft to a large expense for printing," he is of the opinion that the evil complained of is not in the system itself, but in its abuse. He considers the duties devolving upon the Committee on Foreign Correspondence "technically" belong to the Grand Master, and that the creation of the committee was simply to relieve him from some of the onerous duties of his office. In regard to physical qualifications, he comes to the conclusion that the restrictions imposed by the ancient landmarks apply only to the E. A. degree. A resolution embodying this opinion was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, and lies over to the next annual communication. While opposed to all encroachments upon Grand Lodge jurisdiction, he dissents from the doctrine that a man made in a regular lodge is a clandestine Mason. He thinks the system of avouchment is conducted too loosely, and cites the rule in Maine and Illinois, viz: 1st. By a brother who has sat in open lodge with the visitor; and 2dly, by an examination to be had under the direction of the W. M. in the lodge, or in some room adjacent thereto, as the only safe rule to go by, and a resolution to this effect was adopted. He considers our institution in danger of becoming too popular, recommends increased caution in the admission of candidates, urges a stricter enforcement of discipline, and thinks too much attention is paid to the ritual and not enough to the inculcation of the principles of our order.

Resolutions were adopted recognizing the Grand Lodges of West Virginia and Idaho, and prohibiting any brother from peddling Masonic books, charts, or pictures, without permission from the Grand Master.

Harlow Pease, M. W. Grand Master, and William T. Palmer, R. W. Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

## EUROPEAN GRAND LODGES.

Our notice of the transactions of these Grand Bodies, etc., compiled from proceedings received and the report of the N. Y. Committee, will be found in the following order:

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| ENGLAND,       | SAXONY,              | GERMAN VEREIN,      |
| FRANCE,        | ZUR SONNE,           | ITALY,              |
| THREE GLOBES,  | ZUR EINTRACHT,       | DENMARK AND SWEDEN, |
| ROYAL YORK,    | HANOVER,             | GREECE,             |
| ELECTIC UNION, | HAMBURG,             | MISCELLANEOUS,      |
|                | SOUTH AMERICA—CHILE, |                     |

ENGLAND.—At a quarterly communication, held Dec. 4, 1867, the Earl of Zetland, the present Grand Master, being placed in nomination for re-election, a Bro. Cooke objected, on the ground that the Grand Master had bestowed his patronage unfairly; that the Grand Secretary, "who ruled with a rod of iron, and who was so little kind and conciliatory to those who had occasion to go to his office, that they only wished to get away from it as quickly as they possibly could," was annually reappointed by the Grand Master, and the only way to get rid of him was to have a new Grand Master. To test the sense of the Grand Lodge on the subject, and as he was not at liberty to use the name of any nobleman for the position, Bro. Cooke proposed himself. The Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. William Gray Clarke, has since paid the debt of nature, having died suddenly August 15, 1868. He was a zealous Mason, and held the office many years, but his manners were such as to justify in a great measure the remarks of Bro. Cooke. Bro. John Hervey has been appointed by the Grand Master to fill the vacancy occasioned by his death.

At this communication the Colonial Board presented a lengthy report in relation to the complaint of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina against two lodges in Nova Scotia, for a violation of its jurisdictional rights, a notice of which will be found under the head of North Carolina.

The Building Committee reported that the work intrusted to them, as far as the buildings were concerned, was completed—the new Freemason's Hall having been finished in February, 1866, and the rebuilding of the Tavern just completed. The original cost of the new buildings was estimated at £50,000; there has been already paid about £59,000, and other charges would probably amount to £3000 more. Considerable discussion ensued concerning the occupancy and rental of the Tavern, which, involving legal questions, was ruled out of order by the Grand Master. Rates of subscription to the Coffee-House and Library were adopted, one of which may prove interesting to some of our readers: "Strangers, being Masons, who may be temporarily residing in England, shall be permitted to use the Coffee-room and Library upon being introduced, in writing, by a subscriber, and upon payment of a subscription of five shillings for one month." At the next quarterly communication, the Building Committee, in deference to the opinion of many of the brethren, proposed the following resolution, which was adopted: "Any subscriber to the Coffee-room and Library may personally introduce not more than two visitors in any one day, such visitors being Masons and not being resident in London."

At the quarterly communication held March 4, 1868, the M. W. Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, was re-elected for the twenty-fifth time, with only one dissentient vote. It is stated that during his term of office, the craft has increased threefold in numbers, while the income of the Grand Lodge and the Masonic charities has multiplied more than threefold. In 1830, the whole income of the Grand Lodge was under £2000 a year; now the contributions of lodges alone amount annually to £10,000. Inasmuch as the present year completes the quarter of a century during which the Earl of Zetland has presided over the Grand Lodge with such gratifying results, a resolution was adopted, declaring it a fitting opportunity to pay him a just tribute of respect and regard, and a committee appointed for that purpose.

One hundred guineas were donated to the Palestine Exploration Fund. This fund is under the control of a society formed "for the scientific investigation of the archæology, geology, and physical geography, the manners

and customs of the Holy Land, in connection with biblical history." "Excavations are now being made at Jerusalem, under the direction of Bro. Charles Warren, of the Royal Engineers, to determine the site of the ancient Temple, and interesting results are confidently expected.

The annual Grand Festival was held April 29, 1868. After the installation of the Grand Officers, and the adoption of an address to Queen Victoria, congratulating her upon the escape of her son, the Duke of Edinburgh, from assassination, when on a visit to Australia, the Grand Lodge partook of an "elegant entertainment," provided at the expense of the Grand Stewards, for which they received the usual vote of thanks.

From the financial report of the year 1867, we learn the Fund of Benevolence amounted to £19,024.10.11; of which sum £4085.3.5 had been contributed by lodges. £2108.12 had been granted to petitioners for relief; £8000 donated to the Royal Benevolent Institution; £12,500 loaned to the fund for General Purposes, and £2768.15 invested in the purchase of 3 per cent. consols. The fund for General Purposes, including the loan above mentioned, foots up £21,335.0.7, of which amount £15,201.15.9 has been paid on account of the new building, leaving in the treasury, after deducting contingent and other expenses, the sum of £1090.10.10.

Earl of Zetland, M. W. Grand Master; John Hervey, V. W. Grand Secretary.

FRANCE.—The annual communication of the Grand Orient commenced June 1, 1868; Grand Master Millinet occupied the throne, and delivered a very able and instructive address, in which he announces that thirty-three lodges have been constituted since the last assembly. Two hundred and seventy-two brethren were present, representing two hundred and eighty subordinate bodies. Much discussion was had relative to the reorganization of the penal jurisdiction and practice of the subordinate lodges, and of the appellate jurisdiction of the Grand Orient, all of which occupies so much space that it is impossible for us to even present a synopsis. We hope, at some future day, to review, *in extenso*, the judicial system which has been adopted.

The other subjects discussed were generally of local interest. The Fête of the order was held, amid much enthusiasm, and we quote the fourth toast, proposed by Bro. Alfred Blanche:

May the Grand Architect aid and assist all who travel, or who are in distress:

To all, the accomplishment of their desires:

May the box of fraternal assistance, which is about to be passed, prove to those who suffer, that we forget them not in the midst of our happiness.

The Bulletin of the Grand Orient has been regularly received, and the other numbers are replete with valuable and interesting matter; but the very unfraternal conduct of the Grand Orient in arraying herself in antagonism to our Grand Lodge, as surprising in itself as unexpected from her conduct of former days, and to which your committee will call especial attention in a supplementary report, compel us, in pure self-respect, to refrain from any further notice of the Grand Body now under consideration.

GERMANY.—Freemasonry enjoys a high degree of prosperity in Germany, and the harmony which exists between the several Grand Lodges is a proper subject for congratulation. As a matter of interest we give a list of the German Grand Lodges, with the number of their subordinates:

The National Mother Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, Berlin—105 lodges.

The National Grand Lodge of Germany, Berlin—80 lodges.

The Mother Grand Lodge Royal York of Friendship, Berlin—54 lodges.

The Mother Grand Lodge Eclectic Union, Frankfurt-on-the-Main—11 lodges.

The Grand Lodge of Hamburg—26 lodges,

The National Grand Lodge of Saxony, Dresden—18 lodges.

The Grand Lodge of the Sun, at Bayreuth, Bavaria—15 lodges.

The Grand Lodge of Harmony, at Darmstadt—8 lodges.

The National Grand Lodge Alpina, at Berne, Switzerland—29 lodges.

The Grand Lodge of Hanover has ceased to exist. The causes which led to this deplorable result will be briefly noticed in the proper place. Of the 28 lodges formerly under its jurisdiction, 17 have given their allegiance to the Grand Lodge Royal York of Friendship, several have affiliated with the other two Berlin Grand Lodges, and the others remain dormant.

Our Grand Lodge is now represented at four of the above Grand Bodies, viz.: The Mother Grand Lodge Royal York of Friendship, The National Mother Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, The National Grand Lodge of Saxony, and The Mother Grand Lodge of the Eclectic Union. Our Grand Representatives have been received with favor, and installed with due honors; while the pleasure manifested on such occasions is an auspicious omen of the benefits which will accrue to our institution from the more closely cementing the bonds of brotherhood between these Grand Lodges and our own. The advantages to be derived from adopting the system of mutual representation are so apparent that they require no elucidation, and we hope, before another year revolves, our Grand Lodge will have entered into similar relations with all the regular European Masonic Grand Bodies.

PRUSSIA.—GRAND NATIONAL MOTHER LODGE ZU DEN DREI WELTEUGEN (THREE GLOBES), AT BERLIN.—This Grand Lodge was founded in 1740, and is the oldest of the German Grand Lodges. We have its protocols from 1864 to December 3, 1868, but the late date at which they were received prevents us from giving a full analysis of their contents, and in the preparation of the following notice we have made a liberal use of the able report of the New York Committee.

The mode of representation in this Grand Lodge is so much at variance with that practiced in the United States, that we here state it. The Grand Lodge is composed of the members of the four lodges at Berlin, who have attained a higher degree than that of Master Mason, and if elected as representatives by lodges outside of Berlin are obliged to accept the same. Any lodge affiliating with the National Mother Grand Lodge of the Three Globes must choose a representative from the members of the four Berlin lodges proposed by the Grand Lodge. The lodge, in all probability, has never seen its representative, and is unacquainted with his views; nor is he acquainted with the affairs of the lodge he represents, except by correspondence. To effect a change in this defective system of representation, a proposition was offered at the session of the Grand Lodge in December, 1866. This proposition recommended that the quarterly session of the Grand Lodge held in the month of May should be the annual communication, as at it the election of the Grand Officers takes place. That the Masters and Deputy Masters of the lodges outside of Berlin should be invited to attend, and participate in the delibera-

tions of the Grand Lodge on that occasion, and thereby consult not only on Masonic legislation and the election of officers, but also to discuss all subjects presented, make known the views of the subordinate lodges, prepare questions of reform, and create more intimate relations between the National Mother Grand Lodge and her daughters.

At the communication of May 2, 1867, nineteen Masters and Deputy Masters of lodges were present, and seventeen forwarded excuses for non-attendance. The report of the committee in relation to representation was adopted—but it is not stated what the amended law now is.

On November 22, 1867, the Grand Lodge celebrated its seventieth anniversary under its present organization. M. W. Bro. von Messerschmidt delivered an address, giving a condensed history of the Grand Lodge, in which he says: "At the beginning of the nineteenth century there were affiliated with the Grand Lodge 34 daughter lodges, numbering 1780 members, which now have increased to 105 active lodges with a membership of 11,844. The present Grand Master has wielded the gavel since 1848 without intermission."

A history of this Grand Lodge from its formation down to the close of 1866 has been published in a handsomely printed octavo volume of 364 pages. The New York Committee give long and interesting extracts from it, which our space will not permit us to reproduce. But it is proper to state that the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes says that her statutes of 1799 are based upon the constitution of the Grand Lodge of England of 1723, the first section of which instrument reads: "But though in ancient times Masons were charged in every country to be of the religion of that country or nation, whatever it was, yet it is now thought more expedient only to obligate them to that religion in which all men agree, leaving their particular opinions to themselves—that is, to be good men and true \* \* \* by whatever denominations or persuasions they may be distinguished," which the Mother Grand Lodge explains: "By 'religion in which all men agree' is to be understood the Christian religion solely;" and has engrafted the following among her laws: "A Freemason must be an upright and candid professor of the Christian religion." "A Jew cannot be initiated, affiliated, or be admitted as a visitor." This clause, however, was stricken out in 1841, in consequence of a remonstrance by a lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Holland, one of whose members, being an Israelite, was refused admission as a visitor to a Berlin lodge. But the Revised Statutes of the same year declare that "those persons only can be proposed for initiation in Freemasonry who profess Christianity;" and the same rule applies to every brother who may desire to affiliate with a lodge under its jurisdiction.

Without commenting upon this construction of the Ancient Charges, it is proper to state that influences are at work which will lead to an interpretation more in consonance with the principles of our institution. The Prussian Government now admits its Jewish subjects to seats in its Parliament. Besides, the Lodge *Ernst Zum Compass*, at Gotha, a subordinate of the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, issued a circular on St. John's Day, 1867, in which it advocates the following amendments to the constitution: 1. The right of an unrestricted vote by the lodge in the Grand Lodge. 2. The requirement of a profession of faith as a condition for the reception of a candidate is not in accordance with the principles of Masonry, does not rest upon a historical foundation, and should therefore be abolished.

At the communication of May 8, 1868, Bro. Heinersdorff offered several amendments to the laws of the Grand Lodge, one of which was in reference to the required profession of faith by candidates, and was of a similar tenor with the proposition of the lodge at Gotha. The resolution was voted down; but, although the proposition may be looked upon with disfavor at the present time by many, if not most of the Prussian lodges, its discussion, if conducted in the proper spirit, will ultimately exert an important influence on Masonry in Prussia.

On September 5, 1867, a letter was received from the spurious Supreme Council of Louisiana, at New Orleans, asking for recognition and mutual representation, which was granted. But the Grand Lodge, on learning the true character of the so-called Supreme Council, immediately retraced its steps, declined to have any further communication with the clandestine organization, and, on June 9, 1868, entered into a closer relationship with our own Grand Lodge, by appointing W. Bro. A. Goldmann its representative at our Grand East. At the meeting of December 3, 1868, Bro. Heinersdorff was formally received as R. W. Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and after being obligated as such, both he and our Grand Lodge were saluted with appropriate Masonic honors. A letter from W. Bro. Goldmann, thanking the Grand Lodge for appointing him its representative near our own Grand Lodge, was also read at the same meeting. We congratulate the Grand Lodge upon this result, affording, as it does, convincing proof that so soon as the true character of the spurious Supreme Council is known in Europe, its claim for recognition will be ignored by all the Grand Lodges there, as it has been by those of our own country.

At the meeting of December 3, 1868, the Grand Master cautioned the brethren to be more careful in the examination of visitors to the daughter lodges, as in many countries there existed secret organizations which, although bearing a slight resemblance to Masonry, were not Masonic; and he hoped that particular attention would be paid to this subject, as many certificates had lately been presented which, on examination, were found to have been issued by clandestine bodies. Acting on this suggestion, the Grand Lodge adopted resolutions recommending the daughter lodges to exercise the utmost care in examining and admitting strangers as visitors, and declaring that only such diplomas as were issued, or certified to, by Grand Lodges would, for the future, be accepted as legal vouchers.

Bro. Hillgenhoff having resigned the office of Grand Secretary, Bro. Bohme, Assistant Grand Secretary, was appointed in his place until the next election.

In the protocols received, we find notices of several European Grand Lodges, from which we extract the following:

The Grand Lodge Alpina, at Berne, has adopted a resolution by which its lodges are hereafter to be open to applicants professing the Jewish faith, if otherwise found worthy.

The Grand Lodge of the Netherlands states that its relations with foreign Grand Lodges is all that can be desired, and that it had formed new connections with the Grand Lodges of Italy, New Orleans, St. Domingo and Egypt.

Not being in communication with the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands, we are unable to state whether this refers to the organization known as the negro Grand Lodge in this city, or the spurious Supreme Council. It is immaterial, however, for they are *arcades ambo*; and whenever a Grand Body recognizes

clandestine lodges in our midst, an edict of non-intercourse should be issued at once. But, as in the present case the information in our possession is not sufficiently definite, we suggest that our representatives in Europe be requested to furnish full information on the subject, in order to state the grounds upon which the edict is issued.

Bro. von Messerschmidt, M. W. Grand Master, and Bro. Bohme, R. W. Grand Secretary.

PRUSSIA.—MOTHER GRAND LODGE ROYAL YORK ZUR FREUNDSCHAFT, BERLIN.—We have protocols of this Grand Lodge for September 2, December 2, 1867; February 2, April 18, June 24, and September 14, 1868. These documents show that our institution is in a prosperous condition, and that peace and harmony prevail among the daughter lodges. On February 2, a Grand Sorrow Lodge was held, on which occasion eloquent and beautiful eulogies were delivered to the memory of deceased brethren, from which the limited space at our command alone prevents us giving extracts.

At the meeting of March 2, the communication of W. Bro. A. Goldmann, (referred to in our special report of last year,) relative to the so-called Supreme Council of this city, was read, and the Grand Lodge declined to have any connection with the clandestine body. Here, it is proper to observe that on September 2, 1867, a letter was received from the spurious Supreme Council asking for recognition and mutual representation. The Grand Lodge, however, declined to act upon the request until informed as to its standing and character, and wrote to Bro. Goldmann for information. The request was complied with, and the information conveyed in his letter was so satisfactory, that its contents having been communicated to the other German Grand Lodges, all of them have declined to recognize or hold communication with the clandestine body. For this gratifying result we are indebted to the truly Masonic spirit which animates the Grand Lodge, and the exertions of R. W. Bro. Wieprecht, who was duly received as Grand Representative of our Grand Lodge at the meeting of December 2, 1867.

At the same meeting (March 2), Bro. Bouché, Grand Secretary, and Grand Representative of the Grand Orient of Belgium, stated that the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States had interdicted all Masonic intercourse with the Grand Orient of Belgium, on the ground that the said Grand Orient had recognized the spurious Supreme Council of this city. Such recognition, however, had not taken place, and he was satisfied that the Supreme Council, at Charleston, would correct the error into which it had fallen when the facts of the case were brought to its knowledge.

The Grand Lodge has entered into fraternal correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Denmark, by an interchange of representatives.

We cannot close our notice of this Grand Lodge without giving an extract from a letter of M. de Lamartine, in response to resolutions of condolence to the family of the deceased Bro. de Cessiat. He writes:

I know not the language nor the habits of your brotherhood, but I know their hearts through you. I see in the secrets of your lodges, nothing but a veil to cover disinterestedly the charity and truth you practice, and thus enhance their value in the eyes of God and man. Without such prudence your secrets would be known, while, as it is, the world only knows your deeds. You are, in my opinion, the great electricians of the modern world. At all times, in all countries, and under all systems, the pure, everlasting and un-



changeable basis of universal morality has been the foundation stone upon which you build the never failing dogma of brotherly love.

Bro. Schnakenburg, M. W. Grand Master, and Bro. Bouché, R. W. Grand Secretary.

FRANKFORT-ON-THE-MAIN.—MOTHER GRAND LODGE OF THE ECLECTIC UNION.—We have the proceedings of this Grand Lodge at the meetings of December 6, 1867, and February 28, 1868.

The Grand Lodge on August 30, 1867, declined to recognize the clandestine Supreme Council of this city, and has since entered into closer relations with our own Grand Lodge by mutual representation. The efficient Grand Secretary, Bro. Karl Paul, has received the appointment of Representative of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana near its Grand East.

A revision of the constitution is to take place in 1870, and the Grand Lodge has invited the daughter lodges to forward any propositions for amendments they may desire. These are to be systematized and revised by a committee appointed for the purpose, and then presented to the Grand Lodge for consideration.

Hermann Hoerster was elected M. W. Grand Master, and Karl Paul re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

SAXONY.—The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Saxony took place September 15, 1867. Fourteen Lodges were represented by their Masters. M. W. Bro. Warnatz delivered an address, in which, alluding to changes made in the constitution, he remarks that "new regulations are not always easily put in operation—they require practice, and must be adjusted as necessity demands." Peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction, and the subordinates appear to be in a prosperous condition. A proposition to abolish the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge was unanimously voted down. Action on a communication from the Grand Orient of Italy, expressing a desire to enter into closer relations with the Grand Lodge, was deferred; the Grand Master remarking that it was to be feared that with the present political and church movements in Italy, there might be danger that the Grand Orient would not be able to steer clear of entanglements, and thereby violate a fundamental principle of Masonry. It was therefore resolved to ask the subordinate lodges for instruction in the matter. The protocol of Feb. 15, 1868, however, states that the Grand Lodge had entered into closer relationship with the Grand Orient of Italy by mutual representation.

A letter, dated May 2, 1867, was received from the Supreme Council of Louisiana, expressing a desire to form closer relations with the Grand Lodge, but it was concluded to await further information before acting upon it. This proved fatal to the claims of the spurious organization, and the Grand Lodge has since entered into fraternal correspondence with our own Grand Lodge and agreed to an interchange of representatives.

The Grand Lodge of Saxony displays a more enlightened and true Masonic spirit than the three Prussian Grand Lodges and those of Sweden and Denmark, which prohibit the initiation of candidates who are not professors of Christianity. A lodge in Dresden has initiated a Mohammedan, by the name of Gatha Sadik, a merchant of that city. True to the faith of his fathers, the candidate appeared in his national dress, and after answering the ques-

tions usually propounded in a satisfactory manner, in the Arabic language, he was initiated. Commenting on this, the N. Y. Committee give a similar instance which occurred in their own jurisdiction in 1839, when a Mohammedan, named Mahmoud Jumah, First Lieutenant of a frigate of the Imaum of Muscat, lying at anchor in the harbor of New York, petitioned St. John's Lodge No. 1, of that city, to be made a Mason. On the occasion of his initiation, it was impossible to procure a Koran, and the candidate, on being informed of this, inquired whether the Book used by the lodge contained the doctrine of a belief in a Supreme Being. Assured of this, he expressed himself satisfied, and was accordingly initiated.

BAVARIA.—GRAND LODGE ZUR SONNE, AT BAYREUTH.—This Grand Lodge met May 28, 1867. A resolution was offered "that the Grand Lodge should use its influence to induce the three Grand Lodges at Berlin, and also the Grand Lodges at Hanover and Darmstadt, to declare themselves in favor of the initiation of non-Christians." But as the efforts heretofore made in this direction had only resulted in the admission of non-Christian brethren as visitors to the labors of the Prussian lodges, the presiding officer doubted whether the unanimously adopted motion of the Grand Lodge would meet with any better success, and suggested that it would be preferable to modify the motion, so as to recommend it warmly to the consideration of the Grand Lodges of Berlin.

The request of the so-called Supreme Council of this city for recognition and mutual representation was declined.

It would appear that the evils of non-affiliation are experienced in this jurisdiction, as a resolution was adopted by the Grand Lodge, that "every brother who has been initiated in a lodge of Baden, must, if he change his residence to a place where another lodge of that jurisdiction is located, affiliate with and pay his dues to that lodge."

DARMSTADT.—GRAND LODGE ZUR EINTRACHT (HARMONY).—The N. Y. Committee had not received the protocols of this Grand Lodge, but learn from other sources that it had endeavored to enter into an agreement with the Grand Orient of France in relation to the initiation of non-residents in French lodges. M. W. Bro. Leykam addressed a communication to M. W. Bro. Millinet, the Grand Master of France, upon the subject, and received a reply in which Bro. Millinet states that he was fully aware of the evils resulting from the initiation of strangers in the French lodges, and that his views on the subject fully coincided with those of Bro. Leykam; but he regretted that the proposition could not be carried out in France, as he had no power to prohibit the initiation in French lodges of persons from the Duchy of Hesse, or the city of Frankfort, without previous inquiry into their character at their place of residence. The French lodges would consider such a prohibition an attack on their liberties, but that he would not fail to enjoin officially upon the lodges the necessity of an inquiry, and he had no doubt a satisfactory result would be arrived at.

In the protocol of the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, of Dec. 3, 1868, we find a notice of the death of M. W. Bro. Leykam. The Grand Lodge was opened by the Deputy Grand Master Bro. von Friedrich: letters of condolence from sister Grand Lodges were received, and a general sorrow manifested for the loss the craft had sustained. Bro. Pfaltz, Postmaster General, was elected M. W. Grand Master to fill the vacancy.

**HANOVER.**—After an active existence of forty years the Grand Lodge of Hanover has ceased to exist. Its last session was held March 28, 1868.

The war of 1866 between Prussia and Austria resulted in the annexation of the kingdom of Hanover to Prussia. According to an edict issued by a former King of Prussia, October 20, 1798, three Grand Lodges only are permitted to exist in the Prussian dominions. But as a Grand Lodge existed in Hanover previous to its annexation to Prussia, it was supposed by many that its quiet continuance would be permitted, particularly as the edict alluded to had been modified in 1848, by an enactment which permitted Prussian subjects to assemble without arms in closed rooms and form societies not prohibited by law. This anticipation was not realized. The Grand Lodge of Hanover was swept away by a cabinet order of February 17, 1867. The causes which led to this deplorable result are minutely detailed by the N. Y. Committee, who also translate several interesting documents bearing upon the subject,—but our space prevents even an attempt at a synopsis. We therefore present the conclusion at which the committee arrive:

That the wranglings among the Hanoverian lodges and brethren had much to do with the dissolution of their Grand Lodge is evident; but it is also clear that the course pursued by the former Grand Master, King George V., contributed greatly to the result. For whilst the mother Grand Lodge of the Eclectic Union, at Frankfort-on-the-Main, and other lodges of that city working under the charter of the Grand Lodge of England and Darmstadt, pursue their labors uninterruptedly, and since the introduction of the Prussian *regime*, October 1, 1867, are pursuing the even tenor of their way, the Grand Lodge of Hanover attempted to be officially recognized by the Prussian Government, and was dissolved. And yet it is clear that there were circumstances connected with the case difficult of solution. There can be no doubt, however, that it would have been best for the Grand Lodge to have remained passive until attacked.

**HAMBURG.**—Some sixteen years ago the Grand Lodge of Hamburg invaded the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York, and established two lodges, Pythagoras No. 1 and Franklin No. 2, within her borders. The first of these lodges is located in the city of Brooklyn, the second in the city of New York, where they still maintain a precarious existence. In defence of her just rights, the Grand Lodge of New York declared these lodges clandestine, issued an edict of non-intercourse against the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, and appealed to her sister Grand Lodges for sympathy and support. Notwithstanding the repeated and earnest protestations against this violation of Masonic comity, the Grand Lodge of Hamburg still persists in its wayward course, and the consequence is that it is not to-day in fraternal communication with any Grand Lodge in the United States.

The N. Y. Committee however manage to receive a copy of their proceedings and give a synopsis of their doings. From this report we learn that at the quarterly communication, August 17, 1867, a letter dated May 2, 1867, addressed to the Grand Lodge by the clandestine Supreme Council of Louisiana was laid before the Grand Lodge, asking for recognition and mutual representation. This letter appears to have been similar to the one addressed to all the Continental Grand Lodges, and stated that the so-called Supreme Council had adopted a resolution to admit as visitors to her subordinates brethren of lawful lodges, without reference to race or color. The Grand Master, Dr. Buck, remarked that this was very gratifying, inasmuch as it was

the first instance of a recognition of colored lodges and brethren by a Masonic authority in North America. But while this should incline them favorably to that Grand Body, he felt some hesitation in recommending a closer alliance. The proposition did not come from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, which is recognized by all American Grand Lodges, but from a body of which they had no knowledge, and they were not informed whether it and its subordinate lodges were recognized and acknowledged as legitimate. The Grand Lodge had, therefore, reason to be cautious in her conduct toward American Grand Lodges, and he recommended that the Grand Lodge should express its regret at being compelled to decline the alliance, which was assented to.

Considering that the Grand Lodge of Hamburg is not in fraternal communication with our own or any other American Grand Lodge, the course which it has pursued on this occasion deserves the highest commendation, and the caution displayed is in striking contrast to that exhibited by the Grand Orient of France, which has not only recognized but granted mutual representation to this so-called Supreme Council, which only a few years ago it declared spurious and clandestine.

**VEREIN DEUTSCHER FREIMAUER**—SOCIETY OF GERMAN FREEMASONS. This is a self-constituted body, and therefore clandestine. The first meeting of the *Verein* was held in May, 1861, and others have been held annually since that date, except in 1866. It now numbers about 300 members out of the 25,000 Masons in Germany. Its original watchword was "Reform," and it advocated the abolition of all Grand Lodges, and a change of all ritualistic forms. It held an annual session in Worms, in June, 1867, when it issued a "Manifest to all the Grand Lodges of the World." This document is entirely too lengthy for us to reproduce; but the basis upon which the *Verein* was originally formed has been entirely changed. It now declares that isolated lodges should not exist; that individual lodges should be organized into a Confederacy of Lodges, these into Grand Lodges, which would form National Grand Lodges, and the whole be governed by a Universal Grand Lodge. It claims that it strives for a unity in essentials only, uniting with what already exists, and aiming at that which is attainable. In other respects, it adheres to the Masonic principles of freedom, equality, and brotherly love, self-administration, and universal priesthood! The whole scheme is chimerical and preposterous, and it would be a waste of time to attempt to refute it. Admitting that the movement originated in the desire to introduce much-needed reforms into the German Grand Lodges, it must not be forgotten that any measure of reform, to be successful, must be advocated by legal means and in the regular Grand Bodies. The plans proposed by the *Verein* would uproot our established customs and sap the foundations of our ancient institution, while the little success which has attended their agitation proves that our German brethren had rather bear the ills they have, than fly to those they know not of.

The N. Y. Committee notice the formation of a similar society (*Verein deutsch-amerikanischer Freimaurer*) in the city of New York, of which a Dr. Barthelmess, of the clandestine lodge Pythagoras No. 1, is the head and front. We learn unofficially that a convention of this "German-American Freemasons' Union" was held in New York, Sept. 14, 1868, at which twenty-five German lodges were represented. Of these, thirteen belonged to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York; two, Pythagoras No. 1 and Franklin No. 2, are clandestine, and the remaining ten are located as follows: two in

Hoboken and one in Patterson, New Jersey; one in Boston, Mass.; one in Louisville, Ky.; one in Washington, D. C.; one in Sacramento, Cal.; and three in Germany. A constitution was adopted, which declares "the purpose of the association shall be to favor the organization of independent Masonic lodges, not only in America, but in all countries and among all nations." According to its provisions "every association of seven Masons, on the basis of the old constitutions, may form a lodge;" and "every man accepted into such a lodge is legally a Freemason." Like its German prototype it aims at the abolition of Grand Lodges, the creation of self-constituted and irresponsible lodges, and, if we read its constitution aright, the throwing open the doors of its lodges to all comers "without money and without price."

This scheme, concocted by a few ambitious disorganizers, will fall to pieces by its own inherent weakness, while the Grand Lodges will doubtless apply the proper corrective to such of their subordinates as have entered into the clandestine association. Still it is one of the signs of the times which should not be disregarded. The present popularity of Freemasonry is not unattended by danger. Wholesale initiations and a too rapid increase of lodges are not conducive to the strength and prosperity of our institution. The facility with which profanes gain admission into our temples is not to be denied, while the rapid increase of clandestine bodies creates a spawn of spurious Masons, who reflect no credit on the fraternity. To obviate these evils not only must the particular lodges exercise greater caution in the admission of candidates, but we feel convinced that it is necessary for each Grand Lodge to adopt a regulation, similar to that of our own Grand Body, requiring persons made in clandestine organizations to make application as profanes before gaining admission into their lodges.

ITALY.—There exist in Italy four Grand Orients, viz., at Turin, Milan, Palermo, and Florence. The Grand Orient at Florence, the largest of the four, has one hundred and thirty-nine lodges under her jurisdiction, which includes those located in Turkey, etc.; that at Palermo thirty-nine lodges, and the other two a small number only. The desire for a union of some of the Italian Grand Bodies, which manifested itself some time ago, has been frustrated. Dissensions sprung up, and the publicity given to these animosities in the papers of the day furnished rich materials to the enemies of Masonry.

The Grand Orient of Italy, at Florence, called together by Garibaldi and De Luca, met in convention of all Italian lodges, June 24, 1867, at Naples. Several important resolutions were adopted, among which are the following: A reduction of the members of the Grand Lodge from forty to twenty-four; the election of a Grand Master for five years; a reformation in the ritual; prohibition to all daughter lodges to discuss politics and church affairs; and an interdiction to print Masonic articles without the sanction of the Grand Orient. Garibaldi was elected Honorary Grand Master for life, and De Luca for the year 1867. Bro. T. Cordova was elected Grand Master, and Bro. L. Frapoli, First Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Orient at Naples met in annual communication at Milan, July 15 and 16, 1867; eight lodges represented. The proposition for a union of all Italian Grand Lodges into one body was discussed, but a union with the Grand Orient at Florence and the Scottish Rite was declined.

An association has also sprung into existence whose members belong to

different Italian lodges, which proposes to remain independent of all Grand Lodges, and whose members style themselves "*Propagandists of Masonic Unity*." The aim they have in view is sufficiently indicated by their title, and, after what we have said of the German *Verein* and its New York namesake, requires no comment.

So far as we are able to judge, the present condition of Masonry in Italy is far from encouraging. The Grand Orient at Florence, however, is endeavoring to enter into closer relationship with foreign Grand Lodges and thus strengthen its position by an interchange of representatives. In a letter addressed to the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, Bro. Frapoli says:

In answer to the questions which you propound, I will freely state: 1. That the lodges affiliated with the Grand Orient of Italy are strictly prohibited to discuss political questions; but in writing, we permit the same freedom that is conceded to every citizen by the State. 2. That after the late failure to form a united National Grand Lodge by excluding the irregular elements of Milan and Naples, we are of necessity obliged to guard our lodges from contact with irregular brethren, the more so as these lodges, although not numerous, are too indifferent in regard to the reception of material that offers itself. The lodges formed by speculators or impostors at Naples and elsewhere we need not mention here.

This sounds very well, but in the desire to obtain recognition for itself the Grand Orient of Italy, at Florence, has made an unfortunate alliance. We learn from the "*Bulletin*," the official organ of the Grand Orient of France, that in 1867, it recognized the spurious Supreme Council of Louisiana, and we have seen in the public prints a letter from its Honorary Grand Master Garibaldi, in which he extends a "triple embrace" (whatever that may mean) to the members of the clandestine body. We learn, unofficially, that an effort will be made at the present session of our Grand Lodge to obtain recognition and mutual representation. Whether the Grand Orient has severed her connection with the clandestine body in our midst, we are not advised. Doubtless, those interested in obtaining recognition for this Italian Grand Body will be able to throw some light on the subject.

A letter received here from R. W. Bro. Karl Paul, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the Eclectic Union, at Frankfort-on-the-Main, dated Nov. 24, 1868, states that the Italian Grand Bodies have at last united and formed a National Grand Lodge at Florence, of which Bro. Frapoli is Grand Master. Of this, however, we have no official knowledge.

Several American Grand Lodges have recognized the Grand Orient at Florence; but we agree with M. W. Bro. John L. Lewis, that they had better not "pursue the subject any further until the confusion now reigning in Italy shall have been reduced to order, and some authority established which will command respect at home before seeking recognition abroad."

**DENMARK.**—The Grand Lodge of Denmark was instituted in 1743, and derives its existence from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. It is situated at Copenhagen; is recognized by the state, and the reigning King is Grand Master. We have no late information on the subject, but when last heard from Masonry was in a flourishing condition in this country.

**SWEDEN.**—The seat of the Grand Lodge is at Stockholm, and the King is at the head of the craft. It was founded in 1754, under a charter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and it is said that in no country has the progress of Ma-

sonry been more prosperous than in Sweden. We are, however, without late advices as to its present condition and prospects.

GREECE.—A Grand Lodge has been formed in Greece. Heretofore Athens was the seat of a Directory under the Grand Orient of Italy, with eight lodges under its jurisdiction; but the Grand Orient granted permission to the Directory and lodges to form a Grand Lodge April 7, 1867. A convention was held May 18, and continued in session to June 2. A constitution was framed, which is soon to be published. Bro. Nicholas Damasino was elected and installed Deputy Grand Master, to conduct the affairs of the Grand Lodge until a Grand Master is elected. An exchange of representatives was effected with the Grand Orient of Italy.

The pleasure derived from this news is marred by occurrences which have since taken place. There appears to be a great prejudice existing against Freemasonry, and incendiary articles have been published in which it is charged that Freemasons are in league with the devil, and are conspiring to overthrow the orthodox church, etc. In consequence of such inflammatory appeals a riot occurred at Patras, in which the property was destroyed, and the lives of members of our institution endangered. To what a stage of degradation has the land of Plato and Socrates fallen, when such scenes are not only enacted, but looked upon with complacency by the authorities.

MISCELLANEOUS.—The N. Y. Committee learn that in Wallachia and Roumania, the country which lately chose a new ruler in Prince Charles, of the House of Hohenzollern, the brethren of the lodges *Les disciples de Pythagore*, at Galatz, and *Le Phare hospitalier*, at Brailia, are agitating the question of severing their connection with the Grand Orient of France, and forming a Grand Lodge of their own, under the name of *Grand Orient de Roumaine*, with its seat at Bucharest, now the capital of the country. The German brethren at Galatz, said to number about forty, have it under consideration to apply for a charter to the Grand Lodge of Hamburg. It is, however, stated that the German element is at present too weak to promise success.

The news from this quarter cannot, on the whole, be considered encouraging. The brethren, as a body, lack the zeal necessary to promote the interests of our institution. The lodges are poorly attended, and the diversity of opinion prevailing among the brethren retards the development of sociality and the progress of Masonry. Some of the government officers who were Masons have been dismissed, but it is reported that this was done without the knowledge and against the wishes of Prince Charles. Let us hope this is so, and that Masonry will yet find there a genial soil.

From Egypt the news comes that the Lodge *Luce d'Orient*, at Cairo, had called a convention of lodges, at which ten lodges were represented. The object was to effect a closer alliance among the lodges of that country, and to advance the interests of Masonry. A number of resolutions were adopted, some of which are said to be foreign to the spirit of our institution.

Portugal has now a Grand Lodge. The progress of events in Spain will, in all probability, soon enable our brethren there to meet in their lodges without molestation. The annexation of Hesse to Prussia has opened that country also to the Royal Art. Austria, where from 1780 to 1790 Masonry enjoyed great prosperity, but where in 1795 the lodges were closed by the Imperial

Government, is now compelled to make concessions to the people. It has already enacted laws regulating the right of associations and the assembling of societies, and the day is not remote when that country will again see prosperous lodges within its boundaries. Of all the nations of Europe, Russia alone remains in the background, and for it at present we have no hope.

**SOUTH AMERICA.—CHILE.**—The annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Chile was held in Valparaiso, June 1, 1868, for the purpose of installing the Grand Officers, who are elected for three years. After the installation ceremonies were concluded, the M. W. Grand Master, Juan de Dios Arlegui, delivered an address, in which he states that nothing of special interest had occurred during the past year—that harmony prevailed throughout the jurisdiction,—that our institution was in a prosperous condition, and destined ere long to wield an extensive influence on the Pacific Coast of South America. Fraternal relations had been entered into with the Grand Orient of Naples, and appreciating the importance of the representative system, he had endeavored to secure to his Grand Lodge the benefits resulting from it by appointing representatives near the Grand Easts of Europe and America. In this, however, he was only partially successful, owing to the difficulty in finding brethren who were willing to accept the office and attend to its duties. Among the number who accepted, we notice that our W. Bro. U. Marinoni is appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Chile at our own Grand East.

There are four lodges in this jurisdiction, and, judging from the list of membership and the tone of the Grand Master's address, we feel confident that the number will rapidly increase.

Juan de Dios Arlegui, M. W. Grand Master, and José Maldonado, R. W. Grand Secretary.

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## GENERAL REMARKS ;

### EMBRACING SUBJECTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO THE CRAFT.

**A NEW CRUSADE AGAINST MASONRY.**—The influence which Masonry exercised during the late unhappy conflict in assuaging the horrors of war, brought our institution prominently before the American people. When all other human institutions were partisanized and made subservient to the passions of the hour, when religion itself was dragged into the unholy strife, Masonry remained true to its mission and inculcated peace on earth and good will to men. Yet, strange as it may appear, the very acts which elicited the approbation of the world, have engendered a spirit of envy and hate in the hearts of a few political charlatans and religious fanatics, and a new crusade is preached against our institution. Grand Master Coffinbury, in his annual address to the Grand Lodge of Michigan, refers to this subject at length and notices a "public call" made in Illinois for a National Convention to consider "the relation of the present secret orders to the Christian religion." Since his address was delivered, a convention has been held in Pittsburg, in which Masonry was denounced and anathematized. This has been seized upon by a portion of the so-called Masonic press, and discussed in a manner which we can not approve. We therefore take pleasure in inviting attention to the fol-



lowing remarks by Grand Master Murray, of Maine, upon a subject in which we are all vitally interested:

One other matter of great and vital importance to us as an organization, is the renewal of the old warfare against our fraternity. Already in the West a portentous cloud appears to be gathering—destined, in the hopes of our enemies, to overwhelm the institution, and sweep the last vestige of Masonry from our land. In connection with this event, it has been painful to me to notice in many of the newly started Masonic periodicals of our day what I cannot but regard as an unwise course, in engaging in controversy with the men who assail us, and endeavoring to write down them and their acts, in articles not to be commended in their spirit or language by any true friend of our order. Much as I regret that we have no Masonic press in our State, I have the satisfaction thereby of knowing that we do not publish to the world any thing which may afford strength and capital to our enemies, by furnishing them with an excuse or a pretence for continuing their unprovoked attacks upon our fraternity.

This condition of affairs, however, places upon us a responsibility; and the proper manner in which to meet this issue is of much importance. We should all bear in mind that ours is not a controversial or belligerent institution; that its spirit, as well as teachings, forbid us to wrangle or dispute about it; and that the best answer we can make to "railing accusations" is to point to the lives and conversation of those whom we delight to honor. While no inducement ought to lead us into an argument with those who may ridicule and falsify the character of our institution, there is a work for every Mason to do, that may redound to its lasting good and honor.

It cannot be denied that during the past few years our doors have been too easily opened to those who would gain admission—and especially during the time of the war, when it was thought that every man who was a patriot was worthy of all the honor we could confer upon him—and thus we have received many into our ranks that have not brought honor or benefit to us. The tendency of this has been to cause a laxity of discipline, and in too many cases have palpable violations of Masonic duty been permitted to pass by without rebuke or other action thereon, to the detriment of the order. Herein lies the principal—indeed the only—danger to the institution; and if Masonry is ever put down and swept away, it must be by the indiscretions and irregularities of its friends; for if we are true to the principles of the order, as delivered to us by the Fathers of the Craft, no human power can prevail against us.

Remarking that this crusade is waged against us in some quarters under the name of religion, Bro. Murray shows that religion demands no such warfare, as Freemasonry has ever had the credit of being the handmaid of religion; and he attributes this attack to that same spirit of sectarianism which condemned Servetus to the stake, and would perform the same office for us were it in its power. He then proceeds:

But, my brethren, we have a work in hand in this affair—and that is, to labor for the honor and integrity of our institution in the future as we have not always in the past. Our laws must be maintained, the duties imposed upon us by our obligations must be fulfilled, and the principles of Masonry must be more fully and thoroughly exemplified in the life and conversation of all who are reckoned among us.

Violations of the laws of Masonry, neglect of its duties in the affairs of life, and disregard of its teachings, must be made more thoroughly matters of discipline. All should be required to conform to the sublime principles of the order,—and no effort spared to induce every brother who fails in these matters to return to his integrity and to the maintenance of the usefulness and reputation of the institution. When this cannot be accomplished by kind, charitable and earnest efforts, let the sword of justice fall, and sever from us those who are no longer worthy of our honors or privileges. Thus, and thus only, can we maintain the integrity of this order,—prepare fully to meet this struggle,—render our time-honored institution of real value to its adherents, and place it right in the estimation of all reasonable and thinking men.

We have but little to add to the foregoing. If true to ourselves we have nothing to fear from any combination, whether its motive power be religious fanaticism or political rancor. The danger, as Bro. Murray correctly remarks, lies in our own ranks. We have too many Masons who are such only in name, and whose actions belie their professions. If Masonry is to retain its present proud position, the standard of morality must be elevated—not lowered. The honor of a Mason should be like that of Cæsar's wife, above suspicion. But our doors have swung so loosely upon their hinges that the result is apparent all over the land. There are men in our lodges who are in bad repute in the community, and yet owing to peculiar circumstances it would be difficult, if not impossible, to sustain charges against them; and it unfortunately happens that such men occasionally occupy prominent positions in the lodge. What is to be done in such cases? Let the brethren remember the language of the Ancient Charges: "All preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only; that so the lords may be well served, the brethren not put to shame, nor the Royal Craft despised." No Mason who is charged with immoral or dishonest conduct, or against whom legal proceedings are pending, should be thrust forward by his friends to fill any Masonic position, until his character has been fully vindicated in the courts of his country. If elected to office, it is his duty to decline. The interests of our institution demand this, and the welfare of the fraternity is paramount to all personal considerations. The eyes of the community are upon us, and our walk and conversation should be such as will command the respect and esteem of the virtuous and the good. Any other course will cause the finger of scorn to be pointed at us, and make our institution a bye-word and reproach.

As for the threatened crusade, while we do not court persecution—we do not fear it. We honestly believe that Masonry has become too popular, and any movement which will make us unpopular for a time, and thereby purge the dross from our midst, would be no loss but a gain to our institution.

**APPEALS.**—In most jurisdictions in the United States the number of appeals appears to be increasing, and complaint is made that, during the brief session of the Grand Lodge, the Committee on Appeals have not sufficient opportunity to thoroughly investigate the cases referred to them; that, as a necessary result, much valuable time is occupied in the discussion of such cases, and, in the anxiety to get through with the business before the Grand Lodge, its own laws are frequently violated and great injustice done to the parties interested. To remedy this, it has been proposed in Indiana and Tennessee that the Committee on Appeals be made a standing committee, and that said committee meet one or two weeks before each annual communication, examine all appeals made during the recess, and report thereon to the Grand Lodge in the early part of its session. In New Jersey it is proposed that this committee be also made a standing committee, to assemble whenever requested by the Grand Master, and take cognizance of such appeals and grievances as may be presented to them. We consider both plans as a move in the right direction. Of the two we prefer the latter, but not having seen the details we are unable to express an opinion on its merits.

In our review of Texas will be found a notice of an appeal which occupied over ten years before final settlement, and when after that lapse of time the brother appealing was restored to all the rights and privileges of Masonry! At

the last session of our own Grand Lodge it was reported that an appeal case, which had been continued for years, was settled by the death of the brother appealing from the decision of his lodge—said decision having been reversed by the Grand Lodge and the case remanded to another lodge for trial. It is unnecessary to cite other cases—any system which permits such procrastination is liable to serious objection, and no revision or amendment of the law of appeal will be complete unless it guards against the recurrence of such cases. If a brother feels that he has been aggrieved by the decision of his lodge, he has the right of appeal, but his lodge has no right to throw obstacles in the way of his appeal being speedily determined. The utmost care should be observed that the rights of all are protected, and that no impediments are thrown in the way of a speedy and impartial administration of justice. There should be no chancery suits in Masonry, dragging their slow length along through a series of years, and sometimes terminating only with the death of a brother.

Under the present rule, a brother is tried for unmasonic conduct, found guilty, and suspended or expelled by his lodge. He appeals; the case comes up at the next annual communication, and is referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances. On examination, the transcript of proceedings is found incomplete, and the case is postponed until the following annual communication and the lodge ordered to send up all the papers. It matters not whether the defective transcript is the result of neglect or design—the injustice resulting to the brother appealing is the same. We have devoted some thought to this subject, and are of the opinion that a modification of the present system would save much discussion in the Grand Lodge, prevent hastily prepared and crudely digested reports, and accomplish the ends of justice more speedily and effectively. We suggest that our Committee on Appeals and Grievances be made a standing committee. That in all cases where a brother is convicted and sentenced by his lodge, he shall have thirty days in which to give his lodge notice of his intention to appeal, and the lodge after receiving such notice shall have thirty days in which to prepare and forward a certified copy of all the proceedings, documents and testimony in the case to the Grand Secretary. Immediately on receipt of such transcript, let the Grand Secretary hand it to the committee, whose duty it shall be to examine all the papers carefully, without delay, and ascertain whether or not the transcript is full and complete. If so, the merits of the case can be investigated, reported upon, and finally disposed of by the Grand Lodge, at the next annual communication.

But in cases where the record is not complete, the Grand Secretary should immediately notify the lodge to send the proper papers up without delay; and in the event of neglect or refusal to comply with this notice, the lodge should be held guilty of contempt and punished accordingly.

In cases where it is apparent that the trial has not been conducted in conformity with the regulations of the Grand Lodge, and the appeal is made on that ground, the committee should at once report to the Grand Master, who should remand the case for a new trial, and thus avoid unnecessary delay.

We trust that our Grand Lodge will take some action in this matter, and adopt either the above or some other plan, which, while it secures the ends of justice, will protect the rights of all, and prevent those heart-burnings and jealousies which arise from protracted litigation, and by which the harmony of a lodge is marred and its usefulness destroyed.

MASONIC HISTORY.—Many Grand Lodges are re-printing their proceedings, and others have taken steps to prepare and publish the history of the rise and progress of Masonry within their respective jurisdictions. The importance of this movement cannot be over-estimated. To the Masonic student, the proceedings of his Grand Lodge are among the most valuable and instructive books in the whole range of Masonic literature; and it has been well remarked, that no man can properly discharge the duties of the Master of a lodge, who has not carefully perused and studied them. Yet it is impossible for any brother to procure a complete set of the proceedings of our own Grand Lodge, even from the union of the two Grand Lodges in 1849. Previous to that date, the proceedings of the Grand Lodge are comprised in two large manuscript volumes in the French language. These records are in an excellent state of preservation, and few Grand Lodges can furnish richer or more abundant material for a history of Masonry than our own.

It is not generally known that Masonry was introduced into Louisiana, when it was a Spanish Province, and that a Masonic lodge was first established in 1793 in New Orleans. After the purchase of the Territory by the United States, and the establishment of a State government, the Grand Lodge was formed in 1812. It has continued in existence ever since; its history is both eventful and instructive, and steps should be immediately taken to compile it.

At the annual communication of 1859, Grand Master Amos Adams called the attention of the Grand Lodge to this subject, and a committee was appointed "to prepare the early history of Masonry in this State and a compendium of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge from its organization." At the next annual communication the committee reported progress, but nothing has been heard from them since. In the meantime several venerable brethren, who could have furnished much valuable information, have been gathered to their fathers. Our records, now so full and complete, may, at any moment, be destroyed by some unforeseen accident. The loss would be irreparable.

The troublous times through which we have passed doubtless interfered with the labors of the committee. But delays are dangerous, and we can see no good reason why the work should not now be recommenced, and prosecuted with vigor until completed.

REPORTS ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.—Complaint is made in a few quarters that these reports have become "tediously voluminous," and the question is mooted whether they are worth the labor and expense of preparing and publishing them. In answer, M. W. Bro. Drummond, of Maine, remarks:

It is asserted that they are read only by one or two in each State, and, therefore, their value is small. If this is true, or even approximately true, they should be at once abandoned. We can only say if it is true, the craft in many of the States are to be pitied. If the information contained in these reports is not deemed of sufficient importance to cause them to be read in the States in which they are prepared, it speaks poorly for the Masters and Wardens to whom the proceedings are distributed, and very discouragingly for the prosperity of the institution. It cannot prosper without intelligence in those who administer its affairs; and the proper education can be attained only by reading and study; and the proceedings of Grand Lodges contain reading, the most practical and useful. But it is impossible to place the proceedings of other Grand Lodges in the hands of the craft, and, therefore, an abstract is made in the shape of these reports. But so far as Maine is concerned, we do not believe in the assertion that they are not read. But we call attention to the matter, because each representative in Grand Lodge can answer for himself,

and if it shall be found that the representatives do not read them, the question is settled.

We desire to present this question in the same light to the craft in Louisiana, and it is for their representatives to say whether or not these reports be continued. In regard to their length, it must be remembered that there are now over forty American Grand Lodges on the list, and if anything like a fair synopsis of their doings is given, these reports cannot be expected to be much shorter. As to the expense—we believe it the duty of the Grand Lodge to diffuse Masonic light and knowledge among its subordinates, and we know of no means by which it can be better accomplished than by the publication of these reports.

A year ago, we considered the proposition to substitute the so-called Masonic journals for these reports as impracticable; now, in view of the manner in which many of these publications are conducted, we consider it no subject for regret that no paper of this character is published in this jurisdiction. As individual enterprises, their editors have a right to conduct them in the manner best calculated to put money in their purse, and we are perfectly willing that such papers should stand or fall on their own merits. But when a Grand Lodge adopts one of them as its "official organ," and "recommends" it to the patronage of the fraternity, the craft have a right to expect that it will reflect the opinions of its Grand Lodge, and not the peculiar idiosyncracies of its editor. Such, however, is not always the case, nor is it surprising, for "organs" are wind instruments and require a "bellows," and a "bellows" from its mechanical construction is very apt to get inflated with an idea of its own importance. So long as this is kept within the bounds of Masonic propriety, we have no objections, and are perfectly willing that the "bellows" should follow the example of the frog in the fable; but we decidedly object to a "bellows" *blowing* in opposition to a ruling of its own Grand Lodge and agitating questions which can only tend to mar the harmony and destroy the prosperity of our institution.

OTHER DEGREES, RITES, ETC.—Noticing the remarks which have been made in relation to this subject, M. W. Bro. Drummond says:

While "Blue Masonry" cannot have *Masonic* knowledge of any other Degrees, Rites, etc., it has *actual* knowledge of them. And it is proper to treat bodies of other Degrees and Rites with the same courtesy that characterizes their treatment of bodies of the same Rite. But this courtesy should be mutual. Masons of other Degrees and Rites should not use the clothing, titles, etc., peculiar to those other Degrees and Rites under such circumstances as imply that the Master Mason has *Masonic* knowledge of them. Ordinarily, therefore, the titles, etc., should not be mentioned, nor any distinguishing clothing worn in the Lodge. We say *ordinarily*, because there are occasions when the various Masonic positions a brother has attained may be noticed in the Lodge; and while the clothing of other degrees, etc., should not be worn except in the proper bodies, we do not know of any harm arising from the wearing of a mere decoration on certain occasions. For example, we conceive it would be very proper and commendable for a Lodge on a festive occasion to invite the High Priest of a Chapter, or the Commander of a Commandery to unite with them; and while it would not be proper for either to appear in the dress officially worn in his own body, it *would* be proper for him to wear a jewel designating the character in which he had been invited.

To all of which we respond, amen! We have no space left for extended remarks either on this subject or on that of a brother advertising his profes-

sion in the printed proceedings of a Grand Lodge. Suffice it to say, it is not against the recognition of such titles, etc., in social intercourse, or on festive occasions, that we have protested, but against their introduction into Blue Lodge Masonry.

MISCELLANEOUS.—In addition to the subjects we have noticed at length, the following deserve a brief mention:

The discussion on the vexed question of "work," which lately engrossed the attention of the craft, has passed away, and with it, we hope, the danger of our ceremonies degenerating into mere formalism. While a correct knowledge of the ritual is not undervalued, there appears to be an earnest desire that more attention should be paid to the inculcation of the principles which are embodied in our ceremonies and illustrated by our symbols, and without a proper appreciation of which, Masonry would be shorn of its life-giving power and become as "tinkling brass or a sounding cymbal."

The practice of striking from the roll for non-payment of dues is generally and justly condemned. The only argument which can be advanced in its favor, is the convenience of the lodge, as it enables it in a summary manner to get rid of a disagreeable or unworthy member who happens to be in arrears. But it violates the principles of justice by inflicting punishment upon a brother without giving him a trial, while it increases the number of non-affiliates—already too large.

The question of physical qualifications has been ably discussed by Committees on Foreign Correspondence and decided in Grand Lodges. The majority of the decisions are adverse to the advancement of a maimed E. A. or F. C., and the general current of opinion tends in the same direction.

IN CONCLUSION.—A careful perusal of the proceedings received enables us to announce the gratifying intelligence that the star of Freemasonry is still in the ascendant, and that its prosperity knows no wane. Fears are expressed that the creation of so many new lodges and the rapid increase of membership may prove an element of weakness, but this ground of apprehension is in a great measure relieved by the evidence presented that the outer door is more closely tyled, and the character of initiates subjected to a more careful scrutiny. More interest is manifested in the history, jurisprudence and symbolism of our institution, and the day is past when a mere knowledge of the "work" suffices to obtain for a brother the appellation of a "bright Mason." Discipline is more rigidly enforced, and under its purifying influence, we doubt not, the principles which Masonry inculcates will be more fully appreciated and the duties it enjoins more faithfully performed.

But while all appears so bright and auspicious, it is impossible to disguise the fact that our beloved institution is threatened with danger. Questions are attempted to be forced upon the fraternity for discussion, with which they, as Masons, have nothing to do; clandestine bodies are increasing in number and parading their claims for public favor on socialistic and political dogmas, and a few sectaries are attempting to organize a new crusade against Freemasonry. Like the cloud, which the prophet Elijah saw on the verge of the horizon, the danger at present is no greater than a man's hand, and with a firm adherence to the ancient constitutions of the fraternity, it will dissipate into thin air; while a temporizing course, or an interference with the social and political questions of the day will endanger our peace and wreck our prosperity.

Enjoying the most harmonious relations with all the Grand Lodges of North America, our Grand Lodge has more closely cemented the bonds of Masonic brotherhood with several European Grand Lodges, by entering into fraternal correspondence with them. This affords a proper subject for congratulation, and it is therefore with regret we allude to a violation of Masonic comity on the part of the Grand Orient of France in recognizing a self-created and self-constituted body which has planted clandestine lodges in our midst, after having herself, only a few years ago, denounced the same body as clandestine and spurious, and expelled its chief. It is charged that the Grand Orients of Italy and Belgium, and the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands are also guilty of the same offence. As we have no official information of the action of these bodies, it will form a proper subject for investigation, but with regard to the Grand Orient of France the proof is full and complete. This, however, will form the subject of a special report, and when presented we doubt not the Grand Lodge will act with a decision and promptness which will vindicate its dignity at home and command respect abroad.

In closing, we can only repeat, as in our former report, that we have endeavored to present an impartial abstract of the proceedings of our sister jurisdictions; to represent faithfully the views of our Grand Lodge, and, when dissenting from opinions in which we could not coincide, to express ourselves frankly and honestly, but with that courtesy which is due from one Mason to another.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Fifty-Eighth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand ☐ of the State of Louisiana, F. and A. M., commenced in the City of New Orleans, at the Grand Lodge Hall, corner of St. Charles and Perdido streets, on Monday, the 14th of February, A. D. 1870, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

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| LINN WOOD, No. 167.....       | { Geo. Baldey, W. M.; Chas. A. Scott, S.<br>W.; A. De B. Hughes, J. W.                                                                                                      |
| MONTGOMERY, No. 168.....      | { Samuel Bernstein, W. M.; James W.<br>Jones, S. W.; Will. A. Strong, J. W.                                                                                                 |
| HAYNESVILLE, No. 169.....     | { H. W. Kirkpatrick, W. M.; James R.<br>Smith, S. W.; (G. W. Short, of Haynes-<br>ville □, 169, proxy for S. W.); W. L.<br>Oakes, J. W.                                     |
| ORUS, No. 170.....            | { R. D. Ouyard, W. M.; L. Hauptman, S.<br>W.; L. Reggotaz, J. W.                                                                                                            |
| KOSMOS, No. 171.....          | { V. Fabian, W. M.; A. W. May, S. W.;<br>W. Dresel, J. W.                                                                                                                   |
| UNION, No. 172.....           | { Samuel H. Brown, W. M.; Charles A.<br>Meyers, S. W.; John Walsh, J. W.                                                                                                    |
| ORIENT, No. 173.....          | { Wm. S. Benedict, W. M.; S. Leopold, S.<br>W.; A. Hero, Jr., J. W.                                                                                                         |
| DANTE, No. 174.....           | { G. B. Rossi, W. M.; G. Radovich, S. W.;<br>C. Pozzi, J. W.                                                                                                                |
| AMITE CITY, No. 175.....      | { C. S. Stewart, W. M.; (F. Holyland, of<br>□ No. 166, proxy for W. M.); John<br>M. Moore, S. W.; (C. H. Hyde, of □<br>No. 96, proxy for S. W.); Stephen D.<br>Ellis, J. W. |
| PERFECT HARMONY, No. 176..... | { Edwin Booth, W. M.; C. A. Cauffman, S.<br>W.; (B. DaSilva, of □ No. 176, proxy<br>for W. M. and S. W.); L. D'Meza, J. W.                                                  |
| EUREKA, No. 177.....          | { W. E. Redwine, W. M.; H. E. Goodwin,<br>S. W.; C. W. Lyles, J. W.                                                                                                         |
| TULIP, No. 178.....           | { R. J. Warner, W. M.; C. L. Hays, S. W.;<br>W. A. Watson, J. W.                                                                                                            |

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| CADDO, No. 179 .....            | { Wm. Robson, W. M.; R. B. Burns, S. W.;<br>M. Kaufman, Jr., J. W.                                                                                         |
| LITTLE FLOCK, No. 180 .....     | { Wm. M. Antony, W. M.; Asa Curtis, S.<br>W.; Geo. W. Neil, J. W., (J. A. Doug-<br>lass, of <input type="checkbox"/> No. 72, proxy for all.)               |
| LONGWOOD, No. 183 .....         | { R. T. Cole, W. M.; J. W. Erwin, S. W.;<br>W. E. Noel, J. W.                                                                                              |
| SPRING CREEK, No. 184 .....     | { Hardy Richardson, W. M.; J. G. Tate,<br>S. W.; C. P. Bailey, J. W.                                                                                       |
| ORPHANS' FRIENDS, No. 185 ..... | { G. W. Bundick, W. M.; O. S. Smith, S.<br>W.; F. W. Carson, J. W.                                                                                         |
| KISATCHIE UNION, No. 186 .....  | { A. Airhart, W. M.; James J. Key, S. W.;<br>(Jacob Kile of <input type="checkbox"/> No. 186, proxy for<br>W. M. and S. W.); Isaac Powell, J. W.           |
| COVINGTON, No. 188 .....        | { F. B. Martindale, W. M.; Jas. R. Hosmer,<br>S. W.; John Theobald, J. W.                                                                                  |
| EVERGREEN No. 189 .....         | { M. Bennett, W. M.; H. A. Ditto, S. W.;<br>W. M. Ewell, J. W.                                                                                             |
| CORINTHIAN, No. 190 .....       | { Wm. R. Whitaker, W. M.; Wm. Carson,<br>S. W.; Wm. L. Stanford, J. W.                                                                                     |
| JEFFERSON, 191 .....            | { Hugh Breen, W. M.; G. G. Garner, S.<br>W.; H. C. Brown, J. W.; (Shelby Sey-<br>mour, of Jefferson <input type="checkbox"/> No. 191, proxy<br>for S. W.)  |
| ABBEVILLE, No. 192 .....        | { W. D. White, W. M.; Jos. T. Labit, S.<br>W.; L. Broussard, J. W.                                                                                         |
| AURORA, No. 193 .....           | { John F. Wyche, W. M.; W. S. Leake, S.<br>W.; Jos. A. Breaux, J. W.                                                                                       |
| MT. OLIVET, No. 194 .....       | { E. A. B. Hanks, W. M.; M. Neyland, S.<br>W.; H. Savant, J. W. (Jos. D. Richard,<br>of Humble Cottage <input type="checkbox"/> No. 19, proxy<br>for all.) |
| TRENTON, No. 195 .....          | { F. M. Dawson, W. M.; J. E. McGuire,<br>S. W.; J. W. Miles, J. W.                                                                                         |
| SALINE, No. 196 .....           | { J. H. Allen, W. M.; Wm. J. Mobley, S.<br>W.; Wm. C. Ross, J. W.                                                                                          |
| BROOKLYN, U. D. ....            | John W. Jones, W. M.                                                                                                                                       |
| MAGNOLIA, U. D. ....            | Dan'l H. Quirk, W. M.                                                                                                                                      |
| OAK GROVE, U. D. ....           | J. T. Brown, W. M.                                                                                                                                         |
| HOLLY SPRINGS, U. D. ....       | J. O. Knighton, W. M.                                                                                                                                      |
| SUMMERFIELD, U. D. ....         | John Hardy, W. M.                                                                                                                                          |

A. QUEANT,  
LOUIS PRADOS,  
SAM. H. BROWN.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The roll of ☐ being called, the following ☐ were found to be represented; viz. Nos:

P. U. 1, P. S. 1, 3, 4, St. A, 5, 9, 19, 28, 31, 38, 44, 46, 47, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 63, 65, 66, 68, 70, 72, 76, 78, 83, 84, 87, 90, 92, 95, 96, 98, 102, 103, 104, 113, 115, 123, 135, 139, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 154, 158, 160, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 179, 180, 185, 186, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 196. Total, 74 chartered ☐. Oak Grove, Mallet Woods, and Brooklyn, under dispensation. Total, 3 ☐ U. D.

The M. W. Grand Master extended an invitation to Representatives of other Grand ☐, to be seated in the East.

He then announced the following appointments upon Standing Committees, viz:

#### ON AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS.

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| Jno. Anderson, P. M.   | Mount Moriah <input type="checkbox"/> No. 59. |
| Edwin Marks, P. M.     | Dudley <input type="checkbox"/> No. 66.       |
| Wm. R. Whitaker, W. M. | Corinthian <input type="checkbox"/> No. 190.  |

#### ON WORK AND RETURNS OF CHARTERED LODGES.

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| SECTION 1—Amos Kent, S. G. W. | St. Helena <input type="checkbox"/> No. 96.   |
| Wm. C. Driver, P. M.          | Louisiana <input type="checkbox"/> No. 102.   |
| Wm. Robson, W. M.             | Caddo <input type="checkbox"/> No. 179.       |
| SEC. 2—René Laffon, P. M.     | Perfect Union <input type="checkbox"/> No. 1. |
| Wm. W. Leake, P. M.           | Feliciana <input type="checkbox"/> No. 31.    |
| James Todd                    | Franklin <input type="checkbox"/> No. 57.     |

#### ON WORK AND RETURNS OF LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

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| G. Sontag, P. M.       | Geo. Wash'gton <input type="checkbox"/> No. 65. |
| Wm. S. Benedict, W. M. | Orient <input type="checkbox"/> No. 173.        |
| R. H. Day, P. M.       | St. James <input type="checkbox"/> No. 47.      |

#### ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

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| A. G. Carter, P. D. G. M. | Plains <input type="checkbox"/> No. 135.        |
| Jno. G. Fleming, P. M.    | Quitman <input type="checkbox"/> No. 76.        |
| R. L. Bruce, P. M.        | Excelsior <input type="checkbox"/> No. 166.     |
| H. P. Buckley, P. M.      | Marion <input type="checkbox"/> No. 68.         |
| Jos. H. DeGrange, W. M.   | Dudley <input type="checkbox"/> No. 66.         |
| Jas. Ray, P. M.           | Humble Cottage <input type="checkbox"/> No. 19. |
| M. E. Girard, P. M.       | Hope <input type="checkbox"/> No. 145.          |



## ON MASONIC LAW AND JURISPRUDENCE.

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| J. Q. A. Fellows..... | P. G. M.    |
| Wm. M. Perkins.....   | P. G. M.    |
| A. J. Norwood.....    | P. G. M.    |
| Hy. R. Swasey.....    | P. G. M.    |
| A. G. Carter.....     | P. D. G. M. |
| S. O. Scruggs.....    | P. D. G. M. |
| Edward Barnett.....   | P. D. G. M. |

The M. W. Grand Master then delivered the following

## ANNUAL ADDRESS :

## BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE:

Having been permitted by divine Providence again to assemble in Grand Communication in the interests of our beloved order, and having joined around our Holy Altar in offering our grateful thanks to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe for the many mercies and blessings vouchsafed to us during the past year, let us greet each other with that warmth of salutation which the true Masonic heart knoweth how to extend and enjoy, and unite in fraternal consultation for promoting the prosperity of the craft, and the maintainance and perpetuation of those great and glorious principles of our institution, which admonish us to have "Faith in God, Hope in Immortality, and Charity for all Mankind."

Freemasonry has enjoyed in this jurisdiction a healthful prosperity, and many good, intelligent and worthy men have been admitted to membership in our fraternity. There are evidences of great discrimination having been exercised in the admission of new members in the long lists of rejections reported to the Grand Secretary. May this careful scrutiny into the character and moral standing of applicants in the community ever be continued by all of our ☐, so that our Masonic Temple, now so strong in its moral excellence, may never become weakened by the introduction of defective and unworthy material. Whilst I unite with you, my brethren, in congratulation upon the pleasing evidences that the principles of Freemasonry have generally been maintained in their purity, and that the craft everywhere seem to be gradually, but perceptibly, improving in their social, moral, and intellectual standing, yet I regret to state that there have been instances reported here as well as elsewhere, where the teachings of our fathers have not been faithfully followed; where the laws of our institution and the edicts of our Grand ☐ have not been complied with strictly. Glad am I to be able to state that these instances have been but few, and the offences not of a serious nature. Where such cases have been made known to me, I have endeavored to remedy the evil complained of, by advice, admonition and reproof. Some had erred through ignorance of the law, others through mistaken views as to its applicability; but none, I think, with a wilful intention of transgressing against our laws and usages. When any such cases are brought to the notice of the Grand ☐, let us treat those who have thus sinned, with all due gentleness consistent with justice, and by proper legislation endeavor to prevent the recurrence of such faults in the future.

None of the office-bearers of the Grand □ have been removed by death since we last met together in this hall; but we are called upon to mourn the loss of several members of the Grand □, who have been called to their long homes; brethren whom we were wont to meet at our Annual Assemblies, and who were esteemed as zealous and good Masons by all who knew them.

W. Bro. M. P. Quinn, one of the founders of Vienna □ No. 106, in 1851, its first W. M. under dispensation, and who had held that position with scarcely any intermission ever since—a brother who possessed the entire confidence and esteem of his brethren—died at his home in Vienna, on the 14th June, 1869.

Bro. Aaron Harris, P. M. of Louisiana □ No. 102, who had held with credit several offices in this Grand □, had served several years as a director of the Grand □ Hall, and performed good service on many of its committees, died in this city on the 18th of July last.

Bro. Joseph François Louis Lamarre, the first W. M. of St. Andrew □ No. 5, after its readmission into our Masonic fold, and who had ever since presided over that body—a brother whose sterling integrity of character had caused him to rank high among our brethren of the Latin race—died in this city on the 4th day of January last.

Bro. Wm. A. Parks, W. M. of Napoleon □ No. 94, died on the 14th of June, 1869.

Bro. Morris Langhorne, P. M. of Minden □ No. 51, and member of Dudley □ No. 66, died in St. Louis, Mo., 28th March, 1869.

Bro. H. J. B. Pain, P. M. of Foyer Maçonnique □ No. 44, who had removed his residence to the city of Mobile, Ala., died in that city during the past summer.

It is not my privilege to do full honor to the memory of these worthy brethren; let their names be duly inscribed upon our records.

#### DISTRICT DEPUTY AND SPECIAL DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

Immediately after the close of the last Grand Communication, R. W. Bro. John C. Gordy was authorized, as he had been in previous years, as a member of the Permanent Committee on Work, to visit the □ throughout the jurisdiction, and exemplify the work and ritual of the three degrees. He was also specially authorized to consecrate and constitute several □ to which you had granted charters, and to install their officers. His report will show the names and number of the □ which he has visited in pursuance of his mission. I have received from all parts of the State, letters written by officers of □ filled with high praise and commendation of the manner in which Bro. Gordy has fulfilled the duties intrusted to him. There is no doubt of his having labored well and effectually, and to the advantage of the craft.

The reports of the D. D. Grand Masters have nearly all been received, and are appended herewith for your consideration and action. They exhibit in a favorable light the condition of most of the □ in our jurisdiction, and they also present some matters requiring legislation on your part. There has been but one change made in these officers: R. W. Bro. G. B. Burr, D. D. G. M. of the Sixteenth District, having resigned that position in February, 1869, during the session of the Grand □, I appointed on the 24th of that month Bro. N. H. Bray, W. M. of Anacoca □ No. 147, as his successor.

In appointing R. W. Bros. M. A. Calongue and G. Segui y Gahona, Special D. D. Grand Masters for the First District, to have supervision over the [ ] working in foreign languages, I gave special instructions with regard to the requirements of the Grand [ ], that "the modes of recognition and the obligations which bind us together as Masons should be the same," and that the edicts and laws of the Grand [ ] should be strictly enforced and obeyed.

Some of our brethren belonging to [ ] working in the Scottish, and French or Modern Rite, had been laboring under a mistaken impression as to their not being compelled to observe the edicts of the Grand [ ] in reference to the work and ritual of the degrees, and it became necessary that they should be admonished in these particulars; therefore, special instructions on these matters were given them through the special deputies, and also by personal visit and instructions.

Having attended many of the meetings of [ ] working in the French, Spanish and Italian languages, and witnessed, in company with officers and members of the Grand [ ], their manner of working, I am happy in being able to state that in all of them I have met with the most cheerful acquiescence in my rulings and decisions in respect to their work; and I feel well assured that if the system of frequent visitations on the part of Grand Officers be continued, and necessary advice and instruction given when needed, that there will be hereafter but little complaint heard of violations of laws and edicts on the part of those [ ]. To insure obedience, it is only necessary that they should be properly instructed; and in no instance have I found any disposition on the part of any of those [ ] to evade any regulation or edict of the Grand [ ].

I have also visited, as far as practicable, the [ ] in this city working in the English language, and have found them all under good and careful management, doing good work, and their meetings generally well attended. In them I have found some slight differences in the manner of conferring degrees, which might be remedied by holding a Lodge of Instruction in this city, under the supervision of the Committee on Work, as provided for in a resolution adopted in 1858.

#### REPRESENTATIVES.

I have appointed the following well-known and distinguished brethren to represent the Grand [ ] of the State of Louisiana, near the respective Grand [ ] within whose jurisdiction they reside.

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| M. W. Bro. James Evans.....        | to Grand [ ] of Virginia. |
| M. W. Bro. Robert B. Vance.....    | " " North Carolina.       |
| M. W. Bro. S. C. Coffinbury.....   | " " Michigan.             |
| M. W. Bro. John T. Lamkin.....     | " " Mississippi.          |
| R. W. Bro. Erasmus T. Carr.....    | " " Kansas.               |
| R. W. Bro. Dr. Isaac S. Titus..... | " " California.           |
| W. Bro. Charles A. Fuller.....     | " " Kentucky.             |
| R. W. Bro. Thomas E. Garrett.....  | " " Missouri.             |
| R. W. Bro. Samuel C. Perkins.....  | " " Pennsylvania.         |
| M. W. Bro. Dewitt C. Dawkins.....  | " " Florida.              |
| M. W. Bro. S. F. Chadwick.....     | " " Oregon.               |
| M. W. Bro. Henry L. Palmer.....    | " " Wisconsin.            |

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| M. W. Bro. Charles W. Nash.....       | to Grand <input type="checkbox"/> of Minnesota.           |
| M. W. Bro. T. Douglas Harrington..... | “ “ Canada.                                               |
| M. W. Bro. Josiah H. Drummond.....    | “ “ Maine.                                                |
| M. W. Bro. Wm. J. Bates.....          | “ “ West Virginia.                                        |
| M. W. Bro. G. W. Hopkins.....         | “ “ Nevada.                                               |
| R. W. Bro. J. N. Wise.....            | “ “ Nebraska.                                             |
| M. W. Bro. Henry Buist.....           | “ “ South Carolina.                                       |
| R. W. Bro. H. L. Claiborne.....       | “ “ Tennessee.                                            |
| R. W. Bro. Juan de la Sierra.....     | Supreme Council of Uruguay.                               |
| R. W. Bro. Carl Paul.....             | Grand <input type="checkbox"/> of Frankfort-on-the-Maine. |
| R. W. Bro. C. F. Heinersdorff.....    | “ “ Prussia, Three Globes.                                |

The following new appointments of Representatives of sister Grand ☐ near this Grand ☐ have been made, and their credentials will be submitted for your action:

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|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| New York.....                                   | Edward Barnett.     |
| North Carolina.....                             | Samuel M. Todd.     |
| Mississippi.....                                | J. Q. A. Fellows.   |
| Ohio.....                                       | James B. Scot.      |
| Missouri.....                                   | John A. Stevenson.  |
| Georgia.....                                    | John G. Dunlap.     |
| Minnesota.....                                  | J. Q. A. Fellows.   |
| District of Columbia.....                       | Samuel M. Todd.     |
| Canada.....                                     | James C. Batchelor. |
| Nebraska.....                                   | A. B. Seger.        |
| California.....                                 | J. Q. A. Fellows.   |
| Nevada.....                                     | Samuel M. Todd.     |
| Maryland.....                                   | J. Q. A. Fellows.   |
| Illinois.....                                   | J. Q. A. Fellows.   |
| Grand Orient of Brazil, Valley of Lavradio..... | Pascual Ugarte.     |
| Oregon.....                                     | James C. Batchelor. |

In accordance with the resolution adopted at the last Grand Communication, I contracted with Bro. Wm. C. Driver, of the house of C. H. Zimmerman & Co., for the manufacture of fifty jewels for our Representatives near Sister Grand ☐. These were completed in a very satisfactory manner, and have been forwarded, as far as practicable, to the brethren for whom they were designed, to be retained by them so long as they continue to represent the Grand ☐ of the State of Louisiana. Before forwarding these jewels, the Grand Secretary, at my instance, wrote letters to all of our Representatives, who had been previously appointed, requesting them to state in reply whether they were willing to continue to represent our Grand ☐. In nearly every instance a response in the affirmative was promptly made. This enabled me to correct the list previously published, and to fill vacancies occasioned by the removal of several brethren from their respective jurisdictions.

R. W. Bro. F. G. Roche, who had held for ten years the position of our Representative near the Grand ☐ of Tennessee, sent in his resignation, stating that age and infirmities prevented his attention to the active duties of Masonry, and

that it was not convenient for him to attend the sessions of the Grand □. He therefore reluctantly resigned this position, and suggested Bro. H. L. Claiborne as his successor.

No reply was received from R. W. Bro. A. G. Mackey. After waiting a considerable time, I concluded that he no longer desired to act as the Representative of our Grand □, and bestowed the appointment upon M. W. Bro. Henry Buist, of Charleston, S. C.

There was a vacancy in Connecticut, owing to the removal from that State of R. W. Bro. Howard B. Ensign. I proffered the appointment to R. W. Bro. James L. Gould, but have not yet received any reply from him.

The Grand □ of Massachusetts, not having adopted the system of mutual representation, the distinguished brother to whom I tendered the appointment of Representative in that jurisdiction, was compelled to decline the honor.

There was a vacancy in Maine, owing to the removal from that jurisdiction of R. W. Bro. Joseph C. Stevens. This was filled by the appointment of Past Grand Master Josiah H. Drummond.

In May last, I received official notification of the death of Past Grand Master Wm. H. Howard, our Representative near the Grand □ of California; a brother well known to the older Masons of this jurisdiction, and who was in the years 1848 and 1849 Grand Secretary of the "Louisiana Grand □ of A. Y. Masons," and has since held for two years the position of Grand Master of Masons in California. I appointed as his successor R. W. Bro. Isaac S. Titus, of Placerville.

No reply has been received from Bro. John George, who was appointed Representative of this Grand □ near the Grand □ of New Hampshire in 1860, and several letters written to W. Bro. Horace Chace, Grand Secretary of that Grand □ in reference to Bro. George, have not been answered. But from nearly all of those appointed as our Representatives, have come letters bearing messages of kindness and good will to the brethren of Louisiana, accepting willingly and gladly the rank and honor tendered to them, and promising to defend the interests of our Grand □ in their respective jurisdictions.

Letters of amity were received from the Grand Orient of Brazil, Valley of Lavradio, through its Representative in the United States, R. W. Bro. A. G. Goodall, of New York, requesting recognition and the appointment of a Representative near that Grand Body, but as the Grand □ at its Grand Communication in 1869 left the question as to the legality of the Masonic bodies in Brazil unsettled, I deferred taking any positive action in this matter until the whole subject could be brought before you upon the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

In the meantime, as the evidences in favor of the legality of the body above referred to appeared to be conclusive, I permitted the □ in New Orleans to receive as visitors those brethren who came among us hailing from the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient "Do Lavradio."

As the Grand □ of Virginia had recognized and entered into amicable relations with the Grand □ of West Virginia, I took it for granted that our Grand □ would decide to enter into fraternal intercourse with this new sister also, and therefore assumed the responsibility of appointing P. G. Master W. J. Bates as our Representative near that Grand East, subject to your approval.

There has been a new Masonic body formed in the Province of Quebec, calling

itself the "Grand □ of Quebec." Its proceedings and circulars have been sent to us; also circulars and communications from the Grand □ of Canada, denying the legality of this new organization, and protesting against its being acknowledged as a regular body of Masons, alleging that the division of Canada into two provinces is nothing more than a mere municipal arrangement, and asserting that the whole of Canada is now, as it has always been, under the jurisdiction of the Grand □ of Canada. The whole subject will be fully laid before you by your Committee on Correspondence, and I recommend that you give to it that consideration which its importance demands.

The Grand Orient of France still maintains the anomalous position which it so unwisely assumed now more than a year ago, and still holds in its embrace a spurious and clandestine body without any legal title whatever to be called Masonic. From our brethren in every quarter of the globe come messages of approval of the course taken by our Grand □, and in no instance, where the matter of difference has been clearly understood, has Louisiana been condemned for the firm stand she has taken. Even the Supreme Council of England, of the Scottish Rite, has adopted resolutions censuring the Grand Orient of France for having accorded recognition to a spurious body of men, who indeed claim to be Masons, but who have never been elsewhere recognized as such, and who have no legal or proper right to the title, upon so specious and so false a plea as that given by Grand Master Mellinet, and for its improper infringement of the jurisdictional rights of our Grand □.

It seems to me hardly possible that a body, so respectable and intelligent as the Grand Orient of France is acknowledged to be, can much longer persist in this great wrong to Masonry, and to our Grand □. From indications lately made known to me by a distinguished brother now in Europe, who has taken a great interest in this question and in our welfare, I have reason for believing that the hasty action of Grand Master Mellinet, in recognizing the clandestine Council in New Orleans, will ultimately be annulled and set aside by the Masons of France.

Several prominent Masons in Paris have admitted the fact that the act of recognition of the Chassaignac body "was a mistake;" some asserted that the decree promulgated in November, 1868, was "an individual matter of Grand Master Mellinet, and not an official decree of the Grand Orient." And they have even added, "that it was the misfortune of that Grand Body that it was governed by arbitrary power, otherwise the decree would long ago have been revoked."

Let us hope, my brethren, that this act of justice will speedily be done, that we may again be permitted to greet and welcome our brethren from France, who annually visit our shores, as in former times, but who now, to their great regret, as well as ours, are deprived of fraternal intercourse with us.

I have issued dispensations for the formation of six new □□. In all of these cases the application was made in proper form, and accompanied with the recommendation of the nearest □, and the assurance in every instance that the interests of the craft would be promoted thereby.

At Holly Springs, Claiborne Parish, to be called "Holly Springs □," upon the recommendation of Minden □ No. 51, several of the brethren having been members thereof.

At Oak Grove, Carroll Parish, to be called "Oak Grove □." The members

composing this new ☐ were all members of Monticello ☐ No. 192, the recommendation of which ☐ accompanied the petition.

At Napoleonville, Parish of Assumption, to be known as "Assumption ☐" recommended by Thibodaux Benevolent ☐ No. 90, of which nearly all of the members of the new ☐ were members. Bro. E. B. Cox, the W. M., and Bro. T. Nicholls, hailing from Perkins ☐ No. 150.

Also, to Bro. John Hardy, P. M., and several other brethren hailing from Dawson ☐ No. 129, to organize a ☐ at Summerfield, Claiborne Parish, to be styled "Summerfield ☐" on the recommendation and avouchment of Dawson ☐ No. 129.

At Prudhomme City, Parish of St. Landry, to sundry brethren hailing from six different ☐, upon the recommendation of Humble Cottage ☐ No. 19, to be called "Mallet Woods ☐" This ☐ is presided over by Bro. Flavious J. Hundley, to whom I have since given permission to add five other brethren, to be included in the original dispensation.

Also to Bro. John W. Jones, P. M., and seven other brethren, mostly members of Lafayette ☐ No. 56, and on the recommendation of that ☐ to organize a ☐ at Brooklyn, Jackson Parish, to be known as "Brooklyn ☐"

I also, as per resolution of the Grand ☐, continued the dispensation to Magnolia ☐, at Washington, Parish of St. Landry, until the present session of the Grand ☐.

Morganza ☐ No. 159, having lost its charter in the year 1867, during the prevalence of the yellow fever in Pointe Coupée, was granted a dispensation by Grand Master Swasey for the year 1868. I also issued a dispensation authorizing the ☐ to work until the meeting of the Grand ☐. As the charter has undoubtedly been lost past recovery, I recommend the issuance of a duplicate one.

I have also given permission to the following ☐:

DeSoto ☐ No. 55,

Simmesport ☐ No. 163,

George Washington ☐ No. 65 and

Shreveport ☐ No. 115,

To have public processions for the purpose of laying the corner stones of public buildings, Lodge rooms and tombs; and no application of this nature has been made to me which I could refuse, or in any manner disapprove.

I have been called upon in many instances to decide points of general Masonic Law and Usage, and to interpret the written laws of our Grand ☐. My written replies to these questions are all recorded in the office of the Grand Secretary. The greater number of these decisions are such as have been previously pronounced upon by the Grand ☐, and are not of general interest or importance. In cases where I felt any doubt, I have called to my aid the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, and obtained their views before rendering my decision. There are some questions in this connection to which I desire to draw your attention, and ask your action thereon:

1st. "Whether a ☐ has a legal right to dispose of its real estate, or to mortgage the same without the sanction of the Grand ☐ or Grand Master?"

After consulting the Committee on Masonic Law, and making inquiry as to the bearing of the civil law under the charter of our Grand ☐, I gave my opinion that a ☐ had the legal right to sell or mortgage its property, and that

such sale or mortgage, without the sanction of the Grand □, would be valid. This having reference only to the legal point involved, but I also added that any such intended sale, transfer or mortgage, should properly be first made known to the Grand Master or Grand □, in order that if the reasons assigned showed that such intended sale, mortgage, etc., was for the benefit of the □ and the fraternity, consent may be obtained, and thus harmony secured.

It was decided years ago by our Grand □, that it was liable under its charter from the State of Louisiana for debts contracted by the constituent □, and in this view of the case it is important that □ should be prevented by some statutory enactment from incurring debts or liabilities beyond their ability to pay, jeopardizing the ownership of any property they may hold, or from squandering the funds of the □, which should be held as a sacred trust, and applied only for proper Masonic purposes.

This is what Grand Master John Gedge wrote on this subject in 1849, and the matter of it is as applicable now as it was then:

"Great as is the amount of charitable contribution by our □ and individual members, yet we all know from an experience of every day, that it is always difficult, nay, frequently impracticable to meet the demands upon us. This, in a great measure, is attributable to ourselves, wholly so in most cases to the □ themselves, and the necessary result of a system which I believe and feel is in practice throughout the world—a system which I most conscientiously believe to be founded in error and misapprehension, and one which I will never cease to combat with my feeble energies until it is rooted out of practice.

"I allude to the misapplication of the funds paid into the □ by the recipients of degrees. It is the custom to treat these funds as the private and individual property of the □ receiving them, and to expend them on all occasions when money is required for the purposes of the □, no matter what may be the object. \* \* \*

"I contend that all moneys paid by the recipient of Masonic degrees, are paid to and received by the □ in trust, and as a sacred deposit to be applied only in support of those principles upon which our institution is based, and in carrying out the great objects of its existence.

"And that the □ have no right, either in fact or on principle, to appropriate or make use of the smallest portion for their own purposes, or to expend one particle for any other object."

It was the opinion of Grand Master Gedge that the funds derived from the conferring of Masonic degrees should only be expended in purposes of charity; that it should be a fund sacred to that purpose; that if not used in relieving the immediate wants of our brethren in distress, it should be allowed to accumulate so as to be used ultimately in the founding of asylums, hospitals, schools, etc. Is there not a great deal of force and truth in this view of the matter? and, if so, how very improper it is that the funds of a □, so derived, should be used for costly entertainments, or for any other purpose not strictly Masonic.

2d. The question of the physical qualification of candidates has been submitted to me a number of times. In one case a brother E. A. Mason had lost a leg. I decided that he could not be passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, although he had, as was stated, been provided with an artificial leg, which enabled him to walk without the use of crutch or cane. In one of these cases, brought to



my attention by one of the [ ] in the city of New Orleans, I obtained the following opinion from the Committee on Masonic Law, and in which I fully concur:

"Some authorities call for absolute perfection of body; there are others who require no physical qualification whatever, but only mental and intellectual. Aside from being an extreme, the first (the absolutely perfect) requires an impossibility, and therefore cannot be a landmark; whilst the second is certainly a violation of a landmark of our order, which requires a physical qualification to a certain degree. The candidate should be of entire limbs, be in possession of all of his faculties, and be fully able to go through, without inconvenience, every part of our ceremonies; to give every sign, and to be able to instruct and to be instructed in every physical means of recognition, and beyond these physical qualifications, the candidate should possess a sound body. If the original reason of this, namely: the working at a trade be now wanting, certainly our institution is not an asylum for invalids, nor should ever be made such. *We want, and want only men who can, in case of need, be able physically to meet all the requirements of the obligations they may be called upon to take.*"

Having communicated this opinion of the committee, which I presume was read, as it was intended to have been to the [ ], I advised the W. M. that it was for him and the [ ] to judge whether the candidate (who was personally unknown to me) possessed all of the qualifications therein expressed; and if it should be found that he did, then he might permit the ballot to be passed, but not otherwise.

3d. The ballot for the advancement of a candidate should never be taken unless all of the brethren are satisfied of his proficiency in the preceding degree, and this should be ascertained verbally.

4th. The striking of members from the roll of [ ] for the non-payment of dues has, been brought to my notice many times during the past year, and many complaints have been made of the action of [ ], under this provision of our Grand [ ] By-Laws. Ten years ago I brought this subject to the attention of the Grand [ ], and gave my views in opposition to the law as it stands; and I have seen no reason to change my opinion on this matter since.

It is, without dispute, the duty of every member of a [ ] to bear his share of its burthens and to pay his regular dues; and a refusal or neglect to do this, should subject him to Masonic discipline, unless it be claimed in his behalf and clearly shown that he is unable to do so, in which case it would be unjust to subject him to Masonic punishment. For if poor, and in need, it becomes the duty of the [ ] and its members to afford him all necessary relief, as poverty cannot with us be considered a crime, nor punished as such. This provision of our Grand [ ] By-Laws was not enacted for the purpose of enabling [ ] to throw out their poor and needy members, but rather with the view of enabling them to disencumber their rolls of the names of those who had left this jurisdiction without leaving any trace of their whereabouts, or providing for the payment of their dues.

For those who continue to reside within the jurisdiction of the [ ] and who are abundantly able, and yet refuse to pay their dues, there is a much better and more effectual remedy in the power of the [ ], and one which has been used in this city with good results. Let charges be preferred against such brethren for unmasonic conduct in withholding money due the [ ], they being fully able

to pay the same; and this charge being substantiated on the trial of the case, let them be duly punished in accordance with Masonic usage. My experience has been, that very few such cases are permitted to go to trial.

According to our present regulations, a brother who has been stricken from the roll of his ☐, and who permits six months to elapse before making payment in full of his indebtedness, is in a much worse position than one who has been suspended for the commission of a Masonic crime. The latter can be reinstated by the vote of the members of his ☐, which is required to suspend him. But a brother who has been stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues, can only be readmitted by an unanimous vote. This is an injustice which can only be remedied by the repeal or modification of that By-Law.

5th. Some of the ☐ in the city of New Orleans have adopted regulations by which their older members, after having served and paid their regular dues without intermission for a stated number of years, are created life members, with all of the privileges of active members, but exempted thereafter from the payment of ☐ dues. This is a commendable act on the part of those ☐, and I advise that such action be encouraged by a Grand ☐ provision, exempting ☐ from the payment of the annual dues to the Grand ☐ for life members, who have been created such for a continued service of not less than fifteen years. Such legislation would have a tendency to continue in active membership those who have in their time, borne the burden and heat of the day, enabling the ☐ to reward those who have deserved this honor, and continue to the ☐ the benefit of their wise counsels and experience.

6th. I have given the opinion in several instances, that a Mason has not the inherent right of visitation (so-called). This is a courtesy extended to the visitor by the W. M. and the ☐, and may be refused if the W. M. or members see proper to do so. It is the bounden duty of the W. M. to prevent any visitor from entering the ☐, whose presence would cause dissensions or difficulties therein, or in any manner disturb the harmony of the ☐, and particularly if any member of the ☐ should object to the admission of such visitor. A member who objects to sit in a ☐ with a visiting brother need not prefer charges against him, unless he thinks proper to do so. The right of objecting to the entrance of a visiting brother should not be lightly exercised, nor without sufficient cause, but the brother objecting is the proper judge of this, and the matter is between him and his conscience.

7th. I have been asked what vote is required in a ☐ to restore to good standing a brother who had been indefinitely suspended? There being no regulation of the Grand ☐ to govern this matter, I decided that the reinstatement should properly be by the same vote which is required to suspend, being two-thirds of the members present at the time the vote is taken.

I deem also that the proper vote of the ☐ to recommend the reinstatement of a brother who has been expelled, should be three-fourths; but that the vote should not be taken in either case, unless due notice be previously given to all members within hail, of such intended action.

8th. An E. A. or F. C. moving out of the jurisdiction may obtain the consent of his ☐ to be transferred to the ☐ within whose jurisdiction he has acquired a permanent residence. But if the applicant desires to continue his connection with the ☐ in which he was initiated or passed, then the request should be made

of the ☐ near which he is sojourning, to confer the remaining degrees as an act of courtesy, and in the name of the ☐ to which he belongs. In the latter case, however, although the ☐ which has been requested to confer the degree acts as the agent of the original ☐, and ought as such to examine the candidate upon his proficiency; yet it cannot legally ballot for him; nor confer the degree, unless he ☐ having the right has passed the ballot and elected the candidate for such degree.

9th. At the Grand Communication of 1866, the Grand ☐ adopted a resolution giving concurrent jurisdiction, etc., to the ☐ situated in the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson, and under this resolution some brethren have supposed that petitions for initiation, etc., might be made to any ☐ situated in either parish, without regard to actual residence. I have decided that this could not be done, unless section 10, chapter 2, article 2 of the By-Laws of the Grand ☐ be either repealed or amended. This By-Law requires that "all applications for initiation, degrees or affiliation, must be made to the ☐ most convenient to the residence of the applicant—☐ in the city of New Orleans excepted." Although this By-Law is somewhat vaguely worded, it clearly renders the resolution referred to inoperative, so far as it relates to the reception of petitions for initiation or degrees.

The mortgage notes of the Grand ☐, given for the purchase of the property near Tivoli Circle, amounting to \$40,000, principal, and \$3,200 interest, falling due on the 31st March, 1869, the holders of these notes, owing to the then state of the money market, demanded from ten to fourteen per cent. for a renewal; it became necessary, in order to preserve the credit of the Grand ☐, to raise money in some manner to take up these notes, and other matured liabilities of the Grand ☐, amounting in the aggregate to \$80,000. Therefore, on the 15th of March, after consultation with the Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge Hall, and other brethren skilled in financial matters, I issued bonds of the Grand ☐ to the amount of \$75,000, secured by mortgage on the Grand Lodge Hall, St. Charles street, payable in five years from date, with 8 per cent. interest coupons attached payable semi-annually.

These bonds were all placed at par value in time to meet the liabilities of the Grand ☐. \$36,000 were taken by local fire insurance companies, and other institutions; \$20,000 by various Masonic bodies in the city, and \$19,000 by individual members of our fraternity. The spirit evinced by the various Masonic bodies and the brethren in the city was most creditable, all coming forward with the greatest alacrity to the assistance of the Grand ☐, taking these bonds at 8 per cent., when a much higher rate of interest could have been obtained, with equally as good security.

The property of the Grand ☐, near Tivoli Circle, is now unincumbered, and can be either used for the purpose for which it was purchased, and a Masonic Temple commenced thereon, or disposed of by sale, as it is deemed most advisable. It is now subject to State and city taxation, and the revenue derived from it has not been sufficient to pay these taxes.

If it should be decided not to build upon this land, it will perhaps be best to dispose of it, if it can be sold to good advantage, and for a sum sufficient to pay off the bonds of the Grand ☐; thus relieving the Grand ☐ from all of its outstanding liabilities, and awaiting a time when we may be better enabled to build

a second hall, more suitably located and possessing greater conveniences for our brethren than our present one.

At the Grand Communication of 1869, there was in the treasury of the Grand □ the sum of twenty-nine hundred and thirty-three dollars and twenty-five cents in notes of the city of New Orleans. As these funds had become greatly depreciated in value, and were not available for the purposes of the Grand □, I deemed it best to invest them in securities of the city bearing interest, and therefore authorized the Grand Treasurer to deposit these funds with the fiscal agent of the city, and after adding thereto a sufficient sum to make the amount, to receive in lieu thereof three bonds of the city of New Orleans, payable in 1894, for one thousand dollars each, drawing interest from 1st March, 1869, at 7 per cent., payable semi-annually. The first coupons due for interest were punctually paid, and it is to be hoped that all future payments of interest on these bonds, as well as the principal when due, will be faithfully met.

The Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge Hall have made a full report on all matters relating to the two Masonic Halls under their charge; also, in reference to the Masonic Temple property, and the Masonic Cemetery. They also report their action in reference to the distribution of the charity fund under the resolution adopted at the last Annual Communication.

The report of Louisiana Relief □ No. 1, will show its transactions during the past year, the amount disbursed for the relief of the poor and destitute, and the sources from which its funds have been derived. You will perceive, that although it has had the aid of its share of the charity fund of the Grand □, and of several theatrical benefits tendered by brethren engaged in that profession, yet its receipts have scarcely equalled its expenditures in the noble purposes of charity.

I desire especially to call the attention of the members of the Grand □ to the very full and complete report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which has been printed, as it was a year ago, in order that the brethren might peruse it at their leisure, and be prepared to take action on the matters presented therein for their inspection.

And now, having given an account of my official acts during the past year, and brought to your notice such matters as I deemed important for your consideration, permit me to return my heartfelt acknowledgment of the high honor conferred upon me, in being a second time elevated to the highest office in your gift; for the confidence thus reposed in me, and for the uniform courtesy and kindness with which I have been treated by my brethren during my term of office.

May your deliberations be conducted in harmony, with the sole object of promoting the true interest of the craft and the advancement of the great principles of our fraternity.

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### Report of R. W. Sylvester G. Parsons, Deputy Grand Master.

BASTROP, La., December 31, 1869.

*M. W. Samuel M. Todd, Grand Master of Masons of the State of Louisiana:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—My official acts for the past year have been light and pleasant, requiring no extended report. The □□ visited have the correct work,

and this, with its uniformity is owing, I think, in a great measure to the zealous labors heretofore of our venerable and R. W. Brother John C. Gordy. "The good men do, lives after them," and long will his teachings in this part of the State be the standard of orthodoxy. With the prosperity of the agricultural interests, the [ ] in North Louisiana may be considered generally in a healthy condition, and in a more favorable situation to exemplify, in acts of beneficence the teachings of Masonry. It is to be regretted that those acts are almost entirely restricted to supplying the wants of the *body*, while those of the *mind*, equally paramount, are overlooked. To feed the hungry and clothe the naked is a sacred duty, but what a consolation would it be to a dying brother, to feel and know that his orphan children would be cared for by his brethren, and fitted by *mental and moral culture* for lives of usefulness and honor. How many promising, but destitute children, are thus bequeathed to the Masonic world, and permitted to grow up in ignorance and vice! This ought not to be. Each [ ] should extend the sphere of its usefulness, and show that Masonic charity is comprehensive and real, and is not "as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal."

The operations of the present bankrupt law have brought up some questions among the brethren as to the proper course to be pursued by an indulgent creditor to a defaulting debtor, and my opinion officially, not unfrequently solicited. Believing the question of *debt* more proper for other tribunals, I have discouraged the bringing of such matters before the [ ] as prolific of discord. The Mason "who acts by the Plumb and works by the Square" will pay his debts when he can, and he will also bear with an unfortunate brother, and not seek his suspension or expulsion because he is unfortunate, and perhaps is by a *vis major* left without the ability to discharge his pecuniary obligations.

On the 8th of April, 1869, Trenton [ ] No. 195, was under proxy duly constituted, dedicated, and its officers installed by Brother Joseph F. McGuire, Past Master of Western Star No. 24, as will be seen by his report herewith submitted. It was my purpose to have attended in person on the occasion, but was prevented by professional engagements.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

SYL. G. PARSONS, D. G. M.

### Report of R. W. Bro. M. A. Calongne, Special D. D. G. M.—First District.

M. A. CALONGNE'S OFFICE, 104 Poydras street.

*To the M. W. Grand Master of the State of Louisiana:*

DEAR BROTHER—As Special District Deputy Grand Master of the First Masonic District, Second Division, I beg leave to report that I have officially, and on several occasions, visited the various [ ] of this division, and am happy to state that they are progressing with renewed energy and increased prosperity.

In obedience to your instructions, I have called a special meeting of Orus [ ] No. 170, on Sunday the 13th inst., for the purpose of regularizing the installation of the officers of said [ ], which had irregularly taken place on the 30th December, and of promoting peace and harmony; and am happy to announce that I have fully succeeded.

Under your dispensation a Treasurer was elected and installed by me on that occasion, all the brethren retiring well satisfied.

I cannot pass in silence an event which has touched the sensibilities and awakened sympathies in all parts of the Masonic fraternity, in mentioning the death of Bro. Joseph François Louis Lamarre, W. Master of St. Andrew □ No. 5, who died on January 5, 1870.

He was a highly honored Brother, and a member of the Grand Consistory of Louisiana. In the Masonic fraternity he has attracted a large share of attention, by his assiduity to the work; by his desire to do good; by his great knowledge of Masonic landmarks and principles; he has had the honor to be called during the space of ten years to preside as Wor. Master of St. Andrew □ No. 5, by the members of which he was well beloved. Also, Most Wise, and T. Puissant, Grand Master of St. Andrew Chapter of Rose Croix No. 5, and Council of Kadosch No. 4, and to the moment of his death filled the duties incumbent upon him with dignity and to the satisfaction of all.

As a testimony of respect to his memory, he was accompanied to his last abode by a large concourse of brethren, where the Masonic funeral ceremonies were performed with all due solemnity.

Very respectfully and fraternally yours,

M. A. CALONGNE.

*Special D. D. G. M.*

NEW ORLEANS, February 14, 1870.

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### Second Masonic District.

TANGIHAHO, December 31, 1869.

*To the M. W. Grand Master of the State of Louisiana :*

Since my last annual report, as District Deputy Grand Master, I have visited all the □ in the Second Masonic District, with the exception of two, and it gives me pleasure to report that peace and harmony prevail among the craft in this jurisdiction.

St. Helena □ No. 96 has been laboring for several years under a debt incurred for building a commodious lodge and school-room. This debt has pressed heavily upon her members, and in some measure destroyed her usefulness. I am gratified to be able to report, however, that this debt has been paid, and a flourishing female school established under the supervision of the □, which promises to become a permanently useful institution, and an honor to the fraternity.

Darlington □ No. 149. On my visit to this □, I found a respectable number of the brethren in attendance, and a creditable interest manifested in conducting the work of the □.

Amite City □ No. 175, continues in a healthy and prosperous condition. Although the number of her members is not large, they represent the best material within her jurisdiction.

Franklinton □ No. 101, I have not visited this year, but being under the direction of W. M. Wadsworth, who has presided over this □ for many years, I am satisfied that the interests of the craft are safe in his hands.

Pearl River ☐ No. 125, I have never been able to visit, but still hope to do so at some future time.

Livingston ☐ No. 160—I am pleased to be able to report, that on my visit to this ☐, I found that a marked improvement had taken place since my last visit in the attendance of the members, and the interest manifested in the work and lectures. A respectable number were present, and under the direction of W. M. Hoyt, this ☐ promises to remain in a healthy condition.

Spring Creek ☐ No. 184, I have visited several times during the year. Although located in a sparsely settled portion of the State, some of the members having to ride twelve miles to their meetings, the attendance is always good. The members have contributed a sum sufficient to build a respectable Masonic Hall, which is now in the process of erection, and will soon be completed.

All the ☐ in this jurisdiction have, I believe, been furnished with blanks for their returns of work and members, also for the disbursement of the charity fund distributed by the Grand ☐. Great credit is due the R. W. Grand Secretary, for the clear directions printed on these blanks for the guidance of Secretaries in making their returns. With directions so plain and explicit, it seems impossible to make them incorrectly, and it is hoped that at the next Annual Grand Communication the Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered ☐ will have few or no errors to report in the returns of subordinate ☐.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

AMOS KENT,

*D. D. G. M. Second Masonic District.*

### Third Masonic District.

SHREVEPORT, La., February 6, 1870.

*To the M. W. Grand Master of Masons of the State of Louisiana :*

Having served my brethren a long series of years in this District as the representative of yourself and predecessors, it now becomes my duty to resign the trust, since I have removed to another section of the State, without the expectation of again returning. In doing so, it affords pleasure to revert to the past, fading away as it is, in the shadows of the present. In its trials, troubles and heart-rending afflictions, the spirit of Masonry appears in every scene as an angel of mercy, restraining with gentleness the wild passions and prejudices of the multitude. May we not, my dear sir, still hope, through its hallowed influence, the dreams of the good and true of the by-gone time will be realized.

In resigning my office, it affords me pleasure to say that it has been a great gratification to be enabled to represent the Grand Master of Masons in Louisiana—a position of honor and respect not equalled by any other in the State—one remaining pure and unsullied, in a season when venality and corruption sap the foundations of the State and Nation.

Fraternally,

GEORGE A. PIKE,

*D. D. Grand Master Third District.*

## Fifth Masonic District.

HARRISONBURG, February 12, 1870.

*To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana:*

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER—In making this, my report of my action as D. D. G. Master for the past year, allow me to congratulate you upon the progress that Masonry has made during your administration. Its healthful and favorable condition—much of which is due to your zeal and prompt action, as well as your knowledge of the mystic art. I have during the past year visited the [ ] under my supervision, have presided and assisted in their labors, and with but one exception, they are all in a good and healthy condition, and by reference to the report of their Secretaries, you will see that much discrimination has been exercised in the selection of the material used. According to your instructions, I summoned the members of Warren [ ] No. 132, at Winsborough, and held an election of officers, and installed the same, and as far as I was capable gave them such instructions as was necessary at the time, and they then promised me to go to work. But from some local cause, which the principles of our beloved order has not been able to throw off, they have failed to hold their meetings, and have finally proposed to surrender their charter; and from all I have been able to find out of their conduct, I am forced to advise that the charter be taken from them. I am happy to say that Trinity [ ] No. 105, and Harrisonburg No. 110, is now doing well; and I am satisfied their work will be found acceptable.

In conclusion, let me call the attention of the Grand [ ] to the article of the Constitution of the Grand [ ] in relation to the election of Secretaries of the [ ]. As it is now, a Secretary is elected from the members of the [ ] many times without the least regard to his qualifications, and then for a whole year the W. M. has to put up with his want of ability or his negligence, although he is held to be accountable to the Grand [ ] for the appearance of the minute book, the reports, and returns to the Grand [ ]; and is powerless to remove him. Early legislation on this subject would be of the utmost benefit to the [ ]. An amendment so as to enable the W. M. to appoint his Secretary would, in my opinion, have a good effect.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

W. W. RISHER,

*D. D. G. M. Fifth District.*

## Sixth Masonic District.

FLOYD, Carroll Parish, La., February 6, 1870.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the State of Louisiana:*

I beg leave to report the [ ] in my district as in good condition, peace and harmony prevailing. There was a little disturbance in one of the [ ], occasioned by a difficulty between two of its members, which, however, was amicably arranged, and harmony restored.

I have visited all the [ ] in the district but one, and I have had frequent interviews with some of the officers and members of that [ ]. The work of all is uniform.



I received a communication from the R. W. Grand Secretary, James C. Batchelor, in June last, enclosing a dispensation for a □ at Oak Grove, in this parish, to be called "Oak Grove" □, U. D., with a letter of instruction, that the same be handed to the W. M. appointed, and such instructions given as was necessary to enable them to establish their □ in a proper manner. This was promptly done. I have not visited the □ since that time, but have frequently met with some of its officers and members, who report peace and harmony. This □ will be before the Grand □ for a charter, and the return of their work will, of course, decide the question for or against them.

In compliance with a written request of the R. W. Grand Secretary, enclosing a resolution of the Grand □ in relation to Solomon □ No. 130, in my District, I have made strict inquiry in regard to the charter, jewels and property of said □. The facts of the case are these: The W. M. of the □ in 1862 took the charter, jewels and furniture of the □ to his residence, in the interior of the parish, for safe keeping. He afterwards joined the Confederate army, and during his absence his house was entered by Federal soldiers, and everything taken from it and destroyed. They owned no lodge room. It was rented. The remaining five members do not feel themselves able to establish their □ at this time, but having the good of the fraternity at heart, hope to do so at some future period.

It was my wish to be present at the next Communication of the Grand □, but private business of a pressing nature prevents me.

Respectfully submitted, fraternally,

H. R. LOTT,

*D. D. G. M. Sixth Masonic District.*

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### **Seventh Masonic District.**

BASTROP, La., December 31, 1869.

*To the M. W. Grand Master of the State of Louisiana:*

Since our last Grand Communication but few matters have transpired in this Masonic District worthy of entering into our annual report. It has not been in my power to visit in person all the □ comprised in the District, (six in number,) but have not been wanting in attention to their interests, and have endeavored to keep myself informed as to their condition.

A succession of good crops for the past two years has, in a great measure, removed the financial pressure embarrassing some of them at the date of my last report, and has enabled a good many of the members who were stricken from the roll for the non-payment of dues to reinstate themselves. But it is in such prosperous times, when "alarms" are so frequent at the "outer door," that greater vigilance is demanded, and none admitted whose record is not clear. An applicant for Masonic honors is wanting in the requisite qualifications, if he be not a good man and true; if his heart is not expanded by benevolence, and if he obey not strictly the moral law. It is not sufficient that he professes *negative* virtues; some *positive qualifications* should be demanded. The rapid increase of membership in some of our □ calls for great circumspection, and have induced these observations.

During the past year some questions of Masonic law and jurisprudence have

been referred to me, but none of sufficient general interest to require special notice.

Western Star □ No. 24, located at Monroe, I am informed continues prosperous. It enjoys a highly favored locality, and has an excellent roll of members.

Mount Gerizim □ No. 54, I have frequently visited, and on the 27th inst. installed its officers. Its meetings have been regularly held and well attended, and during the year there has been quite a number of accessions to its membership. Bro. S. W. Reiley, its efficient Secretary, is deserving of great credit for the manner in which its minutes are kept.

Urim □ No. 111, Bartholomew □ No. 112, and Brookville □ No. 161, are reported to be in a prosperous condition, with peace and harmony prevailing.

Trenton □ No. 195, commenced work under its charter on the 8th of April, 1869, the □ having been constituted and dedicated, and its officers installed on that day by Bro. Joseph F. McGuire, P. M. of Western Star □ No. 24, under proxy, it being out of my power to be present on the occasion.

With a suitable hall, which I trust its members, so well known for their zeal, ability and liberality will soon secure, this young □ is destined to occupy a high position.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

SY. G. PARSONS,

*D. D. G. M. Seventh Masonic District.*

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### **Eighth Masonic District.**

FARMERSVILLE, La., January 8, 1870.

*To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Having received my appointment only a few days prior to the commencement of the Masonic year of 1869, I deemed it *then* unnecessary for me to report the condition of our □, which up to that time had been under the special supervision of our late lamented brother, Henry Regenburt; but now, since another year has gone, it affords me much pleasure to be able truthfully to report that peace and harmony prevail throughout all our borders.

I believe all the □ of this District are prospering, and though we may "hasten slowly," as compared with progress we sometimes hear of, yet we do hasten, more or less, while we endeavor to work only the *best material*, fully imbued with the belief that the *best material only* is worth the pains of working.

I very much regret, for my own satisfaction, that circumstances have rendered it impossible during the past year for me to visit all the □ of my District, but I have been in communication with officers or members of all of them, and my information is highly satisfactory.

Death has been busy with our order, and among his victims is Wm. A. Parks, W. M. of Napoleon □ No. 94; yet the Supreme Grand Master mercifully crowned us with the good things of this life, and blessed us with abundant harvests. Indeed our prospects for another year are altogether flattering.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. BARRETT,

*D. D. G. M. Eighth Masonic District.*

**Eleventh Masonic District.**

SPRINGVILLE, *Natchitoches Parish, La.,* }  
December 31, 1869. }

*To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana:*

I herewith beg leave to submit this my report, as D. D. G. M. of the Eleventh Masonic District, for the year 1869:

Sparta ☐ No. 108, I have not visited, from the fact that Bro. J.C. Gordy spent several days with it, and lectured more efficiently than I could have done.

Mackey ☐ No. 122, I have visited, and assisted in the work. It is doing good work.

Silent Brotherhood ☐ No. 146, is in good condition, and doing good work.

Saline ☐ No. 196, was organized last May, officers installed, and charter given to them. I have visited the ☐ since, and find the officers zealous in the cause. I hope much good will result from the visit of Brother Gordy to each of the ☐ in my District the past year.

Fraternally yours,

D. H. HAYES,

*D. D. G. M. Eleventh District.*

**Twelfth Masonic District.**

ARCADIA, *Bienville Parish, La.,* Jan. 28, 1870.

*Most Worshipful Grand Master of the State of Louisiana:*

In my official capacity as the District D. G. Master of the Twelfth Masonic District, allow me to report that I have visited most of the ☐ in my District, and found them doing well; and I have at all times endeavored to discharge my duty to the best of my ability. So far as I can judge, we are moving along with peace and harmony, and I find the ☐ and officers well skilled in the Ritual.

The Minden and Terryville ☐ I have not visited. Bro. Gordy has visited Minden ☐ and his kind instruction precluded the need of my visiting said ☐. I owe the Terryville Brethren an apology. I should have visited them, but have been absent from the State since Dec. 7th, until yesterday. I intend to come to the Grand ☐ if God wills.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

GEO. N. CLAMPITT,

*D. D. G. Twelfth District.*

**Thirteenth Masonic District.**

SHREVEPORT, January 11th, P. D. 1870.

*To the M. W. Grand Master of the State of Louisiana:*

During the past year I have the pleasure of reporting that peace and harmony have prevailed throughout this District.

I have not visited all the ☐ in my District, but am satisfied that their books have been properly kept, and their work regular, perhaps, as much so as any District under the jurisdiction of the Grand ☐.

I have given the necessary instructions pertaining to the work and jurisprudence of this State, but I must confess that cases frequently occur under the vague and indefinite jurisprudence of the Order, and Anderson's Ancient Constitutions, as to the physical qualifications of candidates, very difficult to determine. A rigid construction of the old Constitutions, as laid down by Anderson, would exclude, perhaps, nine in ten from the blessings and privileges of Masonry; therefore, I suggest that the Committee on Jurisprudence look to this vexed question, and, if possible, have an edict of the Grand ☐ passed, construing the true meaning and spirit of the rule as aforesaid, so it can be acted upon with greater certainty and uniformity.

We have great reasons for rejoicing over the goodness of Providence during the past year. We have been abundantly blessed with health and prosperity, and the Order in this District has never been in a more prosperous and flourishing condition and but few have been removed by death, as will appear from the annual returns.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

J. W. JONES,

*D. D. G. Master of Thirteenth District.*

#### Fourteenth Masonic District.

*To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

I beg leave to submit the following as my Annual Report as D. D. Grand Master of the Fourteenth District, for the year 1869.

In consideration of the fact that our Most Excellent and P. W. Bro. John C. Gordy had visited and lectured with much interest and profit to all the ☐ in the District, during the year, except one, I did not deem it an imperative duty that I should visit them all; but I have given such attention and have had such care as I thought the interest of each ☐ required, and such as would promote the work at large.

It is with pleasure that I can report that most of the ☐ in the District are doing well.

DeSoto ☐ No. 55, has conferred but few degrees since my last annual report, but the character and standing of those upon whom degrees have been conferred is the very best. The general condition of this ☐ is good.

Mount Vernon ☐ No. 83, is in a prosperous condition. Their financial condition is satisfactory. Peace and harmony have prevailed among the brethren, and they have worked with much zeal and energy for the cause of Masonry.

I have visited Pleasant Hill ☐ No. 86, twice during the year. I am sorry to say that there was some contention and dissatisfaction among the brethren, which I felt it my duty to endeavor to settle. These have all been settled, and the ☐ is now in a more prosperous condition than it has been for some time. Its financial condition is good; and it has done more work probably, than any

□ in the District. I am informed that it will be represented by its officers at the next session of the Grand □.

Liberty □ No. 123, did little work during the year, owing to their inability to procure a suitable lodge room. The financial condition of this □ is not very good, but I hope they will be able to pay up punctually their dues to the Grand □. A general good feeling has prevailed among the brethren.

The membership of Jeffersonian □ No. 138, is small, but it is doing well, the officers and members understanding the ritual and work well. The finances of the □ are equal to the demands.

In conclusion, I regret to say, that my business engagements are such that I am fearful I will not be able to be with you at the next Annual Communication of the Grand □. It would afford me great pleasure to be there.

With a sincere and earnest desire for your continued happiness and prosperity, and for the advancement of the principles of our beloved order, I subscribe myself,

Fraternally yours,

BOLING WILLIAMS,

*D. D. Grand Master Fourteenth Masonic District.*

#### Fifteenth Masonic District.

*To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana:*

When I closed my last report, some of the □ in my jurisdiction were not altogether harmonious; but, as I then intimated, "that time would heal all wounds," I am proud to report that all is now in harmony. What a brilliant commentary on the power of Masonry to rule and govern the passions of men! So mote it be. Amen!

The □ are all working well, and are working up the best material of the country, at the same time guarding closely the approaches to the inner door of the temple.

I would suggest the entire abolition of the present system of appointing D. D. Grand Masters; for as it is, the Grand Master is totally unable to judge, not only of the qualifications of his appointee, but he cannot possibly know as to whether the appointment he makes would be altogether acceptable to the brethren of the the District.

I would further suggest the propriety of letting the Districts remain as they are, but give the □ of each District the right to *nominate* for appointment by the Grand Master, who *they* would prefer as D. D. Grand Master, basing their choice upon competency, intelligence and moral and social position.

The above suggestions are of more magnitude than perhaps at first blush they appear to be, but I assure you that they are of the first importance; for how can the uneducated D. D. Grand Master explain and throw *light* upon the mysteries of the order? Unless he has read and deeply studied Masonry, both esoteric and exoteric, the D. D. Grand Master would be but one in name. I invoke your aid in this matter.

Fraternally yours,

S. O. SCRUGGS,

*D. D. G. M. Fifteenth Masonic District.*

**Sixteenth Masonic District.**

*To S. M. Todd, M. W. Grand Master of the State of Louisiana:*

In my official capacity as D. D. G. M. of the Sixteenth District, I have visited all the [ ] in my District twice during the year, and I am happy to report most of them in a prosperous condition, and enjoying peace and harmony. I have endeavored to discharge my duty faithfully and feel rewarded by the spirit of emulation which seems to exist among the brethren, as to who can best work and best agree. Most of the [ ] in this District are well informed in the Work and Ritual. You will remember that I addressed you in regard to some anticipated trouble in Rapides [ ] No. 158; I am happy to say the matter was amicably adjusted without trouble. Several of the members of Rapides [ ] have demitted for the purpose of forming a new [ ], for which you will doubtless receive a petition, which I take pleasure in recommending, as most of the petitioners are old and experienced Bros., and men of known integrity. The new lodge hall is already built, and is about 12 miles from Anacoco [ ]. The financial condition of Rapides [ ] is sound, and her books well kept.

In July I applied to you for and obtained a dispensation to allow Sabine [ ], No. 75, to elect and install her officers, which was done in due and ancient form, and return made by the Secretary. I spent two days with them at the time. The financial condition of this [ ] is healthy, but owing to the great distance that most of the members reside from the lodge hall, their stated communications are very irregularly attended. I have reason to anticipate better things for her in future.

Many [ ], No. 88, I am sorry to say, is in a declining condition. Most of the members live a long way from the [ ], and it is hard to get them together; their meetings are consequently, irregular, and the financial condition very bad. Their hall is much dilapidated, and unless a change takes place, I fear she will soon become defunct.

Anacoco, No. 147, over which I have had the honor to preside for eight years, is in a thriving and prosperous condition; her meetings are regular; her financial condition sound; though she is a little in debt, she will soon be able to meet all demands against her. The books of this [ ] are well kept and work regular. I informed you sometime in the fall just past, that Kisatchie Union [ ], No. 186, had violated Sec. 10, of Art. 2, Chapter 2, of the By-Laws of the Grand [ ], in the reception and initiation of Rev. R. Adair, who lives within 4 miles of this, Anacoco [ ], No. 147, and a high dry road, no creeks to cross, whilst it is 20 miles to Kisatchie Union [ ]. In your reply to my inquiry as to the correctness of my action as W. M. of Anacoco, No. 147, and as D. D. G. M. of the Sixteenth District, I am glad to find I have your approbation; but I am sorry to say that Kisatchie Union paid no attention to the communication of Anacoco, but went through with the work, and passed and raised Mr. Adair in the face of the remonstrance of Anacoco [ ] No. 147, and to this matter I most respectfully call your attention. Kisatchie [ ] No. 156, is in a flourishing condition. She is receiving material slowly, though of good quality; her books are well kept and her finance on healthy ground. With correct work, I believe this [ ] will become large.

Little Flock □ No. 180, is in debt somewhat for her hall; she is, however, in a thriving condition; her books are well kept by her able Secretary, Bro. M. K. Speights. I hope for and expect a bright future for this young and flourishing □.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

N. H. BRAY,

*D. D. G. M. Sixteenth Masonic District.*

### Seventeenth Masonic District.

*To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

It affords me much pleasure to report that I have been able to visit all the □ in the Seventeenth District, 14 in number, and that peace and harmony prevails among the craft throughout the entire District, and that the □ are all doing good work, and they are very cautious in the reception of new material.

As one of the "Permanent Committee on Work," I have visited Montgomery □, No. 146, at Montgomery; Many □, No. 88, at Many; Silent Brotherhood □, No. 146, at Cushatta Chute; Pleasant Hill □, No. 86, at Pleasant Hill; DeSoto □, No. 55, at Mansfield; Jeffersonian □, No. 138, at Kingston; Liberty □, No. 123, at Keachi; Caddo □, No. 179, at Shreveport; Jackson □, No. 45, at Greenwood; Longwood □, No. 183, at Hoss' Mills; Cypress □, No. 89, at Benton; Bellvue □, No. 95, at Bellvue; Fillmore □, No. 154, at Fillmore; Minden □, No. 51, at Minden; Mackey □, No. 122, at Ringgold; Sparta □, No. 108, at Sparta; Saline □, No. 196, at Saline; Mt. Lebanon □, No. 104, at Mt. Lebanon; Arcadia □ No. 126, at Arcadia; Vienna □, No. 106, at Vienna; Eureka □, No. 177, at Woodville; Lafayette □, No. 56, at Vernon; Eastern Star □, No. 151, at Winfield; Feliciana □, No. 31, at St. Francisville; St. Albans □, No. 28, at Jackson; Olive □, No. 52, at Clinton; Plains □, No. 135, at Plains' Store; St. James □, No. 47, at Baton Rouge, and Acacia □, No. 116, at Plaquemine.

I have spent not less than three days with any one of the □, and have not only instructed them thoroughly in the work and lectures, but have given them the best advice I could on all questions of Masonic law which they referred to me. I have endeavored, and have succeeded, to bring about a reconciliation between Brothers who were at variance with each other, and know of no unsettled difficulty that I have been made acquainted with, so that I am happy to report that there is no discordant sound in any of the □ I have visited.

Filiciana □ No. 31, has been at great expense in fitting up their lodge room. It is now the finest room in the State, out of the City of New Orleans, except at Shreveport.

St. Albans □, No. 28, have purchased a very appropriate and desirable building for their lodge room, and will soon have it paid for.

Plains □, No. 135, have built them a new house for their lodge room. It is nearly finished, and it makes them a very comfortable lodge room.

I have endeavored to discharge my duty to the □ to the best of my ability.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

JOHN C. GORDY,

*D. D. G. M. of the Seventeenth Masonic District.*

February 14th, 1870,

**Eighteenth Masonic District.**

LAKE CHARLES, LA., December 24th, 1869.

*To the W. M. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana:*

During the past year I have visited the [ ] in my District, and am happy to be able to report them in an improved condition.

The financial affairs of Lake Charles [ ] No. 165, have been greatly disordered for more than a year past, but owing to the exertions of a competent and pains-taking committee, with the able and energetic W. M. as its chairman, they are now well ordered and regulated.

The brethren of Sam Todd [ ] No. 182, deserve special commendation for their zealous interest in Masonry. This [ ], though recently chartered, and located in the heart of the pine woods, sixty miles from any other [ ], is rapidly, yet judiciously, increasing its membership, and is already an honor to the craft.

Most respectfully and fraternally submitted,

GEO. H. WELLS,

*D. D. G. M. Eighteenth Masonic District.*

**Nineteenth Masonic District.**

HOMER, January 15th, 1870.

*To Samuel M. Todd, Grand Master of Masons in Louisiana:*

M. W. SIR AND BROTHER--I have, during the past year, visited all the [ ] in the Nineteenth Masonic District, with the exception of Lisbon [ ] No. 121, Flat Lick [ ] No. 187, and Summerfield [ ], U. D. All the [ ] in the District are in good condition and working well and uniformly.

Holly Springs [ ], U. D., has done good work and is well conducted. I therefore recommend the granting of a charter to it, when its returns and work have been found correct.

I have received excellent reports of the workings of Summerfield [ ], U. D., and trust that its work and returns will be found to be correct, so as to entitle it also to a charter, and have no doubt of its being so, from my knowledge of Bro. John Hardy, M. W., and other officers of that Lodge. Protracted illness in my family prevented my visiting this [ ], also [ ] 121 and 187.

There is located at this place a Female College under the auspices of Homer [ ] No. 152; the college buildings being the property of the [ ]. This school is in a very flourishing condition and is under the charge of Bro L. F. Wilcox, a gentleman of high and distinguished ability as a teacher and a man of unexceptionable character, who has under him a corps of able assistants.

Fraternally submitted,

H. W. KIRKPATRICK, D. D. G. M.

On motion of W. J. B. Scot, the Address, with the reports of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, and District Deputy Grand Masters, were referred to a Special Committee of three for distribution. The



M. W. Grand Master appointed on said committee, the following R. W. Brethren: Hy. R. Swasey, P. G. M., W. W. Risher, D. D. G. M. and H. Breen, P. M.

W. Bro. Snider submitted the following resolution, by permission of the Grand ☐:

*Resolved*, That all ☐ which have made their returns and paid their dues for 1869, prior to the meeting of this Communication, be entitled to representation.

On motion, the resolution was received and referred to the Committee on Credentials.

R. W. Hy. R. Swasey, Grand Treasurer, submitted his annual report, with specification of Warrants:

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, A. F. and A. M.:*

BRETHREN—Your Grand Treasurer begs leave to present herewith a Statement of his financial transactions for the past year, with Account Current and Specification of Warrants:

HY. R. SWASEY, *Grand Treasurer*,

*in account with the Grand Lodge of Louisiana:*

| 1869.      | Dr.                                              |                    |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| January 1  | To amount on hand as per report of this date.... | \$3,615 89         |
| Feb. 25    | S. M. Todd, Past Grand Treasurer.....            | \$ 6,970 00        |
| March 3    | Jas. C. Batchelor, Grand Secretary.....          | 6,048 69           |
| " 30       | " "                                              | 1,879 25           |
| April 7    | " "                                              | 44,000 00          |
| " 14       | " "                                              | 22,492 00          |
| " 28       | " "                                              | 500 00             |
| " 30       | " "                                              | 1,000 00           |
| May 6      | " "                                              | 6,318 92           |
| June 29    | " "                                              | 1,387 08           |
| July 31    | " "                                              | 2,268 45           |
| August 31  | " "                                              | 929 97             |
| Sept. 17   | " "                                              | 105 00             |
| October 14 | " "                                              | 2,129 79           |
| Nov. 13    | " "                                              | 1,791 50           |
| Dec. 7     | " "                                              | 982 50             |
| " 20       | " "                                              | 300 00             |
| " 31       | " "                                              | 179 55             |
|            |                                                  | <u>\$99,222 70</u> |
|            |                                                  | \$102,838 59       |
| 1869.      | Cr.                                              |                    |
| Dec. 31—   | By Warrants paid, Nos. 1 to 237.....             | \$1,03,473 35      |
|            | Balance in favor of Grand Treasurer.....         | 634 76             |

NOTE—By direction of the Grand Master, the City Notes, on special deposit, were exchanged for three City Bonds, of one thousand dollars each, bearing interest at 7 per cent. from March 1st, 1869, which bonds are now in the Treasury.

Fraternally submitted,

E. & O. E.

HY. R. SWASEY, *Grand Treasurer*.

NEW ORLEANS, January, 1870.

## SPECIFICATION OF WARRANTS DRAWN.

| 1869. |             | ON ACCOUNT OF GRAND LODGE HALL.                                                                                              |         |
|-------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Jan.  | 1, No. 1    | To B. P. P. office, printing 250 invitations to board...                                                                     | \$ 5 00 |
| "     | 8, No. 5    | P. Buler, cleaning water closet.....                                                                                         | 30 00   |
| "     | 8, No. 7    | T. C. Hoffman, putting down carpets, rods, etc., in<br>N. wing.....                                                          | 42 00   |
| "     | 8, No. 8    | J. R. Turck, carpenter work in 1868.....                                                                                     | 68 65   |
| "     | 14, No. 11  | B. W. Croner, bill carpeting.....                                                                                            | 384 00  |
| "     | 28, No. 14  | G. W. Homan, bill of repairs to 15th inst.....                                                                               | 57 80   |
| "     | 29, No. 16  | F. J. Flinn, painting windows and blinds.....                                                                                | 15 00   |
| Feb.  | 6, No. 18   | H. Haller, repairing water pipes.....                                                                                        | 11 10   |
| "     | 6, No. 19   | T. J. Flinn, glazing and frosting.....                                                                                       | 5 80    |
| "     | 6, No. 20   | A. Queant, Hall Keeper, salary 1 month.....                                                                                  | 60 00   |
| "     | 6, No. 21   | E. B. O'Sullivan, Hall Porter, salary one month..                                                                            | 50 00   |
| "     | 20, No. 26  | N. O. Gas Light Co., gas in January.....                                                                                     | 146 20  |
| "     | 25, No. 33  | I. T. Hinton, printing Circulars and Subscription<br>Lists .....                                                             | 7 50    |
| "     | 28, No. 36  | Grand Secretary, Insurance on Policy in Factors'<br>and Traders', Crescent Mutual and N. O. Mutual<br>Insurance offices..... | 256 50  |
| March | 1, No. 37   | E. B. O'Sullivan, H. P., salary 1 month.....                                                                                 | 50 00   |
| "     | 1, No. 38   | A. Queant, H. K., 1 month salary.....                                                                                        | 60 00   |
| "     | 1, No. 39   | " Ass't Sec'y, salary 1 month.....                                                                                           | 40 00   |
| "     | 1, No. 42   | " H. K., incidental expenses Jan. and Feb. ....                                                                              | 70 00   |
| "     | 1, No. 43   | " Ass't Sec'y, salary 1 month (for Jan.) .....                                                                               | 40 00   |
| "     | 5, No. 44   | N. O. Gas Light Company, gas in February.....                                                                                | 156 80  |
| "     | 5, No. 46   | Frank & Stratton, water cooler for South Wing....                                                                            | 8 00    |
| "     | 5, No. 47   | Rice Bro. & Co., bill sundries to 1st.....                                                                                   | 5 15    |
| "     | 6, No. 48   | Jno. G. Fleming, putting gas fixtures for Com'n..                                                                            | 10 25   |
| "     | 6, No. 51   | Christian & Hyatt, 4 doz. mem'm books and twine                                                                              | 12 00   |
| "     | 13, No. 53  | Baxter & Wilson, 8 barrels sand.....                                                                                         | 6 00    |
| "     | 25, No. 57  | A. Queant, renewal Policy La. Mut. Ins. Co.....                                                                              | 85 50   |
| April | 2, No. 60   | E. B. O'Sullivan, H. P., salary 1 month.....                                                                                 | 50 00   |
| "     | 2, No. 61   | A. Queant, H. K., salary 1 month.....                                                                                        | 60 00   |
| "     | 2, No. 62   | " Ass't Sec'y, salary 1 month.....                                                                                           | 40 00   |
| "     | 13, No. 88  | N. O. Gas Light Company, gas in March.....                                                                                   | 80 40   |
| "     | 30, No. 106 | Lagan & Mackinson, repairs to water pipes.....                                                                               | 3 25    |
| "     | 30, No. 107 | S. M. Todd & Co., bill of sundries.....                                                                                      | 7 20    |
| "     | 30, No. 108 | G. W. Homan, repairs to furniture.....                                                                                       | 33 50   |
| May   | 1, No. 110  | A. Queant, H. K., incidental expenses.....                                                                                   | 12 25   |
| "     | 1, No. 111  | E. B. O'Sullivan, H. P., salary 1 month.....                                                                                 | 50 00   |
| "     | 1, No. 112  | A. Queant, H. K., salary 1 month.....                                                                                        | 60 00   |
| "     | 1, No. 113  | " Ass't Sec'y, salary 1 month.....                                                                                           | 40 00   |
| "     | 3, No. 116  | N. O. Gas Light Company, gas in April.....                                                                                   | 75 20   |
| "     | 10, No. 121 | S. B. Churchill, bill tools office.....                                                                                      | 9 94    |

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|---------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| June    | 3, No. 129  | E. B. O'Sullivan, H. P., salary 1 month.....                                                          | 50 00  |
| "       | 3, No. 130  | A. Queant, H. K., salary 1 month.....                                                                 | 60 00  |
| "       | 3, No. 131  | " Ass't Sec'y, salary 1 month.....                                                                    | 40 00  |
| "       | 10, No. 134 | N. O. Gas Light Company, gas in May.....                                                              | 78 80  |
| July    | 1, No. 136  | E. B. O'Sullivan, H. P., salary 1 month.....                                                          | 50 00  |
| "       | 1, No. 137  | A. Queant, H. K., salary 1 month.....                                                                 | 60 00  |
| "       | 1, No. 138  | " Ass't Sec'y, ".....                                                                                 | 40 00  |
| "       | 6, No. 145  | " H. K., incidental expenses, May & June.....                                                         | 17 50  |
| "       | 12, No. 146 | Gr. Secretary, to pay renewal of Policies in Atlantic,<br>Germania and Merchant's Ins. Companies..... | 227 50 |
| "       | 14, No. 147 | New Orleans Gas Light Company, gas in June.....                                                       | 60 40  |
| August  | 1, No. 152  | A. Queant, Hall keeper, salary 1 month.....                                                           | 60 00  |
| "       | 1, No. 155  | E. B. O'Sullivan, H. P. " ".....                                                                      | 50 00  |
| "       | 1, No. 156  | A. Queant, Ass't Sec'y " ".....                                                                       | 40 00  |
| "       | 11, No. 156 | G. W. Homan, laying matting N. W. ante room..                                                         | 42 87  |
| "       | 18, No. 159 | Merch's Mut. Ins. Co., renewal policy for 121 days                                                    | 38 85  |
| Sept.   | 1, No. 164  | A. Queant, H. K., salary 1 month.....                                                                 | 60 00  |
| "       | 1, No. 163  | " Ass't Sec'y, ".....                                                                                 | 40 00  |
| "       | 1, No. 165  | E. B. O'Sullivan, H. P., ".....                                                                       | 50 00  |
| "       | 1, No. 166  | A. Queant, H. K., incidental expenses July to Aug                                                     | 16 45  |
| October | 2, No. 187  | W. Smith, for 20 barrels coal.....                                                                    | 15 00  |
| "       | 2, No. 188  | E. B. O'Sullivan, H. P., salary 1 month.....                                                          | 50 00  |
| "       | 2, No. 189  | A. Queant, H. K., " ".....                                                                            | 60 00  |
| "       | 2, No. 190  | " Ass't Sec'y, " ".....                                                                               | 40 00  |
| "       | 7, No. 194  | Sun Mut. Ins. Co., renewal of policy.....                                                             | 50 00  |
| "       | 7, No. 195  | N. O. Gas Light Co., gas in July, Aug. and Sept..                                                     | 138 80 |
| "       | 11, No. 197 | F. Louis, repairs to furniture.....                                                                   | 62 50  |
| "       | 12, No. 198 | Crescent Mutual Insurance Co., renewal of policy                                                      | 50 25  |
| "       | 20, No. 199 | B. P. printing office, printing for Charity Fund...                                                   | 28 00  |
| Nov.    | 1, No. 204  | E. B. O'Sullivan, H. P., salary 1 month.....                                                          | 50 00  |
| "       | 1, No. 205  | A. Queant, H. K., " ".....                                                                            | 60 00  |
| "       | 1, No. 206  | " Ass't Sec'y, " ".....                                                                               | 40 00  |
| "       | 8, No. 209  | New Orleans Gas Light Company, gas in October                                                         | 61 60  |
| "       | 20, No. 213 | McIntyre & Applegate, plumbing.....                                                                   | 4 25   |
| Dec.    | 1, No. 216  | E. B. O'Sullivan, H. P., salary 1 month.....                                                          | 50 00  |
| "       | 1, No. 217  | A. Queant, H. K. and Ass't Sec'y, salary 1 month                                                      | 100 00 |
| "       | 18, No. 223 | N. O. Gas Light Co., gas in November.....                                                             | 149 00 |
| "       | 29, No. 226 | Mer. Mut. Ins. Co., renewal of policy.....                                                            | 100 00 |
| "       | 31, No. 227 | E. B. O'Sullivan, H. P., salary 1 month.....                                                          | 50 00  |
| "       | 31, No. 228 | A. Queant, H. K. and Ass't Sec'y, 1 month salary                                                      | 100 00 |
| "       | 31, No. 229 | " H. K., incidental expenses Sept. to Dec.                                                            | 81 50  |

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## ON ACCOUNT OF GRAND LODGE.

|       |            |                                                                                       |       |
|-------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Jan'y | 1, No. 2   | To Bronze Pen printing office, Monthly Circulars..                                    | 10 00 |
| "     | 8, No. 3   | N. O. C. R. Co., cars funeral R. W. W. P. C....                                       | 19 60 |
| "     | 8, No. 4   | T. W. Bothick, carriages " ".....                                                     | 50 00 |
| "     | 8, No. 9   | J. R. Turk, platform Grand □, last session and<br>repairs Gr. Secretary's office..... | 32 15 |
| "     | 11, No. 10 | H. R. Swasey, binding books.....                                                      | 14 25 |

|       |             |                                                                                                  |        |
|-------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Feb'y | 6, No. 17   | I. T. Hinton, printing Rep. For. Cor. 1869.....                                                  | 250 00 |
| "     | 6, No. 23   | B. P. printing office, printing Circular June, 1868                                              | 10 00  |
| "     | 18, No. 24  | Grand Secretary, for advertisements, Bee office..                                                | 3 95   |
| "     | 19, No. 25  | J. C. Gordy, dissemination of work.....                                                          | 650 00 |
| "     | 24, No. 28  | Rev. C. S. Hedges, appropriation by Grand □...                                                   | 100 00 |
| "     | 24, No. 29  | Jas. B. Scot, " "                                                                                | 300 00 |
| "     | 24, No. 30  | J. C. Batchelor, M. D. " "                                                                       | 500 00 |
| "     | 25, No. 32  | I. T. Hinton, balance on printing Rep. Com. For.<br>Cor. and Circulars for For. Grand Bodies.... | 165 75 |
| "     | 25, No. 34  | E. C. Palmer, 40 reams paper for proceedings....                                                 | 361 00 |
| March | 1, No. 41   | A. Queant, H. K. incidental expenses Jan. and Feb                                                | 33 25  |
| "     | 6, No. 49   | J. G. Fleming, gas fixtures for Communication .                                                  | 7 00   |
| "     | 6, No. 50   | Christian & Haytt, bill stationery Dec., Jan. and<br>February.....                               | 108 60 |
| "     | 13, No. 54  | J. H. Hummell, frames and glasses for Library<br>and office.....                                 | 11 25  |
| "     | 13, No. 55  | Hy. Haller, 1 doz. tin Charter cases.....                                                        | 6 00   |
| April | 2, No. 62   | A. Queant, Grand Tyler, 3 months salary.....                                                     | 50 00  |
| "     | 7, No. 65   | B. P. P. office, Mo. Circulars March and April...                                                | 18 00  |
| "     | 8, No. 69   | I. T. Hinton, on ac't printing proceedings.....                                                  | 400 00 |
| "     | 30, No. 109 | G. W. Homan, preparation for G. Communication<br>and use of carpets, etc.....                    | 18 00  |
| May   | 3, No. 115  | B. P. printing office, Mo. Circular for May.....                                                 | 8 00   |
| "     | 15, No. 122 | Crescent office, advertising to date.....                                                        | 9 00   |
| "     | 28, No. 126 | I. T. Hinton, balance on proceedings.....                                                        | 498 55 |
| June  | 2, No. 127  | Bronze Pen printing office, Mo. Circular for June                                                | 8 00   |
| "     | 4, No. 132  | H. R. Swasey, binding proceedings and paper for<br>cover.....                                    | 185 65 |
| July  | 1, No. 139  | A. Queant, Grand Tyler, 3 months salary.....                                                     | 50 00  |
| "     | 1, No. 140  | J. C. Batchelor, Gr. Secretary, 6 months salary..                                                | 750 00 |
| "     | 1, No. 142  | E. C. Palmer & Co., bill paper to date.....                                                      | 141 45 |
| "     | 6, No. 144  | A. Queant, H. K., incidental ex., April, May, June                                               | 9 00   |
| "     | 15, No. 149 | G. Secretary, for bill Times and Picayune to date                                                | 26 00  |
| "     | 17, No. 150 | Christian & Hyatt, bill for stationery to 20th June                                              | 45 25  |
| Aug.  | 11, No. 157 | I. T. Hinton, Circulars and Supplement.....                                                      | 12 50  |
| Sept. | 1, No. 161  | G. Secretary, postage account to 1 July.....                                                     | 142 86 |
| "     | 18, No. 185 | C. H. Zimmerman, 50 G. Rep's Jewels, engraving<br>and boxes.....                                 | 392 90 |
| "     | 4, No. 193  | A. Queant, G. Tyler, 3 months salary.....                                                        | 50 00  |
| "     | 20, No. 200 | B. P. printing office, Mo. Circulars, blank returns,<br>receipts for Jewels, etc.....            | 79 00  |
| "     | 20, No. 201 | B. P. printing office, Mo. Circular, June, 1868....                                              | 10 00  |
| Nov.  | 11, No. 211 | " " " November....                                                                               | 8 00   |
| Dec.  | 4, No. 218  | " " " December....                                                                               | 8 00   |
| "     | 8, No. 220  | J. C. Gordy, Dissemination of Work.....                                                          | 100 00 |
| "     | 31, No. 230 | J. C. Batchelor, G. Secretary, salary 6 months..                                                 | 750 00 |
| "     | 31, No. 231 | A. Queant, H. K., incidental expenses July to Dec                                                | 30 35  |
| "     | 31, No. 235 | G. Secretary, postage account July to December                                                   | 20 60  |

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Dec. 31, No. 236 A. Queant, G. Tyler, 3 months salary to date.... 50 00

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## ON ACCOUNT OF POLAR STAR HALL.

|       |             |                                                   |        |
|-------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Feb'y | 20, No. 27  | To N. O. Gas Light Company, gas in January        | 25 50  |
| March | 5, No. 45   | " " " " February                                  | 59 20  |
| April | 13, No. 89  | " " " " March                                     | 24 40  |
| May   | 3, No. 117  | " " " " April                                     | 20 00  |
| June  | 10, No. 135 | " " " " May                                       | 16 40  |
| July  | 14, No. 148 | " " " " June                                      | 10 80  |
| Aug.  | 28, No. 160 | Cres. Mut. Ins. Co., insurance on Hall, etc.      | 121 75 |
| Oct.  | 7, No. 196  | N. O. G. L't Co., gas in July, Aug. and September | 16 80  |
| "     | 30, No. 203 | G. Brezerzzi, repairs on Hall                     | 30 00  |
| Nov.  | 8, No. 210  | N. O. Gas Light Company, gas in October           | 16 80  |
| Dec.  | 18, No. 224 | " " " " November                                  | 14 00  |

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## ON ACCOUNT OF INTEREST.

|       |             |                                                                          |          |
|-------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Jan.  | 15, No. 13  | To Hermitage <input type="checkbox"/> No. 98, interest on note           | 40 00    |
| "     | 28, No. 15  | Marion <input type="checkbox"/> No. 68, interest on 2 notes              | 280 00   |
| March | 17, No. 56  | Friends of Harmony <input type="checkbox"/> No. 58, interest on note     | 48 00    |
| April | 6, No. 64   | Orleans <input type="checkbox"/> No. 78 " "                              | 62 21    |
| April | 7, No. 66   | H. R. S. G. Treas'r, to pay interest on 40 purchase notes Masonic Temple | 3,200 00 |
| "     | 10, No. 72  | Orleans Royal. Arch C, No. 1, interest on note                           | 213 67   |
| "     | 10, No. 72  | La. C. R. and S. M. No. 1. " "                                           | 34 77    |
| "     | 10, No. 71  | O. R. A. C. No. 1, " "                                                   | 266 67   |
| "     | 12, No. 75  | G. A. C. La. " "                                                         | 184 35   |
| "     | 12, No. 77  | Geo. Washington <input type="checkbox"/> No. 65, " "                     | 88 44    |
| "     | 12, No. 78  | " " " " " "                                                              | 72 44    |
| "     | 12, No. 80  | Delta R. A. Chapter, No. 15 " "                                          | 172 00   |
| "     | 12, No. 82  | J. A. Douglas " on 2 notes                                               | 430 39   |
| "     | 12, No. 83  | " " interest on note                                                     | 47 56    |
| "     | 12, No. 85  | Mrs. T. Gurtler " "                                                      | 16 44    |
| "     | 13, No. 87  | E. A. Yorke " "                                                          | 146 66   |
| "     | 13, No. 91  | Marion <input type="checkbox"/> No. 68 " "                               | 8 44     |
| "     | 13, No. 92  | " " " " " "                                                              | 105 00   |
| "     | 13, No. 94  | E. C. K-H <sup>30</sup> No 6 " "                                         | 62 33    |
| "     | 13, No. 94  | J. de Molay Commandery No. 2 " "                                         | 74 77    |
| "     | 14, No. 97  | F. W. Delesdernier " "                                                   | 71 54    |
| "     | 14, No. 99  | Excelsior <input type="checkbox"/> No. 166 " "                           | 64 44    |
| "     | 14, No. 101 | Jos. Santini " "                                                         | 138 21   |
| "     | 28, No. 105 | Friends of Harmony <input type="checkbox"/> No. 58 " "                   | 8 80     |
| May   | 4, No. 120  | Hermitage <input type="checkbox"/> No. 98 " "                            | 4 21     |
| "     | 26, No. 125 | Linn Wood <input type="checkbox"/> No. 167 " "                           | 64 44    |

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## ON ACCOUNT OF GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

|      |             |                                                   |       |
|------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Aug. | 13, No. 158 | To Mrs. M. Quinton, 15 volumes books              | 10 00 |
| Oct. | 20, No. 200 | B. P. printing office, circular and labels        | 16 00 |
| "    | 28, No. 202 | G. Secretary, subscription to Craftsman and F. M. | 8 00  |

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## ON ACCOUNT OF MASONIC CEMETERY.

|       |             |                                           |        |
|-------|-------------|-------------------------------------------|--------|
| Jan.  | 8, No. 6    | To Taylor & Churchill, bill of tools..... | 9 85   |
| Feb.  | 6, No. 22   | J. N. Lippe, Sexton, salary 1 month ..... | 50 00  |
| March | 1, No. 40   | “ “ “ and fees..                          | 53 00  |
| April | 2, No. 59   | “ “ “ “                                   | 51 00  |
| “     | 6, No. 63   | J. M. Nelson, setting out trees.....      | 205 00 |
| May   | 3, No. 118  | J. N. Lippe, Sexton, 1 months salary..... | 50 00  |
| June  | 3, No. 128  | “ “ “ and fees....                        | 51 00  |
| July  | 1, No. 141  | “ “ “ “                                   | 52 00  |
| Aug.  | 1, No. 154  | “ “ “ “                                   | 52 50  |
| Sept. | 1, No. 162  | “ “ “ “                                   | 50 00  |
| Oct.  | 2, No. 191  | “ “ “ “                                   | 51 00  |
| Nov.  | 1, No. 208  | “ “ “ “                                   | 51 00  |
| Dec.  | 4, No. 234  | “ “ “ Nov “                               | 55 00  |
| “     | 31, No. 219 | “ “ “ “                                   | 53 00  |

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## ON ACCOUNT OF BILLS PAYABLE.

|       |             |                                                                 |          |
|-------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| April | 7, No. 66   | To H. R. S., G. Treasurer, to pay 40 purchase notes \$40,000 00 |          |
| “     | 10, No. 69  | A. Queant, “ note P. Quinturn..                                 | 1,100 00 |
| “     | 10, No. 70  | Orleans R. A. C. No. 1, to pay 2 notes.....                     | 6,000 00 |
| “     | 10, No. 73  | La. C. R. and S. M. No. 2, to pay note.....                     | 500 00   |
| “     | 12, No. 74  | Grand R. A. C. La., to pay note.....                            | 1,200 00 |
| “     | 12, No. 76  | Geo. Washington □ No. 65, to pay 2 notes....                    | 2,000 00 |
| “     | 12, No. 79  | Delta R. A. C. No. 15, “ “                                      | 1,800 00 |
| “     | 12, No. 81  | J. A. Douglas “ 4 “                                             | 7,100 00 |
| “     | 12, No. 84  | Mrs. T. Gurtler “ “                                             | 1,000 00 |
| “     | 13, No. 86  | E. A. Yorke, “ “                                                | 2,000 00 |
| “     | 13, No. 90  | Marion □ No. 68 “ 2 “                                           | 2,500 00 |
| “     | 13, No. 93  | E. Blessey, Tres., J. de M. C. No. 2, to pay notes              | 500 00   |
| “     | 13, No. 93  | “ “ E. C. K-H <sup>20</sup> 6 “ “                               | 400 00   |
| “     | 14, No. 95  | To La. M. Relief Association to pay 4 notes.....                | 2,000 00 |
| “     | 14, No. 96  | F. W. Delesdernier “ “                                          | 1,000 00 |
| “     | 14, No. 98  | Excelsior □ 166 “ “                                             | 500 00   |
| “     | 14, No. 100 | Jos. Santini “ “                                                | 2,000 00 |
| “     | 20, No. 102 | Orleans □ No. 78 “ “                                            | 700 00   |
| “     | 28, No. 104 | Friends of Harmony □ No. 58 “ “                                 | 600 00   |
| May   | 4, No. 119  | Hermitage □ No. 98 “ “                                          | 500 00   |
| “     | 26, No. 124 | Linn Wood □ No. 167 “ “                                         | 1,000 00 |

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## ON ACCOUNT OF TEMPLE PROPERTY.

|       |             |                                                              |          |
|-------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Feb.  | 26, No. 35  | To M. Eastman, Second District Drainage Tax,<br>(final)..... | \$ 21 20 |
| Mar.  | 28, No. 58  | Edward Barnett, Stamps on Mortgage,.....                     | 75 00    |
| April | 10, No. 68  | Crescent Office, Lithographing Bonds .....                   | 125 00   |
| “     | 22, No. 103 | Townsend & Lyman, Special Tax of 1 per cent.                 | 445 25   |
| May   | 1, No. 114  | City Treasurer, City Tax 1868, less 3 per<br>cent. ....      | 727 50   |
| June  | 9, No. 133  | Edward Barnett, Notarial Fees.....                           | 31 50    |

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| July | 1, No. 143  | J. R. Turek, repairs to Banquet, St. Charles and Calliope street ..... | 105 00 |
| Nov. | 26, No. 214 | Mahan, Tax Collector, State Tax 1869, (less \$1 00 returned) .....     | 422 75 |
| Dec. | 19, No. 221 | Sheriff, City Taxes 1867 and Costs.....                                | 926 20 |
| "    | 27, No. 225 | Wm. Tenbrink, repairing Banquet Carondelet street .....                | 40 00  |

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## ON ACCOUNT OF COUPONS (1ST) GRAND LODGE BONDS.

|       |             |                                                                                   |           |
|-------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Sept. | 15, No. 167 | To Crescent Mutual Insurance Co., Coupons Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, .....               | \$ 200 00 |
| "     | 15, No. 168 | N. O. Savings Institution, Coupons Nos. 6, 7, 8, .....                            | 120 00    |
| "     | 15, No. 169 | Sun Mu. Ins. Co., Coupons Nos. 10, 11, 12, ...                                    | 120 00    |
| "     | 15, No. 170 | Wm. S. Pike, Coupon No. 13.....                                                   | 40 00     |
| "     | 15, No. 171 | Merchants' Mutual Insurance Co. Coupons Nos. 16, 17, 18, 19, 20.....              | 200 00    |
| "     | 15, No. 172 | Factors' and Traders' Mutual Insurance Co., Coupons Nos. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25.....  | 200 00    |
| "     | 15, No. 173 | Home Mutual Insurance Co., Coupons Nos. 26, 27, 28, 29, 30.....                   | 200 00    |
| "     | 15, No. 174 | Atlantic Mutual Insurance Co., Coupons Nos. 37, 38, 80.....                       | 100 00    |
| "     | 15, No. 175 | Louisiana Mutual Insurance Co., Coupons Nos. 39, 40, 41, 42, 43.....              | 200 00    |
| "     | 15, No. 176 | Jno. G. Gains, Coupon No. 52, .....                                               | 20 00     |
| "     | 15, No. 177 | Pelican Mutual Insurance Co., Coupon No. 60.                                      | 20 00     |
| "     | 15, No. 178 | Wm. M. Perkins, Coupons Nos. 61, 62.....                                          | 40 00     |
| "     | 15, No. 179 | R. L. Bruce, " 68, 69.....                                                        | 40 00     |
| "     | 15, No. 180 | Wm. E. Fitzgerald, Coupon No. 70.....                                             | 20 00     |
| "     | 15, No. 181 | Samuel Jamison " 73.....                                                          | 20 00     |
| "     | 15, No. 182 | Amos Kent, " 77.....                                                              | 20 00     |
| "     | 15, No. 183 | Mound City Insurance Co., Coupons Nos. 89, 90, 91, 92.....                        | 80 00     |
| "     | 16, No. 184 | Mrs. T. Gurtler, Coupon No. 47.....                                               | 40 00     |
| Nov.  | 30, No. 215 | Jos. Santini, Coupons Nos. 53, 56, 85, 86, 87, 88.....                            | 120 00    |
| Dec.  | 31, No. 233 | Grand Secretary, Coupons Nos. 53, 56, 57, 58, 63, 64, 65, 67, 81, 83, and 84..... | 280 00    |

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## ON ACCOUNT OF CHARITY FUND.

|      |            |                                                                       |          |
|------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Oct. | 1, No. 186 | To Union <input type="checkbox"/> No. 172, pro rata fund.....         | \$ 15 75 |
| "    | 4, No. 192 | Amite City <input type="checkbox"/> No 175, " " .....                 | 11 75    |
| Nov. | 1, No. 207 | G. Sec'y for La. Relief <input type="checkbox"/> No. 1, pro rata fund | 375 75   |
| "    | " " "      | " " Concorde " 3, " " .....                                           | 9 50     |
| "    | " " "      | " " Silencio " 9, " " .....                                           | 12 75    |
| "    | " " "      | " " Los A. D. O. " 5, " " .....                                       | 16 00    |
| "    | " " "      | " " St. Albans " 28, " " .....                                        | 11 50    |
| "    | " " "      | " " Feliciana " 31, " " .....                                         | 11 75    |

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|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------|
| Nov. 1, No. 207  | G. Sec'y for F. Maconique | □ No. 44, pro rata fund,                    | \$ 18 00 |
| " " "            | " " Germania              | " 46, " "                                   | 25 50    |
| " " "            | " " Mt. Moriah            | " 59, " "                                   | 61 50    |
| " " "            | " " Geo. Washg'n          | " 65, " "                                   | 23 50    |
| " " "            | " " Dudley                | " 66, " "                                   | 34 25    |
| " " "            | " " Hiram                 | " 70, " "                                   | 23 50    |
| " " "            | " " Orleans               | " 78, " "                                   | 30 00    |
| " " "            | " " St. Helena            | " 96, " "                                   | 16 50    |
| " " "            | " " Franklinton           | " 101, " "                                  | 15 50    |
| " " "            | " " Shreveport            | " 115, " "                                  | 16 75    |
| " " "            | " " Ocean                 | " 144, " "                                  | 19 50    |
| " " "            | " " Orus                  | " 170, " "                                  | 12 00    |
| " " "            | " " Kosmos                | " 171, " "                                  | 14 00    |
| " " "            | " " Orient                | " 173, " "                                  | 24 25    |
| " " "            | " " Dante                 | " 174, " "                                  | 14 00    |
| " " "            | " " P. Harmony            | " 176, " "                                  | 15 50    |
| " " 232          | " " Covington             | " 188, " "                                  | 5 00     |
| Nov. 13, No. 212 | To Dante                  | □ No. 174, (dup. in 332) pro rata Ch. Fund, | 14 00    |
| Dec. 10, No. 222 | Hermitage                 | □ No. 98, pr. S. M. Todd, pro rata C. F.    | 18 25    |
| " " "            | Alpha Home                | " 72, " " " "                               | 17 00    |
| " " "            | Marion                    | " 68, " " " "                               | 34 50    |
| " " "            | Linn Wood                 | " 167, " " " "                              | 37 50    |
| " " "            | Longwood                  | " 183, " " " "                              | 8 00     |
| Dec. 31, No. 232 | H. Cottage                | " 19, " G. Sec'y                            | 23 50    |
| " " "            | Bellevue                  | " 95, " " " "                               | 5 75     |
| " " "            | Castor                    | " 109, " " " "                              | 5 75     |
| " " "            | Shiloh                    | " 131, " " " "                              | 16 25    |
| " " "            | Plains                    | " 135, " " " "                              | 9 50     |
| " " "            | Excelsior                 | " 166, " " " "                              | 21 50    |

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## ON ACCOUNT OF SUNDRIES.

|                  |                                                    |                                     |            |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Jan. 15, No. 12  | To Jno. Halliday, on account La. R.                | □ No. 1, Tomb                       | \$1,000 00 |
| Feb. 25, No. 31  | " " " " " "                                        | " " "                               | 500 00     |
| Mar. 24, No. 123 | H. R. Swasey, G. Treasurer, to purchase City Bills |                                     |            |
|                  | and to replace \$3 00 C. Bill counterfeit....      |                                     | 50 45      |
| Dec. 31, No. 237 | exchange City Money for City 7 pr. ct. Bonds...    |                                     | 2,933 75   |
| July 30, No. 151 | Gr. Secretary to correct entries in cash book....  |                                     | 287 00     |
| Mar. 13, No. 52  | Magnolia                                           | □ U. D., charter fee returned ..... | 50 00      |

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Dante □ No. 174 is duplicated in Nos. 212 and 232. Longwood □ No. 183 is duplicated in Nos. 222 and 232, and the amount included is charged to Grand Secretary.

On motion the same was received and referred to the Committee on Audit and Accounts.



R. W. J. C. Batchelor, M. D., Grand Secretary, submitted his annual report, with account current, trial balance, and accompanying documents:

NEW ORLEANS, February 14, 1870.

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Grand Secretary respectfully reports, that in accordance with the resolution of the Grand ☐ at its last Annual Communication, a duplicate charter was issued to Harrisonburg ☐ No. 110.

Charters were issued under date of February 9, 1869: To Corinthian ☐ No. 190, at New Orleans; to Jefferson ☐ No. 191, at City of Jefferson; to Abbeville ☐ No. 192, at Abbeville.

Under date of February 10, 1869: To Aurora ☐ No. 193, at New Iberia; to Mount Olivet ☐ No. 194, at Bayou Boeuf; to Trenton ☐ No. 195, at Trenton.

And under date of March 22, 1869: To Saline ☐ No. 196, at Saline.

The obituary resolutions for R. W. Brothers G. W. Catlett, Willis P. Coleman and Hy. Regenberg, were prepared and delivered.

Certificates of good standing have been issued to Brothers J. E. Masseau, Jno. W. Keys, Jno. D. Whitney, David McHugh, Silas Goodrich, J. T. Hopkins, W. D. Atkins and N. H. Griffin.

#### COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS.

The following complaints and appeals have been received: In case of appeal of Bro. G. Schneider against the decision of DeSoto ☐ 55, remanded for a new trial. I have received the official notice of his reinstatement by said ☐.

In case of Bro. Hy. Carter, appeal from decision of St. John's ☐ 153, the ☐ was ordered to send up the records of the case. The same was received from the ☐ April 12th; forwarded to the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, and have been returned with report of the committee thereon.

In July last, I received a complaint by Bellevue ☐ 95, against Huey ☐ No. 70, Arkansas, for violation of jurisdiction. By direction of the M. W. Grand Master, I communicated the same to the M. W. Grand ☐ of Arkansas, to which the R. W. Grand Secretary responded, that the same would be promptly attended to.

In October, I received a similar complaint from Red Land ☐ No. 148, against the same ☐, which I communicated to the R. W. Grand Secretary of Arkansas.

In August, a complaint was filed by Anacoco ☐ 147, against Kisatchie Union ☐ No. 156, for violation of jurisdiction.

Appeal from Monticello ☐ 92, by R. W. D. D. Grand Master, Sixth Masonic District, was received the 28th January, and referred to Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, and is returned with their report, for reference to committee on A. and G.

Notice of appeal from R. W. Francis, with a request that W. M. of Houma ☐ 139, be required to furnish a transcript of case, etc. Received February 9th, 1870.

Appeal of Bro. Wm. M. Grant, from decision of Mount Moriah ☐ No. 59, in case of application for a demit to Frances Lurges, etc. Received February 9th, 1870.

Appeal of Eugene F. Bunch against decision of Amite City □ 175, in suspending him for non-payment of dues. Received February 12, 1870.

The attention of the committee is respectfully called to the improper use of the terms "suspension and suspended," in cases of striking from the roll. "A Mason cannot be suspended or expelled without a *trial*."

PROCEEDINGS, CIRCULARS, BLANKS AND PRINTING.

Soon after the close of the last Communication, I offered the printing to four offices for bids, and gave it to Bro. I. T. Hinton as the lowest bidder. I put copy in the hands of the printer the 26th February, who agreed to have the same finished in forty days, but owing to causes beyond my control, I did not receive the same until after the expiration of three months.

As soon as received, they were distributed as usual; owing to the fact of a smaller number being printed than usual (1500 copies), I was compelled to refuse to sell, or furnish them, in many instances, to applicants at home and abroad. In some instances I am informed that □□ have failed to receive their quota of Proceedings. This was owing to the neglect of the Representatives, and their failing to register the directions for sending them in a register kept on the Grand Secretary's desk for the purpose, notice of which, and a request to Representatives to make the entry, was posted in the Grand □ and the Grand Secretary's office.

Immediately after the close of the last Communication I had printed in circular form, the report and resolutions relative to the Grand Orient of France, and forwarded an official copy to the Grand Orient, and all the Grand Bodies of Masons, with whom this Grand □ is in communication.

The cost of the Proceedings, two hundred and fifty extra copies of Report on Foreign Correspondence (for use of the Grand □), and the circulars, was \$1942.

In accordance with a resolution of the Grand □, I prepared a circular of instructions for Secretaries of □□, and forwarded it by mail, and again with blank returns.

The Monthly Circular from Grand Secretary's office has been regularly issued on the first of each month to □□, and Grand Officers blank returns; and blanks for returns of Charity Fund have been forwarded by mail to each □.

At the request of the Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and by advice of the M. W. Grand Master, I have given the printing of the report of Foreign Correspondence to Bro. Chas. W. Clark, who agrees to do the same at the price paid last year.

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

Feeling satisfied that the Grand □ would appreciate the value of a complete set or series of the Proceedings of Sister Grand □□, and Grand Royal Arch Chapters, I prepared a table of the missing numbers needed to complete our sets, and also the duplicates I had for exchange. I forwarded a copy to each Grand Secretary of Grand □ and Grand R. A. Chapter, many of whom have responded by forwarding such as they had to spare; and where I have had them, I have returned the compliment by filling their wants, and have sent out over 200 volumes.

By the direction of the M. W. Grand Master, I have purchased for the library from Mrs. Quintern, the widow of a brother, 15 volumes of books for \$10.

The books donated to the Library by the Grand R. A. Chapter of the State of Louisiana, have been labelled and catalogued.

The Grand ☐ is indebted to the following for contributions to the library, viz:

To Bro. Fred. Dentzel, of George Washington ☐ 65, for 20 volumes, History, Science and Obituary.

“ M. W. J. Q. A. Fellows, of Marion ☐ 68, for Colson's Atlas, 2 volumes, Principles and Practice of Perspective; 1 volume Plates; Pyramids of Ghiza; 1 volume large Plates.

“ Wor. Geo. H. Pabst, of Union ☐ 172, Masonic Library, 2 volumes.

“ Wor. Wm. D. White, of Abbeville ☐ 192, Manuscript Ritual (old).

“ Bro. Richard Lambert, of Mount Moriah ☐ 59, 11 volumes Miscellaneous.

“ R. W. Jno. Dove, M. D. Gr. Sec. Gr. ☐ Va., 1 vol: Va. Text Book, 1866.

“ M. W. Samuel M. Todd, Grand Master, “ “ “ 1818.

“ R. W. Jas. C. Batchelor, M. D., and Alpha Home ☐ 72, 1 volume Const. A. and A. Rite; 1 volume Principles M. Jur. (Simonds).

“ Bro. Thos. McStoker, Alpha Home ☐ 72, 1 volume Register of Lodges Great Britain, and lot of Freemason Journals.

“ Bro. G. M. Lalley, of Orleans ☐ 78, 1 volume Crosses Chart, 1820.

“ Bro. Jno. E. Holland, 16 volumes, from 1744 to 1856.

“ Bro. W. A. Wilson, of Matamoras, Mex., 8 volumes Miscellaneous.

“ The M. W. Grand ☐ of Minnesota, for bound volume Proceedings 1853 to 1869, reprint.

I have had bound 138 Proceedings of Grand ☐ in 34 volumes, and 133 Proceedings of G. R. A. Chap., 18 volumes, and 4 volumes of Masonic Journals.

The number of volumes now catalogued is 839.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

By order of the M. W. Grand Master, I have forwarded a Grand Representative Jewel to the following R. W. Brethren, the Grand Representatives of the Grand ☐ of the State of Louisiana, viz:

|                                                                   |               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Grand <input type="checkbox"/> Alabama, R. W. Wm. P. Chilton..... | Montgomery.   |
| “ Arkansas, M. W. Luke E. Barber.....                             | Little Rock.  |
| “ California, R. W. Isaac S. Titus.....                           | Placerville.  |
| “ Canada, M. W. T. Douglas Harrington.....                        | Ottawa.       |
| “ District of Columbia, M. W. Benj. Brown French....              | Washington.   |
| “ Florida, M. W. Dewitt C. Dawkins.....                           | Jacksonville. |
| “ Frankfort-on-the-Maine, R. W. Karl Paul.....                    | Frankfort.    |
| “ Georgia, R. W. Geo. W. Adams.....                               | Forsyth.      |
| “ Illinois, M. W. Ira W. Buck.....                                | Aurora.       |
| “ Indiana, M. W. H. G. Hazelrigg.....                             | Lebanon.      |
| “ Iowa, M. W. Jas. R. Hartsock.....                               | Iowa City.    |
| “ Ireland, M. W. Lucius H. Deering.....                           | Dublin.       |
| “ Kentucky, M. W. Chas. A. Fuller.....                            | Louisville.   |
| “ Kansas, M. W. E. T. Carr.....                                   | Leavenworth.  |
| “ Maine, M. W. Josiah H. Drummond.....                            | Portland.     |

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| Grand <input type="checkbox"/> Mississippi, M. W. Jno. T. Lamkin..... | Holmesville.   |
| “ Missouri, R. W. Thos. E. Garrett.....                               | St. Louis.     |
| “ Maryland, R. W. Chas. Goodwin.....                                  | Baltimore.     |
| “ Michigan, M. W. S. C. Coffinburg.....                               | Constantine.   |
| “ Minnesota, M. W. Chas. W. Nash.....                                 | St. Paul.      |
| “ New York, R. W. James M. Austin, M. D.....                          | New York.      |
| “ North Carolina, M. W. Robt. B. Vance.....                           | Asheville.     |
| “ New Jersey, R. W. Joseph H. Hough.....                              | Trenton.       |
| “ Nebraska, R. W. J. N. Wise.....                                     | Plattsmouth.   |
| “ Nevada, M. W. G. W. Hopkins.....                                    | Virginia.      |
| “ Ohio, M. W. W. B. Dodds.....                                        | Cincinnati.    |
| “ Oregon, R. W. S. F. Chadwick.....                                   | Roseburg.      |
| “ Pennsylvania, R. W. Samuel C. Perkins.....                          | Philadelphia.  |
| “ Rhode Island, M. W. Thos. A. Doyle.....                             | Providence.    |
| “ Royal York of Friendship, R. W. F. N. Weilprecht.....               | Berlin.        |
| “ South Carolina, M. W. Hy. Buist.....                                | Charleston.    |
| “ Saxony, R. W. Karl Robt. Gehl.....                                  | Dresden.       |
| “ Tennessee, R. W. Hy. L. Claiborne.....                              | Nashville.     |
| “ Texas, M. W. F. B. Sexton.....                                      | San Augustine. |
| “ Three Globes, R. W. Carl F. Heinersdorf.....                        | Berlin.        |
| “ Vermont, R. W. Wm. P. Russell.....                                  | Middlebury.    |
| “ Virginia, M. W. Jas. Evans.....                                     | Richmond.      |
| “ Wisconsin, M. W. Hy. L. Palmer.....                                 | Milwaukee.     |
| “ West Virginia, M. W. W. J. Bates.....                               | Wheeling.      |

G. O. and S. C. Uruguay, Qu. Juan de la Sierra, Montevideo, to the latter I have had no opportunity to forward the jewel; from R. W. Bro. Jno. George, of New Hampshire, and Jas. L. Gould, of Connecticut, I have not had the pleasure of hearing.

The following credentials have been received, viz:

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| Grand <input type="checkbox"/> District of Columbia..... | to M. W. Bro. Samuel M. Todd.          |
| “ Canada.....                                            | to R. W. Bro. Jas. C. Batchelor, M. D. |
| “ Illinois.....                                          | to M. W. Bro. J. Q. A. Fellows.        |
| “ Georgia.....                                           | to R. W. Bro. Jno. G. Dunlap.          |
| “ Missouri.....                                          | to R. W. Bro. Jno. A. Stevenson.       |
| “ Maryland.....                                          | to M. W. Bro. J. Q. A. Fellows.        |
| “ Mississippi.....                                       | to M. W. Bro. J. Q. A. Fellows.        |
| “ North Carolina.....                                    | to M. W. Bro. Samuel M. Todd.          |
| “ New York.....                                          | to R. W. Bro. Ewd. Barnett.            |
| “ Nevada.....                                            | to M. W. Bro. Samuel M. Todd.          |
| “ Ohio.....                                              | to R. W. Bro. James B. Scot.           |
| “ Oregon.....                                            | to R. W. Bro. Jas. C. Batchelor, M. D. |
| “ Nebraska.....                                          | to R. W. Bro. A. B. Seger.             |

#### LODGES.

ABBEVILLE ☐ 192—Was constituted March 15, 1869, and the following officers installed, viz: Wm. D. White, W. M.; Samuel M. Roger, S. W.; Elijah Ewing, J. W.; Jos. Plonski, T.; Sastie Brousard, Sec.; Jas. T. Labit, S. D.; Emile C. Roger, J. D., and Hy. Bartels, Tyler.

ALPHA HOME ☐ 72—Submitted By-Laws, which were approved November 2d, 1869.

ATCHAFALAYA ☐ 153—Received notice of destruction of lodge room and all its effects, (except charter and minute book) by fire, and an application for a dispensation to meet temporarily elsewhere, referred to the M. W. Grand Master, and by him granted.

CHERRY RIDGE ☐ 155—Received notice of removal of lodge to Zion Hill.

DESOTO ☐ 55—Notified ☐ of action of Grand ☐ in case of G. Schneider.

GROSS TETE (Extinct) ☐ 157—This ☐ surrendered its charter at the Annual Communication of 1869, and deposited with the Grand Secretary its charter, jewels, books and aprons, reporting that a portion of the furniture was in hands of Bro. H. Sigler, late S. W. The Grand Secretary was ordered to take charge of its effects, and to issue certificates of good standing to those members applying therefor, on their paying the amount due by them to the ☐. By advice of the M. W. Grand Master, I settled the account of Bro. Jno. S. Whitney, by his assuming a debt of said ☐, due Bro. A. Gross for rent, amounting to \$140 42, and issued him a certificate. Bro. D. McHugh paid his dues to the ☐, \$37, and I issued him a certificate. Bro. Hiram Siegler, late S. W., by directions, sold the remaining furniture and remitted me the proceeds of said sale, amounting to \$35.

HOPE ☐ 145—Received resolutions of ☐ commending action of Grand ☐ in case of G. O. France.

KELLERTOWN ☐ 124—Received notice of election and installation of the following officers under Special Dispensation, on 21st May, 1869: S. G. Perkins, W. M.; J. A. Ramsey, S. W.; J. C. Railey, J. W.; J. E. Norwood, T.; A. J. Norwood, Sec'y.; R. J. Pemble, S. D.; J. S. Stanley, J. D.; C. Gore, Tyler.

LAKE CHARLES ☐ 165—By-Laws submitted and approved November 16, 1869.

MORGANZA ☐ 159—Received a petition and fee for a new charter, stating the charter had been lost; referred to the M. W. Grand Master, who issued a dispensation to ☐ to continue work until the present session.

MOUNT OLIVET ☐ 194—Was constituted, and the following officers installed, March 11, 1869, viz:

Jno. F. Wyche, W. M.; W. S. Leake, S. W.; E. J. Ettie, J. W.; E. Bowen, T.; F. Ehiman, Sec.; A. DeValcourt, S. D.; J. P. Border, J. D.; A. E. Goodwin, Chap.; David Levy, Tyler.

OLIVE ☐ 52—By-Laws submitted and approved, October 13, 1869.

OCEAN ☐ 144—Notified of action of Grand ☐ in case of J. K. Belden.

PERKINS ☐ 150—Forwarded blanks, and requested returns to be made for 1863, '64, '65 and '66.

ST. JOHNS ☐ 155—Notified to send up record in case of Hy. Carter—appeal.

SALINE ☐ 196—Was constituted, and the following officers installed, May, 8, 1869, viz:

J. H. Allen, W. M.; W. J. Mobley, S. W.; Geo. W. Luckey, J. W.; W. W. Boylston, T.; T. L. Prothro, Sec.; H. M. Prothro, S. D.; W. C. Ross, J. D.; H. H. Hawthorne, Tyler.

SOLOMON ☐ 130—At the last communication, I was ordered to take possession of the charter, etc. Upon inquiry, I find that the charter, jewels, furniture, etc., were all destroyed or stolen during the war, and that there are but few of the original members left in the parish.

SPARTA □ 108—Received a communication from: correcting an error in returns (1868) of Homer □ 152, who report Bro. R. M. Crownson as a member of Homer □ 152, stricken from the roll, and stating that R. M. Crownson, P. M., regularly demitted from Homer □ 152, and affiliated with Sparta 108, a number of years since, of which he is still a member, and a P. M. N. B.—Homer □ 152, continued to return him until stricken from the roll.

TRENTON □ 195—Was constituted, and the following officers were installed April 8, 1869, (but the return was not received until January, 1870), viz:

F. M. Dawson, W. M.; J. E. McGuire, S. W.; Jno. W. Miles, J. W.; Jor. H. Flournoy, T.; W. D. Garlington, Sec.; Jno. W. Potts, S. D.; E. T. Sellers, J. D.; Jno. H. Nobles, Tyler.

UNION □ 172—By-Laws submitted and approved, November 1, 1869.

WARREN □ 132—Received notice of election and installation of officers under a Special Dispensation by R. W. W. W. Risher, on 26th May, 1869, viz:

H. P. Wells, W. M.; W. A. Rapp, S. W.; D. T. Russell, J. W.; H. Block, T.; A. Sanders, Sec.; N. H. Hoover, S. D.; J. C. Wheatley, J. D.; D. Moore, Tyler.

#### LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

The dispensation of Magnolia □ at Washington, St. Landry Parish, La., was renewed as per resolution of the Grand □ and forwarded on the 18th of February, 1869. Has made returns, paid dues and asks for a charter. From this □ I received \$10 for G. O. Peru.

The following dispensations were issued by the order of the M. W. Grand Master.

HOLLY SHRINGS □, U. D., at Holly Springs, Claiborne Parish, La., recommended by Minden □, No. 51, dated June 21, 1869, to G. W. Alexander, W. M.; J. M. Williamson, S. W.; Jno. Holley, J. W., of Minden □, No. 51, and J. B. Fincher, G. M. C. Rainey, of Athens □ 136; J. O. Knighton, Jno. Murrell, Robt. Alexander, of Homer □ 152—forwarded to D. D. G. M. H. W. Kirkpatrick. Has made returns, paid dues and asks for a charter.

OAK GROVE □, U. D., at Oak Grove, Carroll Parish, La., under date of 21st June, 1869, recommended by Monticello □, No. 92; to Jose. L. Hurley, W. Master Popular Bluff □ 47, Ark.; W. Keller, S. W., M. □ 92; Thos. J. Sage, J. W. M. □ 92 and J. W. Bell, Jas. H. Robinson of same □; J. T. Brown of Concord □, No. 23, Ark., and Thos. N. Pulley of Patmos' □, No. 97, La.—forwarded by Bro. S. D. Oliver, and wrote to D. D. G. M. H. R. Lott. Has made returns, paid dues and asks for a charter.

SUMMERFIELD □ U. D., at Summerfield, Claiborne Parish, La., recommended by Dawson □, No. 129, under date of July 7, 1869; to Jno. Hardy, W. M.; W. S. Thompson, S. W.; D. J. Sayres, J. W.; S. Kerlin, Jno. J. Glover, S. C. Kennedy and Wm. Thurmond all of Dawson □, No. 129—sent by mail to care of W. C. Miller, W. M. of Dawson □, No. 129, and I wrote to D. D. G. M. H. W. Kirkpatrick in regard to same. Has made returns, paid dues and asks for a charter.

MALLET WOODS □ U. D., at Prudhomme City, St. Landry Parish, La., recommended by H. Cottage □, No. 19, issued under date of July 14, 1869; to Flavius J. Hundley, W. M., H. □, No. 152; Stephen D. Moore of F. □, No. 31; Nath'l. Jenkins of H. C. □, No. 19; Jas. Chinere of H. C. □, No. 19; Spofford

H. Sanders of Sexton ☐, No. 251, Ark.; C. J. Hundley of Washita ☐, No. 116, Ark., and James Hamblin of Monticello ☐, No. 92, La.—forwarded same by Bro. Mayo.

ASSUMPTION ☐ U. D., at Napoleonville, Assumption Parish, La., recommended by Thibodaux Benevolent ☐ 90, issued under date of July 1st, 1869; to E. B. Cox, W. M. of Perkins ☐ No. 150; Wm. Sims, S. W. of T. B. ☐ No. 90; Peter J. Guilbert, J. W. of T. B. ☐ No. 90; Francis T. Nicholls of Perkins ☐ No. 150, and Hiram H. Carver, Thos. D. Cox, Desire C. Blanc, Abraham Klotz and Simon Simon of T. B. ☐ No. 90—forwarded by Bro. W. H. King, and wrote to D. D. G. Master Geo. A. Pike.

BROOKLIN ☐ U. D., at Brooklin, Jackson Parish, La., recommended by Lafayette ☐ No. 56, issued under date of Sept. 15, 1869; to John W. Jones, W. M. of Lafayette ☐ No. 56; Jas. S. Fowler of Castor ☐ No. 109; John L. Hearn of Fairburn ☐ No. 180; Geo. Thos. Hearn, and T. S. Smart of same ☐, and W. S. Robertson, William Chaddice and P. M. Blackmore of Lafayette ☐ No. 56—forwarded on 17th inst., to D. D. G. Master John C. Jones, to be delivered when Lafayette should have a proper recommendation. This ☐ was established. Has made returns, paid dues and asks for a charter.

I to-day have received a communication from Bro. Jose Raymon Lescome and eight other M. M. of Cuba, now residing in this City, asking of the Grand ☐ permission to hold a ☐ etc.

#### CHARITY FUND.

On the 31st of August, the Board of Grand Lodge Hall Directors acted upon and defined the amount to be distributed, viz: \$1879. On September 2nd, I forwarded to each ☐ entitled to draw funds, the amount of pro rata to said ☐, and forwarded blank returns and a blank order to be filled for the amount. These orders have been paid promptly as presented. The annexed tabular statement will show the number of ☐ drawing their Charity Fund, and the number making returns of the same. The amount of funds for distribution this year is \$5,424 94. The number of ☐ entitled to distribution this year, under the By-Laws, is 81—having 4,757 members. Of the 105 ☐ credited with Charity Fund last year, only 70 have made returns of Charity Fund, and 8 of these return nothing expended.

A list of the ☐ drawing from the fund, with their pro rata, will be published in proceedings.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

A resolution offered by Bro. J. B. Scot, viz:

That the resolution appropriating seven hundred and fifty dollars annually, to the Permanent Committee on Work, for the purpose of disseminating Masonic knowledge in this jurisdiction be, and is hereby repealed.

Laid over under resolution of Grand ☐.

Amendment to General Regulations offered by W. Bro. W. C. Driver,

That Sec. 3, Art. 2, General Regulations and By-Laws of this Grand ☐ be so amended as to read twenty-five hundred, instead of fifteen, as stated salary of R. W. Grand Secretary.

Laid over by resolution of Grand ☐.

In regard to the last amendment proposed, your Grand Secretary respectfully

suggests that, in his opinion, the change proposed, in the present condition of the finances of the Grand ☐, would be injudicious.

All of which, with account current and trial balance and supplementary report, is fraternally submitted,

JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D.,  
*Grand Secretary.*

Communication in regard to the Temple, from Caddo ☐ 179, and one from A. McKean, asking for relief, received since the commencement of the Communication.

The following ☐ have made returns and paid their dues within the term prescribed by the By-Laws, viz :

|                  |       |                 |        |                 |         |
|------------------|-------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|---------|
| Perfect Union    | No. 1 | Monticello      | No. 92 | Rapides         | No. 158 |
| Polar Star       | " 1   | Bellevue        | " 95   | Morganza        | " 159   |
| Concorde         | " 3   | St. Helena      | " 96   | Livingston      | " 160   |
| Perseverance     | " 4   | Hermitage       | " 98   | Brookville      | " 161   |
| St. Andrew       | " 5   | Franklinton     | " 101  | Atchafalaya     | " 163   |
| Los Amigos del   |       | Louisiana       | " 102  | Columbia        | " 164   |
| Orden            | " 5   | Cloutierville   | " 103  | Lake Charles    | " 165   |
| Silencia         | " 9   | Mt. Lebanon     | " 104  | Excelsior       | " 166   |
| Humble Cottage   | " 19  | Trinity         | " 105  | Linn Wood       | " 167   |
| Western Star     | " 24  | Sparta          | " 108  | Montgomery      | " 168   |
| St. Albans       | " 28  | Castor          | " 109  | Haynesville     | " 169   |
| Feliciania       | " 31  | Harrisonburg    | " 110  | Orus            | " 170   |
| Phoenix          | " 38  | Urim            | " 111  | Kosmos          | " 171   |
| Foyer Magonnique | " 44  | Thos. Jefferson | " 113  | Union           | " 172   |
| Jackson          | " 45  | Shreveport      | " 115  | Orient          | " 173   |
| Germania         | " 46  | Acacia          | " 116  | Dante           | " 174   |
| St. James        | " 47  | Milford         | " 117  | Amite City      | " 175   |
| Providence       | " 50  | Deerfield       | " 120  | Perfect Harmony | " 176   |
| Minden           | " 51  | Mackey          | " 122  | Eureka          | " 177   |
| Union Fraternal  | " 53  | Liberty         | " 123  | Tulip           | " 178   |
| Mt. Gerizim      | " 54  | Kellertown      | " 124  | Caddo           | " 179   |
| DeSoto           | " 55  | Pearl River     | " 125  | Little Flock    | " 180   |
| Lafayette        | " 56  | Arcadia         | " 126  | Longwood        | " 183   |
| Franklin         | " 57  | Spring Hill     | " 127  | Spring Creek    | " 184   |
| Friends of Har-  |       | Gordy           | " 133  | Orphans' Friend | " 185   |
| mony             | " 58  | Plains          | " 135  | Kisatchie Union | " 186   |
| Mt. Moriah       | " 59  | Athens          | " 136  | Covington       | " 188   |
| Tunnica          | " 63  | Jeffersonian    | " 138  | Evergreen       | " 189   |
| Geo. Washington  | " 65  | Houma           | " 139  | Corinthian      | " 190   |
| Dudley           | " 66  | Downsville      | " 143  | Jefferson       | " 191   |
| Marion           | " 68  | Ocean           | " 144  | Abbeville       | " 192   |
| Hiram            | " 70  | Hope            | " 145  | Aurora          | " 193   |
| Alpha Home       | " 72  | Silent Brother- |        | Mt. Olivet      | " 194   |
| Sabine           | " 75  | hood            | " 146  | Trenton         | " 195   |
| Quitman          | " 76  | Anacoco         | " 147  | Saline          | " 196   |



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| Orleans.....                    | " 78 | Red Land.....     | " 148 | Brooklin.....      | U. D. |
| Mt. Vernon.....                 | " 83 | Darlington.....   | " 149 | Magnolia.....      | U. D. |
| Oliver.....                     | " 84 | Eastern Star..... | " 151 | Oak Grove.....     | U. D. |
| Lafayette.....                  | " 87 | St. Johns.....    | " 153 | Holly Springs..... | U. D. |
| Thibodeaux Be-<br>nevolent..... | " 90 | Kisatchie.....    | " 156 | Summerfield.....   | U. D. |

The following ☐ made returns within the constitutional period, but paid dues in part only, viz :

Olive.....No. 52      Terryville.....No. 118

The following ☐ made returns within the constitutional period, but paid no dues :

Pleasant Hill....No. 86    Napoleon.....No. 49    Shiloh .....No. 131  
Cool Spring....." 140    Burnsville....." 162

The following ☐ made returns within the constitutional period, but paid its dues subsequently, viz :

Vienna No. 106, paid February 12th, 1870.

The following ☐ made returns and paid their dues after the constitutiona period, viz :

Bartholomew.....No. 112      Sam. Todd .....No. 182  
Cypress.....No. 89

The following ☐ paid dues within the time prescribed by the By-Laws, but its returns not received until after the time: Fillmore No. 154,

The following ☐ made their returns after the constitutional period, and paid their dues in part only :

Perkins.....No. 150, (Feb. 11,)    Flat Lick.....No. 187

The following ☐ made returns since the constitutional period, but paid no dues, viz :

Cherry Ridge.....No. 155      Cypress.....No. 89

The following ☐ have not made returns :

DeWitt Clinton..No. 80    Many.....No. 88    Lisbon.....No. 121  
Dawson....." 129    Warren....." 132    Homer....." 251

The following ☐ made returns of Charity Fund, within the time prescribed by the By-Laws, viz :

|                       |       |                     |        |                   |         |
|-----------------------|-------|---------------------|--------|-------------------|---------|
| Perfect Union.....    | No. 1 | Quitman.....        | No. 76 | Downsville.....   | No. 143 |
| Concorde.....         | " 3   | Orleans.....        | " 78   | Ocean.....        | " 144   |
| Perseverance.....     | " 4   | Mount Vernon... "   | 83     | Hope.....         | " 145   |
| LosAmig's del Ord'n " | 5     | Lafayette.....      | " 87   | Anacoco.....      | " 147   |
| Silencio.....         | " 9   | Thib'daux Benev't " | 90     | Red Land.....     | " 148   |
| Humble Cottage....    | " 19  | Bellevue.....       | " 95   | Darlington.....   | " 149   |
| Western Star.....     | " 24  | St. Helena.....     | " 96   | Eastern Star..... | " 151   |
| St. Albans.....       | " 28  | Hermitage.....      | " 98   | St. John.....     | " 153   |
| Feleciana.....        | " 31  | Franklinton.....    | " 101  | Kisatchie.....    | " 156   |
| Phoenix.....          | " 38  | Louisiana.....      | " 102  | Morganza.....     | " 159   |
| Foyer Maçonique "     | 44    | Mount Lebanon.. "   | 104    | Atchafalaya.....  | " 163   |

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| Jackson.....             | " 45 | Trinity.....          | " 105 | Lake Charles.....    | " 165 |
| Germania.....            | " 46 | Castor.....           | " 109 | Excelsior.....       | " 166 |
| Providence.....          | " 50 | Urim.....             | " 111 | Linn Wood.....       | " 167 |
| Union fraternal.....     | " 53 | Thomas Jefferson..... | " 113 | Orus.....            | " 170 |
| Mount Gerizim.....       | " 54 | Shreveport.....       | " 115 | Kosmos.....          | " 171 |
| Franklin (in blank)..... | " 57 | Mackey.....           | " 122 | Union.....           | " 172 |
| Friends of Harmony.....  | " 58 | Liberty.....          | " 123 | Orient.....          | " 173 |
| Mount Moriah.....        | " 59 | Kellertown.....       | " 124 | Dante.....           | " 174 |
| Geo. Washington.....     | " 65 | Pearl River.....      | " 125 | Amite City.....      | " 175 |
| Dudley.....              | " 66 | Shiloh.....           | " 131 | Perfect Harmony..... | " 176 |
| Marion.....              | " 68 | Plains.....           | " 135 | Covington.....       | " 188 |
| Hiram.....               | " 70 | Houma.....            | " 139 | Total, 69 ☐.         |       |
| Alpha Home.....          | " 72 |                       |       |                      |       |

69 ☐, and 4751 members entitled to fund.

The following ☐ have made returns of charity, after the time prescribed in the By-Laws:

Bartholomew, Feb. 10..112; Fillmore, Feb. 11..154; Flat Lick, Feb. 14..187.

JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D., *Grand Secretary, in account with the*

GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA.

| 1869. |                                                                              | Dr.      |
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| Jan.  | 1—To expense. Proceedings sold during 1868.....                              | \$ 14 45 |
|       | 1 Abbeville ☐ U. D., dues.....                                               | 27 00    |
|       | 2 Grand ☐ Hall, La. Wigwam, ball room.....                                   | 50 00    |
|       | 4 " " Perseverance Fire Co., 13, Ball room.....                              | 50 00    |
|       | 4 Amite City ☐ No. 175, dues.....                                            | 55 00    |
|       | 4 Polar Star Hall, Concorde ☐ No. 3, on account of rent.....                 | 85 00    |
|       | 4 Grand ☐ Hall, H. McCloskey's note, rent.....                               | 150 00   |
|       | 4 " " " C. T. Nash, " ".....                                                 | 175 00   |
|       | 4 " " " Orleans ☐ 78, to October 1.....                                      | 45 00    |
|       | 4 " " " Tom Thumb exhibition, ball room.....                                 | 300 00   |
|       | 4 Masonic Cemetery, A. C. Heron, int. fees.....                              | 6 00     |
|       | 4 " " Jno. N. Lippe, 1 month, rent.....                                      | 10 00    |
|       | 5 " " Mrs. C. S. Williams, for vault No. 22, \$65, and removal fee, \$5..... | 70 00    |
|       | 5 Grand ☐ Hall, Orleans R. A. C. No. 1, rent.....                            | 205 00   |
|       | 5 Masonic Temple, A. McConnell, rent.....                                    | 100 00   |
|       | 6 Germania ☐ No. 46, dues.....                                               | 64 00    |
|       | 7 George Washington ☐ No. 65, dues.....                                      | 114 00   |
|       | 7 Grand ☐ Hall, for Geo. Washington ☐ No. 65, rent.....                      | 180 00   |
|       | 8 " " " Delta R. A. C. No. 15.....                                           | 200 00   |
|       | 8 Western Star ☐ No. 24, dues.....                                           | 99 00    |
|       | 9 Orleans ☐ No. 78, dues.....                                                | 142 00   |
|       | 9 Grand ☐ Hall, Orleans ☐ No. 78, to Dec. 31, rent..                         | 50 00    |
|       | 9 Masonic Cemetery, Ocean ☐ No. 144, 1 vault, No. 17, \$85, and fee \$3..... | 83 00    |

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| Jan. | 11—To | Atchafalaya □ No. 163, dues                   | 42 00  |
|      | 11    | Little Flock □ No. 180, “                     | 24 00  |
|      | 11    | Oliver □ No. 84, dues                         | 62 00  |
|      | 11    | Caddo □ No. 179, “                            | 97 00  |
|      | 11    | Silencio □ No. 9, “                           | 13 00  |
|      | 11    | Grand □ Hall, Dudley □ No. 66, rent—          | 86 50  |
|      | 11    | Mount Vernon □ No. 83, dues                   | 19 00  |
|      | 11    | Minden □ No. 51, dues                         | 68 00  |
|      | 12    | Grand □ Hall, Perfect Harmony □ No. 176, rent | 20 75  |
|      | 12    | Perfect Harmony □ No. 176, dues               | 90 00  |
|      | 14    | Los Amigos del Orden □ No. 5, dues            | 74 00  |
|      | 14    | St. Johns □ No. 153, dues                     | 93 00  |
|      | 14    | Oliver □ No. 84, balance on dues              | 1 00   |
|      | 14    | Corinthian □ U. D., dues                      | 3 00   |
|      | 14    | Polar Star Hall, Silencio □ No. 9, rent       | 195 00 |
|      | 14    | Grand □ Hall, Marion □ No. 68, rent           | 180 75 |
|      | 14    | Marion □ No. 68, dues                         | 179 00 |
|      | 15    | Hermitage □ No. 98, dues                      | 87 00  |
|      | 15    | Friends of Harmony □ No. 58, dues             | 93 00  |
|      | 15    | Providence □ No. 50, dues                     | 77 00  |
|      | 15    | Concorde □ No. 3, dues                        | 59 00  |
|      | 16    | Grand □ Hall, H. Hamburger, January, rent     | 50 00  |
|      | 16    | “ “ “ P. Clissey, to date, supper room rent   | 30 00  |
|      | 16    | Castor □ No. 109, dues                        | 29 00  |
|      | 16    | Brookville □ No. 161, dues                    | 46 00  |
|      | 16    | Polar Star Hall, Dante □ No. 174, rent        | 200 00 |
|      | 18    | Harrisonburg □ No. 110, dues                  | 33 00  |
|      | 18    | St. Helena □ No. 96, dues                     | 68 00  |
|      | 20    | Dante □ No. 174, dues                         | 96 00  |
|      | 20    | Perseverance □ No. 4, dues                    | 67 00  |
|      | 21    | Eureka □ No. 177, dues                        | 4 00   |
|      | 21    | Shreveport □ No. 115, dues                    | 78 00  |
|      | 21    | Long Wood □ No. 183, dues                     | 58 00  |
|      | 21    | “ “ “ “ for register                          | 5 00   |
|      | 21    | Kosmos □ No. 171, dues                        | 64 00  |
|      | 23    | Fillmore □ No. 154, dues                      | 45 00  |
|      | 23    | Tulip □ No. 178, dues                         | 43 00  |
|      | 23    | Mackey □ No. 122, dues                        | 56 00  |
|      | 23    | Mount Lebanon □ No. 104, dues                 | 28 00  |
|      | 23    | Humble Cottage □ No. 19, dues                 | 110 00 |
|      | 25    | Plains □ No. 135, dues                        | 47 00  |
|      | 25    | Thibodaux Benevolent □ No. 90, dues           | 58 00  |
|      | 25    | Downsville □ No. 143, dues                    | 51 00  |
|      | 27    | Feliciana □ No. 31, dues                      | 51 00  |
|      | 27    | Linn Wood □ No. 167, dues                     | 217 00 |
|      | 27    | Quitman □ No. 76                              | 206 00 |
|      | 27    | Union □ No. 172, dues                         | 95 00  |
|      | 28    | Orus □ No. 170, dues                          | 64 00  |
|      | 28    | Dawson □ No. 129, dues                        | 25 00  |

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| Jan.  | 28 | —To Summerfield <input type="checkbox"/> U. D., for dispensation .....     | 45 00  |
|       | 28 | Vienna <input type="checkbox"/> No. 106, dues of 1867 .....                | 84 00  |
|       | 28 | “ “ “ “ of 1868 .....                                                      | 62 00  |
|       | 28 | Terryville <input type="checkbox"/> No. 118, dues .....                    | 19 00  |
|       | 28 | St. James <input type="checkbox"/> No. 47, dues .....                      | 73 00  |
|       | 29 | Eastern Star <input type="checkbox"/> No. 151, including old balance ..... | 137 00 |
|       | 29 | Ocean <input type="checkbox"/> No. 114, dues .....                         | 121 00 |
|       | 29 | Urim <input type="checkbox"/> No. 111, dues .....                          | 56 00  |
|       | 29 | Deerfield <input type="checkbox"/> No. 120, dues .....                     | 45 00  |
|       | 29 | Orient <input type="checkbox"/> No. 173, dues .....                        | 125 00 |
|       | 29 | Dudley <input type="checkbox"/> No. 66, dues .....                         | 164 00 |
|       | 30 | Hiram <input type="checkbox"/> No. 70, dues .....                          | 116 00 |
|       | 30 | Grand <input type="checkbox"/> Hall, La. Wigwam, ball room .....           | 50 00  |
|       | 30 | “ “ “ Dr. Rogers' Lecture, ball room .....                                 | 30 00  |
| Feb'y | 1  | Olive <input type="checkbox"/> No. 52, dues .....                          | 6 00   |
|       | 1  | Franklin <input type="checkbox"/> No. 57, dues .....                       | 109 00 |
|       | 2  | Liberty <input type="checkbox"/> No. 123, “ .....                          | 55 00  |
|       | 2  | Mount Moriah <input type="checkbox"/> No. 59, dues .....                   | 291 00 |
|       | 2  | Columbia <input type="checkbox"/> No. 164, register and name .....         | 5 50   |
|       | 2  | “ “ “ dues .....                                                           | 55 00  |
|       | 2  | Saline <input type="checkbox"/> U. D., dues .....                          | 15 00  |
|       | 2  | “ “ “ charter .....                                                        | 45 00  |
|       | 2  | Eureka <input type="checkbox"/> No. 177, dues .....                        | 19 00  |
|       | 3  | Grand <input type="checkbox"/> Hall, A. McCloskey, note rent .....         | 150 00 |
|       | 3  | Shiloh <input type="checkbox"/> No. 131, dues, old balance \$72 .....      | 155 00 |
|       | 3  | Cherry Ridge <input type="checkbox"/> No. 155, dues .....                  | 28 00  |
|       | 3  | Perfect Union <input type="checkbox"/> No. 1, dues .....                   | 65 00  |
|       | 3  | Register, account of P. U. <input type="checkbox"/> No. 1, one copy .....  | 5 00   |
|       | 3  | Orphan's Friend <input type="checkbox"/> No. 185, dues .....               | 64 00  |
|       | 3  | Magnolia <input type="checkbox"/> U. D., dues .....                        | 6 00   |
|       | 3  | “ “ “ charter fee .....                                                    | 45 00  |
|       | 3  | Excelsior <input type="checkbox"/> No. 166, dues .....                     | 122 00 |
|       | 4  | Jefferson <input type="checkbox"/> U. D., dues .....                       | 31 00  |
|       | 4  | Phoenix <input type="checkbox"/> No. 38, dues .....                        | 71 00  |
|       | 4  | Grand <input type="checkbox"/> Hall, C. T. Nash, note rent .....           | 175 00 |
|       | 4  | “ “ “ Orient <input type="checkbox"/> No. 173, rent .....                  | 185 00 |
|       | 4  | “ “ “ Polar Star, R. A. C., to Dec. 31, 1868 .....                         | 175 00 |
|       | 4  | Trinity <input type="checkbox"/> No. 105, on account dues .....            | 50 00  |
|       | 4  | Mount Olivet <input type="checkbox"/> U. D., dues .....                    | 12 00  |
|       | 4  | Mount Olivet <input type="checkbox"/> U. D., charter .....                 | 45 00  |
|       | 4  | Cloutierville <input type="checkbox"/> No. 103, dues 1867 and 1868 .....   | 47 00  |
|       | 5  | Polar Star Hall, Concorde <input type="checkbox"/> No. 3, rent .....       | 50 00  |
|       | 5  | Grand <input type="checkbox"/> Hall, Hy. Hamburger, February, rent .....   | 50 00  |
|       | 5  | Masonic Temple, A. McConnell, rent .....                                   | 100 00 |
|       | 5  | Grand <input type="checkbox"/> Hall, Dr. Rogers, ball room .....           | 40 00  |
|       | 5  | Bartholomew <input type="checkbox"/> No. 112, dues .....                   | 49 00  |
|       | 5  | Mount Gerizim <input type="checkbox"/> No. 54, dues .....                  | 85 00  |
|       | 5  | U. Fraternal <input type="checkbox"/> No. 53, dues .....                   | 41 00  |
|       | 5  | Sam Todd <input type="checkbox"/> No. 182, dues .....                      | 62 05  |

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| Feb'y | 5  | To Sparta <input type="checkbox"/> No. 108, dues.....                                               | 83 00  |
|       | 6  | Haynesville <input type="checkbox"/> No. 169, dues.....                                             | 91 00  |
|       | 6  | Corinthian <input type="checkbox"/> U. D., additional dues.....                                     | 3 00   |
|       | 6  | “ “ “ charterfee.....                                                                               | 45 00  |
|       | 6  | Grand <input type="checkbox"/> Hall, Perseverance Fire Co. No. 13, ball<br>room.....                | 50 00  |
|       | 7  | Alpha Home <input type="checkbox"/> No. 72, dues.....                                               | 35 00  |
|       | 7  | Red Land <input type="checkbox"/> No. 148, dues 1867 and 1868.....                                  | 97 00  |
|       | 7  | Abbeville <input type="checkbox"/> U. D., charter.....                                              | 45 00  |
|       | 7  | Cypress <input type="checkbox"/> No. 89, old balance dues \$5, do. \$70.....                        | 75 00  |
|       | 8  | Shiloh <input type="checkbox"/> No. 131, balance dues \$1.....                                      | 1 00   |
|       | 8  | Cherry Ridge <input type="checkbox"/> No. 155, dues.....                                            | 1 00   |
|       | 8  | Kellertown <input type="checkbox"/> No. 124, dues 1867 and 1868.....                                | 108 00 |
|       | 8  | Silent Brotherhood <input type="checkbox"/> No. 146, dues.....                                      | 43 00  |
|       | 8  | Louisiana <input type="checkbox"/> No. 102, dues.....                                               | 162 00 |
|       | 8  | DeWitt Clinton <input type="checkbox"/> No. 80, dues.....                                           | 24 00  |
|       | 8  | Kisatchie <input type="checkbox"/> No. 156, dues.....                                               | 20 00  |
|       | 8  | Kisatchie Union <input type="checkbox"/> No. 186, dues.....                                         | 21 00  |
|       | 8  | Bellevue <input type="checkbox"/> No. 95, dues.....                                                 | 34 00  |
|       | 8  | Shreveport <input type="checkbox"/> No. 115, balance dues.....                                      | 6 00   |
|       | 8  | Jackson <input type="checkbox"/> No. 45, dues.....                                                  | 13 00  |
|       | 8  | Pearl River <input type="checkbox"/> No. 125, dues.....                                             | 48 00  |
|       | 8  | Franklington <input type="checkbox"/> No. 101, dues.....                                            | 65 00  |
|       | 8  | Darlington <input type="checkbox"/> No. 149, dues.....                                              | 38 00  |
|       | 8  | St. Albans <input type="checkbox"/> No. 28, dues.....                                               | 48 00  |
|       | 8  | Lafayette <input type="checkbox"/> No. 87, dues.....                                                | 37 00  |
|       | 8  | Houma <input type="checkbox"/> No. 139, dues.....                                                   | 46 00  |
|       | 8  | Foyer Maçonnique <input type="checkbox"/> No. 44, dues.....                                         | 93 00  |
|       | 8  | Harrisonburg <input type="checkbox"/> No. 110, balance dues.....                                    | 22 00  |
|       | 9  | St. James <input type="checkbox"/> No. 47, balance dues.....                                        | 19 00  |
|       | 9  | Montgomery <input type="checkbox"/> No. 168, dues.....                                              | 36 00  |
|       | 9  | Providence <input type="checkbox"/> No. 50, balance dues.....                                       | 1 00   |
|       | 9  | Rapides <input type="checkbox"/> No. 158, dues.....                                                 | 47 00  |
|       | 9  | Anacoco, <input type="checkbox"/> No. 147, dues.....                                                | 40 00  |
|       | 9  | Livingston <input type="checkbox"/> No. 160, dues.....                                              | 43 00  |
|       | 9  | Morganza <input type="checkbox"/> No. 159, dues.....                                                | 75 00  |
|       | 9  | Thibodaux Benevolent <input type="checkbox"/> No. 90, balance dues.....                             | 1 00   |
|       | 9  | Milford <input type="checkbox"/> No. 117, dues.....                                                 | 34 00  |
|       | 9  | Spring Creek <input type="checkbox"/> No. 184, dues.....                                            | 26 00  |
|       | 10 | Masonic Cemetery, Friends of Harmony <input type="checkbox"/> No. 58,<br>interment certificate..... | 3 00   |
|       | 10 | Many <input type="checkbox"/> No. 88, dues.....                                                     | 33 00  |
|       | 10 | Covington <input type="checkbox"/> No. 188, dues.....                                               | 24 00  |
|       | 10 | Aurora <input type="checkbox"/> U. D., dues.....                                                    | 18 00  |
|       | 10 | Thomas Jefferson <input type="checkbox"/> No. 113, dues.....                                        | 42 00  |
|       | 10 | Evergreen <input type="checkbox"/> No. 189, dues.....                                               | 40 00  |
|       | 10 | Napoleon <input type="checkbox"/> No. 94, dues.....                                                 | 42 00  |
|       | 10 | Jefferson <input type="checkbox"/> U. D., charter.....                                              | 45 00  |
|       | 11 | Trenton <input type="checkbox"/> U. D., “.....                                                      | 45 00  |

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| Feb'y | 11 | To Trenton □, U. D., dues.....                                                                          | 3 00   |
|       | 11 | Orient □ No. 173, amount paid S. M. Todd, P. G. S.,<br>for amount paid by □ on February<br>4, 1866..... | 61 00  |
|       | 11 | Burnsville □ No. 162, dues.....                                                                         | 54 00  |
|       | 11 | Trinity □ No. 105, balance dues.....                                                                    | 1 00   |
|       | 11 | Gordy □ No. 133, dues.....                                                                              | 28 00  |
|       | 12 | Aurora □ U. D., charter.....                                                                            | 45 00  |
|       | 12 | Providence □ No. 50, balance dues.....                                                                  | 12 00  |
|       | 12 | Napoleon □ No. 94, " " 1867.....                                                                        | 5 00   |
|       | 12 | Lisbon □ No. 121, " ".....                                                                              | 32 00  |
|       | 12 | Monticello □ No. 92, dues.....                                                                          | 60 00  |
|       | 12 | Downsville □ No. 143 balance dues.....                                                                  | 7 00   |
|       | 12 | Lake Charles □ No. 165, dues.....                                                                       | 51 00  |
|       | 12 | " " " balance paid Jan 9. '68, omitted                                                                  | 1 00   |
|       | 13 | Haynesville □ No. 169, dues 1867.....                                                                   | 18 00  |
|       | 13 | Lafayette □ No. 56, dues.....                                                                           | 47 30  |
|       | 13 | Haynesville □ No. 169, 1 register and name.....                                                         | 5 50   |
|       | 14 | Grand □ Hall, Alpha Home □ No. 72, ball room....                                                        | 100 00 |
|       | 15 | Masonic Cemetery, J. A. Lippe, rent.....                                                                | 10 00  |
|       | 15 | Olive □ No. 52, dues.....                                                                               | 89 00  |
|       | 16 | Grand □ Hall, P. Clissey, supper room, rent.....                                                        | 30 00  |
|       | 16 | Masonic Cemetery, N. O. Boat Ben. Ass., for 6 lots..                                                    | 300 00 |
|       | 22 | Morganza □ No. 159, for dispensation.....                                                               | 45 00  |
|       | 23 | Pleasant Hill □ No. 86, dues.....                                                                       | 32 00  |
|       | 26 | Spring Hill □ No. 127, on account dues.....                                                             | 27 00  |
| March | 2  | Harrisonburg □ No. 110, charter case credited to ex-<br>pense account.....                              | 50     |
|       | 3  | Masonic Cemetery, J. N. Lippe, rent.....                                                                | 10 00  |
|       | 3  | Grand □ Hall, H. McCloskey, note rent.....                                                              | 150 00 |
|       | 4  | " " " Annual donation of G. R. A. C.....                                                                | 50 00  |
|       | 5  | " " " H. Hamburger, rent.....                                                                           | 50 00  |
|       | 5  | " " " C. T. Nash, note rent.....                                                                        | 175 00 |
|       | 5  | Masonic Temple, A. McConnel, rent.....                                                                  | 100 00 |
|       | 8  | Polar Star □ No. 1, dues.....                                                                           | 69 00  |
|       | 12 | Polar Star Hall, Ocean □ No. 144, rent 1st Jan. 1869                                                    | 195 00 |
|       | 15 | Rapides □ No. 158, balance dues paid 1868, but<br>omitted to be credited.....                           | 10 00  |
|       | 15 | Expense acc't, Trenton □ No. 195, for tin charter case                                                  | 50     |
|       | 16 | Grand □ Hall, P. Clissey, rent.....                                                                     | 30 00  |
|       | 17 | " " " Friends of Harmony □ No. 58 rent ..                                                               | 112 00 |
|       | 17 | Masonic Cemetery Friends of Harmony □ No. 58, for<br>certificate.....                                   | 3 00   |
|       | 18 | Expense account, Saline □ No. 196, tin charter case..                                                   | 50     |
|       | 19 | Grand □ Hall, Jacq. de Mol. Com. No. 2, rent.....                                                       | 150 00 |
|       | 19 | Sabine □ No. 75, dues.....                                                                              | 30 00  |
|       | 19 | St. Andrew's □ No. 5, dues.....                                                                         | 33 00  |
|       | 22 | Masonic Cemetery, Dudley □ No. 66, for vault \$65,<br>int. fee \$3.....                                 | 68 00  |

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| March | 27 | —To Flat Lick <input type="checkbox"/> No. 187, dues.....                                              | 24 00   |
|       | 27 | Homer <input type="checkbox"/> No. 152, account dues.....                                              | 38 00   |
|       | 30 | Grand <input type="checkbox"/> Hall, Hiram <input type="checkbox"/> No. 70, rent.....                  | 180 75  |
|       | 31 | “ “ “ Alpha Home <input type="checkbox"/> No. 72, rent to April,<br>1869.....                          | 235 00  |
| April | 2  | “ “ “ Loan and Pledge Ass. rent note.....                                                              | 175 00  |
|       | 4  | “ “ “ H. McCloskey, “ “.....                                                                           | 150 00  |
|       | 5  | “ “ “ H. Hamburger, rent.....                                                                          | 50 00   |
|       | 5  | Masonic Temple, A. McConnell, rent.....                                                                | 100 00  |
|       | 6  | Orleans No. 78, on account Cemetery lots.....                                                          | 62 21   |
|       | 6  | Capital account, cert. of good standing, J. N. Keys, of<br>Crescent <input type="checkbox"/> U. D..... | 4 00    |
|       | 7  | Register account, Mount Olivet, 1 register and name                                                    | 5 50    |
|       | 7  | Bonds Gr. <input type="checkbox"/> , Crescent Mutual Ins. Co., Nos. 1, 2,<br>3, 4 and 5.....           | 5000 00 |
|       | 7  | “ “ “ N. O. Savings Inst. No. 6, 7 and 8.....                                                          | 3000 00 |
|       | 7  | “ “ “ Sun Mutual Ins. Co. No. 10, 11 and 12.....                                                       | 3000 00 |
|       | 7  | “ “ “ W. S. Pike, No. 13.....                                                                          | 1000 00 |
|       | 7  | “ “ “ Quitman <input type="checkbox"/> No. 76, No. 14.....                                             | 1000 00 |
|       | 7  | “ “ “ Jas. A. Douglas, No. 15.....                                                                     | 1000 00 |
|       | 7  | “ “ “ Merchants' Mut. Ins. Co., No. 16, 17,<br>18, 19, 20.....                                         | 5000 00 |
|       | 7  | “ “ “ Factors' and Traders' Ins. Co., No. 21,<br>22, 23, 24, 25.....                                   | 5000 00 |
|       | 7  | “ “ “ Home Mutual Ins. Co., No. 26, 27, 28,<br>29, 30.....                                             | 5000 00 |
|       | 7  | “ “ “ Atlantic Mut. Ins. Co., No. 37, 38, 80.....                                                      | 2500 00 |
|       | 7  | “ “ “ La. Mut. Ins. Co., No. 39, 40, 41,<br>42, 43.....                                                | 5000 00 |
|       | 7  | “ “ “ La. M. M. Rel. Ass., No. 51.....                                                                 | 500 00  |
|       | 7  | “ “ “ John G. Gaines, No. 52.....                                                                      | 500 00  |
|       | 7  | “ “ “ Em. Blessey, No. 53.....                                                                         | 500 00  |
|       | 7  | “ “ “ Jos. Santini, No. 54, 55.....                                                                    | 1000 00 |
|       | 7  | “ “ “ Jas. B. Scot, No. 56.....                                                                        | 500 00  |
|       | 7  | “ “ “ L. T. Murdock, No. 57.....                                                                       | 500 00  |
|       | 7  | “ “ “ Ed. Barnett, No. 59.....                                                                         | 500 00  |
|       | 7  | “ “ “ Pelican Mut. Ins. Co., No. 60.....                                                               | 500 00  |
|       | 7  | “ “ “ W. M. Perkins, No. 61, 62.....                                                                   | 1000 00 |
|       | 7  | “ “ “ Samuel Jamison, No. 73.....                                                                      | 500 00  |
|       | 7  | “ “ “ E. A. Tyler, No. 75.....                                                                         | 500 00  |
|       | 7  | “ “ “ John G. Fleming, No. 76.....                                                                     | 500 00  |
|       | 7  | “ “ “ Amos Kent No. 77.....                                                                            | 500 00  |
|       | 7  | “ “ “ J. Q. A. Fellows, No. 81.....                                                                    | 500 00  |
|       | 8  | “ “ “ W. E. Fitzgerald, No. 44, No. 70,..                                                              | 1500 00 |
|       | 10 | Masonic Cemetery, J. A. Leppi, rent, March.....                                                        | 10 00   |
|       | 12 | Bonds Gr. <input type="checkbox"/> , R. L. Bruce, No. 68, 69.....                                      | 1000 00 |
|       | 12 | “ “ “ La. C. R. and S. M., No. 2, No. 78...                                                            | 500 00  |
|       | 12 | “ “ “ Orleans R. A. C., No. 1, No. 31, 32, 33,<br>34, 35, 36.....                                      | 6000 00 |

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| April | 12—To Bonds Gr. <input type="checkbox"/> | Geo. Washington <input type="checkbox"/> No. 65, No. 45, 46                                                                                                                                          | 2000 00 |
|       | 12                                       | " " Delta R. A. C. No. 15; No. 48, 49, 74                                                                                                                                                            | 2500 00 |
|       | 12                                       | " " Jas. A. Douglas, No. 9, 50                                                                                                                                                                       | 2000 00 |
|       | 12                                       | " " Mrs. Teresa Gurtler, No. 47                                                                                                                                                                      | 1000 00 |
|       | 12                                       | Providence <input type="checkbox"/> No. 50, register and name                                                                                                                                        | 5 50    |
|       | 12                                       | Montgomery <input type="checkbox"/> No. 168, balance of dues 1867 paid February 12, but omitted                                                                                                      | 13 00   |
|       | 13                                       | Bonds Grand <input type="checkbox"/> Marion <input type="checkbox"/> No. 68, Nos. 63, 64, 65, 66, 67                                                                                                 | 2500 00 |
|       | 13                                       | " " " Jacq. de Molay Com. No. 2, No. 58                                                                                                                                                              | 500 00  |
|       | 13                                       | Athens <input type="checkbox"/> No. 136, on account dues                                                                                                                                             | 35 00   |
|       | 13                                       | Jackson <input type="checkbox"/> No. 45, dues paid by J. C. Batchelor, M. D., dated February 12                                                                                                      | 1 00    |
|       | 13                                       | Monticello <input type="checkbox"/> No. 92, dues paid by J. C. Batchelor, M. D., dated February 12                                                                                                   | 1 00    |
|       | 13                                       | Tulip <input type="checkbox"/> No. 178, dues paid by J. C. Batchelor, M. D., dated February 12                                                                                                       | 1 00    |
|       | 13                                       | Masonic Cemetery, Marion <input type="checkbox"/> No. 68, on lots                                                                                                                                    | 300 00  |
|       | 14                                       | Bonds Grand <input type="checkbox"/> La. M. M. R. Ass., Nos. 93, 94, 95, 96                                                                                                                          | 2000 00 |
|       | 14                                       | Masonic Temple, interest paid back by La. M. M. R. Ass. on 4 notes of Grand <input type="checkbox"/> which had been paid on exchange for bonds, reducing the date to 15th March, 1869, date of bonds | 48 32   |
|       | 15                                       | Bonds Grand <input type="checkbox"/> Excelsior <input type="checkbox"/> No. 166, No. 71                                                                                                              | 500 00  |
|       | 15                                       | " " Jos. Santini, Nos. 85, 86, 87, 88                                                                                                                                                                | 2000 00 |
|       | 16                                       | Grand <input type="checkbox"/> Hall, P. Clissey, supper room, rent                                                                                                                                   | 30 00   |
|       | 20                                       | Bonds Grand <input type="checkbox"/> Orleans <input type="checkbox"/> No. 78, No. 72                                                                                                                 | 500 00  |
|       | 20                                       | Orleans <input type="checkbox"/> No. 78, on lots in Cemetery                                                                                                                                         | 200 00  |
|       | 27                                       | Mount Olivet <input type="checkbox"/> No. 194, amount received from Orphans Friend <input type="checkbox"/> No. 185, that had been deposited therein for its dispensation                            | 45 00   |
|       | 28                                       | Bonds Grand <input type="checkbox"/> E. A. Tyler, No. 79                                                                                                                                             | 500 00  |
|       | 29                                       | " " " S. M. Todd, Nos. 89, 90                                                                                                                                                                        | 1000 00 |
| May   | 1                                        | Grand <input type="checkbox"/> Hall, Loan and Pledge Ass., rent note                                                                                                                                 | 175 00  |
|       | 1                                        | " " " H. McCloskey " " "                                                                                                                                                                             | 150 00  |
|       | 4                                        | Bonds Grand <input type="checkbox"/> Hermitage <input type="checkbox"/> No. 98, No. 82                                                                                                               | 500 00  |
|       | 4                                        | Masonic Temple, A. McConnell, rent                                                                                                                                                                   | 100 00  |
|       | 7                                        | " Cemetery, J. N. Lippe, rent for April                                                                                                                                                              | 10 00   |
|       | 7                                        | Grand <input type="checkbox"/> Hall, Excelsior <input type="checkbox"/> No. 166, account of rent                                                                                                     | 50 00   |
|       | 7                                        | " " " H. Hamburger, rent                                                                                                                                                                             | 50 00   |
|       | 26                                       | Bonds Grand <input type="checkbox"/> Linn Wood <input type="checkbox"/> No. 167, Nos. 97, 98                                                                                                         | 1000 00 |
|       | 28                                       | Grand <input type="checkbox"/> Hall, Alpha Home <input type="checkbox"/> No. 72, rent to January 1, 1870                                                                                             | 135 00  |
|       | 29                                       | Perkins <input type="checkbox"/> No. 150, account of dues                                                                                                                                            | 30 00   |
|       | 29                                       | Expense account, Abbeville <input type="checkbox"/> No. 122, for charter case                                                                                                                        | 50      |



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| June | 2—To | Grand □ Hall, N. O. Loan and Pledge Ass, rent note                                                                                        | 175 00  |
|      | 3    | “ “ “ H. McCloskey “ “                                                                                                                    | 150 00  |
|      | 3    | Masonic Cemetery, J. N. Lippe, rent.....                                                                                                  | 10 00   |
|      | 3    | Diploma account, for 40 diplomas issued to date....                                                                                       | 100 00  |
|      | 7    | Masonic Temple, A. McConnell, rent.....                                                                                                   | 100 00  |
|      | 9    | Masonic Cemetery, certificate to N. O. B. B. Ass....                                                                                      | 3 00    |
|      | 9    | Grand □ Hall, H. Hamburger, rent.....                                                                                                     | 50 00   |
|      | 10   | Masonic Cemetery, certificate Mount Moriah □ No. 59                                                                                       | 3 00    |
|      | 16   | “ “ Geo. Benson, 2 lots, 29, 31, square 5                                                                                                 | 120 00  |
|      | 18   | Grand □ Hall, Hiram □ No. 70, rent.....                                                                                                   | 90 00   |
|      | 21   | Holly Springs □ U. D., for dispensation.....                                                                                              | 45 00   |
|      | 22   | Oak Grove □ U. D., “ “                                                                                                                    | 45 00   |
|      | 22   | Capital account, for Gross Tete □ No. 157, extinct; 1 Bible sold.....                                                                     | 8 00    |
|      | 24   | Masonic Cemetery cert. to Alpha Home □ No. 72, on February 8, 1869.....                                                                   | 3 00    |
|      | 26   | St. Albans □ No. 38, cash received from Bro. Abe Meyers.....                                                                              | 3 00    |
|      | 26   | Grand □ Hall, Friends of Harmony □ No. 58, rent.                                                                                          | 90 00   |
|      | 26   | Arcadia □ No. 126, dues.....                                                                                                              | 46 00   |
| July | 1    | Bonds Grand □, Mound City Life Ins. Co., Nos. 89, 90, 91, 92 omitted in May.....                                                          | 2000 00 |
|      | 1    | Grand □ Hall, George Washington □ No. 65, rent..                                                                                          | 90 00   |
|      | 3    | “ “ “ H. McCloskey, note, rent.....                                                                                                       | 150 00  |
|      | 3    | “ “ “ N. O. Loan and Pledge Ass. note, rent                                                                                               | 175 00  |
|      | 5    | Assumption □ U. D., for dispensation.....                                                                                                 | 45 00   |
|      | 5    | Masonic Cemetery, J. N. Lippe, rent.....                                                                                                  | 10 00   |
|      | 6    | Grand □ Hall, Perfect Harmony □ No. 176, rent to July                                                                                     | 30 00   |
|      | 6    | Masonic Temple, A. McConnell, rent.....                                                                                                   | 100 00  |
|      | 6    | Grand □ Hall, Orleans □ No. 78, rent to July.....                                                                                         | 90 00   |
|      | 6    | “ “ “ Orleans R. A. C. No. 1, rent to July..                                                                                              | 100 00  |
|      | 6    | “ “ “ La. C. R. and S. M. No. 2, rent to July                                                                                             | 75 00   |
|      | 8    | Expense account, N. O. Mut. Ins. Co. Scrip, interest on \$170 for 1866, 67 and 68.....                                                    | 30 60   |
|      | 8    | “ “ Sun Mutual Ins. Co. 50 per cent. redemption of 1858, and 25 per cent. on balance of 1858; \$37 50 interest on \$160, three years..... | 62 70   |
|      | 8    | “ “ Merchants' Mut. Ins. Co. redeemed Scrip 1859, \$10; 1860, \$10; interest on \$100, three years, \$21 52....                           | 41 52   |
|      | 8    | “ “ La. Mut. Ins. Co. 30 per cent. on Scrip of 1861, \$9; interest on \$90, three years, \$16 20.....                                     | 25 20   |
|      | 8    | “ “ Cres. Mut. Ins. Co. interest on \$60, 1866, 1867, 1868 and 1869.....                                                                  | 13 20   |
|      | 8    | Mallet Wood's □, U. D. for dispensation, issued 14th instant.....                                                                         | 45 00   |

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| July    | 14—To | Grand □ Hall, S. R. Walker, Grand Com. Room day                                             | 5 00   |
|         | 16    | Register account, Saline □ No. 195, one register and name.....                              | 5 50   |
|         | 19    | Capital account, Solomon □ No. 130, cert. of good standing to S. Goodrich.....              | 4 00   |
|         | 29    | Brookville □ No. 161, dues on account.....                                                  | 2 00   |
| August  | 3     | Grand □ Hall, H. McCloskey, note rent.....                                                  | 150 00 |
|         | 3     | Masonic Cemetery, Mount Moriah □ No. 59, cert.....                                          | 21 00  |
|         | 4     | Grand □ Hall, N. O. Loan and Pledge Ass., rent....                                          | 175 00 |
|         | 6     | Masonic Cemetery, J. N. Lippe, rent.....                                                    | 10 00  |
|         | 7     | “ Temple, A. McConnel, rent.....                                                            | 100 00 |
|         | 9     | Capital account, J. T. Hopkins, Old Pleasant Hill □ No. 86, for cert. of good standing..... | 15 00  |
|         | 10    | Masonic Cemetery, Orleans □ No. 78, cert. No. 15..                                          | 3 00   |
|         | 25    | Grand □ Hall, Jacq. de Molay, Com. No. 2, balance on order; No. 88 for rent.....            | 266 00 |
|         | 30    | “ “ “ H. Hamburger, rent, July.....                                                         | 50 00  |
| Sept.   | 1     | Masonic Cemetery, J. N. Lippe, rent.....                                                    | 10 00  |
|         | 4     | Grand □ Hall, H. McCloskey, rent note.....                                                  | 150 00 |
|         | 6     | Masonic Cemetery, Dudley □ No. 66, vault No. 23, \$65; certificates No. 12 and 16, \$6..... | 71 00  |
|         | 7     | Grand □ Hall, Dudley □ No. 66, rent to July, 1869                                           | 90 00  |
|         | 7     | “ “ “ N. O. Loan and Pledge Co., note, rent                                                 | 175 00 |
|         | 8     | “ “ “ Masonic Temple, A. McConnell, rent                                                    | 100 00 |
|         | 9     | Polar Star Hall, Ocean □ No. 144, rent to July, 1869                                        | 90 00  |
|         | 11    | Grand □ Hall, Louisiana □ No. 102, rent.....                                                | 205 25 |
|         | 15    | Brooklin □ U. D., for dispensation.....                                                     | 45 00  |
|         | 18    | Masonic Cemetery, St. Johns □ No. 153, for vault No. 13, \$85; certificate, \$3.....        | 88 00  |
|         | 23    | Grand □ Hall, Jacq. de Molay Com. No. 2, rent....                                           | 20 00  |
|         | 24    | Polar Star Hall, Dante □ No. 147, rent to July, 1869                                        | 90 00  |
|         | 31    | Grand □ Hall, Rev. Mr. Shehan, on account of ball room.....                                 | 50 00  |
|         | 31    | “ “ “ Fire Co. No. 24, on account ball room                                                 | 50 00  |
| October | 1     | “ “ “ Marion □ No. 68, 9 months rent.....                                                   | 135 00 |
|         | 4     | “ “ “ McCloskey, rent note.....                                                             | 150 00 |
|         | 5     | Masonic Cemetery, J. N. Lippe, rent.....                                                    | 10 00  |
|         | 5     | Masonic Temple, A. McConnel, rent.....                                                      | 100 00 |
|         | 6     | Grand □ Hall, N. O. L. and P. Ass., note rent.....                                          | 175 00 |
|         | 8     | “ “ “ Excelsior □ No. 166, on account of rent, old order.....                               | 51 50  |
|         | 8     | Register account, Concorde □ No. 3, 1 register and name.....                                | 5 50   |
|         | 14    | Masonic Cemetery, J. C. Smith, vault No. 5.....                                             | 85 00  |
|         | 15    | “ “ “ certificate of burial No. 18.....                                                     | 3 00   |
|         | 16    | Grand □ Hall, Sisters of Holy Cross, on account of ball room.....                           | 50 00  |

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| Oct. | 18—To | Bonds Grand □, E. Blessey, Nos. 99 and 100, each                                              | 1000 00 |
|      | 18    | G. □ Hall, P. S. R. A. C. No. 21, rent to July 1, 1870                                        | 225 00  |
|      | 18    | “ “ “ Henry Hamburger, rent for August                                                        | 50 00   |
|      | 19    | Register account, Sam Todd □ No. 182, for register                                            | 5 00    |
|      | 20    | Polar Star Hall, Silencio □ No. 9, rent to July                                               | 90 00   |
|      | 25    | “ “ L. Martini, for ball                                                                      | 25 00   |
| Nov  | 4     | Grand □ Hall, N. O. Loan and Pledge Ass., rent note                                           | 175 00  |
|      | 4     | “ “ “ H. McCloskey “                                                                          | 150 00  |
|      | 5     | “ “ “ H. Hamburger, September rent                                                            | 50 00   |
|      | 5     | “ “ “ United Brethren, on account of B. R.                                                    | 50 00   |
|      | 5     | Masonic Temple, A. McConnell, rent                                                            | 100 00  |
|      | 8     | Darlington □ No. 149, 1 register and name                                                     | 5 00    |
|      | 9     | Masonic Cemetery, Mt. Moriah □ No. 59, cert. No. 19                                           | 3 00    |
|      | 11    | “ “ “ Mrs. M. Baker, cert. No. 20                                                             | 3 00    |
|      | 11    | “ “ “ “ for vault No. 4                                                                       | 60 00   |
|      | 12    | “ “ “ Mrs. Louisa McKenzie, vault No. 1                                                       | 85 00   |
|      | 12    | “ “ “ “ certificate No. 21                                                                    | 3 00    |
|      | 15    | Grand □ Hall, Rev. Mr. Shehan, on account ball room                                           | 100 00  |
|      | 15    | “ “ “ “ “                                                                                     | 50 00   |
|      | 16    | “ “ “ “ “                                                                                     | 50 00   |
|      | 17    | “ “ “ “ “                                                                                     | 50 00   |
|      | 18    | “ “ “ “ “                                                                                     | 50 00   |
|      | 18    | Masonic Cemetery, J. N. Lippe, rent                                                           | 10 00   |
|      | 20    | Grand □ Hall, Crescent Fire Co. No. 24, on account ball room                                  | 50 00   |
|      | 26    | Masonic Temple, amount returned by State Tax Collector                                        | 1 00    |
|      | 30    | Grand □ Hall, Orleans □ No. 78, ball room                                                     | 75 00   |
| Dec. | 2     | Masonic Cemetery, burial cert. No. 22                                                         | 3 00    |
|      | 2     | Grand □ Hall, Henry Hamburger, on account rent                                                | 35 00   |
|      | 4     | “ “ “ A. McCloskey, note rent                                                                 | 150 00  |
|      | 4     | Franklin □ No. 57, received from J. McFarland                                                 | 18 00   |
|      | 4     | Masonic Cemetery, J. A. Lippe, rent                                                           | 10 00   |
|      | 6     | Grand □ Hall, N. O. L. and Pledge Ass., note, rent                                            | 250 00  |
|      | 6     | Masonic Temple, A. McConnell, rent                                                            | 100 00  |
|      | 6     | Polar Star Hall, Minerva Society Meeting                                                      | 5 00    |
|      | 7     | Grand □ Hall, Minerva Social Club, ball room                                                  | 50 00   |
|      | 7     | “ “ “ “ United Brethren, “                                                                    | 50 00   |
|      | 7     | “ “ “ “ H. Hamburger, rent                                                                    | 20 00   |
|      | 9     | Cool Spring □ No. 140, dues on account                                                        | 126 50  |
|      | 11    | Grand □ Hall, Excelsior □ No. 166, order 18 August, rent                                      | 90 00   |
|      | 11    | Capital account, N. H. Griffin, of late Murray □ No. 137, for cert. of good standing          | 5 00    |
|      | 17    | Castor □ No. 109, dues 1869                                                                   | 27 00   |
|      | 18    | Polar Star Hall, Concorde □ No. 3, rent                                                       | 140 00  |
|      | 21    | Capital account, David McHugh, of late Gross Tete □ No. 157, for certificate of good standing | 37 50   |

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| Dec. | 23 | To Capital account, Gross Tete <input type="checkbox"/> No. 157, extinct; amo't from sale of furniture per H. Sigler               | 35 15              |
|      | 28 | Grand <input type="checkbox"/> Hall, United B. B. Ass., ball room.....                                                             | 125 00             |
|      | 29 | Masonic Cemetery, Orleans <input type="checkbox"/> No. 78, cert. of burial No. 24.....                                             | 3 00               |
|      | 29 | Grand <input type="checkbox"/> Hall, Friends of Harmony <input type="checkbox"/> No. 58, rent                                      | 90 00              |
|      | 30 | Capital account, C. T. Sewell of late Mount Moriah <input type="checkbox"/> No. 77, extinct; for certificate of good standing..... | 5 00               |
|      | 31 | Diploma account, for 17 diplomas issued.....                                                                                       | 42 50              |
|      | 31 | City of N. O. Bonds, amount coupons collected....                                                                                  | 105 00             |
|      |    |                                                                                                                                    | <u>\$99,222 70</u> |

| 1869  |    | GRAND SECRETARY.                        | Cr.                |
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| Jan.  | 12 | By Samuel M. Todd, Grand Treasurer..... | \$ 2344 66         |
|       | 25 | “ “ .....                               | 2376 50            |
| Feb.  | 1  | “ “ .....                               | 1642 00            |
|       | 1  | “ “ .....                               | 606 84             |
| March | 3  | H. R. Swasey, “ .....                   | 6048 69            |
|       | 30 | “ “ .....                               | 1879 25            |
| April | 7  | “ “ .....                               | 44,000 00          |
|       | 14 | “ “ .....                               | 22,492 00          |
| May   | 6  | “ “ .....                               | 7818 92            |
| June  | 29 | “ “ .....                               | 1387 08            |
| July  | 31 | “ “ .....                               | 2208 45            |
| Aug.  | 31 | “ “ .....                               | 927 97             |
| Oct.  | 14 | “ “ .....                               | 1129 79            |
|       | 18 | “ “ .....                               | 1000 00            |
| Nov.  | 13 | “ “ .....                               | 1790 50            |
| Dec.  | 7  | “ “ .....                               | 982 50             |
|       | 20 | “ “ .....                               | 300 00             |
|       | 31 | “ “ .....                               | 106 00             |
|       | 31 | “ “ .....                               | 179 95             |
|       |    |                                         | <u>\$99,222 70</u> |

## TRIAL BALANCE

from the Books of the Grand Lodge for the year ending December 31st, 1869.

| FOLS. | ACCOUNTS.                            | DR.                 | FOLS. | ACCOUNTS.                                                                                                            | CR.                 |
|-------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 2     | Perfect Union No. 1.....             | \$ 50               | 3     | Polar Star No. 1.....                                                                                                | 22 00               |
| 18    | Olive No. 52.....                    | 90 00               | 8     | Humble Cottage No. 19.....                                                                                           | 2 00                |
| 22    | Lafayette No. 56.....                | 18 70               | 9     | St. Albans No. 28.....                                                                                               | 3 00                |
| 25    | Mount Moriah No. 59.....             | 300 00              | 11    | Phoenix No. 38.....                                                                                                  | 54 00               |
| 31    | Hiram No. 70.....                    | 300 00              | 16    | Providence No. 50.....                                                                                               | 50                  |
| 37    | Orleans No. 78.....                  | 81 79               | 17    | Minden No. 51.....                                                                                                   | 1 00                |
| 199   | Pleasant Hill No. 86.....            | 35 00               | 21    | DeSoto No. 55.....                                                                                                   | 2 00                |
| 43    | Many No. 88.....                     | 192 00              | 23    | Franklin No. 57.....                                                                                                 | 18 00               |
| 55    | Franklinton No. 101.....             | 1 00                | 27    | Tunica No. 63.....                                                                                                   | 7 00                |
| 56    | Louisiana No. 102.....               | 298 00              | 30    | Marion No. 68.....                                                                                                   | 56 00               |
| 70    | Milford No. 117.....                 | 39 00               | 34    | Sabine No. 75.....                                                                                                   | 7 00                |
| 71    | Terryville No. 118.....              | 55 00               | 35    | Quitman No. 76.....                                                                                                  | 28 00               |
| 80    | Springfield No. 127.....             | 20 50               | 48    | Napoleon No. 94.....                                                                                                 | 2 00                |
| 82    | Dawson No. 129.....                  | 56 00               | 49    | Bellevue No. 95.....                                                                                                 | 24 49               |
| 85    | Warren No. 132.....                  | 33 00               | 58    | Mount Lebanon No. 104.....                                                                                           | 30 40               |
| 89    | Athens No. 136.....                  | 14 00               | 69    | Acacia No. 116.....                                                                                                  | 6 00                |
| 200   | Jeffersonian No. 138.....            | 25 00               | 74    | Lisbon No. 121.....                                                                                                  | 4 97                |
| 93    | Cool Spring No. 140.....             | 7 50                | 76    | Liberty No. 123.....                                                                                                 | 12 00               |
| 110   | Perkins No. 150.....                 | 22 00               | 77    | Kellertown No. 124.....                                                                                              | 1 00                |
| 111   | Eastern Star No. 151.....            | 1 00                | 84    | Shiloh No. 131.....                                                                                                  | 1 00                |
| 112   | Homer No. 152.....                   | 210 00              | 88    | Plains No. 135.....                                                                                                  | 1 00                |
| 160   | Excelsior No. 166.....               | 300 00              | 92    | Houma No. 139.....                                                                                                   | 10 00               |
| 182   | Orient No. 173.....                  | 300 00              | 106   | Fillmore No. 154.....                                                                                                | 2 00                |
| 185   | Eureka No. 177.....                  | 18 00               | 113   | Morganza No. 159.....                                                                                                | 39 50               |
| 196   | Longwood No. 183.....                | 1 50                | 180   | Kosmos No. 171.....                                                                                                  | 1 00                |
| 221   | Trenton No. 195.....                 | 52 00               | 195   | Flat Lick No. 187.....                                                                                               | 24 00               |
| 150   | Expense Account.....                 | 2,697 22            | 197   | Sam. Todd No. 182.....                                                                                               | 1 05                |
| 152   | Interest.....                        | 858 01              | 121   | Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1.....                                                                                    | 1,452 00            |
| 189   | Polar Star Hall.....                 | 9,425 53            | 165   | Charter Account.....                                                                                                 | 310 00              |
| 208   | Grand Lodge Library.....             | 1,981 50            | 175   | Dispensation Account.....                                                                                            | 275 00              |
| 217   | Masonic Temple.....                  | 71,005 21           | 178   | Bills Payable.....                                                                                                   | 1,000 00            |
| 237   | Int. on Grand Lodge bonds acc't..... | 2,080 00            | 187   | Dues Account.....                                                                                                    | 8,507 00            |
| 239   | City of N. O. 7 per cent. Bonds..... | 2,879 20            | 201   | Capital Account.....                                                                                                 | 6,102 90            |
| 229   | Masonic Cemetery.....                | 6,707 35            | 206   | Diploma Account.....                                                                                                 | 142 50              |
|       |                                      |                     | 210   | Grand Lodge Register Account.....                                                                                    | 70 00               |
|       |                                      |                     | 215   | Grand Treasurer (H. R. Swasey).....                                                                                  | 634 76              |
|       |                                      |                     | 227   | Grand Lodge Hall.....                                                                                                | 5,424 94            |
|       |                                      |                     | 231   | Bonds Grand Lodge.....                                                                                               | 75,000 00           |
|       |                                      |                     | 238   | Grand Lodge Hall Charity Fund<br>apport'd and due certain ldg's<br>and not yet called for, for the<br>year 1869..... | 825 50              |
|       |                                      | <u>\$100,105 51</u> |       |                                                                                                                      | <u>\$100,105 51</u> |

*Amount due Lodges on Account of Charity Fund for the year 1869, not called for January 1st, 1870.*

|                                   |          |                                 |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|----------|
| Perfect Union No. 1.....          | \$ 10 75 | Amount brought forward.....     | \$495 75 |
| Persverance No. 4*.....           | 12 00    | Lisbon No. 121.....             | 14 50    |
| Friends of Harmony No. 58.....    | 22 75    | Mackey No. 122*.....            | 13 25    |
| Quitman No. 76.....               | 37 25    | Liberty No. 123.....            | 13 75    |
| Louisiana No. 102.....            | 32 25    | Kellertown No. 124.....         | 12 50    |
| St. John No. 153.....             | 17 50    | Pearl River No. 125*.....       | 11 25    |
| Western Star No. 24.....          | 18 50    | Gordy No. 133*.....             | 6 00     |
| Phoenix No. 38.....               | 14 75    | Houma No. 139*.....             | 11 25    |
| Jackson No. 45.....               | 11 50    | Downsville No. 143*.....        | 11 75    |
| St. James No. 47*.....            | 18 00    | Hope No. 145*.....              | 7 50     |
| Providence No. 50*.....           | 12 25    | Silent Brotherhood No. 146..... | 10 50    |
| Minden No. 51*.....               | 23 50    | Anacoco No. 147*.....           | 9 25     |
| Union Fraternal No. 53.....       | 8 75     | Red Land No. 148.....           | 10 25    |
| Mt. Gerizim No. 54.....           | 19 50    | Darlington No. 149.....         | 9 00     |
| DeSoto No. 55.....                | 24 00    | Eastern Star No. 151*.....      | 22 00    |
| Franklin No. 57.....              | 19 75    | Fillmore No. 154.....           | 10 50    |
| DeWitt Clinton No. 80.....        | 6 00     | Cherry Ridge No. 155.....       | 6 00     |
| Mt. Vernon No. 83*.....           | 3 75     | Kisatchie No. 156.....          | 4 50     |
| Oliver No. 84.....                | 12 75    | Rapides No. 158.....            | 8 75     |
| Lafayette No. 87.....             | 8 00     | Morganza No. 159*.....          | 8 50     |
| Cypress No. 89*.....              | 15 75    | Livingston No. 160.....         | 9 75     |
| Thibodaux Benevolent No. 90*..... | 10 00    | Burnsville No. 162.....         | 13 00    |
| Monticello No. 92.....            | 14 50    | Atchafalaya No. 163*.....       | 9 00     |
| Napoleon No. 94.....              | 7 25     | Columbia No. 164.....           | 9 25     |
| Cloutierville No. 103.....        | 5 00     | Lake Charles No. 165*.....      | 8 25     |
| Mt. Lebanon No. 104*.....         | 7 00     | Haynesville No. 169*.....       | 21 50    |
| Trinity No. 105.....              | 8 00     | Tulip No. 178*.....             | 8 75     |
| Vienna No. 106.....               | 14 75    | Caddo No. 179.....              | 19 50    |
| Sparta No. 108.....               | 19 50    | Little Flock No. 180.....       | 4 75     |
| Harrisonburg No. 110.....         | 9 50     | Sam. Todd No. 182*.....         | 11 50    |
| Urim No. 111*.....                | 10 50    | Spring Creek No. 184.....       | 5 00     |
| Bartholomew No. 112.....          | 11 25    | Orphans' Friend No. 185.....    | 14 25    |
| Thos. Jefferson No. 113*.....     | 10 25    | Kisatchie Union No. 186.....    | 4 50     |
| Acacia No. 116.....               | 9 00     | Flat Lick No. 187.....          | 5 00     |
| Deerfield No. 120.....            | 10 00    | Evergreen No. 189.....          | 7 25     |
| Carried forward.....              | \$495 75 | Total.....                      | \$848 00 |

\*Paid since.

### Supplementary Report.

*Receipts by Grand Secretary from 1st January, 1870, to 7th February, 1870.*

|           |                                                                            |          |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| January 1 | To Kosmus <input type="checkbox"/> No. 171, for dues of 1869.....          | \$ 65 00 |
| " 1       | Amite City <input type="checkbox"/> No. 175, for dues of 1869.....         | 53 00    |
| " 1       | Alpha Home <input type="checkbox"/> No. 72, for dues of 1860.....          | 107 00   |
| " 1       | " " " for rent.....                                                        | 8 75     |
| " 3       | Hugh McCloskey. rent note.....                                             | 150 00   |
| " 4       | Orient. <input type="checkbox"/> No. 173, rent (order).....                | 180 00   |
| " 4       | J. N. Lippe, rent.....                                                     | 10 00    |
| " 5       | Orient <input type="checkbox"/> No. 173, for dues of 1869.....             | 98 00    |
| " 5       | St. Johns <input type="checkbox"/> No. 53, for dues of 1869.....           | 109 00   |
| " 5       | Los Amigos del Orden <input type="checkbox"/> No. 5, for dues of 1869..... | 85 00    |
| " 5       | George Washington <input type="checkbox"/> No. 65, for dues of 1869.....   | 102 00   |
| " 5       | " " " for rent.....                                                        | 95 00    |
| " 5       | A. McConnell, for rent.....                                                | 100 00   |
| " 5       | Hy. Hamburger, ".....                                                      | 30 00    |
| " 6       | Montgomery <input type="checkbox"/> No. 168, for dues of 1869.....         | 68 00    |
| " 6       | " " " for Register.....                                                    | 5 50     |

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|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| January 5—To | Quitman <input type="checkbox"/> No. 76, for dues of 1869.....          | 175 00 |
| " 6          | Scrip and interest, collected.....                                      | 16 80  |
| " 6          | N. O. L. & P. Ass., rent.....                                           | 250 00 |
| " 7          | Ocean <input type="checkbox"/> No. 144, for rent.....                   | 90 00  |
| " 7          | " " for dues of 1869.....                                               | 104 00 |
| " 7          | Little Flock <input type="checkbox"/> No. 180, for dues of 1869.....    | 24 50  |
| " 7          | Marion <input type="checkbox"/> No. 68, rent (order).....               | 45 75  |
| " 8          | Silent Brotherhood <input type="checkbox"/> No. 146, rent.....          | 9 00   |
| " 8          | Excelsior <input type="checkbox"/> No. 166, rent.....                   | 95 00  |
| " 8          | Jacques de Molay Commandery No. 2, rent.....                            | 188 00 |
| " 8          | Jefferson <input type="checkbox"/> No. 191, dues of 1869.....           | 66 00  |
| " 10         | Dudley <input type="checkbox"/> No. 66, rent.....                       | 90 00  |
| " 10         | Orleans R. A. C. No. 1, rent.....                                       | 110 00 |
| " 10         | Perfect Harmony <input type="checkbox"/> No. 176, rent.....             | 90 00  |
| " 10         | " " " dues of 1869.....                                                 | 96 00  |
| " 11         | Providence <input type="checkbox"/> No. 50, dues for 1869.....          | 62 00  |
| " 11         | Abbeville <input type="checkbox"/> No. 192 ".....                       | 43 00  |
| " 11         | Humble Cottage <input type="checkbox"/> No. 19, ".....                  | 103 00 |
| " 12         | Foyer Maçonnique <input type="checkbox"/> No. 44, dues of 1869.....     | 113 00 |
| " 12         | Silencio <input type="checkbox"/> No. 9, rent.....                      | 90 00  |
| " 12         | Friends of Harmony <input type="checkbox"/> No. 58, dues of 1869.....   | 108 00 |
| " 12         | Thos M. McCullough, certificate of good standing...                     | 7 00   |
| " 12         | Mount Vernon <input type="checkbox"/> No. 83, dues of 1869.....         | 30 00  |
| " 13         | Lafayette <input type="checkbox"/> No. 56, ".....                       | 66 00  |
| " 14         | Lake Charles <input type="checkbox"/> No. 165 ".....                    | 39 00  |
| " 14         | Silencio <input type="checkbox"/> No. 9 ".....                          | 70 00  |
| " 15         | St. James <input type="checkbox"/> No. 47 ".....                        | 70 00  |
| " 15         | Tunica <input type="checkbox"/> No. 63 ".....                           | 12 00  |
| " 15         | Liberty <input type="checkbox"/> No. 123 ".....                         | 56 00  |
| " 17         | Brooklin <input type="checkbox"/> U. D. ".....                          | 10 00  |
| " 17         | Thos. Jefferson <input type="checkbox"/> No. 113 ".....                 | 66 00  |
| " 17         | Longwood <input type="checkbox"/> No. 183 ".....                        | 55 00  |
| " 17         | Brookville <input type="checkbox"/> No. 161 ".....                      | 50 00  |
| " 18         | Jeffersonian <input type="checkbox"/> No. 138 ".....                    | 52 00  |
| " 18         | Thibodaux Benevolent <input type="checkbox"/> No. 90, dues of 1869..... | 57 00  |
| " 19         | Western Star <input type="checkbox"/> No. 24, dues of 1869.....         | 73 00  |
| " 19         | Plains <input type="checkbox"/> No. 135 ".....                          | 47 00  |
| " 19         | Sabine <input type="checkbox"/> No. 75 ".....                           | 15 00  |
| " 19         | Jno. Croft, lots in cemetery.....                                       | 220 00 |
| " 19         | " " certificate.....                                                    | 3 00   |
| " 19         | Minden <input type="checkbox"/> No. 151, dues of 1869.....              | 106 00 |
| " 19         | Tulip <input type="checkbox"/> No. 178 ".....                           | 43 00  |
| " 19         | Athens <input type="checkbox"/> No. 136 ".....                          | 37 00  |
| " 21         | Houma <input type="checkbox"/> No. 139 ".....                           | 43 00  |
| " 21         | Saline <input type="checkbox"/> No. 196 ".....                          | 40 00  |
| " 21         | Sparta <input type="checkbox"/> No. 108 ".....                          | 73 00  |
| " 21         | St. Andrew <input type="checkbox"/> No. 5 ".....                        | 59 00  |
| " 21         | Evergreen <input type="checkbox"/> No. 189 ".....                       | 46 00  |

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| January 21—To | Corinthian □ No. 190, dues of 1869 .....         | 21 00  |
| " 22          | McEvoy, ball room .....                          | 200 00 |
| " 22          | Oliver □ No. 84, dues of 1869 .....              | 78 00  |
| " 22          | Dante □ No. 174 " .....                          | 72 00  |
| " 22          | " " rent .....                                   | 90 00  |
| " 24          | DeSoto □ No. 55, dues of 1869 .....              | 94 00  |
| " 24          | Providence □ No. 50 " .....                      | 3 00   |
| " 24          | Livingston □ No. 160 " .....                     | 37 00  |
| " 24          | J. H. Harvey, 6 lots .....                       | 200 00 |
| " 25          | Tunica □ No. 63, balance dues of 1869 .....      | 2 00   |
| " 25          | Columbia □ No. 164 " .....                       | 77 00  |
| " 25          | Orphans' Friend □ No. 185, for dues 1869 .....   | 70 00  |
| " 25          | Magnolia □ U. D., dues of 1869 and charter ..... | 86 00  |
| " 26          | Lafayette □ No. 87 " .....                       | 60 00  |
| " 26          | Caddo □ No. 179 " .....                          | 104 00 |
| " 26          | Fillmore □ No. 154 " .....                       | 36 00  |
| " 26          | Summerfield U. D. " and charter .....            | 70 00  |
| " 26          | McEvoy, Ball Room .....                          | 120 00 |
| " 26          | Covington □ No. 188, dues of 1869 .....          | 45 00  |
| " 26          | Germania □ No. 46 " .....                        | 132 00 |
| " 26          | Excelsior □ No. 166 " .....                      | 125 00 |
| " 27          | McEvoy, Ball Room .....                          | 80 00  |
| " 27          | Eureka □ No. 177, dues of 1869 .....             | 49 00  |
| " 27          | Harrisonburg □ No. 110, dues of 1869 .....       | 103 00 |
| " 27          | Oak Grove □ U. D., dues 1869 and charter .....   | 44 00  |
| " 27          | Quitman □ No. 76, " .....                        | 22 00  |
| " 28          | Minerva Social Club, B Room .....                | 50 00  |
| " 28          | McEvoy " .....                                   | 40 00  |
| " 28          | Urim □ No. 111, dues 1869 .....                  | 46 00  |
| " 28          | Morganza □ No. 159, " .....                      | 19 50  |
| " 28          | Monticello □ No. 92, " .....                     | 48 00  |
| " 29          | St. Albans □ No. 28, " .....                     | 50 00  |
| " 29          | Mt. Lebanon □ No. 104, dues 1869 .....           | 36 00  |
| " 29          | Linn Wood □ No. 176, " .....                     | 202 00 |
| " 29          | Eastern Star □ No. 15, " .....                   | 161 00 |
| " 29          | Hope □ No. 145, " .....                          | 37 00  |
| " 31          | Franklinton □ No. 101 " .....                    | 70 00  |
| " 31          | Phoenix □ No. 38, " .....                        | 7 00   |
| " 31          | Concorde □ No. 3, dues of 1869 .....             | 64 00  |
| " 31          | " " rent .....                                   | 20 00  |
| " 31          | H. Hamburger, rent .....                         | 30 00  |
| Febr'y 1      | Orleans Commandery No. 3, rent (order) .....     | 400 00 |
| " 1           | Shreveport □ No. 115, dues of 1869 .....         | 77 00  |
| " 2           | Louisiana □ No. 102 " .....                      | 201 00 |
| " 2           | Lafayette □ No. 56, bal. " .....                 | 36 70  |
| " 2           | Perfect Union □ No. 1 " .....                    | 53 00  |
| " 2           | Franklin □ No. 57 " .....                        | 91 00  |
| " 2           | Hiram □ No. 70 " .....                           | 114 00 |



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| Feb'y | 2—To | St. Helena <input type="checkbox"/> No. 96, dues of 1869.....                   | 92 00  |
| "     | 2    | Trinity <input type="checkbox"/> No. 105 " .....                                | 81 00  |
| "     | 2    | Haynesville <input type="checkbox"/> No. 169 " .....                            | 90 00  |
| "     | 2    | Hermitage <input type="checkbox"/> No. 98 " .....                               | 99 50  |
| "     | 2    | J. N. Lippe, cemetery, rent.....                                                | 10 00  |
| "     | 2    | Olive <input type="checkbox"/> No. 52, dues of 1869.....                        | 101 00 |
| "     | 3    | H. McCloskey, hall rent.....                                                    | 150 00 |
| "     | 3    | Perseverance <input type="checkbox"/> No. 4, dues of 1869.....                  | 57 00  |
| "     | 3    | Marion <input type="checkbox"/> No. 68, " .....                                 | 117 00 |
| "     | 3    | Rapides <input type="checkbox"/> No. 158 " .....                                | 46 00  |
| "     | 3    | Mackey <input type="checkbox"/> No. 122 " .....                                 | 77 00  |
| "     | 3    | Holly Spring <input type="checkbox"/> No. U. D. " and charter.....              | 59 00  |
| "     | 4    | Mt. Gerizim <input type="checkbox"/> No. 54 " .....                             | 101 00 |
| "     | 4    | Trenton <input type="checkbox"/> No. 195 " \$50 jewels.....                     | 75 00  |
| "     | 4    | N. O. L. & P. Ass., hall rent.....                                              | 250 00 |
| "     | 5    | A. McConnell, rent, temple property.....                                        | 100 00 |
| "     | 5    | Orus <input type="checkbox"/> No. 170, dues of 1869.....                        | 51 00  |
| "     | 5    | Spring Hill <input type="checkbox"/> No. 127, dues of 1869 and old balance..... | 61 00  |
| "     | 5    | Deerfield <input type="checkbox"/> No. 120 " .....                              | 44 00  |
| "     | 5    | Mt. Olivet <input type="checkbox"/> No. 194 " .....                             | 15 00  |
| "     | 7    | Anacoco <input type="checkbox"/> No. 147 " .....                                | 36 00  |
| "     | 7    | Monticello <input type="checkbox"/> No. 92 " bal.....                           | 1 00   |
| "     | 7    | Jackson <input type="checkbox"/> No. 45 " .....                                 | 76 00  |
| "     | 7    | Kisatchie <input type="checkbox"/> No. 165, dues of 1869.....                   | 31 00  |
| "     | 7    | Terryville <input type="checkbox"/> No. 118, " account of.....                  | 21 00  |
| "     | 7    | Cloutierville <input type="checkbox"/> No. 103, " S. O. S. \$1.....             | 41 00  |
| "     | 7    | Polar Star <input type="checkbox"/> No. 1, " .....                              | 45 00  |
| "     | 7    | Union <input type="checkbox"/> No. 172, " .....                                 | 87 00  |
| "     | 7    | Gordy <input type="checkbox"/> No. 133, " .....                                 | 28 00  |
| "     | 7    | Arcadia <input type="checkbox"/> No. 126, " .....                               | 65 00  |
| "     | 7    | Milford <input type="checkbox"/> No. 117, " .....                               | 86 00  |
| "     | 7    | Louisiana <input type="checkbox"/> No. 102, " .....                             | 1 00   |
| "     | 7    | Feliciana <input type="checkbox"/> No. 31, " .....                              | 68 00  |
| "     | 7    | Dudley <input type="checkbox"/> No. 66, " .....                                 | 136 00 |
| "     | 7    | Union Fraternal <input type="checkbox"/> No. 53, " .....                        | 34 00  |
| "     | 7    | Orleans <input type="checkbox"/> No. 78, " .....                                | 171 00 |
| "     | 7    | Acacia <input type="checkbox"/> No. 116, " .....                                | 40 00  |
| "     | 7    | Kellertown <input type="checkbox"/> No. 124, " .....                            | 50 00  |
| "     | 7    | Downsville <input type="checkbox"/> No. 143, " omitted Jan. 22.....             | 83 00  |
| "     | 7    | Red Land <input type="checkbox"/> No. 148, " .....                              | 47 00  |
| "     | 7    | Darlington <input type="checkbox"/> No. 149, " .....                            | 49 00  |
| "     | 7    | Atchafalaya <input type="checkbox"/> No. 163, " .....                           | 64 00  |
| "     | 7    | Tulip <input type="checkbox"/> No. 178, " bal. account.....                     | 3 00   |
| "     | 7    | Spring Creek <input type="checkbox"/> No. 184, " .....                          | 28 00  |
| "     | 7    | Kisatchie Union <input type="checkbox"/> No. 186, " .....                       | 31 00  |
| "     | 7    | Evergreen <input type="checkbox"/> No. 189, " balance.....                      | 1 00   |
| "     | 7    | Aurora <input type="checkbox"/> No. 193, " .....                                | 51 00  |
| "     | 7    | Trenton <input type="checkbox"/> No. 195, " .....                               | 25 00  |

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| Feb'y       | 7                                              | To Haynesville <input type="checkbox"/> No. 169, dues of 1869.....         | 7 00              |
| "           | 7                                              | Silent Brotherhood <input type="checkbox"/> No. 146, dues of 1869 bal..... | 2 00              |
| "           | 7                                              | Athens <input type="checkbox"/> No. 136, " bal.....                        | 17 00             |
| "           | 7                                              | Pearl River <input type="checkbox"/> No. 125, " .....                      | 53 00             |
| "           | 7                                              | Harrisonburg <input type="checkbox"/> No. 110, " bal.....                  | 6 00              |
| "           | 7                                              | St. James <input type="checkbox"/> No. 47, " " ....                        | 1 00              |
|             |                                                |                                                                            | <hr/> \$11,756 00 |
| 1870.       |                                                |                                                                            |                   |
| PER CONTRA. |                                                |                                                                            | CR.               |
| January 15  | By H. R. Swasey, G. T. Amount transferred..... | \$ 2,311 50                                                                |                   |
| " 26        | " " " "                                        | 3,366 25                                                                   |                   |
| Febr'y. 7   | " " " "                                        | 4,629 25                                                                   |                   |
|             |                                                |                                                                            | <hr/> \$10,307 00 |

On motion, the report and accompanying documents were received and referred to the Committee on Grand Master's address for distribution:

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report:

NEW ORLEANS, February 14, 1870.

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully beg leave to report, that the following ☐ have made their returns and paid their dues since the constitutional period, under circumstances that induce your committee to append the following resolution:

BARTHOLOMEW ☐ No. 112, Jno. McCrory, W. M.; W. A. Haddick, S. W.; M. S. Hunter, J. W.

FILLMORE ☐ No. 154, H. Barnacastle, W. M.; Frank Daniels S. W.; W. H. Bledsoe, J. W.

SAM. TODD ☐ No. 182, H. C. Lyles, W. M.; M. T. C. Loftin, S. W.; J. W. Hanchey, J. W.

FLAT LICK ☐ No. 187, W. P. Myers, W. M.; J. W. Todd, S. W.; L. Z. Grigsby, J. W.

Bro. D. B. Doyle, of Minden ☐ No. 51, as proxy for W. M., S. W. and J. W. of Fillmore ☐ No. 154.

Bro. R. S. Trippett, of Caddo ☐ No. 179, proxy for W. M., S. W. and J. W. of Jackson ☐ No. 45.

W. W. Weldon, of St. Albans ☐ No. 28, proxy for J. W. of above named ☐.

S. J. Norwood, of Olive ☐ No. 52, proxy for W. M. of St. Albans No. 28.

A. QUEANT,  
A. PRADOS,  
SAM'L H. BROWN, } Committee.

*Resolved*, That the above named ☐ be allowed representation at this Communication.

On motion, the report and resolution were adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented the report of the Committee in printed form; the same was on motion received, and ordered to be distributed. The report to be printed with the proceedings, and the resolutions to lie over under the By-Laws.

The Committee on Audit and Accounts, submitted the following report and resolutions:

NEW ORLEANS, January 31, 1870.

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on Audit and Accounts, respectfully beg leave to report, that they have thoroughly examined the books of the Grand □, and the reports and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary.

Your Committee find the accounts and reports of those officers correct, and in accordance with the books of the Grand □.

The vouchers for expenditures corresponds with the statements of the books, and having been found correct, have been duly cancelled.

The specification of warrants furnished by the Grand Treasurer's report, are assumed by your committee as a part of this report.

The following is a summary statement of the assets and liabilities of the Grand □, on the first day of January, 1870:

#### ASSETS.

|                                                       |                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Three City Bonds in hands of Grand Treasurer bearing  |                       |
| 7 per cent. interest, \$1,000 each.....               | \$ 3,000 00           |
| Unpaid dues of Constituent □, accrued to Jan. 1, 1869 | 837 00                |
| Due from □ on account of Masonic Cemetery.....        | 2,581 79              |
| Real Estate property of the Grand □.....              | 240,000 00            |
| Furniture, fixtures and Library Grand Lodge Hall....  | 10,000 00             |
| Furniture and fixtures Polar Star Hall.....           | 1,000 00              |
| Insurance Scrip.....                                  | 603 50                |
| Rents due (Polar Star Hall).....                      | 40 00                 |
| Polar Star □ No. 1, gas bill unpaid.....              | 145 00                |
| Rents due by Masonic Bodies, (Grand Lodge Hall)....   | 1,303 50—\$259,511 49 |

#### LIABILITIES.

|                                                                                   |                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Bonds of Grand □, bearing 8 per cent. int. Coupons,<br>payable semi-annually..... | \$ 75,000 00        |
| Bills payable, (bearing no interest) .....                                        | 1,000 00            |
| Louisiana Relief □ No. 1.....                                                     | 1,452 00            |
| Due Constituent □.....                                                            | 360 91              |
| Grand Treasurer.....                                                              | 634 76              |
|                                                                                   | 78,447 67           |
| Balance of assets over liabilities.....                                           | <u>\$181,063 82</u> |

Your committee present the following statement of amounts due from constituent □, to this Grand □, for dues for 1867 and 1868:

## UNPAID DUES.

|                          |          |                           |          |
|--------------------------|----------|---------------------------|----------|
| Olive No. 52.....        | \$ 90 00 | Warren No. 132.....       | \$ 33 00 |
| Lafayette No. 56.....    | 18 70    | Athens No. 136.....       | 14 00    |
| Franklinton No. 101..... | 1 00     | Cool Spring No. 140.....  | 7 50     |
| Louisiana No. 102.....   | 1 00     | Perkins No. 150.....      | 22 00    |
| Milford No. 117.....     | 39 00    | Homer No. 152.....        | 210 00   |
| Terryville No. 118.....  | 55 00    | Eureka No. 177.....       | 18 00    |
| Spring Hill No. 127..... | 20 50    | Pleasant Hill No. 86..... | 35 00    |
| Dawson No. 129.....      | 56 00    | Jeffersonian No. 138..... | 25 00    |

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There is also due from Many ☐ No. 88, the sum of \$192 00, Grand Lodge Hall tax, being the only unpaid item of this tax disclosed by the books of the Grand ☐. Your committee respectfully recommend such action concerning this case as may be deemed proper by the Grand ☐.

An examination by your committee of the general register of Masons of this jurisdiction, has convinced them that a new set of books for this important part of the records of the Grand ☐ is imperatively demanded.

It affords your committee much pleasure to again testify to the care, vigilance and skill with which the Grand Secretary has discharged his onerous and difficult duties during the past year. Your committee find reason for congratulation in the fact that the adoption of its recommendations of the years 1868 and 1869, relative to the accounts of the Grand ☐, have contributed to relieve this meritorious officer, as well as the Committee on Audit and Accounts, from much unnecessary labor. The Grand Secretary's efforts to increase and improve the condition of the library have been continued, and with a good degree of success.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

JNO. ANDERSON,  
EDWIN MARKS,  
WM. R. WHITAKER.

*Resolved*, That the portion of the report of the Committee on Audit and Accounts, referring to the unpaid dues of constituent ☐, for the years 1867 and 1868, be referred to the Committee on Credentials.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure a suitable set of books for a new register of the Masons of this jurisdiction.

On motion, the report was adopted, and the resolutions ordered to lie over under the By-Laws.

R. W. Grand Secretary read the report of the Directors of the Grand Lodge Hall.

GRAND LODGE HALL, New Orleans, February 14, 1870.

*To the M. W. the Grand the Lodge of Louisiana:*

The Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge Hall respectfully report, that on the 17th of February, 1869, the members of the Board were classified as follows, viz:

## EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS.

|                                                   |            |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------|
| M. W. Grand Master, Samuel M. Todd.....           | President. |
| R. W. Grand Treasurer, Hy. R. Swasey.....         | Treasurer. |
| R. W. Grand Secretary, J. C. Batchelor, M. D..... | Secretary. |

*Third Class for Years 1869, '70 and '71.*

|                               |                                               |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Ewd. Barnett, P. D. G. M..... | Ocean <input type="checkbox"/> No. 144.       |
| Jno. Anderson, P. M.....      | Mount Moriah <input type="checkbox"/> No. 59. |
| Jos. P. Hornor, P.M.....      | Orient <input type="checkbox"/> No. 173.      |

*Second Class for Years 1869 and '70.*

|                                |                                          |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Wm. M. Perkins, P. G. M.....   | Marion <input type="checkbox"/> No. 68.  |
| J. Q. A. Fellows, P. G. M..... | “ “ 68.                                  |
| Jno. G. Fleming, P. M.....     | Quitman <input type="checkbox"/> No. 76. |

*First Class for Year 1869.*

|                        |                                             |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| R. L. Bruce, P. M..... | Excelsior <input type="checkbox"/> No. 166. |
| Edwin Marks, P. M..... | Dudley “ “ 66.                              |
| *Geo. G. Garner.....   | Louisiana “ “ 102.                          |

\*In August last, Bro. G. G. Garner, of Louisiana ☐ No. 102, having resigned his place on said board, the M. W. Grand Master appointed in his stead, W. Bro. O. Czarnowski, W. M. of Hiram ☐ No. 70.

## GRAND LODGE HALL.

The aggregate receipts from the hall in 1869 were larger than in 1868, by \$1179 52, but exhibiting a considerable difference in the items of receipt, viz: The receipts from the ball room were less by \$360; the rents from the ground floor were less by \$687; the rent from Masonic bodies was larger by \$2347 50, the difference arising principally from the collection of back rents—the amount of rent due by M. bodies, 31st December, 1869, being \$2148 50 less than in 1868. The expenditures are \$591 99 less than in 1868. The hall has been kept in good repair, but unnecessary expense carefully guarded against. During the year the board leased the lower corner tenement to the N. O. Loan and Pledge Co. for two years, from 1st November, 1869, at \$3000 per annum, payable in monthly notes of \$250 each; and granting the privilege of renewing the lease at the same rate for three years, and the refusal of the property should it be sold.

Permission was given by the board to Louisiana Mutual Relief Association to have a desk in the Library, and to meet there—the association to pay such proportion of gas used as the board might assess; the Secretary of the association to keep the room clean, and to be responsible for the books, etc., under the rules of the Library and the direction of the Grand Secretary.

## POLAR STAR HALL.

In 1868, the disbursements exceeded the receipts \$221 66; this year, the receipts are in excess by \$639 35. In 1871, the right of Polar Star ☐ No. 1, to redeem the property (reserved in the sale) by paying all indebtedness with eight per cent. interest, expires. The back rent has nearly all been collected, there being but \$40 due now, against \$895 last year.

## MASONIC CEMETERY.

The receipts are larger than in 1868, by \$372; and the disbursements \$2967 20 less than 1868. The receipts are in excess of disbursements, \$664 21; in 1868, the disbursements exceeded the receipts by \$2664 21. Fewer lots were sold this year than last, but more vaults. The amount received from sale of vaults was \$595. There is now due for lots by ☐ \$2581 79.

## MASONIC TEMPLE PROPERTY.

The disbursements to this account was \$7881 41, including city taxes of 1867, and interest on last payment of \$40,000; the receipts were \$1201. This property has been under temporary monthly lease at \$100 per month. The party in possession has been notified to vacate the same on 31st January, 1870, or pay an increased rent.

The bills payable on account of this property have been converted into eight per cent. bonds of Grand ☐, with coupons for interest attached, payable semi-annually in March and September, except one note for \$1000, due Louisiana ☐ No. 102, who refused to present the same for payment or exchange. The necessary notice was given, and the interest on the same stopped.

## FIRE INSURANCE

Is the same as last year, except the transfer of a policy for \$10,000 from office of New Orleans Ins. Co. to that of Home Mutual Ins. Co. There has been collected on scrip this year \$190 02. The amount of scrip on hand is \$603 50.

## CHARITY FUND.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge Hall on the 30th August, 1869—the Board acting under the resolution of the Grand ☐ in regard to the distribution of the surplus fund from the Grand Lodge Hall—found to the credit of this account (1st January, 1869), \$5494 02; from this they deducted \$3275, which had been credited to this account without any authority, leaving the sum of \$2219 02 to the credit of the fund; from this amount they instructed the Grand Secretary to deduct \$340 02 for supply of books, stationery, and services of the Grand Secretary, leaving a balance of \$1879 for distribution among the ☐ entitled to receive the same.

The board find to the credit of the Grand Lodge Hall, on the 1st day of January, 1870, the sum of \$5424 94, which said amount is subject to distribution so soon as the reports of the Constituent ☐ shall have been received, and the Grand Secretary enabled to determine the number entitled to received from the Charity Fund.

All of which (with tabular statement attached) is respectfully submitted,

JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D.,

Secretary for Board.

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Grand Lodge Hall.

## RECEIPTS.

|                                       |            |             |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| For rent of ball and supper room..... | \$ 1645 00 |             |
| “ Stores, ground floor.....           | 4480 00    |             |
| “ From Masonic bodies.....            | 3926 50    | \$10,051 50 |

## DISBURSEMENTS.

|                                                                                         |         |                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------|
| Repairs to building, including alterations, painting, carpets, gas fixtures, etc., etc. | 874 76  |                  |
| Insurance on building and furniture to date                                             | 808 60  |                  |
| Salaries of hall-keeper, porter and assistant secretary                                 | 1800 00 |                  |
| Gas bills for Grand Lodge Hall                                                          | 945 40  |                  |
| Incidental expenses                                                                     | 197 80  | 4626 56          |
| Balance to credit of account                                                            |         | <u>\$5424 94</u> |

## DUE FOR RENT BY MASONIC BODIES.

|                                                          |                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Hiram <input type="checkbox"/> No. 70                    | \$ 90 00         |
| Orleans Commandery No. 3                                 | 721 00           |
| Albert Pike <input type="checkbox"/> of Perfection No. 1 | 371 00           |
| Pelican Chap. Rose Croix No. 11, 1868                    | 86 50            |
| “ “ “ 1869                                               | 20 00            |
| Eagle Council K. H. No. 6                                | 15 00            |
|                                                          | <u>\$1303 50</u> |

## Polar Star Hall.

## RECEIPTS.

|          |           |
|----------|-----------|
| For rent | \$1165 00 |
|----------|-----------|

## DISBURSEMENTS.

|                                                          |          |                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Repairs to building—gas                                  | \$203 90 |                 |
| Insurance on building                                    | 121 75   | 325 65          |
| Excess of receipts over disbursements                    |          | <u>\$839 35</u> |
| Leaving a balance of debit of this account of \$9425 53. |          |                 |

## RENT DUE ON 31ST DECEMBER, 1869.

|                                                              |                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Silencio Chap. R. Croix No. 9                                | \$ 40 00        |
| Proportion of gas, Polar Star <input type="checkbox"/> No. 1 | 145 00          |
|                                                              | <u>\$185 00</u> |

## Masonic Cemetery.

## RECEIPTS.

|                                             |          |         |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|---------|
| For lots sold                               | \$720 00 |         |
| For interment fees and rent (vaults, \$595) | 798 00   | 1518 00 |

## DISBURSEMENTS.

|                                                                                                                     |          |                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|
| For sexton, repairs, planting trees, etc                                                                            | \$834 35 |                 |
| For interest Grand <input type="checkbox"/> notes account Cemetery                                                  | 16 44    |                 |
| J. C. Batchelor, M. D., correction of error (dup. Cr. Error) by direction of Board of Directors of Grand Lodge Hall | 3 00     | 853 79          |
|                                                                                                                     |          | <u>\$664 21</u> |

Excess of receipts over disbursements, \$664 21.

Leaving to debit of the account 31st December, 1869, \$6707 35.

## DUE FOR LOTS IN CEMETERY.

|                                                   |          |           |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| By Orleans <input type="checkbox"/> No. 78.....   | \$ 81 79 |           |
| Hiram " 70.....                                   | 300 00   |           |
| Louisiana <input type="checkbox"/> No. 102.....   | 400 00   |           |
| Mount Moriah <input type="checkbox"/> No. 59..... | 300 00   |           |
| Excelsior <input type="checkbox"/> No. 166.....   | 300 00   |           |
| Orient <input type="checkbox"/> No. 173.....      | 300 00   |           |
| Liun Wood <input type="checkbox"/> No. 167.....   | 900 00   | \$2581 79 |

## Masonic Temple.

## DISBURSEMENTS.

|                                        |           |           |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| For interest on sundry notes.....      | \$4952 01 |           |
| City taxes and costs of 1867.....      | 926 20    |           |
| " " " 1868.....                        | 727 50    |           |
| State " " ".....                       | 422 75    |           |
| Special tax on square, 1 per cent..... | 445 25    |           |
| Drainage tax.....                      | 21 20     |           |
| Incidental expenses.....               | 231 50    |           |
| Repairs on banquetto.....              | 145 00    | \$7871 41 |

## RECEIPTS.

|                                             |         |                  |
|---------------------------------------------|---------|------------------|
| For rent to 1st January, 1870.....          | 1200 00 |                  |
| Amount returned by State Tax Collector..... | 1 00    | 1201 00          |
|                                             |         | <u>\$6670 41</u> |

The debit balance brought down Dec. 31, 1868, was \$64,334 80,  
Thus making the total debit \$71,005 21.

## Fire Insurance.

## POLICIES NOW RUNNING, VIZ:

|                                     |                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| On buildings, Grand Lodge Hall..... | \$70,0000,00        |
| Furniture in same.....              | 9,000,000           |
| Rents for same.....                 | 6,000,000           |
| Polar Star Hall.....                | 10,000,000          |
|                                     | <u>\$95,000,000</u> |

## INSURANCE SCRIP ON HAND.

|                                    |                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Louisiana Mutual Insurance Co..... | \$ 81 00         |
| Merchants' Insurance.....          | 80 00            |
| Sun ".....                         | 122 50           |
| New Orleans ".....                 | 170 00           |
| Crescent ".....                    | 150 00           |
|                                    | <u>\$ 603 50</u> |

## BILLS PAYABLE BY GRAND LODGE DECEMBER 31st, 1869.

|                                                              |           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Note to Louisiana <input type="checkbox"/> No. 102.....      | \$1000 00 |
| [The interest on the above note was stopped April 27, 1869.] |           |



Bonds of the Grand ☐ were issued to the amount of \$75,000, bearing 8 per cent. interest per annum, with coupons attached, payable semi-annually, March and September. . . . . \$75,000 00  
 Of the above amount, \$74,400 were on account of bills payable.

\*Grand Secretary's cash account will state specially with whom these bonds were placed.

## INTEREST.

|                                                       |           |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Interest paid on account of Masonic Cemetery. . . . . | 16 44     |
| “ “ “ “ Grand Lodge. . . . .                          | 858 77    |
| “ “ “ “ Masonic Temple. . . . .                       | 4999 57   |
|                                                       | <hr/>     |
|                                                       | \$5874 78 |

On motion, the report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered ☐ submitted the following report and resolution:

NEW ORLEANS, February 14, 1870.

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered ☐, respectfully beg leave to report, that, after careful examination of the returns of Chartered ☐, sent in since the close of the last Grand Annual Communication, belonging to the previous year, as well as the returns and work of this year, as follows:

The following ☐ made returns of last year's work, after the close of the session of the W. Grand ☐, and we would report as follows:

LAFAYETTE No. 56—Twelve members omitted from roll.

SABINE No. 75—Ten membres reported twice. Entire returns incorrect.

PLEASANT HILL No. 86—Two members reported twice; returns incorrectly made out in every respect.

SPRING HILL No. 127—Seven members omitted, accounted for in last returns from years '63 to '67.

PERKINS No. 150—Returns correct. No seal and no meetings during the year?

HOMER No. 152—Fifty-nine members omitted from roll; names and signatures of officers omitted.

FILLMORE No. 154—Correct.

MORGANZA No. 159—Three members omitted; two members reported incorrectly.

FLAT LICK No. 187—Returns improperly made out; one member omitted; roll of members incorrect.

The following ☐ have made correct returns:

P. U. 1, P. S. 1, 3, S. A. 5, L. A. de O. 5, 9, 19, 28, 46, 51, 53, 58, 63, 65, 66, 68, 70, 72, 76, 78, 83, 84, 94, 95, 98, 102, 111, 113, 115, 122, 138, 139, 144, 153, 156, 158, 163, 166, 167, 168, 171, 172, 173, 174, 176, 178, 179, 183, 185, 186, 188, 190, 191, 192, 194. In all 56.

The following ☐ have made returns which are incorrect, as follows:

WESTERN STAR No. 24—One member reported twice on roll; one member reported dead twice.

FELICIANA No. 31—Seven members reported twice.

PHOENIX No. 38—Two members reported twice; one member omitted; one reported who died in '68.

FOYER MAGONNIQUE No. 44—One reported as suspended who died and was so reported previously.

JACKSON No. 45—One member not accounted for; returns improperly made out.

ST. JAMES No. 47—Three members omitted from the roll.

PROVIDENCE No. 50—One member reported dead who was previously reported.

OLIVE No. 52—One member reported twice; four members not accounted for; four members omitted from roll; ☐ of affiliated members not stated

MT. GERIZIM No. 54—Three members reported on the roll who were reported stricken from the roll last year, and not reported as reinstated; one not accounted for; three members omitted on roll; ☐ of affiliated members not stated.

DESOTO No. 55—Two members reported in error; three members affiliated last ☐ not reported; returns in very bad order.

LAFAYETTE No. 56—Nine members omitted from roll; degrees not properly reported; returns in very bad order.

FRANKLIN No. 57—One member reported twice; one member suspended twice and cause not stated.

SABINE No. 75—Two members reported twice.

PLEASANT HILL No. 86—Three members omitted.

LAFAYETTE No. 87—One member reported twice.

THIBODAUX BENEVOLENT No. 90—Three members reported twice.

MONTICELLO No. 92—Entire work reported incorrectly and unnecessarily.

ST. HELENA No. 96—One member not accounted for; two omitted; lodge of affiliated members not stated.

FRANKLINTON No. 101—Five members omitted on roll.

CLOUTIERVILLE No. 103—Roll improperly made out; two omitted; one unaccounted for.

MT. LEBANON No. 104—Four members reported twice.

TRINITY No. 105—Two members omitted.

VIENNA No. 106—Members not accounted for; ☐ of affiliated members not given; roll of members incorrect.

SPARTA No. 108—Returns incorrect in every respect.

CASTOR No. 109—One member omitted from roll; dues and degrees reported incorrect.

HARRISONBURG No. 110—Eight members omitted; one member not accounted for; one member reported who was reported dead in 1861; seven members reported affiliated. The Secretary of the ☐ writes he has not time to hunt the demits up to report the ☐ from which they hail. Had the proper lodge regulations been kept, this trouble would not have arisen.

ACACIA No. 116—Three members reported twice.

MILFORD No. 117—Seven members omitted; roll improperly made out.

TERRYVILLE No. 118—One member reported twice; one reported as a member who demitted in 1867.

DEERFIELD No. 120—Two members reported twice; one member reported who was struck from the roll in 1867, and not reported reinstated.

LIBERTY No. 123—One member not reported; ☐ from which one member affiliated not stated.

KELLERTOWN No. 124—Two members omitted; three members reported twice.

PEARL RIVER No. 125—One member reported who was reported demitted in 1866, and not yet reported reinstated.

ARCADIA No. 126—One member omitted; two members not accounted for; ☐ of one affiliated member not reported.

SPRING HILL No. 127—☐ of affiliated members not reported.

SHILO No. 131—One member expelled—cause not stated.

GORDY No. 133—Three members reported twice; four members omitted from roll; ☐ of affiliated members not stated; dates of demits and striking from roll not given.

PLAINS No. 135—One member reported twice.

ATHENS No. 136—One member omitted in 1867-69, now reported; one member now reported who was reported dead in 1868.

COOL SPRING No. 140—Two members omitted from roll. The Secretary performed his duty well in returning corrections of former years' work.

DOWNSVILLE No. 143—Two members reported twice; one member omitted from roll.

HOPE No. 145—Two members reported twice.

SILENT BROTHERHOOD No. 146—Returns correct and in good style, but not made out according to directions.

ANACOCO No. 147—One member omitted; list of officers not complete.

RED LAND No. 148—One member reported on roll reported demitted in 1866; two members omitted; one suspended—cause not stated.

DARLINGTON No. 149—One member omitted; one member reported twice.

EASTERN STAR No. 151—One member omitted.

MORGANZA No. 159—One member omitted; one member reported twice.

LIVINGSTON No. 160—Three members reported twice.

BROOKVILLE No. 161—Two members reported twice.

BURNSVILLE No. 162—One member omitted; one member not accounted for; names of officers omitted.

COLUMBIA No. 164—Two members reported twice; roll not in numerical order.

LAKE CHARLES No. 165—One member reported who demitted in 1868; signatures of officers omitted.

HAYNESVILLE No. 169—Three members reported twice; seven members omitted on roll; one member reported who demitted in 1868.

ORUS No. 170—One member reported twice; one member reported incorrectly.

AMITE CITY No. 175—One member reported twice.

EUREKA No. 177—One member reported twice.

TULIP No. 178—Two members omitted; one member reported in error.

LITTLE FLOCK No. 180—One member omitted.

SPRING CREEK No. 184—Two members reported twice.

EVERGREEN No. 189—One member not accounted for; one member not reported.

AURORA No. 193—One member reported twice; roll not properly made out.

TRENTON No. 195—One officer's signature wanting.

SALINE No. 196—Work of other [ ] improperly reported, as connected with affiliated members.

PERKINS No. 150—Roll and work reported correctly, but back work reported unnecessarily and not in accordance with instructions.

BARTHOLOMEW No. 112—Roll and work correct, except back work for year reported.

The following [ ] have made their returns; but we find the work reported incorrect, as follows:

LOS AMIGOS DEL ORDEN No. 5—Raising five candidates, and passing and raising two others at the same communication; and again passing and raising two others at the same communication, not showing any permission granted for that purpose.

SILENCIO No. 9—Initiating two candidates January 23d; passing and raising same January 24. Initiating one February 20; passing and raising same February 21. Passing and raising one May 26, and all without proper dispensation.

HUMBLE COTTAGE No. 19—Passing and raising a candidate on succeeding evenings, a merchant of the place, who must have been an E. A. for some years.

FOYER MAGONNIQUE No. 44—Passing and raising two candidates the same evening without dispensation.

It is a matter of extreme regret to your committee, that after the decided expression by vote of this Grand [ ], at its last Annual Communication, on the carelessness of the Secretary, and the inattention of the officers of Constituent [ ], in sending up, vouched for by themselves, such incorrect reports of work and returns as was then presented by us at that time; that again, this session, notwithstanding the W. G. Secretary sent out as was ordered by the M. W. G. [ ], the proper and necessary instructions, ordered to be posted in the record or some other permanent book of the [ ]; but going beyond this, caused to be printed full instructions on the back of each return, that we again must report so many errors.

It is almost impossible for the records of this M. W. G. [ ] to be correctly kept up. When one Secretary writes I had not time to hunt up the demits of affiliated members so as to give the [ ] they hail from; another demit was lost; another, that this member or that, was left off the roll at some time during the year. These excuses are frivolous in the extreme, and unbecoming any member of our Fraternity, occupying an official position; and when offered to this body, should meet with very serious rebuke. We would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the resolution herewith appended.

Your committee have also learned that it is the practice in some [ ] to make returns of rejections, expulsions and striking from the roll of members, once in three months, which is in direct violation of Sec. 9, Art. 3, By-Laws of this Grand [ ]. During the past year, not sending the proper notice as required, has caused some confusion in the Craft, which, but for the prompt action and advice of the M. W. G. Master and the Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, would have produced unpleasant relations between some [ ] in the jurisdiction. Your committee would therefore suggest, that each W. Master of a Constituent [ ] in this jurisdiction, should not only, as soon as possible, read carefully himself, but require his Wardens and Secretary also to read the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of this M. W. G. [ ], and if time and circumstances will permit, cause them to be read in open [ ].

Your committee would also remind the ☐ of the question ordered by an edict of this M. W. G ☐, to be propounded to each candidate before his initiation; "Have you ever been proposed and rejected by any ☐"

Your committee are aware that negligence, in this respect, has also caused trouble during the past year, which happily, however, was settled by consent.

Regarding the work reported as incorrect, your committee brought the same matter before this Grand Body at our last Annual Communication, which was accepted by unanimous vote, with the suggestions then offered; and we would again remind this Body, that such rapid work, is positively against our most solemn requirements. Not only are these violated, but Masons so made are useless members of the Fraternity in almost every instance. To increase members or to gratify idle curiosity, is not the intended purpose of the Fraternity; and in place of urging forward the work with any such rapidity, it should, in many instances, be retarded. Your committee would suggest that some decided action should be taken to require conformity to the Regulations written and unwritten, in this respect.

AMOS KENT, *Chairman*.  
W. C. DRIVER.  
T. J. O'REGAN.

1. *Resolved*, that the W. M., Wardens and Secretary of each ☐ reported by the Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered ☐ be, and is hereby reprimanded, for sending up to this Body without any excuse, incorrect returns, such as have been laid before us.

On motion, the report was received, and the resolution ordered to lie over under the By-Laws.

The Committee on Distribution of Grand Master's Address and Accompanying Documents, submitted the following report, viz:

The Committee on Distribution of Grand Master's Address, report as follows:

1—So much of the address as refers to death of members of the Grand ☐, to a Special Committee.

2—So much as refers to District Deputy Grand Masters, to the Committee on Chartered ☐.

3—So much as refers to Grand Representatives and Representatives appointed near Grand ☐, to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

4—So much as refers to the Grand Orient of Brazil and Grand Orient of Valley of Lavradio, Grand ☐ of Western Virginia and Grand ☐ of Quebec, to the same Committee.

5—So much as refers to dispensations issued to new ☐, and also for special purposes, to the Committee on Chartered ☐.

6—So much as refers to Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, to committee of the same.

7—So much as refers to Grand Lodge Bonds and investment of city funds, to Committee on Audits and Accounts.

8—So much as refers to Temple property, to a Special Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

HY. R. SWASEY,  
W. W. RISHER,  
HUGH BREEN.

On motion, the report was received and adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed a Special Committee on death of Grand Officers, R. W. Bros. S. O. Scruggs, J. C. Miller and E. Booth.

And on Special Committee on Temple Property, W. Brothers Jno. G. Fleming, T. D. Van Horn and Geo. W. Race.

W. Bro. Richard Lambert submitted the following report from Louisiana Relief ☐ No. 1.

NEW ORLEANS, January 1, 1870.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

I beg to submit herewith a report of the work of Louisiana Relief ☐ No. 1, for the year 1869. It affords me much gratification that I can state that the efficiency of this body for good is undiminished, and that with the means at its disposal it has accomplished much in aid of the distressed, the widowed, and the fatherless during the past year. A larger revenue is needed to enable the Relief ☐ to completely fulfill its mission; however, its receipts from constituent ☐ and from donations, were considerably larger, and its disbursements less than in the previous year, and it has been generously aided and supported by the fraternity in general. The amount refunded to the lodge treasury was less last year than the year before, and the balance on hand is less than on January 1, 1869.

The Grand ☐ of Georgia has assisted us by refunding the full amount expended in the year 1867 for the benefit of needy sojourning brethren from that jurisdiction. Such a recognition of the practical value of the work of the Relief ☐ is peculiarly encouraging, and is gratefully acknowledged.

Masonic bodies not represented in the Relief ☐, it will be seen by examining our report, have aided us materially, and in a thoroughly fraternal spirit. Many ☐, some of them located in the country and others in New Orleans, have added to our ability to dispense Masonic relief, by transferring to us, in whole or in part, their shares of the Grand Lodge Hall Charity Fund.

Our sincere thanks are due for a large addition to our fund from three public dramatic performances, given for its benefit by Brothers W. R. Floyd and Charles Pope, managers of the Varieties and St. Charles Theatres, New Orleans, and by the Orleans Dramatic Relief Association. By a cordial support the fraternity made these benefits quite productive, our treasury receiving therefrom over one thousand dollars—a sum that cleared off our entire indebtedness.

Under a resolution of the Grand ☐ adopted last year, we became entitled to, and have received, a very large share of your Charity Fund. By the careful employment of the amount thus donated, we best show our grateful appreciation of this new evidence of your fostering liberality. You have, also, at a heavy expense, presented us with a handsome and substantial new tomb at the Masonic Cemetery, which is already a source of revenue, and is of capacity sufficient to enable us to properly bestow the remains of those who, in life and in death, are the peculiar objects of our care.

In rendering this last account of my stewardship as your almoner, I heartily thank my fellow members of the Relief ☐, and the brethren generally, for the ready and cordial support they have given me in the discharge of the laborious duties of my late position, and trust that with equal zeal and fidelity they will strengthen the hands of my worthy successor.

Fraternally submitted,

H. HAMBURGER,

*Late W. M. Louisiana Relief Lodge No 1.*

### Secretary's Report of Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1, for 1869.

*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

I have the honor to report that Louisiana Relief ☐ No. 1, at a regular meeting held on Sunday, the 26th day of December, A. D., 1869, elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing Masonic year, who were duly installed, viz:

|                        |       |           |                                            |
|------------------------|-------|-----------|--------------------------------------------|
| Richard Lambert, W. M. | ..... | residence | Grand Lodge Hall.                          |
| Fred. Holyland         | ..... | S. W.     | “ corner of Customhouse and Royal streets. |
| George H. Braughn      | ..... | J. W.     | “ 25 Commercial Place.                     |
| Samuel M. Todd         | ..... | Treas.    | “ 76 Magazine.                             |
| Hilel Marks            | ..... | Sec.      | “ Grand Lodge Hall.                        |
| Wm. E. Murphy          | ..... | S. D.     | “ 13 Old Levee street.                     |
| George Selby           | ..... | J. D.     | “ 84 Baronne.                              |
| Raymond S. Burk        | ..... | Tyler.    | “                                          |

Also, my financial report for the year 1869.

#### RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR FROM LODGES COMPOSING THE RELIEF LODGE.

|                                                     |       |               |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| Cash in hands of Treasurer, January 1, 1869         | ..... | \$267 67      |
| From Mount Moriah <input type="checkbox"/> No. 59   | ..... | \$ 50 00      |
| “ George Washington <input type="checkbox"/> No. 65 | ..... | 73 50         |
| “ Marion <input type="checkbox"/> No. 68            | ..... | 84 50         |
| “ Hiram “ “ 70                                      | ..... | 73 50         |
| “ Alpha Home <input type="checkbox"/> No. 72        | ..... | 55 00         |
| “ Hermitage “ “ 98                                  | ..... | 43 25         |
| “ Ocean “ “ 144                                     | ..... | 44 50         |
| “ St. Johns “ “ 153                                 | ..... | 25 00         |
| “ Excelsior “ “ 166                                 | ..... | 50 00         |
| “ Union “ “ 172                                     | ..... | 44 40         |
| “ Orient “ “ 173                                    | ..... | 24 25         |
| “ Perfect Harmony <input type="checkbox"/> No. 176  | ..... | 115 50 683 40 |

#### DONATIONS.

|                                                            |       |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| From Grand Lodge Hall Charity Fund                         | ..... | \$375 75 |
| “ Humble Cottage <input type="checkbox"/> No. 19, La.      | ..... | 10 00    |
| “ Bellevue “ “ 95, “                                       | ..... | 10 00    |
| “ Liberty “ “ 123, “                                       | ..... | 13 50    |
| “ Gordy “ “ 133, “                                         | ..... | 20 00    |
| “ Eastern Star “ “ 151, “                                  | ..... | 25 00    |
| “ Atchafalaya “ “ 163, “                                   | ..... | 20 00    |
| “ Linn Wood “ “ 167, “                                     | ..... | 37 50    |
| “ Orus “ “ 170, “                                          | ..... | 10 00    |
| “ Longwood “ “ 183, “                                      | ..... | 8 00     |
| “ Covington “ “ 188, “                                     | ..... | 10 00    |
| “ Abbeville “ “ 192, “                                     | ..... | 10 00    |
| “ R. A. Chapter No. 1, La.                                 | ..... | 30 00    |
| “ Concord “ “ 2, “                                         | ..... | 70 00    |
| “ Delta “ “ 15, “                                          | ..... | 60 00    |
| “ Polar Star “ “ 21, “                                     | ..... | 20 00    |
| “ Order of High Priesthood                                 | ..... | 25 00    |
| “ Orleans Dramatic Relief Ass'n., nett proceeds of benefit | ..... | 377 40   |

## From Varieties Theatre, nett proceeds of benefit by Bro. W. R.

|                                                                       |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Floyd.....                                                            | 429 15       |
| " St. Charles Theatre, net proceeds of benefit by Bro. Chs. Pope..... | 233 00       |
| " R. W. Francis.....                                                  | 30 00        |
| " Bro. Amos Kent, St. Helena □ No. 96, La.....                        | 5 00         |
| " Bro. David Arent, Union Fraternal □ No. 53, La.....                 | 5 00         |
| " Miss Alice Kingsbury.....                                           | 3 00 1837 30 |

## AMOUNTS REFUNDED.

|                                                                |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| By Franklin □ No. 57, La., relief granted to Mrs. C. L. Mann.. | 50 00       |
| Grand □ of Georgia. " " B. B., in 1867....                     | 112 00      |
| Columbian □ No. 7, Ga., relief granted to Mrs. J. Barrow.      | 20 00       |
| Mobile □ No. 40, Ala., " " Mrs. Frost.....                     | 25 00       |
| Silencio " 40, N. Y., " " " Geo. Dodds                         | 10 00       |
| Bro. Brendt.....                                               | 15 00       |
| Bro. W. N. Van de Marks, Etolian □ No. 419, N. Y.....          | 7 00 239 00 |

## RECEIVED FOR USE OF VAULTS.

|                                       |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| From George Washington □ No. 65.....  | 35 00             |
| " Alpha Home " 72.....                | 35 00             |
| " Union " 172.....                    | 35 00             |
| " Estate of Bro. Jno. E. McClure..... | 35 00 140 00      |
|                                       | <u>\$3,167 37</u> |

## DISBURSEMENTS.

|                                 |        |
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| To applicants from Alabama..... | 116 50 |
| " " Arkansas.....               | 195 00 |
| " " Connecticut.....            | 20 00  |
| " " District of Columbia.....   | 11 50  |
| " " Equador.....                | 15 00  |
| " " England.....                | 40 00  |
| " " France.....                 | 10 00  |
| " " Florida.....                | 80 00  |
| " " Georgia.....                | 281 40 |
| " " Indiana.....                | 5 00   |
| " " Illinois.....               | 5 00   |
| " " Iowa.....                   | 15 00  |
| " " Jamaica.....                | 185 00 |
| " " Kentucky.....               | 5 00   |
| " " Louisiana.....              | 34 00  |
| " " Massachusetts.....          | 15 50  |
| " " Minnesota.....              | 20 00  |
| " " Mississippi.....            | 86 60  |
| " " New York.....               | 138 50 |
| " " New Jersey.....             | 3 00   |
| " " North Carolina.....         | 30 00  |
| " " Peru.....                   | 15 00  |
| " " Prussia.....                | 5 00   |



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| To applicants from South Carolina.....              | 75 00  |                  |
| "    "    Scotland.....                             | 38 00  |                  |
| "    "    Spain.....                                | 50 00  |                  |
| "    "    Texas.....                                | 60 00  |                  |
| "    "    Virginia.....                             | 135 00 |                  |
| "    "    Vermont.....                              | 5 00   |                  |
| To widows of Louisiana.....                         | 344 75 |                  |
| Funeral expenses.....                               | 756 50 |                  |
| Tomb    "    .....                                  | 66 00  |                  |
| Secretary's fees.....                               | 60 00  |                  |
| Tyler's fees.....                                   | 19 50  |                  |
| Advertising, stationery, etc.....                   | 20 30  |                  |
| Discount on city money.....                         | 75 23  | 3037 28          |
| Balance in hands of Treasurer, January 1, 1870..... | 130 09 |                  |
|                                                     |        | <u>\$3167 37</u> |

Fraternally submitted,

FRED. HOLYLAND,

*Secretary of Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1.*

On motion, the report was received, ordered to be spread upon the minutes and published with the proceedings.

The Committee on Distribution of the report of R. W. Grand Secretary, submitted the following report:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the report of the R. W. Grand Secretary for distribution, recommend the various subjects referred to by him to be distributed as follows:

1—That portion relating to financial matters, to Committee on Audit and Accounts.

2—That portion relating to Charter ☐, to Committee on Returns of Chartered ☐.

3—That portion referring to ☐ under dispensation, to Committee on Lodges U. D.

4—That portion in reference to the resolution of Caddo ☐ No. 179, be referred to the Special Committee on Temple Property.

5—Appeal of Alex. McKean, to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

Fraternally submitted,

H. R. SWASEY,  
W. W. RISHER,  
HUGH BREEN.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The W. M. Grand Master then called off the Grand ☐ until 6:30 P. M., to-morrow, Tuesday, 15th February, 1870.

SAMUEL M. TODD, *Grand Master.*

AMOS KENT, *Senior Grand Warden.*

JAMES RAY, *as Junior Grand Warden.*

Attest:

J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D., *Grand Secretary.*

GRAND LODGE HALL, }  
 NEW ORLEANS, Tuesday, February 15, 1870. }

The M. W. Grand ☐ of the State of Louisiana, F. and A. M., was called to labor on the third degree by M. W. Samuel M. Todd, Grand Master, at 6:30 P. M. The following

## OFFICERS PRESENT:

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| SAM'L MANNING TODD.....        | M. W. Grand Master.           |
| J. Q. A. FELLOWS, P. G. M..... | as R. W. Deputy Grand Master. |
| AMOS KENT.....                 | R. W. Senior Grand Warden.    |
| JAMES RAY.....                 | as R. W. Junior Grand Warden. |
| HY. R. SWASEY, P. G. M.....    | R. W. Grand Treasurer.        |
| J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D.....     | R. W. Grand Secretary.        |
| REV. C. S. HEDGES, D. D.....   | W. Grand Chaplain.            |
| HUGH BREEN.....                | W. Senior Grand Deacon.       |
| F. H. BABBIT.....              | W. Junior Grand Deacon.       |
| GEO. W. RACE.....              | W. Grand Marshal.             |
| M. E. GIRARD.....              | W. Grand Sword Bearer.        |
| GEO. BALDEY.....               | W. Grand Pursuivant.          |
| WM. ROBSON.....                | } W. Grand Stewards.          |
| J. C. MILLER.....              |                               |
| R. LAFFON.....                 |                               |
| W. H. MOON.....                |                               |
| R. S. BURK.....                | as W. Grand Tyler.            |

## PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

|                   |             |                        |             |
|-------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|
| A. G. CARTER..... | P. D. G. M. | JNO. A. STEVENSON..... | P. J. G. W. |
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## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

|                                  |                                                                     |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| M. W. SAM'L M. TODD.....         | Alabama, District of Columbia, North Carolina and Nevada.           |
| M. W. J. Q. A. FELLOWS.....      | Vermont, Illinois, Florida, Minnesota, Mississippi and California.  |
| R. W. A. G. CARTER.....          | Kansas.                                                             |
| R. W. T. J. O'REGAN.....         | Ireland.                                                            |
| R. W. J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D..... | Canada and Oregon.                                                  |
| R. W. JNO. A. STEVENSON.....     | Missouri.                                                           |
| R. W. JNO. G. DUNLAP.....        | Georgia.                                                            |
| R. W. JAMES B. SCOT.....         | Ohio.                                                               |
| R. W. Rev. H. S. JACOBS.....     | South Carolina.                                                     |
| R. W. E. D. CRAIG.....           | New Jersey.                                                         |
| R. W. A. GOLDMAN.....            | (Three Globes, R. Y. of Friendship, Prussia,) Frankfort and Saxony. |

The roll being called, the following ☐ were found to be represented, viz: Nos. P. U. 1, P. S. 1, 3, 4, L. A. del O. 5, 19, 28, 44, 45, 46, 55, 57, 59, 63, 65, 66, 68, 72, 76, 78, 84, 87, 92, 95, 101, 102, 103, 104, 116, 117, 135, 139, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 151, 154, 158, 163, 166, 167, 169, 171, 172, 173, 174, 176, 180, 186, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 196. Total, 62 Chartered ☐. Mallet Woods and Brooklyn U. D. Total 2 ☐ under dispensation.

The M. W. Grand Master directed the R. W. Grand Secretary to read the minutes of the session of Monday, 14th inst. The same was read, as far as recorded, when, on motion, it was resolved that the same be approved under the supervision of the Grand Master, when recorded.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances submitted the following reports and resolutions:

NEW ORLEANS, February 15, 1870.

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances respectfully beg leave to report, that on the appeal for charity of Bro. Alex. McKean, your committee recommend him to the individual charity of the whole fraternity. Though he is unaffiliated it is through no fault of his, and his necessities are apparent to all.

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| A. G. CARTER,  | R. L. BRUCE,     |
| H. P. BUCKLEY, | J. H. DEGRANGE,  |
| M. E. GIRARD,  | JOHN G. FLEMING, |
|                | JAMES RAY.       |

On motion, the report was adopted.

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances respectfully beg leave to report, that in the matter of DeSoto ☐ No. 55, against Bro. G. Schneider, it appears that at the last communication of the Grand ☐ it reversed the decision of De Soto ☐, and remanded the case for a new trial, instead of doing which, the ☐ condoned the Brother's past offences, and placed him again in good standing, giving as a reason that his conduct was entirely reformed. Which action your committee approves.

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| A. G. CARTER,  | R. L. BRUCE,     |
| H. P. BUCKLEY, | J. H. DEGRANGE,  |
| M. E. GIRARD,  | JOHN G. FLEMING. |

On motion, the report was adopted.

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances respectfully beg leave to report, that in the matter of the expulsion of Bro. Henry Carter by St. Johns ☐ 153,

your committee, after due examination, approve the action of said ☐, and offer the following resolution—all of which is respectfully submitted.

A. G. CARTER, R. L. BRUCE,  
H. P. BUCKLEY, JOS. H. DEGRANGE,  
JOHN G. FLEMING, M. E. GIRARD,  
JAMES RAY.

*Resolved*, That the appeal of Bro. Henry Carter be dismissed.

On motion, the report and resolution were adopted.

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances respectfully beg leave to report, that in the matter of the complainant of Bellvue ☐ 95 and Red Land ☐ 148, against Hughey ☐ 70, Arkansas: that as the matter is in the hands of the Grand Master, they have no more to do with it than to express their opinion that such proceedings as that taken by Hughey ☐, are in violation of Masonic law and justice.

A. G. CARTER, R. L. BRUCE,  
H. P. BUCKLEY, J. H. DEGRANGE,  
JOHN G. FLEMING, M. E. GIRARD,  
JAMES RAY.

On motion, the report was adopted.

W. Bro. Jno. G. Fleming offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Appeals and Grievances be and are hereby authorized to send for such persons, papers and books, as they may deem essential as evidence in the case of Mount Moriah ☐ No. 59, now before them.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

W. Bro. Fleming submitted the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS; It appears from the past returns of Terryville ☐ No. 118, that a great portion of the amount now standing charged against her on the books of the Grand ☐, is erroneously charged through the ignorance and carelessness of the Secretaries of that ☐. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the case of Terryville ☐ No. 118, be referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

On motion, the resolution was amended by substituting a Special Committee, and, as amended, it was adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed on said Special Committee, W. Bros. Hugh Breen of ☐ No. 191, E. Booth of ☐ 176, and A. Hero, Jr., of ☐ 173.

The Committee on Audit and Accounts submitted the following report and resolution:

NEW ORLEANS, February 15, 1870.

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on Audit and Accounts respectfully beg leave to report that in order to a settlement of the matter of the indebtedness of Many ☐ No. 88,

for Grand Lodge Hall tax—the only item of this tax remaining unpaid—referred to in your committee's report submitted yesterday, they respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Fraternally submitted,

JNO. ANDERSON,  
EDWIN MARKS,  
WM. R. WHITAKER.

*Resolved*, That the matter of the indebtedness of Many ☐ No. 88, on account of Grand Lodge Hall tax, be referred to a Special Committee of three, with instructions to report to-morrow evening.

On motion, the report and resolution were adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed on said Special Committee, Bros. Jos. P. Hornor of ☐ 173, Wm. C. Driver of ☐ 102, and F. H. Babbit of ☐ 163.

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on Audit and Accounts, respectfully beg leave to report, that after consideration of that portion of the M. W. Grand Master's address relative to an investment by his order of the notes of the City of New Orleans held by the Grand Treasurer, in bonds of said city, bearing seven per cent. interest, payable semi-annually, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Fraternally submitted,

JNO. ANDERSON,  
WM. R. WHITAKER.

*Resolved*, That the action of the M. W. Grand Master, in ordering the investment of the notes of the City of New Orleans held by the Grand Treasurer, in bonds of said city, bearing seven per cent. interest, is approved by the Grand ☐.

On motion, the report and resolution were adopted.

The following resolutions, Nos. 1 and 2, appended to the report of the Committee on Audit and Accounts, offered at the last session and ordered to lie over, were called for and read, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That the portion of the report of the Committee on Audit and Accounts referring to the unpaid dues of Constituent ☐ for the years 1867 and 1868, be referred to the Committee on Credentials.

On motion, the above resolution was adopted.

2. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure a suitable set of books for a new Register of the Masons of this jurisdiction.

On motion, the above resolution was adopted.

W. Bro. E. Marks offered some remarks in regard to the report of the Committee on Credentials, and moved that the vote adopting the same be reconsidered; which, on motion, was carried.

The Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered ☐ submitted a report in regard to the returns of Mount Moriah ☐ No. 59.

A motion was made to refer to Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

W. Bro. J. B. Scot offered as a substitute, to refer to Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence.

W. Bro. G. W. Race offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the whole matter be referred back to the Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered ☐, with instructions to examine the returns as in other cases, and disregard all complaints and protests not emanating from this Grand ☐.

Which latter resolution, on motion, was adopted, and the report returned to the committee.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report and resolution:

NEW ORLEANS, February 15, 1870.

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully beg leave to report, that as Vienna ☐ No. 106, made returns within the constitutional period, but owing to sickness and delay on the river, its representative was unable to reach the city to pay the dues of said ☐ within the time prescribed by law, under these circumstances your committee recommend the adoption of the resolution attached.

VIENNA ☐ No. 106, P. D. Scarborough, W. M.; W. R. Byers, S. W.; A. C. Simonton, J. W.

Bro. Jas. B. Ashley of Sam. Todd ☐ No. 182, proxy for W. M., S. W. and J. W. W., ☐ No. 182.

Bro. R. W. Futch of Union Fraternal ☐ No. 53, proxy for W. M., S. W. and J. of Flat Lick ☐ No. 187.

Bro. Angel Martin of Los Amigos del Orden ☐ No. 5, proxy for José Planellas, W. M., of Los Amigos del Orden ☐ No. 5.

Bro. Louis Sorapuru of Foyer Maçonnique ☐ No. 44, as proxy for M. Labusquier, S. W. of Perseverance ☐ No. 4.

A. QUEANT,  
SAM. H. BROWN,  
L. PRADOS.

*Resolved*, That Vienna ☐ No. 106, having made returns and paid her dues in full, be and is hereby allowed representation.

On motion, the report and resolution were adopted.

W. Bro. John Anderson gave notice, that on to-morrow evening he would bring the subject of the report of Mount Moriah ☐ No. 59, before the Grand ☐ in proper form.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report:

NEW ORLEANS, February 15, 1870.

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully beg leave to report on that por-

tion of the report of the Committee on Audit and Accounts, referred to this Committee, find that the following [ ] have paid the balance due to the Grand [ ], since the first of January, viz:

|                           |          |
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| Lafayette No. 56.....     | \$ 18 70 |
| Franklinton No. 101.....  | 1 00     |
| Louisiana No. 102.....    | 1 00     |
| Milford No. 117.....      | 39 00    |
| Spring Hill No. 127.....  | 20 50    |
| Athens No. 136.....       | 14 00    |
| Eureka No. 177.....       | 18 00    |
| Jeffersonian No. 138..... | 25 00    |

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The following [ ] have not paid the balance due the Grand [ ], viz:

|                          |          |                           |          |
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| Olive No. 52.....        | \$ 90 00 | Terryville No. 118.....   | \$ 55 00 |
| Dawson No. 129.....      | 56 00    | Warren No. 132.....       | 33 00    |
| Cool Spring No. 140..... | 7 50     | Perkins No. 150.....      | 22 00    |
| Homer No. 152.....       | 210 00   | Pleasant Hill No. 86..... | 35 00    |

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A. QUEANT,  
S. PRADOS,  
SAM'L H. BROWN, } Committee.

On motion, the above report was adopted.

The Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered [ ], submitted the following report:

NEW ORLEANS, February 15, 1870.

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered [ ], respectfully beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined the portion of the M. W. Grand Master's address, Grand Secretary and D. D. Grand Master's reports, as were referred to them last evening. In the M. W. Grand Master's address they find nothing requiring any action or recommendation from us. They would recommend that so much of the W. Grand Secretary's report as refers to the action of Sparta [ ] 108, be referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, the only case requiring suggestions from us. They have also examined the reports of D. D. Grand Masters of the following Districts:

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| W. Bro. M. A. Calongne..... | District No. 1 |
| " Amos Kent.....            | " 2            |
| " G. A. Pike.....           | " 3            |
| " W. W. Risher.....         | " 5            |
| " H. R. Lott.....           | " 6            |
| " S. G. Parsons.....        | " 7            |
| " J. L. Barrett.....        | " 8            |
| " D. H. Hays.....           | " 11           |
| " J. N. Clampit.....        | " 12           |
| " J. W. Jones.....          | " 13           |
| " Boling Williams.....      | " 14           |
| " S. O. Scruggs.....        | " 15           |

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| W. Bro. N. H. Bray .....        | District No. 16 |
| “ J. C. Gordy .....             | “ 17            |
| “ George H. Wells, .....        | “ 18            |
| “ H. W. Kirkpatrick, .....      | “ 19            |
| R. W. Bro. Sy. G. Parsons ..... | D. G. Master    |

And with two exceptions, we find nothing requiring special action of this M. W. G. □. We would recommend the portion of W. Bro. Bray's (D. D. G. M. of 16th Dist.) report relating to the action of Kisatchie Union □, in the case of Bro. Adair, be referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances; and the portion of W. Bro. Kirkpatrick's (D. D. G. M. of the 19th District) relating to □ under dispensation, be referred to the Committee on □ Under Dispensation. The D. D. G. Masters in every report congratulates the Grand □ on the healthy increase and prosperity of the Fraternity, and in every instance have shown the greatest degree of zeal in performing the duties entrusted to them, and deserve the highest commendation we can bestow, that of having well and faithfully performed the duty assigned them.

We would also call the attention of this body to the fact that, in all the reports of D. D. G. Masters of the Districts, that W. Bro. J. C. Gordy has visited, we find his services are mentioned in terms of high commendation; the testimony of the W. M. of □ in the same Districts, who have consulted with your committee, tend to show the immense amount of good that has been done by our Brother, and we are of the opinion that the Craft desire, and the best interest of the Fraternity require, that his services as one of the Permanent Committee on Work, should be continued. Your committee also find that in various places in the W. G. Secretary's report, that the By-Laws of Constituent □ have been examined and found correct and approved. According to Sec. 2, Art. 3, By-Laws of this Grand □, we find it to be one of the duties required by this Committee. The committee do not desire an increase of their work, nor do they feel willing to endorse work not done by themselves. We would, therefore, inquire respectfully, if this duty has been assigned to any other committee, as we have not had, as yet, placed before us for examination the By-Laws of any Constituent □.

AMOS KENT, *Chairman.*  
W. C. DRIVER,  
J. TODD,  
WM. ROBSON,  
RENE LAFFON.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The M. W. G. Master stated in regard to the above report, that he considered that the appointment of a Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, relieved the Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered □ from that portion of their duty.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted the following report and resolutions:

NEW ORLEANS, February 15th, 1870.

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address relating to the appointment of representatives and the recognition of several Masonic Grand Bodies, respectfully report:



That as mutual representation is calculated to cement the bonds of brotherhood, facilitate communication, and promote the interchange of Masonic courtesies between regularly constituted Grand [ ], the appointment of the distinguished brethren named by the M. W. Grand Master to represent this Grand [ ] near the Grand Bodies within whose jurisdictions they reside, meets our approbation, and we recommend that his action be approved.

We have examined the credentials of the brethren who have received similar appointments from sister Grand [ ], and find the same in due form. We therefore recommend that the brethren thus accredited be received and welcomed as the representatives of the Grand Bodies they respectively represent.

The other subjects referred to your committee, having been noticed at length in our report, presented last evening, require only a brief mention.

At the annual communication of the Grand [ ] of Virginia, December, 1868, all matters in dispute between it and the Grand [ ] of West Virginia were amicably settled; the Grand [ ] of Virginia not only recognizing the Grand [ ] of West Virginia, but cordially recommending it to all other Masonic Grand Bodies. The action of our M. W. Grand Master in appointing a representative to the Grand [ ] of West Virginia, therefore meets with our approval.

In our printed report will be found a notice of the formation of the Grand [ ] of Quebec, with an analysis of the reasons advanced both for and against its recognition. Among the papers submitted to your committee, is a circular from the Grand Secretary of that Grand [ ], dated January 21, 1870, which was received after our report was in the hands of the printer. From it we learn that since the organization of the new Grand Body, up to the 6th of January last, five, instead of two, [ ] have declared in favor of the Grand [ ] of Quebec, and that two more were arranging to take the same action. For the reasons stated in our printed report, we recommend the recognition of the new organization.

The unsettled condition of Masonry in Brazil is a subject of regret to all good Masons. The subject was noticed in our supplementary report, presented after the close of last annual communication. A reference to our report, presented last evening, will show that the two Supreme Councils in the United States have recognized the Supreme Council Do Lavradio. Each of the rival Supreme Councils in Brazil have Grand Orients as governing bodies for the symbolic degrees. Both of them ask for fraternal correspondence and mutual representation with our Grand [ ], and for reasons heretofore stated we recommend the recognition of the Grand Orient Do Lavradio.

We therefore append the following resolutions:

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES B. SCOT,  
JOSEPH P. HORNOR,  
A. GOLDMANN.

*Resolved*, That the appointments made by our M. W. Grand Master of distinguished brethren as representatives of the Grand [ ] of Louisiana, near the Grand Easts of the sister jurisdictions in which they reside, be and is hereby approved.

*Resolved*, That the brethren who have been duly accredited by Masonic Grand Bodies as their representatives near the Grand [ ] of Louisiana, be received and welcomed as such.

*Resolved*, That the Grand □ of Louisiana hereby recognizes as regularly constituted Masonic Grand Bodies the Grand □ of West Virginia and Quebec, and the Grand Orient Do Lavradio of Brazil, and as such extends to them a fraternal greeting and the right hand of fellowship.

W. Bro. J. B. Scot moved the adoption of the report and resolutions.

R. W. Bro. Batchelor moved to amend the motion, as follows, viz: "That all portions of the report and third resolution having reference to the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, be laid over until the next annual Communication."

On motion, the amendment as offered by W. Bro. Batchelor, was adopted.

Then, on motion, the report and resolutions as amended were adopted.

The Committee on Masonic History submitted the following report and resolutions:

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on Masonic History have endeavored to secure the translation of the early records of the Grand □ for publication, but thus far have been unsuccessful. Until quite recently they have been unable to secure a competent person to make the translation required. W. Bro. René Laffon was finally induced to undertake the work, but circumstances over which he had no control has so far delayed him that nothing as yet has been perfected. Your committee had already prepared an introduction or preface, in anticipation of the work now in the hands of Bro. Laffon, and were in hope to have the first part of the work ready for the press. We ask permission to continue him in the work, and in case of his inability to give to it the necessary time, that we be authorized to employ some other competent Brother to do the translation; and that when a suitable portion of the same shall be translated, to have the same printed in parts of about one hundred pages each, say to the extent of one thousand copies.

Your committee are of the opinion that there should be included in the first part, a pretty full history of the □ in existence in Louisiana prior to the formation of the Grand □; as also of the prominent Masons who were its founders and early supporters. Four of these are now in existence, Perfect Union, Polar Star, Concorde and Perseverance. The officers of these □ should, we think, without delay, set some one of the many able brethren to work to compile the early history of each and furnish the same to your committee. The fifth □ which aided in the foundation of the Grand □, was Charity No. 2. The minutes of this □, from 1804 to 1812, are missing. We would call the attention of our Brethren to this, with the hope that the missing records may be found and returned to the custody of the Grand □. There were, prior to 1812, three other □ in Louisiana, beside the five founding the Grand □: La Re-Union Désiré, founded in 1807, Moreau Lislet, its first Master, and which ceased to exist in 1811; Louisiana 101, founded about 1806, over which Edward Livingston

presided as Master, from its foundation until it ceased to exist in 1814, and Harmony, founded about 1808, principally by the exertions of the late Maunsel White. Had we the records of these two [ ] , or even that of Harmony, we could give almost a complete history of the early Masons of Louisiana up to 1850; provided the Masters of the [ ] now in existence and existing before that time would furnish us a compilation of their history up to that date.

The small number of actual [ ] prior to 1845 or 1850, in Louisiana, would render the work comparatively easy, and would, in the estimation of your committee, be a valuable addition to the history of the Grand [ ] .

Your committee, therefore, have to request a continuance of their work, and that they be authorized to procure the translation of the records of the Grand [ ] and of such other documents, and the making of such compilations as they may deem necessary. They also ask for authority to publish, at their discretion, such parts of their labor as they may complete during the year, say to the extent of one thousand copies, the same to be sold by the Grand [ ] at cost.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

J. Q. A. FELLOWS.

*For the Committee.*

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Masonic History be authorized to employ suitable and competent persons to translate the early records of the Grand [ ] and other documents, and to make such compilations as they may deem necessary for the early history of Masonry in Louisiana, and as an introduction to and accompaniment of the proceedings of the Grand [ ] .

*Resolved*, That in their discretion, the Committee on Masonic History be authorized to have printed and stereotyped their compilation of the early history of Freemasonry in Louisiana, and the proceedings of the Grand [ ] prior to 1850, in parts of about 100 pages, in the same size and form as the proceedings of the Grand [ ] are now printed, to the extent of 1000 copies; the same to be sold by the Grand Secretary at the cost of printing, after reserving 250 copies for distribution and the Grand Lodge Library.

On motion, the report was adopted, and the resolutions referred to the Committee on Audit and Accounts.

The R. W. Grand Secretary read the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence be, and are hereby requested to define the Status of the W. M. of Louisiana Relief [ ] No. 1.

Signed:

J. B. COOPER, W. M. of Ocean [ ] 144.

On motion, the same was adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master then called off the Grand [ ] until to-morrow, (Wednesday) the 16th inst., at 6:30 P. M.

SAMUEL M. TODD, *Grand Master.*

AMOS KENT, *Senior Grand Warden.*

R. G. STERLING, *as Junior Grand Warden.*

Attest:

J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D., *Grand Secretary.*

GRAND LODGE HALL,  
NEW ORLEANS, Wednesday, February 16, 1870. }

The M. W. Grand ☐ of the State of Louisiana was called to labor on the third degree by Samul M. Todd, Grand Master. The following

OFFICERS PRESENT:

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| SAM'L MANNING TODD.....      | M. W. Grand Master.           |
| SY. G. PARSONS.....          | R. W. Deputy Grand Master.    |
| AMOS KENT.....               | R. W. Senior Grand Warden.    |
| R. G. STERLING.....          | as R. W. Junior Grand Warden. |
| HY. R. SWASEY.....           | R. W. Grand Treasurer.        |
| J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D.....   | R. W. Grand Secretary.        |
| REV. C. S. HEDGES, D. D..... | W. Grand Chaplain.            |
| HUGH BREEN.....              | W. Senior Grand Deacon.       |
| I. W. HOMAN.....             | as W. Junior Grand Deacon.    |
| GEO. W. RACE.....            | W. Grand Marshal.             |
| M. E. GIRARD.....            | W. Grand Sword Bearer.        |
| GEO. BALDEY.....             | W. Grand Pursuivant.          |
| WM. ROBSON.....              | } W. Grand Stewards.          |
| O. CZARNOWSKI.....           |                               |
| JNO. G. McWILLIALMS.....     |                               |
| G. W. SHORT.....             |                               |
| R. S. BURK.....              | as W. Grand Tyler.            |

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

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| WM. M. PERKINS.....   | P. G. M.    | S. O. SCRUGGS.....     | P. D. G. M. |
| J. Q. A. FELLOWS..... | P. G. M.    | JNO. C. GORDY.....     | P. S. G. W. |
| A. J. NORWOOD.....    | P. G. M.    | JNO. A. STEVENSON..... | P. J. G. W. |
| A. G. CARTER.....     | P. D. G. M. | WM. McDUFF.....        | P. J. G. W. |

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

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| M. W. SAM'L M. TODD.....         | Alabama, North Carolina, District of Columbia and Nevada.                    |
| M. W. J. Q. A. FELLOWS.....      | Illinois, Vermont, Florida, Minnesota, Maryland, Mississippi and California. |
| M. W. MM. PERKINS.....           | Virginia, Tennessee and Texas.                                               |
| R. W. J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D..... | Canada and Oregon.                                                           |
| R. W. JNO. G. DUNLAP.....        | Georgia.                                                                     |
| R. W. JNO. A. STEVENSON.....     | Missouri.                                                                    |
| R. W. T. J. O'REGAN.....         | Ireland.                                                                     |
| R. W. L. E. REYNOLDS.....        | Iowa.                                                                        |
| R. W. E. D. CRAIG.....           | New Jersey.                                                                  |
| R. W. Rev. H. S. JACOBS.....     | South Carolina.                                                              |
| R. W. JAMES B. SCOT.....         | Ohio.                                                                        |
| R. W. PASCAL UGARTE.....         | G. O. Lavradio, Brazil.                                                      |
| R. W. A. GOLDMANN.....           | (Three Globes, R. Y. of Friendship, Berlin, Prussia,) Frankfort and Saxony.  |

R. W. Junior Grand Warden Jno. L. Barrett entered and assumed his station.

On call of roll, the following ☐ were represented, viz: Nos. P. U. 1, P. S. 1, 3, 4, Los A. del O. 5, 9, 19, 28, 31, 38, 44, 45, 46, 47, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 63, 65, 66, 68, 70, 72, 76, 78, 83, 84, 87, 90, 94, 95, 96, 98, 101, 102, 103, 106, 112, 115, 117, 125, 126, 135, 139, 144, 145, 146, 148, 149, 154, 158, 161, 163, 166, 167, 169, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 179, 180, 183, 184, 185, 186, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196. Total, 86 Chartered ☐. Mallet Woods and Brooklyn U. D. Total ☐ U. D., 2.

M. W. Bros. W. M. Perkins and Abel J. Norwood, P. G. Masters, were announced, and were received in ample form.

The M. W. Grand Master directed the R. W. Grand Secretary to read the minutes of the previous session, Tuesday, 15th inst. The same were read, amended, and, on motion, adopted.

The R. W. Grand Secretary submitted the following report:

NEW ORLEANS, February 16, 1870.

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Grand Secretary respectfully begs leave to report, that since the last session Homer ☐ No. 152, had made returns, but paid no dues.

Cool Spring ☐ No. 140, had paid its dues in full.

That Napoleon ☐ 94, has paid its dues in full.

On motion, the report was received and referred to the Committee on Credentials.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report:

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully beg leave to report Bro. W. L. Richardson of Anacoco ☐ 147, proxy for S. W. of Cloutierville ☐ No. 103.

Bro. R. J. Wheaton of Trenton ☐ No. 195, proxy for W. M., S. W. and J. W. of Trenton ☐ No. 195.

Bro. J. R. Ramsey of Homer ☐ No. 152, proxy for W. M., S. W. and J. W. of Haynesville ☐ No. 169.

Bro. Geo. N. Clampitt, of Arcadia ☐ No. 126, proxy for W. M. of Arcadia ☐ No. 126.

Bro. J. W. Calcote of Vienna ☐ No. 106, proxy for W. M., S. W. and J. W. of Eureka ☐ No. 177.

Bro. G. Sontag of Geo. Washington ☐ No. 65, proxy for W. M. of Longwood ☐ No. 183.

Bro. M. Gans of Montgomery ☐ No. 168, for W. M., S. W. and J. W. of same lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

A. QUEANT,  
SAM. H. BROWNE,  
L. PRADOS.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered ☐, submitted the following report and resolutions:

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered ☐, respectfully beg leave to report that they have had under consideration the report of W. Bro. W. W. Risher, D. D. G. M. of the Fifth District. We find that he recommends the charter of Warren ☐ No. 132, be permitted to be returned by said ☐. We would, therefore, recommend the resolution herewith appended. We would recommend that portion of his report referring to the appointing of the Secretaries of the constituent ☐ by the W. M., be referred to the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence.

Respectfully submitted,

AMOS KENT,

*Chairman of First Section of Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered ☐;*

RÉNÉ LAFFON,

*Chairman of Second Section;*

WM. C. DRIVER,

WM. ROBSON,

J. TODD.

*Resolved*, That the W. G. Secretary is hereby empowered to receive the charter, books, papers and other property of Warren ☐ No. 132.

On motion, the report and resolution were adopted.

The Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation, submitted the following report and resolutions:

NEW ORLEANS, February 16, 1870.

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on ☐ Under Dispensation, respectfully beg leave to report that having examined the returns of the following named ☐, submitted to them for that purpose, offer the following report and resolutions for your consideration:

MAGNOLIA ☐—The minutes have been correctly kept, the By-Laws in accordance with the regulations of the Grand Lodge, and their returns regular and in due form.

OAK GROVE—Their minutes are written in due form, and their returns in accordance with regulations. The By-Laws and resolutions are incorrect. We find from their minutes, that on the 13th November, 1869, six members were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, two passed to the degree of Fellow Craft and two initiated, at one and the same communication; but we have since learned their work was done in accordance with the edicts of the Grand Lodge.

SUMMERFIELD—The minutes are correct and well kept. Their returns and petition for a charter are in due form. The By-Laws are correct, with the exception of section 6 of article 2, and the whole of article 14.

MALLET WOODS ☐—Their minutes are very well kept. They have neglected, however, to send their By-Laws or a petition for a charter.

HOLLY SPRINGS □—The minutes are incorrectly kept. On November 27 and December 25, the □ was called on "pursuant to adjournment." This is a fault to which the attention of their Secretary is directed. Their By-Laws are incorrect, and require revision. The petition for a charter is signed by the Secretary only. Their returns of work are correct and in due form.

ASSUMPTION □—We have no papers whatever pertaining to this □ before us.

BROOKLYN □—The returns and proceedings are correct, the minutes well kept, their petition in due form, and their By-Laws in accordance with the regulations of the Grand □.

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation respectfully beg leave to report that they find nothing to report, requiring special action, in the report of the W. G. Secretary, on Lodges Under Dispensation.

They beg permission to call attention to their special report on □□ petitioning for charters.

Fraternally submitted,

G. SONTAG,  
W. S. BENEDICT, } Committee.

And we offer the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That a charter do issue to Magnolia □, under the No. , to Brooklyn □ under the No. .

*Resolved*, That a charter do issue to Oak Grove □, under the No. —, when their By-Laws are amended in accordance with the regulations of the Grand □.

*Resolved*, That a charter do issue to Summerfield □, under the No. , and to Holly Springs □ under the No. , when their By-Laws are corrected in accordance with existing regulations.

*Resolved*, That a charter do issue to Mallet Wood □, under No. , when they send up their By-Laws and petition for charter, if found in due form.

On motion, the report and resolutions were adopted.

The Committee on Audits and Accounts submitted the following report and resolution:

NEW ORLEANS, February 16, 1870.

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on Audit and Accounts, beg leave respectfully to report on that portion of the Grand Master's address referred to them for consideration; have carefully examined the same in regard to the issuance of the bonds of the Grand □ to the amount of seventy-five thousand dollars, and fully concur in said action; therefore, we would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Fraternally submitted,

JNO. ANDERSON.  
EDWIN MARKS.

*Resolved*, That the action of the M. W. G. Master, in issuing the bonds of the Grand □ to the amount of seventy-five thousand dollars, be approved.

On motion, the report and resolution were adopted.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances, submitted the following report and resolution:

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances respectfully beg leave to report, that in the matter of the appeal of Bro. Eugene F. Bunch, who was suspended by Amite City ☐ No. 175, for non-payment of dues, it appears that the Brother was never tried at all, therefore, the action of the ☐ was illegal in suspending him.

Your committee offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the appeal of Bro. Bunch be sustained.

Fraternally,

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| A. G. CARTER,  | JOHN G. FLEMING, |
| H. P. BUCKLEY, | J. H. DeGRANGE,  |
| R. L. BRUCE,   | JAMES RAY,       |
|                | M. E. GIRARD.    |

On motion of R. W. Bro. Jno. A. Stevenson, the report was received and the resolution was recommitted for amendment.

The committee resubmitted the resolution above mentioned, amended by the words "and he be reinstated."

On motion, the resolution as amended was adopted.

W. Bro. H. Breen, from Special Committee, submitted the following report and resolution:

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Special Committee on the matter of Terryville ☐ No. 118, respectfully beg leave to report, that it appears from the books of the Grand Secretary's office and the returns of Terryville ☐ 118, that Terryville ☐ 118 is indebted to this Grand ☐ in the sum of fifty-five dollars, of which amount we find, after a careful examination, that fifty dollars are improperly charged against said Terryville ☐ 118, through the negligence of their former Secretaries in reporting as members thereof, those who had died, demitted and been stricken from the roll. Therefore, your committee would respectfully suggest, that the said sum of fifty dollars be remitted, and recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

Fraternally submitted,

HUGH BREEN,  
EDW. BOOTH,  
ANDREW HERO, JR.

*Resolved*, That the sum of fifty dollars erroneously charged against Terryville ☐ No. 118, through the negligence of its former Secretaries be and the same is hereby remitted.

On motion of W. Bro. H. Breen, the report and resolution were received, and the resolution referred to the Committee on Audit and Accounts.



Bro. G. W. Tignor made application to represent Cool Spring □ No. 140.

On motion of W. Bro. Jno. Anderson, the same was referred to the Committee on Credentials.

W. Bro. Anderson called for the amendment offered by W. Bro. Jno. G. Fleming, at the last communication, Sec. 3, Art. 8, Constitution, relative to minimum fee to be charged. The same was read.

W. Bro. Hornor moved to divide the question, which, on motion, was lost.

W. Bro. Hornor asked for a suspension of action upon the amendment, in order to allow the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence to make a report.

The suspension was refused.

The question upon the amendment was then taken, (direct) when the same was rejected.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report and resolution:

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully beg leave to report on the case of Cool Spring □ No. 140, referred to them by resolution of the Grand □. Bro. G. W. Tignor claims to be the delegate by written proxy, and that said written proxy was left at home.

Your committee (having carefully examined the case) are of the opinion that the proxy as intended, by Sec. 8, Art. 7 of the Constitution of this Grand □, has not been proven to the satisfaction of your committee. A proxy is a written evidence of power conferred, and as the *presentation* of a written proxy is a part of the Constitution of this Grand □, we, therefore, respectfully offer the following resolution:

Fraternally submitted,

A. QUEANT.

L. PRADOS,

SAM'L H. BROWN.

*Resolved*, That this Grand □ cannot recognize any other than a written proxy presented.

On motion, the report and resolution were adopted.

The Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence submitted the following report and resolutions:

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence have had under consideration the decisions of the Grand Master, as reported by him, and in their

opinion, the same are in strict accordance with Masonic law and usage. Your committee, however, deem it proper to enter more fully than by a simple approval, into two or three of the questions decided by the Grand Master.

1st. The rights of property as held by the Grand ☐ and its constituents, is strictly a legal question, and this, not under the Masonic, but the civil or municipal law. The Grand ☐ was incorporated by the State for certain definite purposes, expressed in its act of incorporation. It can use its funds for no other purpose than those therein named, to wit: Charity and Universal Benevolence, as founded on the ancient usages of the Society of Freemasons. This disposition is, of course, in a great measure discretionary; but yet, to be confined to the promotion of these objects. The regular ☐ are also made bodies corporate, by the act of incorporation of the Grand ☐, and to remain such, so long as they remain under the jurisdiction of the Grand ☐, and in all things abide by, and conform themselves to its resolutions and by-laws, and no longer. It follows, then, that the constituent ☐ are simply agents of the Grand ☐—branch corporations, constituted and existing, so far as the possession of property is concerned, for the purpose of carrying out the principles of charity and universal benevolence. The Grand ☐ of itself, and including its constituents is, strictly speaking, an eleemosynary institution. It is made by the law of the land, as well as by the Masonic law, the governing body—the supreme controlling power—and it has by law, civil and Masonic, the right of control over all the funds and property belonging to the Fraternity, and, as a necessary consequence, is responsible for the wrong use of the funds and property, as administered directly by its immediate officers, or indirectly by its constituent ☐. Against the improper disposition of its funds, any Mason has the right, both by civil and Masonic law to protest, and if necessary, to call the courts of the country into service to prevent any act of maladministration. Within the limits of a wide discretion, it is the duty of the Grand ☐ and its officers, supreme and constituent, to see that all the property of the organization is devoted to the great ends of the institution.

Here we must, however, differ with the remarks quoted from P. Grand Master Gedge, as to the possible disposition of these funds belonging to the Fraternity. We do not believe in the policy of accumulating large funds, or as a general thing, in making endowments for the future. Each generation is, or should be, sufficient for its own necessities; at least, the next generation of men or Masons are, or ought to be better able to take care of its own widows and orphans, than this is to take care even of its own. We can much better administer our own charity than those who come after us. Distributed now, we can know that it is doing its good work, and can see to it, that there is no diversion or squandering. Many would, by a little timely assistance now, be enabled to prosper in the future, and do away with the necessity of making provision for their children. The funds which we could now judiciously distribute, would have an increase of a hundred fold in the happy homes and hearts of the recipients, over any investment that could be made in stocks or bonds, or mortgage. It is as mistaken a notion among Masons as it is among the people, that it is for the advantage of our children to heap up riches for them to squander after we are gone. Imbued with proper principles and with the additional advantages which the next generation may have over this one, there is no reason why our children should not

make their living and accumulate property, as well as ourselves. Let us be on executors, distribute our own charity, and those who come after us can accumulate and distribute their own. There is present need for all we can do.

2. The practice of striking off the roll the names of members in arrears for dues, is only an attempt to remedy an evil by the use of partial and extraneous means. The disease lies deeper. It is in the departure from the old custom of having no dues, and in making our Institution a sort of health or life insurance company. As just before stated on another question, the great principle of our order is Charity and Universal Benevolence. There is nothing of this, in the system of paying dues, as being that which alone will entitle one to receive a benefit. This practice of requiring the payment of dues, in order to entitle one to benefits instead of inculcating in the heart the virtue of charity, tends to destroy it altogether. The old rule was (and is so still in Rhode Island), once a Mason, always a Mason—although for unmasonic conduct he may be an expelled one. The teachings inculcated at our initiation are there kept alive in practice. Whenever you see any one in a like penniless condition, and more especially a brother, be ready to assist him to the extent of your ability; not send him to the □, unless his needs are greater than your means, saying to yourself, if not aloud, "I have paid my dues; the Treasurer has the funds." We know there was charged in former times what was called a quarterage, but it was a charge made and collected on the spot, to pay for the refreshments given on the occasion. If work was to be done, the necessary expenses of the Communication was paid out of the fees—the remainder went for Charity. If more was collected from the quarterage at the quarterly festivals than was necessary to pay the expenses of the feast, it was distributed to those in immediate want. When we return to the good old customs of our fathers, make a Mason for all time or during good behavior, to be a member of the whole fraternity when made, and of the particular □ which made him till he shall join another, free from those exactions called dues, but in every case of necessity subject to a call so far as the necessities of the brother may require and his means permit, then and then only shall we be rid of the cancer preying upon the vitals of the order, unaffiliated Masons, and be saved from the troublesome question of trying to be rid of the evils resulting from the non-payment of dues. The evil is in the system, and all the cauterization and use of the knife that is possible will never free the body from the evils of what is now, with us at least, a constitutional disease.

The practice of striking from the roll the names of members in arrears for non-payment of dues, your committee do not consider Masonic. If a brother voluntarily connects himself with a □ which has a By-Law providing for the payment of dues, he is a party to that obligation, and to omit or refuse to pay his dues, if able to do so, would be a wrong to his □ and to his brethren associated with him in it, and such a violation of Masonic engagement and duty would be a fair subject for Masonic discipline. We hold that a brother cannot be deprived of any of his Masonic privileges without due trial, and after conviction of a violation of Masonic engagement; and that if any punishment is to be inflicted for non-payment of dues, it should be regular Masonic punishment, such as reprimand, deprivation or indefinite suspension, or expulsion. Your committee, therefore, recommend the striking out of that portion of the Grand □ By-Laws providing for dropping from the roll the names of those who do not pay their dues.

We would add incidentally a word or two on the subject of demits, and as growing out of the question decided by the Grand Master, concerning E. A. or F. C. completing their degrees in another □. The question is mooted, can an E. A. or F. C. demit? In former times when there were no dues, when every E. A. was a member of a □, and when all business, except conferring degrees or balloting for higher degrees was done in a □ of E. A.'s, there were no demits, such as are now granted in Louisiana. The brother initiated was a member of the □ as well as of the fraternity for life. There was no occasion for a demit, unless a change of residence had been perfected, not simply intended. Then, on request in writing, the brother was granted a recommendation to the particular □ to which the brother wished to attach himself. This recommendation was called a certificate of demit. The brother still remaining a member of his old □ until he had been ballotted for and elected a member of the new one; and, if rejected, he still retained his membership in his former □. This was the course pursued even within the Masonic remembrance of the writer of this report, and applied alike to Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts and Master Masons. Your committee would like to see our Constitution and regulations changed so as to correspond with the foregoing views, but will offer no amendments unless the same shall seem to be called for by the approval of the Grand □. Very slight alterations in the Grand □ By-Laws would accomplish this purpose. The establishment of the system of life membership in □ is a move in the right direction, and should be fostered by the Grand □.

On the resolution of the Grand □ requiring this committee to define the status of the W. M. of the Louisiana Relief □ No. 1, your committee can conceive as consistently possible but one solution. The Grand □ has created by charter a body called Louisiana Relief □ No. 1. It is to all intents and purposes a regular □, and if the W. M. be duly elected by the constituents, the members of that organization, and has been installed, he is the legal Master of a regular □, and has all the rights and privileges as such, and all the powers over the affairs of his □, which its charter or warrant of Constitution gives him. Not wishing to go outside of the actual question we might stop here, but yet the brother offering the resolution might not be satisfied with the naked answer here given.

Your committee will therefore add that in another □ than his own, the W. M. or a P. M. of Louisiana Relief □ has precisely the same rights and privileges, and we may say, powers as has any other W. M. or P. M. He may sit in the East if invited, or preside and confer degrees if requested, and so can any other competent brother. No one except the actual Master or Grand Master, or his Deputy, has a right in the East, or can properly go there except by invitation, and if invited by the presiding officer, any brother has the right to a seat there. In all cases the invitation is an act of courtesy and politeness, and as the custom is to invite all Masters and Past Masters of □ to a seat in the East, we should consider it an act of discourtesy and impoliteness, not to invite the W. M. or a P. M. of Louisiana Relief □, when present, to a seat in the East.

Fraternally submitted,

J. Q. A. FELLOWS,

H. R. SWASEY,

S. O. SCRUGGS,

A. G. CARTER,

W. M. PERKINS.

1. *Resolved*, That the edicts and decisions of the Grand Master, as reported in his address and numbered from one to nine inclusive, be approved.

2. *Resolved*, That the W. M. of Louisiana Relief ☐ No. 1, has and possesses all the rights and privileges of the Master of any regular ☐ , except that of voting in the Grand ☐ , and the restrictions expressly stated in the charter of that ☐ , and in Section 4, Article 2, Chapter 3, of the By-Laws of the Grand ☐ , and he and the Past Masters of that ☐ are entitled to all the courtesies of Masters and Past Masters of other ☐ .

3. *Resolved*, That the resolution of 1866, in regard to the jurisdiction of ☐ in the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

4. *Resolved*, That the By-Laws of the Grand ☐ be amended by striking out Section 2 of Article 3, Chapter 3, of the By-Laws of the Grand ☐ .

5. *Resolved*, That Section 2 of Article 3, Chap. 3 of the By-Laws of the Grand ☐ be amended by inserting "and receives a majority vote of the members of the ☐ at any regular meeting," instead of "and takes all the steps necessary for affiliation."

6. *Resolved*, That to encourage the establishment of the system of life membership in ☐ , the amount of dues to the Grand ☐ for life members be remitted, if so created by a continued service, and of not less than fifteen years.

On motion, the 1st, 2d, 3d and 6th resolutions were severally adopted; and the 4th and 5th resolutions laid over under the By-Laws.

W. Bro. Jos. P. Hornor, from Special Committee, submitted the following report and resolution:

GRAND LODGE HALL, February 16, 1870.

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana :*

Your Special Committee appointed to consider the case of Many ☐ No. 88, respectfully report that they have examined the books and published proceedings of the Grand ☐ , and find that Many ☐ No. 88 is indebted on account of Grand Lodge Hall to the amount of one hundred and ninety-two dollars.

We also learn that the ☐ is in very poor condition, financially, and unable at present to pay this sum. We, therefore, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved* That Many ☐ No. 88, is not entitled to any part in the distribution of the Charity Fund until this indebtedness is paid or otherwise cancelled.

J. B. DUNN,

F. H. BABBIT,

JOSEPH P. HORNOR.

On motion, the report and resolution were adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master announced to the Grand ☐ the death of Bro. Stephen S. Selleck, P. M. of A. H. ☐ 72, who died this day. He was probably the oldest Mason in our jurisdiction, having been a Mason about fifty-five years. He had received the degrees of M. M., R. A., R. and Select M. and K. T. His funeral will take place on to-morrow, at 3 P. M., and those members of the Grand ☐ who wished to attend were invited to meet A. H. ☐ 72, at the Grand Lodge Hall, at the above mentioned hour.

R. W. S. O. Scruggs, from Special Committee, submitted the following report and resolutions :

NEW ORLEANS, February 16, 1870.

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana :*

Your Committee on that portion of the Grand Master's address in regard to the deceased Masons of this jurisdiction, for the year 1870, respectfully beg leave to report, that,

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty Ruler of the Universe to take from us our dearly beloved brother Wm. H. Howard, P. G. Secretary of this Grand ☐, Past Grand Master of California, and Grand Representative of this Grand ☐ at the Grand East of California; and,

WHEREAS, It has pleased Him also to remove to the Great Grand Lodge above our beloved brethren M. P. Quinn, W. M. Vienna ☐ 106, who died on the 14th June, 1869; Aaron Harris, P. M. of Louisiana ☐ 102, who departed this life July 15th, 1869; Jos. F. L. Lamarre, W. M. of St. Andrew ☐, on January 7th, 1870; Maurice Langhorne, P. M. of Minden ☐ 51 and member of Dudley ☐ 66, who died in St. Louis, Missouri, on the 28th March, 1869, and H. J. B. Pain, P. M. of Foyer Maçonnique ☐ 44, who died in Mobile in 1863; be it therefore,

*Resolved*, That in the death of our Representative at the Grand East of California, this Grand ☐ has sustained a serious loss and Masonry a brilliant and honored votary.

*Resolved*, That a page of the published Proceedings of this Grand ☐ be devoted to the memory of Bro. Howard, as one of the Past Grand officers of this Grand ☐ and Grand Representative at the Grand East of California.

*Resolved*, That in the death of Bros. Quinn, Harris, Lamarre, Langhorne and Pain, this Grand ☐ and the Fraternity at large, have lost five useful, respected and beloved brethren.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary, over the official seal of the Grand ☐, transmit a copy of these resolutions to the families or immediate friends of our deceased brethren.

S. O. SCRUGGS,  
JOHN C. MILLER,  
EDW. BOOTH,

On motion, the report and resolutions were adopted by a unanimous vote of Honor.

In presenting this report, R. W. Bro. Scruggs delivered a feeling and appropriate eulogy upon these brethren.

W. Bro. Richard Lambert, of Louisiana Relief ☐ No. 1, submitted the following preamble and resolution :

NEW ORLEANS, February 16, 1870.

It affords me much pleasure to announce to this Grand ☐, that Bro. Maxwell, of Baltimore, Maryland, has donated to the Masonic Fraternity of Louisiana a certain portion of ground in the town of Abbeville, State of Louisiana, for a Masonic Cemetery; be it therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Grand ☐ do hereby authorize the officers and members of Abbeville ☐ No. 192, to sell such lots in said property as they may deem necessary for the purpose of improving the remainder portion, for the purpose originally intended.

On motion, the preamble and resolution were adopted.

W. Bro. Fleming, from Special Committee, submitted the following report :

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the M. W. Grand Master's address, as refers to *Temple Property*, respectfully beg leave to report, that they have given the subject due consideration, and recommend that the action of the M. W. Grand Master, in issuing bonds of the Grand □, payable in five years, bearing eight per cent. interest per annum, and secured by mortgage on the Grand Lodge Hall, corner of St. Charles and Perdido streets, for the sum of \$75,000, thereby relieving the property, near Tivoli Circle, from incumbrance, be approved.

Your Committee are of opinion that the present Grand Lodge Hall is ineligibly located, unsuited to the wants of the Fraternity, and has ceased to yield a remunerative income.

The property on St. Charles street, near Tivoli Circle. is a most desirable location for the erection of a Masonic Temple. We find by a diagram of that property, that it can be so divided as to sell seventeen lots, of thirty feet front, by about one hundred and twenty feet in depth, and still leave a front of upwards of one hundred and thirty feet, by a depth of two hundred feet, or more, on which to erect a Temple. We would, therefore, respectfully recommend that the Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge Hall be authorized, at its discretion, to lay the corner stone for a Masonic Temple on said property, which will greatly enhance the value of the portion to be sold; and that said Board of Directors be authorized and requested to mature plans and specifications for the said Temple and devise the ways and means for erecting the same, and report to the next Communication of this Grand □.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. FLEMING,  
T. D. VAN HORN,  
G. W. RACE,

*Committee.*

Which was read, and after considerable discussion, was, on motion, adopted.

The Grand Secretary read a request from W. Bro. F. H. Babbitt, P. M. of Atchafalaya □ 163; that the case of Bro. Jno. Woods, whose name appears upon the roll of members of Atchafalaya □ 163 and Olive □ 52, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, for their opinion.

On motion, the same was adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master then called off the Grand □ until to-morrow (Thursday), 17th inst., at 6:30 P. M.

SAML M. TODD, *Grand Master.*

AMOS KENT, *Senior Grand Warden.*

JNO. L. BARRETT, *Junior Grand Warden.*

Attest:

JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D.,

*Grand Secretary.*

GRAND LODGE HALL,  
NEW ORLEANS, *Thursday, February 17, 1870.* }

The M. W. Grand ☐ of the State of Louisiana was called to labor on the third degree by M. W. Samuel M. Todd, Grand Master, at 6:30 P. M.; the following

## OFFICERS PRESENT:

|                              |       |                            |
|------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|
| SAM'L MANNING TODD,          | ..... | M. W. Grand Master.        |
| SY. G. PARSONS.....          |       | R. W. Deputy Grand Master. |
| AMOS KENT.....               |       | R. W. Senior Grand Warden. |
| JNO. L. BARRETT.....         |       | R. W. Junior Grand Warden. |
| HY. R. SWASEY, P. G. M.....  |       | R. W. Grand Treasurer.     |
| J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D.....   |       | R. W. Grand Secretary.     |
| REV. C. S. HEDGES, D. D..... |       | W. Grand Chaplain.         |
| HUGH BREEN.....              |       | W. Senior Grand Deacon.    |
| F. H. BABBIT.....            |       | W. Junior Grand Deacon.    |
| JAMES B. WALTON.....         | as    | W. Grand Marshal.          |
| M. E. GIRARD.....            |       | W. Grand Sword Bearer.     |
| GEO. BALDEY.....             |       | W. Grand Pursuivant.       |
| WM. ROBSON.....              |       | } W. Grand Stewards.       |
| JNO. B. SORAPURU.....        |       |                            |
| O. CZARNOWSKI.....           |       |                            |
| J. C. MILLER.....            |       |                            |
| R. S. BURK.....              | as    | W. Grand Tyler.            |

## PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

|                       |                   |                        |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| J. Q. A. FELLOWS..... | M. W. P. G. M.    | A. G. CARTER.....      | R. W. P. D. G. M. |
| S. O. SCRUGGS.....    | R. W. P. D. G. M. | JNO. A. STEVENSON..... | R. W. P. J. G. W. |
| JNO. C. GORDY.....    | R. W. P. S. G. W. |                        |                   |

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

|                                  |                                                                              |
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| M. W. SAM'L M. TODD.....         | Alabama, North Carolina, District of Columbia and Nevada.                    |
| M. W. J. Q. A. FELLOWS.....      | Illinois, Vermont, Florida, Minnesota, Maryland, Mississippi and California. |
| R. W. J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D..... | Canada and Oregon.                                                           |
| R. W. T. J. O'REGAN.....         | Ireland.                                                                     |
| R. W. L. E. REYNOLDS.....        | Iowa.                                                                        |
| R. W. E. SALOMON.....            | Colon.                                                                       |
| R. W. E. D. CRAIG.....           | New Jersey.                                                                  |
| R. W. Rev. H. S. JACOBS.....     | South Carolina.                                                              |
| R. W. JNO. G. DUNLAP.....        | Georgia.                                                                     |
| R. W. JNO. A. STEVENSON.....     | Missouri.                                                                    |
| R. W. JAMES B. SCOT.....         | Ohio.                                                                        |
| R. W. A. GOLDMANN.....           | (Three Globes; R. Y. of Friendship, Berlin, Prussia,) Frankfort and Saxony.  |



The roll being called, the following ☐ were found to be represented, viz: Nos. P. U. 1, P. S. 1, 3, 4, Los A. del O. 5, 9, 19, 24, 28, 31 44, 45, 46, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 63, 65, 66, 68, 70, 72, 75, 76, 78, 83, 84, 87 90, 94, 95, 96, 98, 101, 102, 103, 106, 109, 112, 115, 116, 117, 125, 126, 135, 139, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 154, 156, 158, 160, 161, 163, 164, 166, 167, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 179, 180, 183, 184, 185, 186, 188, 189, 191, 192, 193, 194 195. Total, 88 Chartered ☐ Mallet Woods and Brooklin U. D. Total ☐ U. D., 2.

The minutes of the session of Wednesday, February 16th, were read, amended and adopted.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report:

NEW ORLEANS, February 17, 1870.

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully beg leave to report Bro. H. E. Shropshire, of Mount Moriah ☐ No. 59, as proxy for W. M., S. W. and J. W. of Kisatchie ☐ No. 156.

W. Bro. D. E. Scruggs, of Marion ☐ No. 68, as proxy for W. M., S. W. and J. W. of Sabine ☐ No. 75.

Bro. Wm. Cline, of George Washington ☐ No. 65, as proxy for J. W. of G. W. ☐ 65.

W. Bro. Jos. F. McGuire, of Western Star ☐ No. 24, proxy for W. M. of Western Star ☐ No. 24.

Bro. T. E. Meredith, of Columbia ☐ No. 164, proxy for W. M., S. W. and J. W. of same ☐.

Fraternally submitted,

A. QUEANT,  
SAM. H. BROWN,  
L. PRADOS.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The Committee on Audit and Accounts submitted the following report and resolution:

NEW ORLEANS, February 17, 1870.

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on Audit and Accounts respectfully beg leave to report that they have investigated fully the matter referred to them relative to the unpaid dues of Terryville ☐ No. 118, referred to them by this Grand Body after an examination by a Special Committee, and they recommend the adoption of the resolution hereunto appended.

Fraternally submitted,

JNO. ANDERSON,  
WM. R. WHITAKER,  
EDWIN MARKS.

*Resolved*, That the sum of fifty dollars, charged on the books of the Grand □ to Terryville □ No. 118, be transferred to capital account.

On motion, the report and resolution were adopted.

The same Committee submitted the following report and resolution:

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on Audit and Accounts respectfully beg leave to report, that they have fully considered the resolutions offered by the Committee on Masonic History on the 15th inst., and referred to this committee; and considering the present condition of the finances of this body, the amount of interest that it must pay during the ensuing Masonic year, and its other prospective expenditures, they recommend the adoption of the appended resolution:

Fraternally submitted,

JNO. ANDERSON,  
WM. R. WHITAKER,  
EDWIN MARKS.

*Resolved*, That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated by the Grand □, for the translation of the early records of this Grand Body, and other documents concerning the early history of Masonry in Louisiana; that the compilation of the history of Masonry in this State be left to the committee appointed by the Grand □ to prepare said history; and that the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated for the printing of the report of said committee during the current year.

On motion, the report and resolution were adopted.

The Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered □, submitted the following reports:

NEW ORLEANS, February 17, 1870.

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered □, respectfully beg leave to report that they have again had under examination the returns of Mount Moriah □ No. 59, according to the resolution adopted 15th inst., by this M. W. Grand □, and strictly conforming to the tenor of said resolution and the instructions from this M. W. Grand □, have to state that the said returns are made out according to the usages of this Grand □, and printed instructions from the Grand Secretary, but they have to add (and this although previous allusions to the case have been made), that they are aware of the existence of a protest as to the correctness of the above named returns. This your committee feel its duty to mention without further remark. They have also returned the protest and papers as directed.

AMOS KENT,  
*Chairman First Section;*

RÉNÉ LAFFON,  
*Chairman Second Section Com. on W. and R. of C. L.;*  
W. C. DRIVER,  
WM. ROBSON,  
J. TODD.

On motion, the report was adopted.

From the same committee.

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered ☐ respectfully beg leave to report, that they have examined the following returns placed in their hands by the R. W. Grand Secretary, and would report as follows:

DEWITT CLINTON ☐ No. 80—One member omitted from roll; work of former years reported incorrectly.

CYPRESS ☐ No. 89—The ☐ of one affiliated member not stated; Past Master not in proper place.

HOMER ☐ No. 152—Three members reported in error on roll, and list of dues improperly returned.

FILLMORE ☐ No. 154—One member reported who was reported dead in 1868; three members omitted from roll.

CHERRY RIDGE ☐ No. 155—Returns correct.

SAM TODD ☐ No. 182—One member reported twice; roll of members reported twice incorrectly.

FLAT LICK ☐ No. 187—Two members omitted on roll.

Fraternally submitted,

AMOS KENT,

*Chairman First Section.*

RÉNE LAFFON,

*Chairman Second Section Com. on W. and R. of C. L.*

W. C. DRIVER,

WM. ROBSON,

J. TODD.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances submitted the following report and resolution:

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances respectfully beg leave to report, that we find among the papers submitted to us, in the matter of Mt. Moriah ☐ No. 59, a communication from Bro. Geo. W. Race, addressed to W. Bro. J. W. Black, and dated June 4th, 1869, which is as follows: \* \* \* \*

We have also the document marked No. 3, signed by W. Bro. J. W. Black, dated June 4th, 1869, and which appears to have been sent in compliance with the request made in the communication of Bro. Race, and which is as follows:

\* \* \* \*

And also find a paper marked No. 2, which, according to evidence taken before your committee, was sent, accompanying paper marked No. 3, to W. Bro. Black by Bro. G. W. Race, and which reads— \* \* \* \*

Your committee find in these papers and in the protest against the returns of Mt. Moriah ☐ No. 59, signed by fourteen members thereof, a question involved over which they have no jurisdiction.

The grievance complained of in that protest is, that Bro. Francis Lurges was returned to this Grand ☐ as dead; when by the action of the W. Master and the approval of the ☐, he should have been returned as demitted.

We find by evidence taken before us, that the paper which purports to be a certificate of demit, and dated June 4th, 1869, was returned on the following day, cancelled by Bro. G. W. Race, and cannot perceive how of itself it could ever have become a cause of complaint or grievance, unless the writing and signing of such a document officially, was Masonically wrong on the part of Bro. Black as Master of the □, and would, therefore, respectfully offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the papers marked Nos. 1, 2, 3, in case of Mt. Moriah □ No. 59, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, for their consideration and decision.

A. G. CARTER,      H. P. BUCKLEY,  
M. E. GIRARD,      JOHN G. FLEMING,  
JOS. H. DEGRANGE, R. L. BRUCE,  
JAMES RAY.

On motion, the report and resolution were adopted, and the papers handed to the committee.

W. Bro. Jno. G. Fleming, from Special Committee, submitted the following report and resolution:

NEW ORLEANS, January 17th, 1870.

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Special Committee on communication sent by Caddo □ No. 179, respectfully beg leave to report the return of the same, and offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the communication of Caddo □ No. 179, to this Grand □, in reference to the action of this body in purchasing the Tivoli Circle property, and disposal of the same, be returned to Caddo □, on account of its being dictatorial and disrespectful in its language.

JOHN G. FLEMING, }  
T. D. VAN HORN,    } *Committee.*

On motion, the report and resolution were adopted.

Bro. Lippman from Homer □ No. 152, asked that said □ be relieved from her indebtedness to the Grand □, etc.

On motion of W. Bro. Whitaker, he was directed to offer his complaint in writing to the M. W. Grand Master, and then the same to be referred, direct, to the Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered □□.

The M. W. Grand Master here declared the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year in order, and appointed W. Bros. Jos. P. Hornor, P. M. of Orient □ No. 173, and W. H. Moon, W. M. of Mt. Moriah □ No. 59, tellers.

Whereupon, the election was held with the following result, viz:

Samuel Manning Todd, re-elected M. W. Grand Master.

The M. W. Grand Master elect, then appointed R. W. Bro. Amos Kent, P. S. G. W., R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

William Robson of Caddo ☐ 179, R. W. Sr. Grand Warden.

Jno. B. Sorapuru of Foyer Magannique ☐ 44, R. W. Jr. Grand Warden.

H. R. Swasey, Geo. Washington ☐ No. 65, re-elected R. W. Grand Treasurer.

James C. Batchelor, M. D., Alpha Home ☐ No. 72, re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

On motion of W. Bro. Wm. R. Whitaker, it was—

*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Master elect, do elect the remaining Grand Officers by appointment, and also the three members of the Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge Hall.

During the election, the Committee on Credentials, by permission, submitted the following report:

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully beg leave to report Bro. J. B. Scot of Geo. Washington ☐ No. 65, as proxy for Bro. F. B. Martindale, W. M. of Covington ☐ No. 188, and J. P. Hornor of Orient ☐ No. 173, as proxy for D. H. Barrow, S. W. of Acacia ☐ No. 116, and H. Marks of Friends of Harmony ☐ No. 58. proxy for W. M., and J. W. of same ☐.

A. QUEANT,  
L. PRADOS.

On motion, the report was adopted.

On motion, it was—

*Resolved*, That the installation of Grand Officers take place on to-morrow (Friday,) at 5:30 P. M.

The M. W. Grand Master then called the Grand ☐ off from labor until to-morrow, (Friday,) 18th instant, at 5:30 P. M.

SAMUEL M. TODD, *Grand Master*,  
W. H. MOON as *Senior Grand Warden*,  
EDWIN MARKS, as *Junior Grand Warden*.

ATTEST:

JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D., *Grand Secretary*.

GRAND LODGE HALL,  
NEW ORLEANS, *Friday*, February 18th, 1870. }

The W. M. Grand ☐ of the State of Louisiana was called to labor on the third degree, by M. W. Sam'l M. Todd, Grand Master, at 5:30 P. M. The following

OFFICERS PRESENT:

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| SAM'L MANNING TODD,        | ..... | M. W. Grand Master.           |
| J. Q. A. FELLOWS, P. G. M. | ..... | as R. W. Deputy Grand Master. |
| W. H. MOON,                | ..... | as R. W. Senior Grand Warden. |
| EDWIN MARKS,               | ..... | as R. W. Junior Grand Warden. |
| HY. RUFUS SWASEY, P. G. M. | ..... | R. W. Grand Treasurer.        |
| JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D.  | ..... | R. W. Grand Secretary.        |
| REV. C. S. HEDGES, D. D.   | ..... | W. Grand Chaplain.            |
| WM. KENNEY,                | ..... | as W. Senior Grand Deacon.    |
| F. H. BABBIT,              | ..... | W. Junior Grand Deacon.       |
| JAMES B. WALTON,           | ..... | as W. Grand Marshal           |
| M. E. GIRARD,              | ..... | W. Grand Sword Bearer.        |
| GEO. BALDEY,               | ..... | W. Grand Pursuivant.          |
| WM. ROBSON,                | ..... | } W. Grand Stewards.          |
| J. B. SORAPURU,            | ..... |                               |
| O. CZARNOWSKI,             | ..... |                               |
| J. C. MILLER,              | ..... |                               |
| R. S. BURK,                | ..... | as W. Grand Tyler.            |

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

|                           |             |                             |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| M. W. WM. M. PERKINS..... | P. G. M.    | R. W. SY. G. PARSONS.....   | P. D. G. M. |
| R. W. A. G. CARTER.....   | P. D. G. M. | R. W. S. O. SCRUGGS.....    | P. D. G. M. |
| R. W. EW'D BARNETT.....   | P. D. G. M. | R. W. J. A. STEVENSON ..... | P. J. G. W. |

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| M. W. SAM'L M. TODD .....         | Alabama, District of Columbia, North Carolina and Nevada.                    |
| M. W. J. Q. A. FELLOWS.....       | Indiana, Florida, Minnesota, Mississippi, Maryland, Vermont, and California. |
| M. W. WM. M. PERKINS.....         | Virginia, Tennessee and Texas.                                               |
| R. W. J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D ..... | Canada and Oregon.                                                           |
| R. W. L. E. REYNOLDS .....        | Iowa.                                                                        |
| R. W. E. D. CRAIG .....           | New Jersey.                                                                  |
| R. W. JNO. A. STEVENSON .....     | Missouri.                                                                    |
| R. W. EW'D. BARNETT .....         | New York.                                                                    |
| R. W. A. GOLDMANN .....           | R. Y. of F., Three Globes; Prussia. Frankfort and Saxony.                    |

The roll being called, the following ☐ were found to be represented, viz: Nos. P. U. 1, P. S. 1, 3, 4, 28, 31, 34, 45, 46, 54, 57, 58,

59, 65, 66, 68, 72, 76, 78, 84, 87, 90, 92, 101, 102, 106, 115, 117, 125, 135, 139, 146, 148, 158, 163, 164, 172, 176, 179, 180, 183, 184, 185, 188, 194, 195. Total, 49 Chartered ☐. Mallet Woods and Brooklyn U. D. Total 2 ☐ under dispensation.

The minutes of the session of Thursday, 17th instant, were read and adopted.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report:

NEW ORLEANS, February 18, 1870.

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully beg leave to report, Bro. Charles Harrison of Hiram ☐ No. 70, proxy for S. W. of Vienna ☐ No. 106.

Bro. Joel Tatum of Castor ☐ No. 109, proxy for W. M. of same ☐.

Bro. Jacob McGee of Franklinton ☐ No. 101, proxy for W. M. of St. Helena ☐ No. 96.

Bro. Hugh Pierson of Louisiana ☐ No. 102, proxy for W. M. of Darlington ☐ No. 149.

A. QUEANT,  
SAM. H. BROWN.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master introduced to the Grand ☐ R. W. Ew'd Barnett, as the Grand Representative from the M. W. Grand ☐ of the State of New York, and fraternally invited him to a seat in the East.

M. W. Samuel M. Todd, Grand Master and Grand Master elect, announced the following officers of the Grand ☐, and members of the Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge Hall, elected as per resolution of the session of the 17th instant, viz:

REV. C. S. HEDGES, D. D., George Washington ☐ No. 65, Grand Chaplain.

W. L. DEGRAFFENREIDT, Castor ☐ No. 109, Senior Grand Deacon.

M. E. GIRARD, Hope ☐ No. 145, Junior Grand Deacon.

JAMEL B. WALTON, Louisiana ☐ No. 102, Grand Marshal.

JAMES B. DUNN, Houma ☐ No. 139, Grand Sword Bearer.

SAMUEL HUMES BROWN, Union ☐ No. 172, Grand Pursuivant,

JACOB KILE, Kisatchie Union, ☐ No. 186,

CHARLES KOERRENZIG, Germania ☐ No. 46.

T. CARROLL, Hiram ☐ No. 70,

WILLIAM CARSON, Corinthian ☐ No. 190.

} Grand Stewards.

FRED. A. DENTZEL, George Washington ☐ No. 65, Grand Tyler.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GRAND LODGE HALL.—FOR THREE YEARS

RUFUS L. BRUCE, W. M. Excelsior ☐ No. 166.

EDWIN MARKS, P. M. Dudley ☐ No. 66.

EDWARD BOOTH, W. M. Perfect Harmony ☐ No. 176.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the installation of Grand Officers in order, and vacating the chair, invited M. W. P. G. M. J. Q. A. Fellows to the East, to preside and install the officers elect.

M. W. J. Q. A. Fellows assumed the East and appointed R. W. P. D. G. M. A. G. Carter as his Deputy. After an earnest appeal to the Grand Master of Light, by Rev. C. S. Hedges, D. D., Grand Chaplain, the M. W. P. Grand Master J. Q. A. Fellows, installed Samuel Manning Todd, Grand Master of Masons of the State of Louisiana, in AMPLE FORM.

After proclamation, M. W. Sam'l M. Todd delivered a brief but interesting address to the Craft present.

M. W. J. Q. A. Fellows, P. G. M., by request, then installed the following Grand officers in AMPLE FORM, viz:

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| AMOS KENT .....                   | R. W. Deputy Grand Master. |
| WILLIAM ROBSON .....              | R. W. Senior Grand Warden. |
| JOHN B. SORAPURU .....            | R. W. Junior Grand Warden. |
| HENRY RUFUS SWASEY, P. G. M. .... | R. W. Grand Treasurer.     |
| JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D. ....    | R. W. Grand Secretary.     |
| REV. C. S. HEDGES, D. D. ....     | W. Grand Chaplain.         |
| W. L. DEGRAFFENREIDT, .....       | W. Senior Grand Deacon.    |
| M. E. GIRARD .....                | W. Junior Grand Deacon.    |
| JAMES B. WALTON .....             | W. Grand Marshal.          |
| JAMES B. DUNN .....               | W. Grand Sword Bearer.     |
| SAMUEL H. BROWN .....             | W. Grand Pursuivant.       |
| TIMOTHY CARROLL .....             | W. Grand Steward.          |
| FREDERICK A. DENTZEL .....        | W. Grand Tyler.            |

W. Bro. Chas. Koerrenzig, Jacob Kile and William Carson, Grand Stewards elect being absent, it was ordered that they be installed at a convenient opportunity.

M. W. Samuel M. Todd, Grand Master, assumed his station, and the Grand Officers were proclaimed installed in AMPLE FORM.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances submitted the following report and resolution:

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances respectfully beg leave to report, that, after careful examination in the matter of complaint of Anacoco ☐ No. 147, against Kisatchie Union ☐ No. 186, can see no just ground for complaint, and no violation of any of the articles of the Constitution or By-Laws. The evidence before us shows conclusively, that the brother who received his degrees in Kisatchie Union ☐ 186, was an itinerant preacher, and was only temporarily



residing about four miles of Anacoco □ 147, and that he pursued his avocation at the church held in the same building that the meetings of Kisatchie Union □ 186 were held, and we may add on the same day also; Kisatchie Union □ 186 being really the □ most convenient to him.

Yet, we are of the opinion that D. D. G. M. S. O. Scruggs has erred in not reporting his investigation to the M. W. Grand Master, in accordance with instructions received from him, before permitting Kisatchie Union □ 186 to confer the Third Degree upon Bro. Adair.

We therefore, offer the following resolution.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

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| A. G. CARTER,    | H. P. BUCKLEY,    |
| M. E. GIRARD,    | JOS. H. DEGRANGE, |
| JNO. G. FLEMING, | R. L. BRUCE.      |

*Resolved*, That the complaint of the W. Master of Anacoco □ 147, against Kisatchie Union □ 186 be, and is hereby dismissed.

On motion, the report and resolution were adopted.

The following was submitted from the same committee:

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, respectfully beg leave to report, that in the matter of Monticello □ No. 92 vs. James Cummings, we find that James Cummings is dead; that no appeal has been taken from the judgment of Monticello □ in the case: that the matter is finally closed by lapse of time; and that there is no action required from the Grand □.

Fraternally submitted,

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| A. G. CARTER,    | H. P. BUCKLEY, |
| J. H. DEGRANGE,  | M. E. GIRARD,  |
| JOHN G. FLEMING, | R. L. BRUCE.   |

On motion, the report was adopted.

The Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence submitted the following report and resolution:

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, respectfully beg leave to report, that they have had under consideration the case of Bro. Jno. W. Wood, whose name appears on the rolls of Atchafalaya □ 163 and Olive □ 52, as presented by Bro. Babbit, P. M. of □ 163.

It appears that the name of Bro. Wood is retained on the roll of A □ 163, when he supposed that he had demitted from the □ as far back as 1862; that in 1865 he had affiliated with Olive □ 52. Both □ have paid Grand □ dues on Bro. Wood; Olive □ 52, since and including 1865. Your committee can suggest no other solution of the question than to authorize Atchafalaya □ to leave off the name of Bro. Wood from its roll of members, and that the dues paid by said □ since his affiliation with Olive □ 52, be refunded; and offer the following resolution, and recommend its adoption:

Fraternally submitted,

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| J. Q. A. FELLOWS, | S. O. SCRUGGS, |
| EDW. BARNETT,     | A. J. NORWOOD, |
| H. R. SWASEY,     | A. G. CARTER.  |

*Resolved*, That Atchafalaya □ 163, be and is hereby authorized to drop from the roll of its members the name of Jno. W. Wood, and that the dues paid by said □ to the Grand □ for Bro. Wood for the years 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868 and 1869, be remitted.

On motion, the report and resolution were adopted.

The following report was submitted from the same committee, viz:

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana :*

Your Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence have had under consideration the papers referred to them on the report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, coming up from certain affairs in Mount Moriah □ No. 59. There are no questions presented for the consideration of this committee, as there should have been, but only papers out of which this committee is expected to make up a question, and then decide it. There seems to be two questions involved in the papers:

1. Can the W. M. of a □, during the intervals between its meetings, grant a demit? And 2. Are the forms and proceedings, as appear from the papers, of sufficient regularity and formality to constitute a demit?

A demit, properly speaking, is the recommendation of a □ given to one of its members to another □; recently, however, not addressed to any particular □, but to the fraternity generally, and dissolving his connection with the □, though this was not formerly the case. When a □ has granted this demit, formerly a recommendation to a particular □ for the purpose of affiliation in that particular □ now, for the purpose of dissolving the connection with the □ with a recommendation generally to all □ and Masons: the officers of the □, generally the Secretary and Master, gives a certificate of this action of the □, which by the way must be unanimous, and this document is called a certificate of demit; no brother can withdraw from a □ without its consent; any brother can make application to withdraw. The application may be withdrawn at any time prior to its being acted upon, and until the application is acted upon by the □, no one objecting, there is no demit. The granting of a demit of whichever kind, therefore, is an act of the □. The Master cannot grant it under any circumstances whatever. He may take the responsibility of issuing a *certificate*, but he does it at his peril. If the □, on the matter being brought before it, grants the demit, the certificate of the Master becomes good, but if the □ refuses, the Master is subject to severe censure. Again, should events transpire which should induce the brother to withdraw his application at any time before the □ should have acted upon it, there would be nothing upon which the □ could act, and the voting a demit in such a case would be an absolute nullity.

Although the foregoing may be a full answer to the questions intended to be propounded to this committee, yet as the papers simply were referred, your committee have thought it best to carry out the foregoing views, and apply them to the case as set out in the papers.

Your committee are therefore of the opinion that the W. M. of Mount Moriah □ had no right or power to demit Bro. Lurges at any time, and could only grant a certificate of demit, which should correctly certify the action of the □; that the certificate or document given by him to Bro. Race for Bro. Lurges could only be legal and valid after the □ should have granted Bro. Lurges a demit, an

that having been cancelled and annulled by Bro. Race and returned to the W. M., and the original request for a demit withdrawn before the ☐ met, the action of the ☐, so far as granting a demit to Bro. Lurges was concerned, was an absolute nullity, for the reason that there was no request of Bro. Lurges, nor even that of another brother for him, for a demit, upon which the ☐ could act. A ☐ can no more demit a brother, except on his request, than can a brother demit, except by the permission of the members of the ☐.

We are of the opinion, from the facts before us, that Bro. Lurges died a member of Mount Moriah ☐ in good standing, and his memory should be respected accordingly.

Faternally submitted,

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| J. Q. A. FELLOWS, | H. R. SWASEY,  |
| A. G. CARTER,     | S. O. SCRUGGS, |
| A. J. NORWOOD,    | EDW. BARNETT.  |

On motion, the report was adopted.

W. Jno. G. Fleming submitted the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated to Rev. C. S. Hedges, D. D., in consideration of his services as Grand Chaplain.

On motion, the same was received and referred to the Committee on Audit and Accounts.

M. W. Bro. Fellows submitted the following resolution:

*Resolved*. That the Grand Secretary be authorized and directed to correct an omission in printed minutes of 12th of February, 1869, which should have shown the adoption of an amendment to the General Regulations offered by Bro. J. B. Scot, on the 11th of February, 1869, Section 2, Article 1, Chapter 3, By-Laws, referring to the future election of Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge Hall.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

W. Bro. Wm. C. Driver called up an amendment offered at the Communication of 1869, relative to changing Section 3, Article 2, Chapter 1 of the By-Laws, so as to make it read "twenty-five hundred" instead of fifteen hundred dollars, as the stated salary of the Grand Secretary.

The same was read.

A vote by ☐ was called for and ordered, when the amendment was adopted by the following vote, viz:

YEAS—Dep. G. M., S. G. W., J. G. W., G. T., G. C., S. G. D., J. G. D., G. M., G. S. B., G. P., W. R. G. S., and J. B. S. G. S. Nos. 4, 45, 55, 57, 58, 59, 65, 2 votes, 66, 70, 75, 76, 78, 83, 87, 98, 102, 103, 112, 115, 117, 135, 139, 145, 146, 148, 154, 164, 166, 167, 179, 189, 191. Total yeas, 107 votes.

NAYS—G. M., G. Sec., 54, 65, 1 vote, 72, 101, 104, 125, 126, 158, 161, 183, 184. Total nays, 33 votes.

W. Bro. J. G. Fleming submitted the following:

*Resolved*, That the sum of three hundred dollars be and is hereby appropriated to W. Bro. Jas. B. Scot, in consideration of his services as Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

On motion, the resolution was received and referred to the Committee on Audit and Accounts.

M. W. J. Q. A. Fellows called up resolution No. 4, offered by the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence in session of 16th inst., striking out Section 2, Article 3, Chapter 3, relative to striking from the roll; the same was read, and, on motion, was adopted.

The Committee on Audit and Accounts submitted the following reports and resolutions, viz:

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on Audit and Accounts respectfully beg leave to report, that they have examined the matter referred to them in regard to [ ] who have failed to make returns of the Charity Fund, as required by the regulations, and would recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Fraternally submitted,

JNO. ANDERSON,  
EDWIN MARKS.

*Resolved*, That such [ ] as have made returns and paid their dues for 1869, and within the constitutional period, and who have failed from satisfactory cause shown to make returns of the Charity Fund, as required by law, be relieved from disability in the distribution of said fund for this year.

On motion, the report and resolution were adopted.

Submitted from same committee:

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on Audit and Accounts respectfully beg leave to report, that in the case of the recommendation of an appropriation to Bro. C. S. Hedges, Grand Chaplain, would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Fraternally submitted,

JNO. ANDERSON,  
EDWIN MARKS.

*Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated to Rev. Bro. C. S. Hedges, for his services as Grand Chaplain for the past year.

On motion, the report and resolution were adopted.

Submitted from the same committee:

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:*

Your Committee on Audit and Accounts respectfully beg leave to report, that they have considered the resolution appropriating three hundred dollars for

services rendered by Bro. Jas. B. Scot, as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

We respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Fraternally submitted,

JNO. ANDERSON,  
EDWIN MARKS.

*Resolved*, That the sum of three hundred dollars be appropriated to Bro. Jas. B. Scot, for valuable services rendered to this Grand ☐, as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

On motion, the report and resolution were adopted.

M. W. J. Q. A. Fellows submitted the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That any Mason heretofore stricken from the rolls for non-payment of dues, by any of the constituent ☐, under Sec. 2, Art. 3, Chap. 3, of the By-Laws of the Grand ☐ as it stood prior to this Annual Grand Communication, may be reinstated a member in good standing in his ☐, upon paying his arrears of dues at the time he was stricken from the roll and for six months thereafter, and by a vote of a majority of the members of the ☐ present at any stated meeting of the ☐.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

W. W. R. Whitaker submitted the following amendment to the Constitution:

*Resolved*, That Sec. 1, Art. 2 of the Constitution of the Grand ☐ be amended, by inserting after the word "Officers," the words—"and Past Grand Masters of this Grand ☐.

On motion, the same was received and ordered to lie over until the next Grand Annual Communication.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the re-appointment of the following W. Brethren, on the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, viz:

Jas. B. Scot of Geo. Washington ☐ No. 65.

Joseph P. Hornor of Orient ☐ No. 173.

A. Goldmann of Ocean ☐ No. 144.

W. Bro. Jas. B. Scot submitted the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to have printed sixteen hundred copies of the proceedings of the present communication, two hundred of which may be sold at cost.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

The Grand Secretary read a communication from W. Bro. L. E. Reynolds, tendering to the Grand ☐ a copy of his work, "The Mysteries of Masonry."

On motion, the same was received.

On motion of W. Bro. J. B. Scot, it was—

*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Master be authorized and requested to approve and sign the minutes of the present Communication, after the close of the same.

No further business being proposed, the M. W. Grand [ ] through Rev. and W. Bro. C. S. Hedges, Grand Chaplain, returned praise and thanks to the Great Grand Master of the Universe. After which, M. W. Sam'l M. Todd, Grand Master, closed the Grand [ ] in AMPLE FORM, until the next Annual Grand Communication, to be commenced on Monday, the Ninth day of February, A. L. 5871 A. D. 1871, in the Grand Lodge Hall, New Orleans.

SAMUEL M. TODD,

*Grand Master.*

Attest:

JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D.,

*Grand Secretary.*

This communication was received after the close of the Grand [ ]:

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

*of the Grand [ ] of Arkansas.* }

At the Annual Communication of the Grand [ ] of Arkansas, held on the 1st day of November, 1869, the following Report of Committee on Masonic Law and Usage, was adopted:

In reference to the charges of Bellevue [ ] No. 96, and Red Land [ ] No. 148, sub ordinates the Grand [ ] of Louisiana, of the violation of their jurisdiction by Hughey [ ] No. 70, a subordinate of this Grand [ ], in conferring the degrees upon Green W. Oakley, which charges were made through the Grand Secretary of Louisiana, by order of the Grand Master, we report:

That upon receiving the letters of the Grand Secretary of Louisiana, charging upon Hughey [ ] a violation of the jurisdiction of her subordinates, they were referred to our District Deputy Grand Master of the third district, for inquiry; that he visited Hughey [ ] and made inquiry, as directed; that he has reported that Hughey [ ] had violated the jurisdiction of Louisiana, as charged; but the Master avers, that they were not aware that Oakley had been rejected in either of the Louisiana [ ], until after he had been raised; that he was rejected in Hughey [ ] some three years previously, but when he was raised, he was believed to be a good man; that the Worshipful Master of Hughey [ ] admits that he acted wrong in receiving a resident of Louisiana, and asks pardon of this Grand [ ], alleging that it had been the practice of the [ ] near the line between Louisiana and Arkansas, to confer the degrees upon the residents of either side; that he, himself, was raised in a Louisiana [ ], and at the time of raising Bro. Oakley, he did not believe that it was wrong. He promises that his [ ] shall not hereafter violate the jurisdiction of our Sister of Louisiana.

Your Committee has little doubt that this difficulty has arisen from the resolution of this Grand [ ], passed at the Grand Communication of 1850, giving to our sisters jurisdiction of residents in our State, under certain circumstances, which is as follows:

"That this Grand [ ] fully concedes to the [ ] in the adjoining States, upon our border, the privilege of receiving and initiating into their [ ] a citizen of the State of Arkansas, whose residence shall be nearer such [ ] than to any in this State, and who may choose to apply to them, in as free, full and ample manner as they receive the citizens of their own State."

Our subordinates, knowing that we had extended this right or courtesy to our neighboring sisters, supposed that the right was mutual, but in this they were mistaken; though the same privilege was asked in favor of our [ ] or in favor of the residents near the dividing line, it has never been accorded. We think that our sister Grand [ ], have, perhaps, pursued the more prudent course; at least, it appears that our action has led to the confusion, of which complaint has been made. We, therefore, recommend that the resolution of 1850, be repealed, and that our Grand Secretary assure the Grand Master of Louisiana that we will endeavor so to control our subordinates that they shall not again invade the jurisdiction of his Grand [ ].

We append hereto resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the resolution adopted at the Grand Communication of 1850, authorizing [ ] in the adjoining States upon our border to confer degrees upon citizens of our State, be and it is hereby repealed.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary forward to the Grand Master of Louisiana a certified copy of the above report.

IN TESTIMONY, That the above is a true copy of the report made to and adopted by the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, as therein stated, I hereto set my hand and affix the Seal of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, at my office, in the city of Little Rock, this 12th day of February, 1870,

SEAL.

L. E. BARBER,

*Grand Secretary Grand [ ] of Arkansas.*

**GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,** }  
**Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana,** }

GRAND LODGE HALL,

Corner of St. Charles and Perdido Streets.

*I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing pages from Nos. 1 to 121 contain a true transcript of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, at its last Annual Grand Communication, held in the City of New Orleans, from the fourteenth to the eighteenth of February, A. D. 1870, inclusive.*



ATTEST:

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed the Seal of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, F. and A. Masons together with my Official Signature, this twenty-second day of February, A. D. 1870, A. L. 5870.

*James G. Batchelor. Secy.*  
*Grand Secretary*

*N. B.--All Communications should be addressed to JAS. C. BATCHELOR, M. D., Grand Secretary, Lock Box No. 872, Post Office, New Orleans, La.*



## EDICTS OF THE GRAND LODGE IN FULL FORCE.

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*Resolved*, That all Masonic intercourse be and is hereby strictly forbidden with any Mason who does not acknowledge his duty of obedience, when within our jurisdiction, to this Grand □, and the □ of this jurisdiction are hereby ordered to strike from their roll of members all such Masons.

*Resolved*, That this Grand □ does hereby authorize the establishment of a □ of Instruction, composed of the Masters and Wardens of □, and such other Master Masons as may choose to join it in New Orleans, for the purpose of giving instruction and lectures on the various forms and symbols of the Three Symbolic Degrees, and to investigate, in connection with the Special Committee on Work, the various means of recognition, and the ties which bind us together as Masons; and that the said committee report the result of their investigation to the Grand □ at its next Annual Communication.

*Resolved*, That the Permanent Committee on Work, and the □ of this jurisdiction, be and are hereby instructed, that this Grand □ expects and requires that UNIFORMITY in the following particulars shall be both taught and practiced, viz:

1. In the means of recognition.
2. In the ties which bind them together as Masons.

Adopted 1858.

*Resolved*, That in future all notices of applications for the Degrees of Masonry in the city of New Orleans, shall contain the actual residence of the candidate by street and number.

Adopted February 16, 1859.

*Resolved*, That the Standing Committee on Audit and Accounts be empowered and directed to examine from time to time the accounts and books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and to report thereon to the Grand □ at the opening of the Grand Annual Communication, and also to report to the Grand Master during the recess, whenever required by him, or by them deemed proper.

*Resolved*, That all claims against the Grand □, except those on account of the Grand Lodge Hall, and those provided for in the general regulations or special orders of the Grand □, shall, before payment, be submitted to and approved by the Committee on Audit and Accounts.

Adopted 1860.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Audit and Accounts be hereafter required, in their annual report to this Grand □, to specify the items for which the warrants of the Grand Secretary are drawn.

Adopted February 15, 1861.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to insert in the printed proceedings published yearly, the names and numbers of the □ which no longer appear on the roll of this Grand □, giving the place where said □ met, the authority and dates of their creation; also, the date and cause of their disappearance, and if any old number has been revived, to state the same.

Adopted 1861.

*Resolved*, That the contract of purchase of the property of Polar Star □ No. 1, made by the M. W. Grand Master, by act before Edward Barnett, Notary Public, on the 22d day of May, 1861, be ratified and approved; and be it further

*Resolved*, That said property be placed under the control and future management of the Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge Hall, in all respects the same as the Grand Lodge Hall now is, and the revenues arising from the same, for all future time, be devoted exclusively to charitable purposes, as is set forth in Section 6, Article 1, Chapter 3, of the present regulations of the Grand □.

*Resolved*, That the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters, as well as the Committee on Work, shall be permanent.

Adopted February 11, 1862.

*Resolved*, That every ☐ in this jurisdiction shall, previous to the initiation of a candidate, demand of him, in addition to the usual interrogatories propounded to him in the ante-room of the ☐, whether he has applied to, or has been rejected by any Masonic ☐.

Adopted February 18, 1865.

*Resolved*, That no resolution, or order appropriating money, shall be made until the same shall have been referred to the Committee on Audit and Accounts, or a Special Committee raised for that purpose, and a report made to the Grand ☐ in regard to its propriety.

Adopted February 18, 1865.

A candidate for advancement, having been rejected, must wait six months before he can again be balloted for.

Pages 102 and 103, proceedings of 1865.

On motion, the future compensation of an Assistant Grand Secretary was referred to the Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge Hall.

Adopted February 17, 1865.

A candidate who has lost an arm cannot have any Masonic degree conferred upon him.

Page 153, proceedings of 1866.

No D. D. Grand Master has the power to authorize the continuance of a dispensation beyond the time for which it was issued by the M. W. Grand Master, nor to authorize a change of officers.

Pages 154, proceedings of 1866.

*Resolved*, That the resolution adopted February 18, 1861, viz: that electioneering for Masonic offices is unmasonic, and is reprobated by this Grand ☐, is in full force and vigor; and that the same be hereafter published with the resolutions and edicts of this Grand ☐.

Adopted February 17, 1867.

*Resolved*, That the regulation of this Grand ☐, adopted February 15, 1859, providing "that no one made in a clandestine ☐ can be affiliated with or healed by our ☐, but must come in as a profane, or by a special dispensation from the the Grand ☐, in each particular case as it may arise," remains in full force and vigor.

Adopted February 11, 1868.

*Resolved*, That every Mason in this jurisdiction is strictly forbidden to display Masonic emblems on sign-boards, business cards or advertisements, and the ☐ are hereby directed to discipline any brother who continues to do so after being duly warned to discontinue the same.

Adopted February 11, 1868.

*Resolved*, That all ☐ are strictly forbidden to confer the first section of the first and second degrees, and the first and second sections of the third degree on more than one candidate at the same time.

Adopted February 11, 1868.

*Resolved*, That the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars be annually appropriated to meet the expenses of the permanent Committee on Work in disseminating Masonic knowledge in this jurisdiction, the same to be expended by said committee, under the supervision of the Grand Master.

Adopted February 12, 1868.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary shall transfer to capital account, and therefrom to a "black book," all accounts now standing upon the books of the Grand ☐ against ☐ whose charters are forfeited or surrendered, and all other credits of the Grand ☐ that are, from time to time, deemed valueless by the Committee on Audit and Accounts for the time being.

Adopted February 14, 1868.

*Resolved*, That Chapter 3, Article 1, Section 2, By-Laws of the Grand □, be amended so as to read "nine" instead of "six" other members, etc.  
Adopted February 15, 1868.

Amendment to Section 2, Article 1, Chapter 3, By-Laws:

"This committee shall consist of 12 members, viz: Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary ex officio, and nine others, six of whom shall be Masters or Past Masters of □, and three of whom may be selected from the craft at large, to be divided into three classes, composed of two of the former and one of the latter; one class to pass out and another to be chosen annually by the Grand □ for the long term, at the same time and under the same regulations which are provided for the election of Grand Officers; vacancies occurring during the recess of the Grand □ may be filled by the Grand Master.

Adopted February 12, 1869.

*Resolved*, That it is improper to perform any of the public ceremonies peculiar to the fraternity, in connection with other secret associations, and especially so in regard to the funeral services. Should the deceased brother or his family have expressed a desire, it is the duty of Masons to bury him Masonically, but not otherwise. There is no obligation on any one, and hardly any degree of propriety to do this, unless this desire has been expressed. When, however, this has been done, our ceremonies should not be encroached upon after the religious rites are ended, and the body taken charge of by the brethren, by the ceremonies of any association of any kind whatever.

Adopted February 10, 1869.

*Resolved*, That this Grand □ recognizes none other than a written proxy presented.

Adopted February 16, 1870.

That the W. Master of La. Relief □ No. 1, has and possesses all the rights and privileges of the Master of any regular □, except that of voting in the Grand □, and the restrictions expressly stated in the charter of that □, and in Section 4, Article 2, Chapter 3 of the By-Laws of the Grand □, and he and the Past Masters of that □ are entitled to all the courtesies of Masters and Past Masters of other □.

Adopted February 16, 1870.

That the resolution of 1866, in regard to the concurrent jurisdiction of □ in the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson, is hereby rescinded.

Adopted February 16, 1870.

That to encourage the establishment of the system of Life Membership in □, the amount of dues to the Grand □ for life members be remitted, if so created, for a continued service of not less than fifteen years.

Adopted February 16, 1870.

That Section 2, Article 3, Chapter 3, be stricken out of the By-Laws (containing provisions permitting □ to strike from the roll.)

Adopted February 18, 1870.

That any Mason heretofore stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues, by any of the constituent □, under Section 2, Article 3, Chapter 3 of the By-Laws of the Grand □ as it stood prior to this Grand Annual Communication, may be reinstated a member in good standing of his □, upon his paying his arrearages of dues at the time he was stricken from the roll, and for six months thereafter, by a vote of a majority of the members of the □ present at any stated meeting of the □.

Adopted February 18, 1870.

Amendment to Constitution in Section 1, Article 2:

To insert after the word "Officers," the words "and Past Grand Masters of this Grand □."

Received and ordered to lie over to next Annual Communication.

## EDITS DE LA GRANDE LOGE ADOPTÉS.

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Résolu, Qu'il est strictement défendu d'avoir aucune relation Maçonnique avec tout Maçon, qui ne reconnaîtrait pas devoir obéissance à cette Grande Loge, tant qu'il sera sous sa juridiction; et il est ordonné aux loges de cette juridiction de rayer du contrôle de leurs membres tout Maçon qui se mettra dans ce cas.

Résolu, Que cette Grande Loge, par ces présentes, permet d'établir une Loge d'Instruction, qui sera composée des Vénérables et des Surveillants des loges, et de tels autres Maîtres-Maçons qui désireront en faire partie, dans le but d'instruire et de donner des lectures sur les différents symboles des trois degrés symboliques, et d'approfondir, conjointement avec le comité spécial sur les travaux, les différents moyens de reconnaissance, et les liens qui nous unissent comme Maçons; et le comité devra faire, à la prochaine Grande Communication annuelle, un rapport sur le résultat de son investigation.

Résolu, Que le Comité Permanent sur les travaux et sur les loges de cette juridiction, sache, que cette Grande Loge requiert que l'on enseigne et que l'on pratique l'uniformité dans les particularités suivantes, savoir:

1. Dans les moyens de reconnaissances.
2. Dans les liens qui nous unissent comme Maçons.

Adopté en 1858.

Résolu, Qu'à l'avenir, toute application pour les degrés de la Maçonnerie, dans la ville de la Nouvelle Orléans, devra avoir le numéro de la rue, où réside actuellement le postulant.

Adopté le 16 Février, 1859.

Résolu, Que le Comité Permanent des Contrôles et des Comptes a le Pouvoir et il devra de temps en temps examiner les comptes et les livres du Grand Trésorier et du Grand Secrétaire, et devra en faire son rapport à la Grande Loge, à l'ouverture de la Grande Communication Annuelle; et devra aussi faire un rapport au Grand Maître quand il le demandera, ou que le comité le jugera nécessaire pendant les recès de la Grande Loge.

Résolu, Que toutes réclamations contre la Grande Loge, excepté celles pour le local de la Grande Loge, et celles qui sont prévues par les règlements généraux, et les ordres spéciaux de la Grande Loge, devront être examinées et approuvées par le comité des contrôles et des comptes avant d'être payées.

Adopté en 1860.

Résolu, Que le Comité des Contrôles et des Comptes est requis de Spécifier dans son rapport annuel à la Grande Loge, les comptes pour lesquels le Grand Secrétaire a tiré ces mandats.

Adopté le 15 Février, 1862.

Résolu, Que le Grand Secrétaire est autorisé d'insérer dans les procès verbaux imprimés annuellement, les noms et les numéros des loges qui ne paraissent plus dans la liste de la Grande Loge, donnant le lieu où les dites Loges s'assemblaient, la date de leur création; ainsi que la date et la cause pour lesquelles, elles ont cessé d'exister; et de mentionner si quelques vieux numéros ont été réintégrés.

Adopté en 1861.

Résolu, Que le contrat, pour l'achat de la propriété de la Loge Etoile Polaire No. 1, fait par le Très Ill. Grand Maître, par acte passé, par devant Edouard Barnett, Notaire Public, le 22 Mai, 1864, soit ratifié; et qu'il soit de plus.

Résolu, Qu'à l'avenir la dite propriété soit placée sous la direction du conseil des Directeurs de la bâtisse de la Grande Loge de la même manière que se trouve maintenant la bâtisse de la dite Grande Loge: et que les fonds provenant de cette source seront exclusivement employés à des buts charitables, comme il est dit Sect. 6, Art. 1 Chap. III, des réglemens actuels de la Grande Loge.

Résolu, Que la nomination des Députés Grand Maître de District, ainsi que le comité des travaux sera permanente.

Adopté le 11 Février 1862.

Résolu, Que chaque loge dans cette juridiction avant d'initier un candidat, devra lui poser, outre les questions ordinaires qui lui sont faites dans les parvis de la loge, les questions suivantes: s'il n'a pas fait application et s'il n'a été rejeté par aucune loge Maçonnique.

Adopté le 18 Février, 1865.

Résolu, Que l'on ne pourra ballotter de nouveau pour un candidat qui demanderait une augmentation de salaire, que six mois après son dernier rejet.

Pages 102 et 103, des procès verbaux de 1865.

Résolu, Que les loges, dans les Paroisses d'Orléans et de Jefferson, auront juridiction égale dans les deux paroisses, et observeront les mêmes règles et les mêmes formalités, comme si les deux paroisses n'en formaient qu'une. Que les loges dans ces deux paroisses auront le droit de se placer à l'endroit qui sera le plus convenable à leurs intérêts: pourvu que les dites loges obtiennent d'abord le consentement du Très. Ill. Grand Maître.

Adopté le 13 Février, 1866.

Tout candidat qui a perdu un bras ne peut recevoir les degrés Maçonniques.

Page 153 des procès verbaux de 1866.

Aucun Député Grand Maître de District n'a le pouvoir de prolonger une dispense au delà du temps pour lequel le Très Ill. Grand Maître l'a donnée, ni d'autoriser un changement d'officiers.

Page 154 des procès verbaux de 1866.

Résolu, Que la résolution adoptée le 18 Février 1861, savoir: "Que la Grande Loge réprouve et déclare anti-maçonnique la cabale pour les emplois Maçonniques," soit en pleine force et vigueur, et qu'elle soit publiée par la suite parmi les édits et les résolutions de la Grande Loge.

Adopté le 17 Février 1867.

Résolu, Que le règlement de cette Grande Lodge, adopté le 15 Février 1859, disant: "Qu'aucune personne reçue dans une loge clandestine ne pourra être affiliée ou réintégrée dans ses droits par nos loges, mais que cette personne devra entrer comme profane, à moins d'une dispense spéciale de la Grande Loge dans chaque cas particulier," demeure en pleine force et vigueur.

Adopté le 11 Février, 1868.

Résolu, Qu'il est défendu à tout Maçon de cette juridiction de se servir d'emblèmes Maçonniques sur des enseignes, des cartes d'affaires ou des annonces. Les loges doivent réprimander tout frère qui continuera à le faire après qu'on l'aura notifié de cesser.

Adopté le 11 Février, 1868.

Résolu, Qu'il est strictement défendu de conférer la première section du premier et du second degré, et la première et la seconde section du troisième degré à plus d'un candidat à la fois.

Adopté le 11 Février, 1868.

Résolu, Que la somme de sept cent cinquante piastres soit annuellement appropriée, afin de pourvoir aux dépenses du comité permanent sur les travaux pour répandre les lumières Maçonniques dans cette juridiction. Le montant devant être dépensé par le dit comité sous la surveillance du Grand Maître.

Adopté le 12 Février, 1868.

Résolu, Que le Grand Secrétaire transférera au compte principal, et de là à un "livre noir" tous les comptes maintenant portés sur les livres de la Grande Loge contre les loges dont les chartes ont été forfeites ou rendues, ainsi que tout autres crédits de la Grande Loge qui seront, de temps en temps, considérés, par le comité des contrôles et comptes, comme perdus.

Adopté le 14 Février, 1868.

Résolu, Que le Chapter 3, Article 1, Section 2, des règlements de la Grande Loge, soit amendé de manière à lire "neuf" au lieu de "six" autres membres, etc.

Adopté le 15 Février, 1868.

Résolu, Qu'il n'est pas convenable de faire aucune des cérémonies publiques appartenant à la fraternité, avec d'autres associations sociètes, et particulièrement en ce qui concerne les services funèbres. Si le frère décédé avait exprimé le désir d'être enterré maçonniquement, ou si la famille exprimait le même désir, dans ce cas seul il serait du devoir des Maçons de l'enterrer maçonniquement, pas autrement.

Il n'est obligatoire à personne, et il n'est même pas convenable de le faire, à moins que ce désir n'ait été exprimé. Lorsque ce désir aura été exprimé, aucune autre association, quelque'elle soit, n'aura la suprématie sur nos cérémonies, et après que le service religieux sera terminé, et le corps remis à la charge des frères.

Adopté le 10 Février, 1869.

Résolutions adoptées en 1870.

Résolu, Que l'acte du Très Ill. Grand Maître en ordonnant d'investir les billets de la ville de la Nouvelle-Orléans, en bons de la dite ville portant intérêt à 7 per cent., soit approuvé par la Grande Loge.

Adopté le 15 Février, 1870.

Résolu Que la Grande Loge de l'Etat de la Louisiane reconnait, comme Grands Corps Maçonniques régulièrement constitués; la Grande Loge de Ouest Virginie, et le Grand Orient du Lavradio du Brezil.

Adopté le 15 Février, 1870.

Résolu, Que l'acte du Grand Maître en émettant les bons de la Grande Loge pour le montant de soixante quinze mille piastres avec des coupons attachés portant 8 pour cent d'intérêt, et garantis par hypothèques sur la bâtisse de la Grande Loge, soit et est par ces présentes approuvé.

Adopté le 16 Février, 1870.

Résolu, Que la Grande Loge ne reconnaitra dorénavant aucun proxy à moins qu'il ne soit écrit, et présenté.

Adopté le 16 Février, 1870.

Résolu, Que les décisions du Grand Maître mentionnées dans son adresse de 1 à 9 inclusivement, soient adoptées.

Adopté le 16 Février, 1870.

Résolu, Que le Ven. Maître de la Loge de Secours No. 1 Jouira de tous les droits et privilèges dont jouissent les Ven. Maîtres des autres loges régulières, excepté le droit de voter à la Grande Loge, et les restrictions expressément statuéés dans la chartre de cette loge, dans la Sect. 4, Art. 2, Chap. 3, des règlements de la Grande Loge. Le vénérable actuel et l'ex-vénérable de cette loge auront droit à toutes les courtoisies dûes aux vénérables et ex-vénérables des autres loges.

Adopté le 16 Février, 1870.

Résolu, Que la résolution adoptée en 1866, concernant la juridiction des loges dans les paroisses d'Orléans et de Jefferson, soit rappelée.

Adopté le 16 Février, 1870.

Résolu, Que, afin d'établir un système de membres à vie dans les loges, tout Maçon qui aura été fait membre à vie d'une loge après un service continu de quinze années, sa loge ne paiera aucune redevance pour lui à la Grande Loge.

Adopté le 16 Février, 1870.

Résolu, Que la somme de deux cent cinquante piastres soit appropriée par la Grande Loge pour la traduction des vieilles archives et autres documents concernant l'histoire primitive de la Maçonnerie en Louisiane.

Que la compilation de l'histoire de la Maçonnerie dans cet Etat, soit laissée au comité nommé par la Grande Loge pour préparer la dite histoire; et que la somme de cinq cents piastres soit appropriée pour subvenir aux dépenses d'impressions des rapports du dit comité, durant l'année courante.

Adopté le 17 Février, 1870.

Résolu, Que l'amendement, à la Sect. 3, Art. 11, Chap. 1, offert à la dernière Grande Communication, afin de remplacer les mots "quinze cents" par les mots "deux mille cinq cents" salaires du Grand Secrétaire, soit et est par ces présentes adopté.

Adopté le 18 Février, 1870.

Résolu, Que le Grand Secrétaire est autorisé à amender les procès verbaux imprimés de la dernière Grande Communication, de manière à faire voir que, l'amendement proposé, par le Frère J. B. Scot, à la Sect. 2, Art. 1, Chap. 3, des règlements, concernant l'élection future du conseil des Directeurs de la bâtisse de la Grande Loge, a été adopté.

Adopté le 18 Février, 1870.

Résolu, Que les règlements soient amendés, de manière que la Sect. 2, Art. 3, Chap. 3 (donnant aux loges le droit de rayer de leur contrôles certains membres) soit effacée.

Adopté le 18 Février, 1870.

Résolu, Que toutes les loges qui auront fait leurs retours et payé leurs redevances pour l'année 1869, dans le temps prescrit par la Constitution, mais qui auraient négligé de faire le retour concernant les fonds de charité, comme il est prescrit par les règlements, et qui donneront de bonnes raisons, ne perdront pas leurs droits à la distribution des dits fonds pour cette année.

Adopté le 18 Février, 1870.

Résolu, Que tout maçon, qui aurait été rayé, comme membre par aucune des loges constituantes, pour non paiement de quotités—sous la Sect. 2, Art. 3, Chap. 3 des règlements de la Grande Loge, ainsi qu'il était statué avant cette grande communication; pourra être réintégré, comme membre jouissant de tout ses droits maçonniques dans sa Loge, pourvu qu'il paye tout ce qu'il devait à la loge au moment de sa radiation et six mois en plus, par un vote de la majorité des membres de la loge présents à une assemblée régulière.

Adopté le 18 Février, 1870.

Résolu, Que le Grand Secrétaire fera imprimer 1600 copies des procès verbaux; 200 desquelles seront vendues au prix coutant.

Adopté le 18 Février, 1870.

Résolu, Que le T. III. Grand Maître approuvera et légalisera les procès verbaux après la clôture de la Grande Communication.

Adopté le 18 Février, 1870.

Amendement proposé.

A la Sect. 1, Art. 2 de la Constitution.

Insérer après le mot "Officiers" les mots "Et les Grands Passe-Maitres de cette Grande Loge.

Reçu le 18 Février 1870, et déposé jusqu'à la prochaine Grande Communication.

# NAMES AND RESIDENCES OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

APPOINTED UNDER THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS,

TOGETHER WITH THE LODGES UNDER THEIR CHARGE.

*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Master be empowered to divide the State into a convenient number of Masonic Districts, and appoint for each District a District Deputy Grand Master, which Deputies shall be required to attend on the Annual Communications of this Grand Lodge, and Lecture together under the supervision of the Committee on Work, until they have acquired the Work and Lectures alike. After returning to their several Districts, they shall notify each Lodge in their Districts to send one or more Delegates to such place as they shall name, which should be some central point in each District, there to remain and lecture until they have acquired the Work and Lectures as their District Deputy Grand Masters have them, and on their return home they shall instruct their lodges in the same manner.

*Resolved*, That the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters, as well as the Committee on Work, shall be permanent.—[Passed February 11, 1862.]

*Resolved*, That the Grand Master be requested to redistrict the State, and that the District Deputy Grand Masters be required to furnish him such information as to enable him to do so. [Adopted February 15, 1868.]

## First District—First Division.

SAMUEL M. TODD, M. W. GRAND MASTER.....NEW ORLEANS.

Friends of Harmony No. 58; Mount Moriah No. 59; Geo. Washington No. 65; Dudley No. 66; Marion No. 68; Hiram No. 70; Alpha Home No. 72; Quitman No. 76; Orleans No. 78; Hermitage No. 98; Louisiana No. 102; Sts. John No. 153; Excelsior No. 166; Linn Wood No. 167; Kosmos No. 171; Union No. 172; Orient No. 173; Perfect Harmony No. 176; Corinthian No. 190; Jefferson No. 191. *St. Tammany Parish*—Covington No. 188.

## First District—Second Division.

JNO. B. SORAPURU, R. W. J. G. W., SPECIAL DEPUTY.....NEW ORLEANS.

Perfect Union No. 1; Polar Star No. 1; Concorde No. 3; Perseverance No. 4; St. Andre No. 5; Los Amigos del Orden No. 5; Silencio No. 9; Foyer Maçonique No. 44; Germania No. 46; Ocean No. 144; Orus No. 170; Dante No. 174.

## Second District.

AMOS KENT, D. G. M.....TANGIPAH, ST. HELENA PARISH.

*St. Helena Parish*—St. Helena No. 96, Greensburg; Darlington No. 149, Darlington; Amite City No. 175, Amite City. *Washington Parish*—Franklinton No. 101, Franklinton; Pearl River No. 125, Line Academy; Spring Creek No. 184, Spring Creek Church. *Tangipah Parish*—Livingston No. 160, Pontchatoula.

## Third District.

A. G. CARTER.....PLAINS STORE, EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH.

*East Baton Rouge Parish*—St. James No. 47, Baton Rouge; Milford No. 117, Manchac Settlement; Plains No. 135, Plains Store. *Iberville Parish*—Acacia No. 116, Plaquemine. *Ascension Parish*—Perkins No. 150, Donaldson; Assumption U. D., Napoleonville.



## Fourth District.

GEO. W. MUNDAY.....CLINTON, EAST FELICIANA PARISH.

*East Feliciana Parish*—St. Albans No. 28, Jackson; Olive No. 52, Clinton; Kellertown No. 124, Kellertown. *West Feliciana Parish*—Feliciana No. 31, St. Francisville; Tunica No. 63, Tunica Landing. *Point Coupée Parish*—Morganza No. 159, Point Coupée.

## Fifth District.

W. W. RISHER.....HARRISONBURG, CATAHOULA PARISH.

*Catahoula Parish*—Trinity No. 105, Trinity; Harrisonburg No. 110, Harrisonburg. *Franklin Parish*—Warren No. 132, Winnsborough.

## Sixth District.

H. R. LOTT.....FLOYD, CARROLL PARISH.

*Carroll Parish*—Providence No. 50, Lake Providence; Monticello No. 92, Monticello; Deerfield No. 120, Deerfield; Oak Grove, No. 200.

## Seventh District.

SY. G. PARSONS, P. D. G. M.....BASTROP, MOREHOUSE PARISH.

*Morehouse Parish*—Mount Gerizim No. 54, Bastrop; Bartholomew No. 112, Plantersville; Brookville No. 161, Oak Ridge. *Ouachita Parish*—Western Star No. 24, Monroe; Urim No. 111, Forksville; Trenton No. 195, Trenton.

## Eighth District.

JNO. L. BARRETT, P. J. G. W.....FARMERSVILLE, UNION PARISH.

*Union Parish*—Union Fraternal No. 53, Farmersville; DeWitt Clinton 80, Marion; Napoleon No. 94, Ouachita City; Thomas Jefferson No. 113, Spearsville; Spring Hill No. 127, Springhill Church, Union Cross Roads; Shiloh No. 131, Shiloh; Downs ville No. 143, Downs ville; Cherry Ridge No. 155, Cherry Ridge.

## Ninth District.

JNO. C. JONES, P. S. G. W.....VERNON, JACKSON PARISH.

*Jackson Parish*—Lafayette No. 56, Vernon; Vienna No. 106, Vienna; Eureka No. 177, Woodville; Brooklyn No. 198, Brooklyn.

## Tenth District.

J. R. BEVIL.....WINNFIELD, WINN PARISH.

*Winn Parish*—Eastern Star No. 151, Winnfield. *Caldwell Parish*—Castor No. 109, Castor Lauding; Columbia No. 164, Columbia; Corner Stone, U. D., Lewisville.

## Eleventh District.

D. H. HAYS.....SPRINGVILLE, NATCHITOCHES PARISH.

*Bienville Parish*—Mackey No. 122, Ringold; Saline No. 196, Saline. *Natchitoches Parish*—Sparta No. 108, Sparta; Silent Brotherhood No. 146, Coushatta Shute.

## Twelfth District.

J. N. CLAMPITT.....ARCADIA, BIENVILLE PARISH.

*Bienville Parish*—Arcadia No. 126, Arcadia; Mount Lebanon 104, Mt. Lebanon. *Claiborne Parish*—Minden No. 51, Minden; Terryville No. 118, Quay Post office; Athens No. 136, Athens; Tulip No. 168, Tulip.

**Thirteenth District.**

JNO. W. JONES.....SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH.

*Caddo Parish*—Caddo No. 179, Shreveport; Jackson No. 45, Greenwood; Shreveport No. 115, Shreveport; Longwood No. 183, Hoss Mills. *Bossier Parish* Cypress No. 89, Collinsburg; Red Land No. 148, Rocky Mount; Fillmore No. 154, Fillmore.

**Fourteenth District.**

BOLING WILLIAMS.....MANSFIELD, DESOTO PARISH.

*DeSoto Parish*—DeSoto No. 55, Mansfield; Mount Vernon No. 83, Logansport; Pleasant Hill No. 86, Pleasant Hill; Liberty No. 123, Keachi; Jeffersonian No. 138, Kingston.

**Fifteenth District.**

S. O. SCRUGGS.....CLOUTIERVILLE, NATCHITOCHES PARISH.

*Natchitoches Parish*—Cloutierville No. 103, Mouth of Cain River; Phoenix No. 38, Natchitoches; Kisatchie Union No. 186, Kile's Mills. *Grant Parish*—Montgomery No. 168, Montgomery.

**Sixteenth District.**

N. H. BRAY.....MANY, SABINE PARISH.

*Rapides Parish*—Rapides No. 158, Huddleston Post Office. *Sabine Parish*—Sabine No. 75, Fort Jessup; Many No. 88, Many; Anacoco No. 147, Anacoco Post Office; Kisatchie No. 156 ———; Little Flock No. 180, Wineburg.

**Seventeenth District.**

JNO. C. GORDY, P. S. G. W.....FRANKLIN, ST. MARY'S PARISH.

*St. Mary's Parish*—Humble Cottage No. 19, Opelousas; Orphans' Friend No. 185, Big Cane; Mt. Olivet No. 194, Bayou Boeuf. *St. Mary's Parish*—Franklin No. 57, Franklin; Lafayette No. 87, Pattersonville. *Rapides Parish*—Oliver No. 84, Alexandria; Gordy No. 133, Cheneyville. *Lafourche Interior*—Thibodaux Benevolent No. 90, Thibodaux. *Terrebonne Parish*—Houma No. 139, Houma. *Lafayette Parish*—Hope No. 145, Vermillionville. *Avoyelles Parish*—Atchafalaya 163, Simsport; Evergreen No. 189, Evergreen. *Vermillionville Parish*—Abbeville No. 192, Abbeville. *St. Martin's Parish*—Aurora No. 198, New Iberia; Mallet Woods No. 199, Prudhomme City, St. Landry Parish; Dorie, U. D., Brashear, St. Mary's Parish.

**Eighteenth District.**

GEO. H. WELLS.....LAKE CHARLES, CALCASIEU PARISH.

*Calcasieu Parish*—Lake Charles No. 165, Lake Charles; Sam. Todd No. 182, Sugar Town.

**Nineteenth District.**

H. W. KIRKPATRICK.....HOMER, CLAIBORNE PARISH.

*Claiborne Parish*—Lisbon No. 121, Lisbon; Dawson No. 129, Scottsville; Cool Spring No. 140, Cool Spring Academy, Homer Post Office; Homer No. 152, Homer; Burnsville No. 160, Shangaloo; Haynesville No. 169, Haynesville; Flat Lick No. 187, Flat Lick; Holly Springs No. 200, Holly Springs; Summerfield No. , Summerfield.

## SPECIAL AND STANDING COMMITTEES, 1870.

### On Audit and Accounts.

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| EDWIN MARKS, P. M.    | Dudley <input type="checkbox"/>       | " 66   |
| W. R. WHITAKER, W. M. | Corinthian <input type="checkbox"/>   | " 190  |

### On Work and Returns of Chartered Lodges.

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| WM. C. DRIVER, P. M.                 | Louisiana <input type="checkbox"/>  | " 102  |
| BOLING WILLIAMS, P. M. (D. D. G. M.) | De Soto <input type="checkbox"/>    | " 55   |

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| T. J. O'REGAN, P. M. | Friends of Harmony <input type="checkbox"/> | " 58  |
| JOHN MCCRORY, P. M.  | Bartholomew <input type="checkbox"/>        | " 112 |

### On Lodges Under Dispensation.

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| W. S. BENEDICT, W. M. | Orient <input type="checkbox"/>          | " 173  |
| R. H. DAY, P. M.      | St. James <input type="checkbox"/>       | " 47   |

### On Appeals and Grievances.

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| JOHN G. FLEMING, P. M.                | Quitman <input type="checkbox"/>      | " 76    |
| SAMUEL J. POWELL, P. M. (P. S. G. W.) | Feliciana <input type="checkbox"/>    | " 31    |
| R. L. BRUCE, P. M.                    | Excelsior <input type="checkbox"/>    | " 166   |
| F. H. BABBIT, P. M.                   | Atchafalaya <input type="checkbox"/>  | " 163   |
| JOS. F. MCGUIRE, P. M.                | Western Star <input type="checkbox"/> | " 24    |
| J. W. HIGMAN, P. M.                   | Mt. Gerizim <input type="checkbox"/>  | " 54    |

### On Work.

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| M. W. SAMUEL M. TODD, P. G. M.    | Marion <input type="checkbox"/>            | " 68   |
| R. W. EDWARD BARNETT, P. D. G. M. | Ocean <input type="checkbox"/>             | " 144  |
| R. W. JOHN C. GORDY, P. S. G. W.  | Franklin <input type="checkbox"/>          | " 57   |
| *SY. G. PARSONS, P. D. G. M.      | Mt. Gerizim <input type="checkbox"/>       | " 54   |

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\*Appointed by M. W. Grand Master since close of Communication.

**On Masonic Law and Jurisprudence.**

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| P. D. G. M. S. O. SCRUGGS, .....  | Cloutierville <input type="checkbox"/>   | " 103  |
| P. D. G. M. EDWARD BARNETT, ..... | Ocean <input type="checkbox"/>           | " 144  |
| P. S. G. W. JOHN C. GORDY, .....  | Franklin <input type="checkbox"/>        | " 57   |

**On Foreign Correspondence.**

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| JOSEPH P. HORNOR, ..... | Orient <input type="checkbox"/>            | " 173  |
| A. GOLDMANN, .....      | Ocean <input type="checkbox"/>             | " 144  |

**On Masonic History.**

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OF THE

## GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

FOR THE YEAR 1870.

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| <i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden</i> .. | JNO. B. SORAPURU,<br>of Foyer Maçonnique <input type="checkbox"/>              | No. 44.  |
| <i>R. W. Grand Treasurer</i> .....  | HENRY RUFUS SWASEY, P. G. M.,<br>of George Washington <input type="checkbox"/> | No. 65.  |
| <i>R. W. Grand Secretary</i> .....  | JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D.<br>of Alpha Home <input type="checkbox"/>            | No. 72.  |
| <i>W. Grand Chaplain</i> .....      | Rev. C. S. HEDGES, D. D.<br>of George Washington <input type="checkbox"/>      | No. 65.  |
| <i>W. Grand Senior Deacon</i> ..... | W. L. DeGRAFFENREIDT,<br>of Castor <input type="checkbox"/>                    | No. 109. |
| <i>W. Grand Junior Deacon</i> ..... | M. E. GIRARD,<br>of Hope <input type="checkbox"/>                              | No. 145. |
| <i>W. Grand Marshal</i> .....       | JAMES B. WALTON,<br>of Louisiana <input type="checkbox"/>                      | No. 102. |
| <i>W. Grand Sword Bearer</i> .....  | JAMES B. DUNN,<br>of Houma <input type="checkbox"/>                            | No. 139. |
| <i>W. Grand Pursuivant</i> .....    | SAMUEL HUMES BROWN,<br>of Union <input type="checkbox"/>                       | No. 172. |
| <i>W. Grand Steward</i> .....       | WILLIAM CARSON,<br>of Corinthian <input type="checkbox"/>                      | No. 190. |
| <i>W. Grand Steward</i> .....       | JACOB KILE,<br>of Kisatchie Union <input type="checkbox"/>                     | No. 186. |
| <i>W. Grand Steward</i> .....       | CHAS. KOERRENZIG,<br>of Germania <input type="checkbox"/>                      | No. 46.  |
| <i>W. Grand Steward</i> .....       | TIMOTHY CARROLL,<br>of Hiram <input type="checkbox"/>                          | No. 70.  |
| <i>W. Grand Tyler</i> .....         | FREDERICK A. DENTZEL,<br>of George Washington <input type="checkbox"/>         | No. 65.  |

# LIST OF PAST GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGES OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA,

From its Organization to the Present Year.

| YEAR.  | GRAND MASTERS.         | DEP. GRAND MASTERS.   | SEN. GRAND WARDENS.   | JUN. GRAND WARDENS.   | GRAND TREASURERS.     | GRAND SECRETARIES.        |
|--------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1812.. | *P Francis Dubourg..   | *L Moreau Lislet....  | *J Blaque.....        | *Francis Pernot.....  | *Jean Baptiste Pinta. | *J B Gregoire Veron.      |
| 1813.. | *P Francis Dubourg..   | *L Moreau Lislet....  | *J Blaque.....        | *J B Desbois.....     | *Jean Baptiste Pinta. | *J B Gregoire Veron.      |
| 1814.. | *P Francis Dubourg..   | *L Moreau Lislet....  | *J Soulé.....         | *Dominique Roquette   | *Jean Baptiste Pinta. | *J B Gregoire Veron.      |
| 1815.. | *J Soulé.....          | *L Moreau Lislet....  | *Dominique Roquette   | *J B Modeste Lefebvre | *Jean Baptiste Pinta. | *Auguste Guibert.         |
| 1816.. | *J Soulé.....          | *L Moreau Lislet....  | *J B Modeste Lefebvre | *Y Lemonnier.....     | *Jean Baptiste Pinta. | *Auguste Guibert.         |
| 1817.. | *J Soulé.....          | *L Moreau Lislet....  | *J B Modeste Lefebvre | *Y Lemonnier.....     | *Jean Baptiste Pinta. | *Auguste Guibert.....     |
| 1818.. | *L Moreau Lislet....   | *J B Modeste Lefebvre | *Jean B DesBois....   | *Y Lemonnier.....     | *Jean Baptiste Pinta. | *Auguste Guibert.....     |
| 1819.. | *J B Modeste Lefebvre. | *Jean B Desbois....   | *Y Lemonnier.....     | *Aug Macarty.....     | *Jean Baptiste Pinta. | *N Visinier & *F Dissard. |
| 1820.. | Y Lemonnier.....       | *Aug Macarty.....     | *J F Canonge.....     | *G Dubuys.....        | *Jean Baptiste Pinta. | *F Dissard.               |
| 1821.. | *Aug Macarty.....      | *J F Canonge.....     | *G Dubuys.....        | A Peychaud.....       | *G W Morgan.....      | *F Dissard.               |
| 1822.. | *J F Canonge.....      | *G Dubuys.....        | *Y Lemonnier.....     | G Leaumont.....       | *G W Morgan.....      | *F Dissard.               |
| 1823.. | *D F Burthe.....       | *G Dubuys.....        | *L Moreau Lislet....  | *L A de Bodin.....    | *G W Morgan.....      | *F Dissard.               |
| 1824.. | *J F Canonge.....      | *Y Lemonnier.....     | *L A de Bodin.....    | *A Longer.....        | *G W Morgan.....      | *F Dissard.               |
| 1825.. | *John H Holland.....   | *L A de Bodin.....    | *A Longer.....        | *Charles Maurian....  | *C Miltenberger.....  | *F Dissard.               |
| 1826.. | *John H Holland.....   | M Flietas.....        | *A Longer.....        | *Charles Maurian....  | *C Miltenberger.....  | *F Dissard.               |
| 1827.. | *John H Holland.....   | M Flietas.....        | *Charles Maurian....  | *A Morphy.....        | *C Miltenberger.....  | *F Dissard.               |
| 1828.. | *John H Holland.....   | *A Morphy.....        | *Charles Maurian....  | *A Longer.....        | *C Miltenberger.....  | *F Dissard.               |
| 1829.. | *J F Canonge.....      | *D F Burthe.....      | *A Longer.....        | *J B Faget.....       | *C Miltenberger.....  | *F Dissard.               |
| 1830.. | *John H Holland.....   | *A Longer.....        | *M Fouche Cougot..    | *J B Faget.....       | *L H Féraud.....      | *F Dissard.               |
| 1831.. | *John H Holland.....   | *J B Faget.....       | *Seth W Nye.....      | Jean Lamothe.....     | *L H Féraud.....      | *F Dissard.               |
| 1832.. | *John H Holland.....   | *Aug Douce.....       | *Seth W Nye.....      | *Thomas Blois.....    | *Alex Phillips.....   | *F Dissard.               |
| 1833.. | *John H Holland.....   | *Aug Douce.....       | Jean Lamothe.....     | *J B F Giquel.....    | *Alex Phillips.....   | *F Dissard.               |
| 1834.. | *John H Holland.....   | *Aug Douce.....       | Jean Lamothe.....     | *Charles Revoile..... | *Alex Phillips.....   | *F Dissard.               |
| 1835.. | *John H Holland.....   | *Aug Douce.....       | *F J Verrier.....     | *J B F Giquel.....    | *Alex Phillips.....   | *F Dissard.               |
| 1836.. | *L H Féraud.....       | *J F Canonge.....     | *J B F Giquel.....    | Jean Lamothe.....     | Joaquim Viosca.....   | *F Dissard.               |
| 1837.. | *L H Féraud.....       | *F F Verrier.....     | *J B F Giquel.....    | F Coquet.....         | Joaquim Viosca.....   | *F Dissard.               |
| 1838.. | *John H Holland.....   | *J J Mercie.....      | *J B Lambert.....     | *Zenon Colson.....    | *François Coquet....  | *F Dissard.               |
| 1839.. | *John H Holland.....   | *Alexander Phillips.. | *F J Verrier.....     | §Perez Snell.....     | *Cotton Henry.....    | *F Dissard.               |

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|----------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1840..   | *A W Pichot.....        | *G A Montmain.....      | J Viosca.....           | †Ramon Vionnet.....      | Jean Lamothe.....           | *F Dissard, *L H Feraud  |
| 1841..   | *A W Pichot.....        | Jean Lamothe.....       | J Viosca.....           | †Ramon Vionnet.....      | *Fleury Generelly.....      | *P Dubayle.              |
| 1842..   | Jean Lamothe.....       | †Ramon Vionnet.....     | *Paul Bertus.....       | Ramon Viosca.....        | *Fleury Generelly.....      | *P Dubayle.              |
| 1843..   | *E A Cannon.....        | *Robert Preaux.....     | A D Guesnon.....        | *H Kidel.....            | *Fleury Generelly.....      | *P Dubayle, *F Verrier.  |
| 1844..   | *E A Cannon.....        | *Robert Preaux.....     | Lucien Hermann.....     | *Francis Calongne.....   | †Ramon Vionnet.....         | *F Verrier.              |
| 1845..   | *Robert Preux.....      | *Felix Garcia.....      | Lucien Hermann.....     | *Francis Calongne.....   | †Ramon Vionnet.....         | *F Verrier.              |
| 1846..   | *Felix Garcia.....      | Lucien Hermann.....     | *Francis Calongne.....  | *Joseph Lisbony.....     | †Ramon Vionnet.....         | *F Verrier.              |
| 1847..   | *Felix Garcia.....      | *Robert Preaux.....     | *François Meilleur..... | †Roman Brugier.....      | †Ramon Vionnet.....         | *F Verrier.              |
| 1848..   | { *Felix Garcia.....    | { Lucien Hermann.....   | { *Thomas B Patten..... | { *Alexander Derbes..... | { †Ramon Vionnet.....       | { *F Verrier.            |
| L. G. L. | { *M R Dudley.....      | { *Thomas H Lewis.....  | { *W P Coleman.....     | { G Gorin.....           | { Daniel Blair.....         | { *W H Howard.           |
| 1849..   | { Lucien Hermann.....   | { *F Calongne.....      | { Antoine Mondelli..... | { *Simon Meilleur.....   | { †Ramon Vionnet.....       | { *F Verrier.            |
| L. G. L. | { *John Gedge.....      | { *John W Crockett..... | { Wm M Perkins.....     | { J W McNamara.....      | { Daniel Blair.....         | { *W H Howard.           |
| 1850..   | { W Lucien Hermann..... | *F Calongne.....        | Antoine Mondelli.....   | *George W Catlett.....   | †Ramon Vionnet.....         | *J E Massicot.           |
| 1851..   | *John Gedge.....        | *George W Catlett.....  | *R F McGuire.....       | W L Knox.....            | *S Herriman.....            | J E Massicot, E Barnett. |
| 1852..   | *H R W Hill.....        | *Robert F McGuire.....  | Wm L Knox.....          | S M Hart.....            | *S Herriman.....            | Edward Barnett.          |
| 1853..   | *H R W Hill.....        | Wm L Knox.....          | S M Hart.....           | *H W Huntington.....     | *S Herriman [mann.....      | Edward Barnett.          |
| 1854..   | Wm M Perkins.....       | Wm L Knox.....          | *H W Huntington.....    | *Geo D Shadburn.....     | *S Herriman & D Good.....   | *Samuel G Risk.          |
| 1855..   | Wm M Perkins.....       | *Geo D Shadburn.....    | *M H Dosson.....        | *Law P Crain.....        | *Stephen C Michell.....     | *Samuel G Risk.          |
| 1856..   | Wm M Perkins.....       | *M H Dosson.....        | Louis Texada.....       | S O Scruggs.....         | *Stephen C Michell.....     | *Samuel G Risk.          |
| 1857..   | Wm M Perkins.....       | *Amos Adams.....        | *A S Washburn.....      | S O Scruggs.....         | *Stephen C Michell.....     | *Samuel G Risk.          |
| 1858..   | *Amos Adams.....        | Samnel M Todd.....      | S O Scruggs.....        | A J Norwood.....         | *Stephen C Michell.....     | *Samuel G Risk.          |
| 1859..   | Samuel M Todd.....      | S O Scruggs.....        | A J Norwood.....        | Joseph Santini.....      | *Stephen C Michell.....     | *Samuel G Risk.          |
| 1860..   | J Q A Fellows.....      | A G Carter.....         | John C Gordy.....       | *Henry Regenburg.....    | *SC Michell & S M Todd..... | *Samuel G Risk.          |
| 1861..   | J Q A Fellows.....      | A G Carter.....         | John C Gordy.....       | *Henry Regenburg.....    | Samuel M Todd.....          | *Samuel G Risk.          |
| 1862..   | J Q A Fellows.....      | A G Carter.....         | *B G Thibodaux.....     | Samuel J Powell.....     | Harmon Doane.....           | Samuel M Todd.           |
| 1863..   | J Q A Fellows.....      | A G Carter.....         | *B G Thibodaux.....     | Samuel J Powell.....     | Harmon Doane.....           | Samuel M Todd.           |
| 1864..   | J Q A Fellows.....      | A G Carter.....         | *B G Thibodaux.....     | Samuel J Powell.....     | Henry R Swasey.....         | Samuel M Todd.           |
| 1865..   | J Q A Fellows.....      | Edward Barnett.....     | *George A Pike.....     | *John Booth.....         | Henry R Swasey.....         | Samuel M Todd.           |
| 1866..   | Wm M Perkins.....       | A J Norwood.....        | S O Scruggs.....        | John C Jones.....        | Henry R Swasey.....         | Samuel M Todd.           |
| 1867..   | A J Norwood.....        | H R Swasey.....         | John C Jones.....       | John A Stevenson.....    | Samuel M Todd.....          | Jas C Batchelor, M. D.   |
| 1868..   | Henry R Swasey.....     | Sy G Parsons.....       | S O Scruggs.....        | Wm McDuff.....           | Samuel M Todd.....          | Jas C Batchelor, M. D.   |
| 1869..   | Samuel M Todd.....      | Sy G Parsons.....       | Amos Kent.....          | Jno L Barrett.....       | H R Swasey.....             | Jas C Batchelor, M. D.   |
| 1870..   | Samuel M Todd.....      | Amos Kent.....          | Wm Robson.....          | Jno B Sorapuru.....      | H R Swasey.....             | Jas C Batchelor, M. D.   |

\*Dead.

†Expelled by Grand Lodge for Defalcation and Swindling as Grand Treasurer.

†Not in good standing.

§Expelled in 1842.

*To the Memory of*

**M. W. WILLIAM H. HOWARD,**

PAST GRAND SECRETARY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE

OF LOUISIANA ;

PAST GRAND MASTER OF THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF CALIFORNIA ;

AND THE

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE

OF LOUISIANA, AT THE GRAND EAST OF CALIFORNIA.

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**HIS MEMORY REMAINETH.**



*To the Memory of*

W. Bro. M. P. QUINN,

W. M. OF VIENNA ☐ No. 106, WHO DIED JUNE 14, A. D., 1869.

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W. Bro. AARON HARRIS,

P. M. OF LOUISIANA ☐ No. 102, WHO DIED JULY 18, A. D., 1869.

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W. Bro. JOS. F. L. LAMARRE,

W. M. OF ST. ANDREW ☐ No. 5, WHO DIED JAN. 7, A. D., 1870.

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W. Bro. MAURICE LANGHORN,

P. M. OF MINDEN ☐ No. 51, A MEMBER OF DUDLEY ☐ No. 66,  
WHO DIED IN ST. LOUIS, MO., MARCH 28, A. D., 1869.

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W. Bro. H. J. B. PAIN,

P. M. OF FOYER MACONNIQUE ☐ No. 44, WHO DIED IN MOBILE,  
ALABAMA, A. D., 1867.

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE.**

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"They rest from their labors,—How sweet their repose,  
How gently they sleep after life's peaceful close,  
No care to molest them—to mar the delight  
Of their slumbers; their dreams are all joyous and bright.  
Ah! laborer ne'er from the toils of the day,  
Yet rested as calmly, as sweetly as they."

## RETURNS OF CONSTITUENT LODGES, FOR THE YEAR 1869.

### PERFECT UNION LODGE No. 1.

Rampart Street, between Main and St. Philip Streets, N. O.—Meets 2nd Wednesday and 4th Friday in each month.

#### OFFICERS.

|                              |                   |                            |              |
|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Réné Laffon de Ladebat ..... | W M.              | Jules Gerard.....          | J D.         |
| Jules Delery.....            | S W.              | Emile DeBuys.....          | Or.          |
| Theo. Guyol.....             | J W.              | P. Laffon de Ladebat ..... | M E.         |
| Hy Ducatel.....              | Treas.            | Chas E Forstall.....       | M C.         |
| Ramon Oriol.....             | Sec.              | Paul Forstall.....         | Hospitaler.  |
| Gustave Pitot.....           | S D.              | Paul F Laborde.....        | In. Guard'n. |
|                              | Chas Raymond..... |                            | Tyler.       |

#### PAST MASTERS.

|             |              |                         |                         |
|-------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| A Schriber, | D Augustine, | A Pitot, Jr.,           | Chas Laffon de Ladebat, |
| Hy Bezou    | A F Elliot   | Réné Laffon de Ladebat. |                         |

#### HONORARY MEMBERS.

|              |                 |              |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Wm H Hewett, | Fulgence Ricou, | Albert Pike. |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------|

#### MEMBERS.

|                 |              |               |             |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| Barthe, P       | Debuys, O    | Honold, C     | McCall, E J |
| Boudousquie, L  | DeArmas R    | Judice, P N   | Mazureau A  |
| Cabiro, A       | DeLassus, C  | Leaumont, G   | Musson, M   |
| Celles, J A     | Eustis, Geo  | Lewis, Jno L  | Noblom, A P |
| Choppin, Samuel | Gaillard, O  | Laube, P N    | Nott, W H   |
| Damiens, H      | Gardere, F   | Martin, Henri | Page, Henri |
| DeBlanc, Chas   | Hubbard, R D |               | 45 members. |

*Initiated*—R DeArmas, Paul Forstall, Arthur Mendez, Vic Baudier.

*Passed*—R DeArmas, Paul Forstall.

*Raised*—R DeArmas, Paul Forstall.

*Affiliated*—Hy Martin, H Page, P Barthe.

### POLAR STAR LODGE No. 1.

Polar Star Hall, corner Rampart and Kelerece streets, N. O. —1st and 3d Fridays.

#### OFFICERS.

|                      |                   |                 |                       |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| F Levasseur.....     | W M.              | C Babled.....   | Sec.                  |
| P Artigue.....       | S W.              | C Antonini..... | Master of Ceremonies. |
| M Hernandez, Jr..... | J W.              | J M Cressy..... | Hospitaler.           |
| G Maylie.....        | Treas.            | R Claque.....   | S D.                  |
| O Schwaner.....      | Master Expert.    | B Cazeres.....  | J D.                  |
|                      | J Bourdonnay..... |                 | Tyler.                |

#### PAST MASTERS.

|            |              |            |
|------------|--------------|------------|
| A R Morel, | F Levasseur, | O R Fagot. |
|------------|--------------|------------|

## MEMBERS.

|              |              |             |             |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Beer, R      | Cambouzon, A | Frémaux, J  | Monlaur, J  |
| Bidault, P   | Daret, H     | Farrart F D | Mindeck, A  |
| Beyers, P    | Duval, E     | Hayem, A    | Newman, E   |
| Benachi, P   | Daujean, F   | Lay, L      | Picard A S  |
| Bertrand, L  | DeGruy, H    | Maillot, J  | Siess, S    |
| Claiborne, C | Estebinet, P | Marceau, O  | Tissot, J L |
| Cazeau, J    |              |             | 38 members. |

*Initiated*—A Hayem, J J C Saliba.

*Passed*—E Duval. A Hayem, J J C Saliba.

*Raised*—E Duval, A Hayem.

*Demitted*—P Benachi.

*Stricken from Roll*—J Maillot, J Monlaur.

## CONCORDE LODGE No. 3.

Perseverance Hall, corner Dumaine and St. Claude—First Wednesday of every month.

## OFFICERS.

|                      |        |                 |        |
|----------------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| Louis Prados.....    | W M.   | E A Devron..... | Sec.   |
| Alcide Delpench..... | S W    | Jos Prados..... | S D.   |
| Samuel Aron.....     | J W.   | A Cartaud.....  | J D.   |
| Constant Mandry..... | Treas. | Hy Kuntz.....   | Tylér. |

## PAST MASTERS.

J B Sorapuru, J. G. W. J G W S Meilleur.

## MEMBERS.

|                    |                   |                 |               |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Brandin, Jas       | DeCorte, Y        | Gaspard, Thomas | Lee, P O      |
| Bardeaux, T        | Dubois, Victor    | Gast, G         | Masseau, H    |
| Baehler F A        | Dubreuil, M       | Habert, H       | Nichlaus, P V |
| Berroud, D         | Erath, Auguste    | Hillman, A      | Pinto, B A    |
| Bogel, A J         | Erath, Albert     | Hickok, D       | Paillotet, E  |
| Candide, A Avinene | Frantz, C         | Kuentz, Jos     | Page, E F H   |
| Devron, Jos P      | Fasnacht, R       | Leblanc, P      | Silvestre, F  |
| Devron, O K        | Fazende, F Leonce | Lefranc, E      | Sorapuru, L   |
| Durbridge, W       |                   |                 | 43 members.   |

*Initiated*—F Leonce Fazende, G Gast, E F H Page, A Avinene Candide, E A Erath, A Delpench, A J Bogel.

*Passed*—F Leonce Fazende, G Gast, E F H Page, A Avinene Candide, E A Erath, A Delpench, A J Bogel.

*Raised*—F Leonce Fazende, G Gast, E F H Page, A Avinene Candide, E A Erath, A Delpench, A J Bogel.

*Affiliated*—D Berroud.

*Demitted*—Jas Brandin.

*Reinstated*—V Dubois.

## PERSEVERANCE LODGE No. 4.

Corner of Main and St. Claude streets, New Orleans—Second and Fourth Sunday.

## OFFICERS.

|                    |                  |                  |        |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|--------|
| M A Calongne.....  | W M.             | P Daverede.....  | J D.   |
| M Labusquiere..... | S W.             | A Carrouche..... | Or.    |
| H Duveau.....      | J W.             | D Rousse.....    | M C.   |
| P Sarthou.....     | Treas.           | D Didieu.....    | M E.   |
| J M Cessac.....    | Sec.             | A Lacaze.....    | Ecn.   |
| W H C Laade.....   | S D.             | A Ladrieux.....  | I G.   |
|                    | J L Daussat..... |                  | Tylér. |

## PAST MASTERS.

M A Calongne,

Fulgence Ricau,

Hy St Gez.

## MEMBERS.

|                   |                |                   |                 |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Bailleaux, H      | Chaynard, A    | Fisse, Jean       | Magendie, J     |
| Bois, Oscar       | Cerisé, J      | Frigerio, F Louis | Merlin, J       |
| Bru, Ulysses      | Calongne, Chas | Glaudot, Aug      | Parenton, Louis |
| Beney, Louis      | Cannère, A     | Lanabere, B       | Padarré, Hy     |
| Bousses, Jno      | Canterou, P N  | Lapeyrolerie, J   | Rouchy, Jean    |
| Barbé, J B        | Duco, Jno      | Lafaye A          | Sagassie, J     |
| Barrère, P        | Delucky, F     | Lavigne Jean      | Sarrazin, J L   |
| Bibé, J B         | Develle, L D   | Louis, A J        | Sarrazin, J P   |
| Campagnolle, Jean | Ducasse, J     | Marcou, Joseph    | 50 members.     |

*Initiated*—J F L de Lee Latapy, R Pedlarre, J B Lapuyade, J Rouchy, H Rieder.

*Passed*—J Rouchy.

*Raised*—J Rouchy.

*Affiliated*—A Lafaye.

*Demitted*—J L Sarrazin, P Barrère.

*Died*—J B Bibé, Jean Cerisé.

## ST. ANDREW LODGE No. 5.

Conti, between Villere and Robertson streets, N. O.—First and Third Wednesday.

## OFFICERS.

|                 |                  |                   |          |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|----------|
| A Lucher .....  | W M.             | J Darey .....     | J D.     |
| F Saron .....   | S W.             | T Michon .....    | Orator.  |
| F Cauhape ..... | J W.             | E Danty .....     | M E.     |
| F Cazau .....   | Treas.           | J Pausas .....    | M C.     |
| A M Mowan ..... | Sec.             | J P Carrere ..... | Hosp.    |
| G Tujague ..... | \$ D.            | V Daget .....     | Steward. |
|                 | J T Michon ..... |                   | Tyler.   |

## PAST MASTERS.

F Cauhape,

Danty, E

J Lamarre,

T B Ternot,

H Cerise.

## MEMBERS.

|               |              |             |             |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Bonnafon, J A | Daliet, J    | Marchal, C  | Ricaud, T   |
| Berge, P      | Decroo, F    | Masson, M   | Rey, J M    |
| Boudreau, J   | Duffard, A   | Masquero, E | Sanchez, M  |
| Corg, M       | Esteben, P   | Martin, S V | Tournier, N |
| Coig, J       | Larcade, B   | Midal, P M  | Thenard, C  |
| Carite, C     | Lanoux, X    | Meunier, E  |             |
| Debarbiene, A | Laborde, P L | Meunier, D  |             |
| Dumestre, E   | Lusse, G     | Nihoul, M   | 46 members. |

*Initiated*—P L Laborde, A M Mowan, J T Michon.

*Passed*—M Corg, V Dazet, P L Laborde, A M Mowan, J T Michon.

*Raised*—M Corg, V Dazet, P L Laborde, A M Mowan, J T Michon.

*Stricken from Roll*—A Duffard.

*Died*—J Coig, J Daliet.

## LOS AMIGOS DEL ORDEN LODGE No. 5.

Corner Main and St. Claude streets, N. O.—Second and Fourth Monday.

## OFFICERS.

|                           |        |                               |         |
|---------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|---------|
| Jose Planellas.....       | W M.   | Angel Martin, .....           | Orator. |
| A del Valle Noguiera..... | S W.   | F Caballero.....              | M E.    |
| Manuel A Vega.....        | J W.   | D Angulo.....                 | M C.    |
| Mateo Azcona.....         | Treas. | G Vichiri.....                | Hos.    |
| E B D'Hauel.....          | Sec.   | J Ferrer y Ferrer.....        | K of S. |
| M J Simon.....            | S D.   | G Mascaro.....                | Stew.   |
| Jose M Alvarez.....       | J D.   | M Doussat (not a member)..... | I G.    |
| M Pereira.....            |        | Tyler.....                    |         |

## PAST MASTERS.

|                  |               |                 |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| J Garcia de Leon | Angel Martin, | Jose Planellas. |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------|

## HONORARY MEMBERS.

|                |           |             |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| Antonio Costa, | H Gilman, | W W Wilson. |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|

## MEMBERS.

|                   |                   |                  |                  |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Barba, Fernandez  | Fernandez, Ant    | Mestier, L       | Rodriguez, M     |
| Berry, Fred       | Flores, Juan      | Martinez, J E    | Rendueles, F     |
| Borras, Juan      | Flores, Manuel    | Munez, B         | Ribas, Jose      |
| Barcelo, Juan     | Ferrer, Jose F y  | Palliser, G      | Rofi, Esteban    |
| Bens Cados        | Fernandez, Jose   | Pace, Francisco  | Sotues, Santos   |
| Benguna, A        | Gonzales, Andres  | Martinez, Jose E | Sitges, M        |
| Blanco, M         | Luz, Pedro        | Pelayo, Mariano  | Sambola, Antonia |
| Billero, F        | Linares, Lorenzo  | Partagas, A      | Suares, Juan     |
| Carmona, Fra      | Lopez, Victoriana | Paz, C C         | Salomone, Ant    |
| Castellanos, Juan | Menendez, J A     | Palermo, Jose    | Trigo, M F       |
| Delermo, N A      | Martinez, Domingo | Rosio, A         | Triay, J         |
| Desanglis, J B    | Meyer, A          | Roseto, P        | Triay, J C       |
| Fauries, Mariano  | Mascaro, Juan     | Rodriguez, MC    | 66 members.      |

*Initiated*—A Mayer, A Rocio, C Bons, A Beuguna, G Vichiri, P Roseto.*Passed*—A Mayer, A Rocio, C Bons, A Beuguna, G Vichiri, P Roseto.*Raised*—A Mayer, A Rocio, C Bons, A Beuguna, G Vichiri, P Roseto, E B D'Hauel.*Affiliated*—A del Valle Noguiera.*Demitted*—E Castancira, J Garcia de Leon, Louis Mestier, A Partagas, A Rocio.*Stricken from Roll*—P Luz, E Rofi, S Santos, J C Triay.

## SILENCIO LODGE No. 9.

Polar Star Hall, corner of Rampart and History streets, New Orleans—First and Third Thursday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                       |        |                                 |             |
|-----------------------|--------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| F deA Ribot.....      | W M.   | M C y Gahona.....               | J D.        |
| F de P Villasana..... | S W.   | P Ugarte.....                   | Orator.     |
| Jose A y Prats.....   | J W.   | Francisco Orfila.....           | } Stewards. |
| Migule Estella.....   | Treas. | J Antonio Martinez.....         |             |
| Felig Gelbert.....    | Sec.   | Jose de P Nehia.....            | J G.        |
| T Xampen.....         | S D.   | J Bourdonay (not a member)..... | Tyler.      |

## PAST MASTERS.

Gabriel Segui y Gahona,

F de A Ribot,

P Ugarte.

## MEMBERS.

|              |                   |                   |                |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Bunol, Pedro | Garcia, Jose      | Marsal, M         | Pages, F       |
| Begue, J M   | Gonzalez, C       | Monterola, J B    | Rosello, Jose  |
| Bunol, J     | Ginart, J         | Menendez, J       | Roses, Juan    |
| Bado, A      | Jaureguiberry, P  | Mendola, A        | Roig, F        |
| Cahui, P     | Llambias, A       | Mendola, L        | Relimpio, P V  |
| Cimarelli, G | Lopez A           | Martinez, Antonio | Schwarz, David |
| Claudon, L   | Minangolarra, Jno | Pons, Miguel      | Turro, P       |
| Cosso, A     | Marquez, M        | Pujol, Dionisio   | Ximenez, C     |
| Fronti, P    | Mendez, D         | Perez, P          | Ysern, Pablo   |
| Ferrer, C    | Mendez, J         | Perez, M          | 50 members.    |

*Initiated*—Marsal Marcelino, F Pages, A Cosso, A Bado, J Barba, Jr., A Llambias, J B Monterola.

*Passed*—Marsal Marcelino, F Pages, A Cosso, A Bado, J Barba, Jr., A Llambias, J B Monterola.

*Raised*—Marsal Marcelino, F Pages, A Cosso, A Bado, A Llambias, J B Monterola.

*Affiliated*—J Rosello.

*Demitted*—D Mendez.

## HUMBLE COTTAGE LODGE No. 19.

Opelousas, Parish of St. Landry, La.—Stated meetings First Wednesday after Full Moon.

## OFFICERS.

|                     |           |                     |             |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------|
| Claudius Mayo.....  | W M.      | K H Bodemuller..... | Sec.        |
| George Pulford..... | S W.      | Jas W Jackson.....  | S D.        |
| C A Frazee.....     | J W.      | W R Cockran.....    | J D.        |
| Hy L Garland.....   | Treas.    | Joseph Bloch.....   | } Stewards. |
| B F White.....      | Chaplain. | Julius Meyers.....  |             |
| Lewis Lejeune.....  |           | Tyler.....          |             |

## PAST MASTERS..

J J Beauchamp,

W A Robertson,  
James Ray,

P Leonce Hebrard,

John MacDonald.

J M Porter,

## MEMBERS.

|                  |                 |                   |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Brewer, Wm P     | Ehrhardt, Jacob | Liberman, H       | Richard, J O    |
| Beninger, F P    | Fernberg, S     | Mayo, W H         | Reed, Ben W     |
| Brown, A F       | Godwin, W D     | Mayo, Thad        | Richard, Jos D  |
| Bridges, Allen   | Hartman, H B    | Mayo, E S         | Schmidt, J B    |
| Brooks, B F      | Houston, J H    | Morris, J L       | Scales, Thos A  |
| Baillio, G       | Hayes, D B      | Martel, B A       | Smith, W C      |
| Cotterell, Wm    | Harman, S B     | Moore, Jas F      | Swindall, Jas W |
| Chenier, Joseph  | Hudspeth, G W   | McDowell, W C     | Steel, Chris    |
| Clouret, J Louis | Ingram, J M     | McMillan, J A     | Taylor, John M  |
| Carriere, Gerard | Jenkins, Nath   | Polingue, J B     | Thompson, J M   |
| Chachere, R      | Jarman, James   | Porter, W W       | Thompson, Chas  |
| Cochran, J       | Kunhele, Gus    | Pickett, C C      | Tatman, C D     |
| Desbrest, Louis  | King, L S       | Prescott, Louis D | Vatter, Louis D |
| Drinkard, J G    | Lewis, W B      | Pitre, F L        | Valin, Louis    |
| Earbee, Floyd    | Lawler, R W     | Quirk, Thos C     | Worrell, E      |
| Earbee, Glover   | Lawler, T B     | Quirk, D H        | White, Jas M    |
| Ealer, Chas N    | Lassiter, L B   | Read, John        | 83 members.     |

*Initiated*—J O Richard, J M Moore, W R Cochran, L S King, W M Johnson, John Fabrigny, H Liberman.

*Passed*—W C McDowell, H Liberman, W H Mayo, J O Richard, W R Cochran, L S King, W M Johnson.

*Raised*—W C McDowell, H Liberman, W H Mayo, J O Richard, W R Cochran, L S King.

*Affiliated*—W R Smith, B F Brooks.

*Demitted*—J M White, J L Morris, D B Hayes, S Fernburg, W D Godwin.

*Died*—J G Brooks.

### WESTERN STAR LODGE No. 24.

Monroe, Ouachita Parish, La.—Stated meetings first and third Saturday of each month.

#### OFFICERS.

|                        |                |                    |          |
|------------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------|
| Robert Richardson..... | W M.           | L W Surguor.....   | S D.     |
| T Endom.....           | S W.           | S Meyer.....       | J D.     |
| Geo W McFee.....       | J W.           | G C Ensinger.....  | Steward. |
| Jno G Sanders.....     | Treas.         | G L C Hendon.....  | Steward. |
| J A McGuire.....       | Chap. and Sec. | F L McCormick..... | Tyler.   |

#### PAST MASTERS.

|              |                |                |                 |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| W J Q Baker, | F L McCormick, | Jos F McGuire, | Joseph Hoffman, |
|              | F C Jones.     |                |                 |

#### MEMBERS.

|                  |                 |                  |                  |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Bradford, M W    | Garrett, Isaiah | McEnery, J D     | Ray, James S     |
| Bry, Henry M     | Gerson, H Jr    | Mitchell, J H    | Shuster, Isaac   |
| Bofinschen, Chas | Halsey, David   | McQuiller, David | Sanford, A W     |
| Burke, S P       | Hinson, Andrew  | McFee, G W       | Shields, E A     |
| Chapman, M B     | Herron, D B     | Meyer, H         | Scarborough, J F |
| Chamberlain, G   | Herron, H       | McKitrick, Ed    | Slack, A L       |
| Delery, Chas     | Herron, J E     | Merritt, J       | Swan, J T        |
| Dortch, Rob      | Howard, John M  | Maughan, Wiley C | Stubbs, F P      |
| Ensminger, Ph    | Jameson, R W    | McMichael, E H   | Scarborough, W   |
| Ezelius, P       | King, G         | Naughton, Thos   | Wilson, Robt J   |
| Faulk, David     | Kinney, J E     | O'Neal, J S      | Wintzel, John    |
| Fenner, J F      | Kennedy, W G    | Roane, E H T     | Wilcox, Wm       |
| Feibelman, M     | Ludeling, John  | Richardson, J G  | White, John A    |
| Fluitt, John S   | Lawson, Rev T B | Richardson, R W  | Walker, Jos H    |
| Garrett, F       |                 |                  | 71 members.      |

*Initiated*—J Hanna.

*Raised*—R Dortch.

*Affiliated*—M B Chapman, L A Shields, T B Lawson.

*Demitted*—J Merritt, P Ensinger, Jas S O'Neal, D Halsey, J S Fluitt, J F Scarborough, W Wilcox, M W Bradford.

*Died*—J E Kenney, (1867), R Dortch.

*Stricken from Roll*—Jno F Fenner, John A White.

### ST. ALBANS LODGE No. 28.

Jackson, East Feliciana Parish, La.—Stated Meetings Saturday on or before full moon in each month.

#### OFFICERS.

|                    |                    |                    |          |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Alfred Hazard..... | W M.               | S E Beauchamp..... | S D.     |
| Wm C Matingly..... | S W.               | N J Rhodes.....    | J D.     |
| E S Norwood.....   | J W.               | Rev P Turner.....  | Chap.    |
| L B Johnson.....   | Treas.             | T S Dawson.....    | Steward. |
| H L Pond.....      | Sec.               | J G Rogillio.....  | Steward. |
|                    | E C Kiblinger..... |                    | Tyler.   |

## PAST MASTERS.

Alfred Hazard,

John C Miller,

W T Rogillio.

## MEMBERS.

|              |                |                |               |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Barrow, A L  | Fulsom, W W    | McGuire, P J   | Reams, P A    |
| Brown, L W   | Flonacker, Jos | Miller, A G    | Ratcliff, J H |
| Belvin L     | Hart, Arthur B | Meyer, Abm     | Sullivan, W   |
| Chapman, P C | Hagaman, F V D | McVea, C       | Sullivan, Pat |
| Dawson, W W  | Haynes, F J    | Miller, L H    | Sullivan F M  |
| Douglas, W W | Haynes, J D    | Openheimer, M  | Tomb, S G     |
| Driggs, M H  | Jones, J W     | Posey, H A     | Vaugh, R S Jr |
| East, J      | Kent, G W      | Roguillio, W H | Walden, C W H |
|              |                |                | 46 members.   |

*Initiated*—A J Sullivan.*Passed*—L H Miller.*Raised*—P J McGuire, L H Miller.*Died*—J B Haynes.*Stricken from Roll*—C H Ratcliff.

## FELICIANA LODGE No. 31.

St. Francisville P. O., West Feliciana Parish, La.—Stated meetings first and third Saturday.

## OFFICERS.

|                    |        |                     |        |
|--------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| Jas Reid .....     | W M.   | ED Remondet.....    | Sec,   |
| R C Wickliffe..... | S W.   | Julius Freyhan..... | S D.   |
| H S Welton, .....  | J W.   | A B Bryant.....     | J D.   |
| J S Wooster .....  | Treas. | Wm Toun.....        | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

Samuel J Powell, P. J., G. W.

H S Welton,

W W Leake.

## MEMBERS.

|                |                |                 |                  |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Annis, W C     | Donnally, R N  | Leake, F V      | Pillet, A H      |
| Adler, L       | Davis, Jesse   | Levy, Abram     | Parrieux, Arthur |
| Barrow, John J | Edwards, G W   | Leonard, T      | Richardson, W H  |
| Barry, Jno W   | Fischer, P     | Magearl, Wm H   | Raby, Jas R      |
| Barrow, R H    | Gorham, D B    | Miller, G M     | Sterling, R G    |
| Barton, Robert | Hale, James    | Moser, C T      | Stoer, Chas      |
| Bethacy, Thos  | Harper, Jas P  | Moore, S D      | Thoms, S D       |
| Burgess, L A   | Hearsey, Wm    | Muse, K P       | Temple, C W      |
| Barrow, B H    | Henshaw, J H   | Newman, E       | Whiteman, C P    |
| Cotton, S H    | Hamilton, Jeff | Nibling, J M    |                  |
| Chambers, J J  | Lavassey, B    | Percy, Clarence | 53 members.      |

*Initiated*—L Adler, P Fischer, J Freyham, Thos Raynham.*Passed*—L Adler, P Fischer, J Freyham, R C Wickliffe, F M Mumford, Thos Raynham.*Raised*—L Adler, P Fischer, J Freyham, R C Wickliffe, C T Moser.*Affiliated*—G W Edwards.*Demitted*—S D Moore.*Died*—W R Richardson.*Stricken from Roll*—R H Barrow, L A Burgess, B H Barrow, W Hearsey, Jas P Harper, Jas R Raby, S D Thoms.*Suspended*—J W Barry.



## PHENIX LODGE No. 38.

Natchitoches P. O., Natchitoches Parish, La.—Stated meetings first and third Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                |        |               |           |
|----------------|--------|---------------|-----------|
| C Chaplin, Jr. | W M.   | G B Eggleston | S'D.      |
| S W Kile       | S W.   | Isaac Kahn    | J D.      |
| T P Chaplin    | J W.   | Jacob Levy    | Steward.  |
| H M Levy       | Treas. | A Perini      | Steward.  |
| Ed Phillips    | Sec.   | F Petitjean   | Marshall. |
| P Myers        |        | Tyler.        |           |

## PAST MASTERS.

|                  |              |                |
|------------------|--------------|----------------|
| John R Williams, | Thos Hunter, | C Chaplin, Jr. |
| J E Breda,       | P A Morse,   | John S Levy,   |
| Wm Payne,        | S M Hyams,   | J H Stevens,   |
| P Myers.         |              |                |

## MEMBERS.

|                 |               |               |                  |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Breda, J P      | Capmartin, O  | Jacob, J      | Schuman, F       |
| Brosset, M C    | Goss, G W     | Keizer, J C   | Simpson, F J     |
| Boult, D H      | Harkins, Wm D | Lamm, E       | Smith, J Ben     |
| Breda, A P      | Hamlin, C     | Martin, J J A | Stephens, Jas G  |
| Bullitt, B W    | Harkins, C J  | Martin, Jos   | Thompson, K      |
| Caspiri, L      | Hervey, Wm    | Marcy, L      | Tauzin, H L      |
| Carrell, F L    | Hills, Jas H  | Morrow, W P   | Vienne, F        |
| Carrell, J A    | Jack, Wm H    | Ponder, W A   | Wolfson, J A     |
| Cunningham, J H | Jones, R S    | Robinson, N A | Wacholder, Marks |
|                 |               |               | 55 members.      |

*Initiated*—L Desseins, Geo A Hewlett, E P Hill, — McKenna.

*Passed*—L Desseins, — McKenna.

*Demitted*—J P Breda, A P Breda, J E Breda, B W Bullitt, Geo W Goss, E Lamm.

*Died*—S M Hyams, (P M.) F Vienne.

*Stricken from Roll*—K Thompson, H L Tauzin.

## FOYER MACONNIQUE LODGE No. 44.

Perseverance Hall, corner Dumaine and St. Claude streets, 2d and 4th Tuesdays.

## OFFICERS.

|                |        |               |          |
|----------------|--------|---------------|----------|
| P Brugier, Jr. | W M.   | A O Von Ammon | S D.     |
| B Campiglio    | S W.   | G Scooler     | J D.     |
| M Weil         | J W.   | C Courtois    | Orator.  |
| M Scooler      | Treas. | C Petrie      | M C.     |
| A Sauri        | Sec'y. | F Constantini | Almoner. |
| L F Gery       | M E    | A Sisba       | I G.     |
| R Brugier, Sr. |        | Tyler.        |          |

## PAST MASTERS.

|                              |                |                |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| J Santini (honorary member), | U Marinoni,    | P Brugier, Jr, |
|                              | J F M Fondard. |                |

## MEMBERS.

|                   |                  |                |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Anthoine, H       | Fick, F          | Lazar, C       | Recoullez, N     |
| Amodeo, N         | Fehrenbach, M    | Levy, S        | Reichman, L      |
| Boudreau, S       | Fulck, B         | Levi, H        | Rose, J          |
| Bompert, M        | Frankel, F       | Llado, J       | Raas, J          |
| Brauer, C         | Gougenheim, M    | Lambert, L     | Stella, D M      |
| Bizot, P          | Gavin, G W       | Levy, A        | Sheppard, W H    |
| Baum, J G         | Hyver, G A       | Levy, B        | Sbisa, J         |
| Benedic, A        | Heidensfelder, L | Laens, J M     | Sangassan, B     |
| Brugier, A        | Hernandez, J M   | Mettler, M     | Scheckendanzt, R |
| Cert, H           | Ittman, G        | Mortedo, J B   | Vegas, J         |
| Campbell, W S     | Isaac, S         | Noullet, L     | Wattigny, W      |
| Caro, P M         | Keller, F        | Panzer, S H    | Weil, Myer       |
| Charbonnet, A F   | Keller, A P      | Pellegrin, J L | Weiss, J         |
| Dreyfous, A       | Kathman, J C     | Pirolle, J B   | Zuberbier, H     |
| Deffarge, Gustave | Kurner, Jr J     | Pesceau, E A   | Zadek, J         |
| Eiman, A          | Kahn, C          | Reber, P       | 78 members.      |

*Initiated*—B Levy, J Kurner, Jr, A Eimann, M Weil, J Zadek, J Scooler, L Reichman, W Wattigny, L Lambert, A Gery, J G Baum.

*Passed*—A Sauri, C Petrie, B Levy, J Kurner, Jr, A Eimann, M Weil, J Zadek, J G Baum, G Scooler, L Reichman, Wm Wattigny, L Lambert.

*Raised*—A Sauri, C Petrie, B Levy, J Kurner, Jr, A Eimann, M Weil, J Zadek, J G Baum, G Scooler, L Reichman, Wm Wattigny, L Lambert.

*Affiliated*—A Levy, T Keller.

*Demitted*—C Kahn, P Reber, P M Caro, J M Hernandez, R Scheckendanzt.

*Suspended*—J L Pellegrin.

*Died*—H J B Pain, 1867.

## JACKSON LODGE No. 45.

Greenwood, Caddo Parish, La.—Stated meetings Third Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                     |        |                    |        |
|---------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| J M Ford.....       | W M.   | J A McRady.....    | Sec.   |
| V H Jones.....      | S W.   | Chas Flournoy..... | S D.   |
| E H Baugh.....      | J W.   | E J S Cates.....   | J D.   |
| A Flournoy, Jr..... | Treas. | W Mullhall.....    | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

|                 |            |             |           |
|-----------------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| A Flournoy, Sr, | V H Jones, | W A Pegram, | J M Ford. |
|-----------------|------------|-------------|-----------|

## MEMBERS.

|                |                |                 |               |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Alexander, J M | Flournoy, C    | Pollard, Willis | Sibley, H S   |
| Augis, W C     | Gamblin, Jno S | Roth, M         | Tucker, A W   |
| Alaway, W W    | Howell, Z      | Rudd, J D       | Wall, H       |
| Bozman, Jas    | Henderson, C C | Riggins, G W    | Watt, H       |
| Cromwell, W L  | Jeter, J A     | Smith, Thos W   | Williams, P D |
| Coleman, M P   | Lee, Jesse     | Scott, W J      | Willis, G P   |
| Cates, W       | Lee, David R   | Sibley, S       | Wise, W H     |
| Dockery, L B   | *Martin, J M   | Schumpert, J S  | Webb, F F     |
| Fenner, D P    | Miller, A M    | Sharp, Thos J   | Warnoch, J M  |
| Flournoy, L    | Pollard, H A   |                 | 49 members.   |

\*Not accounted for.

*Initiated*—J M Alexander, W W Attway, Jas Bozman, G H Bozman, W L Cromwell, J A Harrison, W Margaw, A S Walker, A M Ward, J Youngblood.

*Passed*—J M Alexander, W W Attway, Jas Bozman, G H Bozman, W L Cromwell, J A Harrison, W Margaw, J Youngblood, D P Fenner, J M Warnock.

*Raised*—J M Alexander, W W Attway, Jas Bozman, W L Cromwell, D P Fenner, F F Webb, J M Warnock.

*Affiliated*—A M Miller.

*Demitted*—J M Alexander, D P Fenner, J S Gamble, Rev. Jesse Lee, D R Lee, A M Miller, Thos W Smith, W J Scott, A W Tucker, J P Willis, Sam Sibly, 1868.

*Died*—T J Sharp, M E Lefoy, during the war.

*Stricken from Roll*—J S Schumpert in 1868.

### GERMANIA LODGE No. 46.

318 St. Louis street, between Derbigny and Roman streets—Every second and fourth Wednesday.

#### OFFICERS.

|                      |        |                    |          |
|----------------------|--------|--------------------|----------|
| Chas Koerrenzig..... | W M.   | B Carlson .....    | Orator.  |
| J H Kohn.....        | S W.   | L Mann.....        | K of S.  |
| M Heisman .....      | J W.   | M Koch.....        | M E.     |
| G Steenken.....      | Treas. | Ph Pfiffer.....    | M C.     |
| J Gugenheim.....     | Sec.   | Fr Deck.....       | Almoner. |
| H Vollrath .....     | S D.   | J Kloppenburg..... | I G.     |
| J Kuhner.....        | J D.   | J Lang.....        | Tyler.   |

#### PAST MASTERS.

|           |               |                  |            |
|-----------|---------------|------------------|------------|
| P Jensen, | John Gerlach, | Charles Fischer, | John Wild, |
|           | Ph Schneider  | Chas Koerrenzig. |            |

#### MEMBERS.

|                   |                  |                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Abry, J G         | Fromeyer, W H    | Kattman, John     | Rosenbaum, L     |
| Asche, Christian  | Fried, Wm        | Kurch, L          | Stonne, W A      |
| Aufenkolk, F      | Friedenthal, J   | Kammerer, C       | Schmidth, A      |
| Arnhalt, Nicholas | Feherhagy, M     | Kasche, H         | Spiro, H         |
| Alexander, D      | Flack, Geo       | Kirkenberg, W     | Schoreitz, J H   |
| Becker, J         | Gieseler, R      | Langemann, J H    | Schwartz, H      |
| Boh, J B          | Grubel, G        | Lippe, J N        | Stich, Isidore   |
| Brandt, K C       | Gugenheim, Sam   | Lubinsky, S       | Szabisky, H      |
| Brupbacher, R     | Heilbrunner, D   | Lakach, A         | Schulte, Jos     |
| Brann, H          | Hoffman, G A     | Martans, Chas     | Springer, C      |
| Baum, S           | Hartmann, Wm     | Mayer, T F        | Troder, F        |
| Buck, Ch          | Hedden, H        | Moses, B          | Vollbrath, H     |
| Bravermann, Max   | Heideman, H      | Michelfelder, Jno | Wild, Chris      |
| Cohn, H           | Heilburn, Max    | Middendorf, J     | Wolfson, W H     |
| Droege, N         | Hartkorn, A      | Marks, Isadore    | Wunderlich, E G  |
| Delfs, F          | Hahn, C          | Marks, I          | Wurtzlow, W      |
| Dorhauser, D      | Jackson, Isidore | Merz, Geo         | Werner, Jacob    |
| Earhard, E        | Jansen, J        | Ostermann, G      | Wahl, C          |
| Fulda, Julius     | Kaiser, J L      | Plettinger, J G   | Wild, T F        |
| Fulda, L P        | Kersten, Wm      | Reuter, J E       | Weil, Simon      |
| Frederich, J      | Kirchmeyer, Jos  | Rees, Chas        | Zollinger, Jacob |

103 members.

*Initiated*—J Flick, D Kuhner, W Kirkenberg, J Kloppenburg, D Alexander, Fr Deck, B Moses, J Jansen, G Grubel, Chas Martens.

*Passed*—J Flick, J Kuhner, W Kirkenberg, J Kloppenburg, D Alexander, Fr Deck, B Moses, J Jansen, G Grubel, Chas Martens.

*Raised*—J H Schoreitz, J Kuhner, W Kirkenburg, J Kloppenburg, D Alexander, Fr Deck, B Moses, J Jansen, G Grubel, Chas Martens.

*Affiliated*—W H Wolfesen, H Hedden.

*Died*—C Asche.

*Stricken from Roll*—A G Hoffman, J Kattman, J Jackson, L Kurth, J H Lange-man.

*Suspended*—A Hartkorn.

*Reinstated*—W A Stonne.

### ST. JAMES LODGE No. 47.

Baton Rouge P. O., La.

#### OFFICERS.

|                   |                 |                    |             |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|
| W H Stroube.....  | W M.            | H J Hyams.....     | S D.        |
| W Reynaud.....    | S W.            | Geo Henderson..... | J D.        |
| E M Dubroca.....  | J W.            | M C Aldrich.....   | Marshal.    |
| J Jastremski..... | Treas.          | A Kowalski.....    | } Stewards. |
| M Granary.....    | Sec.            | L Judot.....       |             |
|                   | W C Reeder..... | Tyler.             |             |

#### PAST MASTERS.

|                       |                       |            |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| S M Hart, P. S. G. W. | G A Pike, P. S. G. W. | A S Heron, |
| R H Day,              | W H Stroube.          |            |

#### MEMBERS.

|                    |               |                   |               |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Abramson, H. P. M. | Evat, C B     | Knickerbocker R W | Pradatt, J W  |
| Abbott, T C        | Elam, J E     | Krain, Jos        | Payne, A B    |
| Alverson, E W      | *Enger, C J   | Kahn, Jacob       | Rosenfield, A |
| Burke, R H         | Fuqua, J O    | Kuhn, J           | Stafford, J C |
| Buffington, T J    | Goodall, W H  | Lobdell, J        | Turner, James |
| Bauer, Philip      | Gentles, Hy   | McCormick, Jos    | Theil, C A    |
| Blackie, W         | Hayden, J F   | McCutcheon, J B   | Taveres, J M  |
| Bogel, Wm          | Hawthorn, B J | Mendelshon, S J   | Tully, L J    |
| Banker, F          | Huguet, J S   | McKay, A          | Trahan, F     |
| Bogel, J C         | Holt, O       | McKetrick, D L    | Williams, J M |
| Collins, Isaac M   | Hubbs, Wm     | Oladowski, H      | Williams, F L |
| Dunn, J B          | Jones, H      | Perrillat, F      | 62 members.   |

*Initiated*—T C Abbott, J W Bates, A V Dubuco, W G Randolph F L Williams.

*Passed*—T C Abbott, A V Dubuco, W G Randolph, F L Williams.

*Raised*—T C Abbott, F L Williams.

*Affiliated*—Geo Henderson, B J Hawthorn, A McKay.

*Died*—J N Collins, A M Dunn, (1868.)

\*Not accounted for.

### PROVIDENCE LODGE No. 50.

Lake Providence, Carroll Parish, La.

#### OFFICERS.

|                     |        |                  |        |
|---------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| D L Morgan.....     | W M.   | J F Aicklin..... | Sec.   |
| W F Pennington..... | S W.   | C H Webb.....    | S D.   |
| C R Egerly.....     | J W.   | W A Blount.....  | J D.   |
| J F Webb.....       | Treas. | A Richard.....   | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

D L Morgan,

W F Pennington.

## MEMBERS.

|                |               |                  |               |
|----------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| Alexander, D H | Goffe, C H    | Lachs, S W       | Pilcher, C M  |
| Bass, A        | Goffe, J L    | Larche, S A      | Prescott, P W |
| Clarkson, L B  | Grace, M J    | Lewis, S         | Purdy, V M    |
| Deeson, H L    | Guest, Jno A  | Lyons, W R C     | Simms, R C    |
| Deloney, E J   | Hirsch, J     | McCorkle, P D    | Scott, G W    |
| Eggers, H L    | Jenkins, D C  | McCarrell, P L   | Smithe, G W   |
| Ferry, E       | Kent, P N     | McAllister, Chas | Spurlock, J L |
| Green, A W     | Kingsley, M E | Matthews, E      | Spinetti, Jno |
| Griffith, Thos | Keller, Jno W | Newman, E F      | Witkowski, L  |
| Goodrich, F M  |               |                  | 45 members.   |

*Initiated*—M J Grace, L Withowski, A Webb, (H L Deeson in 1862.)*Passed*—H L Eggers, J L Goffe, M J Grace, G W Scott, L Witkowski, A Webb, (H L Deeson in 1862.)*Raised*—W A Blount, H L Eggers, J L Goffe, M J Grace, P D McCorkle, G W Scott, L Witkowski, (H L Deeson in 1862.)*Affiliated*—L B Clarkson.*Demitted*—J Hirsch, S W Lachs.*Died*—M C Kingsley, E Matthews, F Strasner.*Stricken from Roll*—F M Goodrich.*Suspended*—G W Smithe.*Reinstated*—G W Smithe.

## MINDEN LODGE No. 51.

Minden P. O. Claiborne Parish, La.—Stated meetings first Saturday in each month

## OFFICERS.

|            |        |              |             |
|------------|--------|--------------|-------------|
| J W Berry  | W M.   | S H McCrary  | S D.        |
| H Ratcliff | S W.   | W H Green    | J D.        |
| J P Geron  | J W.   | R H Burnett  | } Stewards. |
| J J Carter | Treas. | T J Gassaway |             |
| W E Paxton | Sec.   | W Life       | Tyler.      |

## PAST MASTERS.

J W Berry, Chas Chaffe, H McFarland, W E Paxton.

## MEMBERS.

|                |                 |                 |                   |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Alexander, G W | Floyd, N J      | Lane, Jno G     | Rockett, W J      |
| Bates, P P     | Fleming, Lemuel | Lucas, Chas E   | Roberts, M        |
| Beck, E        | Franks, W L     | McFarland, D    | Reynolds, A J     |
| Burson, E G    | Goodwill, A     | McClosky, B     | Sledge, J M       |
| Bryan, J N     | George, A B     | McKinney, C W   | Smith, M C        |
| Caulfield, F M | Gray, S         | Miller, M       | Sanders, Thos     |
| Colbert, A J   | Garland, W W    | Moreland, T H   | Smith, D O        |
| Collins, H G   | Hodges, John J  | Monzingo, Sam   | Shields, W        |
| Collins, Jesse | Holbert, W Y    | Miller, S B     | Strickland, E     |
| Carter, J N    | Harper, J D     | Monzingo, J J   | Taylor, W         |
| Colbert, D J   | Holly, Jno      | Monzingo, Thos. | Tucker, A         |
| Caulfield, J M | Hunter, J C T   | Montgomery, A V | Turner, C M       |
| Culpepper, S W | Holly, N        | Morgan, Joseph  | Tompkins, Jno T   |
| Colbert, J A   | Hamilton, D B   | McIver, T A     | Williamson, J M   |
| Dunbar, G C    | Hamilton, J B   | Nickerson, J W  | Woodward, W S     |
| Deck, B P      | Kea, C J        | Nickerson, E T  | Walker, D M       |
| Davis, W G     | Kennon, E J     | Nuckolds, R M   | Wooten, T P       |
| Daw, T L       | Laird, Jesse    | Permenter, H B  | Wren, B C         |
| Doyle, D B     | Loway, L P      | Philips, L J    | Youngblood, Jacob |
| Elkins, J G    | Loye, Jno C     | Ratcliff, I     | 91 members.       |

*Initiated*—J J Monzingo, Thos Monzingo, W S Woodward, J C Leary, Jno F Holliman, Jackson B Hodges.

*Passed*—J J Monzingo, Thos Monzingo, W S Woodward, J C Leary, E Strickland.

*Raised*—J J Monzingo, Thos. Monzingo, W S Woodward, E Strickland.

*Affiliated*—G C Dunbar, W W Garland, Nathan Holly, P H L Hargrove, E J Kennon, T A McIver, J M Williamson.

*Demitted*—N J Floyd, John Holly, Jesse Laird, B McClosky, T A McIvor (1867) W Shields, A Tucker, W O Burns (1868), G W Everett (1867).

*Died*—W J Rockett.

### OLIVE LODGE No. 52.

Clinton P. O., Parish of East Feliciana, La.: stated meetings first Saturday on or before full moon

#### OFFICERS.

|                   |        |                 |       |
|-------------------|--------|-----------------|-------|
| G H Packwood..... | W. M.  | W A Knapp.....  | Sec.  |
| E J Pullen.....   | S. W.  | W Saddler.....  | S. D. |
| C Bilger.....     | J. W.  | E B Pegram..... | J. D. |
| J G D'Armand..... | Treas. | Jas P Knox..... | Tyler |

#### PBST MASTER.

G W Munday, D. D. G. M.

#### MEMBERS.

|                  |                   |                    |                 |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Adams, T S       | D'Armand, Frank   | Hardesty, Frank Sr | Norwood, Z G    |
| Barnes, E W      | Edwards, O G      | Haygood, J         | Neafus, G A     |
| Brown, R S       | East, T L         | Hunter, S E        | Offut, John     |
| Bowman, C D      | Embree, Joseph    | Jordon, W W        | Pierce, D B     |
| Brown, Lafayette | Fauver, B W       | Jones, W W         | Reese, G W      |
| Bullard, W E     | Fauver, W N       | Jackson, J C       | Rist, C A       |
| Castillo, J J    | Felps, J T        | Kernan, W F        | Robbins, T W    |
| Currie, A F      | Felps, E R        | Kilbourne, J G     | Ross, E         |
| Carney, J G      | *Felps, Thos      | Kent, S B          | Rheams, L T     |
| Covert, J I      | Felps, J F        | Langworthy, O P    | Sadler, Wm      |
| Chapman, L G     | Fuqua, J T        | McPherson, T J     | Seals, Lucius J |
| Cornelius, C R   | Gurney, Wm Sr     | Myers, J H         | Shattuck, J W   |
| Chance, Sam'l J  | Godfrey, J A      | Manahan, J P       | Tilden, N       |
| Campbell, S W    | Green, W H        | McGuffey, H        | Van Wycke, G C  |
| Craig, J M       | Gayle, C O        | Myers, W Wm        | Wall, Wesley    |
| Catlett, L K     | Hayney, P J       | Mitchell, A        | Wall, Isaac     |
| D'Armand, T H    | Hatchell, B B     | Montgomery, J R    | Womack, A M     |
| Dembinski, L     | Heitzler, John    | Neasom, James      | Wood, John      |
| Duringer, L      | Hardee, D C       | Nauman, Lewis      | Wiley, J C      |
| Dunn, W W        | Hall, S J         | Norwood, S J       | Young, J M      |
| Doughty Ben      | Higginbotham, J B | Norwood, J A       |                 |

93 members.

*Initiated*—E B Pegram, J D Delery, J. Marston.

*Passed*—E B Pegram, T S Adams, J Rogers.

*Raised*—E B Pegram, T S Adams.

*Affiliated*—D B Pierce, W E Ballard.

*Demitted*—B F Bonney.

*Died*—Z G Norwood, 1868.

*Expelled*—B B Hatchell.

\*Not accounted for.

## UNION FRATERNAL LODGE No. 53.

Farmersville, Union Parish, La.--Stated meetings third Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                    |        |                                  |        |
|--------------------|--------|----------------------------------|--------|
| Jas E Trimble..... | W. M.  | Thos C Lewis.....                | Sec.   |
| W P Brown.....     | S. W.  | W C Smith.....                   | S D.   |
| W A McFarland..... | J. W.  | W H Hearn.....                   | J. D.  |
| M S Carson.....    | Treas. | D C Morrison (not a member)..... | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

|             |             |            |
|-------------|-------------|------------|
| B F Dillard | J L Barrett | W C Smith. |
|-------------|-------------|------------|

## MEMBERS.

|                |                 |               |                  |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Arent, D       | Culbertson, W H | Hall, W C     | Odom, Pinckney   |
| Baker, E H     | Carr, Allen     | Honeycutt, A  | Shields, John W  |
| Baker, Jos     | Davenport, M W  | Ham, H H      | Tompkins, Thos B |
| Biliberry, E B | Findley, T B    | Jones, B L    | Taylor, J G Sr   |
| Bransford, J A | Futch, R W      | Kolb, J G     | Trimble, Jas E   |
| Carr, Wm K     | Gully, John M   | McVicker, P H | Ward, E H        |

33 members.

*Initiated*—D Nolan, J B Rossiter.*Affiliated*—W C Hall, W H Hearn.*Demitted*—B L Jones, P Odom.

## MOUNT GERIZIM LODGE No. 54.

Bastrop P. O., Morehouse Parish, La.--Stated Meetings on Saturday before full moon of each Month.

## OFFICERS.

|                    |        |                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| J W Higman.....    | W M.   | S W Raily.....     | Sec.   |
| E McFee.....       | S W.   | W H Hartner.....   | S D.   |
| D B Trousdale..... | J W.   | J Schardt.....     | J D.   |
| J B Briscoe.....   | Treas. | Geo F Tisdale..... | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

|                                |               |           |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| S G Parsons, P D G M, D D G M, | R D Marble,   | R B Todd, |
| J W Higman,                    | J H Broadnax. |           |

## MEMBERS.

|               |                |                |                 |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Anderson, J G | Davenport, J   | Knox, A A H    | Perks, B F      |
| Bartlett, H   | Douglass, W P  | Keller, A S    | Renwich, W P    |
| Bussey, A L   | Dunn, C T      | Lowhead, Wm    | Smith, B W      |
| Boutz, F W    | Dennard, J S   | Lawson, T B    | Sandidge, Geo M |
| Brodnax, T A  | Evans, D M     | Levy, M        | Silbernagle, B  |
| Broadnax, J R | Furness, B F   | Maloney, J     | Schneider, H    |
| Brown, J M    | Harper, A D    | Mannette, Jas  | Starnsey, E     |
| Bonner, Wm    | Higman, W A    | McCreight, W R | Taylor, W B     |
| Cason, J T    | Holt, D M      | Morgan, D C    | Taylor, J C F   |
| Croxton, G M  | Henderson, Jno | Newton, D      | Worley, A T     |
| Carter, J M   | Hall, Wm T     | Naff, I T      | Wolfe, M        |
| Carter, C W   | Howell, J D    | Pratt, J L     | Wright, J L     |
| Carney, S W   | Hall, B C      | Pratt, W G     |                 |
| Cotten, R     | Jones, R H     | Patton, B P    |                 |
| Cox, W        | James, W C     | Pettit, J L    |                 |

70 members.

*Initiated*—J G Anderson, G M Croxton, R Cotten, Joe Davenport, A M Etheridge, D M Hall, W A Higman, J Maloney, W P Renwick, H Schneider, B F Furness.

*Passed*—J G Anderson, G M Croxton, R Cotten, J Davenport, D M Hall, W A Higman, J Maloney, W P Renwick, H Schneider, Moses Wolfe, B F Furness.

*Raised*—J G Anderson, G M Croxton, R Cotten, J Davenport, D M Hall, W A Higman, J Maloney, W P Renwick, H Schneider, Moses Wolfe, B F Furness.

*Affiliated*—W Cox, W R McCreight, G M Sandidge, C W Carter.

*Demitted*—H Bartlett, F W Boutz, A S Keller, Thos B Lawson, Jas L Wright, J S Dennard (1868).

*Reinstated*—R B Patton, A A H Knox, D B Trousdale.

*Died*—A D Harper, 1868.

### DeSOTO LODGE No. 55.

Mansfield P. O., DeSoto Parish, La.

#### OFFICERS.

|                      |        |                     |        |
|----------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| Jackson Douglas..... | W M.   | J J Yarborough..... | Sec.   |
| Silas Phifer.....    | S W.   | John H Eastham..... | S D.   |
| John L Scales.....   | J W.   | P S Holman.....     | J D.   |
| J W McElroy.....     | Treas. | W F Herrin.....     | Tyler. |

#### PAST MASTERS.

|                           |                |              |
|---------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| R Mundy,                  | J H Sutherlin, | J E Hawkins, |
| Boling Williams, D D G M, |                | J Douglas.   |

#### MEMBERS.

|                 |                  |                   |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Brown, Israel   | Goldman, H L     | Knicey, Samuel    | Stephenson, J M  |
| Bailey, W B     | Guy, S E         | Lard, D J         | Sutherlin, G H   |
| Brasier, F C    | Greening, S W    | Lester, T M       | Spaulding, T B   |
| Burgess, D C    | Graham, Geo W    | McLaughlin, Sam'l | Scott, J W       |
| Booty, J A      | Grubbs, A        | Mayes, J L        | Thweatt, H V     |
| Bonds, Jas      | Herriot, D M     | McClanahan, J T   | Tait, W C        |
| Boyd, John      | Harris, J L      | Moseley, J T      | Terrell, W H     |
| Chandler, W F   | Hawkins, P G     | Moss, J M         | Thigpen, Burket  |
| Caspary, P W    | Hatcher, R S     | Nolan, J W        | Thigpen, Job     |
| Cook, T M       | Holman, P S      | Nance, Wm         | *Thigpen, Elijah |
| Cunningham, Wm  | *Jackson, B F    | Nabors, John      | Wiley, T J       |
| Creach, J J     | Jackson, Jas     | Phillips, H J     | Williams, J M    |
| Caffey, Jas P   | Jenkins, B F     | Pipes, John       | West, Samuel L   |
| Durham, J F     | Johnson, N W     | Parsons, Jas      | Walker, J F, Sr  |
| Dubois, S P     | Johnson, J B     | Reiley, John      | Walker, S F      |
| Fleniken, M D   | Jackson, J S     | Russell, B E      | Walker, J F, Jr  |
| Fincher, John P | John, Abel       | Rudicil, M R      | Williams, W A    |
| Forston, A J    | Jeffries, Thos D | Snider, G         | Williams, F J    |
| Godfrey, Wilson | Jackson, W R     | Steel, J G        | 85 members       |

*Initiated*—Jos Mayes, Taylor M Cook, Jos L Harris.

*Passed*—Jos Mayes, Taylor M Cook, Jos L Harris.

*Raised*—Jos Mayes, Taylor M Cook, Jos L Harris.

*Affiliated*—J J Yarborough, F C Brasier, J M Stephenson, J J Creach.

*Demitted*—G Snider, J L Harris, J E Hawkins, T B Spaulding, Jas W Scot, N W Johnson, S W Greening, P G Hawkins.

*Stricken from Roll*—J T Wiley, D J Lard, Samuel Knicey.

*Reinstated*—G Snider, H L Goldman, R S Hatcher, Jas Jackson.

\*Reported demitted 1867.

Reported demitted 1868.



## LAFAYETTE LODGE No. 56.

Vernon, Jackson Parish, La.—Stated meetings third Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                      |        |                  |        |
|----------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| J C Jones.....       | W M.   | J G W Lewis..... | Sec.   |
| Fred Hamilton.....   | S W.   | J Barr.....      | S D.   |
| Joe J Culpepper..... | J W.   | M A Childs.....  | J D.   |
| H T Lewis.....       | Treas. | J L McBride..... | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

J W Jones,

Jno C Jones, P S G W., D D G M,

## MEMBERS.

|                |                 |                |                  |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Allen, J G     | Gentry, T C     | McBride, J T   | Slaton, H C      |
| Allen, W J     | Graves, B B     | McBride, Jas L | Sanderson, H T   |
| Bullard, Wm    | Goodwin, D C    | Murphy, Wm     | Spinks, W J      |
| Blount, B B    | Hawthorne, F    | McLeroy, T W   | Sholan, A B      |
| Blakemore, P M | Hawthorne, T W  | McBride, Wm    | Sherrard, H W    |
| Claton, J      | Hargrove, P H L | Miles, J A     | Steagall, J W    |
| Coon, J A      | Jones, R B      | McDonald, W B  | Thrift, J H      |
| Chaddick, Wm   | Jones, Wm E     | Null, N B      | Woodward, W E    |
| Culpepper, W W | Kidd, M B       | Pool, Wade     | Williams, Wilson |
| Clark, W F     | Kenedy, D H     | Powell, F G    | Walker, H W      |
| Davis, J E     | Kidd, W T       | Pearce, L C    |                  |
| Embry, R S     | McBride, Gil    | Robinson, W S  | 55 members.      |

*Initiated*—A Bradley, J H Thrift, H W Walker, J W Goodwin, Tate Frank.*Passed*—Gil McBride, J E Davis, A Bradley, J H Thrift, H W Walker, J W Goodwin.*Raised*—G McBride, J E Davis, J H Thrift, H W Walker.*Affiliated*—J Claton, F Hawthorn.*Demitted*—W E Woodward, B B Blount, T W Hawthorne, N B Null, H C Slaton P H L Hargrove.*Died*—D H Kennedy.*Reinstated*—J A Miles, J W Steagall, Wilson Williams.

## FRANKLIN LODGE No. 57.

Franklin P. O., St. Mary's Parish, La.—First Tuesday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                     |        |                    |        |
|---------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| Homer H Smith.....  | W M.   | N Trowbridge.....  | Sec.   |
| Jas Todd.....       | S W.   | Will L Smylie..... | S D.   |
| Mayer Mayer.....    | J W.   | Geo W Hopkins..... | J D.   |
| Wilson McKeval..... | Treas. | J S Black.....     | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

R W Allen, John C Gordy, P S G W., D D G M, Homer H Smith, A L Tucker.

## MEMBERS.

|                 |                   |                   |                |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Atkinson, Jno J | Davis, Ira        | Gordy, Minos T    | Hine, T D      |
| Boneno, J B     | Dennett, Dan      | Gordy, Michael B  | Hungerford, Wm |
| Brown, J J      | DeValecourt, Alec | Hatcher, Robt     | Knight, Wm O   |
| Baster, John    | Ellis, John H     | Harding, Lyman    | Lacey, J E     |
| Burnett, L T    | Ettie, E J        | Hull, H W         | Levy, Felix U  |
| Bedell, J D     | Forgey, J P       | Hatleigh, W F     | Lee, J A       |
| Campbell, F M   | Garrett, M A      | Heidenseich, Chas | Millard, N P   |
| Curtis, Reuben  | Gadsbury, T J     | Head, W C         | McGregor, W H  |

|                |               |               |                 |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Moss, J E      | Pharr, E A    | Smith, J A    | Wilson, Chas    |
| Murphy, J C    | Pharr, H H    | Saint, J D    | Walker, J H     |
| Murphy, John   | Pharr, Jno N  | Saxon, Wm G   | Wyche, John F   |
| Palfrey, F C   | Parker, Wm C  | Sanders, E E  | Wilson, T G     |
| Pumphrey, O L  | Picot, Peter  | Smith, Abe    | Walker, William |
| Parkinson, J G | Robert, C     | Smith Charles | Whitaker, W A   |
| Palfrey, C C   | Rose, Edwin   | Splane, D R   | Wendell, G      |
| Perret, F P    | Randlett, S L | Tucco, Martin | Writt, Thos     |
| Peterman, J A  | Reynolds, T R | Trellien, L W | 78 members.     |

*Initiated*—E A Pharr, Ira Davis, W H McGregor, Geo B Shepherd, A C Allen, Joseph Chadwick.

*Raised*—E A Pharr, Ira Davis, W H McGregor, Geo B Shepherd.

*Paired*—E A Pharr, Ira Davis, W H McGregor.

*Affiliated*—F M Campbell.

*Demitted*—N P Willard, J N Pharr, E A Pharr.

*Suspended*—John H Ellis.

### FRIENDS OF HARMONY LODGE No. 58.

Grand Lodge Hall, corner St. Charles and Perdido streets, N. O.—Meets every Tuesday.

#### OFFICERS.

|                              |        |                    |             |
|------------------------------|--------|--------------------|-------------|
| Chas E Whitmore.....         | W M.   | Alex Trelford..... | S D.        |
| Chas E Kells.....            | S W.   | Ed Armstrong.....  | J D.        |
| Jno A Gildig.....            | J W.   | H Dreyfus.....     | M of C.     |
| S Kaufman.....               | Treas. | W H Lesson.....    | } Stewards. |
| Hilel Marks.....             | Sec.   | L Schwartz.....    |             |
| H Cruice (not a member)..... |  |  |  | Tyler. |

#### PAST MASTERS.

John H Clark,                      Robt S Keaghey,                      W H Holland,                      T J O'Regan.

#### MEMBERS.

|                   |               |                   |                  |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Adams, G W        | Forshee, P    | Jorda, Thos       | Palmer, A L      |
| Agnew, J H        | Fielding, T R | Kraft, F A        | Royal, Charles   |
| Adler, E          | Fowler, John  | Leach, Jos        | Rickers, F H     |
| Austin, C W       | French W K    | Lang, E           | Shonfeldt, S     |
| Bradstreet, C D S | Goslinski, G  | Laurent, A P      | Spink, E         |
| Bates, Jordy G    | Gales, Jas    | Lockwood, J B     | Summers, W M     |
| Begg, W H         | Gardenghi, L  | Miniera, G        | Scott, John K    |
| Bowers, L         | Gomila, John  | McQuoid, Jas      | Smith, T R       |
| Berry, John       | Gay, S        | McColgan, P       | Smith, J C       |
| Breaux, Chas      | Gomila, M J   | Moore, Wm         | Smith, R C       |
| Charier, A        | Gompert, G S  | Miller, H         | Selleck, J R S   |
| Cook, L D         | Greer, J King | Maroncovich, J M  | Todd, Alex       |
| Cognovich, A      | Gunsburg, J B | Marks, Hy         | Thackery, R      |
| Clark, W A        | Gordon, Jas   | Myers, John       | Vidovich, S      |
| De la Cruz, R     | Hart, F W     | Nicoll, D         | Wilner, J C      |
| Dreyfus, B        | Hyland, L     | Nielson, G W      | Wheeler, C       |
| Dreyfus, Jos      | Hiley, T R    | O'Regan, W G      | Webb, Geo D      |
| Dematras, P M     | Hougham, John | Ochigievich, John | Warren, Thos     |
| Desforges, L O    | Honsen, John  | Pearson, H        | Young, Christian |
| Ellsworth, N K    | Hirsch, Abram | Patterson, P      | 93 members.      |

*Initiated*—W H Begg, E Armstrong, L J Greenlee, L Schwartz, Jose M Maroncovich, J M Berjos.

*Passed*—W H Begg, E Armstrong, L Schwartz, Jose M Maroncovich.

*Raised*—W H Begg, E Armstrong, Geo D Webb, L Schwartz, Jose M Maroncovich.

*Affiliated*—S Shonfeld, Thos Warren.

*Demitted*—Louis Bowers, Thos R Hiley.

*Stricken from Roll*—C W Austin, C Breaux, N R Ellsworth, J B Gainsburg, F W Hart, Jas McQuoid, Richard Thackery, W M Summer, Char D Bradstreet, R de La Cruz, P Forshee, A P Laurent, J Gomila, C Royal, C Young.

## MOUNT MORIAH LODGE No. 59.

No. 163 Camp street, between Girod and Julia, New Orleans—Every Tuesday.

### OFFICERS.

|                      |        |                   |           |
|----------------------|--------|-------------------|-----------|
| W H Moon.....        | W M.   | D R Graham.....   | S D.      |
| Richard Lambert..... | S W.   | J B D Baxter..... | J D.      |
| J W Albro.....       | J W.   | Jas Gardiner..... | M C.      |
| W M Grant.....       | Treas. | J G Dunlap.....   | Chaplain. |
| Jas Furneaux.....    | Sec.   | P C Nessin.....   | Tyler.    |

### PAST MASTERS.

John Anderson,

J W Black,

F W Delesdernier.

### MEMBERS.

|                   |                  |                  |                     |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Armstrong, J      | Calmes, W N      | Gamet, E         | Koontz, W B         |
| Angleberger, L H  | Calder, Thos     | Guthiem, J K     | Knoop, Otto         |
| Andrew, W D       | Collins, J K     | Gubernator, J L  | Larrimore, J        |
| Berry, S A        | Cohen, Bernard   | Gilmore, W T     | Lyman, G W          |
| Booth, W B        | Carey, Robert    | Gilman, S H      | Leslie, G G         |
| Bryde, A          | Chism, Geo       | Graw, A          | Legare, J C         |
| Benners, R        | Carvin, M        | Gillum, Henry    | Luhman, W           |
| Behan, T W        | Corson, J J      | Grijalva, C G de | Lurges, F           |
| Boulware, A       | Christie, John   | Gregor, G W      | Larkin, J           |
| Benson, George    | Clark, John      | Grauer, A        | Levy, Louis         |
| Bensadon, Joseph  | Chandler, J B    | Garrett, A G     | McCulloch, J        |
| Behan, J H        | Crippen, J H     | Gordon, S F      | Murray, Thos        |
| Barrera, A        | Clark, G H       | Hayden, J        | McClellan, W H      |
| Blackeney, W      | Clark, Phil      | Howard, H        | McCulloch, Wm       |
| Bidwell, Henry    | Campbell, W      | Harlow, J E      | Murdock, L T        |
| Bosworth, W       | Dorand, J H      | Harte, J H       | Morse, R S          |
| Butler, E S       | Dodd, J W        | Heron, A C       | Miltenerberger, C A |
| Baker, John       | Davis, James     | Hibben, James    | Menzies, Jas        |
| Burns, J          | Durno, Wyatt C   | Hans, M          | Mackin, P W         |
| Bietry, John      | Downey, Robert   | Hill, H T        | Malarcane, F J J    |
| Bone, F           | Dobulvich, A     | Hatch, F H       | McFarland, D L      |
| Broas, Smith      | Donnella, O J    | Hass, C          | McMasters, W        |
| Birmingham, N B   | Dodsworth, W     | Harp, R J        | Muse, J F           |
| Bairnsfather, Geo | Eckert, J H      | Hyatt, A W       | McCaffrey, M        |
| Beaumont, F       | Eames, D W       | Hyland, W        | McDuffie, H E       |
| Boyd, W           | Engmann, Peter   | Hobson, John     | Mitchell, W G       |
| Bennet, E         | Evans, R J       | Howell, J M      | Maheu, F            |
| Boyd, Jno         | Edmondson, T N   | Hodgkins, C W    | Maybin, W           |
| Boling, Thos T    | Fabian, A        | Harris, John     | Medina, G E         |
| Berckes, F        | Font, Salvador J | Hempstead, O H   | Murray, Wm          |
| Bedford, W D G    | Florat, Chas     | Jacobshagen, G   | Machray, J A        |
| Bradford, Thos    | Font, J Fred     | Janvier, C A     | McCormick, Jas      |
| Barstow, C J      | Fitzhenry, J W.  | Jordan, John     | McGrath, Peter      |
| Cope, E L         | Flesensfield, H  | Kelly, E C       | Mure, Jos M         |
| Cassidy, H        | Giffney, W H     | Kearney, J M     | Nichols, John       |
| Cook, F           | Gresham, Jas A   | Kip, A P         | Noble, Wm           |
| Cousley, Jas      | Grayson, J A     | Knapp, F H       | Nourse, H L         |

|                  |                 |                   |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Olle, J          | Richards, W T   | Silcock, R        | Volz, C L       |
| Olle, B          | Roquest, E H    | Stith, Gerard     | Vergnes, E      |
| Oser, W          | Rosenfield, L   | Stephens, T A     | Van Slooten, J  |
| O'Leary, M       | Rice, Felix     | Smythe, A         | Voss, A H       |
| Poincy, B        | Rainey, H H     | Seguin, J F       | Woods, Arthur   |
| Preston, R L     | Richter, A F    | Siza, Lorenzo     | Wolff, J        |
| Perthius, J J    | Rollins, A      | Surls, W M        | Wells, Wm       |
| Peck, M A        | Ryan, W W       | Stevens, W M      | Wilson, W C     |
| Purves, J R      | Remelli, D S    | Stewart, James    | Winslow, Moses  |
| Paisley, John    | Roberts, Robert | Samuel, J         | Weems, A W      |
| Pendleton, WE    | Reynolds, W H   | Siewards, A H     | Williams, P     |
| Purves, George   | Robertson, S B  | Schermerhorn, W W | Wang, Fred      |
| Powers, Jas      | Royer, F T      | Smith, Wm         | Wang, Augustus  |
| Prague, J B      | Redding, W E    | Stanley, H H      | Weiners, J J H  |
| Phillips, J A    | Rennynson, H    | Stanton, W C      | Williams, H     |
| Philpot, S       | Race, G W       | Simpson, J F      | Whitebread, Jos |
| Payson, Asa      | Richman, M      | Stow, Warren      | Weiss, Chas     |
| Pooley, John C   | Shields, T H    | Shropshire, H E   | Weatherly, R C  |
| Popp, J F        | Slator, M J     | Taylor, J L       | Watson, Robt    |
| Probst, Fred     | Stewart, W      | Titzel, S L       | Zeigler, Jos    |
| Raynal, L T      | Smith, W C      | Towne, A          |                 |
| Roberts, Isaac E | Stewart, D      | Tisdale, E K      | 247 members.    |

*Initiated*—W B Booth, B Olle, G W Lyman, W W Schermerhorn, J H Harte (1865).

*Passed*—W B Booth, B Olle, J H Harte, G W Lyman, W W Schermerhorn, A H Voss (1868).

*Raised*—W B Booth, B Olle, J H Harte, A H Voss, G W Lyman, W W Schermerhorn.

*Affiliated*—Warren Stowe, L H Angleberger.

*Demitted*—W D Andrews, J B Chandler, Thos Bradford, J K Gutheim, D W Eames, S B Robertson, H T Hill.

*Died*—P W Mackin, Moses Winslow, Jas Stewart, M McCaffrey, W Dods-worth, F Lurges, Jas Whitehead.

*Stricken from Roll*—W Blakeney, E S Butler, N B Burmingham, W Boyd, J Boyd, Thos T Bolling, E Bennett, Jos Bensadon, Geo Chism, Thos Calder, W C Durno, J H Eckert, T Engman, R J Evans, H Feshenfield, A G Garrot, H Gillum, W T Gillmore, J A Grayson, W H Giffney, Jas Hibben, J Larkin, F Mayhew, W Noble, H L Nourse, S Philpot, J B Prague, L Rosenfield, W E Redding, M Richman, A Smythe, F M Stevens, Jas F Seguin, Jas F Simpson, S L Titgel, P Williams, R C Weatherly.

## TUNICA LODGE No. 63.

Tunica Landing P. O., West Feliciana Parish, La.—Stated meetings, Saturday, or before the full moon of each month.

### OFFICERS.

|                     |        |                      |       |
|---------------------|--------|----------------------|-------|
| Rolands, Day.....   | W M.   | W B Keller.....      | Sec.  |
| John H Hobgood..... | S W.   | B Robinson.....      | S D.  |
| Jas Q Keller.....   | J W.   | Albert G Reilly..... | J D.  |
| John J Seeders..... | Treas. | W B White.....       | Tyler |

### PAST MASTERS.

W T Cox, J J Seeders, W B Keller, M P Day.

## MEMBERS.

|             |               |                   |              |
|-------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Curry, G A  | Godfrey, C R  | McElwee, J C      | Row, J S     |
| Dawson, W H | Haile, W R    | Roberts, Josiah F | Seeders, R B |
| Day, H H    | Leatherman, D |                   | 20 members.  |

*Raised*—Jas J Keller.

*Affiliated*—Burgess Robinson.

*Demitted*—D Leatherman, H H Day, C R Godfrey.

*Stricken from Roll*—G A Curry, J C McElwee, Jno S Row.

## GEORGE WASHINGTON LODGE No. 65.

Grand Lodge Hall, corner St. Charles and Perdido streets, N. O.—Every Wednesday.

## OFFICERS.

|                   |        |                              |           |
|-------------------|--------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Z M Pike.....     | W M.   | E Baxter.....                | S D.      |
| W E Murphy.....   | S W.   | J J Lee.....                 | J D.      |
| W J O'Beirne..... | J W.   | Rev. C S Hodges, D D.....    | Chaplain. |
| H R Swasey.....   | Treas. | H Criece (not a member)..... | Tyler.    |
| F A Dentzel.....  | Sec.   |                              |           |

## PAST MASTERS.

|                 |                    |             |                  |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Thomas R Brady, | H R Swasey, P G M, | Jas B Scot, | Gustavus Sontag. |
| A E Dick,       |                    | W H Lewis.  |                  |

## MEMBERS.

|                   |                   |                |                 |
|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Hamburger, H P M  | Cline, Wm         | Gumpert, Roma  | Peck, D W C     |
| Pomet, G G P M    | Clancy, Patrick   | Gribble, R H   | Quilian, J      |
| Adams, G W        | Carroll, Mich     | Hyland, James  | Raymond, Chas   |
| Ankrin, P         | Collins, G W      | Henriques, J D | Smye, J H       |
| Babcock, O S      | Cowper, John      | Hall, Robt F   | Sandak, Jacob   |
| Benedict, N       | Davey, Thos W     | Kowalski, B    | Semper, C S     |
| Bell, W O         | Dickson, W        | Kuhnoltz, F J  | Taylor, Francis |
| Bidwell, D        | Dickson, J R      | McClure, Jno E | Tinker, John    |
| Boyle, E          | Dick, Jos F       | Mahood, J      | Turek, J R      |
| Bothick, T W      | Evans, Geo P      | Mattinson, Jas | Ure, Thomas M   |
| Bucholz, A P      | Enderlin, Jacob   | Mellon, J J    | Walsh, P P      |
| Baltz, J L        | Eyrich, A         | Neeley, Wm M   | Walker, J S     |
| Carter, J H       | Feltus, H J       | Neyland, J S   | Walker, Chas    |
| Cassidy, Hugh     | Floriat, Jules A  | Nugent, J R    | Watkins, John A |
| Carson, W         | Freedland, Thomas | Philips, M     | West, Jos       |
| Christian, Paul J | Fulton, S H       | Peck, O F      | Wingard, J C    |
| Clarke, J D       | Gray, S A         | Palmer, W H    | Wilson, W A     |
| Cunningham, John  | Greenfield, T     | Paeck, E A F   | Whitaker, C F   |
| Cunningham, Jas   | Giraud, Isadore   | Poff, John     | Wagner, P       |
|                   |                   |                | 89 members.     |

*Initiated*—W Yates, J Munck, J W Bryant, D E Grove.

*Passed*—J J Lee, W Yates, A Eyrich, R H Gribble, C Pare, D E Grove.

*Raised*—J J Lee, A Eyrich, R H Gribble.

*Demitted*—W Carson.

*Died*—G P Evans, J E McClure, Thos M Ure.

*Stricken from Roll*—J Tinker.

*Suspended*—J Mattinson.

## DUDLEY LODGE No. 66.

Grand Lodge Hall, corner St. Charles and Perdido streets, N. O.—Every Saturday.

## OFFICERS.

|                     |        |                              |        |
|---------------------|--------|------------------------------|--------|
| Jos H DeGrange..... | W M.   | W H Kells.....               | Sec.   |
| John T Purves.....  | S W.   | G Schwartz.....              | S D.   |
| Geo H Braughan..... | J W.   | J J Bender.....              | J D.   |
| J W Bingham.....    | Treas. | A Queant (not a member)..... | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

|                           |                  |                   |
|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| T D Van Horn,             | Jas Chamberlain, | Mauris Langhorne. |
| John A Stevenson, P J G W | Edwin Marks,     | W G Bradford.     |

## MEMBERS.

|                 |                  |                 |                 |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Allen, J M      | Estlin, C T      | Mackey, Alex    | Randolph, E R   |
| Adams, Lucien   | Evans, M W       | Manico, J P     | Robinson, H E   |
| Adams, R W      | Friedlander, S   | McCartney, Jno  | Reynolds, E R   |
| Abernathy, W M  | Gause, H C       | Marks, Theo     | Rosenberg, D    |
| Arbuckle, Jas   | Griffith, J B    | Montgomery, B J | Shumway, Sam    |
| Alexander, J    | Gennison, J H    | Montgomery, R M | Smith, F C      |
| Bachus, C D     | Glenn, Archibald | Mayeno, L L     | Snodgrass, Sam  |
| Baldwin, J M    | Glenn, J W       | Mouchon, J A    | Smith, Jacob    |
| Barker, Jas     | Germaine, H S    | Moseley, G M    | Stoulig, Peter  |
| Blum, Jacob     | Hurd, S R        | Marsden, T W    | Seymour, Shelby |
| Bodley, T B     | Hall, J W        | Moore, R L      | Seixas, C L     |
| Burton, J H     | Hopper, T J      | Myers, Jacob    | Simmons, F      |
| Beebe, Henry    | Hall, H F        | McClintock, J R | Seymour, S J    |
| Bevan, John     | Hawkins, John    | McFarland, John | Spooner, E      |
| Bullard, E C    | Holcomb, W R     | McClelland, J   | Simon, Jas      |
| Benedict, J     | Ivens, E M       | McElroy, J      | Schinotti, E G  |
| Bloom, Isaac    | Jackson, D       | Newman, C J     | Shaburt, F      |
| Curley, Wm      | Jones, F A       | Norman, Jas     | Thomas, A       |
| Coleman, H D    | Johnston, Dave C | Orvis, D A      | Terreberry, J S |
| Cooper, Wm      | Jordan, W A      | Parker, C A     | Thomas, H C     |
| Carloss, W W    | Kuzac, J O       | Purviance, W T  | Tarbell, B      |
| Canter, D Costa | Klopman, L       | Pfeifer, M      | Thomas, A       |
| Call, H E       | Keiffer, M       | Pendergrast, L  | Taylor, Henry   |
| Cushing, Henry  | Lockhart, J      | Parsons, J P    | Work, G P       |
| Catlin, Geo L   | Levi, Isaac      | Riddle, A M     | Woods, M        |
| Davis, J B      | Laster, W H      | Roberts, B      | Wood, R H       |
| Diamond, J A    | May, W T         | Russ, S K       | 122 members.    |
| Ellis, L L      | Marks, Wash      | Reeder, J T     |                 |

*Initiated*—M H Riddle, F J Gasquet, A A Plattsmier, J W Bingham, W H Kells, C D Bachus.

*Passed*—J W Bingham, W H Kells, C D Bachus.

*Raised*—Wash. Marks, J W Bingham, W H Kells, C D Bachus, C J Newman.

*Affiliated*—F A Jones, D Rosenberg, J P Parsons, J R McClintock.

*Demitted*—C J Newman, S Seymour, W T Purviance, J McElroy.

*Died*—A Glenn, M Langhorn, J P Manico, W H Laster, J B Griffith.

*Reinstated*—J M Allen.

## MARION LODGE No. 68.

Grand Lodge Hall, corner St. Charles and Perdido streets, N. O.—Every Thursday.

## OFFICERS.

|                   |        |                                  |        |
|-------------------|--------|----------------------------------|--------|
| H P Buckley.....  | W M.   | Thos Cripps.....                 | Sec.   |
| Jas W Davis.....  | S W.   | Benj Albertson, Jr.....          | S D.   |
| W R McKenzie..... | J W.   | Samuel Gardiner.....             | J D.   |
| E Blessey.....    | Treas. | E O'Sullivan (not a member)..... | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

L E Reynolds, Thos F Hedges, Daniel E Scruggs, W M Perkins, P G M  
S M Todd, P G M J Q A Fellows, P G M Thos. Cripps, Hy P Buckley.

## MEMBERS.

|                     |                  |                  |                    |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Santini, J P J G W  | Douglas, J P     | King, G H        | Postlewaite, J J   |
| Angel, Rich P M     | Dallemore, P E   | Knee, Thos       | Reynolds, L        |
| Newton, C W P M     | Davis, Robert    | Lewis, J S       | Robinson, H M      |
| Chaffe, Jno, P M    | Dahlgreen, Chs G | Lee, John M      | Robertson, J B     |
| Colgen, J C, P M    | Endel, Wolff     | Levy, J H        | Rogers, F C        |
| Pennington, S S P M | Florance, Hy C   | Lavender, Ubas   | Reid, C H          |
| Dillingham, J P P M | Folger, Jr., N C | Lathrop, Geo F   | Rickarby, W D      |
| Fuller, Chas A P M  | Fisher, Jesse B  | Lindsey, James   | Robinson, C W      |
| Bassetti, U         | Fisher, Geo D    | Lieberman, E     | Swan, J L          |
| Behan, J H          | Fitzgerald, W E  | Levi, Isadore    | Sanson, A J        |
| Beebe, W J          | Ferguson, S G    | Logan, J G       | Scheick, L         |
| Beers, J S Jr       | Foote, A S       | Ludwigsen, J H   | Samuels, M H       |
| Bain, George        | Griffiths, W S   | Macon, T L       | Schmidt, Chas      |
| Betterton, W G      | Gaudet, F B      | Mahe, J A        | Simonds, J S       |
| Beard, Jos C        | Goodwin, G W W   | Molaison, Jos A  | Stevenson, J A     |
| Browne, R H         | Garson, Oscar    | Mayer, I.        | Strenna, John      |
| Buck, F H           | Hamilton, J D    | McMurdo, C       | Small, A B         |
| Buck, W H           | Hillman, J W     | Morgan, W H      | Sylvester, W F     |
| Butterworth, H J    | Hummel, J H      | McIntyre, J S    | Strong, Robert     |
| Bremer, F W         | Higinbotham, H   | Middlemiss, P R  | Scott, Thos M      |
| Custer, A B         | Hopkins, J P     | Maddox, H S      | Todd, Wm E         |
| Collins, C          | Henthorn, C E    | McClellan, G D   | Tobin, Jno         |
| Capers, W C         | Halsey, E W      | Manning, W H     | Taylor, R G        |
| Casey, John         | Harrison, Daniel | Navra, M M       | Williamson, N      |
| Craig, E D          | Hodges, H        | Nash, C T        | Wilson, E H        |
| Cresap, H B         | Hatch, L B       | Norcom, W R      | Walters, Cornelius |
| Christian, R J      | Herrick, S S     | Olroyd, F B      | Weymouth, J M      |
| Coeler, F W         | Hill, Artemon    | Oliver, S D      | Wolf, Morris       |
| Colton, D E         | Haas, M          | Oliver, Robert   | Walshe, B T        |
| Campbell, J G       | Hewitt, W H      | Patton, Thos F   | White, W W         |
| Davis, Jr., G L C   | Johnson, A B     | Peete, G A       | Way, N H           |
| Dannese, N          | James, T A       | Packwood, R T    | West, B J          |
| Dentzel, H H        | Keeffe, Thomas   | Pinckney, Wm E   | Winslow, H         |
| Delmas, A H         | Killili, C       | Pickert, James A | Yorke, Ed A        |
| Dapremont, A        | Kahn, Samuel     | Pike, W S        | 152 members.       |

*Initiated*—Jesse B Fisher, L Reynolds, C A Green, F W Bremer, Julius M ansco.

*Passed*—R T Packwood, Chas Lavender, N C Folger, Jr., L Reynolds, J P Hopkins, Jesse B Fisher, F W Bremer, R G Latting.

*Raised*—R T Packwood, Chas Lavendar, L Reynolds, J P Hopkins, N C Folger, Jr., Jesse B Fisher, F W Bremer.

*Affiliated*—Geo A Peete, Geo F Lathrope, Thos E Henthorn, A B Small, J W, Hillman.

*Demitted*—W C Capers, J S Beers, Jr., W S Griffith, C Collins.

*Died*—Jos G Logan, H H Dentzel.

*Reinstated*—H M Robinson, C Collins, Jos B Robertson.

## HIRAM LODGE No. 70.

Grand Lodge Hall, corner St. Charles and Perdido streets, New Orleans—Friday evenings.

## OFFICERS.

|                       |        |                  |        |
|-----------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| Oscar Czarnowski..... | W. M.  | Wm D Taylor..... | Sec.   |
| Wm H Sims.....        | S. W.  | G Sanson.....    | S. D.  |
| C Miller.....         | J. W.  | Jas Reid.....    | J. D.  |
| Wm Davis.....         | Treas. | Hy Cruice.....   | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

Timothy Carroll, R E Diamond, Samuel Levy, O Czarnowski.

## MEMBERS.

|                    |                   |                  |                |
|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Albright, E. P. M. | Grossman, J       | Loeber, F        | Preston, T L   |
| Bosch, Louis,      | Harper, John      | Long, Robt       | Peterson, J M  |
| Breen, Hugh        | Hochstein, Tobias | Loeb, S          | Pon, Emilio    |
| Buchanan, H        | Heymann, Abram    | Lewis, G         | Roach, Jno     |
| Berger, Joseph     | Hoey, J A         | Lagan, M D       | Ryder, R G     |
| Bein, Ph           | Heidensfelder, E  | Lacock, Samuel   | Rogers, Alex S |
| Bernstein, S       | Helmke, A         | Labarthe, J J    | Sullivan, Pat  |
| Bryant, G W        | Hausen, Thos      | Ludlow, John     | Schreder, F    |
| Behrens, J         | Hawkins, D        | Lucas, P         | Sitzman, Geo   |
| Coleman, J         | Harrison, Chas    | McKenzie, Robert | Schmittle, Jos |
| Carney, Jas        | Howell, G W       | McConnell, M     | Savage, Pat    |
| Clelland, Wm       | Hymann, S         | McKeown, Chas    | Salm, A        |
| Carrahar, Pat      | Hall, Thos        | McNamara, Robt   | Sincer, Louis  |
| Connell, J T       | Jeffrey, John     | Maire, Alf       | Turner, T B    |
| Devereux, Thos     | Kavanaugh, P      | Medd, James      | Thomason, T H  |
| Dreyfus, Aaron     | Kaiser, S         | Moore, T S       | Veit, Morris   |
| Evans, Wm          | Kay, John A       | Matthews, F L    | Willis, John   |
| Ellsworth, O       | Kalberlah, Wm     | Neames, Charles  | Wardle, J R    |
| Everett, H E       | Kaufman, Jas      | Pincus, Joseph   | Wood, John F   |
| Forest, And        | Kishner, N        | Peete, John S    | Whitforth, T J |
| Graham, James      | Koningslaw, Fred  | Plonsky, E       | Yates, John P  |
| Guthrie, J         | Kellett, John     | Pfaff, Wm        | 98 members.    |

*Initiated*—P J Black, R G Ryder, J O Bryan, A Salm, Jonas Rosenthal, Robt Barry.

*Passed*—S Loeb, R G Ryder, J O Bryan, A Salm, J Roach, J Burris.

*Raised*—S Loeb, R G Ryder, A Salm, J Roach.

*Affiliated*—G Lewis.

*Demitted*—J Coleman, A Dreyfus, H C Everett, H Breen.

*Died*—J A Hoey, (unknown.)

*Stricken from Roll*—D Kavanagh, W Evans, N Kishner, T B Turner, W Cel-land, F Koningslaw, M McConnell, T S Moore, J H Witworth, C McKeown, A S Rogers.

## ALPHA HOME No. 72.

Grand Lodge Hall, corner St. Charles and Perdido streets, New Orleans.—Tuesday evenings.

## OFFICERS.

|                          |        |               |            |
|--------------------------|--------|---------------|------------|
| James C Batchelor, M. D. | W. M.  | T J Brinkley  | S. D.      |
| Fender Horn              | S. W.  | E N Laudner   | J. D.      |
| M Fisher                 | J. W.  | S S Selleck   | } Stewards |
| H Geo F Hubener          | Treas. | C F Verlander |            |
| Geo J Pinckard           | Sec.   | J G P Sumner  | M. C.      |

A Queant (not a member)....Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

W H Hutchings, D F Mitchell, Jas C Batchelor, J A Douglas.  
A Pike, honorary member.

## MEMBERS.

|                     |               |                |                |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Selleck, S S, P. M. | Borque, P     | Batchelor, S S | Clague, Jas    |
| Auderson, John      | Beattie, Wm   | Barnes, Wm     | Drews, W       |
| Barry, D            | Bateman, Chas | Brown, G W     | Donald, S      |
| Brenford J T        | Bevan, Geo    | Croften, Robt  | Divine, W Watt |



|                 |                |                 |                 |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Farwell, S P    | Jennings, L A  | Morehead, W G   | Smith, S B      |
| Farwell, H A M  | Kent, James    | Olsen, F        | Schilling, H T  |
| Frank, John     | Koch, F A      | Ohnmacht, H     | Sevart, C L     |
| Glennon, R      | Krantz, F      | Phillips, A     | Thomas, R B     |
| Gardiner, Wm A  | Lunn, Thos     | Pettis, P W     | Thienemann, A   |
| Giffney, J F    | McCartney, J H | Porthouse, R    | Trabue, L       |
| Huener, J       | Miller, N      | Rea, E S        | Vetters, Geo    |
| Hillger, Chas L | Morehead, J N  | Reynolds, H W W | Ward, Ed        |
| Haughlin, P H   | Maguire, J W   | Smith, J S      | Weidt, Chas     |
| Higgins, Thos   | Mandal, P C    | Seymour, J W    | Williamson, A C |
| Houston, R C    | Meade, J M     | Simpson, Geo    | Wilson, Jas     |
| Huff, B         | McStocker, T   | Smith, H S Jr   | 76 members.     |

*Initiated*—Thos Higgs, F A Koch, Jas M Meade, James Clague, J F Giffney, R Porthouse, E N Laudner, E F Keplinger, Jno Gairetty, H Ohnmacht, J G P Sumner.

*Passed*—Jas Wilson, Thos Higgs, F A Koch, Jas M Meade, Jas Clague, J F Giffney, Robert Porthouse, E N Laudner, H Ohnmacht, J G P Sumner.

*Raised*—Jas Wilson, Thos Higgs, F A Koch, J M Meade, H A M Farwell, Jas Clague, J F Giffney, Robt Porthouse, E N Laudner, Hilar Ohnmacht, J G P Sumner.

*Affiliated*—H S Smith, Jr., W Watt Divine, Geo W Brown.

*Demitted*—Jas M Morehead.

*Died*—W G Morehead, Edwin S Rea.

*Reinstated*—H W W Reynolds.

### SABINE LODGE No. 75.

Fort Jessup P. O., Sabine Parish, Louisiana.—Saturday, before second Sunday in each month.  
Returns for 1868.

#### OFFICERS.

|                    |        |                     |        |
|--------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| Leslie Barbee..... | W. M.  | Robt A Forbis ..... | Sec.   |
| John W Walker..... | S. W.  | J C Armstrong.....  | S. D.  |
| R Stoker.....      | J. W.  | H S Kennedy.....    | J. D.  |
| W Stoker.....      | Treas. | D J Horn.....       | Tyler. |

#### OFFICERS 1870.

|                    |        |                  |        |
|--------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| Leslie Barbee..... | W. M.  | R A Forbis.....  | Sec.   |
| J C Armstrong..... | S. W.  | A E Cassidy..... | J. D.  |
| Riley Stoker.....  | J. W.  | D J Horn.....    | Tyler. |
| Wm Stoker.....     | Treas. |                  |        |

#### PAST MASTERS.

Chas A Beck, L Barbee.

#### MEMBERS.

|                |              |              |             |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Armstrong, T A | Harris, John | Royston, R F | Welch, H P  |
| Barnhill, W Y  | Kennedy, H S | Raines, G P  | Walker, J W |
| Crump, S D     | Lytton, John | Simon, H     | Wagley, J L |
| Crump, S M     | Martin, J H  |              | 22 members. |

*Demitted*—John Harris, H S Kennedy, G P Raines, John Lytton, J C Wagley.

### QUITMAN LODGE No. 76.

Odd Fellows' Hall, Camp street.—Friday evenings.

#### OFFICERS.

|                     |        |                        |           |
|---------------------|--------|------------------------|-----------|
| John G Fleming..... | W. M.  | Jas D Tilden.....      | Sec.      |
| Geo Johnston.....   | S. W.  | R S Venables.....      | S. D.     |
| G L Hall.....       | J. W.  | J S Hardin.....        | J. D.     |
| Ed A Tyler.....     | Treas. | Rev J C Carpenter..... | Chaplain. |
| W Tenbrink.....     |        |                        | Tyler.    |

## PAST MASTERS.

Ben Bloomfield,  
Geo M Beaman,T A Barlette,  
S J Flatow,J G Fleming,  
T C Herndon,Isaac W Homan,  
W H Seaman.

## MEMBERS.

|                  |                 |                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Alston, S        | Dick, A         | Kouns, B B       | Smith, J W      |
| Ashbridge, A M.  | Eicholz, F W    | Keep, O H        | Silverstein, S  |
| Anthony, J M     | Eichelberger, J | Killpatrick, W H | Schwartz, J M   |
| Bayly, G M       | Eyle, F         | Kellogg, C S     | Stevens, H B    |
| Bloomfield, W Jr | French, G P     | Lichtenstein, H  | Slaymaker, J    |
| Bloomfield, J M  | Folwell, J N    | Langdon, J W     | Scovell, W T    |
| Bennett, P       | Fernald, G P    | Langsfield, J H  | Sproule, R      |
| Birkey, Hy       | Fisher, J A G   | Loeb, E          | Stafford, J     |
| Bartlette, F A   | Fletcher, R     | Langdon, T J     | Smith, G W      |
| Biggar, J R      | Geiffers, H     | Ligon, W E       | Turner, S       |
| Baar, J W        | Gillen, Wm      | McChesney, W H   | Taylor, W J     |
| Brown, A         | Graetz, Isaac   | McChesney, J C   | Thiel, W        |
| Bartine, Chs     | Giffen, W B     | Mullan, H J      | Thiele, F W     |
| Barnes, J S      | Gogreve, H R    | Meyer, M         | Trunnell, J W   |
| Bullington, J H  | Geiffers, F     | Marks, D H       | Taylor, A       |
| Broker, C        | Gerald, W F     | Mohr, P W        | Voorheis, O     |
| Bohning, F F W   | Hamilton, G C   | Mackay, W H      | Voight, J A     |
| Collins, Jr J K  | Howard, T J     | Malone, T L      | Venables, G W   |
| Coyle, W G       | Hopkins, S Jr   | Mullvey, R       | Wright, Jr Thos |
| Church, G W      | Herndon, A C    | McLean, Daniel   | Waters, M H     |
| Casey, G W       | Herwig, P F     | Maxwell, T L     | Wingfield, J H  |
| Clark, R B       | Hanning, John   | McBride, Wm      | Wolf, J C       |
| Clark, C W       | Hall, E A       | O'Neil, J S      | Wilkinson, G O  |
| Carey, P C       | Holt, Geo W     | Overmeyer, A     | Wells, W H      |
| Cutler W C       | Hastings, J R   | Offergeld, A     | Wallace, J      |
| Dickey N L       | Higgins, J P    | Proctor, F F     | Wasson, D J     |
| Dixon, J K       | Harper, W P     | Pierson, F A     | Wilson, J       |
| Davenport, Isom  | Harris, T B     | Pierpont, A C    | Wiltz, E V      |
| Dirhammer, J M   | Homan, G W      | Peterson, A H M  | Williams, D M   |
| Dutton Wm        | Hass, J L       | Pfetzling, Chas  | Walker, G T     |
| Dewing, W T      | Isaacson, A H   | Robinson, S B    | Walker, J A     |
| Debrell, W C     | Isradsky, I     | Read, H          | Winehill, M A   |
| Davidson, A S    | Johnson, J L    | Searing, T F     | Wilson, R       |
| Dodge, J         | Kouns, G L      | Soulé, George    | Young, J Jr     |
| Drake, F H       | Kane, Richard   | Summers, John    | Young, John     |
| Dewing, C A      | Kouns, J        | Summers, A M     | Young, W H      |
| Duffy, T         |                 |                  |                 |

161 members.

*Initiated*—J W Trunnell, F A Pierson, A Taylor, F W Eicholz, R N Ogden, J R Hastings, A Isradsky, F H Drake, E Smith, D J Wasson, H B Stevens, J Eichelberger, W F Gerald, R Fletcher, A Dick, W H Kilpatrick, S R Crawford, W P Harper, J Wallace, F Eyle, F W Michaud, R S Rickey, J Abbott.

*Passed*—W G Coyle, J W Trunnell, F A Pierson, A Taylor, F W Eicholz, J Slaymaker, J R Hastings, A Isradsky, F H Drake, E Smith, D J Wasson, H B Stevens, J Eichelberger, W F Gerald, R Fletcher, A Dick, W H Kilpatrick, W P Harper, J Wallace, F Eyle, G W Church.

*Raised*—W G Coyle, J W Trunnell, F A Pierson, A Taylor, F W Eicholz, J Slaymaker, J R Hastings, A Isradsky, F H Drake, D J Wasson, H B Stevens, J Eichelberger, W F Gerald, R Fletcher, A Dick, W H Kilpatrick, W P Harper, J Wallace, F Eyle, G W Church.

*Affiliated*—J A G Fisher, H Read, J S O'Neil, H Lichtenstein, J Dodge, C S Kellogg, J L Haas.

*Demitted*—J H Bullington, H W Birkey.

*Died*—B B Kouns.

*Stricken from Roll*—G W Holt, A Brown, J M Anthony, J W Baar, P C Carey, J K Dixon, J Graetz, J W Smith, J A Voigt, O H Keep.

*Reinstated*—T Duffy.

*Suspended*—G W Saddler (E A) for one year.

## ORLEANS LODGE No. 78.

Grand Lodge Hall—Friday Evenings.

## OFFICERS.

|                  |              |                 |             |
|------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|
| A Queant.....    | W M.         | W Gibson.....   | S D.        |
| G A White.....   | S W.         | C A Putnel..... | J D.        |
| Geo M Lally..... | J W.         | L Stern.....    | M of C.     |
| Jas Fernon.....  | Treas.       | Jas Low.....    | } Stewards. |
| C F Hufft.....   | Sec.         | A Adler.....    |             |
|                  | N Dublo..... | Tyler.....      |             |

## PAST MASTERS.

C F Hufft,      S D Stafford.      S B Churchill,      A Queant.

## MEMBERS.

|                  |                  |                  |                |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Asher, Julius    | Evans, Jos       | Meyerdiecks, E A | Sahl, H        |
| Allabough, J R   | Finkle, B        | Morse, G L       | Smith, Wm W    |
| Bruenn, Z        | Finkle, J        | Marks, M A       | Stevenson, R   |
| Berwin, M        | Fontaine, Hy     | Munroe, S F      | Stein, S       |
| Bevan, George    | Finberg, L       | Munn, Chis       | Stewart, Jas H |
| Barber, D P      | Felder, F W      | McGoneghey, W    | Smith, Jos H   |
| Briggs, N C      | Finnegan, W H    | McGovern, P F    | Tallon, J E    |
| Brown, G H       | Gilchrist, Jno E | Nimick, James    | Tilton, J A    |
| Bell, W R        | Gould, J         | Newman, C        | Thompson, Jno  |
| Beckman, J F     | Gilding, John    | Nathan, H        | Tilton, N      |
| Burke, Wm        | Grass, J A       | Ohlsen, C F      | Vesey, Chas    |
| Beebe, O H       | Green, P         | Panson, M        | Voss, C L      |
| Butland, Geo C   | Gusowsky, J L    | Porter, J A      | Watson, J C    |
| Charles, Richard | Groves, J S      | Prophet, Ed      | Ward, John     |
| Caspar, J M      | Goldstein, P     | Pettigrew, J T   | Walsh, Jos     |
| Clark, W M       | Hexter, Geo      | Powers, John     | White, Sam Jr  |
| Creevy, W J      | Henning, Frank   | Pickett, E G     | Wilson, L      |
| Cane, L B        | Harrison, J W    | Rieber, T        | Wilson, J      |
| Collins, L E     | Holden, I S      | Roth, Jacob      | Webb, W H      |
| Cohen, H         | Hunter, D        | Rosenberg, B     | Walsh, W F     |
| Cohen, J         | Hughes, Jno P    | Rosenthal, P     | Williams, C F  |
| Drake, Jno       | Inglis, Thos     | Ripinski, Chas   | Weinges, G H   |
| Duvall, Geo W    | Kaiser, L        | Rees, A          | Wallace, H     |
| Daniels, M       | Kuntzman, Jno    | Ray, John        | Wolf, B J      |
| Dolsen, C L      | Jones, Theo      | Salomon, E       | Wallace, A J   |
| Daily, J R       | Langdon, S L     | Smith, H P       | Waite, Geo E   |
| Davie, John      | Lorick, H        | Stewart, J C     | Winslow, J M   |
| Dewitt, Jos      | Monroe, John T   | Stafford, E R    | 125 members.   |

*Initiated*—Chas Shally, Chas Vesey, W Gibson, Frank Henning, W M Clark, H Fontaine, S Doughty, J S Groves, Adolph Smith, A Adler, W L Maynard, C A Putnel, N Greener, Jas P Fleming, A Rees, P Goldstein.

*Passed*—Geo M Lally, Chas Vesey, W Gibson, Frank Henning, J M Caspar, W M Clark, H Fontaine, Jas Low, S Doughty, J S Groves, A Adler, C A Putnel, A Rees, P Goldstein.

*Raised*—Geo M Lally, Chas Vesey, W Gibson, Frank Henning, Thos Inglis, T M Caspar, W M Clark, Hy Fontaine, Jas Low, Samuel Doughty, J S Groves, A Adler, H Sahl, C A Putnel, A Rees, P Goldstein.

*Affiliated*—J A Tilton, Julius Asher.

*Demitted*—P F McGovern.

*Died*—Jos Walsh.

*Stricken from Roll*—C L Voss, D P Barker, G L Morse.

## DE WITT CLINTON LODGE No. 80.

Marion, Union Parish, La.—First Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                  |        |                  |        |
|------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| B B Thomas.....  | W M.   | H H Hill.....    | Sec.   |
| J H Roach.....   | S W.   | S H Spignor..... | S D.   |
| Jas Gresham..... | J W.   | H Knox.....      | J D.   |
| Isaac Cole.....  | Treas. | J Robinson.....  | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTER.

B B Thomas.

## MEMBERS.

|             |              |                |              |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Baker, L D  | Cooper, C M  | Morrison, D C  | Porter, W T  |
| Cooper, T S | Dollar, N E  | Manning, Steph | Reppend, Jas |
| Cooper, L   | Johnson, C E | Martin, A      | White, N T   |
| Cooper, W D | Lopez, J J   | Mathews, E F   | 23 members.  |

*Initiated*—N E Dollar, H Knox, E F Mathews, S H Spignor.*Passed*—L D Baker, N E Dollar, H Knox, E T Mathews, S H Spignor.*Raised*—L D Baker, N E Dollar, H Knox, E F Mathews, S H Spignor.*Affiliated*—H H Hill.

NOTE.—Received after closing of Grand Lodge.

## MOUNT VERNON LODGE No. 83.

Logansport, DeSoto Parish, La.—Meeting First Saturday in each month.

|                   |        |                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| Jno L Cole.....   | W M.   | Jas K Pyle.....   | Sec.   |
| J B Sinclair..... | S W.   | Noah Smith.....   | S D.   |
| FL Hickey.....    | J W.   | W O Fletcher..... | J D.   |
| F M Ramsay.....   | Treas. | C D Stell.....    | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTER.

John L Cole.

## MEMBERS.

|               |                 |             |              |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|
| Black, John B | Hickey, J L     | Pyle, Jas P | Smith, W M   |
| Creach, T J   | Norris, St John | Sansom, J M | White, Jos W |
| Douglas, G W  | Pyle, Peter     |             | 18 members.  |

*Initiated*—J B Black, Jas K Pyle, C D Still.*Passed*—J B Black, Jas K Pyle, F M Ramsey, C D Still.*Raised*—J B Black, Jas K Pyle, F M Ramsay.*Affiliated*—J M Samson.

## OLIVER LODGE No. 84.

Alexandria P. O., Rapides Parish, La.—First and Third Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                      |        |                      |             |
|----------------------|--------|----------------------|-------------|
| John M Barrett.....  | W M.   | Jas G White.....     | S D.        |
| Ed Weil.....         | S W.   | Moses Rosenthal..... | J D.        |
| W O Dammons.....     | J W.   | J R Gibson.....      | } Stewards. |
| Simon Weil.....      | Treas. | Miers Rosenthal..... |             |
| John J Ferguson..... | Sec.   | Hy St John.....      | Chaplain.   |
| A Hilton.....        |        | Tyler.....           |             |

## PAST MASTERS.

W B Heyman,

L Texada,

Julius Levin.

## MEMBERS.

|                 |                |                  |                 |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Arden, D D      | Fellows, Sam   | Lehman, David    | Texada, J W     |
| Abadie, Louis   | Fish, Jas S    | Martin, A        | Tindall, J A    |
| Barlow, J H C   | Gossens, Louis | Neel, M          | Weil, Jonas     |
| Baillio, Landry | Haygood, S     | Oswald, Ph       | Weis, Ben       |
| Butler, Wm H    | Hyams K R      | Osborn, Hy P     | Walker, Jno L   |
| Campbell, S C   | Hammill, F M   | Peart, Francis L | Williams, Jno A |
| Calvit, C M     | Heyman, A      | Paul, M, Jr      | Williams, J R   |
| Calvit, W N     | Irving, Jacob  | Paul, David      | Walden, C H     |
| Daigre, H L     | James, W C     | Ridge, W S       | Williams, S D   |
| Fellows, Jos    | Johnson, J W   | Schmalinsky, Sam | Wise, J C       |
| Fox, R L        | Kaffie, Harris | Tankerly, G W    | Woodward, J D K |
|                 |                |                  | 58 members.     |

*Initiated*—J G White, H L Daigre, J Kemp, N L McGinnis, J B Gibson, G W Tankerly.

*Passed*—J J Ferguson, J G White, H L Daigre, H St John, J Kemp, N L McGinnis, J B Gibson, Geo W Tankerly.

*Raised*—J J Ferguson, J G White, H L Daigre, H St John, J B Gibson, G W Tankerly.

*Affiliated*—S C Campbell, K R Hyams, John D K Woodward, F M Hammill, A Heyman, W C James, Harris Kaffer.

*Demitted*—W B Heyman, P M.

*Stricken from Roll*—J A Tindell, W H Calvert.

## PLEASANT HILL LODGE No. 86.

Pleasant Hill, DeSoto Parish, La.

## OFFICERS.

|                        |        |                     |        |
|------------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| Stephen D Chapman..... | W. M.  | R W Freeman .....   | Sec.   |
| W J Horn .....         | S. W.  | W H Jordan .....    | S. D.  |
| John J Fike .....      | J. W.  | D C Etheridge ..... | J. D.  |
| Jas M Gibbs, Jr.....   | Treas. | J A Crawford.....   | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

S D Chapman, John Jordan.

## MEMBERS.

|                |               |              |             |
|----------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| Armstrong, R L | Fike, J       | Harrell, W R | Reed, W P   |
| Beall, A J     | Griffith, E J | Heath, J S   | Smith, H L  |
| Chapman, E M   | Gaddis, T F   | Martin, G W  | Wagley, F H |
| Davis, B       | Hern, F M     | Parker, N W  |             |
| Davis, H J     | Hampton, W    | Redding, J T | 27 members. |

*Initiated*—J A Crawford, D C Etheridge, J S Fike, Jas Fike, E J Griffith (1868), J B Skipper, J C Leopold, J M Gibbs, Jr., P Hammett.

*Passed*—J A Crawford, D C Etheridge, J S Fike, Jas Fike, E J Griffith, J C Leopold, J M Gibbs, Jr., P Hammett.

*Raised*—J A Crawford, D C Etheridge, J S Fike, Jas Fike, E J Griffith.

*Affiliated*—R W Freeman, T F Gaddis, N W Parker.

## LAFAYETTE LODGE No. 87.

Pattersonville P. O., St. Mary's Parish, La.—First Thursday in every month.

## OFFICERS.

|                    |        |                  |        |
|--------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| Nelson Keys.....   | W. M.  | T Bellisein..... | Sec.   |
| John Vetter.....   | S. W.  | D Robbins.....   | S. D.  |
| John Knight.....   | J. W.  | A A Rentrop..... | J. D.  |
| A J Stansbury..... | Treas. | W Kern.....      | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

Nelson Keys, Desire Como.

## MEMBERS.

|                  |                 |               |                  |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Ager, Wm         | Canssienne, A   | Hartman, J A  | Rogers, Jas M    |
| Alexander, T S   | Castillo, Jas   | Knight, Jas   | Rentrop, H M     |
| Bateman, M W     | Gailliet, Aug   | Knight Ed     | Smith, W M       |
| Bourdier, J P    | Gougenheim, L   | Levy, Bernard | Shute, Henry     |
| Bethel, W D      | Holmes, Jas     | Malcolm, Jas  | Williams, Geo    |
| Charpentier, J M | Hamilton, Wm    | Rogers, Jas B | Wafford, James N |
| Cochran, J M     | Huntington, H M | Rawls, Jas M  | Young, O         |
| Como, A          |                 |               | 38 members.      |

*Initiated*—A Canssienne, Jas Castillo, Jno Knight, A A Rentrop, Geo Williams.*Passed*—E T Cropper, Jas Castillo, A Canssienne, John Knight, Geo Williams, A A Rentrop, A J Stansbury, O Young.*Raised*—J P Bourdier, W D Bethel, O Young, A Canssienne, Jas Castillo, Jno Knight, A A Rentrop, A J Stansbury, Geo Williams.*Demitted*—Henry Shute.*Stricken from Roll*—Jas Holmes, A Gailliet, Jas N Wafford.

## MANY LODGE No. 88.

Many, Sabine Parish, Louisiana.—Stated meetings first Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                   |        |                    |        |
|-------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| J F Smith.....    | W M.   | J J Horton.....    | Sec.   |
| Thomas Wiley..... | S W.   | Daniel Duggan..... | S D.   |
| A S Neil.....     | J W.   | John Parrott.....  | J D.   |
| W B Stille.....   | Treas. | W J Edmonston..... | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

J W Eason, W B Stille, E C Davidson, Jas K Pharris.

## MEMBERS.

|                  |                 |                |              |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Alfred, W T      | Eason, S A      | Mitchell, A R  | Rhodes, Thos |
| Alfred, N B      | Godwin, J J M   | Patterson, J H | Stille, J D  |
| Arthur, Solomon  | Garner, Jas F   | Quirk, W T     | Sibley, R L  |
| Curtis, W R      | Jacobs, John    | Roberts, Abram | Tyler, Jacob |
| Carter, Bradford | Lout, Alfred    | Raines, Isaac  | Tynes, J H   |
| Edmonson, W H    | Montgomery, V A |                | 33 members   |

*Passed*—Bradford Carter.*Raised*—Bradford Carter.*Demitted*—Sol Arthur, J H Patterson, J H Tynes.*Reinstated*—Sol Arthur.

Received, April 8th, 1870.

## CYPRESS LODGE No. 89.

Benton, Bossier Parish La.—Stated meetings on Saturday on or before full moon of each month

## OFFICERS.

|                  |        |                   |       |
|------------------|--------|-------------------|-------|
| B B Matlock..... | W. M.  | T P Woodruff..... | Sec.  |
| J D Wilson.....  | S. W.  | H W Ogden.....    | S. D. |
| W E Adger.....   | J. W.  | A C Strain.....   | J. D. |
| J A Herron.....  | Treas. | M Roy.....        | Tyler |

## PAST MASTERS.

B B Matlock, E A Shippey, J G Lambright.

## MEMBERS.

|                  |                  |                |                  |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Adger, J L       | Graham, J L C    | Miller, S      | Stinson, R T     |
| Arnold, J M      | Hamilton, Lander | McCulloch, S P | Stockwell, J J   |
| Arnold, C W      | Hancock, James   | Mark, J H      | Stanley, Wm.     |
| Bush, W J        | Hooker, W W      | Milling, J S   | Strahn, J P      |
| Coates, Martin   | Harper, J M      | Norman, Carter | Tidwell, J T     |
| Chasteen, Thomas | Hanks, F M       | Newman, G W    | Underwood, H M   |
| Doles, Z         | Jones, P E       | O'Neal, Elias  | Vansyckle, Sam'l |
| Davidson, D A    | King, C E R      | Prather, W R   | Vance, S W       |
| Doles, W N       | Moore, A M       | Pickett, John  | Whiteman, McD    |
| Dickson, M A     | Mason, George    | Rogers, James  | Wiley, S S       |
| Ellison, W H     | Morris, Allen    | Roundtree, J T | Willard, Jacob   |
| 54 members.      |                  |                |                  |

*Initiated*—W Arnold, C E R King, Jno M Arnold, J S Sanderson, McD Whiteman, T P Woodruff, F M Hanks, T J Tidwell, Lee Carner, R Y Graves, J J Stockwell, J B Lowry, Paul T Abadee.

*Passed*—W Arnold, C E R King, W N Doles, Jno M Arnold, McD Whiteman, T P Woodruff, F M Hanks, J T Tidwell, J J Stockwell, J B Lowry.

*Raised*—C E R King, W N Doles, Jno M Arnold, McD Whiteman, F M Hanks, T J Tidwell, J J Stockwell, T P Woodruff.

*Affiliated*—A M Moore, M A Dickson, W H Ellison.

*Demitted*—John Pickett, J G Lambright, Lander Hamilton, G W Newman, Jas Rodgers, E A Shippey (1867), E Cross, (1859.)

*Died*—A M Moore.

*Reinstated*—John Pickett, Martin Coates, Lander Hamilton, Sam Miller.

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 THIBODAUX BENEVOLENT LODGE No. 90.

Thibodaux P. O., Lafourche Interior, La.—Second and last Wednesday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                     |        |                  |             |
|---------------------|--------|------------------|-------------|
| F L Mead.....       | W M.   | E W Lawless..... | S D.        |
| W H Ragan.....      | S W.   | A Weise.....     | J D.        |
| D Moore.....        | J W.   | E J Bruff.....   | M C.        |
| L Meyer.....        | Treas. | D Kling.....     | } Stewards. |
| Isaiah D Moore..... | Sec.   | J J Stewart..... |             |
| Owen Conlan.....    |        | Tyler.           |             |

## PAST MASTER.

F L Mead.

## MEMBERS.

|               |                 |                |               |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Aubert, L C   | Darden, R G     | Koltz, Abraham | Ribbeck, A    |
| Armitage, C   | Grunberg, C H L | Lyle, John N   | Rutledge, S M |
| Atkinson, F S | Gilbert, P J    | Ledet, Hy E    | Sims, Wm      |
| Barron, Wm M  | Hoffman, F      | Lawhorn, F M   | Simon, S      |
| Burton, Wm D  | Head, W L       | McSpaden, S M  | Stampley, M B |
| Billin, Jas A | Keefe, L        | Murray, R A    | Williams, J P |
| Carver, H H   | Kling, G        | Perkins, Jas S | Williams, C C |
| Drexler, Leon |                 |                | 39 members.   |

*Initiated*—Hiram H Carver, John N Lyle, Ed Meegell, Fred H Perkins, O Barrois

*Passed*—H H Carver, S Simon, P J Gilbert, John N Lyle, Ed Meegell, John Stone.

*Raised*—H H Carver, S Simon, P J Gilbert, J A Bailliu, Frank Hoffman, John N Lyle, G Kling.

*Demitted*—H H Carver, S Simon, P J Gilbert, S N Atkinson, A Klotz, W Sims, L Drexler, G Kling.

## MONTICELLO LODGE No. 92

Floyd, Carroll Parish, La.—Stated meetings Third Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                      |        |                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|
| John L Cheatham..... | W M.   | Jas W Drauhon.....   | Sec.   |
| Robert J Loudon..... | S W.   | Hy D Briggs.....     | S D.   |
| L C Massingill.....  | J W.   | Albert G Belden..... | J D.   |
| E D Hannegan.....    | Treas. | Geo R Faith.....     | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

|                |                    |                 |              |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| John M Gaddis, | H R Lott, D D G M, | Thos F Gaddis,  | Wm T Oliver, |
| M J Drew,      |                    | W T C Anderson. |              |

## MEMBERS.

|                 |               |                  |                 |
|-----------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Atkins, Chas M  | Ellis, H C    | Henderson, W C   | Land, L J       |
| Brown, Jno R    | Flemming, E M | Jackson, E C     | Motley, C T     |
| Bell, Jas W     | Guier, Geo    | Keller, Wm       | McCandless, T D |
| Cawthorn, J L   | Gerald, R S   | Langford, Geo M  | Robinson, J H   |
| Cochran, Thos F | Hedrick, C A  | Lott, J D        | Sims, Jno P     |
| Dollerhide, R H | Hedrick, W A  | Leftwich, John S | Sage, Thos J    |
| Eddins, Abram   | Herring, J S  |                  | 40 members.     |

*Initiated*—J A Bennett, A G Belden, J H Martin, Jr, J A Young.

*Passed*—John C Bass, A G Belden, R S Gerald.

*Raised*—A G Belden, R S Gerald.

*Affiliated*—J H Robinson.

*Demitted*—Jas W Bell, C E Jackson, Wm Keller, J H Robinson, Thos J Sage.

*Died*—A Eddins.

*Stricken from Roll*—Charles Atkins

## NAPOLEON LODGE No. 94.

Union Parish, Ouachita City, La.—Stated Meetings second Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                   |        |                     |        |
|-------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| A N Pierce.....   | W M.   | C C Norman.....     | Sec.   |
| Samuel Smith..... | S W.   | W Parks.....        | S D.   |
| Levi J Parks..... | J W.   | W J Hill.....       | J D.   |
| H Youngue.....    | Treas. | Jos Williamson..... | Tyler. |



*Initiated*—Jas Sweeney, J Schmuthers, Jas Atchway, Jos Williams, O M Redon, M Thoye, W D White, Nicholas Gertner, — Schenneville, Martin Klein.

*Passed*—W Kulm, Jas Sweeney, Jos Williams, O M Redon, M Thoye, W D White, A R Williams.

*Raised*—Jas Sweeney, Jos Williams, O M Redon, M Thoye.

*Affiliated*—Jas Brandlin.

*Died*—M Hays, Louis Kopp.

*Reinstated*—C Brown, P M, by expiration of sentence of □.

## FRANKLINTON LODGE No. 101.

Franklinton, Washington Parish, La.—Stated meetings Second Saturday of each month.

### OFFICERS.

|                     |        |                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| Robt Babington..... | W M.   | J M Wallis.....     | Sec.   |
| Jos Kemp.....       | S W.   | W H Dixon.....      | S D.   |
| Hy Burkhalter.....  | J W.   | Stephen Mizell..... | J D.   |
| A C Brickham.....   | Treas. | John Foil.....      | Tyler. |

### PAST MASTERS.

|             |              |                 |
|-------------|--------------|-----------------|
| J M Burris, | Jacob Magee, | John Wadsworth. |
|-------------|--------------|-----------------|

### MEMBERS.

|                |                 |                 |                  |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Alford, M T    | Erwin, Jas H    | Morris, B A     | Self, Levi H     |
| Brumfield, J   | Ellis, Rev S    | Magee, T M      | Seal, C B        |
| Bulloch, D     | Edwards, B      | Morris, C B     | Smith, J M       |
| Burch, Jno R   | Fisher, Ben J   | Morris, John E  | Stringfield, D H |
| Brumfield, J Q | Fussell, E A    | Magee, Z T      | Thomas, C B      |
| Bennett, T G   | Graves, Nat     | Pounds, I J     | Thomas, Jas      |
| Bunch, T C     | Hosmer, Wm B    | Pierce, Jas     | Thomas, Mat      |
| Brock, Jas     | Hobgood, O M    | Richardson, W P | Wood, Jno R      |
| Bankston, L H  | Hayden, S A     | Slocum, J J     | Welch, Jas P     |
| Bickham, S W   | Haley, E        | Spring, Henry F | Warren, S J      |
| Crow, Jno L    | McLain, Kenneth | Spring, John S  | Williams, Wm     |
| Clower, A J    | McCain, Edward  | Spring, J L     | Waskum, P Y      |
| Dees, E B      | Mizell, John    |                 | 61 members.      |

*Initiated*—W H King, Elijah Kemp, C D Ott, W W Ott.

*Passed*—W H King, Elijah Kemp, C D Ott.

*Affiliated*—S J Warren.

*Demitted*—A J Clower, H F Spring, B A Morris, W B Hosmer, C E Morris.

*Died*—Rev. S Ellis, Kenneth McLain, T C Bunch.

*Stricken from Roll*—E A Farrell, P Y Waskum, J J Pounds.

## LOUISIANA LODGE No. 102.

Odd Fellows' Hall—Stated meetings, held every Thursday evening.

### OFFICERS.

|                                      |        |                       |           |
|--------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|-----------|
| W C Driver.....                      | W M.   | Geo F Bowers.....     | M C.      |
| J B Walton.....                      | S W.   | A W Merriam.....      | Steward.  |
| Thos E Williams.....                 | J W.   | J Pinckney Smith..... | Steward.  |
| Geo W Sizer.....                     | Treas. | Ed Boulligny.....     | Steward.  |
| A Waugh.....                         | Sec.   | F G Sampson.....      | Steward.  |
| E E Buckner.....                     | S D.   | H S Jacobs, P M.....  | Chaplain. |
| J W Pearce.....                      | J D.   | L A Seward.....       | Organist. |
| G W Garvin (not a member).....Tyler. |        |                       |           |

## PAST MASTERS.

Harmon Doane,

W C Driver,

Aaron Harris.

## HONORARY MEMBERS.

Stewart, C S, P M,

Anderson, J

## MEMBERS.

|                  |                 |                |                  |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Clements, T, P M | Dunning, J H    | Kursheedt, E J | Rebenstisch, C G |
| Herron, F J, P M | Dickey, E S     | Kaufman, L     | Rountree, A W    |
| Abbott, A L      | Elliott, John F | Luzenberg, C H | Bailey, C R      |
| Allen, C A       | Fitz, J D       | Lipmann, J     | Read, Robt H     |
| Asche, M J       | Folger, F G     | Lonsdale, H T  | Ralli, N P       |
| Brickell, W E    | Fazende, P O    | Lonsdale, H H  | Reinhardt, B F   |
| Buckner, Jno A   | Glenny, J E     | Logan, S       | Rogers, Thos, Jr |
| Barnes, F        | Gardner, L H    | Miller, R W    | Rice, Geo C      |
| Bolles, E C      | Garner, G G     | McLearn, J G   | Routh, S M       |
| Beck, Jr, T J    | Gayle, R H      | Meyer, Victor  | Sebastian, G C   |
| Bates, W A       | Harrod, B M     | Mott, Robt     | Scott, J D       |
| Beard, C         | Hardie, W T     | Mure, John     | Seixas, H O      |
| Blair, Jas D     | Hailey, A B     | Martin, H      | Scott, J M       |
| Bonito, F A      | Hall, O E       | Morgan, P H    | Seixas, J M      |
| Boardman, T S    | Heaney, Jas     | Micks, T R S   | Skinner, J S     |
| Binachi, N M     | Hart, Toby      | Magner, Selim  | Sager, W         |
| Barbot, J P      | Hurley, M       | Macmurdo, R L  | Slocum, C H      |
| Baldwin, A       | Hill, J B       | Mooney, H C    | Screven, R D     |
| Buckner, S B     | Hill, J D       | McKnight, H C  | Steever, W       |
| Buchanan, Henry  | Hays, H T       | Mitchell, W S  | Surget, E        |
| Cushman, B C     | Harris, A, Jr   | Newman, S B    | Schonfeldt, F W  |
| Carey, Jos T     | Hutchinson, R C | Nixon, J O     | Smith, Howard    |
| Converse, G T    | Heine, Armand   | Nixon, J, Jr   | Sherry, Jas N    |
| Cummings, A N    | Harris, Alex    | Nathan, Geo    | Starke, W N      |
| Cammack, T D     | Harris, Edwin   | New, John H    | Snowden, S H     |
| Crosby, J S      | Hite, Geo D     | Parker, Robt   | Thompson, P K    |
| Crawcour, I L    | Hopper, B B     | Pierson, H     | Twichell, H T    |
| Clark, Walter P  | Ivy, Edw        | Perry, A W     | VonZinken, Leon  |
| Cotting, Chas C  | Joseph, L H     | Parker, E T    | Witherspoon, H E |
| Donnelly, Thos   | Janney, John    | Palfrey, E A   | Walker, Thos F   |
| Dashiell, W H    | Kennard, J H    | Peale, A H     | Williams, Thos S |
| Dupré, E         | Krumphaar, W B  | Randall, M C   | Woods, L E       |
| Durno, Jas       | Krull, C F      |                | 147 members.     |

*Initiated*—C M Allen, Geo F Bowers, W A Bates, B Bridge, Thos J Beck, Jr, E S Cook, Thos, Donnelly, Jas Heaney, Toby Hart, Hago Mahnertz, J W Pearce, M C Randall, G C Rebenstisch, J Pinckney Smith, Walter Sager, J S Skinner, L A Seward, F G Sampson, L E Woods.

*Passed*—E E Buckner, Geo F Bowers, W A Bates, Thos J Beck, Jr, Thos Donnelly, Jas Heaney, Toby Hart, Louis Kaufman, E A Palfrey, J W Pearce, M C Randall, G C Rebenstisch, J Pinckney Smith, Walter Sager, J S Skinner, L A Seward, F G Sampson, Louis E Woods, G C Sebastian (1867).

*Raised*—E E Buckner, Geo F Bowers, W A Bates, Thos J Beck, Jr, Thos Donnelly, Jas Heaney, Toby Hart, L Kaufman, E A Palfrey, J W Pearce, M C Randall, G C Rebenstisch, J Pinckney Smith, Walter Sager, J S Skinner, L A Seward, F G Sampson, L E Woods.

*Affiliated*—Jas D Blair, Jno Janney, S Logan.

*Demitted*—Geo G Garner, Hy Martin, Thos J Boardman (1868).

*Died*—C M Allen (E A.), Aaron Harris P M, Alex Harris, H T Lonsdale, T R S Micks.

## CLOUTIERVILLE LODGE No. 103.

Mouth Cane River, Natchitoches Parish, La.—Stated meetings first and third Sunday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                    |        |                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| S O Scruggs.....   | W M.   | D Goldman.....     | Sec.   |
| A L Grow.....      | S W.   | S Williams.....    | S D.   |
| L Edwards.....     | J W.   | Jno S Boswell..... | J D.   |
| J C Morantini..... | Treas. | J F Terrier.....   | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

S O Scruggs, P D G M and D D G M,

S B Shackelford.

## MEMBERS.

|              |               |           |             |
|--------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|
| Aaron, R     | Carnahan, K F | Kraft, B  | Moreau, A   |
| Bush, Jas    | Carnahan, Jno | Lacour, G | Moreau, P   |
| Bullitt, B W | Calhoun, W S  | Laroux, J | McNeily, T  |
| Collins, D   | DeBlanc, J E  |           | 23 members. |

*Initiated*—B Kraft, J F Terrier, D Goldman, R Aaron, — Richardson, J A Maute, R N Dean.

*Passed*—Benj Kraft, J F Terrier, D Goldman, R Aaron, — Richardson.

*Raised*—L Edwards, B Kraft, J F Terrier, D Goldman, R Aaron.

*Affiliated*—B W Bullitt, D Collins.

*Demitted*—Jas Bush, 1869; E A Bush, 1866; and T J Low, 1866; demitted in 1866, and not returned by □.

*Stricken from Roll*—J Leroux, J Carnahan.

## MOUNT LEBANON LODGE No. 104.

Mount Lebanon, Bienville Parish, La.—Stated meetings on the third Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                 |        |                   |        |
|-----------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| B H Stall.....  | W M.   | J D Holston.....  | Sec.   |
| J C Rogers..... | S W.   | J J Howerton..... | S D.   |
| D J Mizell..... | J W.   | F M Candler.....  | J D.   |
| J C Eagan.....  | Treas. | E Courtney.....   | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

J C Rogers,

J C Eagan,

W B Prothro,

J Brice,

R A Smith.

## MEMBERS.

|              |               |             |              |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| Brice, Wm    | Candler, F M  | Koonce, R A | Murphy, W H  |
| Courtney, F  | Duke, E M H   | Lewis, G W  | Perkins, H A |
| Candler, P H | Hillburn, J B | Lewis, E F  | Traylor, J   |
| Colbert, J R | Hillburn, J A | Mizell, D J | Wells, W F   |
| Courtney, J  | Key, M W      |             | 29 members.  |

*Initiated*—J D Holston, G W Lewis, W H Murphy.

*Passed*—J D Holston, G W Lewis, W H Murphy.

*Raised*—J D Holston, G W Lewis, W H Murphy.

*Affiliated*—J Courtney, E F Lewis.

*Demitted*—W H Murphy, J Brice, Wm Brice, P H Candler, J D Duke, E M H Duke, J Traylor.

*Died*—J R Colbert.

## TRINITY LODGE No. 105.

Trinity, Catahoula Parish, La.—Stated meetings first and third Wednesday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                  |        |                    |        |
|------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| N Koshland.....  | W M.   | Eugene Barrow..... | Sec.   |
| F Griffin.....   | S W.   | M J Beard.....     | S D.   |
| J L Davis.....   | J W.   | B M Carter.....    | J D.   |
| D P Calhoun..... | Treas. | F Routh, Jr.....   | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

A Montpelier, C B Wheeler.

## MEMBERS.

|               |              |               |                |
|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Beard, Wm     | Gibson, R G  | Morris, W T   | Shutzer, Jno   |
| Breethaupt, T | Hanes, P     | May, G B      | Slenker, J     |
| Bronson, C R  | Horton, J W  | Ogden, J P    | Thomas, W H    |
| Crooks, Ph    | Hauffman, B  | Ogden W M     | Wharton, F H   |
| Campbell, S W | Jones, W     | Rawlings, R G | Wright, J A    |
| Cosgrove, S D | Kiger, P     | Rothrock, N W | Wooten, R G    |
| Dale, Wm      | Kiper, J R B | Rudick, N     | Walters, R     |
| Elam, S S     | Lemle, D     | Rourke J E    | White, W H     |
| Gibson, B J   | Liddell, A J | Spinks, H     | Wilson, Hughes |
|               |              |               | 46 members.    |

*Initiated*—J H McCabe, Wilson Hughes, J W Cole, R R Brown, C H Wilson, J N Beard.

*Passed*—S Block, R Walters, N Ruddick, S S Elam, W Ogden, W Hughes, L B Ker, W Jones, J W Horton, R R Brown, C H Wilson, J E Rourke, Thomas Ellis, C R Bronson, M R Barrow.

*Raised*—R Walters, F Griffin, N W Rothrock, N Ruddick, S S Elam, W M Ogden, W Hughes, W Jones, D Lemle, J W Horton, M J Beard, Eugene Barrow, J E Rourke, C R Bronson.

*Affiliated*—J Shlenker, S W Campbell.

*Demitted*—R G Rawlings.

*Reinstated*—B J Gibson, R G Gibson, P Kiger, J R B Kiper, A J Liddell, W H Thomas, F H Wharton, August 22, 1868.

## VIENNA LODGE No. 106.

Vienna, Jackson Parish, Louisiana.—Stated meetings second Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                      |                  |                   |           |
|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| P D Scarborough..... | W M.             | R E Russ.....     | Sec.      |
| W R Byers.....       | S W.             | T L Walker.....   | S D.      |
| A C Simonton.....    | J W.             | B B Brittain..... | J D.      |
| John Huey.....       | Treas.           | J H Mays.....     | Chaplain. |
|                      | W C Calcote..... |                   | Tyler.    |

## PAST MASTERS.

M P Quinn, J H Stevens, J W Calcote, J W Dobbins.

## MEMBERS.

|              |                |              |              |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Aswell, D S  | Brothers, A M  | Colvin, J T  | Colvin, G H  |
| Baremore, H  | Broughton, W D | Colvin, M T  | Coker, S M   |
| Ball, J R    | Coker, W H     | Colvin, W D  | Coker, T C   |
| Beck, Chas   | Colvin, A H    | Colvin, D    | Collie, John |
| Bauchmann, M | Colvin, A F    | Colvin, Thos | Carlton, W F |

|                |                 |               |                   |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Coxe, J E      | Leggett, S P    | Spivy, M      | Thomerson, F M    |
| Fowler, V H    | Milner, J C     | Stewart, R H  | Vining, Jas E     |
| Gaar, W P      | Newton, Geo     | Simmons, J A  | Wood, Willis      |
| Gay, Elijah    | Otts, J B       | Simmons, J W  | Windsor, Isaac    |
| Gibson, A      | Robinson, A     | Slayton, H C  | Wilder, J J       |
| Greenwood, F C | Rinehart, J W   | Stuart, R J   | Woodward, Thos    |
| Hines, Wiley   | Richardson, W   | Stuart, T H D | Walker, J C       |
| Harrison, W    | Smith, W J      | Ship, G W     | Williamson, R T M |
| Jackson, J W   | Skinner, Samuel | Trible, C     | Young, W R        |
| Knowles, T C   |                 |               | 71 members.       |

*Initiated*—R T M Williamson, F M Thomerson, Geo Newton, A M Brothers, G L Brothers.

*Passed*—R T M Williamson, G H Colvin, F M Thomerson, Geo Newton, A M Brothers, G L Brothers.

*Raised*—R T M Williamson, G H Colvin, F M Thomerson, Geo Newton, A M Brothers.

*Affiliated*—W D Broughton, C Tribble, W Richardson, W R Byers, J H Mays, H C Slayton.

*Demitted*—J C Milner, W R Young, J B Otts, J H Stevens, W H Coker, T C Coker, G W Dobbins, F C Greenwood, T C Knowles.

*Died*—W R Young.

*Stricken from Roll*—Thos Woodward, W J Smith.

### SPARTA LODGE No. 108.

Sparta P. O., Bienville Parish, La.---Stated meetings fourth Saturday of each month.

#### OFFICERS.

|                   |        |                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| J T Boone.....    | W M    | B W Pearce.....   | Sec.   |
| D H Sheppard..... | S. W.  | Jesse Murphy..... | S D.   |
| Isaac P Webb..... | J. W.  | S T Neal.....     | J. D.  |
| A Stall.....      | Treas. | E Murphy.....     | Tyler. |

#### PAST MASTERS.

|              |             |                |
|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| R M Crowson, | C H Murphy, | W S Cockerham. |
|--------------|-------------|----------------|

#### MEMBERS.

|                    |                |                 |                  |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Blume, J B         | Franks, D      | Low, W M        | Preslar, W C     |
| Blackwood, T M     | Grice, Lewis   | Long, J E       | Pierson, H L     |
| Barron, L G        | Harris, E P    | McCreight, W R  | Rushton, A G     |
| Crawford, Thos     | Holder, J P    | Mays, J A       | Shively, C       |
| Chance, Jas M      | Hamilton, H T  | Melton, J W     | Sechee, J H      |
| Cockerham, Jno     | Hightower, T J | McCoy, Gilbert  | Stephens, John F |
| Coldwell, W M      | Head, J R      | McCrary, E J    | Tenison, L C     |
| Cooper, Martin     | James, W M     | Noles, J G      | Upshaw, Jas      |
| Collingsworth, Jas | Kimball, W P   | Noles, O L      | Warren, J au     |
| Collingsworth, O M | Kemp, W M      | Pearce, J L     | Warren, E N      |
| Cotton, A P        | King, H M      | Powell, Abraham | Warren, Arthur M |
| Day, Simon         | Koonce, R A    | Pickens, A O P  | Wardlaw, L B     |
| Dubose, S B        | Koonce, Alex   | Poole, John N   | Wooley, R W      |
| Fouts, J T         | Low, G W       | Paxton, T E     | Woolley, J M     |

67 members.

*Initiated*—Thos M Blackwood.

*Passed*—Simon Day, Thos M Blackwood.

*Raised*—Simon Day, Thos M Blackwood.

*Affiliated*—E P Harris, R A Koonce.

*Demitted*—A G Rushton, C H Murphy, W R McCreight, A M Warren.

*Died*—John G Noles.

*Reinstated*—A Koonce, G McCoy, T H Hamilton, O L Noles.

## CASTOR LODGE No. 109.

Castor P. O., Caldwell Parish, La.—Stated Meetings first full moon of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                         |        |                                |        |
|-------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|--------|
| W L DeGraffenreidt..... | W M.   | Joel Tatum.....                | Sec.   |
| W T Nettles.....        | S W.   | S Thomas.....                  | S D.   |
| A B Wood.....           | J W.   | D C Brown.....                 | J D.   |
| B F Street.....         | Treas. | J A Meredith, (not a member).. | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTER.

W L DeGraffenreidt.

## MEMBERS.

|                 |                |             |              |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| Allen, B W      | Brown, Jas     | Fowler, Jas | Morgan, W O  |
| Baygents, T M W | Buckhalter, Wm | Harris, E W | Roberts, E M |
| Baynard, T H W  | Cook, H M      | Harris, A H | Raymond, W M |
| Butler, T B     | Cox, Zachariah | Lacey, A A  | Thomas, D B  |
|                 |                |             | 24 members.  |

*Initiated*—L G Thomas.

*Passed*—A A Lacey.

*Raised*—A A Lacey.

*Affiliated*—S Thomas.

*Demitted*—M Baygents, Z Cox, E W Harris, A H Harris, 1868, W O Morgan.

*Stricken from Roll*—B W Allen.

*Reinstated*—John Hampton.

## HARRISONBURG LODGE No. 110.

Harrisonburg, Catahoula Parish, La.—Stated meetings second and fourth Saturday of each Month.

## OFFICERS.

|                       |        |                     |        |
|-----------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| Richard H Harris..... | W M.   | A Conn.....         | Sec.   |
| Jacob Wolf.....       | S W.   | H S Doniphan.....   | S D.   |
| John Doshier.....     | J W.   | Hartwig Newman..... | J D.   |
| Moses Wineburg.....   | Treas. | A R Phillips.....   | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

Geo H Wells,

C C Duke.

## MEMBERS.

|                |              |                 |                |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| W W Risher,    | Green, Hy L  | Levystein, A    | Reed, J N      |
| P M., D D G M, | Green, T L   | Lovelace, P E H | Reddith, W A   |
| Anderson, J    | Goulden, W E | Lovelace, J H   | Reinhard, Thos |
| Beasman, J S   | Hynes, T O   | Laudaner, E     | Routon, T A    |
| Carter, P H    | Hodkins, E L | Mayer, L        | Roach, D       |
| Clark, W M     | Hanks, T W   | Madison, C P    | Sheffield, J P |
| Cuny, S C      | Hanks, J W   | Moore, Jos H    | Stamper, J N   |
| Duke, L G      | Harper, M H  | McCollum, W H   | Splain, E      |
| Dempsey, M     | Hodges, R F  | Nix, Thos D     | Walker, S D S  |
| Davis, A J     | Johnson, R H | Prichard, D M   | Wormack, W F   |
| Forsyth, Jas   | Lanius, J    | Prichard, W S   | 52 members.    |

*Initiated*—John Anderson, P H Carter, W M Clark, M Dempsey, Jas Forsyth, M H Harper, R H Johnson, E Laudaner, Jos H Moore, Thos D Nix, W S Prichard, M A Reddith, John Higgins, John Peck, John Prichard, John C Scott.

*Passed*—John Anderson, P H Carter, W M Clark, John Doshier, M Dempsey, Jas Forsyth, M H Harper, R H Johnson, E Laudaner, C P Madison, Jos H Moore, H Newman, Thos D Nix, W S Prichard, M A Reddith, Thos Reinhard, T A Routon, J Higgins, Hy Newman, John Prichard.

*Raised*—John Anderson, P H Carter, W M Clark, J G Duke, John Doshier, H S Doniphan, M Dempsey, Jas Forsyth, M H Harper, R H Johnson, John H Lovelace, E Laudaner, P E H Lovelace, C P Madison, Jos H Moore, H Newman, Thos D Nix, W S Prichard, W A Reddith, Thos Reinhard, T A Routon.

*Affiliated*—Jas S Beasman, A J Davis, John W Hanks, R F Hodges, J A Reid, Jacob Wolf, W F Womack.

*Demitted*—A Levstien, G H Wells, 1868, C S Green, J Slencker, unknown.

*Died*—L P Madison, (Jesse Lanehart, H Mecour, during the war.)

### URIM LODGE No. 111.

Forks ville, Ouachita Parish, La.—Stated meetings every Saturday preceding full moon.

#### OFFICERS.

|                     |        |                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| W W Patrick.....    | W M.   | Thos L Simpson..... | Sec.   |
| And W Sheppard..... | S W.   | Jos F Hathaway..... | S D.   |
| Stephen M Cade..... | J W.   | John W Cade.....    | J D.   |
| Joel E Puckett..... | Treas. | A Calhoun.....      | Tyler. |

#### PAST MASTER.

Thos L Simpson.

#### MEMBERS.

|                |                  |                 |                 |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Achord, L F    | Butler, Jas J    | Gainey, R       | Peavy, C        |
| Averett, E D   | Bishop, Caldwell | Huey, B M       | Richardson, J C |
| Bryan, W       | Craig, Jas A     | Hodge, C W      | Simmons, Jno R  |
| Brooks, J McP  | Collins, Sam W   | Milling, John H | Wallace, Wm B   |
| Brooks, R L    | Covington, J A   | McLendon, A D   | Young, W R      |
| Bolton, G W    | Cross, Z E W     | Parker, M H     | Zeigler, N L    |
| Brooks, J      | Fuller, John     | Parker, P C     | Zeigler, J A    |
| Brady, G W     | Fuller, John N   | Parker, A F     | Zeigler, A C    |
| Britt, Lewis S |                  |                 | 41 members.     |

*Initiated*—J Willis Cade, Jos F Hathaway.

*Passed*—J Willis Cade, Jos F Hathaway.

*Raised*—J Willis Cade, Jos F Hathaway.

*Affiliated*—John A Covington, Z E W Cross, S M Cade, W R Young.

*Demitted*—Jas C Richardson, Joab Brooks, John H Milling.

*Died*—Z E W Cross.

### BARTHOLOMEW LODGE No. 112.

Plantersville, Morehouse Parish, La.—Stated meetings second Saturday of each month.

#### OFFICERS.

|                      |        |                   |        |
|----------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| John McCrory.....    | W M.   | W N Bunckley..... | Sec.   |
| W A Haddick.....     | S W.   | W B McCrory.....  | S D.   |
| M S Hunter.....      | J W.   | W F Watt.....     | J D.   |
| Thomas Bunckley..... | Treas. | T H Edwards.....  | Tyler. |

#### PAST MASTER.

John McCrory.

## MEMBERS.

|                 |              |                |               |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| Avriett, W J    | Gibson, M M  | Knotts, J B    | Seale, E W    |
| Arant, J D      | Harp, Jas N  | Kimbrough, G W | Thompson, J A |
| Bunckley, R     | Huff, R S    | Mangrum, W S   | Thigpen, H A  |
| Baker, J H      | Hill, L H    | McCord, J W    | Vaughan, G B  |
| Baker, J W      | Haddick, B S | McLeod, S W    | Vaughan, H D  |
| Carson, L       | Humphrey, Wm | Moore, Dixon   | Washburn, W M |
| Duckworth, E D  | Hubbard, F   | Perry, Z C     | Ward, W R     |
| Daniel, E L     | Jenkins, Wm  | Richmond, W L  | Worley, J C   |
| Daniel, B G     | Knox, J S    | Risor, W E     | Williams, L D |
| Eusterling, D S | Knox, Rebt J | Simpson, Thos  | Zachary, R    |

48 members.

*Initiated*—J H Baker, Levy Carson, Frank Hubbard, B B McLeod, R B Sadler, W A Briley.

*Passed*—J H Baker, Levy Carson, Frank Hubbard, B B McLeod, R B Sadler.

*Raised*—J H Baker, Levy Carson, Frank Hubbard, M M Gibson, E W Seale, W F Watt, R Zachary, W E Risor.

*Affiliated*—W R Bunckley.

*Demitted*—D S Easterling, M M Gibson, Frank Hubbard.

*Died*—B G Daniels, W R Ward.

*Stricken from Roll*—S W McLeod, W S Mangrum, G B Vaughan.

## THOMAS JEFFERSON LODGE No. 113.

Spearsville P. O., Union Parish, La.—First Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                  |        |                     |        |
|------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| J R Goyne.....   | W M.   | Wm D Henderson..... | Sec.   |
| G R Carroll..... | S W.   | W L Spears.....     | S D.   |
| B F Harrell..... | J W.   | S Brazzeal.....     | J D.   |
| D Henderson..... | Treas. | D G Gardner.....    | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

W L Spears,

J S Gilbert,

J R Goyne.

## MEMBERS.

|                 |               |                |                 |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Bauldwin, H M   | Hardin, M     | McCuller, Thos | Ramsey, J A     |
| Boatner, R M    | Hunt, Rev W   | Morrison, John | Spears, John P  |
| Campbell, M Q   | Johnston, S C | McDaniel, C C  | Seals, Levi     |
| Fitzgerald, J H | Lawrence, T P | Moore, W T     | Spears, J B     |
| Gray, John      | Light, Y K    | McAdams, I F   | Thompson, T J   |
| Hayes, B V      | Lanly, M L    | Nelson, N L    | Williams, J A B |
| Hays, J         | Love, John B  | Post, J M      | Williams, J C   |
| Hardin, E K     | McCuller, J J | Post, J S      | Word, S W       |
| Henderson, J W  | McCuller, B   | Rester, F M    | 44 members.     |

*Initiated*—H M Bauldwin, S C Johnston, Samuel Brazzeal, R M Boatner, J H Fitzgerald, M L Lanly, Levi Seals, John M Key.

*Passed*—H M Bauldwin, S C Johnston, Samuel Brazzeal, R M Boatner, J H Fitzgerald, M L Lanly, Levi Seals.

*Raised*—H M Bauldwin, S C Johnston, S Brazzeal, R M Boatner, J H Fitzgerald, M L Lanly, Levi Seals.

*Affiliated*—John Morrison.

*Demitted*—F M Rester, J C Williams, H M Bauldwin, J J McCuller, E H Hardin, J T McAdams, B McCuller.



## SHREVEPORT LODGE No. 115.

Shreveport P. O., Caddo Parish, La.—Stated meetings every Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                                    |        |                   |           |
|------------------------------------|--------|-------------------|-----------|
| S M Asher.....                     | W. M.  | B Holzman .....   | Sec.      |
| C H Spilker .....                  | S. W.  | W Kinney.....     | S. D.     |
| E M Van Ostrand.....               | J. W.  | L Weidenmann..... | J. D.     |
| L Bodenheimer.....                 | Treas. | M Samfield.....   | Chaplain. |
| A Moore, (not a member).....Tyler. |        |                   |           |

## PAST MASTERS.

|            |               |                 |              |
|------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| S M Asher, | Warren Hecox, | Geo Williamson, | H Hunsicker. |
|------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|

## MEMBERS.

|                 |                  |                 |               |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Allen, H E      | Hecox, J H       | Levy, Moses     | Scovell, N    |
| Barker, B P     | Hay, A L         | Mable, J W      | Stacey, A J   |
| Brice, J P      | Host, N          | Marshal, A W    | Steyens, R M  |
| Beck, W C       | Jacobs, J A      | Martin, E B     | Strauss, L    |
| Bertrand, G B   | Jacobs, Ed       | Mulhaupt, F X   | Stoner, J H   |
| Bennett, E B    | Jacobs, B        | Murphy, N W     | Watson, M     |
| Boazman, H C    | Kaufman, M Sr    | Poland, Thos Jr | Waldorn, F M  |
| Condon, C       | Kahn, A          | Polst, D        | Wisenor, W B  |
| Davidson, M     | Kilpatrick, J H  | Phelps, J E     | Wolf, A       |
| Dreyfus, S G    | Levy, S Jr       | Pickens, J W    | Wells, Samuel |
| Dickinson, John | Levy, Sam        | Rankin, E A     | Walker, Jos   |
| Gustine, L      | Leavenworth, J P | Sheridan, J S   | Wheaton, J W  |
| Fulsome, W M    | Linman, H        | Spilker, F W    | Weil, J N     |
| Heffner, Jas    |                  |                 | 64 members.   |

*Initiated*—C A Smithey, C W McCoy, Jno Caldwell, S Gustie, S G Dreyfus, M Samfield.

*Passed*—E A Rankin, C W McCoy, S G Dreyfus, M Samfield.

*Raised*—E A Rankin, S G Dreyfus, M Samfield.

*Demitted*—W Hecox, P M., (Geo C Hamilton, H S Lewis, 1867).

*Reinstated*—C Condon.

## ACACIA LODGE No. 116.

Plaquemine, Parish of Iberville, La.—Stated meetings on Saturday on or after full moon of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                   |        |                  |        |
|-------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| G Schlater.....   | W M.   | Jno Marcot ..... | Sec.   |
| D N Barrow.....   | S W.   | E Selly.....     | S D.   |
| Sam Mathews.....  | J W.   | A Levy.....      | J D.   |
| Jno Altimus ..... | Treas. | D Levy.....      | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

|                |                |              |              |
|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Paul O Hebert. | Henry S Brown, | John Marcot, | Sam Mathews, |
|                | D N Barrow,    |              |              |

## MEMBERS.

|                   |               |                |               |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| Whitney, J S. P M | Breaux, J A   | Herbert, A G   | Shearkey, J   |
| Arceneaux, E A    | Boote, W R    | Jumel, Allen   | Scott, A W    |
| Avet, Viucnt      | Commeaux, J J | Landry, M      | Savory, Ira J |
| Austin, J W       | Desobry, H    | McWilliams, J  | Schlater, R   |
| Blanchard, A      | Freeman, G B  | Marionneaux, B | Tuttle, J S   |
| Blanchard, J S    | Hall, B R     | Orcut, Ira E   | Woods, E D    |
| Brown, J M        | Hall, Alfred  |                | 36 members.   |

*Initiated*—D Levy, Wm A Smith, S Khan, Benj N Deblieux, Chas S Dod, Jas S Brown.

*Passed*—D Levy, Chas S Dod, Wm H Toffiez.

*Raised*—D Levy.

*Affiliated*—John W Austin, John S Whitney.

*Demitted*—Jos A Breaux.

### MILFORD LODGE No. 117.

Manchac Settlement, East Baton Rouge, La.—Stated meetings first Saturday before full moon of each month.—P. O., Baton Rouge.

#### OFFICERS.

|                   |        |                    |        |
|-------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| J R Young .....   | W. M.  | P S Harelson ..... | Sec.   |
| D H Miller .....  | S. W.  | J Delane .....     | S. D.  |
| J T Tarlton ..... | J. W.  | O Adams .....      | J. D.  |
| A B Booth .....   | Treas. | E Watkins .....    | Tyler. |

#### PAST MASTERS.

J J Freeman, J S Gardner, T W Brown.

#### MEMBERS.

|               |             |             |                |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Aucoin, P     | Dixon, E A  | Felder, J T | Simpson, J L   |
| Bullion, O A  | Dixon, A    | Garig, G    | Stafford, S W  |
| Brown, W D    | Dixon, S S  | Lusk, H     | Singletary, B  |
| Brown, T L    | Denham, J   | Piker, J F  | Turner, W      |
| Chambers, J S | Denham, R T | Quine, Wm   | Webb, C C      |
| Dixon, M      | Felder, O H | Smith, W    | Wilkerson, J P |
| Dixon, E      |             |             | 36 members.    |

*Initiated*—D Leblanc, F M Miller, J T Roughman, W Smith.

*Passed*—F M Miller, W Smith, J L Simpson.

*Raised*—A B Booth, W Smith, J L Simpson.

*Affiliated*—J R Young, S W Stafford.

*Demitted*—S W Stafford.

*Died*—M Dixon.

*Stricken from Roll*—O H Felder, W D Brown, J F Piker, J L Simpson.

### TERRYVILLE LODGE No. 118.

Terryville, Quay P. O., Claiborne Parish, La.—First Saturday in each month.

#### OFFICERS.

|                   |        |                    |        |
|-------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| H F Petty .....   | W M.   | G W Davidson ..... | Sec.   |
| B W Wilson .....  | S W.   | W R Byers .....    | S. D.  |
| M A Henry .....   | J W.   | Thos Norris .....  | J. D.  |
| S G Bickham ..... | Treas. | G W Knowles .....  | Tyler. |

#### PAST MASTER.

H F Petty.

#### MEMBERS.

|                  |            |                |             |
|------------------|------------|----------------|-------------|
| Dorman, J M, P M | Duty, M    | Robertson, J A | Taylor, W W |
| Atkies, M F      | Henry, J F | Swint, Jos     | Trussell, J |
| Byers, F M       | Ragin, T M |                | 18 members. |

*Passed*—F M Byers.

*Raised*—F M Byers.

*Affiliated*—T M Ragin, J Trussell, J A Robertson.

*Demitted*—F M Byers, W R Byers. (Wm. Stova and B Stova should have been W Hood and B Hood, reported demitted in 1867.)

## DEERFIELD LODGE No. 120.

Delhi, Richland Parish, La.—Stated meetings fourth Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                      |        |                     |        |
|----------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| Daniel S Travis..... | W M.   | Chas R Slider.....  | Sec.   |
| W E Atchinson .....  | S W.   | Warren M Scott..... | S D.   |
| J F Trezevant.....   | J W.   | W W Coke.....       | J D.   |
| G W Trezevant.....   | Treas. | W D Davis .....     | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

G W Trezevant,

W M Scott.

## MEMBERS.

|                 |                 |                 |                   |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Armstrong, A    | Feenan, P B     | McIntyre, R S   | Smith, John P     |
| Brumby, Geo McD | Fontance, J B   | McKelvey, D S   | Stubblefield, J R |
| Balf, O P       | Holly, John D   | McLemore, Hy W  | Vick, J T         |
| Balf, N S       | Heffuer, Oliver | McLemore, Ben   | Williams, B       |
| Couch, J H      | Irwin, Ed       | Mulholland, M M | Wolfe, Jos H      |
| Couch, Marion   | Keel, Sam A     | Purvis, W C     | Wadkins, Frank B  |
| Coe, Thos J     | Mulholland, C T | Rickard, L      |                   |
| Davidson, J T   | Mabin, W J      | Reed, Robt T    | 39 members.       |

*Initiated*—Geo W Montgomery, Jas N Rosson.*Passed*—Chas Barker, G W Montgomery, Daniel W Frisby.*Affiliated*—John B Fontance.*Demitted*—H W McLemore, Richard Lawrence.*Died*—Robert Reed.

## LISBON LODGE No. 121.

Lisbon, Claiborne Parish, La.

Returns received after closing Grand ☐.

## OFFICERS.

|                 |        |                      |        |
|-----------------|--------|----------------------|--------|
| W J Leslie..... | W M.   | T H Pennington.....  | Sec.   |
| E M Oaks.....   | S W.   | J J Duke.....        | S D.   |
| John Akin.....  | J W.   | W D Hester.....      | J D.   |
| Jas Cook.....   | Treas. | D A J Caruthers..... | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

W D Hester,

E Sparks,

T H Pennington,

W J Leslie,

Jno L Williams.

## MEMBERS.

|                 |               |                 |                |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Aycock, W F     | Cook, Jno W   | Lay, L R        | Rudisil, S     |
| Aycock, J       | Corry, A A    | McClendon, H H  | Tatum, S       |
| Autrey, W N     | Ford, J F     | Mullens, A      | Thomasson, J M |
| Beach, J L      | Harris, J W   | McClendon, C W  | Tait, R E      |
| Bullock, W O    | Hilley, F A   | McAdams, J T    | Tait, C H      |
| Bullock, E      | Hargrove, B F | McClendon, S W  | Talley, J M    |
| Beach, J W      | Harris, Eli   | McAdams, R E    | Waugh, J W     |
| Coleman, W G    | Heard, J F    | Moreland, J F   | Willis, T N    |
| Cargill, C H    | Jackson, J V  | Patton, H W     | Williams, J H  |
| Cooksey, J W    | Kimball, Wm   | Pennington, J D | Young, Jesse   |
| Clements, Jas M | Killgore, B S | Robertson, H A  | Williams, D A  |
| Cambron, A B    | Killgore, J B | Reagan, T M     | 57 members.    |

*Initiated*—G D Caldwell, R E McAdams.*Passed*—R E McAdams.*Raised*—R E McAdams.*Affiliated*—C H Cargill, A B Cambron.*Demitted*—T M Reagan, S Rudisil, J T McAdams, S W McClendon.

# MACKEY LODGE No. 122.

Ringgold, Bienville Parish, La.—Stated meetings third Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                  |        |                   |             |
|------------------|--------|-------------------|-------------|
| E N Kirtley..... | W M.   | J F McDaniel..... | S D.        |
| J H Scott.....   | S W.   | T G McGraw.....   | J D.        |
| H Hand.....      | J W.   | J D Mims.....     | } Stewards. |
| J B Booth.....   | Treas. | Sol McGraw.....   |             |
| Alex J Kolb..... | Sec.   | D Batchelor.....  | Tyler.      |

## PAST MASTERS.

|            |               |                 |           |
|------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------|
| J H Scott, | J D Cawthorn, | W M D Cawthorn, | A J Kolb. |
|------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------|

## MEMBERS.

|                |                |               |               |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Bryan, Jas     | Davis, E W     | Mays, M J     | Regan, John   |
| Bryan, T C     | Davis, F B     | Maxey, H T    | Shehee, H D   |
| Bryan, J B     | Hayes, G S     | Melvin, G W   | Tooke, H V    |
| Bryan, Terrell | Hall, H J      | McElroy, W T  | Tooke, J A    |
| Blount, B B    | Jones, B E     | Martin, N A   | Theus, E P    |
| Burnett, T H   | Long, J J      | Norman, D E   | Theus, H P    |
| Bludworth, W   | McDuffie, G W  | Newsom, W A J | Thomas, B F   |
| Caldwell, J A  | Manning, B M   | Pate, A W     | Watts, C J    |
| Cotter, W H    | Martin, W A    | Perry, J C    | Woodward, J E |
| Cawthorn, G W  | McFarland, J P | Prior, A S B  | Waters, S P   |

52 members.

*Initiated*—H J Hall, B E Jones, T G McGraw, J D Mims, Sol McGraw, C J Watts, W T McElroy, G W Christian, J J Grigsby, J J Cook, W T Theus.

*Passed*—H J Hall, B E Jones, T G McGraw, J D Mims, Sol McGraw, C J Watts, W T McElroy, J J Grigsby.

*Raised*—H J Hall, B E Jones, T G McGraw, J D Mims, Sol McGraw, C J Watts.

*Affiliated*—B B Blount, B F Thomas.

*Demitted*—W Bludworth, J D Cawthorn, G W McDuffie, M J Mays, N A Martin.

*Died*—J A Caldwell.

# LIBERTY LODGE No. 123.

Keachi, DeSoto Parish, La.—Third Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                    |        |                        |        |
|--------------------|--------|------------------------|--------|
| Chas Schuler.....  | W M.   | J Bachman Lee.....     | Sec.   |
| W H Davis.....     | S W.   | A J Caffey.....        | S D.   |
| F J Harrison.....  | J W.   | O T Hollingsworth..... | J D.   |
| T P Fullilove..... | Treas. | W. Perry.....          | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

|               |             |
|---------------|-------------|
| L L Tompkins, | A J Caffey. |
|---------------|-------------|

## MEMBERS.

|               |              |               |                |
|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Anderson, T D | Boney, W G   | Cotey, T D    | Gatlin, Thos M |
| Adams, E B    | Bowles, J M  | Cate, Douglas | Graner, G W    |
| Blunt, L C    | Cate, W G    | Crowder, G W  | Graves, Y W    |
| Brown, Jas    | Chaffin, J J | Doke, F Y     | Holmes, Robert |
| Beasley, J S  | Connell, C B | Dewitt, W M   | Holmes, Wm     |

|                  |              |              |                   |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Headrick, Geo    | King, E C    | Rogers, Y W  | Williams, J       |
| Headrick, W J    | Long, John J | Spilker, W G | Williamson, Jacob |
| Horn, Robt       | Moore, F J   | Stanley, W G | Warner, G J       |
| Hall, S E        | Powell, J M  | Thompson, D  | Warden, J C       |
| Hungerford, Chas | Powell, E    | Wells, D S   |                   |
| Hall, John       | Rich, A G    | Wayland, G W | 51 members.       |

*Initiated*—O T Hollingsworth, W A Headrick.

*Passed*—O T Hollingsworth, W J Headrick.

*Raised*—O T Hollingsworth, W J Headrick.

*Affiliated*—J S Beasley, J J Chaffin.

*Demitted*—Y W Graves.

*Suspended*—Douglas Cate, Geo W Crowder.

### KELLERTOWN LODGE No. 124.

Kellertown, East Feliciana Parish, La.—Second Saturday of each month.

#### OFFICERS.

|                    |        |                  |        |
|--------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| L G Perkins.....   | W M.   | A J Norwood..... | Sec.   |
| J E Riley.....     | S W.   | R J Pemble.....  | S D.   |
| Jas A Ramsey.....  | J W.   | C Gore.....      | J D.   |
| Jas R Freeman..... | Treas. | J B Newsom.....  | Tyler. |

#### PAST MASTERS.

A J Norwood, P G M.,

L G Perkins,

R J Pemble.

#### MEMBERS.

|                  |                 |                   |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Becknam, A J     | Graves, Thos J  | McHugh, T J       | Singletary, S L |
| Bethany, R F     | Hunt, J M       | Norwood, J E      | Smith, Isaac B  |
| Bankston, Aaron  | Henderson, John | Palmer, W C       | Street, Thos P  |
| Coffert, C T     | Henderson, W A  | Palmer, C S       | Scott, Ed A     |
| Carruth, Ancil   | James, S W      | Palmer, L A       | Smith, Adam P   |
| Collins, Thos F  | Lipscomb, S W   | Palmer, W F       | Stanley, Jes S  |
| Delee, C P       | McRaine, A      | Palmer, C         | Tousinou, D     |
| Dickey, D N      | McNeil, C       | Redhead, Joseph A | Wood, Chas      |
| Freeman, Z       | McQueene, N     | Robinson, H D     | Williams, J P   |
| Gorig, W W       | Mathews, J A    | Singletary, J L   | Williams, Jesse |
| Graves, Benjamin |                 |                   | 49 members.     |

*Initiated*—Thos J McCants, John R Rogers.

*Demitted*—Jos A Redhead, J L Singletary, J A Mathews.

*Stricken from Roll*—A Bankston, R F Bethany, D N Dickey, W A McRanie, A J Beckman, W A Henderson, H D Robinson, C T Ceffert, W F Palmer.

### PEARL RIVER LODGE No. 125.

Line Academy, Shady Grove P. O., Washington, La.—Stated meetings third Saturday of each month.

#### OFFICERS.

|                  |        |                     |        |
|------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| W C Warren.....  | W M.   | J E Ford.....       | Sec.   |
| A A Harvey.....  | S W.   | W Warren, Jr.....   | S D.   |
| *John F Ard..... | J W.   | B L Applewhite..... | J D.   |
| Robt Daniel..... | Treas. | S E Rankin.....     | Tyler. |

#### PAST MASTER.

W C Warren.

## MEMBERS.

|               |                |                |              |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Ard, Jos      | Baughman, Joel | Pittman, Jos A | Smith, Hiram |
| Adams, W H    | Batson, Eli    | Pigott, N W    | Stewart, J A |
| Adams, S W    | Bateman, H L   | Ryall, Hardy   | Seale, Jos C |
| Amacker, J A  | Baxter, James  | Ryall, J B     | Tate, T A J  |
| Adams, P G    | Fornea, T J    | Rouse, C R     | Warren, S J  |
| Baughman, M L | Forbes, A J    | Rawls, W J     | Warren, D R  |
| Ball, J W     | Forbes, N C    | Simmons, J M   | Warner, T J  |
| Ball, D N     | Grimsley, J G  | Smith, J E     |              |
| Byrd, D S     | McKenzie, A Z  | Smith, James   | 42 members.  |

*Initiated*—M L Baughman, J W Ball, B L Applewhite, H R Warren, S W Wilkes.

*Passed*—M L Baughman, J W Ball, B L Applewhite.

*Raised*—M L Baughman, J W Ball, B L Applewhite.

*Demitted*—T J Fornea, S J Warren, W E Rawls.

*Stricken from Roll*—J A Pitman.

*Reinstated*—T J Fornea, D S Byrd, H L Bateman, J B Ryall, Hardy Ryall, Jos. Ard.

\*Reported demitted in 1866; no report of affiliation since.

## ARCADIA LODGE No. 126.

Arcadia, Bienville Parish, La.—First Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                     |        |                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| E Gresham.....      | W M.   | John N Ryant.....   | Sec.   |
| Jas J Brice.....    | S W.   | Richard Murphy..... | S D.   |
| Jas A McGuire.....  | J W.   | J T Haynes.....     | J D.   |
| Jas H Roberson..... | Treas. | Jos Henderson.....  | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

|                |                        |             |
|----------------|------------------------|-------------|
| James J Brice, | Geo N Clappitt, D G M. | W J Fields. |
|----------------|------------------------|-------------|

## MEMBERS.

|                 |                   |                  |                  |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Aswell, B W     | Driscoll, James C | Jackson, J A B   | Pulig, Thos A    |
| Alexander, Thos | Gray, J F         | Jordon, John H   | *Roberts, Wade   |
| Brice, C C      | Givens, J A H     | Mitchell, B S    | Ragen, W N       |
| Birt, J D       | Givens, W T       | Mitchell, John W | Smart, S S       |
| Birt, H D       | Givens, T S       | McConathay, J J  | Spurlock, R      |
| Bird, J M       | Henderson, P      | Mizell, J W      | Scarborough, J M |
| Bond, J L       | Heys, John C      | Moore, W         | Teasley, L       |
| Brown, J M      | Jonas, Jas M      | *Oden, A M       | Tamplin, Jas     |
| Brown, D E      | Jones, W A        | Powell, J A      | Young, Jas       |
| Beard, P R      | Jordan, John M    | Patterson, W C   | Youngblood, Wm   |
|                 |                   |                  | 52 members.      |

*Initiated*—Thos Alexander, Joseph Henderson, J P White, T N Calhoun, John H Roberson, J W Wood.

*Passed*—Thos Alexander, Joseph Henderson, Jas M Jones, B W Glover.

*Raised*—Thos Alexander, Joseph Henderson, Jas M Jones.

*Affiliated*—J D Birt, D H Birt, W N Ragen, J M Bird.

*Demitted*—Thos Alexander, James Tamplin, A J Wilson, Thos A Pulig.

\*Not accounted for.

## SPRING HILL LODGE No. 127.

Spring Hill Church, Union Cross Roads, Union Parish, La.—Second Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                    |        |                  |        |
|--------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| G W Murphy.....    | W M.   | J W Hopkins..... | Sec.   |
| C C Clark.....     | S W.   | E M Evans.....   | S D.   |
| J M Gathright..... | J W.   | M P Newsome..... | J D.   |
| W J Pickel.....    | Treas. | W T Poole.....   | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

George W Murphy, J P Everett, J T B Andrews, C W Clowe.

## MEMBERS.

|              |              |               |              |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Branch, J W  | Everett, T M | Maroney, W H  | Tommey, J T  |
| Buckley, J O | Garner, T J  | Murphy, R C   | Watkins, D A |
| Caskey, J W  | Gully, S L   | Poole, T P    | Wood, O P    |
| Cammack, A J | Gaught, J H  | Pistole, A    | White, J T   |
| Dawkins, D D | Godley, J T  | Robinson, J B | Young, P R   |
| Daniel, M E  | Harris, W H  | Russell, F M  |              |
| Eckles, J B  | McGovern, J  | Thomas J T    | 37 members.  |

*Initiated*—E M Evans, W H Maroney, M P Newsome.*Passed*—E M Evans, W H Maroney, M P Newsome.*Raised*—E M Evans, W H Maroney, M P Newsome.*Affiliated*—W H Harris, F M Russell, J T Thomas, P R Young.*Demitted*—J T B Andrews, J W Branch, D D Hawkins, J T Godley, J T Tommey.*Died*—C W Clowe.*Expelled*—W T Barfield (F C), for gross unmasonic conduct.

## DAWSON LODGE No. 129.

Scottsville P. O., Claiborne Parish, La.—Stated meetings third Saturday in each month

[Returns received first March, 1870.]

## OFFICERS.

|                    |        |                   |        |
|--------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| *R E Thompson..... | W M.   | A M Thornton..... | Sec.   |
| V V Thompson.....  | S W.   | J L Thompson..... | S D.   |
| E F Williams.....  | J W.   | Ely Denton.....   | J D.   |
| G H Ferin.....     | Treas. | H H Ward.....     | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

V V Thompson, J Hardy, W S Thompson, W C Miller.

## MEMBERS.

|                |                |              |                |
|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Alford, A      | Curlin, Sam    | Kennedy, W R | Spears, Green  |
| Alford, Wm     | Greer, J T     | Kennedy, S C | Seyers, D J    |
| Bridges, James | Godley, J L    | Lowery, J F  | Thompson, C H  |
| Bridges, Robt  | Hart, R J      | Moore, E     | Thurmond, W H  |
| Boggs, J W     | Hightower, J F | Massey, T    | Wasson, W      |
| Bennett, A J   | Hosey, A       | Moore, R F   | Wilkinson, J B |
| Bailey, Jno S  | Hines, W H     | Stanley, J E | 38 members.    |

*Demitted*—A Alford, W Alford, J Bridges, Robt Bridges, Jno Bailey, S Curlin, J W Boggs, J F Hightower, J T Greer, S C Kennedy, W R Kennedy, E Moore, W Miller, D A McLaurin, D J Seyers, W S Thompson, John Hardy, W H Thurmond.*Died*—Enoch Hosey.

\*Not accounted for.

## SHILOH LODGE No. 131.

Shiloh, Union Parish, La.—Fourth Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                 |        |                      |        |
|-----------------|--------|----------------------|--------|
| S M Fuller..... | W M.   | John D Hamilton..... | Sec.   |
| R Roberts.....  | S W.   | W P Welch.....       | S D.   |
| W R Weldon..... | J W.   | J D Heard.....       | J D.   |
| P Moore.....    | Treas. | Walker Breed.....    | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

S M Fuller,

L J Loveless.

## MEMBERS.

|                  |                |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Bodes, W A       | Findley, L F   | Harper, A C      | Parish, Jas O  |
| Byram, Q A       | Hardin, T R    | Harper, A L      | Pleasants, B F |
| Bolton, E P      | Harris, A W    | Harper, W C      | Patten, W M    |
| Bolton, J T      | Heard, S S     | Johnson, W M     | Smith, W P     |
| Bagwell, Bayliss | Henry, C J     | Johnson, Geo W   | Shaw, Jos      |
| Booles, J J      | Heard, C J, Sr | Lovelady, J S    | Simmons, W G   |
| Cook, Wiley      | Hammock, J A   | McLaurin, D K    | Tabor, R J     |
| Davis, J T       | Harper, H W    | Martin, W H K    | Tabor, John L  |
| Duty, Jno W      | Heard, J R, Jr | Manning, F C     | Tatum, P L     |
| Dacus, A T       | Heard, C A, Jr | Milner, Jonathan | Tatum, Jas A   |
| Elliott, T T     | Hopkins, Wm    | Mitchell, C J    | White, Jno C B |
| Elliott, C W     | Heard, J P     | Porter, T        | Weldon, W R    |
| Edmunds, W J     | Harper, H M    | Porter, F T      | Welch, W P     |
| Fuller, G W      | Harden, Calvin | Poer, W W        | 65 members.    |

*Initiated*—Thos T Elliott, Geo E Heard, Geo W Johnson, F V Jackson, Wm Kelly.

*Passed*—Thos J Elliott, Geo W Johnson, F V Jackson, W W Poer.

*Raised*—Thos T Elliott, Geo W Johnson, T T Porter, W W Poer.

*Affiliated*—R Roberts.

*Died*—C A Heard, Jr.

*Expelled*—W W Poer, no cause assigned.

## WARREN LODGE No. 132.

Winnsboro P. O., Franklin Parish, La.

Last return 1867—See page 208, Proceedings of 1869.

Grand ☐ authorized Grand Secretary to receive Charter, Jewels, books, etc Communication of 1870.

H P Wells, w m, unknown. W E Rapp, s w (w o). D T Russell, s w (w o). M Samuel, unknown. B B Nugent (b o). J L Ward, unknown. H Block (w o). E W Cutter, unknown. M L Haggard, Texas. J H Head, dead. J W Hooter, Texas. N L Hower, Sheriff of parish. J T Lacy, unknown. A R McCaleb, unknown. J G Nabors, unknown. L Rosenfield (b o). R C Redfield (b o). A A Sanders (w o). L S Ward, dead. M Washburn (w o). J C Wheatley, unknown. J Bryan, in Richland parish. J Petit (b o). L Zin (b o).

## GORDY LODGE No. 133.

Cheneyville, Rapides Parish, La.—Stated meetings second Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                    |        |                   |        |
|--------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| J H Adebert.....   | W M.   | J W Jackson.....  | Sec.   |
| J P Snellings..... | S W.   | G W Stafford..... | S D.   |
| G B Marshall.....  | J W.   | Oscar Cheney..... | J D.   |
| C R Boyd.....      | Treas. | H M Callihan..... | Tyler. |



## PAST MASTER.

J H Audebert.

## MEMBERS.

|                |                |               |               |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Bracewell, J N | Johnson, J C   | Marshall, M R | Tanner, R L   |
| Bass, D W      | Keary, P F     | Pearce, J L   | Unsworth, Jno |
| Helm, T B      | Long, H F      | Riggs, W H    | Wells, M      |
| Hart, Robt     | McCormick, C G | Slaughter, S  | Williams, D W |
| Hendricks, R W | McDonald, J W  | Tanner, E L   | 27 members.   |

*Raised*—C R Boyd.*Affiliated*—J W Jackson, J N Bracewell, D W Bass.*Demitted*—R Hart.*Stricken from Roll*—R W Hendricks, J W McDonald, W H Riggs.

## PLAINS LODGE No. 135.

Plains Store, East Baton Rouge, La.—Stated meetings second Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                    |        |                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| A G Carter.....    | W M.   | R E Corcoran.....  | Sec.   |
| T L Mills.....     | S W.   | H N Sherburne..... | S D.   |
| Howell Carter..... | J W.   | R Chick.....       | J D.   |
| J D Nettles.....   | Treas. | P O'Brien.....     | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

Wm L Young,

H C Young,

A G Carter, P D G M, D D G M.

## MEMBERS.

|                 |                    |                  |                 |
|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Atkinson, L G   | Lilley, J Y        | McHugh, J A      | Riley, John     |
| Barnett, B B    | Loudon, W B        | McHugh, Jos      | Taylor, S J     |
| Brown, T B      | Levy, A            | Neville, A M     | Whitaker, D J B |
| Culbreathe, D   | Lusk, D H          | Pennington, A J  | Woodville, E L  |
| Harrell, C W    | Loudon, J M        | Rogillio, Julian | Young, W B      |
| Kirkland, J D A | Levy, H            | Rist, John       | Young, R T      |
| Knox, J C       | McCartney, Jas, Sr | Richard, J L     | 37 members.     |

*Initiated*—E L Woodside, W B Loudon, P O'Brien, T F Pinckney.*Passed*—E L Woodside, W B Loudon, P O'Brien.*Raised*—E L Woodside, W B Loudon, P O'Brien.*Affiliated*—S J Taylor.*Demitted*—Jas McCartney, Sr, J L Richards.

## ATHENS LODGE No. 136.

Athens, Claiborne Parish, La.—First Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                    |        |                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| W F Bridges.....   | W M.   | R J Bridges.....   | Sec.   |
| H A McFarland..... | S W.   | J F Mooty.....     | S D.   |
| W O Davis.....     | J W.   | J F McFarland..... | J D.   |
| B B Webb.....      | Treas. | W J Almond.....    | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

W F Bridges,

H A McFarland.

## MEMBERS.

|              |               |                |               |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| Atkins, J M  | Jordan, J H   | Morris, Jordan | Stricklin, E  |
| Auber, P A   | Johnston, J C | Payne, J H     | Webb, R J     |
| Bickham, W T | Keener, J H   | Perkins, H A   | Webb, R P     |
| Cargill, D   | Knighten, W C | Peel, J M      | Walker, N H   |
| Carr, J H    | Methvin, D J  | Raney, G M C   | Walker, W H H |
| Fincher, Ben | Merritt, J M  | Smith, B P     | Wafer, T B    |
| Fry, G W     | McFarlin, J B | Simmons, J H   | Wafer, J T    |
| Hobday, L    |               |                | 37 members.   |

*Initiated*—W J Thomas.

*Affiliated*—W O Davis, H A Perkins.

*Demitted*—J M Merritt, J B McFarland, J H Payne, J T Wafer, R J Webb, John Walker (1866).

*Stricken from Roll*—J M Atkins.

## JEFFERSONIAN LODGE No. 138.

Kingston, DeSoto Parish, La.—Stated meetings on Saturday before second Sunday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                   |        |                     |        |
|-------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| C E Crawford..... | W M.   | E W Lacy.....       | Sec.   |
| S C Furman.....   | S W.   | A F Stephenson..... | S D.   |
| L F Scott.....    | J W.   | J G Marshall.....   | J D.   |
| J H Cowley.....   | Treas. | J R Baker.....      | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

|                  |            |                 |
|------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Chas E Crawford, | L F Scott, | A F Stephenson. |
|------------------|------------|-----------------|

## MEMBERS.

|                    |              |              |             |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Gordy, Hon J C, PM | Gilmer, W L  | Loftus, P H  | Scott, Thos |
| Burke, W R         | Jackson, C G | Logan, B S   | Taylor, L A |
| Frierson, W S      | Kirren, E H  | McCrery, J H | Wood, Joe   |
| Farmer, J H        | Knight, J R  |              | 21 members. |

*Initiated*—S C Furman, J G Marshall.

*Passed*—S C Furman, J G Marshall.

*Raised*—S C Furman, J G Marshall.

*Affiliated*—W S Frierson.

*Demitted*—E H Kirren.

## HOUMA LODGE No. 139.

Houma, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.—Saturday on or before full moon.

## OFFICERS.

|                  |        |                    |        |
|------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| J B Dunn.....    | W M.   | A W Connelly.....  | Sec.   |
| A S Helmick..... | S W.   | F E Guedry.....    | S D.   |
| G G Hatch.....   | J W.   | H Loevenstein..... | J D.   |
| J A Gagne.....   | Treas. | Samuel Wolf.....   | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

|                 |             |           |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------|
| John R Bisland, | Jas B Dunn, | D S Cage. |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------|

## MEMBERS.

|                |               |               |                 |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Blakut, J      | Earnest, R G  | Leblanc, J P  | Paul, Xavier    |
| Barrow, R C    | Fuqua, N D    | Lyons, L C P  | Quick, W A      |
| Buford, Thomas | Gatewood, F W | Miller, J S   | Semple, Joseph  |
| Brown, Simon   | Henley, John  | Miller, Elias | Stewart, J B    |
| Bisland, W A   | Hepler, E A   | Mooring, W H  | Sanders, J M    |
| Cage, A G      | Hatch, W      | Midleton, E D | Singleton, T W  |
| Collins, H F   | Harlam, J     | Moore, J M    | Tennent, C      |
| Cross, Edward  | Hargis, T J   | Pattison, J E | Viola, Hypolite |
| Delaporte, A J |               |               | 43 members.     |

*Initiated*—F E Guedry, E A Hepler, W R Davis, Urbin Pecou.

*Passed*—A W Connely, F E Guedry, E A Hepler.

*Raised*—A W Connely, F E Guedry, E A Hepler.

*Demitted*—W H Mooring.

*Died*—Ed Cross.

*Stricken from Roll*—T Buford, H F Collins, F W Gatewood, John Henley, J Harlam, J P Leblanc, J S Miller, Jos Semple, H Viola.

## COOL SPRING LODGE No. 140.

Colquitt, Homer P. O., Claiborne Parish, Louisiana.—Stated meetings third Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                    |        |                  |        |
|--------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| John T Tignor..... | W M.   | G W Tignor.....  | Sec.   |
| R H Cleveland..... | S W.   | A H Brown.....   | S D.   |
| E Gray.....        | J W.   | W Odom.....      | J D.   |
| John Wilson.....   | Treas. | T J Foreman..... | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

J T Tignor,

A H Brown.

## MEMBERS.

|               |                  |                |                |
|---------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Allen, Y D    | Brown, McNorrell | Menefee, H W   | Palmer, A W    |
| Allen, Robert | Calloway, W E    | Mangham, J T   | Pool, A J      |
| Allen, W J    | Foster, W J      | Monk, J R      | Simmons, A C   |
| Allen, J J    | Glover, J J      | McClish, J     | Smith, J J     |
| Allen, F U    | Glover, E P      | Monk, M        | Sturges, J M D |
| Baker, J C    | Hightower, R R   | Moreland, Wm F | Shelman, H B   |
| Brown, T H    | Hanson, H C      | Newman, S C    | Taylor, J      |
| Burt, J H     | Hanson, T S      | Neely, J       | Taylor, J H M  |
| Blackman, J S | Herring, A H     | Nicholson, W B | Taylor, S M    |
| Beavars, J W  | Jarrell, W M     | Nelson, A T    | Taylor, J P    |
| Bentley, B    | Loveless, M H    | Oliver, Jos    | Thomas, J S    |
| Brunham, J S  | Monk, T J        | Palmer, E A    | Willis, J W    |
|               |                  |                | 55 members.    |

*Initiated*—F U Allen, A J Nelson, J N Glover.

*Passed*—F U Allen.

*Raised*—F U Allen, H C Hanson.

*Affiliated*—T J Foreman, T S Hanson, A H Herring, J M D Sturges, H B Shelman.

*Demitted*—McNorrell Brown, J S Blackman, J C Baker, J J Glover, M H Loveless, J T Mangham, S C Newman, W B Nicholson, A E Palmer, H B Shelman.

*Demitted*—(Not previously reported,) S T Brown, (1863,) J F Nelson, (1859,) D Duggan, T S McDaniel, (1865,) R J Brooks, W C Moreland, (1866,) W Oliver, C P Scaiff, J M Thomasson, (1867.)

*Died*—T N Wafer, (1864.)

*Stricken from Roll*—T H Brown, J H Burt, J W Beaver, R Bently, W E Callaway, W J Foster, E P Glover, J T Monk, J R Monk, M Monk, H W Menefee, John Neely, A C Simmons, J P Taylor, J S Thomas, J W Willis, E P Hedrick, (1866,) P O Hawkins, (not known.)

## DOWNSVILLE LODGE No. 143.

Downsville, Union Parish, La.—Stated meetings Saturday before full month of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                   |        |                      |        |
|-------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|
| John Shultz ..... | W M.   | E S Pipes .....      | Sec.   |
| L Kearn .....     | S W.   | M Peevy .....        | S D.   |
| J Dring .....     | J W.   | R McGee .....        | J D.   |
| M McFarlan .....  | Treas. | James Brewster ..... | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

|                |              |               |            |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|------------|
| Geo A Stinson, | John Shultz, | John W Hester | C H Raley. |
|----------------|--------------|---------------|------------|

## MEMBERS.

|                   |                |                |                  |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Woodward, J E P M | Graham, E M    | Laurence, M A  | Pardue, L        |
| Landers, J B P M  | Henry, J M     | Lamene, M A    | Peevy, H H       |
| Anderson, W       | Hicks, J A     | Mattox, W B    | Raney, Wm J      |
| Auldbrinton, W    | Hicks, D L     | Mayes, A J     | Rinehart, W L    |
| Barnes, Wm        | Hughs, John    | McCormick, W B | Richardson, J C  |
| Brooks, B F       | Henry, R H     | Manning, A J   | Stinson, H F     |
| Carter, John      | Honeycutt, A   | Manning, J C   | Taylor, Elias    |
| Dacus, C H        | Jones, Gilbert | McCormick, F M | Thornton, G P    |
| Ellis, Geo        | Kendall, W S   | McCormick, F   | Tidwell, James H |
| Ethridge, W B     | Lewis, Chas    | Mosely, H E    | Wade, Jas        |
| Ethridge, P       | Larche, Lucien | Norris, W S    | Woodward, Dan'l  |
| Greer, Thos J     | Larche, S W    | Pipes, Jos     | 57 members.      |

*Initiated*—R McGee, Geo Ellis, J A Hicks, W S Kendall, S W Larche, W Anderson, W B Ethridge, Washington Brewster, Wiley Futral, G P Thornton.

*Passed*—R McGee, Geo Ellis, J A Hicks, W S Kendall, G P Thornton, S W Larche, W Anderson, W B Ethridge.

*Raised*—R McGee, Geo Ellis, J A Hicks, W S Kendall, G P Thornton, S W Larche, W Anderson, W B Ethridge.

*Affiliated*—B F Brooks, F McCormick, Jephtha Dring, H E Mosely, J M Henry, J C Richardson.

*Demitted*—W B Mattox, F M McCormick, D Woodward.

*Died*—B F Farmer, B C Ellis, John Hinton, (all in 1862 not reported at that date.)

*Stricken from Roll*—W Barnes.

## OCEAN LODGE No. 144.

Polar Star Hall, corner of Rampart and History streets, N. O.—Wednesdays.

## OFFICERS.

|                   |        |                    |             |
|-------------------|--------|--------------------|-------------|
| J B Cooper .....  | W M.   | J M Schwarm .....  | J D.        |
| W Erslew .....    | S W.   | A Goldmann .....   | Chaplain.   |
| W Kneale .....    | J W.   | Pat Donnelly ..... | { Stewards. |
| M Boyne .....     | Treas. | Hy Gherken .....   |             |
| J A Letton .....  | Sec.   | Is Power .....     | Marshal.    |
| Jas Riordan ..... | S D.   | A Bunch .....      | Tyler.      |

## PAST MASTERS.

|                         |             |             |               |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Edward Barnett, P D G M | J P Warner, | A Goldmann, | H Millsbaugh. |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|

## MEMBERS.

|                 |                 |                |                   |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Anderson, R     | Diggs, Joseph   | Meekins, R L   | Robinson, John    |
| Anfoux, O       | Dumas, Theodore | McLean, John   | Smith, Wm         |
| Arnet, Wm F     | England, R      | Marks, A       | Smith, J H        |
| Bourges, A      | Goldman, T      | Melder, Wm     | Smith, Wm H       |
| Bostar, Chas    | Grayer, John    | McCarthy, Chas | Sturtevant Wm H   |
| Blazer, F       | Guptill, G H    | Mehl, Chas     | Schehr, J D       |
| Blohn, Henry    | Gutierrez, F    | Matz, Jacob    | Stow, Geo W       |
| Batchelor, W M  | Guel, J T G     | Mayer, D       | Sunner, N         |
| Ball, Chas B    | Hunter, R E     | Newman, Peter  | Theodore, N       |
| Chavigny, Geo   | Healy, W P      | Ohse, A        | Thomas, C         |
| Curry, Teo      | Heaton, J       | Post, Hy       | Tracy, M O        |
| Connor, T       | Hebert, A S     | Paersch, A     | Teens, Henry      |
| Cain, G L       | Ingle, E W      | Peterson, M    | Toebelman, John F |
| Clark, Jas      | Kennedy, Jas    | Parker, James  | Wright, Hy        |
| Carroll, Thos   | King, W H       | Peterson, A G  | Westholtz, H W    |
| Cooper, Jos     | Lewis, J H      | Raymond, J M   | Worch, Herman     |
| Dreyfous, Jacob | Long, Webster   | Raymer, T W    | 82 members.       |

*Initiated*—F Gutierrez, A S Hebert, D Mayer, Jas Riordan, Napoleon Sunner, Freeman R Lane, John Aschenbach, J W Walker, Samuel Weeks.

*Passed*—F Gutierrez, A S Hebert, C B Hall, D Mayer, Jas Riordan, N Sunner, J W Walker.

*Raised*—F Gutierrez, A S Hebert, C B Hall, D Mayer, Jas Riordan, N Sunner.

*Affiliated*—Jos Cooper, A G Peterson, John F Toeberman,

*Demitted*—G H Guptill, J M Raymond.

*Died*—Geo Chavigny, John Heaton.

*Stricken from Roll*—O Anfoux, Ag Bourges, Thos Conner, John McLean, Wm Smith, Theo Goldman, A Paersch, Jas Clark, T F Gust Guel, Chas Thomas, W H Smith.

## HOPE LODGE No. 145.

Vermillionville, Lafayette Parish, La.—Meets on the day of full moon, except the full is on Sunday, and then on the day preceding.

## OFFICERS.

|                 |        |                    |        |
|-----------------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| M E Girard..... | W M.   | Wm Brandt.....     | Sec.   |
| H Eastin.....   | S W.   | Jos H Wise.....    | S D.   |
| W B Bailey..... | J W.   | P S Arceneaux..... | J D.   |
| F Daigle.....   | Treas. | A Haas.....        | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

W B Bailey, M E Girard, A Mouton.

## MEMBERS.

|                   |               |             |             |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Bendel, Wm        | Couret, Louis | Judice, J N | Martin, A V |
| Bailey, Adolphe   | Dubose, H A   | Mouton, C H | Perry, R S  |
| Bernard, E        | Dugat, R      | Mouton, Wm  | Plonsky, L  |
| Bernard, Joseph T | DeBlanc, A    | Mudd, F S   | Read, H O   |
| Caffrey, J J      | Garnier, A    | Monge, E    | Siebeck, L  |

29 members.

*Initiated*—Jos H Wise, Bernard A Salles, Israel Falk, W O Smith.

*Passed*—Jos H Wise, B A Salles, W O Smith.

*Raised*—Jos H Wise.

*Affiliated*—H A Dubose.

*Demitted*—Leon Plonsky.

*Died*—Louis Couret.

## SILENT BROTHERHOOD LODGE No. 146.

Springville, P. O., Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana.—First Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                   |        |                    |        |
|-------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|
| Julius Lisso..... | W M.   | Thos B Selby.....  | Sec.   |
| B G Kenney.....   | S W.   | D H Hayes.....     | S D.   |
| Edwin Friend..... | J W.   | G W Singleton..... | J D.   |
| M Lisso.....      | Treas. | Jos McAlister..... | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

|              |                 |                       |               |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Sam'l Clark, | R A L McCurday, | Franklin L Armistead, | John E Murph, |
|              | Julius Lisso.   |                       |               |

## MEMBERS.

|                 |                 |              |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Abner, T W      | Granville, F    | Love, L E    | Stallings, M H  |
| Armistead, Wm W | Hammett, Robt E | Little, J M  | Salter, Jas P   |
| Baird, J H      | Hughes, Robt F  | Marsh, J E   | Sprowl, J       |
| Britt, Harrison | Howell, Thos H  | Mangham, J G | Treadwell, W H  |
| DeBruhl, E C    | Hovey, D        | Nelson, L C  | Williams, J W R |
| Dewberry, J W   | Jones, G W      | Nettles, H   | Wynne, Geo H    |
| Elliot, J M     | Jones, Ben F    | Perry, W A   | Walmsley, T C   |
| Foster, E P     | Kenney, Jas E   | Prior, B B   | Williams, W S   |
| Gohagan, O P    | Lee, B S        | Rowland, M   | Wilkinson, W T  |
|                 |                 |              | 48 members.     |

*Initiated*—Thos B Selby, G W Singleton, Waddy T Wilkinson, Jno O Williams  
Geo A Friend, T H Oliver, John R Hayes.

*Passed*—Thos B Selby, G W Singleton, Waddy T Wilkinson, J O Williams.

*Raised*—Thos B Selby, Geo W Singleton, Waddy T Wilkinson.

*Affiliated*—Thos H Howell, D H Hayes, J M Little, Jas P Salter.

*Demitted*—Harrison Britt, David Hovey, M Rowland.

*Died*—Franklin Granville, Geo H Wynne.

*Stricken from Roll*—Harrison Britt.

*Reinstated*—H Britt, Franklin Granville.

## ANACOCO LODGE No. 147.

Anacoco P O., Sabine Parish, La.—Stated meetings Saturday before the fourth Sunday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                 |        |                      |        |
|-----------------|--------|----------------------|--------|
| N H Bray.....   | W. M.  | Thos Richardson..... | Sec.   |
| J A Brown.....  | S. W.  | _____                | S. D.  |
| Cavil Bray..... | J. W.  | _____                | J. D.  |
| W W Taylor..... | Treas. | W P Cain.....        | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTER.

N H Bray, D D G M.

## MEMBERS.

|                  |                 |                 |             |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Brown, J A, P M  | Fairecloth, W K | Lambeth, J N    | Smart, W H  |
| Bray, Isaac, P M | Fuller, F A     | McAlpin, M      | Turner, J   |
| Brown, R A       | Franklin, J W   | McGee, J B      | Turner, A   |
| Bray, David      | Franklin, J M   | Russell, J G    | Turner, W W |
| Campbell, W B    | Franklin, Jno   | Richardson, W L | West, M     |
| Cole, John J     | Hagan, B T      | Smart, W W      | Wright, A   |
| Evans, A F       | Koonce, P       | Stephens, T R   | 32 members. |

*Initiated*—W B Campbell, Thos Franklin, Jr.

*Passed*—W B Campbell.

*Raised*—W B Campbell.

*Demitted*—W B Campbell, W K Faircloth, F A Fuller, B T Hagan, T R Stevens, W L Richardson, M West.

### RED LAND LODGE No. 148.

Redland, Collinsburg P. O., Bossier Parish, La.—Stated meetings Saturday on or before full moon of each month, and second Saturday thereafter.

#### OFFICERS.

|                  |        |                 |        |
|------------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| J G Allen.....   | W M.   | J J Scott.....  | Sec.   |
| M H Brock.....   | S W.   | J N Franks..... | S. D.  |
| T M Goodwin..... | J W.   | J C Edens.....  | J. D.  |
| F M Barnett..... | Treas. | C Swindle.....  | Tyler. |

#### PAST MASTERS.

John B Campbell,

John G Allen,

J J Swindle.

#### MEMBERS.

|                |              |                 |                |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Allen, H C     | Hughes, Wm J | Mading, J B     | Stroud, J H    |
| Allen, Gideon  | Heffner, Jno | Martin, J A     | Stroud, W A    |
| Boggs, S J     | Johnson, W E | McLemore, J F   | Spurlin, A J   |
| Blackburn, J M | Kemp, Jno T  | O'Daniel, C S   | Sanderson, E S |
| Cockran, W J   | Lewis, J O   | Owens, L D      | Wintrey, H R L |
| Edens A K      | Long, M P    | Rosborough, B C | Wyche, R E     |
| Fish, Wm J     | Lynn, B F    | Smith, D        | Whitaker, A    |
| Gossett, Wm B  |              |                 | 39 members.    |

*Initiated*—S J Boggs.

*Passed*—T M Goodwin, W J Cochran, S J Boggs.

*Raised*—T M Goodwin, W J Cochrane, S J Boggs.

*Demitted*—J M Blackburn.

*Stricken from Roll*—J T Kemp, J O Lewis, M P Long.

*Suspended*—L D Owens, indefinitely.

### DARLINGTON LODGE No. 149.

Darlington, St. Helena Parish, La.—Stated meetings second Saturday of each month.

#### OFFICERS.

|                      |        |                  |        |
|----------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| O L Collins.....     | W M.   | J L Nettles..... | Sec.   |
| Thos O Bradford..... | S W.   | Geo W White..... | S D.   |
| Jas W Clinton.....   | J W.   | W B Kemp.....    | J D.   |
| W F Doughty.....     | Treas. | S S Nettles..... | Tyler. |

#### PAST MASTERS.

O L Collins,

M H McCraine.

#### MEMBERS.

|              |                |                |               |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Allen, T D   | Kemp, D C      | Ramsey, W H    | Thompson, B W |
| Carter, W M  | Lee, W G       | Rogers, J P    | White, J A    |
| Chance, B    | Newson, H C    | Rogers, T J    | Williams, R W |
| Carruth, A W | Nettles, J M   | Rodgers, Moses | Wilson, D P   |
| Davis, W K   | Pipkin, H W    | Raborn, Quincy | Wells, G W    |
| Hurst, W J   | Robertson, J F | Story, W C     | White, John A |
| Henly, G R   | Rogers, T J    | Stewart, L     | 35 members.   |

*Initiated*—W L Story, A J White, T J Rogers, H K Strickland, J H Hodges.

*Passed*—W L Story, A J White, T J Rogers, H K Strickland.

*Raised*—Geo W White, W L Story, A J White, T J Rogers.

*Died*—D P Wilson.

## PERKINS LODGE No. 150.\*

Donaldsonville, Ascension Parish, La.—Stated meetings first Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                     |        |                   |        |
|---------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| W C Laws.....       | W M.   | H W Miller.....   | Sec.   |
| J J Claverie.....   | S W.   | V Maurin.....     | S D.   |
| Marx Israel.....    | J W.   | B Lacaze.....     | J D.   |
| Sol Weinschank..... | Treas. | A J Dulfares..... | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

T H Weightman,

E B Cox.

## MEMBERS.

|            |            |              |             |
|------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| Barthe, P  | Humbert, P | Lion, S      | Rogers, A J |
| Cohn, L    | Lion, L    | Mavor, C L   | Sterne, S   |
| Cohn, M    | Lion, E    | Nichols, F T |             |
| Dodds, J A | Lion, M    | Parks, J H   | 24 members. |

*Initiated*—A J Rutledge, J D Cantey, R A Irvin.*Passed*—J D Cantey, R A Irvin.*Demitted*—P Barthe, E B Cox, F T Nichols, E Lion.

\*No returns for 1868 received.

## EASTERN STAR LODGE No. 151.

Winfield P O., Winn Parish, La.—Stated meetings third Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                    |        |                    |             |
|--------------------|--------|--------------------|-------------|
| James R Bevil..... | W M.   | Jas Neely.....     | J D.        |
| J P Crook.....     | S W.   | J M Able.....      | } Stewards. |
| D Mackie.....      | J W.   | R C Jones.....     |             |
| J A Mathis.....    | Treas. | John F Wynn.....   | Chaplain.   |
| Jno A Dixon.....   | Sec.   | Jacob Skelton..... | Marshall.   |
| S M Smith.....     | S D.   | E Eagles.....      | Tyler.      |

## PAST MASTERS.

John A Dixon,

J R Bevil, D D G M.

## MEMBERS.

|                |                |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Allbright, W S | Dickerson, J J | Muirhead, Chas | Stone, D M     |
| Allbright, J A | Dean, C D      | Moseley, J W   | Stone, B W     |
| Allbright, Ben | Davis, W A     | Martin, E P    | Stevens, W     |
| Anderson, Ed P | Earnest, Sam   | Maybin, J O    | Strait, Wm     |
| Adams, J B     | Fouts, D C     | McCarthy, P    | Snelling, J W  |
| Abel, Joseph   | Gaus, Isaac    | McCarthy, A    | Smith, W A     |
| Bain, J E      | Griffin, W A   | Milan, J T     | Smith, Jos     |
| Bissett, L L   | Goodson, H B   | Maxwell, C A   | Sims, S W      |
| Barnes, J W    | Holston, J W   | Milling, T D   | Starks, John   |
| Box, Wiseman   | Huthnance, H   | Nugent, R O    | Satcher, J N   |
| Bolton, N      | Irvin, James   | Pierson, D     | Teddlie, W J   |
| Baar, M A      | Jackson, S     | Pipes, D       | Thompson, L H  |
| Barron, John   | Jones, A H     | Roberts, John  | Teagle, Thos J |
| Beale, W J     | Jackson, M E   | Riser, T H     | Tannehill, R L |
| Baten, W H     | Killen, John   | Roberts, W R   | Wasson, J M    |
| Bryan, J C     | Kelly, Dan     | Rentz, James   | Wilson, J T    |
| Bolton, G W    | Kelly, G A     | Rains, S P     | Womach, R      |
| Carter, G B    | Lincecum, T G  | Shumake, F     | Williams, J M  |
| Corley, I T    | Lacey, J H     | Sims, R C      | Wright, W A    |
| Clifton, G D   | Lowe, J B      | Streetman, M   | Watson, JA     |
| Collins, D W   | Mooney, E W    | Smith, H P     | Wade, A        |
| Carter, Wm     | McCarty, A     | Smith, P       |                |
| Collum, Willis | Morris, D P    | Smith, James   | 106 members.   |
| Davis, Thomas  | Muirhead, P    | Stone, Wm      |                |



*Initiated*—John M Able, Wiseman Box, Ed Eagles, John F Kelley, T G Lincecum, Amos McCarty, C R Nugent, Wm Peters, J H Richardson, W A Smith, Jos Smith, S W Sims, Thos J Teagle, R L Tannehill, J M Wasson, J T Wilson.

*Passed*—John M Abel, L L Bisset, John W Barnes, W Box, Ed Eagles, T G Lincecum, E W Mooney, Amos McCarty, C R Nugent, Wm Peters, J H Richardson, W A Smith, Jos Smith, S W Sims, Thos J Teagle, R L Tannehill, J M Wasson, J T Wilson, R Womack.

*Raised*—John M Abel, J E Bain, L L Bisset, John W Barnes, W Box, Ed Eagles, T G Lincecum, E W Mooney, A McCarty, Wm Peters, W A Smith, Jos Smith, S W Sims, John Starks, Isaac N Satcher, Thos J Teagle, R L Tannehill, J M Wasson, J T Wilson. R Womack.

*Affiliated*—G A Kelly, L H Thompson.

*Demitted*—W H Baten, Willis Collum, C D Dean, W A Davis, J B Lowe, P Muirhead, T H Riser, M Streetman, Wm Stuart, Thos J Teagle, J M Williams.

*Died*—J L Shelton, (E A.)

*Stricken from Roll*—C Muirhead.

## HOMER LODGE No. 152.

Homer, Claiborne Parish, La.—First Saturday in each month.

### OFFICERS.

|                 |        |                   |        |
|-----------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| F A Jones.....  | W M.   | J R Ramsey.....   | Sec.   |
| A Ward.....     | S W.   | M H Lippmins..... | S D.   |
| Juo Young.....  | J W.   | W J Mitchell..... | J D.   |
| A McCranie..... | Treas. | J H Mitchell..... | Tyler. |

### PAST MASTERS.

A C Hill,

F A Jones.

### MEMBERS.

|                 |                |                |               |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Payne, A H, P M | Grider, M      | McKenzie, Jas  | Thomas, G W   |
| Alexander, Robt | Hamilton, T P  | McKenzie, Thos | Thigpen, B    |
| Brown, J J      | Hargrove, A H  | Martin, M      | Thigpen, J H  |
| Bailey, T E     | Hightower, T J | Martin, W C    | Tinsley, J B  |
| Boykin, John    | High, A J      | Martin, C C    | Tinsley, W T  |
| Coleman, B R    | Hightower, R D | McKinley, H B  | Warren, G W   |
| Cole, J M       | Hamiter, J A   | Neeley, J D    | Wilcox, L F   |
| Cornelius, M A  | Hamiter, A C   | Obier, John    | Wilson, J W   |
| Crutcher, W C   | Hasty, S       | Oliver, G W    | Witter, J A   |
| Davis, S W      | Jackson, R S   | Price, G W     | Wilder, J B   |
| Demoss, W M     | Krouse, F A    | Phillips, W L  | Weil, M       |
| Egan, J C       | Lesley, M C    | Reams, W J     | Williams, J T |
| Ferguson, J     | Lankford, E C  | Scott, N J     | Weil, A       |
| Goodson, J E    | Murrell, John  | Schockley, B S | Young, J S    |
| Greer, John jr  | Morton, J C    | Thomas, W J    | 68 members.   |

*Initiated*—N Martin, Jas Grigsby.

*Demitted*—Robt Alexander, R S Jackson, F O Krouse, John Murrell, G W Warren, G W Oliver, F Reynolds, 1866, J M Thomasson, 1867, J H Potts and T F Neely, 1868.

*Died*—R D Hightower.

*Stricken from Roll*—John J Green, A H Hargrove, M Grider, T E Bailey, S Hasty, W C Martin, H B McKinley, W L Phillips, G W Thomas, W J Thomas, J C Martin, C C Martin, John Boykin, M A Cornelius, J A Hamiter, A C Hamiter, M C Leslie.

*Reinstated*—L F Wilcox.

## ST. JOHN'S LODGE No. 153.

Algiers, Parish of Orleans, La.—Every Tuesday evening.

## OFFICERS.

|                    |                   |                   |           |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| A B Seger.....     | W M.              | W H Martin.....   | Sec.      |
| Jno McCluskey..... | S W.              | L F Gish.....     | S. D.     |
| Jno G Dyer.....    | J W.              | Peter Fink.....   | J D.      |
| Wm Sarazin.....    | Treas.            | A G Bakewell..... | Chaplain. |
|                    | Jno. Brunett..... | Tyler.            |           |

## PAST MASTER.

A B Seger.

## MEMBERS.

|                |               |                 |                  |
|----------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Bell, Robt     | Garner, Hy    | Mahoney, John   | Roberts, F       |
| Barclay, W     | Hotard, E A   | Martin, F       | Riley, W H       |
| Brady, Terence | Hasam, Thos   | Muirehead, Thos | Stafford, J E    |
| Brownlee, John | Herbert, Geo  | Mitchell, Jas   | Sturtevant, J A  |
| Briel, C P     | Haggett, Thos | Mooney, Jas     | Sloan, G W       |
| Buchanan, J    | Haight, Rufus | Morse, M A      | Schwarzenbach, H |
| Carr, Geo P    | Heap, Sam     | McCann, John    | Seery, Jas       |
| Callier, J B   | Hall, B F     | McLean, J O     | Sprague, I W     |
| Carter, H      | Harkins, E    | Mackey, Thos G  | Truswell, Wm     |
| Dodge, L W     | Hastings, C H | Nelson, T F     | Williams, Sam    |
| Davidson, J M  | Jarvis, J     | Noyes, F        | Wilson, R M      |
| Dodd, J R      | Jennings, T L | O'Conner, M     | Witherup, Jos    |
| DeSeamus, J F  | Kussman, W M  | O'Conner, D H   | Young, H L       |
| Dodge, L J     | Kruger, Geo   | Oxenford, S C   | Young, E H       |
| Follet, Jno F  | Lennox, A     | Powell, Wm      | Ziffle, G        |
| Forrest, John  | Long, D A     | Porter, T K     |                  |
| Fee, William   | Lindenger, F  | Robb, J W       | 78 members.      |
| Freeman, W W   | Landry, S     | Russell, M C    |                  |

*Initiated*—Terrance Brady, A G Bakewell, J G Dyer, F P Killeen, Jas Mooney, S C Oxenford, M C Russell, W Truswell, Felix Thibodeaux, Peter Unsworth.

*Passed*—T Brady, A G Bakewell, J G Dyer, J M Kelles, W Kussman, Jas Mooney, S C Oxenford, M C Russell, W Truswell, F Thibodeaux.

*Raised*—T Brady, A G Bakewell, J G Dyer, H C Hastings, W Kussman, F Lindenger, Simeon Landry, Jas Mooney, S C Oxenford, M C Russell, Wm Truswell.

*Demitted*—J M Davidson.

*Died*—John Brownlee, J W Sprague, Samuel Williams.

*Suspended*—Michael O'Conner, indefinitely, for gross unmasonic conduct.

*Expelled*—Henry Carter, for gross unmasonic conduct.

*Reinstated*—J M Davidson.

## FILLMORE LODGE No. 154.

Fillmore, Bossier Parish, La —Stated meetings first Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                     |        |                   |        |
|---------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| H Barncastle.....   | W M.   | Jas Ford.....     | Sec.   |
| B F Daniels.....    | S W.   | W E Brothers..... | S D.   |
| W H Bledsoe.....    | J W.   | J W Magee.....    | J D.   |
| B H McGoldrich..... | Treas. | W E Dortch.....   | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

A J McDade,

T W Bledsoe,

Henry Barnacastle.

## MEMBERS.

Burton, B F  
Childers, J H  
Coombs, R K  
Dortch, J N  
Dennard, J S  
Everett, C

Edwards, W H  
Ferguson, S  
Guthrie, H  
Holly, W J  
Haughton, M W  
Hamilton, E J

Hickman, W J  
Harrell, C W  
Lilly, G W  
Lawrence, A  
Lyon, H J  
Miller, Jacob

Murff, N B  
Platte, David  
Rains, J W  
Shamel, E  
Thompson, P P  
33 members.

*Initiated*—J H Childers, A F Minchew.*Passed*—J H Childers, A F Minchew.*Raised*—J H Childers.*Affiliated*—E Skamel.*Demitted*—W H Hill, reported dead 1868, H J Lyon, H W Edwards, T W Bledsoe, E J Hamilton.

## CHERRY RIDGE LODGE No. 155.

Zion Hill, Union Parish, La.—Stated meetings fourth Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

E J Lee.....W M.  
J F Peterson.....S W.  
W D Regan.....J W.  
J R Booles.....Treas.

M L McFarland.....Sec.  
S J Beard.....S D.  
C McDougale.....J D.  
Jesse Odom.....Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

M T Simmons,

E J Lee,

S J Beard,

George Fenton.

## MEMBERS.

Davis, W E  
Elkins, H K

Gilbert, B M  
Haney, J E

Holloway, J  
McFarland, J W

Odom, J M., Sr.  
Phelps, John  
18 members.

*Initiated*—E J Pearce, David Phelps, J N Boatright.*Passed*—E J Pearce.*Affiliated*—Jesse Odom.*Demitted*—M T Simmons, J W McFarland, J P McGough, (F C).

## KISATCHIE LODGE No. 156.

Kisatchie, Sabine Parish, La.—Stated meetings Saturday before third Sunday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

John D Addison.....W M.  
L J Nash.....S W.  
David Murray.....J W.  
A C Leach.....Treas.

D W Self.....Sec.  
W C Owen.....S D.  
J W Leach.....J D.  
John H Jordan.....Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

W Jackson Self,

L J Nash,

John D Addison,

## MEMBERS.

Bolton, J F  
Bolton, F M  
Bolton, John  
Corley, Jas M

Cobb, W  
Lynch, J T  
Leach, M E

Murray, D  
Nash, R F.  
Pruitt, Y J

Sibley, J C  
Wooley, W B  
Walters, R T  
22 members.

*Initiated*—Wm Cobb, Thos Hardeman, Enoch Morse, W J Keeks.

*Passed*—Wm Cobb, Thos Hardeman, W J Keeks.

*Raised*—Wm Cobb, David Murray.

*Affiliated*—Y J Pruitt, R T Walters.

*Demitted*—F M Bolton, John Bolton, J T Lynch, Y J Pruitt, J C Sibley.

*Suspended*—W C Owen, (cause not stated.)

*Reinstated*—W C Owen, W Mathews.

### RAPIDES LODGE No. 158.

Huddleston P. O., Rapides parish, La.—Stated meetings Saturday on or after the full moon of each month.

#### OFFICERS.

|                    |        |                   |        |
|--------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| Chas K Oakes.....  | W M.   | Jos T Hatch ..... | Sec.   |
| J P Eddleman ..... | S W.   | J W Moore.....    | S D.   |
| L Cooper.....      | J W.   | J H Wood .....    | J D.   |
| John C Knight..... | Treas. | S Roberts .....   | Tyler. |

#### PAST MASTERS.

G B Burr,

C K Oakes.

#### MEMBERS.

|              |                |              |               |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Ainsworth, A | Hazen, S D     | Knight, D R  | Scoggins, H W |
| Burr, C B    | Hewitt, J T    | Landrum, J M | Sweat, L C    |
| Fennell, D   | Hicks, James   | Lewis, A     | Stephens, N A |
| French, Thos | Hunt, C C      | Martin, S    | Turner, A C R |
| Gill, T S    | Iles, John     | Perkins, B G | Williams, A S |
| Groves, Jas  | Knight, Robert | Perkins, W   | Williams, H A |
| Harvey, J H  | Knight, Thos S | Parker, M G  | 36 members.   |

*Initiated*—Stephen S Hazen, Leonard C Sweat, Allison M Phillips.

*Passed*—Miles G Parker, S D Hazen, L C Sweat.

*Raised*—Jas H Harvey, M G Parker, S D Hazen, L C Sweat.

*Affiliated*—Jos W Moore.

*Demitted*—Jos W Moore, Allen Lewis, Jas Groves, Jas Hicks, Jas H Harvey, S Martin, Thos French, L C Sweat, S D Hazen, Miles G Parker, Robt W Knight.

*Stricken from Roll*—D Fennell, Jackson T Hewitt, John Iles, Hy A Williams.

### MORGANZA LODGE No. 159.

Morganza, Parish of Point Coupee, La.—Stated meetings not given.

#### OFFICERS.

|                    |        |                    |       |
|--------------------|--------|--------------------|-------|
| J W Denson.....    | W. M.  | Adelon Vignes..... | Sec.  |
| Jas A Morgan.....  | S. W.  | John Yoist .....   | S. D. |
| W R Falconer ..... | J. W.  | W R Vosburg.....   | J. D. |
| William Hess.....  | Treas. | John Anderson..... | Tyler |

#### PAST MASTER.

J W Newsom.

## MEMBERS.

|                 |                 |               |                |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Denson, J W P M | Hatch, J L      | Moebius, John | Thomas, Wm     |
| Baker, Chas W   | Hale, Geo H     | Masson, L J   | Villeret, Chas |
| Barrow, Wm B    | Herrington, R C | Newsom, Geo R | Vosburg, W W   |
| Bouchard, A     | Jameson, John   | Penny, W K    | Watson, J P    |
| Byerly, S       | Jeffrion, P     | Robinson, B   | Weil, Michel   |
| Dedier, H       | Kornbacker, J J | Robinson, O D | Weil, Benj     |
| Hebert, C D     | Lejuane, Ovide  | St Cyr, J B   | Watkins, L B   |
| Harbour, W A    | Leonard, N      | Stocking, D   | Yoist, F M     |
| Hale, C G       | Leatherman, D   | Sauter, M     | 43 members.    |

*Initiated*—Geo H Hale, John J Kornbacker, W W Vosburg, T S Denson, R C Herrington.

*Passed*—Geo H Hale, John J Kornbacker, D Stocking, W W Vosburg, R C Herrington.

*Raised*—Geo H Hale, John J Kornbacker, W W Vosburg, D Stocking, R C Herrington, Geo R Newsom.

*Affiliated*—J W Denson, D Leatherman, John L Hatch.

*Demitted*—Geo H Hale, P Joffrion, Jno J Kornbacker, D Leatherman, B Robinson, D Stocking, F M Yoist, O D Robinson, Jno D Jameson, Jno Moebius, M Sautier, Chas D Baker, W K Penny, S Byerly, (1867.)

*Died*—A Bonday, (1866.)

*Stricken from Roll*—A Bouchard, C D Hebert, L J Masson, Baptist St Cyr, Chas Viley, Michell Weil, Benj Weil, Hypolite Dieder, L B Watkins.

*Reinstated*—F M Yoist.

## LIVINGSTON LODGE No. 160.

Ponchatoula P. O., Tangipaho Parish, La.—Fourth Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                        |        |                         |        |
|------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|
| A B Robertson.....     | W M.   | Wm H Holden.....        | Sec.   |
| W Akers.....           | S W.   | E B Stevens.....        | S D.   |
| John Fendleston.....   | J W.   | Caswell Wainwright..... | J D.   |
| Willis W Bankston..... | Treas. | Marcus T Carter.....    | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

|          |              |           |                |
|----------|--------------|-----------|----------------|
| W Akers, | C Wainright, | S S Hoyt, | A B Robertson; |
|          | J W Addison, |           |                |

## MEMBERS.

|                 |                  |                |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Bankston, G W   | Duncan, Wm       | Kemp, Simpson  | Stewart, Kinchin |
| Burns, B F      | Dunnington, R L  | Lanier, R M    | Tucker, A G      |
| Bankston, S M   | Durbin, James    | Robertson, D T | Wilson, W D      |
| Bradley, Alfred | Hutchinson, Robt | Rounds, W S    | Wall, C W        |
| Chapman, L      | Holden, S P      | Starns, E B    |                  |
| Carter, M T     | Helmicht, J P    | Settoon, D T   | 34 members.      |

*Initiated*—John Fendleston.

*Passed*—John Fendleston.

*Raised*—John Fendleston.

*Demitted*—Benj F Burns, John W Addison, Wm Duncan, E B Starns.

## BROOKVILLE LODGE No. 161.

Oak Ridge, Point Jefferson P. O., Morehouse Parish, La.—Stated meetings first Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                       |        |                 |        |
|-----------------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| G W Higginbotham..... | W M.   | T W Baird.....  | Sec.   |
| G W Dannals.....      | S W.   | J P Myers.....  | S D.   |
| Thos B McAdams.....   | J W.   | P J Larkin..... | J D.   |
| W G Myers.....        | Treas. | G Crisler.....  | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

J P Myers,

D S Beauchamp,

Wilson G Myers.

## MEMBERS.

|                |                   |               |                 |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Bridges, A W   | Graves, C W       | Larkin, M K   | Puckett, E B    |
| Brashear, C H  | Higginbotham, W D | Lee, Frank    | Ryan, P M       |
| Culpepper, L B | Higginbotham, Cla | Lewis, J E    | Stafford, J Q C |
| Davis, J W     | Higginbotham, D F | Madison, J F  | Stark, L R      |
| Eason, C W, Sr | Huffman, J M      | Malone, G T   | Tucker, R J     |
| Eason, C W Jr  | Higginbotham, C W | McGovern, J E | Williams, T W   |
| Eason, Jos J   | Inskip, M N       | Oliver, W     | Wallace, Jas A  |
| Fitch, W P     | Jones, John       | Phillips, R E | 40 members.     |

*Initiated*—J Q C Stafford, Frank Lee, W F Yarborough, Thos Gordon.

*Passed*—J Q C Stafford, P J Larkin, Frank Lee.

*Raised*—J Q C Stafford, P J Larkin, F Lee.

*Affiliated*—P M Ryan, J E Lewis, W Oliver, M N Inskip.

*Demitted*—C W Graves, L B Culpepper, E B Puckett.

*Stricken from Roll*—W D Higginbotham, Chas Higginbotham, Robt J Tucker.

## BURNSVILLE LODGE No. 162.

Shaugaloo, Claiborne Parish, La.—Stated meetings third Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                     |        |                 |        |
|---------------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| G J Wise.....       | W M.   | J N Rankin..... | Sec.   |
| Smith Marshall..... | S W.   | .....           | S D.   |
| W S McDonald.....   | J W.   | .....           | J D.   |
| .....               | Treas. | .....           | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

G J Wise,

D H Courtney.

## MEMBERS.

|                    |               |                 |               |
|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| J C Gordy, P S G W | DeLoache, A T | Leonard, W T J  | Sykes, B F    |
| (hon'y member)     | Davis, H      | Lewis, J M      | Simms, W      |
| Burns, W W         | Doyle, D P    | Lindsey, B B    | Sikes, Jesse  |
| Burns, J A         | Day, J W      | McDonald, Jno C | Sears, A K    |
| Burns, C B         | Fletcher, D C | McCarty, A      | Stevens, H Y  |
| Burley J Y         | Holt, John    | Morgan, C K     | Wagoner, E P  |
| Burns, J M         | Henry, R J    | Nations, I      | Ward, E       |
| Burns, T F         | *Hefflin, C D | Pruett, T J     | Wilborne, W H |
| Cook, S B          | James, J J    | Rankin, J A     | Shaw, S W     |
| Courtney, J F      | Lansford, P R | Sanders, T B    | Wise, D       |
| Campbell, J M      | Liverman, M   | Sykes, Jackson  | Wise, B S     |
| Cleaver, J M       | Lindsey, W A  | Sanders, E      | Wroten, B W   |

50 members.

\*Not accounted for.

*Initiated*—E L Blur, C Marshall, Jas Roseburg.

*Passed*—E L Blur.

*Demitted*—Jackson Sykes, W H Welborn, E Sanders, J J James, B B Lindsey, J W Day, S B Cook, M Liverman, A T DeLoache, B S Wise.

*Died*—Wm Simmons.

*Stricken from Roll*—W T J Leonard, C B Burns.

*Reinstated*—T J Pruitt.

No list of officers on returns.

## ATCHAFALAYA LODGE No. 163.

Simmsport, Red River Landing P. O., Avoyelles Parish, La.—On Saturday before full moon.

### OFFICERS.

|                    |        |                  |        |
|--------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| L Keller.....      | W M.   | J Ben Kirk.....  | Sec.   |
| T P Harmanson..... | S W.   | T F Sitton.....  | S D.   |
| D T Merrick.....   | J W.   | W S Boone.....   | J D.   |
| H G Callihan.....  | Treas. | W T Pouncey..... | Tyler. |

### PAST MASTER.

F H Babbit.

### MEMBERS.

|                |                 |                |                    |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Amburn, G      | Callihan, James | Kirk, T C      | Samuel, S          |
| Armstrong, W F | Coyle, H W      | McCrea, J J    | Stribling, Seaborn |
| Brooks, John T | Casson, J H     | Mills, J W     | Way, J W O         |
| Belson, John   | DeFir, J W      | Moreland, H J  | Wood, J W          |
| Blakewood, B W | French, R F F   | Nesmith, F J   | Way, A T           |
| Branch, E K    | Gayle, Jas R    | North, Levi T  | Whitley, P J       |
| Barbe, S       | Harmanson, S A  | Rogers, S T    |                    |
| Bunch, S W     | Harmanson, A D  | Spurlock, T J  | 42 members.        |
| Cobb, S W      | Haber, V        | Stribling, S R |                    |

*Initiated*—J L Kingsbury, W S Boone, Jas Innis, Jno W DeFir, Valentine Haber, Thos F. Sitton, H J Moreland, W B Brooks.

*Passed*—W S Boone, Jas Innis, A D Harmanson, Valentine Haber, J W DeFir, Thos F Sitton, H J Moreland.

*Raised*—W S Boone, D T Merrick, A D Harmanson, John W DeFir, Valentine Haber, Thos F Sitton, H J Moreland.

*Demitted*—S W Cobb, John W DeFir, Valentine Haber, Samuel T Rogers, W B Blakewood, Samuel Smith, H W Coyle, G Amburn, J J McCrea, J R Gayle, R F F French, Seaborn Stribling, P J Whitley, J W Mills, T H Babbitt.

*Died*—John T Brooks.

## COLUMBIA LODGE No. 164.

Columbia, Caldwell Parish, La.—Stated meetings first Saturday of each month.

### OFFICERS.

|                   |        |                   |          |
|-------------------|--------|-------------------|----------|
| C C Meredith..... | W M.   | R S Slemmons..... | Sec.     |
| P R Smith.....    | S. W.  | J F Varner.....   | S D.     |
| A H Harris.....   | J. W.  | J A Dowden.....   | J. D.    |
| F A Blanks.....   | Treas. | J J Stringer..... | Steward. |
| George Near.....  |        |                   | Tyler.   |

## PAST MASTERS.

J F Varner,

C C Meredith.

## MEMBERS.

|                   |    |                |                |                  |
|-------------------|----|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Bridger, J C, sr, | PM | Graves, J Q    | Irby, N G      | Redditt, W C     |
| Butler, J J       |    | Grayson, W B   | Johnson, R     | Saucier, J G     |
| Brown, Fielding   |    | Hairgrove, J B | Levy, J        | Stroud, F W      |
| Boyd, Jas A       |    | Holloman, W H  | Meredith, J M  | Simmons, M       |
| Bridges, J C, jr  |    | Humphries, A   | Meaks, E N     | Wright, J E      |
| Bridger, R D      |    | Haas, J        | Masters, Jesse | Whittington, A J |
| Dial, J N         |    | Hough, W H     | Meredith, J A  | Wooten, W L      |
| Davis, N M        |    | Hogan, Wm      | Meredith, T C  | *Whiting, J A    |
| Daws, L M         |    | Hough, T J     | Moffet, S J    | Wright, J E      |
| Everett, J J B    |    | Haas, Hy       | Parker, J F    | 47 members.      |

*Initiated*—George Wear, Jas W Deems, R W Stark, Fielding Brown, A J Whittington, Jno B Hairgrove, T A Moss, W C Parsons, S J Harper, W H Holloman, W S Dixon, Wm Ewing.

*Passed*—George Wear, Jas W Deems, R W Stark, Fielding Brown, A J Whittington, Jno B Hairgrove, W H Holloman, John J B Everett, W B Grayson.

*Raised*—George Wear, T E Meredith, F Brown, W B Grayson, J J B Everitt, W L Wooten, A J Whittington, Jno B Hairgrove, W H Holloman.

*Affiliated*—A H Harris, N G Irby.

*Demitted*—Jacob Levy, J B Hairgrove, W C Redditt, J F Parker, L J Moffet.

*Reinstated*—L J Moffet.

\*Not accounted for.

## LAKE CHARLES LODGE No. 165.

Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, La.—Stated meetings third Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                 |        |                  |        |
|-----------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| E R Simms.....  | W M.   | J W Bryant.....  | Sec.   |
| G W Reeves..... | S W.   | L Leveque.....   | S D.   |
| J O'Brien.....  | J W.   |                  | J D.   |
| D J Reid.....   | Treas. | Leo Derouen..... | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

A B Williams,

L Leveque.

## MEMBERS.

|                 |                |              |                 |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Andrus, C       | Gill, Wm E     | Lecoq, Jno O | Reeves, Geo, sr |
| Benoit, M       | Goos, Daniel   | Newman, M    | Rostue, M J     |
| Blair, Jas      | Hebert, D      | Pharris, M P | Rutland, W R    |
| Cole, Ewell L   | Haskell, W H   | Platz, Peter | Ryan, J         |
| Christian, Jas  | Hawkins, A J F | Perkins, A J | Scarborough, M  |
| Fairchild, Wm L | Kipthaut, Jno  | Pugo, A      | Vondy, Jno      |
| Fitzgerald, P   |                |              | 33 members.     |

*Initiated*—J W Bryant, Moore Lebleu.

*Passed*—J W Bryant, W G Reeves.

*Raised*—J W Bryant.

*Affiliated*—M Scarborough, A J F Hawkins.

*Demitted*—M Scarborough.

## EXCELSIOR LODGE No. 166.

Grand Lodge Hall, corner St. Charles and Perdido streets, New Orleans—Wednesday evenings.

## OFFICERS.

|                   |        |                     |        |
|-------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| R L Bruce.....    | W M.   | William Starr.....  | Sec.   |
| Chas D Lyman..... | S W.   | L T Noyes.....      | S D.   |
| George Seiby..... | J W.   | C E Dirmeyer.....   | J D.   |
| Jos A Brown.....  | Treas. | J W Wrede.....      | M C.   |
|                   |        | E B O'Sullivan..... | Tyler. |



## PAST MASTERS.

Victor Hebert,

E D Beach,

R L Bruce.

## MEMBERS.

|                   |                 |                 |                  |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| DeHaven, D, P M   | Carey, Thos     | Gould, C W      | Nelson, John     |
| Chamberlain, W C  | Cochrane, Ed    | Holyland, F     | Nelson, J M      |
| P M,              | Conant, F A     | Hardy, H F      | Overall, J W     |
| Winfree, Ph, P M, | Canning, Wm     | Harvey, A D     | Priest, A W      |
| Adams, J W        | Cox, M S        | Hastings, F J   | Phillips, Wm     |
| Anderson, W C     | Chase, S M      | Hart, Alex      | Roy, John        |
| Ayres, Wm         | Drew, E S       | Henning, H E    | Scratchley, Geo  |
| Augustus, E D     | Dunbar, A F     | Huchez, Cesare  | Scott, S M       |
| Basset, Wm S      | Davidson, D     | Halsey, W S     | Thorn, Thos      |
| Barret, F         | Doyle, E J      | Hinton, Isaac T | Thayer, F N      |
| Black, H J        | Day, J Morris   | Hurley, John    | Timberlake, John |
| Brown, Chas       | Dastillon, P    | Henning, W H    | Tucker, Jas T    |
| Bruce, N L        | Dill, E G       | Isaacson, H M   | Tracy, C C       |
| Berthelot, W H    | Eckford, F M    | Keese, Chas H   | Urban, D         |
| Butler, S L       | Faisant, René   | Logan, W Y      | Walker, Jos      |
| Burke, J S        | Fish, J S       | Morgan, L J     | West, C W        |
| Breedlove, W W    | Frank, W        | Martin, J M     | Webster, L J     |
| Boning, Geo       | Fletcher, Geo W | Mount, W S      | Walker, Samuel   |
| Cornell, J H      | Gullet, N C     | McConnico, F A  |                  |
| Crawford, J D     | Grandjean, C W  | McRee, Robert   | 88 members.      |

*Initiated*—A D Harvey, F W Moore, A A Rasche, Jos Walker, E W Strange, Fred Barret, Thos Carey, C E Dirmeyer, John W Adams, Thos Thorn, Harry T Cottam, Jas Wilson Lea, M D Allen.

*Passed*—A D Harvey, F W Moore, A W Priest, Jos Walker, Fred Barret, Thos Carey, P Dastillon, Ed Cochran, C E Dirmeyer, Jno W Adams, Thos Thorn, H T Cottam, Jno W Overall.

*Raised*—A D Harvey, A W Priest, Jos Walker, Fred Barret, Thos Carey, P Dastillon, Ed Cochran, C E Dirmeyer, Jno W Adams, Thos Thorn, Jno W Overall.

*Affiliated*—F A McConnico, Chas D Lyman.

*Demitted*—W Frank.

*Died*—S M Chase.

*Stricken from Roll*—D DeHaven, W S Halsey, 1868.

*Suspended*—Wm Ayres, indefinitely, gross unmasonic conduct.

## LINN WOOD LODGE No. 167.

No. 163 Camp street—Thursday evenings.

## OFFICERS.

|                               |        |                 |             |
|-------------------------------|--------|-----------------|-------------|
| George Baldey.....            | W M.   | S B Wright..... | S D.        |
| Chas A Scott.....             | S W.   | W H Hyatt.....  | J D.        |
| A De B Hughes.....            | J W.   | E E Adams.....  | M C.        |
| P Keenan.....                 | Treas. | N Burbank.....  | } Stewards. |
| Henry Abel.....               | Sec.   | J G Taylor..... |             |
| P C Nessin, not a member..... |        | Tyler.          |             |

## PAST MASTERS.

Thomas McGinnis,

Wm McDuff, P J G W,

G Baldey.

## MEMBERS.

|                     |                  |                  |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Belcher, C, P M     | Deleon, J A H    | Leetch, Wm       | Romine, H H      |
| Wilson, Dan'l, P M  | Dutton, R J      | Long, A B        | Robinson, W M    |
| Barksdale, E J, P M | Donnelly, Chas   | Leche, F J       | Rose, J C        |
| Abbott, Geo H       | Fyle, John       | Landers, Edmund  | Reid, Ed         |
| Aycock, J T         | Fish, W R        | Maginnis, J J    | Stockdale, S A   |
| Aldrich, D C        | Farquier, R M    | Milne, H         | Sheehan, Thos    |
| Aikman, W M         | Fredburg, Alfred | May, Thos P      | Sinclair, N      |
| Aikman, J B         | Friend, Thomas   | Manning, E G     | Stewart, W P     |
| Bigelow, J          | Fisher, Chas B   | Masters, E H     | Steele, H R      |
| Bent, J S           | Gruneberg, C H   | Miller, A M      | St Clair, J F T  |
| Beger, C D          | Guthrie, Jas B   | Martin, H J      | St Clair, Chas H |
| Buhler, T           | Greely, A W      | Memminger, Ceo   | Stanford, W L    |
| Beggs, Jas          | Guion, E B       | Mathieu, W M     | Taylor, J D      |
| Bennett, F S        | Gitzinger, J     | Marshall, J      | Thrussell, A     |
| Breese, I L         | Greathouse, W R  | Mellach, E       | Tomlin, W S      |
| Bailey, C A         | Getchel, Z       | Morse, H F       | Tuttle, Thos     |
| Billings, E C       | Hearsey, C G     | Merritt, Chas H  | Ulmer, John      |
| Beers, Frank H      | Hall, W B        | McNeil, Alex     | Vanorum, W H     |
| Bernheim, J C       | Hart, L          | McNeil, Duncan   | Valentine, W G   |
| Bristoll, W M       | Hawkins, Jacob   | McCullum, Hugh   | Widney, L S      |
| Brower, G C         | Hunt, F J        | Mandell, Kaufman | Walsh, J J       |
| Billings, A E       | Haile, E O       | Madden, Jno W    | Woolfley, F A    |
| Brook, Samuel       | Hogan, Wm T      | New, Geo W       | Wilder, James    |
| Bendernagle, Jno    | Hurde, J D       | Noe, Jas         | White, J C       |
| Bovard, R D         | Hughes, E A      | Pitcher, Geo E   | Wilson, F H      |
| Brown, H C          | Hindman, J H     | Perkins, W F     | Wildman, Chas C  |
| Coxe, F M           | Herwig, J L      | Perkins, F W     | Wolf, Simon      |
| Coupland, T V       | Ingalls, C E     | Parle, Andrew    | Whitaker, Wm R   |
| Curry, E S          | Joachim, A       | Pearne, W H      | Webber, H        |
| Crawford, L S       | Jones, S         | Parker, Richard  | Winn, Thos R     |
| Chase, A B          | King, V O        | Pearson, Geo     | Woolsey, L R     |
| Collier, H          | Keene, A         | Rice, C S        | Wynn, Chas E     |
| Campbell, Benj      | Krentz, A        | Remick, F C      | Young, N J       |
| Cazabat, A          | Kellog, L D      | Radetzki, G H    |                  |
| Cosby, John J       | Lusse, Hy        | Russ, E K        | 154 members.     |
| Cellos, John V      | Lattimer, W A R  | Rogers, Thos J   |                  |

*Initiated*—E E Adams, John S Bent, Clement, G Hearsey, Chas D Beger, Neil Sinclair, Fred J Hunt, Hy Lusse, W D Ash, W H Hyatt, Thos S Johnson, John Bigelow, A S Cutter, Theodore Buhler, Frank M Coxe, G H Radetzki, A F Wild, Ed Alexander, John Williams.

*Passed*—E E Adams, John S Bent, R M Farquier, C G Hearsay, C D Beger, N Sinclair, F G Hunt, Chas H Merritt, Hy Lusse, W H Hyatt, John Bigelow, A S Cutter, T Buhler, F M Coxe, G H Radetzki, Ed Alexander.

*Raised*—E E Adams, J S Bent, R M Farquier, C G Hearsay, C D Beger, N Sinclair, F G Hunt, C H Merritt, Hy Lusse, W H Hyatt, J Bigelow, T Buhler, F M Coxe, G H Radetzki.

*Affiliated*—Patrick Keenan.

*Demitted*—J T Aycock, Hy C Brown, A Cazabat, Thos Friend, Jacob Joachim, Hy J Martin, John Ulmer, Geo H Abbott, E A Billings, R D Bovard, A B Long, Geo E Pitcher, Frank C Remick, Chas S Rice, W L Stanford, W G Valentine, W R Whitaker, Chas B Fisher, Henry Milne, Thos Hyland.

*Died*—E O Haile, E G Manning.

*Stricken from Roll*—W M Bristol, John Fyfe, E A Hughes, Wm T Hogan, E A Landers, F J Leeche, E Mellach, Hugh McCullum, Thos Tuttle, A Thrussell.

*Reinstated*—Thos J Rodgers, Thos Hyland.

*Note*—Chas A Cooper, E A, received E A degree in Montezuma ☐ No. 109, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Geo E Ford, F C, permission given to receive third degree in a legal ☐ in Philadelphia, Pa.

## MONTGOMERY LODGE No. 168.

Montgomery, Grant Parish, La.—Fourth Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                      |        |                        |        |
|----------------------|--------|------------------------|--------|
| Sam'l Berhstein..... | W M.   | David Hardy.....       | Sec.   |
| Jas W Jones.....     | S W.   | Aaron V-Ragan.....     | S D.   |
| W A Strong.....      | J W.   | Francis M Sharp.....   | J D.   |
| Chas M Wheeler.....  | Treas. | Pleasant Muirhead..... | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

W J Hardee,

S Bernstein,

Jas W Jones.

## MEMBERS.

|                |                  |                  |               |
|----------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Boult, J H     | Davison, Hugh    | Kimbrell, D S    | Plunkett, J M |
| Bernstein, P   | Deen, S A        | Killingsworth, R | Roe, John     |
| Buys, J G      | Fletcher, Geo W  | Lowe, Thos J     | Rogers, W H   |
| Bird, L J      | Ferguson, J M    | Marks, I A       | Shumate, T    |
| Bonnett, Jas R | Fletcher, D T    | McNaughton, J T  | Shumate, D H  |
| Cockerham, J W | Gans, Mich       | McLemore, R S    | Shumate, T T  |
| Drewitt, Wm H  | Gonder, J P?     | Newman, S B      | Satcher, A G  |
| Dunn, C C      | Harrison, Thos O | O'Quinn, D S     | Turner, R H   |
| Davison, G W   | Jackson, R E     | O'Quinn, A N     | Wilson, W J   |

45 members.

*Initiated*—Isaac A Marks, Simeon A Deen, Will A Strong, Thos T Shumate, John P Gonder, Richard, S McLemore, Wm Taylor.

*Passed*—Geo W Davison, I A Marks, S A Deen, W A Strong, T T Shumate, J P Gonder, R S McLemore.

*Raised*—G W Davison, I A Marks, S A Deen, W A Strong, T T Shumate, Hugh Davison, Francis, M Sharp, J P Gonder, R S McLemore.

*Affiliated*—Jos G Buys, John M Ferguson, W H Rogers, Pleasant Muirhead.

*Demitted*—J H Boult, Daniel T Fletcher, Albert G Satcher, Lewis G Bird.

*Died*—Dilson S Kimbrel, W H Rogers.

## HAYNESVILLE LODGE No. 169.

Haynesville, Claiborne Parish, La.—Stated meetings on Saturday before the third Sunday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                      |        |                    |             |
|----------------------|--------|--------------------|-------------|
| H W Kirkpatrick..... | W M.   | N W Peters.....    | S D.        |
| Jas R Smith.....     | S W.   | D M Phillips.....  | J D.        |
| W L Oakes.....       | J W.   | John D Maddox..... | } Stewards. |
| John Gibson.....     | Treas. | A T Deloache.....  |             |
| Thos Price.....      | Sec.   | J D Moore.....     | Chaplin.    |
| John F Dunn.....     |        | Tyler.             |             |

## PAST MASTERS.

H W Kirkpatrick, D D G M., W L Oakes, Jacob Reeder, Jas R Smith.

## MEMBERS.

|                    |               |              |                  |
|--------------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|
| Jno C Gordy.(h.m.) | Brooks, H C   | Dyke, A J    | Evans, D R       |
| Browning, J A      | Brown, J L    | Demoss, G    | Featherston, L H |
| Browning, G W      | Copeland, N S | Dick, W J    | Fuller, G W      |
| Bennett, J S       | Camp, J M W   | Darden, J H  | Green, J C       |
| Bond, R P          | Camp, J W     | Dyer, T N    | Houser, G W      |
| Butler, J C        | Carraway, M   | Eidson, J W  | House, J A       |
| Beckett, S         | Collier, P C  | Everett, W B | Harris, E H      |

|               |                 |                 |               |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Harp, T J     | Maddox, W S     | Pullen, James   | Smith, A J    |
| Hearn, E      | McEacheren, Jas | Peninger, James | Traylor, W P  |
| Hearn, E C    | Moore, W B      | Patrick, J E    | Turner, Silas |
| Kelly, James  | Moncrief, Asa W | Potts, Jas J    | Venzey, D     |
| Kelly, J R    | Maddox, W T     | Phipps, J       | Vickers, W A  |
| Knox, H       | McKamie, J A B  | Price, Thomas   | Winn, H       |
| Lane, F A     | McWilliam, W T  | Rogers, J C     | Whaley, E T   |
| Leverett, W G | Nelson, T J     | Reed, R E       | Watson, W J   |
| Longino, H M  | Neil, B R       | Ruple, E        | Whaley, J M   |
| Maddox, W A   | Narmore, John   | Stevens, J B    | White, J M    |
| Moore, T J    | Nelson, G W     | Strickland, J R | Whaley, Thos  |
| Meeks, Nancy  | Nelson, W E     | Shockley, S     | Winn, R A N   |

87 members.

*Initiated*—John E Maddox, W A Vickers.*Passed*—J N Dyer, J E Maddox, Felix Baker, W A Vickers.*Raised*—T N Dyer, J E Maddox, Silas Turner, W A Vickers.*Affiliated*—Jas J Potts, Samuel Shockley, A F Deloach, Samuel Beckett, W G Leverett.*Demitted*—Jas McEacheren, E Hearn, H M Longino, W Dick, W A Vickers, J A House, Jas Peninger, W G Leverett, Geo W Browning, W S Maddox, John C Bulter, G W Houser, Daniel Veasey, G W Nelson, Thos G Nelson, T R Strickland, W B Everett.*Died*—A J Dyke, E H Harris.*Reinstated*—Geo Demoss, E Hearn, J S Bennett, W B Everett, J A Browning, E C Hearn, H Knox, T J Harp, T J Nelson, M Carraway.

## ORUS LODGE No. 170.

Conti, between Villere and Robertson streets, New Orleans. —Stated meetings first and third Friday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                    |        |                             |        |
|--------------------|--------|-----------------------------|--------|
| R D Ouvard.....    | W M.   | L Jolissant.....            | Sec.   |
| F Hauletman.....   | S W.   | A Jacquet.....              | S D.   |
| L Regotaz.....     | J W.   | J Loustauan.....            | J D.   |
| F Francinguez..... | Treas. | — Michon, (not a member) .. | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTER.

R D Ouvard.

## MEMBERS.

|                  |             |              |               |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| Amiel, F         | Callus, P L | Israel, J L  | Pelissier, A  |
| Artigues, J      | Chavanne, C | Jagou, J     | Peyregne, J C |
| Boué, G          | Duplan, J   | Jolissant, A | Revol, C      |
| Bellocq, F       | Dupas, E A  | Levy, A      | Sperier, L A  |
| Bouricand, F     | Doyen, N    | Langlumé, A  | Sanarens, T B |
| Birkenstock, P M | Delcous, A  | Laberdens, B | Soudain, J    |
| Bell, W F        | Favre, L F  | Michel, F    | Villeneuve, G |
| Bernard, P L     | Freech, J L | Moreau, H    | Walz, A       |
| Camblong, E      | Hayem, E    | Malapart, F  | Wust, L       |
| Cadroy, A        |             |              |               |

43 members.

*Initiated*—A Bacque, W F Bell, Ad Jacquet.*Passed*—A Bacque, W F Bell, Ad Jacquet.*Raised*—W F Bell, Ad Jacquet.*Demitted*—A Jolissant.*Died*—J C Peyregne.*Stricken from Roll*—A Langlumé, C Revol, L Sperier.

## KOSMOS LODGE No. 171.

Corner of Commercial Alley and Camp Street.—Second and fourth Mondays.

## OFFICERS.

|                       |        |                                  |           |
|-----------------------|--------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Valentine Fabian..... | W M.   | Court. Tischendorf.....          | J D.      |
| Aug W May.....        | S W.   | John Klemm.....                  | Orator.   |
| Wendell Dressel.....  | J W.   | Fred V Clerc.....                | M Ex.     |
| Fred Heckler.....     | Treas. | Benedict Rombach.....            | M C       |
| Benj Armbruster.....  | Sec.   | Jacob F Hufft.....               | Organist. |
| John Keller.....      | S D.   | J H Mueller, (not a member)..... | Tyler.    |

## PAST MASTER.

Ludwig P Heintz.

## MEMBERS.

|                  |                 |                 |                     |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Albers, Otto     | Eylandt, J E    | May, F G        | Tobleman, J F       |
| Arnold, F C E    | Enemossor, J    | Nill, C H       | Weishaar, C         |
| Ahrens, W F      | Falkenheimer, F | Otto, F         | Wittum, F           |
| Brochmann, E A H | Grote, Louis    | Ohmstead, John  | Waldsaur, F         |
| Behme, T         | Grau, C         | Plumer, F       | Weisborn, W         |
| Braun, Fred      | Heft, P         | Sieger, R       | Wachenfeld, Chas    |
| Behr, F W        | Kallmann, Chas  | Schulze, R      | Walthersdorf, A Von |
| Betz, N          | Loepor, A       | Tebbe, H        | Yalets, Gustave     |
| Boesnel, J       | Lehman, L A     | Thorhauer, Chas | Zimmerman, A        |
| Euchenhofer, C F | Meyer, J T      |                 | 51 members.         |

*Initiated*—François C E Arnold, John Keller, Albert von Walthersdorf, Con'b Tischendorf, C J Mueller, Henry J Jugerman.

*Passed*—F C E Arnold, J Keller, A von Walthersdorf, C Tischendorf.

*Raised*—F C E Arnold, J Keller, A von Walthersdorf, C Tischendorf, Ernest A H Brockman.

*Affiliated*—Louis Grote.

*Demitted*—Fred Otto, F C Tobleman, Chas Kallmann.

*Stricken from Roll*—Roman Seiger.

*Suspended*—Peter Heft, 18 months for gross unmasonic conduct.

*Reinstated*—Adolph Loeper, Fred Plumer.

## UNION LODGE No. 172.

Corner Commercial Alley and Camp Street.—Thursday evenings.

## OFFICERS.

|                    |        |                     |          |
|--------------------|--------|---------------------|----------|
| S H Brown.....     | W M.   | Ernest Morel.....   | Orator.  |
| Chas A Meyrs.....  | S W.   | Gustave Troy.....   | M Ex.    |
| John Walsh.....    | J W.   | Jos L Follet.....   | M C.     |
| F Reitmeyer.....   | Treas. | A F Hoffman.....    | Almoner. |
| Julius Dussel..... | Sec.   | David Hughes.....   | Steward. |
| Wm Hodgins.....    | S D.   | Thos O'Connor.....  | I G.     |
| Jno Nichols.....   | J D.   | John H Mueller..... | Tyler.   |

## PAST MASTERS.

Samuel H Brown.

G H Pabst.

## MEMBERS.

|                   |                  |                |                   |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Assenheimer, Chas | Helm, Ph         | McLin, J B     | Stromeyer, G C    |
| Brehop, H C       | Jacobs, B        | Moore, S W     | Sands, W H        |
| Clark, Jno        | Kreider, J J     | Offner, E      | Slawson, J B jr   |
| Collins, T S      | Kinsela A E      | Pons, B        | Singleton, R      |
| Croft, John       | Karstendick, J A | Parcell, John  | Schneider, L F W  |
| Dushane, S P      | Knopf, Louis     | Pfeifer, E     | Schneider, Caspar |
| DeMahay, Jos C    | Lane, J J        | Potter, J      | Sypher, J H       |
| Fox, Aug          | Lautier, Jos J   | Parrodi, D     | Schultze, A F     |
| Fritz, Fred       | Long, N          | Rooney, John   | Taylor, Jno       |
| Folger, Josiah    | Leech, J W T     | Singleton, W S | Tabony, Jos H     |
| Holbrook, C J     | Meritz, L        | Stark, Hy      | Wilson, C         |
| Huber, Z          | Miller, C D      | Schmidt, R H   | Wolverton, N W    |
| Haan, Julius      | May, John W      | Suhling, Geo   | Zengel, jr., Jos  |

67 members.

*Initiated*—Jno Clark, Fred'k Leader, Nicholas Long, Geo G McCash, Herman Meister, Chas Long.

*Passed*—John Clark, N Long, Geo G McCash, H Meister, Chas Wilson, W H Berry, Emile Boehier.

*Raised*—Jno Clark, N Long, C Wilson, J W T Leech, T O'Connor, J H Sypher, Jno Walsh.

*Affiliated*—Jos L Follett, A F Schultze.

*Demitted*—Julius Haan, R H Schmidt, W S Singleton.

*Died*—A F Schultze, Bento Pons.

*Stricken from Roll*—Jno A Karstendick, Jno W May.

## ORIENT LODGE No. 173.

Grand Lodge Hall, corner of St. Charles and Perdido streets, N. O., La.—Every Monday evening

## OFFICERS.

|                      |                   |                      |             |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| W S Benedict.....    | W M.              | Henry Perry.....     | S D.        |
| Leopold Simon.....   | S W.              | Edward Baker.....    | J D.        |
| A Hero, jr.....      | J W.              | Michel Heyman.....   | M C.        |
| Joseph H Wilson..... | Treas.            | Theodore Roosen..... | } Stewards. |
| Vincent Mielly.....  | Sec.              | Carson Mudge.....    |             |
|                      | William Tell..... | Tyler.               |             |

## PAST MASTER.

Joseph P. Hornor.

## MEMBERS.

|                  |                 |                 |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Norris, J W P M  | Crooks, H M     | Levins, Chris   | Swift, John A   |
| Stearns, C F P M | Cromer, John    | Lawrence, Thos  | Stocker, W T    |
| Abell, Edmund    | Deems, John H   | McBeth, Jas E   | Steadman, H     |
| AtLee, Wm Y      | Deynoodt, L F   | Maxwell, S D    | Shaw, Alfred    |
| Adams, John W    | Dennee, R S     | Martin, Chas T. | Smith, D M      |
| Anson, G H       | Dresser, Jas F  | Messonnier, Hy  | Shearer, D L    |
| Baker, Wm        | Dowling, Jas A  | Madden, Chris   | Stone, G H      |
| Benjamin, L      | Edwards, Jas D  | Norris, J B     | Simpson, D F    |
| Blake, Geo A     | Ehrlich, Samuel | Oplatek, J      | Street, Hy      |
| Bensel, Henry jr | Fish, Stephen S | O'Meallie, H M  | Todd, W P       |
| Baker, John P    | Hall, S B       | Page, Edward    | Thorn, John     |
| Berthold, Wm     | Hire, Samuel S  | Pierce, H D     | Thorn, Chas     |
| Brennan, John    | Hunt, Ira W     | Peel, John A    | Trepshagen, H F |
| Bairnson, Jas    | Heath, Edw'd    | Pace, F jr      | Taylor, David   |
| Barrett, J T     | Houston, Jas    | Perry, H A      | Weimann, J M    |
| Christie, John   | Heyman, A       | Quirk, Edward   | Watson, Rob't   |
| Curtis, Charles  | Jervis, Alfred  | Rusha, E M      | White, Chas B   |
| Callinan, D F    | James, W G      | Russell, B      | Winteler, M     |
| Chbborn, R C     | Lara, Marcellus | Rykoski, John   | Weil, Benj      |
| Clarke, Rob't    | Leopold, Nathan |                 |                 |

90 members.

*Initiated*—Edward Baker, Conrad D Ludeke, Louis F Deynoodt, Jos Dalfares.

*Passed*—Edward Baker, L F Deynoodt.

*Raised*—Ed Baker, L F Deynoodt.

*Demitted*—Wm James, Jas E McBeth, Abraham Heyman.

*Died*—Wm T Stocker, Christopher Levins.

*Suspended*—William Berthold, for four years for gross unmasonic conduct,

### DANTE LODGE No. 174.

Polar Star Hall, corner of Rampart and History streets, New Orleans—Monday Evenings.

#### OFFICERS.

|                         |        |                                  |          |
|-------------------------|--------|----------------------------------|----------|
| Gio Baptiste Rossi..... | W M.   | Michele Drascovich.....          | Orator.  |
| Giovanni Radovich.....  | S W.   | Giovanni Persenico.....          | M Ex.    |
| Carlo Pozzi.....        | J W.   | Steffano Bugna.....              | M C.     |
| Antonio Borzoni.....    | Treas. | Ellia Nicolich.....              | I G.     |
| Carlo Boni.....         | Sec.   | Eugenio Negro.....               | Hosp.    |
| Vincenzo Sereni.....    | S D.   | Steffano Ratto.....              | Steward. |
| Carlo Falda.....        | J D.   | J Bourdonnay (not a member)..... | Tyler.   |

#### PAST MASTERS.

Jos Brisolari,

G Lavizzo,

G B Rossi.

#### MEMBERS.

|                |                   |              |              |
|----------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Bartolameo, A  | Debarbieri, E     | Majole, S    | Sardi, L     |
| Bregazzi, G    | Drouet, Leon      | Ossognat, A  | Torre, A     |
| Bossio, G B    | Delfino, Steffano | Ollivari, C  | Tone, G      |
| Bisso, G       | Falcone, F        | Perrelli, A  | Toraneli, G  |
| Bosse, A       | Figalo, G         | Pippo, F     | Tresconi, G  |
| Borzone, G     | Garbini, N        | Pozzi, P     | Vicentini, F |
| Biaggio, A     | Herbez, J         | Romagnoli, C | Vassala, P   |
| Cetti, Angello | Limenghi, G       | Scalamora, P | Vassala, A   |
| Cattanaro, A   | Menhgini, G       | Saredo, G    | Villa, C     |
| Cominotti, G   | Marice, S         | Soucier, Ph  | Zonaroli, D  |

55 members.

*Initiated*—Steffano Bugna, Guiseppe Tone, Antonio, Bartolameo, Carlo Falda, Giovanna Pietro Ravotto, Pietro Scalamera, Georgio Cowin.

*Passed*—S Bugna, G Tone, A Bartolameo, C Falda, P Scalamera.

*Raised*—S Bugna, G Tone, A Bartolameo, C Falda, P Scalamera.

*Demitted*—Jos Brisolari.

*Died*—Abondio Vassalla.

*Expelled*—Pietro Devotti (E A); (in Texas.)

### AMITE CITY LODGE No. 175.

Amite City, St. Helena Parish, La.—Stated meetings first Saturday of each month.

#### OFFICERS.

|                     |        |                       |           |
|---------------------|--------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Chas S Stewart..... | W M.   | Thos Price.....       | Sec.      |
| John M Moore.....   | S W.   | Chas W George.....    | S D.      |
| S D Ellis.....      | J W.   | A C Crane.....        | J D.      |
| W H Wilder.....     | Treas. | Rev Elias George..... | Chaplain. |
| D H Bankston.....   |        | Tyler.                |           |

#### PAST MASTER.

Chas S Stewart.

## MEMBERS.

|                 |                |               |                |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Ard, Jas F, P M | Carpenter, J M | Grace, E D    | Sibley, C C    |
| Acy, Wm         | Cothran, J W   | Houton, J A   | Spiller, L     |
| Aby, C H        | Cansey, T J    | Hayden, S A   | Settoon, J B   |
| Amaker, Jos P   | Durnin, J      | Killian, J D  | Sibley, P M    |
| Bowman, M L     | Davis, C H     | Kemp, T D     | Vernon, M W W  |
| Bishop, T C     | Ellis, J E     | Kemp, J J     | Waller, R M    |
| Bankston, H H   | Ellis, E P     | Lee, W J      | Weigle, John   |
| Bennett, S B    | Ellis, T C W   | Lemon, J J    | Whitehead, Jos |
| Bunch, E F      | Gertman, J     | Matthews, W W | Zachary, T D   |
| Bankston, L, jr | Gullett, B D   |               | 47 members.    |

*Initiated*—John Durnin.

*Passed*—C H Aby, J Durnin.

*Raised*—C H Aby, J Durnin, Joseph Whitehead, 1868.

*Affiliated*—Jos P Amacker.

*Stricken from Roll*—Jas F Ard, Hy H Bankston, Leslie Bankston, M L Bowman, Eugene F Bunch, John J Kemp, Thos D Kemp, J W Cothran, Wallace W Mathews, Wm J Lee, Thos D Zachary.

## PERFECT HARMONY LODGE No. 176.

Grand Lodge Hall, N. O.—Stated meetings Monday Evenings.

## OFFICERS.

|                     |        |                       |           |
|---------------------|--------|-----------------------|-----------|
| E Booth.....        | W M.   | Louis F Salomon.....  | J D.      |
| C A Kaufman.....    | S W.   | B DaSilva.....        | Chaplain. |
| L D'Meza.....       | J W.   | Geo Bull.....         | M O.      |
| Hy Stern.....       | Treas. | Pierre W Salomon..... | S S.      |
| Louis L Miller..... | Sec.   | R G Eyrich.....       | J S.      |
| Jas H Darling.....  | S D.   | R S Bush.....         | Tyler.    |

## PAST MASTER.

J O DeCastro,

## MEMBERS.

|              |                 |              |              |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Aarons, M    | Fisk, Hy        | Meyer, Leon  | Stern, M     |
| Abrams, John | Gutman, H       | Moses, B     | Stern, J     |
| Bloom, L     | Handy, Thos H   | Marks, S M   | Samuels, M M |
| Blum, M      | Huey, J         | Mount, S M G | Sternklar, B |
| Block, C B   | Hillar, M       | Mayer, M     | Simon, S     |
| Bergman, E   | Henriques, A D  | Madge, T J   | Salomon, W   |
| Brugere, E P | Kaufman, M      | Mackray, P   | Sutton, A M  |
| Block, S     | Kloppenber, H W | Pearson, A F | Traub, E     |
| Baer, A      | Keiffer, J      | Phillips, E  | Trudeau, Jas |
| Cammack, R O | Kahn, G         | Ralph, Theo  | Wren, W S    |
| Davidson, L  | Landsberg, A    | Rae, J W     | White, W A   |
| Dunn, Chas   | Levy, A         | Roos, A      | White, E O   |
| DeSola, A    | Levy, M         | Stern, Sol   | Wolf, J      |
| Evans, R     | Landman, B      | Seligman, M  | Wolf, A      |
| Eldridge, L  |                 |              | 70 members.  |

*Initiated*—Robt O Cammack, Robt G Eyrich, Thos S Kennedy, S M G Mount, Peter Mackray, Adolph Ross, W D Smith, Albert N Sutton, Pierre Wm Salomon.

*Passed*—R O Cammack, R G Eyrich, S M G Mount, P Mackray, A Roos, Frank B Smith, A N Sutton, P W Salomon.

*Raised*—R O Cammack, Chas Dunn, R G Eyrich, Henry Fisk, S M G Mount, P Mackray, A Roos, A N Sutton, P W Salomon.

*Affiliated*—W Salomon, A Landsberg.

*Demitted*—Jacob Wolf.



## EUREKA LODGE No. 177.

Bonner, Jackson Parish, La.—Stated meetings fourth Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                  |        |                  |        |
|------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| W E Redwine..... | W M.   | J W Mallory..... | Sec.   |
| H E Goodwin..... | S W.   | W W Patison..... | S D.   |
| C W Lyles.....   | J D.   | J H Nelson.....  | J D.   |
| A L W Reid.....  | Treas. | C F Walker.....  | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

C N Howell,

H E Goodwin.

## MEMBERS.

|             |             |              |             |
|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| Howell, G N | Madden, J C | McCurley, W  | Stamps, W T |
| Jackson, E  | McKee, J W  | Pollard, M B | Taylor, W P |
|             |             |              | 17 members. |

*Initiated*—W P Taylor.*Passed*—J H Nelson, W P Taylor.*Raised*—J H Nelson, W P Taylor.*Affiliated*—C F Walker.*Demitted*—W T Stamps.

## TULIP LODGE No. 178.

Tulip, Homer P. O., Claiborne Parish, La.—Stated meetings fourth Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                 |                   |                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| R J Warner..... | W M.              | E Landers.....  | S D.        |
| C L Hays.....   | S W.              | J L Davis.....  | J D.        |
| W A Watson..... | J W.              | J Morton.....   | } Stewards. |
| J Watts.....    | Treas.            | J T Baker.....  |             |
| W J Mercer..... | Sec.              | J H Jordan..... | Chaplain.   |
|                 | F R Chandler..... |                 | Tyler.      |

## PAST MASTER.

H H McClendon.

## MEMBERS.

|                |               |             |             |
|----------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Beard, J F     | Delony, M     | Hall, G W   | Smith, B F  |
| Brewer, A J    | Frazier, B C  | Hall, F     | Seay, W B   |
| Bullock, T J   | Ferguson, J E | Hays, H L   | Taylor, R S |
| Bickham, J J   | Gowin, W C    | Marsalis, P | Watson, J J |
| Callender, J S | Hood, B       | Moots, G W  | Watson, T A |
| Dick, E G      | Hood, W S     | Oden, A M   | 35 members. |

*Initiated*—J T Baker, H L Hays, F R Chandler, M R Bryan.*Passed*—J T Baker, H L Hays, F R Chandler, M R Bryan.*Raised*—J T Baker, H L Hays, F R Chandler.*Affiliated*—J L Davis.*Demitted*—G W Hall, A M Oden, J F Beard, J A Brewer, H H McClendon, J J Bickham, (T A Watson, J J Watson, G W Moots, in 1868.)*Stricken from Roll*—W B Seay.

## CADD0 LODGE No. 179.

Shreveport, Caddo Parish, La.—Stated meetings first and third Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                        |        |                    |             |
|------------------------|--------|--------------------|-------------|
| W Robson.....          | W M.   | R T Buckner.....   | S D.        |
| Ratliff B Burns.....   | S W.   | Solomon Simon..... | J D.        |
| Moses Kaufman, Jr..... | J W.   | N B Murff.....     | } Stewards. |
| John G McWilliams..... | Treas. | J C Buckner.....   |             |
| F A Pires.....         | Sec.   | Chas Moore.....    | Tyler       |

## PAST MASTERS.

John W Jones, D D G M., Sam'l M Morrison,  
P W H Cumming.

J F Davis,

## MEMBERS.

|                  |                 |                 |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Gilmore, J B P M | Elstner, J C    | Lindsey, R H    | Schaffner, A    |
| Furner, W M P M  | Engle, A        | Lewis, C W      | Sour, A         |
| Dyer, D H P M    | Eckerson, T J   | Marks, A G      | Spencer, J H    |
| Alcock, F J      | Ford, J F       | Martin, D B     | Thompson, C     |
| Askew, H G       | Fenner, D P     | Morris, James E | Taylor, S L     |
| Bush, A          | Greg, N         | McCutchen, S B  | Traub, A        |
| Baer, M          | Hamilton, W B   | Nicholson, W F  | Thurmond, C G   |
| Black Wm R       | Haymakeurs, G W | Norris, E C     | Thatcher, Wm    |
| Cake, A F        | Hunter, J C     | Newman, A J     | Vance, J C      |
| Clay, D M        | Hurt, C W       | Patterson, R B  | Wharton, J T M  |
| Calhoun, J C     | Hamilton, W E   | Page, A P       | Waller, R A     |
| Capers, W C      | Iler, Thos H    | Phillips, L B   | Watts, Wm T     |
| Chapman, S M     | Jacobs, T E     | Randall, J G    | Williamson, J H |
| Compton, James   | Jacobs, Thos N  | Ratliff, Jas W  | Woodward, Geo L |
| Cole, G W        | Lewis, W S      | Reynolds, J H   | Warren, J W     |
| Donaldson, W S   | Lewis, J B Jr   | Rogers, J V     | Wilder, Jos     |
| Dalzell, W T D   | Leonard, A H    | Sewall, J A     | Wright, R J     |
| Eberstat, E      | Lewis, H S      |                 | 84 members.     |

*Initiated*—S A Pires, C M Begues, Bernard Teah, Isaac C Hester, Josiah W Warren, John G Kirdsey.

*Passed*—S A Pires, Solomon Simon, B Teah, J C Hunter, D P Fenner, J W Warren, J G Kirdsey.

*Raised*—S A Pires, S Simon, John A Sewall, J H Reynolds, J C Hunter, D P Fenner, J W Warren.

*Affiliated*—W C Capers, Theo J Eckerson, D B Martin, J C Calhoun, Allen B Page.

*Demitted*—E C Norris, R A Waller, Chas S Thompson, Thos J Eckerson, Jas E Morris, Hy G Askew, W S Donaldson.

*Died*—J Franklin Ford, Andrew J Marks.

## LITTLE FLOCK LODGE No. 180.

Wineburg, Sabine Parish, La.—Stated meetings not given.

## OFFICERS.

|             |        |             |        |
|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| Wm M Antony | W. M.  | M K Speight | Sec.   |
| A Curtis    | S. W.  | J J Curtis  | S. D.  |
| G W Neel    | J. W.  | M G Antony  | J. D.  |
| J Caldwell  | Treas. | C Bennett   | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTER.

William M Antony.

## MEMBERS.

|                   |                  |             |                 |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Caldwell, J P M   | Holland, S L     | Sibley, S T | Wright, Jesse   |
| Antony, J H O P M | Morris, G        | Sibley, W W | Youngblood, W H |
| Brown, Edward     | McCollister, J N | Sattee, W J | 19 members.     |

*Initiated*—S B Jackson.

*Passed*—S B Jackson.

*Affiliated*—Samuel T Sibley.

## SAM TODD LODGE No. 182.

Sugar Town, Calcasieu Parish, La.—Stated meetings first Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                   |        |                     |        |
|-------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| H C Liles .....   | W M.   | G W Richardson..... | Sec.   |
| M T C Loftin..... | S W.   | D L Simmons.....    | S D.   |
| J W Hanchey ..... | J W.   | D A Cole.....       | J D.   |
| John Deer .....   | Treas. | W Bishop.....       | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

John Dove,

B J Ford.

## MEMBERS.

|                 |                 |                |               |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Ashley, J B     | Cain, S M       | Harper, Jesse  | Rowell, J A   |
| Akin, W E       | Ford, L A       | Kent, J T      | Simmons, V    |
| Bailey, Isam    | Gill, S         | LaBlance, L    | Simmons, C    |
| Bailey, A L     | Garlington, S S | Lewis, S S     | Simmons, Wm M |
| Burnett, Alfred | Harper, Sam'l   | Liles, D P     | Simmons W P   |
| Cagle, R J      | Heard, J T      | McClellan, A J | Teal, W C     |
| Cole, S D       | Hall, J         | Marrow, W M W  | Wells, J F    |
| Cole, S S       | Hanchey, John M | Marrow, D F    | Watson, A J   |
| Cole, V D       | Heard, J H      |                | 44 members.   |

*Initiated*—G B Hilton, Jacob Cole, B Strasner.*Passed*—G B Hilton, Jacob Cole.*Died*—Isam Bailey.*Stricken from Roll*—W E Akin.

## LONGWOOD LODGE No. 183.

Hoss' Mills, Caddo Parish, La.—First Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                 |        |                   |        |
|-----------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| R T Cole.....   | W M.   | B H Bickham ..... | Sec.   |
| J W Erwin.....  | S W.   | J A Currie .....  | S D.   |
| W E Noel.....   | J W.   | J D Hoyler.....   | J D.   |
| D F Hoyler..... | Treas. | N Hoyler.....     | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTER.

Thomas R Vaughn.

## MEMBERS.

|                |                 |              |                |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Attaway, A     | Goodgion, R F P | Mooring, C B | Newberry, John |
| Barnes, Z W    | Godbold, W E    | Mooring, H W | Porter, J B    |
| Burcham, Jas A | Harrington, C   | Mooring, J C | Rowell, R P    |
| Currie, H B    | Henderson, J G  | McClair, D F | Smyley, John W |
| Compton, J M   | Hearne, J P     | Martin, B M  | Thompson, J C  |
| Currie, H      | Hearne, T J     | Moore, J M   | Vaughn, S F    |
| Francis, M W   | Mooring, J M    |              | 35 members.    |

*Initiated*—W E Godbold, Jno P Hearne, T J Hearne, B H Bickham, W W Stewart, J M Moore, D H Yarbrough, R R Bradley.*Passed*—W E Godbold, J P Hearne, T J Hearne, B H Bickham, J M Moore, D H Yarbrough.*Raised*—W E Godbold, J P Hearne, T J Hearne, B H Bickham, B M Martin, J M Moore.*Demitted*—C B Mooring, Cyrus Harrington.*Stricken from Roll*—R P Rowell.

## SPRING CREEK LODGE No. 184.

Spring Creek Church, Tangipahoa Parish, La.—Saturday before second Sunday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                       |        |                     |        |
|-----------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| Hardy Richardson..... | W M.   | J C Fisher.....     | Sec.   |
| J G Tate.....         | S W.   | B L Lea.....        | S D.   |
| C P Bailey.....       | J W.   | W W Ricks.....      | J D.   |
| H W L Lewis.....      | Treas. | J Westmoreland..... | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

H Richardson,

C P Bailey.

## MEMBERS.

|              |              |              |             |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Breland, W G | Dixon, W W   | Gibbon, M F  | Lewis, W J  |
| Breland, J M | Edwards, N S | Holston, W J | McDaniel, W |
| Bond, G S    | Eady, F W    | Jenkins, H Z | Mixon, S C  |
| Clowin, A J  | Ford, J D    | Lea, Jas     | Morris, Jas |

24 members.

*Initiated*—Jos M Breland.*Passed*—Jos M Breland.*Raised*—Jos M Breland, W J Lewis.*Affiliated*—J G Tate, A J Clowin.*Demitted*—W A Holston.

## ORPHANS' FRIEND LODGE No. 185.

Big Cane, St. Landry Parish, La.—Stated meetings Saturday before full moon of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                    |        |                  |           |
|--------------------|--------|------------------|-----------|
| Geo W Bundick..... | W M.   | Robt Hart.....   | Sec.      |
| O S Smith.....     | S W.   | D L Frasier..... | S D.      |
| F W Cason.....     | J W.   | J T Swords.....  | J D.      |
| J L Morris.....    | Treas. | H T Thoms.....   | Chaplain. |
| J J Smith.....     |        | Tyler.....       |           |

## PAST MASTER.

G W Bundick.

## MEMBERS.

|                |                |                  |                |
|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Allen, E       | Francher, W M  | Jacobs, P        | Quirk, W P     |
| Allen, A       | Fisher, J W    | Kirkpatrick, J A | Reynolds, W B  |
| Butler, J J    | Fogleman, J S  | Lester, J H      | Richard, M J   |
| Bundick, E     | Fogleman, E    | Levy, J          | Street, M S    |
| Cole, J H      | Gibbons, T C   | Moss, J          | Simmons, C     |
| Creagh, J W    | Godechaux, L   | Nelson, H L      | Singleton, M V |
| Carmonche, E A | Havard, L S    | O'Neal, W        | Sloan, L G     |
| Calliban, P G  | Heath, R W     | O'Quin, E J      | Ward, S P      |
| Curry, D A     | Hayes, E O     | Oliver, C C      | White, H O     |
| Davis, R A     | Hebert, N M    | Pender, Jos      | Ward, T C      |
| Eilert, H      | Hightower, H H | Pickett, J M     | Watts, O H P   |
| Fleshman, S C  | Hicks, T A     |                  | 55 members.    |

*Initiated*—T C Gibbons, Jno Moss, O H P Watts, N M Hebert.*Passed*—T C Gibbons, Jno Moss, Jas T Swords, O H P Watts, N M Hebert.*Raised*—T C Gibbons, J Moss, J T Swords, H L Nelson, O H P Watts, N M Hebert.*Affiliated*—H T Thoms, S C Fleshman, Robt Hart, J L Morris.*Demitted*—J Levy, H H Hightower, Jos Pender, Ewel Bundick, Elijah Fogleman.*Died*—H L Nelson, Wm O'Neal, Jas J Butler.

## KISATCHIE LODGE No. 186.

Kile's Mills, Cloutierville P. O., Natchitoches Parish, La.—Stated meetings fourth Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                   |        |                 |        |
|-------------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| A Airhart.....    | W M.   | A R Dowden..... | Sec.   |
| J J Key.....      | S W.   | E A Bush.....   | S D.   |
| Isaac Powell..... | J W.   | Jas C Bush..... | J D.   |
| W K Taylor.....   | Treas. | G Airhart.....  | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

Jacob Kile, J J Key, A Airhart.

## MEMBERS.

|              |              |               |             |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| Adair, R H   | Grant, Wm    | Jackson, A W  | Owens, W F  |
| Airhart, Wm  | Grant, S     | Killen, B F   | Welden, E   |
| Biles, V     | Gilbert, W B | Marshall, A W |             |
| Collins, C D | Jackson, R H | Owens, M J    | 22 members. |

*Initiated*—R H Adair, A W Jackson, Russell Brazzeal, Chas Thibodaux, L J Pate.

*Passed*—R H Adair, A W Jackson.

*Raised*—R H Adair, A W Jackson.

*Affiliated*—J C Bush, M J Owens, W F Owens.

*Demitted*—C D Collins.

## FLAT LICK LODGE No. 187.

Flat Lick Bayou, Claiborne Parish, La.—Stated meetings on Saturday before full moon of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                    |        |                   |             |
|--------------------|--------|-------------------|-------------|
| W P Myers.....     | W M.   | J F Sikes.....    | S D.        |
| John W Todd.....   | S W.   | J P S Harvey..... | J D.        |
| L Z Grigsby.....   | J W.   | W W Deloach.....  | } Stewards. |
| Thompson Wood..... | Treas. | Noel M Hasty..... |             |
| L M, Grigsby.....  | Sec.   | N M Martin.....   | Tyler.      |

## PAST MASTERS.

Wm P Myers.

## MEMBERS.

|              |              |              |             |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Ashby, J W   | Engram, Jas  | Hobbs, Wm    | McCoy, N M  |
| Bridgeman, T | Gryder, H    | Jones, H     | Reagan, Jas |
| Camp, A G    | Garland, W W | Johnson, S A | Robinson, W |
| Cluton, H G  | Hamiter, J F | Krouse, F O  | Sikes, J    |
| Cater, I C   | Hasty, R L   | Lewis, J G   | Webb, S M D |
| Dunn, J J    | Hasty, S     | Miller, J A  | 33 members. |

*Initiated*—W W Deloach, Noel M Hasty, J F Sikes, Jas Reagan, Littleton Dyer, Wm Boring, Jas Sleigh, Thos Sleigh.

*Passed*—W W Deloach, Sidney A Johnson, N M Hasty, John W Todd, J F Sikes, Jas Reagan, L Dyer, Jno W Ashby.

*Raised*—W W Deloach, S A Johnson, Jno F Hamiter, N M Hasty, J W Todd, J F Sikes, Jas Reagan, J W Ashby.

*Affiliated*—Hiram Gryder, Jas Engram, Thornton Bridgeman, F O Krouse, Jackson Sikes.

*Demitted*—John W Ashley, W W Garland, Hy Jones, A G Camp, J L Clark, and H G Clifton in 1868.

## COVINGTON LODGE No. 188.

Covington, St. Tammany Parish, La.—Stated meetings first and third Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                     |        |                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| F B Martindale..... | W M.   | Thos B Mortee.....  | Sec.   |
| Jas R Hosmer.....   | S W.   | Paul L Gussman..... | S D.   |
| Alonzo Givens.....  | J W.   | Frank Level.....    | J D.   |
| John Theobald.....  | Treas. | Elisha Miller.....  | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

R F Clute,

J M Thompson.

## MEMBERS.

|                 |              |               |             |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| Bradley, W Chas | Ford, J M    | Hangen, W H R | Spring, H F |
| Doherty, T      | Gillespie, T | Penn, G H     | Taylor, Jos |
| Dutch, L Chas   | Heinzt, Chas | Levy, N       | Thomas, E B |
| Edwards, B      | Hosmer, W B  | Simon, A      | 25 members. |

*Initiated*—Frank Level, Timothy Doherty, Thos B Mortee, N Levy, Jos Taylor, Simon Joseph, Michael Haas, Freeman Burns.

*Passed*—F Level, T Doherty, T B Mortee, Paul L Gusmann, N Levy, J Taylor.

*Raised*—F Level, T Doherty, T B Mortee, P L Gussman, N Levy, J Taylor.

*Died*—T Gillespie.

## EVERGREEN LODGE No. 189.

Evergreen, Avoyelles Parish, La.—Saturday before full moon of every month at 5 o'clock, P.M.

## OFFICERS.

|                 |        |                   |        |
|-----------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| M Bennett.....  | W M.   | W H Oliver.....   | Sec.   |
| H A Ditto.....  | S W.   | Jesse J Toon..... | S D.   |
| W M Ewell.....  | J W.   | W O Pearce.....   | J D.   |
| Isham West..... | Treas. |                   | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTERS.

John W Pearce,

D M K Campbell.

## MEMBERS.

|                 |             |                |              |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| Scofield, L P M | Duval, C W  | Kemper, H C    | O'Quinn, J   |
| Branch, L K     | Ewell, J    | Knight, C W    | Perkins, S M |
| Bassett, W H jr | Frith, T P  | Miles, L       | Rushing, S H |
| Culpepper, L B  | Hadley, O F | Muse, J H      | Stewart, W H |
| Crawford, W W   | Hudson, J J | McCan, R J     | Wier, D S    |
| Cheney, W F     | Irion, R E  | Middleton, J T | Winn, W H    |
| Cappel, Jos     | Keller, C W | Marshall, R B  | *Wier, T D   |
|                 |             |                | 37 members.  |

*Initiated*—J T Muse, W H Oliver, A K Jackson, B T Woods, W F Lawson.

*Passed*—R J McCan, S H Rushing, J T Muse, W H Oliver.

*Raised*—R J McCan, S H Rushing, J T Muse, W H Oliver.

*Affiliated*—J T Middleton, R B Marshal, L B Culpepper.

*Demitted*—W W Crawford, D M K Campbell.

*Died*—W H Bassett, jr.

\*Not accounted for.

## CORINTHIAN LODGE No. 190.

Stated meetings first Friday of each month—No. 163 Camp, between Girod and Julia streets.

## OFFICERS.

|                     |        |                                 |        |
|---------------------|--------|---------------------------------|--------|
| W R Whitaker.....   | W M.   | Wm J Bovard.....                | Sec.   |
| William Carson..... | S W.   | Frank C Remick.....             | S D.   |
| Wm L Stanford.....  | J W.   | Arthur W Benedict.....          | J D.   |
| Manson B Long.....  | Treas. | Peter C Nessin, (not a member). | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTER.

Alfred E Billings.

## MEMBERS.

|             |              |                |                 |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Abbott, G H | McBeth, J E  | Slaught, H L   | Wrotnowski, A F |
| Bovard, A B | Pitcher, G E | Valentine, W G | 18 members.     |
| James, W G  | Price, C S   | Warden, Sam'l  |                 |

*Initiated*—Arthur W Benedict.

*Passed*—Arthur W Benedict.

*Raised*—Arthur W Benedict.

*Affiliated*—Samuel Warden, A F Wrotnowski.

## JEFFERSON LODGE No. 191.

Stated meetings every Friday evening, Berlin street, opposite City Hall, City of Jefferson.

## OFFICERS.

|                 |                |                   |      |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|------|
| Hugh Breen..... | W M.           | H P Phillips..... | Sec. |
| G G Garner..... | S W.           | H C Duncan.....   | S D. |
| H C Brown.....  | J W.           | W J Cooney.....   | J D. |
| S Seymour.....  | Treas.         | J H C Braus.....  | M C. |
|                 | J Joachim..... | Tyler.            |      |

## PAST MASTER.

Hugh Breen.

## MEMBERS.

|              |               |               |                  |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Aycock, J T  | Chambers, S R | Landry, J     | Perry, W H       |
| Behrle, A R  | Donaldson, J  | Lemle, D      | Southerland, P F |
| Blessey, P   | Frank, W      | Milner, U R   | Ulner, J         |
| Cazabat, A   | Friend, T     | Meyers, F     | Winn, J Z        |
| Collins, J P | Hay, A        | Mitchell, R B | Wright, J S      |
| Cohn, J      | Keenan, P     | Martin, H J   | Wiess, Geo       |
| Campbell, R  | Kramer, W     | Noyes, H N    | 36 members.      |

*Initiated*—A R Behrle, H P Phillips, Wm H Perry, P F Southerland, W Kramer, B Buisson, W J Cooney, J Cohn, J Landry, F Meyers.

*Passed*—A R Behrle, H P Phillips, W H Perry, H N Noyes, P F Southerland, W Kramer, W J Cooney, J Cohn, J Landry, F Meyers.

*Raised*—A R Behrle, H P Phillips, W H Perry, H N Noyes, P F Southerland, W Kramer, W J Cooney, J Cohn, J Landry, F Meyers.

*Affiliated*—A Hay, G G Garner, S Seymour, H C Duncan.

*Demitted*—P Keenan.

## ABBEVILLE LODGE No. 192.

Abbeville, Vermillion Parish, La.—Stated meetings first Saturday before full moon of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                       |        |                       |           |
|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------|-----------|
| W D White.....        | W M.   | Jno A Brookshire..... | S D.      |
| Jos T Labit.....      | S W.   | H H Bartells.....     | J D.      |
| Lastie Croussard..... | J W.   | J H Minie.....        | Chaplain. |
| Salomon Wise.....     | Treas. | Jos W Harrington..... | Steward.  |
| Clark H Remick.....   | Sec.   | W Laffler.....        | Tyler.    |

## PAST MASTER.

W D White.

## MEMBERS.

|             |              |                |              |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Asher, C    | Morgan, T J  | Robertson, J M | Swain, W H   |
| Bernard, A  | Perry, J F   | Rhoades, A J   | Trahan, Jos  |
| Cartis, W H | Plonsky, Jos | Roger, L M     | White, J M   |
| Ewing, E    | Patterson, W | Roger, E C     | White, Jas H |
| 27 members. |              |                |              |

*Initiated*—Jno A Brookshire, Jos W Harrington, Wm Laffler, Jos Trahan, Summerfield Stansbury.

*Passed*—L M Bernard, J A Brookshire, J W Harrington, W Laffler, J Trahan, Summerfield Stansbury.

*Raised*—Adolph Bernard, J A Brookshire, J W Harrington, W Laffler, C H Remnick, J Trahan.

*Affiliated*—Jas H White.

*Demitted*—Jos Plonsky, John F Perry, A J Rhoades.

## AURORA LODGE No. 193.

New Iberia, St. Martin Parish, La.—no meetings given.

## OFFICERS.

|                   |        |                               |        |
|-------------------|--------|-------------------------------|--------|
| J F Wyche.....    | W M.   | F Ehrman.....                 | Sec.   |
| W S Leahe.....    | S W.   | W E Walsh.....                | S D.   |
| Jos A Breaux..... | J W.   | J Robertson.....              | J D.   |
| W Robertson.....  | Treas. | W W Patterson, (not a member) | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTER.

John F Wyche.

## MEMBERS.

|                 |               |                 |                |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| *Leake, W S F M | Fuller, J C   | Lombard, E H    | Tolson, T T    |
| Border, J P     | Goodwyn, A E  | Linscot, R L    | Viellemot, J A |
| Bourne, E       | Harris, H H   | Pharr, E A      | Walker, W E    |
| Devalcour, A    | Kokernut, J M | Pharr, J A      | White, J F     |
| Devalcour, J T  | Knuckles, J M | Richardson, F D | Willis, D F    |
| Etie, E J       | Levy, D       | Robertson, W    | 29 members.    |

*Initiated*—J Robertson, J Gall, J Sandais, H Gougenheim, W Lour, J M Kokernut, J B Marsh, J M Tuel, J F White. (1868.)

*Passed*—J Robertson, E H Lombard, J A Veillemot, J Sandais, J F White, J M Kokernut.

*Raised*—J Robertson, David Levy, E H Lombard, J A Veillemot, J F White, J M Kokernut, J T Devalconr.

*Affiliated*—J E Morris, J M Knuckles, D T Willis, J A Breaux, R L Linscot, E A Pharr, J A Pharr.

*Demitted*—J E Morris.

\*Of what Lodge?



## MT. OLIVET LODGE No. 194.

Bayou Bœuf, St. Landry Parish, La.—No meetings given.

## OFFICERS.

|                  |        |                  |        |
|------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| E A B Hanks..... | W M.   | A Stagg.....     | Sec.   |
| M Neyland.....   | S W.   | T N McCrory..... | S D.   |
| H Savant.....    | J W.   | J P Reed.....    | J D.   |
| P Stagg.....     | Treas. | J R Sawyer.....  | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTER.

T N McCrory.

## MEMBERS.

McDonald, F G P M      Tate, W      Vitrine, Theo      11 members.

*Initiated*—E C Milburn.*Passed*—E C Milburn, W Tate.*Raised*—W Tate.

## TRENTON LODGE No. 195.

Trenton, Ouachita Parish, La.—Stated meetings second and fourth Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

|                   |        |                     |        |
|-------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| F M Dawson.....   | W M.   | M D Garlington..... | Sec.   |
| J E McGuire.....  | S W.   | J H Potts.....      | S D.   |
| J W Miles.....    | J W.   | E T Sellers.....    | J D.   |
| J H Flournoy..... | Treas. | J H Noble.....      | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTER.

Horace Jewell.

## MEMBERS.

|                 |               |                 |                |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Dreyfus, Theo   | Larche, S O   | Montgomery, C W | Shoemaker, V B |
| Head, D T       | McGuire, Thos | Morris, T M     | Stamper, M G   |
| Johnson, Thos F | Miller, W     | Rudisill, S     | Sheppard, B D  |
| Key, D H        | Madden, J H   | Standifer, T C  | Wheaton, R J   |

25 members.

*Affiliated*—R J Wheaton, S Rudisill, Will Miller, Thos F Johnson, J H Madden, Theo Dreyfus, M G Stamper, C W Montgomery.*Demitted*—V B Shoemaker.

## SALINE LODGE No. 196.

Saline, Bienville Parish. La.—No meetings given.

## OFFICERS.

|                   |        |                      |           |
|-------------------|--------|----------------------|-----------|
| Jas H Allen.....  | W M.   | Thos L Prothro.....  | Sec.      |
| Wm J Mobley.....  | S W.   | Hanel M Prothro..... | S D.      |
| Wm C Ross.....    | J W.   | Wm R Duncle.....     | J D.      |
| W W Boylston..... | Treas. | Jno A Harrell.....   | Chaplain. |
|                   |        | H H Hathorn.....     | Tyler.    |

## PAST MASTER.

James H Allen.

## MEMBERS.

|               |                |                 |               |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Bishop, A W   | Hartley, J A   | Pitts, W W      | Simmons, D M  |
| Brown, D P    | Lewis, Oscar F | Reidheimer, W W | Sullivan, D F |
| Boylston, J J | Luckey, G W    | Rentz, S P      | Thomas, Jas   |
| Gee, Chas P   | Myers, John J  |                 | 23 members.   |

*Initiated*—A W Bishop, Wm W Reidheimer, Jno G Reidheimer, Thos S Rigdon, Daniel M Simmons.

*Passed*—David D Brown, A W Bishop, W W Reidheimer, J G Reidheimer, D M Simmons, Jas Thomas.

*Raised*—D B Brown, Ocas F Lewis, A W Bishop, W W Reidheimer, D M Simmons, Jas Thomas.

*Affiliated*—John J Myers, W W Pitts, Dempsey F Sullivan.

## MAGNOLIA LODGE, U. D.

Washington, St. Landry Parish, La.—Stated meetings on Tuesday before the full moon o each month.

[Charter granted 16th February, 1870, No. 197—Instituted 28th, Februrary, 1870.]

## OFFICERS.

|                        |        |                     |        |
|------------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| Daniel H Quirk.....    | W M.   | Louis Stagg.....    | Sec.   |
| George O Elms.....     | S W.   | John O Trainor..... | S D.   |
| Jas Jackson Hicks..... | J W.   | W H Mayo.....       | J D.   |
| E Plonski.....         | Treas. | Jos Muller.....     | Tyler. |

## PAST MASTER.

Daniel H Quirk, U. D.

## MEMBERS.

|                    |                |               |             |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| Robinson, W A, P M | Gauset, E      | Lazaro, M     | Quirk, W P  |
| Butler, Jas J      | Gay, W E       | McMillan, J D | Reed, Jno   |
| Carriere, G        | Kaufman, Chas  | Morrogh, J A  | Thomas, R M |
| Daniels, J W       | Kaufman, Sam'l | Pitre, F L    |             |
| Earhart, J         | Lastrapes, Hy  |               | 26 members. |

*Initiated*—Chas Kaufman, R M Thoms, John A Morrogh, R L Drew, Hy Lastapes, Elbert Gauset, Adolph Meyer, W E Gay, Wm Crawford, Samuel Kaufman, Jos Muller.

*Passed*—Geo O Elms, Jacob Plunsky, Mash Lazzaro, Chas Kaufman, R M Thoms, J A Morrogh, Hy Lastapes, E Gauset, W E Gay, Lewis Stagg, William Crawford, S Kaufman, Jos Muller.

*Raised*—G O Elms, Jacob Plonsky, M Lazzaro, Chas Kaufman, R M Thoms, John A Morrogh, Hy Lastapes, E Gauset, W E Gay, L Stagg, S Kaufman, Jacob Muller.

*Affiliated*—J W Daniels.

*Died*—John James Butler.

## BROOKLIN LODGE, U. D.

Brooklin, Jackson Parish, La.—Stated meetings first Saturday of each month.

[Charter granted 16th February, 1870, No. 198; instituted 1870.]

## OFFICERS—U. D.

|                   |        |  |        |
|-------------------|--------|--|--------|
| Jno W Jones.....  | W M.   |  | Sec.   |
| Jas S Fowler..... | S W.   |  | S D.   |
| Jos L Hearn.....  | J W.   |  | J D.   |
|                   | Treas. |  | Tyler. |

## MEMBERS.

|                  |                |             |               |
|------------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|
| Jones, Jno W P M | Cox, Zachariah | Hearn, Thos | Hearn, O R    |
| Blakemore, M     | Everett, W B   | Hearn, J L  | Robinson, W S |
| Chaddick, Wm     | Fowler, Jas S  | Hearn, E    | Smoot, T J    |

12 members.

*Initiated*—D M McKaskill, W H Chaddick, W Hobbs, Whitfield Hood, J M Covington, Jos J Weems.

*Passed*—D M McKaskill, W H Chaddick, W Hood.

*Affiliated*—W B Everett, Z Cox, Elijah Hearn, O R Hearn.

## MALLETT WOODS, U. D.

Prudhomme City, Parish St. Landry—Stated meetings first Saturday before full moon of each month.

[Charter granted 16th February, 1870, No. 199; instituted March 10th, 1870.]

## OFFICERS.

|                  |        |                  |        |
|------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| F J Hundley..... | W M.   | C J Hundley..... | Sec.   |
| S D Moore.....   | S W.   | J Chenier.....   | S D.   |
| N Jenkins.....   | J W.   | B G Merritt..... | J D.   |
| E H Sanders..... | Treas. | W Turner.....    | Tyler. |

## MEMBERS.

|              |                |                   |               |
|--------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Bradley, J E | Elkins, Wm     | McGee, E H        | Steward, W H  |
| Boggs, Wm R  | Heard, A E     | Savoir, Valentine | Thomas, Sam'l |
| Cates, Jos   | Hamberlin, Jas |                   | 18 members.   |

*Initiated*—C W Forman, Patrick Krough, Valentine Savoir, Aaron Haning, Wm McHenry, Chas François, J Barousse, D B Whathy.

*Passed*—C W Forman, V Savoir, Jas E Bradley, W Elkins, A Haning, Francis Savoir.

*Raised*—V Savoir, J E Bradley, W Elkins, E H McGee.

*Affiliated*—Jas Hamberlin, B G Merrill, W R Boggs, W H Stuard, Samuel Thomas, Augusten E Heard, Jos Cates.

*Died*—Jas Hamberlin.

## OAK GROVE LODGE, U. D.

Oak Grove, Parish of Carroll—Stated meetings second Saturday of each month.

[Charter granted 23d March, 1870, No. 200; instituted 1870.]

## OFFICERS.

|                    |        |                          |        |
|--------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|
| Joel L Hurley..... | W M.   | J H Robinson.....        | Sec.   |
| Wm Keller.....     | S W.   | Thos N Sully.....        | S D.   |
| Thos J Sage.....   | J W.   | J T Brown.....           | J D.   |
| Jas W Bell.....    | Treas. | Jasper W Williamson..... | Tyler. |

## MEMBERS.

|                |                 |                |               |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| J T Brown, P M | Huff, R A       | Martin, John H | Shephard, J S |
| Bennett, J A   | Longmire, P W S | Reneau, Thos B | Settoon, B L  |
| Herron, J D    | Lacks, S W      | Smith, W B     | 19 members.   |

*Initiated*—W Foot, John D Herron, R A Huff, J S Shephard, B L Settoon, W W Mercer, And Jackson, D R Herron.

*Passed*—Wm Foot, J D Herron, R A Huff, J S Shephard, B L Settoon, Jasper W Williamson, Thos B Reneau, J A Bennett, J H Martin, W W Mercer.

*Raised*—J D Herron, R A Huff, J W Williamson, T B Reneau, J A Barrett, J H Martin, J S Shephard, B L Settoon.

*Affiliated*—W B Smith, S M Lacks.

*Demitted*—J W Bell.

## SUMMERFIELD LODGE, U. D.

Summerfield, Parish of Claiborne--Stated meetings on the fourth Saturday of each month.  
[Charter granted — 1870.]

## OFFICERS—U. D.

|                   |        |                              |        |
|-------------------|--------|------------------------------|--------|
| John Hardy.....   | W M.   | John J Glover.....           | Sec.   |
| W S Thompson..... | S W.   | S C Kennedy.....             | S. D.  |
| D J Sayers.....   | J W.   | W A Thurmond.....            | J. D.  |
| S Kerlin.....     | Treas. | W R Kennedy, (not a member). | Tyler. |

## MEMBERS.

|            |             |             |
|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Greer, J M | Moore, J F  | Welch, R L  |
| Hargis, H  | Tanner, T J | 13 members. |

*Initiated*—W Y Cargile, J M Greer, H Hargis, J F Moore, G J McCuiston, S E Smith, T J Tanner, R L Welch.

*Passed*—J M Greer, H Hargis, J F Moore, S J McCuiston, S E Smith, T J Tanner, R L Welch.

*Raised*—J M Greer, H Hargis, J F Moore, T J Tanner, R L Welch.

*Demitted*—H Hargis, J F Moore.

## HOLLY SPRING LODGE, U. D.

Holly Springs, Parish of Claiborne.

[Charter granted — 1870.]

## OFFICER.

G W Alexander, w m., u d.

## MEMBERS.

|                 |               |              |                 |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Alexander, Robt | Holly, John   | Osear, J T   | Slayton, J H    |
| Dave, J A       | Knighton, J O | Raney, G M C | Williamson, J M |
| Fincher, Benj   | Murrell, John |              | 11 members.     |

*Initiated*—J H Slayton, J T Osear, J A David.

*Passed*—J H Slayton, J T Osear, J A David.

*Raised*—J H Slayton, J T Osear, J A David.

## ASSUMPTION LODGE, U D.

Napoleonville, Parish of Assumption.

[Dispensation renewed 29th March, 1870.]

## OFFICERS—U. D.

|                       |        |                      |        |
|-----------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|
| E B Cox.....          | W M.   | Desire Le Blanc..... | Sec.   |
| Wm Sims.....          | S W.   | Hiram H Carver.....  | S D.   |
| Pierre J Gilbert..... | J W.   | Thos D Cox.....      | J D.   |
| F T Nicholas.....     | Treas. | Abram Klot.....      | Tyler. |

## MEMBERS.

|                |                  |              |
|----------------|------------------|--------------|
| Kling, Gabriel | Moseman, Jacob E | Simon, Simon |
|                |                  | 11 members.  |

*Initiated*—Timothy B Munson, Jos Simoneau, Jos Amadio Braud, Alphonse Kling, David Levy, Robert Laws, Octave Simoneau, Hy McCaskey Neuchwock.

*Passed*—T B Munson, J Simoneau, J A Braud, D Levy, O Simoneau.

*Affiliated*—Jacob Ed Moseman, Gabriel Kling.

DORIC LODGE U. D.

Brashear City, St. Mary Parish, La.—Dispensation issued February 19, 1870.

OFFICERS.

Maury W Bateman.....W M.      Jas Costello.....S W.  
                             Jas M Cochran .....J W.



CORNER STONE LODGE U. D.

Lewisville, Winn Parish, La.—Dispensation issued 19 February, 1870.

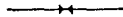
OFFICERS.

J W Burnum.....W M.     D M Stone.....S W.  
                                          Wm Murphy.....J W.



LOUISIANA RELIEF LODGE No. 1.

[Meetings first Sunday in each month, in Grand Lodge Hall.]



### OFFICERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.

|                                                              |                                           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| RICHARD LAMBERT, W. M.,<br>Office Grand Lodge Hall Library.  | HILEL MARKS, Sec.,<br>Grand Lodge Hall.   |
| F. HOLYLAND, J. W.,<br>Corner Customhouse and Royal streets. | W. E. MURPHY, S. D.<br>13 Decatur street. |
| GEO. H. BRAUGHN, J. W.,<br>25 Commercial Place.              | GEORGE S. SELBY, J. D.,<br>84 Baronne.    |
| SAMUEL M. TODD, Treas.,<br>76 Magazine street.               | R. S. BURKE, Tyler.                       |



## REPRESENTATIVES.

|                                      |                                                      |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| PERFECT UNION LODGE No. 1.....       | { René Laffon,<br>J. Delery,<br>T. Guyol.            |
| FRIENDS OF HARMONY LODGE No. 58..... | { Chs. E. Whitmore,<br>C. E. Kells,<br>J. A. Gildig. |
| MOUNT MORIAN LODGE No. 59.....       | { W. H. Moon,<br>R. Lambert,<br>J. W. Albro.         |

|                                     |                                                      |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| GEORGE WASHINGTON LODGE No. 65..... | { Z. M. Pike,<br>Wm. E. Murphy,<br>W. J. O'Beirne.   |
| DUDLEY LODGE No. 66.....            | { J. H. DeGrange,<br>J. T. Purvis,<br>G. H. Braughn. |
| MARION LODGE No. 68.....            | { H. P. Buckley,<br>J. W. Davis,<br>W. R. McKenzie.  |
| HIRAM LODGE No. 70.....             | { O. Czarnowski,<br>W. H. Sims,<br>C. Miller.        |
| ALPHA HOME LODGE No. 72.....        | { J. C. Batchelor, MD<br>F. Horn,<br>M. Fisher.      |
| HERMITAGE LODGE No. 98.....         | { Wm. Woelper,<br>A. Gerstner,<br>A. W. Skardon.     |
| OCEAN LODGE No. 144.....            | { J. B. Cooper,<br>W. Erslew,<br>W. Kneale.          |
| SAINTS JOHN LODGE No. 153.....      | { A. B. Seger,<br>Jno. McClusky,<br>J. G. Dyer.      |
| EXCELSIOR LODGE No. 166.....        | { R. L. Bruce,<br>C. D. Lyman,<br>G. Selby.          |
| UNION LODGE No. 172.....            | { S. H. Brown,<br>C A Meyers,<br>J Walsh.            |
| ORIENT LODGE No. 173.....           | { W. S. Benedict,<br>S. Leopold,<br>A. Hero, Jr.     |
| PERFECT HARMONY LODGE No. 176.....  | { E. Booth,<br>C. A. Kauffman,<br>L. DeMeza.         |

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NON-CONTRIBUTING LODGES IN THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.—Polar Star No. 1, Concordia No. 3, Perseverance No. 4, St. Andrew No. 5, Los Amigos del Orden No. 5, Silencio No. 9, Foyer Maçonnique No. 44, Germania No. 46, Quitman No. 76, Orleans No. 78, Louisiana No. 102, Linn Wood No. 167, Orus No. 170, Kosmos No. 171, Dante No. 174, Corinthian No. 190.

# GRAND MASONIC BODIES OF LOUISIANA,

Holding their Meetings in Grand Lodge Hall—City of New Orleans.

1870.

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## Grand Lodge F. and A. Masons.

SAMUEL M. TODD, New Orleans..... M. W. Grand Master.  
AMOS KENT, Tangipaho..... R. W. Deputy Grand Master.  
J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D., New Orleans..... R. W. Grand Secretary.  
Second Monday in February of each year.

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## Grand Chapter R. A. Masons.

HUGH BREEN, New Orleans..... M. E. Grand High Priest.  
R. G. STERLING, Bayou Sara..... R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest.  
JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D., New Orleans..... R. E. Grand Secretary.  
First Tuesday after the second Monday in February.

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## Order of High Priesthood.

HENRY R. SWASEY, New Orleans..... President.  
SAMUEL M. TODD..... Vice-President.  
JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D., New Orleans..... Recorder.  
During the session of the Grand Chapter.

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## Grand Council of R. and S. Masters.

RUFUS L. BRUCE, New Orleans..... M. Puissant Grand Master.  
JOS. P. HORNOR, New Orleans..... Puissant Deputy Grand Master.  
G. SONTAG, New Orleans..... Grand Recorder.  
First Thursday after the second Monday in February.

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## Grand Commandery of Knights Templar.

JOSEPH P. HORNOR, New Orleans..... R. E. Grand Commander.  
JAS. B. SCOT, New Orleans..... V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.  
GUSTAVUS SONTAG, New Orleans..... E. Grand Recorder.  
First Friday after the second Monday in February.

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## Active Members Sup. C. 33d, for Louisiana.

CHAS. LAFFON DE LADEBAT, 33d, New Orleans..... S. G. I. G.  
JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D., 33d, New Orleans..... S. G. I. G.  
SAMUEL M. TODD, 33d, New Orleans..... S. G. I. G.

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## Grand Consistory of Sub. PP. R. S. 32d Degree, A. A. Scottish Rite.

DANIEL E. SCRUGGS, 32d, New Orleans..... G. Com. in Chief.  
JOS. P. HORNOR, 32d, New Orleans..... Grand Chancellor.  
GUS. SONTAG, 32d, New Orleans..... Grand Register.

Stated sessions 21st March, 25th June, 21st September, and 27th December.  
Grand Annual Communication on the second Wednesday in January.

# Register and Work of Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana.

| NUMBER..... | NAMES OF LODGES.          | NUMBER..... | LOCATION.            | PARRISH.       | NAME OF W. M.        | NAME OF SECRETARY.   | NUMBER OF MEMBERS | INITIATED..... | PASSED..... | RAISED..... | APPELLED..... | DECEASED..... | DIED..... | STRICKEN FROM ROLL. | SUSPENDED..... | EXPELLED..... | REINSTATED..... |
|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1           | Perfect Union.....        | 1           | New Orleans.....     | Orleans        | René Lafon.....      | Ramon Oriol.....     | 45                | 4              | 2           | 2           | 3             | 1             | 1         | 1                   | 1              | 1             | 1               |
| 2           | Polar Star.....           | 1           | ".....               | "              | F Levasseur.....     | C Babled.....        | 38                | 2              | 3           | 2           | 1             | 1             | 1         | 1                   | 1              | 1             | 1               |
| 3           | Concorde.....             | 3           | ".....               | "              | Louis Prados.....    | E A Devron.....      | 43                | 7              | 7           | 7           | 1             | 2             | 2         | 2                   | 2              | 2             | 2               |
| 4           | Pers verance.....         | 4           | ".....               | "              | M A Calonge.....     | J M Cessac.....      | 40                | 5              | 1           | 1           | 1             | 2             | 2         | 2                   | 2              | 2             | 2               |
| 5           | St Andrew.....            | 5           | ".....               | "              | A Lucher.....        | A M Morvan.....      | 46                | 3              | 5           | 5           | 1             | 5             | 5         | 5                   | 5              | 5             | 5               |
| 6           | Los Amigos del Orden..... | 6           | ".....               | "              | Jose Plannelles..... | E B De Hamel.....    | 66                | 6              | 6           | 6           | 1             | 5             | 5         | 5                   | 5              | 5             | 5               |
| 7           | Slencio.....              | 9           | ".....               | "              | F de A Ribot.....    | F Gelbert.....       | 50                | 7              | 7           | 7           | 1             | 1             | 1         | 1                   | 1              | 1             | 1               |
| 8           | Humble Cottage.....       | 19          | Opelousis.....       | St Landry      | Caudias Mayo.....    | K H Boudemiller..... | 83                | 7              | 7           | 6           | 2             | 5             | 1         | 1                   | 1              | 1             | 1               |
| 9           | Western Star.....         | 24          | Monroe.....          | O achita       | R Richardson.....    | John A McGuire.....  | 71                | 1              | 1           | 1           | 3             | 8             | 2         | 2                   | 2              | 2             | 2               |
| 10          | St Albans.....            | 28          | Jackson.....         | East Feliciana | A Hazard.....        | H L Pond.....        | 46                | 1              | 1           | 2           | 1             | 1             | 1         | 1                   | 1              | 1             | 1               |
| 11          | Feliciania.....           | 31          | St Francisville..... | West Feliciana | Jas Reid.....        | E D RemouDET.....    | 54                | 4              | 6           | 5           | 1             | 1             | 1         | 1                   | 1              | 1             | 1               |
| 12          | Phoenix.....              | 38          | Natchitoches.....    | Natchitoches   | Chaplain, Jr.....    | Ed Phillips.....     | 55                | 4              | 2           | 1           | 1             | 7             | 2         | 2                   | 2              | 2             | 2               |
| 13          | Foyer Magonique.....      | 44          | New Orleans.....     | Orleans        | P Brugier, Jr.....   | A Saurie.....        | 78                | 11             | 12          | 12          | 2             | 5             | 1         | 1                   | 1              | 1             | 1               |
| 14          | Jackson.....              | 45          | Greenwood.....       | Caddo          | J M Ford.....        | J A McRady.....      | 49                | 10             | 10          | 7           | 2             | 11            | 1         | 1                   | 1              | 1             | 1               |
| 15          | Germania.....             | 46          | New Orleans.....     | Orleans        | O Koereuzig.....     | J Gougenheim.....    | 107               | 10             | 10          | 10          | 2             | 1             | 1         | 5                   | 1              | 1             | 1               |
| 16          | St James.....             | 47          | Baton Rouge.....     | Baton Rouge    | W H Strode.....      | M Gravety.....       | 62                | 5              | 4           | 2           | 3             | 1             | 1         | 1                   | 1              | 1             | 1               |
| 17          | Providence.....           | 50          | Lake Providence..... | Carroll        | D L Morgan.....      | J F Aicklin.....     | 45                | 3              | 6           | 7           | 1             | 2             | 3         | 1                   | 1              | 1             | 1               |
| 18          | Minden.....               | 51          | Minden.....          | Claiborne      | J W Henry.....       | W E Paxton.....      | 92                | 6              | 5           | 4           | 7             | 8             | 1         | 1                   | 1              | 1             | 1               |
| 19          | Olive.....                | 52          | Clinton.....         | East Feliciana | G H Packwood.....    | W A Knapp.....       | 93                | 3              | 3           | 2           | 1             | 1             | 1         | 1                   | 1              | 1             | 1               |
| 20          | Union Fraternal.....      | 53          | Farmersville.....    | Union          | Jas E Trumble.....   | Thos C Lewis.....    | 33                | 2              | 1           | 1           | 2             | 2             | 1         | 1                   | 1              | 1             | 1               |
| 21          | Mount Gerizim.....        | 54          | Bastrop.....         | Morehouse      | J W Hignman.....     | S W Reiley.....      | 70                | 11             | 11          | 11          | 3             | 6             | 1         | 1                   | 1              | 1             | 1               |
| 22          | DeSoto.....               | 55          | Mansfield.....       | DeSoto         | J Douglas.....       | J J Yarbrough.....   | 85                | 3              | 3           | 3           | 4             | 10            | 1         | 1                   | 1              | 1             | 1               |
| 23          | Lafayette.....            | 56          | Vernon.....          | Jackaon        | Jno W Jones.....     | J G W Davis.....     | 55                | 5              | 6           | 4           | 2             | 6             | 1         | 1                   | 1              | 1             | 1               |
| 24          | Franklin.....             | 57          | Franklin.....        | St Mary        | H H Smith.....       | N Trowbridge.....    | 78                | 6              | 4           | 3           | 1             | 3             | 1         | 1                   | 1              | 1             | 1               |
| 25          | Friends of Harmony.....   | 58          | New Orleans.....     | Orleans        | Jas E Whitmore.....  | Hill Marks.....      | 93                | 6              | 4           | 5           | 2             | 1             | 2         | 15                  | 1              | 1             | 1               |
| 26          | Mount Moriah.....         | 59          | ".....               | "              | W H Moon.....        | Jas Furneaux.....    | 247               | 5              | 6           | 6           | 2             | 7             | 7         | 37                  | 3              | 3             | 3               |
| 27          | Tunica.....               | 63          | Tunica.....          | West Feliciana | Roland Day.....      | W B Keller.....      | 20                | 1              | 1           | 1           | 2             | 2             | 1         | 1                   | 1              | 1             | 1               |
| 28          | George Washington.....    | 65          | New Orleans.....     | Orleans        | Z M Pike.....        | F A Dentzel.....     | 89                | 4              | 6           | 3           | 1             | 3             | 1         | 1                   | 1              | 1             | 1               |
| 29          | Dudley.....               | 66          | ".....               | "              | J H DeGange.....     | W H Kells.....       | 122               | 6              | 3           | 5           | 4             | 4             | 5         | 1                   | 1              | 1             | 1               |
| 30          | Marion.....               | 68          | ".....               | "              | H P Buckley.....     | Thos Cripps.....     | 152               | 6              | 8           | 7           | 5             | 4             | 2         | 1                   | 1              | 1             | 1               |
| 31          | Hiram.....                | 70          | ".....               | "              | O Czarnowski.....    | W D Taylor.....      | 98                | 6              | 6           | 4           | 1             | 3             | 1         | 11                  | 1              | 1             | 1               |
| 32          | Alpha Home.....           | 72          | ".....               | "              | J C Batchelor.....   | G J Pinckard.....    | 76                | 11             | 10          | 11          | 3             | 1             | 2         | 1                   | 1              | 1             | 1               |
| 33          | Sabine.....               | 75          | Fort Jessup.....     | abine          | L Farbee.....        | R A Forbes.....      | 22                | 1              | 1           | 1           | 1             | 5             | 1         | 1                   | 1              | 1             | 1               |
| 34          | Quitman.....              | 76          | New Orleans.....     | Orleans        | J G Fleming.....     | J D Tilden.....      | 161               | 23             | 1           | 20          | 7             | 2             | 2         | 8                   | 1              | 1             | 1               |
| 35          | Orleans.....              | 78          | ".....               | "              | A Quaat.....         | C F Huff.....        | 125               | 16             | 14          | 16          | 2             | 1             | 1         | 3                   | 1              | 1             | 1               |
| 36          | DeWitt Clinton.....       | 80          | Marion.....          | Union          | B B Thomas.....      | H H Hill.....        | 23                | 4              | 5           | 5           | 1             | 1             | 1         | 1                   | 1              | 1             | 1               |



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|----|-----------------------|-----|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----|----|----|----|---|----|---|----|----|--|--|---|
| 37 | Mount Vernon.         | 83  | Logansport.         | DeSoto.          | J L Cole.           | Jas K Pyle.     | 18  | 3  | 4  | 4  | 1 |    |   |    |    |  |  |   |
| 38 | Oliver.               | 84  | Alexandria.         | Rapides.         | J M Barrett.        | J J Ferguson.   | 58  | 6  | 8  | 6  | 7 | 1  |   |    | 2  |  |  |   |
| 39 | Pleasant Hill.        | 86  | Pleasant Hill.      | DeSoto.          | S D Chapman.        | R W Freeman.    | 27  | 9  | 8  | 5  | 3 |    |   |    |    |  |  |   |
| 40 | Lafayette.            | 87  | Pattersonville.     | St Mary.         | N Keyes.            | T Bellisain.    | 28  | 5  | 8  | 9  |   | 1  |   |    | 3  |  |  |   |
| 41 | Many.                 | 88  | Many.               | St. Louis.       | B E Matlock.        | T P Woodruff.   | 54  | 13 | 10 | 8  | 3 | 6  | 1 |    |    |  |  | 4 |
| 42 | Cypress.              | 89  | Benton.             | Bossier.         | F L Mead.           | J D Moore.      | 39  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8 |    |   |    |    |  |  |   |
| 43 | Thibodaux Benevolent. | 90  | Thibodaux.          | Latourche Int'r. | J L Cheatham.       | J W Draughton.  | 40  | 4  | 3  | 2  | 1 | 5  | 1 |    |    |  |  |   |
| 44 | Monticello.           | 91  | Floyd.              | Marroll.         | N U Pierce.         | C C Newman.     | 33  | 4  | 7  | 8  | 3 | 2  | 1 |    |    |  |  |   |
| 45 | Napoleon.             | 94  | Ouachita City.      | Union.           | J A Snider.         | W H Hill.       | 25  | 3  | 2  | 1  | 3 |    |   |    |    |  |  |   |
| 46 | Bellevue.             | 95  | Bellevue.           | Bossier.         | W A Carter.         | L R Parker.     | 72  | 8  | 5  | 5  | 3 | 2  | 3 |    |    |  |  | 3 |
| 47 | St Helena.            | 96  | Greensburg.         | St Helena.       | W Woelper.          | P L Boullocq.   | 73  | 10 | 7  | 4  | 1 |    |   |    | 2  |  |  |   |
| 48 | Hemitage.             | 98  | New Orleans.        | Orleans.         | R Babbington.       | J M Wallis.     | 61  | 4  | 3  |    | 1 | 5  | 3 | 3  |    |  |  |   |
| 49 | Franklinton.          | 101 | Franklinton.        | Washington.      | W C Driver.         | A Wangh.        | 136 | 19 | 18 | 18 | 3 | 3  | 5 |    |    |  |  |   |
| 50 | Louisiana.            | 192 | New Orleans.        | Orleans.         | S O Scruggs.        | D Coleman.      | 23  | 7  | 5  | 5  | 2 | 1  |   |    | 2  |  |  |   |
| 51 | Cloutierville.        | 103 | Mouth Cane River.   | Natchitoches.    | B H Stahl.          | J D Holston.    | 27  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 2 | 7  | 1 |    |    |  |  |   |
| 52 | Mount Lebanon.        | 104 | Mount Lebanon.      | Bienville.       | N Koshland.         | E Barrow.       | 46  | 6  | 15 | 14 | 2 | 1  |   |    |    |  |  |   |
| 53 | Trinity.              | 105 | Trinity.            | Catahoula.       | F D Scarborough.    | E R Russ.       | 71  | 5  | 6  | 5  | 6 | 9  | 1 | 1  |    |  |  |   |
| 54 | Vienna.               | 106 | Vienna.             | Jackson.         | J T Boone.          | B W Pearce.     | 67  | 1  | 2  | 2  | 2 | 4  | 1 |    |    |  |  |   |
| 55 | Sparta.               | 108 | Sparta.             | Bienville.       | W L LeGraftenreidt. | Joel Tatam.     | 24  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1 | 5  |   |    | 1  |  |  | 1 |
| 56 | Castor.               | 109 | Castor Landing.     | Caldwell.        | R H Harris.         | A Conn.         | 52  | 16 | 20 | 21 | 7 | 1  | 1 |    |    |  |  |   |
| 57 | Harrisonburg.         | 110 | Harrisonburg.       | Catahoula.       | W W Patrick.        | J L Simpson.    | 41  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 4 | 3  | 1 |    |    |  |  |   |
| 58 | Urim.                 | 111 | Forksville.         | Ouachita.        | J McCrory.          | W R Bunckley.   | 48  | 6  | 5  | 8  | 1 | 3  | 2 | 3  |    |  |  |   |
| 59 | Bartholomew.          | 112 | Platteville.        | Morehouse.       | J R Goyne.          | W D Henderson.  | 44  | 8  | 7  | 7  | 1 | 9  |   |    |    |  |  | 1 |
| 60 | Thomas Jefferson.     | 113 | Spearsville.        | Union.           | S M Asher.          | B Holzman.      | 64  | 6  | 4  | 4  |   | 1  |   |    |    |  |  |   |
| 61 | Shreveport.           | 115 | Shreveport.         | Caddo.           | G Schlater.         | J Mac cot.      | 36  | 6  | 3  | 1  | 2 | 1  |   |    |    |  |  |   |
| 62 | Acadia.               | 116 | Plaquemine.         | Iberville.       | J K Young.          | P S Hareison.   | 36  | 4  | 3  | 3  | 2 | 1  | 1 |    | 4  |  |  |   |
| 63 | Milford.              | 117 | Manchac Settlement. | E Baton Rouge.   | H F Petty.          | G W Davidson.   | 18  |    | 1  | 1  | 3 | 2  |   |    |    |  |  |   |
| 64 | Terryville.           | 118 | Terryville.         | Claiborne.       | D S Travis.         | Chas R Slider.  | 39  | 2  | 3  |    | 1 | 2  | 1 |    |    |  |  |   |
| 65 | Dorfield.             | 120 | Delhi.              | Richland.        | W J Leslie.         | T H Pennington. | 57  | 2  | 1  | 1  |   |    |   |    |    |  |  |   |
| 66 | Lisbon.               | 121 | Lisbon.             | Claiborne.       | E N Kintley.        | A J Kolb.       | 52  | 11 | 8  | 6  | 2 | 5  | 1 |    |    |  |  |   |
| 67 | Mackay.               | 122 | Ringgold.           | Bienville.       | C Schuler.          | J B Lee.        | 51  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 3 | 1  |   |    | 2  |  |  |   |
| 68 | Liberty.              | 123 | Keachi.             | DeSoto.          | L J Perkins.        | A J Norwood.    | 49  | 2  |    |    |   | 3  |   |    | 9  |  |  |   |
| 69 | Kelbertown.           | 124 | Keilertown.         | East Feliciana.  | W C Warren.         | J E Ford.       | 42  | 5  | 3  | 3  |   | 3  |   |    | 1  |  |  | 6 |
| 70 | Pearl River.          | 125 | Line Academy.       | Washington.      | E Gresham.          | J M Ryant.      | 52  | 6  | 4  | 3  | 4 | 4  |   |    |    |  |  |   |
| 71 | Arcadia.              | 126 | Arcadia.            | Bienville.       | G W Murphy.         | J W Hopkins.    | 37  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 4 | 5  | 1 |    |    |  |  | 1 |
| 72 | Springfield.          | 127 | Springfield.        | Union.           | R E Thompson.       | A M Thornton.   | 38  |    |    |    |   | 18 |   |    |    |  |  |   |
| 73 | Dawson.               | 129 | Stottsville.        | Claiborne.       | S M Fuller.         | J D Hamilton.   | 65  | 5  | 4  | 4  | 1 |    | 1 |    |    |  |  | 1 |
| 74 | Shiloh.               | 131 | Shiloh.             | Union.           |                     |                 |     |    |    |    |   |    |   |    |    |  |  |   |
| 75 | Warren.               | 132 |                     |                  |                     |                 |     |    |    |    |   |    |   |    |    |  |  |   |
| 76 | Gordy.                | 133 | Cheneyville.        | Rapides.         | J H Audibert.       | J W Jackson.    | 27  |    |    | 1  | 3 | 1  |   |    | 3  |  |  |   |
| 77 | Plains.               | 135 | Plains.             | E Baton Rouge.   | A G Carter.         | R E Corcoran.   | 37  | 4  | 3  | 3  | 1 | 2  |   |    |    |  |  |   |
| 78 | Athens.               | 136 | Athens.             | Claiborne.       | W F Bridges.        | R J Bridges.    | 37  | 1  |    |    |   | 2  | 5 |    | 1  |  |  |   |
| 79 | Jeffersonian.         | 138 | Kingson.            | DeSoto.          | C E Crawford.       | E W Lacy.       | 21  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 1 | 1  |   |    |    |  |  |   |
| 80 | Houma.                | 139 | Houma.              | Terrebonne.      | J B Dunn.           | A W Connelly.   | 43  | 4  | 3  | 3  |   |    | 1 | 1  | 9  |  |  |   |
| 81 | Cool Spring.          | 140 | Cotquit.            | Claiborne.       | J F Tigner.         | G W Tigner.     | 55  | 3  | 1  | 2  | 5 | 10 |   |    | 16 |  |  |   |
| 82 | Downsville.           | 143 | Downsville.         | Union.           | J Schultz.          | E S Pipes.      | 67  | 10 | 8  | 8  | 6 | 3  |   |    | 1  |  |  |   |
| 83 | Ocean.                | 144 | New Orleans.        | Orleans.         | J B Cooper.         | J A Letten.     | 82  | 9  | 7  | 6  | 3 | 2  | 2 | 11 |    |  |  |   |

# REGISTER OF WORK AND LODGES--Continued.

| NUMBER..... | NAMES OF LODGES.   | LOCATION.              | PARRISH.     | NAME OF W. M.    | NAME OF SECRETARY. | NUMBER OF MEMBERS. | INITIATED..... | PASSED..... | RAISED..... | AFFILIATED..... | DEMITTED..... | DIED..... | SICKEN FROM R.O.L. | EXPULSED..... | REINSTATED..... |
|-------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 84          | Hope               | 145 Vermillionville... | Lafayette    | M E Girard       | W Brandt           | 29                 | 4              | 3           | 1           | 1               | 1             | 1         |                    |               |                 |
| 85          | Silent Brotherhood | 146 Springville...     | Natchitoches | J Lisso          | J B Selby          | 48                 | 7              | 4           | 3           | 4               | 3             | 2         |                    |               |                 |
| 86          | Anacoco            | 147 Anacoco            | Sabine       | N H Bray         | Thos Richardson    | 32                 | 2              | 1           | 1           | 7               |               |           |                    |               |                 |
| 87          | Red Land           | 148 Red Land           | Bossier      | J G Allen        | J J Scott          | 39                 | 1              | 3           | 3           |                 | 1             |           | 3                  | 1             |                 |
| 88          | Darlington         | 149 Darlington         | St Helena    | O L Collins      | J L Nettles        | 35                 | 5              | 4           | 4           |                 |               | 1         |                    |               |                 |
| 89          | Perkins            | 150 Donaldsonville...  | Ascension    | W C Laws         | H W Miller         | 24                 | 3              | 2           |             |                 | 4             |           |                    |               |                 |
| 90          | Eastern Star       | 151 Winfield           | Winn         | Jas R Bevell     | J A Dixon          | 106                | 16             | 19          | 20          | 2               | 11            | 1         | 1                  |               |                 |
| 91          | Homer              | 152 Homer              | Claiborne    | F A Jones        | J R Ramsay         | 68                 | 2              |             |             |                 | 10            | 2         | 17                 |               | 1               |
| 92          | St Johns           | 153 Algiers            | Orleans      | A B Seger        | W H Martin         | 78                 | 10             | 10          | 11          |                 | 1             | 3         |                    | 1             | 1               |
| 93          | Fillmore           | 154 Fillmore           | Bossier      | H Burncastle     | Jas Ford           | 33                 | 2              | 2           | 1           | 1               | 5             |           |                    |               |                 |
| 94          | Cherry Ridge       | 155 Zion Hill          | Union        | E J Lee          | M L McFarland      | 18                 | 3              | 1           |             | 1               | 2             |           |                    |               |                 |
| 95          | Ki-atchie          | 156 Kisatchie          | Sabine       | J D Addison      | D W Self           | 22                 | 4              | 3           | 2           | 2               | 5             |           | 1                  |               | 2               |
| 96          | Rapides            | 158 Huddieston         | Rapides      | C K Oakes        | Jos T Hatch        | 36                 | 3              | 3           | 4           | 1               | 11            |           | 1                  |               |                 |
| 97          | Morganza           | 159 Morganza           | Point Coupee | J W Denison      | A Vignes           | 43                 | 5              | 5           | 6           | 3               | 14            | 1         | 1                  |               | 1               |
| 98          | Livingston         | 160 Ponchitoula        | Tangipahoa   | A B Robertson    | W H Holden         | 34                 | 1              | 1           | 1           |                 | 4             |           |                    |               |                 |
| 99          | Brookville         | 161 Port Jefferson     | Morehouse    | G W Higginbotham | T W Baird          | 40                 | 4              | 3           | 3           | 4               | 3             |           | 3                  |               |                 |
| 100         | Burnsville         | 162 Mangaloo           | Claiborne    | G J Wise         | J A Rankin         | 50                 | 3              | 1           |             |                 | 11            | 1         | 2                  |               |                 |
| 101         | Atchafalaya        | 163 Simsport           | Avovettes    | L Keller         | J Ben Kirk         | 42                 | 8              | 7           | 7           |                 | 15            | 1         |                    |               |                 |
| 102         | Columbia           | 164 Colataha           | Caldwell     | C C Meredith     | R S Slemens        | 47                 | 12             | 9           | 9           | 2               | 5             |           |                    |               | 1               |
| 103         | Lake Charles       | 165 Lake Charles       | Calcasieu    | E R Sims         | J W Bryan          | 33                 | 2              | 2           | 1           | 2               | 1             |           |                    |               |                 |
| 104         | Excelsior          | 166 New Orleans        | Orleans      | R L Bruce        | W Star             | 88                 | 13             | 13          | 11          | 2               | 1             | 1         | 2                  |               |                 |
| 105         | Lindwood           | 167 "                  | "            | Geo Bal ey       | Hy Abel            | 154                | 18             | 16          | 14          | 1               | 21            | 5         | 10                 |               | 2               |
| 106         | Montgomery         | 168 Montgomery         | Grant        | S Bernstein      | D Hardy            | 45                 | 7              | 7           | 8           | 4               | 4             | 1         |                    |               |                 |
| 107         | Haynesville        | 169 Haynesville        | Claiborne    | H W Kirkpatrick  | T Price            | 87                 | 2              | 4           | 4           | 5               | 17            | 2         |                    |               | 10              |
| 108         | Orus               | 170 New Orleans        | Orleans      | R D Onvard       | L Joillissant      | 43                 | 3              | 3           | 2           |                 | 1             | 1         | 3                  |               |                 |
| 109         | Kosmos             | 171 "                  | "            | V Fabian         | B Ambustor         | 51                 | 6              | 4           | 5           | 1               | 4             |           | 1                  | 1             | 2               |
| 110         | Union              | 172 "                  | "            | S H Brown        | J Dusel            | 67                 | 6              | 7           | 7           | 2               | 3             | 2         | 2                  |               |                 |
| 111         | Orient             | 173 "                  | "            | W S Benedict     | V Menly            | 90                 | 4              | 2           | 2           |                 | 3             | 2         | 1                  |               |                 |
| 112         | Daute              | 174 "                  | "            | J B Rossi        | C Boni             | 55                 | 7              | 5           | 5           |                 | 1             | 1         |                    |               |                 |
| 113         | Amite City         | 175 Amite City         | Tangipahoa   | C S Stewart      | T Price            | 42                 | 1              | 2           | 3           | 1               |               |           | 4                  |               |                 |
| 114         | Perfect Harmony    | 176 New Orleans        | Orleans      | E Booth          | L L Miller         | 70                 | 8              | 8           | 9           | 2               | 1             |           |                    |               |                 |
| 115         | Eureka             | 177 Bonner             | Jackson      | W C Redwine      | J W Mallory        | 17                 | 1              | 2           | 2           | 1               | 1             |           |                    |               |                 |
| 116         | Tulip              | 178 Tulip              | Claiborne    | R J Warner       | W J Mercer         | 35                 | 4              | 4           | 5           | 1               | 6             |           | 1                  |               |                 |
| 117         | Caddo              | 179 Shreveport         | Caddo        | W Robson         | L A Pires          | 84                 | 6              | 7           | 7           | 5               | 7             | 2         |                    |               |                 |
| 118         | Little Flock       | 180 Winburg            | Sabine       | W M Antony       | M K Speight        | 18                 | 1              | 1           |             | 1               |               |           |                    |               |                 |
| 119         | Sam Todd           | 182 Sugar Wn           | Calcasieu    | H C Liles        | G W Richardson     | 44                 | 3              | 2           |             |                 |               | 1         | 1                  |               |                 |
| 120         | Longwood           | 188 Hoss' Mills        | Caddo        | R T Cole         | B H Brickham       | 35                 | 8              | 6           | 6           |                 | 2             |           | 1                  |               |                 |

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|---|----|--|--|--|--|--|
| 121 Spring Creek.....     | 184 Spring Creek.....      | Tangipahoa.....   | H Richardson.....   | J C Fisher.....     | 24   | 1   | 1   | 2   | 2   | 2   |     |     |    |   |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 122 Orphans' Friend.....  | 185 Big Cane.....          | St Landry.....    | G W Bundick.....    | Robt Hart.....      | 55   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 4   | 5   | 3   |     |    |   |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 123 Kiasatchie Union..... | 186 Kile's Mills.....      | Natchitoches..... | A Airhart.....      | A R Dowden.....     | 22   | 5   | 2   | 2   | 3   | 1   |     |     |    |   |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 124 Flat Lick.....        | 187 Flat Lick.....         | Claiborne.....    | W P Myers.....      | L M Grisby.....     | 33   | 8   | 8   | 8   | 5   | 3   |     |     |    |   |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 125 Covington.....        | 188 Covington.....         | St Tammany.....   | F B Martindale..... | T B Mortee.....     | 25   | 8   | 6   | 6   |     |     |     |     |    |   |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 126 Evergreen.....        | 189 Evergreen.....         | Avoyelles.....    | M Burnett.....      | W H Oliver.....     | 37   | 5   | 4   | 4   | 3   | 2   | 1   |     |    |   |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 127 Corinthian.....       | 190 New Orleans.....       | Orleans.....      | W R Whitaker.....   | W J Bovard.....     | 18   | 1   | 1   | 1   | 2   |     |     |     |    |   |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 128 Jefferson.....        | 191 City of Jefferson..... | Jefferson.....    | H Breen.....        | H P Phillips.....   | 36   | 10  | 10  | 10  | 4   | 1   |     |     |    |   |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 129 Abbeville.....        | 192 Abbeville.....         | Vermillion.....   | W D White.....      | C H Remick.....     | 27   | 5   | 6   | 6   | 1   | 3   |     |     |    |   |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 130 Aurora.....           | 193 New Iberia.....        | Iberia.....       | J F Wyche.....      | F Ehrman.....       | 29   | 9   | 6   | 7   | 7   | 1   |     |     |    |   |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 131 Mount Olivet.....     | 194 Bayou Boeuff.....      | St Landry.....    | E A B Hanks.....    | P Stagg.....        | 11   | 1   | 2   | 1   |     |     |     |     |    |   |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 132 Trenton.....          | 195 Trenton.....           | Ouachita.....     | F M Dawson.....     | M D Garlington..... | 25   |     |     |     | 8   | 1   |     |     |    |   |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 133 Saline.....           | 196 Saline.....            | Bienville.....    | J H Allen.....      | T L Prothro.....    | 23   | 5   | 6   | 6   | 3   |     |     |     |    |   |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 134 Magnolia.....         | 197 Washington.....        | St Landry.....    | D H Quirk.....      | L Stagg.....        | 26   | 11  | 13  | 12  |     |     |     |     |    |   |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 135 Brooklyn.....         | 198 Brooklyn.....          | Jackson.....      | J W Jones.....      |                     | 12   | 6   | 3   |     | 4   |     |     |     |    |   |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 136 Mallet Woods.....     | 199 Prudhomme City.....    | St Landry.....    | F J Hundley.....    | C J Huddley.....    | 18   | 8   | 6   | 4   | 7   | 1   |     |     |    |   |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 137 Oak Grove.....        | 200 Oak Grove.....         | Carroll.....      | J L Hanley.....     | J H Robinson.....   | 18   | 8   | 10  | 8   | 2   | 1   |     |     |    |   |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Summerfield.....          | U D Summerfield.....       | Claiborne.....    | J Hardy.....        | J J Glover.....     | 13   | 8   | 7   | 5   |     | 2   |     |     |    |   |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Holly Springs.....        | U D Holly Springs.....     | ".....            | J O Knighton.....   |                     | 11   | 3   | 3   | 3   |     |     |     |     |    |   |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Assumption.....           | U D Assumption.....        | Assumption.....   | E B Cox.....        | D LeBlanc.....      | 11   | 8   | 5   |     | 2   |     |     |     |    |   |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Louisiana Relief.....     | 1 New Orleans.....         | Orleans.....      | R Lambert.....      | H Marks.....        |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |   |    |  |  |  |  |  |
|                           |                            |                   |                     |                     | 713. | 757 | 702 | 651 | 293 | 448 | 109 | 229 | 11 | 7 | 47 |  |  |  |  |  |

# HISTORICAL TABLE OF LODGES

WHICH FOUNDED THE GRAND LODGE OF LOUISIANA, AND THOSE CREATED BY IT, SINCE ITS FOUNDATION.

| NO. | NAMES OF LODGES.            | NO. | PLACES OF THEIR ESTABLISHMENT.               | DATE OF PRESENT CHARTER. | REMARKS.                                                        |
|-----|-----------------------------|-----|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1   | Parfaite Union.....         | 1   | New Orleans.....Organized 1793               | 12 July.....1812         | Founded Grand <input type="checkbox"/> .                        |
| 2   | Etoile Polaire.....         | 1   | New Orleans.....do 1811                      | do.                      | Founded Grand <input type="checkbox"/> .                        |
| 3   | Charité.....                | 2   | New Orleans.....do 1802                      | do.                      | Founded Grand <input type="checkbox"/> Extinct 1821.            |
| 4   | Amis Réunis.....            | 2   | New Orleans.....                             | G. . O. . F. . 1829      | Annexed to Perseverance <input type="checkbox"/> No 4.          |
| 5   | Trinosphes.....             | 2   | New Orleans.....                             | G. . Lodge. 1829         | do. do. do.                                                     |
| 6   | Concorde.....               | 3   | New Orleans.....Organized 1810               | 12 July.....1812         | Founded Grand <input type="checkbox"/> .                        |
| 7   | Liberal.....                | 3   | New Orleans.....                             | 16 Oct.....1838          | Extinct.                                                        |
| 8   | Perseverance.....           | 4   | New Orleans.....Organized 1810               | 12 July.....1812         | Founded Grand <input type="checkbox"/> .                        |
| 9   | Amor Fraternal.....         | 4   | New Orleans.....                             | 1 April.....1839         | Annexed to Los Amigos del Orden <input type="checkbox"/> No. 5. |
| 10  | Disc. du Sénate Maçonnique  | 5   | New Orleans.....                             | 3 June.....1839          | Name changed to St. André, Feb'y 14, 1865.                      |
| 11  | Los Amigos del Orden.....   | 5   | New Orleans.....                             | 24 Sept.....1842         |                                                                 |
| 12  | Friendship.....             | 6   | Mobile, Alabama.....                         | 12 July.....1812         | Charter forfeited 17th March, 1820.                             |
| 13  | Reunion Frater. de Caridad. | 7   | New Orleans.....                             | 12 July.....1815         | do. do. do.                                                     |
| 14  | Amigos Reunidos.....        | 8   | New Orleans.....                             | 12 July.....1816         | Extinct.                                                        |
| 15  | Reunion de la Virtud.....   | 9   | Campeache.....                               | 12 July.....1817         | Charter forfeited in 1821.                                      |
| 16  | Etoile Flamboyante.....     | 10  | Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge..... | do.                      | do. do. in 1834.                                                |
| 17  | Templo de la Divina Purido. | 11  | Matanzas, Cuba.....                          | 12 July.....1818         | do. do. in 1822.                                                |
| 18  | La Vérité.....              | 12  | Donaldsonville, Ascension Parish.....        | do.                      | do. do. in 1829.                                                |
| 19  | L'Union.....                | 13  | Natchitoches, Natchitoches Parish.....       | do.                      | do. do. in 1828.                                                |
| 20  | La Rectitude.....           | 14  | Havana, Cuba.....                            | do.                      | Extinct.                                                        |
| 21  | Columbian.....              | 15  | Alexandria, Parish of Rapides.....           | 12 July.....1819         | Extinct.                                                        |
| 22  | Eureka.....                 | 16  | Blakesly, Alabama.....                       | do.                      | Extinct.                                                        |
| 23  | Washington.....             | 17  | Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge..... | do.                      | Extinct.                                                        |
| 24  | Aurera de ***.....          | 18  | Yucatan.....                                 | 12 July.....1820         | Extinct.                                                        |
| 25  | Humble Chaumière.....       | 19  | Opelousas, St. Landry Parish.....            | do.                      | Humble Cottage.                                                 |
| 26  | Tripple Bienfaisance.....   | 20  | New Orleans.....                             | do.                      | Charter surrendered March 1, 1829.                              |
| 27  | Sincère Amité.....          | 21  | St. Martinsville, Attakapas.....             | 12 July.....1821         | do. August 1, 1825.                                             |
| 28  | Mobile.....                 | 22  | Mobile, Alabama.....                         | do.                      | Extinct.                                                        |
| 29  | Union.....                  | 23  | Parish of St. James.....                     | 12 July.....1823         | Charter surrendered November 7, 1833.                           |

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| 30 Western Star .....         | 24 Monroe, Ouachita Parish.....          | do.                  | New Charter granted in 1840.                             |
| 31 Lafayette.....             | 25 New Orleans.....                      | 12 July.....1824     | Extinct.                                                 |
| 32 Harmony.....               | 26 New Orleans.....                      | 22 July.....1826     | Extinct.                                                 |
| 33 Numantina.....             | 27 New Orleans.....                      | do.                  | Extinct.                                                 |
| 34 St. Albans.....            | 28 Jackson, East Feliciana.....          | 12 July.....1827     | do.                                                      |
| 35 Harmony.....               | 29 Opelousas, St. Landry Parish.....     | do.                  | Extinct.                                                 |
| 36 Lafayette.....             | 30 Vermillionville, Attakapas.....       | do.                  | Extinct.                                                 |
| 37 Feliciana.....             | 31 St. Francisville, West Feliciana..... | 9 March.....1828     | do.                                                      |
| 38 Louisiana.....             | 32 New Orleans.....                      | do.                  | Extinct, (2d April, 1842).                               |
| 39 Hiram.....                 | 33 Cheneyville, Avoyelles.....           | do.                  | Extinct.                                                 |
| 40 Selected Friends.....      | 34 Clinton, Avoyelles.....               | 3 January.....1829   | Extinct.                                                 |
| 41 Fraternité.....            | 35 New Orleans.....                      | 13 August.....1833   | Charter surrendered Oct. 14, 1840.                       |
| 42 Holland.....               | 36 Brazoria, Texas.....                  | 27 January.....1836  | Now No. 1, Grand <input type="checkbox"/> of Texas.      |
| 43 Alexandria.....            | 37 Alexandria, Parish of Rapides.....    | do.                  | Extinct.                                                 |
| 44 Phoenix.....               | 38 Natchitoches.....                     | 6 October.....1836   | do.                                                      |
| 45 Poinsett.....              | 39 New Orleans.....                      | 6 October.....1837   | Extinct. Members thereof formed Marion 68.               |
| 46 Milam.....                 | 40 Nacogdoches, Texas.....               | 22 Sept.....1837     | Founded Grand <input type="checkbox"/> of Texas in 1857. |
| 47 McFarland.....             | 41 St. Augustine, Texas.....             | do.                  | do. do. do. do.                                          |
| 48 Morning Star.....          | 42 Arkansas Post, Arkansas.....          | 6 January.....1838   | do. do. of Arkansas in 1842.                             |
| 49 Western Star.....          | 43 Little Rock, Arkansas.....            | do.                  | do. do. do.                                              |
| 50 Foyer Maçonlique.....      | 44 New Orleans.....                      | 6 October.....1838   | do.                                                      |
| 51 Désert.....                | 44 Napoleonville, Assumption Parish..... | 24 Dec.....1841      | Extinct.                                                 |
| 52 Jackson.....               | 45 Greenwood, Caddo Parish.....          | 28 Jan'y.....1843    | do.                                                      |
| 53 Germania.....              | 46 New Orleans.....                      | 18 April.....1844    | do.                                                      |
| 54 St. James.....             | 47 East Baton Rouge.....                 | 28 June.....1844     | do.                                                      |
| 55 Hospitalière du Teche..... | 48 St. Martinsville, Attakapas.....      | 5 Sept.....1844      | Extinct. Charter forfeited in 1849.                      |
| 56 Caddo.....                 | 49 Shreveport, Caddo Parish.....         | 14 February.....1845 | Charter surrendered in 1853.                             |
| 57 Providence.....            | 50 Lake Providence, Carroll Parish.....  | 19 April.....1845    | do.                                                      |
| 58 Minden.....                | 51 Minden, Claiborne Parish.....         | do.                  | do.                                                      |
| 59 Olive.....                 | 52 Clinton, East Feliciana.....          | 27 Nov.....1845      | do.                                                      |
| 60 Union Fraternal.....       | 53 Farmersville, Union Parish.....       | 13 Sept.....1845     | do.                                                      |
| 61 Mt. Gerizim.....           | 54 Bastrop, Morehouse Parish.....        | 28 Nov.....1846      | do.                                                      |
| 62 DeSoto.....                | 55 Mansfield, DeSoto Parish.....         | 27 March.....1847    | do.                                                      |
| 63 Lafayette.....             | 56 Vernon, Jackson Parish.....           | 27 Nov.....1847      | do.                                                      |
| 64 Franklin.....              | 57 Franklin, St. Mary Parish.....        | 24 Jan'y.....1848    | do.                                                      |
| 65 Friends of Harmony.....    | 58 New Orleans.....                      | 22 April.....1848    | do.                                                      |
| 66 Mt. Moriah.....            | 59 New Orleans.....                      | 24 March.....1848    | do.                                                      |

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| 67  | Coushatta .....           | 60  | Coushatta, Natchitoches Parish.....            | 1 May.....1849           | Extinct since 1854. Last ret'ns p. 141 pro. '52 |
| 68  | Western Star .....        | 61  | Monroe, Ouachita Parish.....                   | do.                      | Number changed to 24 in 1866.                   |
| 69  | Hermann .....             | 62  | New Orleans.....                               | 26 Nov.....1849          | Charter surrendered in 1852.                    |
| 70  | Tunica.....               | 63  | Tunica, West Feliciana.....                    | 28 Jan.....1850          |                                                 |
| 71  | Edna .....                | 64  | Columbia, Caldwell Parish.....                 | 29 Nov.....1849          | Charter forfeited in 1856.                      |
| 72  | George Washington.....    | 65  | New Orleans.....Organized 1847                 | 3 March.....1850         |                                                 |
| 73  | Dudley.....               | 66  | New Orleans.....                               | do.                      |                                                 |
| 74  | Warren.....               | 67  | New Orleans.....                               | do.                      | Charter surrendered June 5, 1852.               |
| 75  | Marion.....               | 68  | New Orleans.....                               | do.                      |                                                 |
| 76  | Crescent City.....        | 69  | New Orleans.....                               | do.                      | Annexed to G. Washington □ 65, in 1851.         |
| 77  | Hiram.....                | 70  | New Orleans.....                               | do.                      |                                                 |
| 78  | Eureka .....              | 71  | New Orleans.....                               | 21 Feb.....1848          | Charter surrendered April 22, 1850.             |
| 79  | Alpha Home.....           | 72  | New Orleans, Alpha, organized 1848, Home, 1855 | 14 Feb.....1860          | A union of two □, Alpha and Home, 1859.         |
| 80  | St. Johns.....            | 73  | New Orleans.....Organized 1847                 |                          | Extinct.                                        |
| 81  | Joppa.....                | 74  | Shreveport, Caddo Parish.....                  | 4 March.....1850         | Charter surrendered in July, 1857.              |
| 82  | Sabine.....               | 75  | Fort Jessup, Sabine Parish.....                | do.                      |                                                 |
| 83  | Quitman.....              | 76  | New Orleans.....                               | do.                      |                                                 |
| 84  | Mt. Moriah.....           | 77  | Port Hudson, Parish E. Feliciana.....          | do.                      | Charter returned Aug. 1866. p. 195, pro. '67    |
| 85  | Orleans.....              | 78  | New Orleans.....                               | do.                      |                                                 |
| 86  | St. Joseph.....           | 79  | St. Joseph, Tensas Parish.....                 | do.                      | Charter forfeited February 12, 1862.            |
| 87  | DeWitt Clinton.....       | 80  | Marion, Union Parish.....                      | do.                      |                                                 |
| 88  | Iberville.....            | 81  | Plaquemine, Iberville Parish.....              | do.                      | Charter forfeited in 1856.                      |
| 89  | Clinton York .....        | 82  | Clinton, East Feliciana Parish.....            | do.                      | Annexed to Olive No. 52, in 1852.               |
| 90  | Mt. Vernon.....           | 83  | Logansport, DeSoto Parish.....Organized 1849   | do.                      |                                                 |
| 91  | Oliver.....               | 84  | Alexandria, Rapides Parish.....                | do.                      |                                                 |
| 92  | Florida.....              | 85  | Jackson, East Feliciana Parish.....            | 11 Jan.....1849          | Annexed to St. Albans □ No. 28.                 |
| 93  | Pleasant Hill .....       | 86  | Pleasant Hill, DeSoto Parish.....              | 4 March.....1850         | Charter restored February, 1866.                |
| 94  | Lafayette.....            | 87  | Pattersonville, St. Mary Parish.....           | do.                      |                                                 |
| 95  | Many .....                | 88  | Many, Sabine Parish.....                       | 10 Feb.....1858          |                                                 |
| 96  | Cypress.....              | 89  | Collingsburg, Bossier Parish.....              | do.                      |                                                 |
| 97  | Thibodaux Benevolent..... | 90  | Thibodaux, Lafourche Interior.....             | 21 Jan.....1851          |                                                 |

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| 98 Livonia .....           | 91 Livonia, Point Coupée Parish .....                 | 21 Jan. .... 1851 | Charter surrendered in 1857.                  |
| 99 Monticello. ....        | 92 Monticello, Carroll Parish .....                   | do.               |                                               |
| 100 Le Vrais Amis .....    | 93 Cheniere Caminida, Barrataria. ....                | 13 Feb. .... 1851 | Charter forfeited in 1856.                    |
| 101 Napoleon .....         | 94 Onachita City, Union Parish .....                  | 21 Jan. .... 1851 | Charter forfeited in 1857. Revived in 1858.   |
| 102 Bellevue. ....         | 95 Bellevue, Bossier Parish .....                     | do.               | Charter surrendered in 1857. Revived in 1866. |
| 103 St. Helena. ....       | 96 Greensburg, St. Helena Parish .....                | do.               |                                               |
| 104 Patmos. ....           | 97 Richmond Madison Parish .....                      | 17 Jan. .... 1854 | Charter surrendered in 1859. Last returns '58 |
| 105 Hermitage. ....        | 98 New Orleans .....                                  | 21 Jan. .... 1851 |                                               |
| 106 Henderson .....        | 99 Cotile, Rapides Parish .....                       | do.               | Extinct December, 1865.                       |
| 107 Taylor. ....           | 100 Homer, Claiborne Parish .....                     | do.               | Charter forfeited in 1858.                    |
| 108 Franklinton .....      | 101 Franklinton, Washington Parish .....              | do.               |                                               |
| 109 Louisiana. ....        | 102 New Orleans .....                                 | 23 Jan. .... 1851 |                                               |
| 110 C'outierville. ....    | 103 Mouth of Cane River, Natchitoches Parish. ....    | 21 Jan. .... 1852 |                                               |
| 111 Mt. Lebanon .....      | 104 Mt. Lebanon, Bienville Parish .....               | do.               |                                               |
| 112 Trinity. ....          | 105 Trinity, Catahoula Parish .....                   | do.               |                                               |
| 113 Vienna. ....           | 106 Vienna, Jackson Parish .....                      | do.               |                                               |
| 114 Patrick Henry. ....    | 107 City of Jefferson, Jefferson Parish .....         | do.               | Charter surrendered in 1855.                  |
| 115 Sparta. ....           | 108 Sparta, Bienville Parish .....                    | do.               |                                               |
| 116 Castor .....           | 109 Castor Landing, Caldwell Parish .....             | do.               |                                               |
| 117 Harrisonburg. ....     | 110 Harrisonburg, Catahoula Parish .....              | do.               |                                               |
| 118 Urim. ....             | 111 Forksville, Onachita Parish .....                 | 2 Feb. .... 1853  |                                               |
| 119 Bartholomew .....      | 112 Plantersville, Morehouse Parish .....             | 25 Feb. .... 1853 |                                               |
| 120 Thomas Jefferson. .... | 113 Spearsville, Union Parish .....                   | do.               |                                               |
| 121 Friendship .....       | 114 Woodville, Jackson Parish .....                   | do.               | Charter surrendered in 1861.                  |
| 122 Shreveport. ....       | 115 Shreveport, Caddo Parish .....                    | 27 Jan. .... 1853 |                                               |
| 123 Acacia. ....           | 116 Plaquemine, Iberville Parish .....                | 17 Jan. .... 1854 |                                               |
| 124 Milford. ....          | 117 Manchac Settlement, East Baton Rouge. ....        | 20 Jan. .... 1854 |                                               |
| 125 Terryville .....       | 118 Terryville, Claiborne Parish .....                | 17 Jan. .... 1854 |                                               |
| 126 Constantine. ....      | 119 Waterproof, Tensas Parish .....                   | do.               | Charter sur'd. Feb. 7, 1862. p. 46, pro. '62. |
| 127 Deerfield .....        | 120 Delhi, Richmond Parish .....                      | do.               |                                               |
| 128 Lisbon. ....           | 121 Lisbon, Claiborne Parish .....                    | do.               |                                               |
| 129 Mackey. ....           | 122 Ringgold, Bienville Parish .....                  | 20 Jan. .... 1854 |                                               |
| 130 Liberty. ....          | 123 Keatchi, DeSoto Parish .....                      | 14 Feb. .... 1855 | Charter restored February, 1866.              |
| 131 Kellertown .....       | 124 Kellertown, East Feliciana. ....                  | 14 Feb. .... 1855 |                                               |
| 132 Pearl River. ....      | 125 Line Academy, (Shady Grove,) Washington Par. .... | do.               |                                               |
| 133 Arcadia. ....          | 126 Arcadia, Bienville Parish .....                   | do.               |                                               |
| 134 Spring Hill. ....      | 127 Spring Hill Church, Union X Roads, Union Par      | do.               |                                               |

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| 135 | D'Arbonne.....          | 128 | D'Arbonne, Union Parish.....                          | 14 Feb.....1855          | Charter surrendered in 1859.                                                  |
| 136 | Dawson.....             | 129 | Scottville, Claiborne Parish.....                     | do.                      |                                                                               |
| 137 | Solomon.....            | 130 | Goodrich Landing, Pecan Grove P. O., Carroll P'h..... | 17 Feb.....1855          | Charter forf'd 1859. Last ret'n p. 207, pro. '69                              |
| 138 | Shiloh.....             | 131 | Shiloh, Union Parish.....                             | 14 Feb.....1855          |                                                                               |
| 139 | Warren.....             | 132 | Winnsboro, Franklin Parish.....                       | do.                      | Charter restored February, 1866.                                              |
| 140 | Gordy.....              | 133 | Cheneyville, Rapides Parish.....                      | do.                      |                                                                               |
| 141 | Harry Hill.....         | 134 | Bastrop, Morehouse Parish.....                        | do.                      | Annexed to Mt. Gerizim No. 45, in 1862.                                       |
| 142 | Plains.....             | 135 | Plains Store, East Baton Rouge.....                   | 12 Feb.....1856          |                                                                               |
| 143 | Athens.....             | 136 | Athens, Claiborne Parish.....                         | do.                      |                                                                               |
| 144 | Murray.....             | 137 | Alexandria, Rapides Parish.....                       | do.                      | Charter forfeited in 1857. p. 96, pro. '59.                                   |
| 145 | Jeffersonian.....       | 138 | Jefferson Mills, DeSoto Parish.....                   | do.                      | Charter surrendered in '60. Restored in '63.                                  |
| 146 | Houma.....              | 139 | Houma, Terrebone Parish.....                          | do.                      |                                                                               |
| 147 | Cool Spring.....        | 140 | Colquet, Claiborne Parish.....                        | do.                      |                                                                               |
| 148 | Huntington.....         | 141 | Minden, Claiborne Parish.....                         | do.                      | Charter surrendered in July, 1866.                                            |
| 149 | Home.....               | 142 | New Orleans.....                                      | do.                      | Annexed to Alpha Home <input type="checkbox"/> No. 72, in 1859.               |
| 150 | Downsville.....         | 143 | Downsville, Union Parish.....                         | do.                      |                                                                               |
| 151 | Ocean.....              | 144 | New Orleans.....                                      | 10 Feb.....1857          |                                                                               |
| 152 | Hope.....               | 145 | Vermillionville, Lafayette Parish.....                | do.                      |                                                                               |
| 153 | Silent Brotherhood..... | 146 | Springville, Natchitoches Parish.....                 | do.                      |                                                                               |
| 154 | Anacoco.....            | 147 | Anacoco, Sabine Parish.....                           | do.                      |                                                                               |
| 155 | Red Land.....           | 148 | Red Land, Bossier Parish.....                         | do.                      |                                                                               |
| 156 | Darlington.....         | 149 | Darlington, St. Helena Parish.....                    | 10 Feb.....1858          |                                                                               |
| 157 | Perkins.....            | 150 | Donaldsonville, Ascension Parish.....                 | do.                      |                                                                               |
| 158 | Eastern Star.....       | 151 | Winnfield, Winn Parish.....                           | do.                      |                                                                               |
| 159 | Homer.....              | 152 | Homer, Claiborne Parish.....                          | do.                      |                                                                               |
| 160 | Saints John.....        | 153 | Algiers, Parish of Orleans.....                       | do.                      |                                                                               |
| 161 | Fillmore.....           | 154 | Fillmore, Bossier Parish.....                         | 12 Feb.....1858          |                                                                               |
| 162 | Cherry Ridge.....       | 155 | Zion Hill, Union Parish.....                          | do.                      |                                                                               |
| 163 | Kisatchie.....          | 156 | Kisatchie, Sabine Parish.....                         | do.                      |                                                                               |
| 164 | Grosse Tête.....        | 157 | Rosedale, Iberville Parish.....                       | 16 Feb.....1859          | { Charter surrendered February, 1869. Last returns page 220 proceedings 1869. |
| 165 | Rapides.....            | 158 | Huddleston, Rapides Parish.....                       | do.                      |                                                                               |



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| 166 | Morganza.....         | 159 | Morganza, Point Coupée Parish.....          | 16 Feb.....  | 1859 |
| 167 | Livingston.....       | 160 | Pontchatoula, Livingston Parish.....        | do.          |      |
| 168 | Brookville.....       | 161 | Point Jefferson, Morehouse Parish.....      | 16 Feb.....  | 1860 |
| 169 | Burnsville.....       | 162 | Shangaloo, Claiborne Parish.....            | do.          |      |
| 170 | Achafalaya.....       | 163 | Simmsport, Avoyelles Parish.....            | do.          |      |
| 171 | Columbia.....         | 164 | Columbia, Caldwell Parish.....              | do.          |      |
| 172 | Lake Charles.....     | 165 | Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish.....         | do.          |      |
| 173 | Silencio.....         | 9   | New Orleans.....                            | 12 Feb.....  | 1861 |
| 174 | Excelsior.....        | 166 | New Orleans.....                            | do.          |      |
| 175 | Linn Wood.....        | 167 | New Orleans.....                            | 13 Feb.....  | 1861 |
| 176 | Montgomery.....       | 168 | Montgomery, Winn Parish.....                | do.          |      |
| 177 | Haynesville.....      | 169 | Haynesville, Claiborne Parish.....          | do.          |      |
|     | Crescent, U. D.....   |     |                                             | 6 March..... | 1862 |
| 178 | Orus.....             | 170 | New Orleans.....                            | 9 Feb.....   | 1864 |
| 179 | Kosmus.....           | 171 | New Orleans.....                            | do.          |      |
| 180 | Union.....            | 172 | New Orleans.....                            | 17 Feb.....  | 1865 |
| 181 | Orient.....           | 173 | New Orleans.....                            | 17 Feb.....  | 1865 |
| 182 | Dante.....            | 174 | New Orleans.....                            | 14 Feb.....  | 1866 |
| 183 | Amite City.....       | 175 | Amite City, St. Helena Parish.....          | do.          |      |
| 184 | Perfect Harmony.....  | 176 | New Orleans.....                            | 15 Feb.....  | 1867 |
| 185 | Eureka.....           | 177 | Bonner, Jackson Parish.....                 | do.          |      |
| 186 | Tulip.....            | 178 | Tulip Town, Claiborne Parish.....           | do.          |      |
| 187 | Caddo.....            | 179 | Shreveport, Caddo Parish.....               | do.          |      |
| 188 | Little Flock.....     | 180 | Madwin's Bluff, Sabine Parish.....          | do.          |      |
| 189 | Jeffersonian.....     | 181 | Kingston, DeSoto Parish.....                | do.          |      |
| 190 | Sam Todd.....         | 182 | Sugar Town, Calcasieu Parish.....           | do.          |      |
| 191 | Longwood.....         | 183 | Long Wood, Caddo Parish.....                | do.          |      |
| 192 | Spring Creek.....     | 184 | Spring Creek Church, Tangipahoa Parish..... | do.          |      |
| 193 | Orphans' Friend.....  | 185 | Big Cane, S. Landry Parish.....             | do.          |      |
| 194 | Kissatchie Union..... | 186 | Kite's Mills, Natchitoches Parish.....      | 13 Feb.....  | 1868 |
| 195 | Flat Lick Union.....  | 187 | Flat Lick, Claiborne Parish.....            | do.          |      |
| 196 | Covington.....        | 188 | Covington, St. Tammany.....                 | do.          |      |
| 197 | Evergreen.....        | 189 | Evergreen, Avoyelles Parish.....            | do.          |      |
| 198 | Corinthian.....       | 190 | New Orleans.....                            | 9 Feb.....   | 1869 |
| 199 | Jefferson.....        | 191 | Jefferson City, Jefferson Parish.....       | do.          |      |
| 200 | Abbeville.....        | 192 | Abbeville, Vermillionville Parish.....      | do.          |      |
| 201 | Aurora.....           | 193 | New Iberia, St. Martin Parish.....          | 10 Feb.....  | 1869 |

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| 202 | Mt. Olivet.....    | 194  | Bayou Boeuf, St. Landry Parish.....   | 10 Feb. ....1869         |          |
| 203 | Trenton.....       | 195  | Trenton, Ouachita Parish.....         | do.                      |          |
| 204 | Saline.....        | 196  | Saline, Bienville Parish.....         | 22 March...1869          |          |
| 205 | Magnolia.....      | 197  | Washington, St. Landry Parish.....    | 16 Feb. ....1870         |          |
| 206 | Brooklyn.....      | 198  | Brooklyn, Jackson Parish.....         | do.                      |          |
| 207 | Mallet Woods.....  | 199  | Prudhomme City, St. Landry.....       | do.                      |          |
| 208 | Oak Grove.....     | 200  | Oak Grove, Carroll Parish.....        | 23 March....1870         |          |
|     | Assumption.....    | U.D. | Napoleonville, Assumption Parish..... |                          |          |
|     | Summerfield.....   | "    | Summerfield, Claiborne Parish.....    |                          |          |
|     | Holly Springs..... | "    | Holly Springs, Claiborne Parish.....  |                          |          |
|     | Doric.....         | "    | Biashear, St. Mary Parish.....        |                          |          |
|     | Corner Stone.....  | "    | Lewisville, Winn Parish.....          |                          |          |

## FULL MOONS IN 1870, 1871, 1872.

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| 1870. | MON. 15  | TUES. 15 | THUR. 17 | FRI. 15  | SAT. 14 | MON. 13 | TUES. 12     | THUR. 11 | FRI. 9   | SUN. 9  | MON. 7   | THUR. 7  |
|       | Jan'y.   | Feb'y.   | March.   | April.   | May.    | June.   | July.        | Aug.     | Sept.    | Oct.    | Nov.     | Dec.     |
| 1871. | FRI. 6   | SUN. 5   | MON. 6   | WED. 5   | THUR. 4 | SAT. 3  | S. 2 & M. 31 | WED. 30  | THUR. 28 | SAT. 28 | SUN. 26  | TUES. 26 |
|       | Jan'y.   | Feb'y.   | March.   | April.   | May.    | June.   | July.        | Aug.     | Sept.    | Oct.    | Nov.     | Dec.     |
| 1872. | THUR. 24 | SAT. 23  | SUN. 24  | TUES. 23 | WED. 22 | FRI. 21 | SAT. 20      | SUN. 18  | TUES. 16 | WED. 16 | TUES. 15 | SUN. 14  |
|       | Jan'y.   | Feb'y.   | March.   | April.   | May.    | June.   | July.        | Aug.     | Sept.    | Oct.    | Nov.     | Dec.     |

# GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

| BODY.                          | COUNTRY.                  | REPRESENTATIVE FROM           | APP'D. | REPRESENTATIVE FROM           | RESIDENCE.             | APP'D. |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------|
| Grand <input type="checkbox"/> | Alabama.....              | M W Samuel M Todd.....        | 1857.. | M W Wm P Chilton.....         | Montgomery.....        | 1857.. |
| "                              | Arkansas.....             | *R W Geo A Pike.....          | 1870.. | M W Luke E Barber.....        | Little Rock.....       | 1857.. |
| "                              | California.....           | M W J Q A Fellows.....        | 1869.. | R W Isaac S Titus.....        | Placerville.,.....     | 1869.. |
| "                              | Connecticut.....          | R W Chas M Emerson.....       | 1860.. |                               |                        |        |
| "                              | Canada.....               | R W Jas C Batchelor, M D..... | 1869.. | M W Thos Douglas Harrington.. | Ottawa.....            | 1869.. |
| S. C. 33d.                     | Colon.....                | Hi Ezekiel Salomon.....       | 1868.. |                               |                        |        |
| Grand <input type="checkbox"/> | District of Columbia..... | M W Samuel M Todd.....        | 1869.. | M W Benj Brown French.....    | Washington City.....   | 1860.. |
| "                              | Florida.....              | M W J Q A Fellows.....        | 1861.. | M W DeWitt Dawkins.....       | Jacksonville.....      | 1869.. |
| "                              | Frankfort-on-Maine.....   | R W A Goldmann.....           | 1868.. | R W Carl Paul.....            | City of Frankfort..... | 1869.. |
| "                              | Georgia.....              | R W Jno Geo Dunlap.....       | 1869.. | R W G W Adams.....            | Forsyth.....           | 1860.. |
| "                              | Illinois.....             | M W J Q A Fellows.....        | 1869.. | M W Ira W Buck.....           | Aurora.....            | 1860.. |
| "                              | Indiana.....              | R W Chas W Newton.....        | 1861.. | M W H G Hazelrigg.....        | Lebanon.....           | 1860.. |
| "                              | Iowa.....                 | R W L E Reynolds.....         | 1861.. | M W Jas R Hartsock.....       | Iowa City.....         | 1860.. |
| "                              | Ireland.....              | R W T J O'Regan.....          | 1861.. | R W Lucius H Derring.....     | Dublin.....            | 1860.. |
| "                              | Kentucky.....             |                               |        | R W Chas A Fuller.....        | Louisville.....        | 1869.. |
| "                              | Kansas.....               | R W A G Carter.....           | 1861.. | R W Erasmus T Carr.....       | Leavenworth.....       | 1869.. |
| "                              | Maryland.....             | M W J Q A Fellows.....        | 1869.. | R W Chas Goodwin.....         | Baltimore.....         | 1860.. |
| "                              | Maine.....                | R W Clifford Belcher.....     | 1860.. | M W Josiah H Drummond.....    | Portland.....          | 1869.. |
| "                              | Minnesota.....            | M W J Q A Fellows.....        | 1863.. | M W Chas H Nash.....          | St Paul.....           | 1869.. |
| "                              | Missouri.....             | R W Jno A Stevenson.....      | 1869.. | R W Thos E Garrett.....       | St Louis.....          | 1869.. |
| "                              | Michigan.....             |                               |        | M W S C Coffinbury.....       | Constantine.....       | 1869.. |
| "                              | Mississippi.....          | M W J Q A Fellows.....        | 1869.. | M W Jno T Lamkin.....         | Holmesville.....       | 1869.. |
| "                              | North Carolina.....       | M W Samuel M Todd.....        | 1869.. | M W Robt B Vance.....         | Ascheville.....        | 1869.. |
| "                              | New Jersey.....           | R W Emmett D Craig.....       | 1861.. | R W Josiah H Hough.....       | Trenton.....           | 1860.. |
| "                              | New York.....             | R W Edw Barnett.....          | 1869.. | R W Jas M Austin, M D.....    | New York City.....     | 1857.. |
| "                              | Nebraska.....             | R W A B Seger.....            | 1869.. | R W J N Wise.....             | Plymouth.....          | 1869.. |
| "                              | Nevada.....               | M W Samuel M Todd.....        | 1869.. | M W G W Hopkins.....          | Virginia.....          | 1869.. |
| "                              | Ohio.....                 | R W James B Scot.....         | 1869.. | M W Wm B Dodds.....           | Cincinnati.....        | 1860.. |
| Grand <input type="checkbox"/> | Oregon.....               | R W Jas C Batchelor, M D..... | 1869.. | R W S F Chadwick.....         | Roseburg.....          | 1869.. |

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| G. 3 Globes.  | Prussia.....        | R W A Goldmann.....         | 1868 | R W C F Heinersdorff.....  | Berlin.....        | 1869 |
| G. R Y of Fr. | Prussia.....        | R W A Goldmann.....         | 1867 | R W C F Weilprecht.....    | Berlin.....        | 1867 |
| Grand □.      | Pennsylvania.....   |                             |      | R W Samuel C Perkins.....  | Philadelphia.....  | 1869 |
| "             | Rhode Island.....   |                             |      | M W Thos A Doyle.....      | Providence.....    | 1860 |
| "             | South Carolina..... | R W and Rev H S Jacobs..... | 1867 | M W Hy Buist.....          | Charleston.....    | 1869 |
| "             | Saxony.....         | R W A Goldmann.....         | 1868 | R W Carl Robt Gehl.....    | Dresden.....       | 1869 |
| "             | Tennessee.....      | M W Wm M Perkins.....       | 1861 | R W Hy L Claiborne.....    | Nashville.....     | 1869 |
| "             | Texas.....          | M W Wm M Perkins.....       | 1868 | R W Fr B Sexton.....       | San Augustine..... | 1860 |
| Su. Coun 33d  | Uruguay.....        | Ill Fulgence Ricau.....     | 1868 | Ill Juan de la Sierra..... | Montevideo.....    | 1869 |
| Grand □.      | Vermont.....        | M W J Q A Fellows.....      | 1858 | R W Wm P Russell.....      | Middleburg.....    | 1858 |
| "             | Virginia.....       | M W Wm M Perkins.....       | 1861 | M W James Evans.....       | Richmond.....      | 1869 |
| "             | West Virginia.....  |                             |      | M W W J Bates.....         | Wheeling.....      | 1869 |
| "             | Wisconsin.....      |                             |      | M W Hy L Palmer.....       | Milwaukie.....     | 1869 |

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### EXPULSED.

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| B B Hatchell.....       | Dec 15, 1869 | G U C, Olive <input type="checkbox"/>   | No. 52 |
| W T Barfield, F C.....  | Feb. 6, "    | do Springhill <input type="checkbox"/>  | " 127  |
| W W Poer.....           | Oct 23, "    | Shiloh <input type="checkbox"/>         | " 131  |
| Hy Carter.....          | Feb 2, "     | G U M St Johns <input type="checkbox"/> | " 152  |
| Pietro Devoti, E A..... | June 21, "   | do Dante <input type="checkbox"/>       | " 174  |

### SUSPENDED.

|                       |              |                                                      |       |
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| Andreas Hartkorn..... | Oct 13, 1869 | Germania <input type="checkbox"/>                    | No 46 |
| G W Smith.....        | " 1 "        | Providence <input type="checkbox"/>                  | " 50  |
| Jno H Ellis.....      | Aug 3, "     | Franklin <input type="checkbox"/>                    | " 57  |
| J Mattinson.....      | March 17, "  | Geo Washington <input type="checkbox"/> indefinitely | " 65  |
| S R Crawford.....     | Aug 15, "    | For one year, Quitman <input type="checkbox"/>       | " 76  |
| L D Owens.....        | Sept 11, "   | Indefinitely, Red Land <input type="checkbox"/>      | " 148 |
| Michael O'Connor..... | Feb 2, "     | " St Johns <input type="checkbox"/>                  | " 153 |
| W C Owen.....         | Jan 9, "     | Kisatchie <input type="checkbox"/>                   | " 156 |
| Wm Ayres.....         | March 3, "   | Indefinitely, Excelsior <input type="checkbox"/>     | " 166 |
| Peter Heft.....       | Sept 21, "   | 18 months, Kosmos <input type="checkbox"/>           | " 171 |
| Wm Burthold.....      | June 21, "   | 4 years, Orient <input type="checkbox"/>             | " 173 |

### STRICKEN FROM ROLL.

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| H Daret.....         | July 2, 1869  | Polar Star <input type="checkbox"/>           | No. 1 |
| J Maillot.....       | " "           | "                                             | " 1   |
| J Monlaur.....       | " "           | "                                             | " 1   |
| A Duffard.....       | April 7, 1869 | St Andrew <input type="checkbox"/>            | " 5   |
| Pedro Luz.....       | Dec 2, "      | Los Amigos del Orden <input type="checkbox"/> | " 5   |
| Estiben Rofé.....    | " 2 "         | "                                             | " 5   |
| Santus Lotues.....   | " 2 "         | "                                             | " 5   |
| Jno T Fenner.....    | April 7, "    | Western Star <input type="checkbox"/>         | " 24  |
| Jno A White.....     | " "           | "                                             | " 24  |
| C H Ratcliff.....    | Dec 18, "     | St Albans <input type="checkbox"/>            | " 28  |
| Robt H Barrow.....   | Feb 6, "      | Feliciania <input type="checkbox"/>           | " 31  |
| Louis H Burgess..... | " "           | "                                             | " 31  |
| B H Barton.....      | " "           | "                                             | " 31  |
| Wm Hearsay.....      | " "           | "                                             | " 31  |
| Jas R Ruby.....      | " "           | "                                             | " 31  |
| Jas P Harper.....    | " "           | "                                             | " 31  |
| S D Thoms.....       | " "           | "                                             | " 31  |
| K Thompson.....      | Nov 6, "      | Phoenix <input type="checkbox"/>              | " 38  |
| H L Tauzin.....      | " "           | "                                             | " 38  |
| J L Pellegrin.....   | Dec 28, "     | Foyer Maconnique <input type="checkbox"/>     | " 44  |
| A G Hoffman.....     | July 14, "    | Germania <input type="checkbox"/>             | " 46  |
| Jno Kattman.....     | " "           | "                                             | " 46  |
| Isadore Jackson..... | " "           | "                                             | " 46  |
| Louis Kurth.....     | " "           | "                                             | " 46  |
| T H Langeman.....    | Aug 16, "     | "                                             | " 46  |
| T J Wyley.....       | Dec 27, "     | DeSoto <input type="checkbox"/>               | " 55  |
| Samuel Kniceley..... | " "           | "                                             | " 55  |
| D J Lard.....        | " "           | "                                             | " 55  |

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| Chas W Austin     | June 8, 1869, | Friends of Harmony | □ | No. 58 |
| Chas Bruix        | " "           | " "                | " | " 58   |
| N R Ellsworth     | " "           | " "                | " | " 58   |
| J B Gainsburg     | " "           | " "                | " | " 58   |
| F W Hart          | " "           | " "                | " | " 58   |
| Jas McQuoid       | " "           | " "                | " | " 58   |
| Richard Thackery  | " "           | " "                | " | " 58   |
| Wm M Sammer       | " "           | " "                | " | " 58   |
| Chas D Bradstreet | " "           | " "                | " | " 58   |
| R D Le Cruz       | " "           | " "                | " | " 58   |
| Peter Forshee     | " "           | " "                | " | " 58   |
| A P Laurent       | " "           | " "                | " | " 58   |
| Jno Gomilla       | " "           | " "                | " | " 58   |
| Chas Royal        | " "           | " "                | " | " 58   |
| Christ Young      | " "           | " "                | " | " 58   |
| Wm Blakeny        | April 27,     | Mount Moriah       | □ | " 59   |
| E S Butler        | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| W B Birmingham    | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| W Boyd            | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| Jno Boyd          | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| Thos T Bolling    | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| Geo Chism         | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| W C Durno         | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| R J Evans         | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| A G Garrett       | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| H Gillum          | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| Jas Hebbert       | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| J Larkin          | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| Wm Noble          | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| H L Nourse        | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| Steph Philpot     | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| J B Pragne        | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| L Rosenfield      | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| W E Redding       | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| A Smythe          | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| F M Stevens       | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| S L Tittel        | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| R Williams        | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| R C Weatherly     | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| E Bennett         | Nov 9,        | " "                | " | " 59   |
| Joe Bensadon      | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| Thos Calder       | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| J H Eckert        | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| P Engman          | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| H Feshenfield     | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| W T Gilmore       | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| J A Grayson       | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| W H Giney         | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| F Maheu           | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| M Richman         | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| J F Seguin        | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| Jno F Simpson     | " "           | " "                | " | " 59   |
| G A Curry         | Dec 27,       | Tunica             | □ | " 63   |
| J C McElvee       | " "           | " "                | " | " 63   |
| Jno S Row         | " "           | " "                | " | " 63   |
| Jno Tinker        | March 31,     | Geo Washington     | □ | " 65   |
| P Kavannaugh      | June 11,      | Hiram              | " | " 70   |
| Wm Evans          | " "           | " "                | " | " 70   |
| N Kishmer         | " "           | " "                | " | " 70   |
| T B Turner        | " "           | " "                | " | " 70   |
| Wm Clelland       | Sept 10,      | " "                | " | " 70   |

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| T Koningslow   | Sept. 10, 1859 | Hiram         | No. 70 |
| W McConnell    | Sept. 10, 1869 | "             | 70     |
| T S Moore      | Sept. 10, 1869 | "             | 70     |
| J H Whitworth  | Sept. 10, 1869 | "             | 70     |
| C McKeown      | Sept. 10, 1869 | "             | 70     |
| A S Rogers     | Sept. 10, 1869 | "             | 70     |
| G W Holt       | Feb. 26, 1869  | Quitman       | 76     |
| A Brown        | Feb. 26, 1869  | "             | 76     |
| J M Anthony    | Dec. 3, 1869   | "             | 76     |
| J W Baar       | Dec. 3, 1869   | "             | 76     |
| P C Carey      | Dec. 3, 1869   | "             | 76     |
| J K Dixon      | Dec. 3, 1869   | "             | 76     |
| J Graetz       | Dec. 3, 1869   | "             | 76     |
| J W Smith      | Dec. 3, 1869   | "             | 76     |
| J A Voight     | Dec. 3, 1869   | "             | 76     |
| O H Keep       | Dec. 3, 1869   | "             | 76     |
| C L Voss       | June 25, 1869  | Orleans       | 78     |
| D P Barber     | June 25, 1869  | "             | 78     |
| J A Tindell    | April 10, 1869 | Oliver        | 84     |
| W H Calvit     | April 10, 1869 | Oliver        | 84     |
| Jas Holmes     | Dec. 27, 1869  | Lafayette     | 87     |
| A Gaillet      | Dec. 27, 1869  | "             | 87     |
| Jas N Wafford  | Dec. 27, 1869  | "             | 87     |
| Chas Atkins    | Oct'r 17, 1869 | Monticello    | 92     |
| E A Fussell    | Nov 20, 1869   | Franklinton   | 101    |
| PY Waskom      | Nov 20, 1869   | "             | 101    |
| J J Pounds     | Nov 20, 1869   | "             | 101    |
| J Leroux       | July 17, 1869  | Cloutierville | 103    |
| Jno Carnahan   | July 17, 1869  | "             | 103    |
| Thos Woodward  | Dec'r 1868     | Vienna        | 106    |
| W J Smith      | July 1868      | "             | 106    |
| J O Long       | 1868           | Sparta        | 108    |
| Geo Wilkerson  | 1868           | "             | 108    |
| B H Mathews    | 1868           | "             | 108    |
| D Williams     | 1868           | "             | 108    |
| B W Allen      | Dec 11, 1869   | Castor        | 109    |
| S W McLeod     | Dec 11, 1869   | Bartholomew   | 112    |
| W S Mangrum    | Dec 11, 1869   | "             | 112    |
| G B Vaughan    | Dec 11, 1869   | "             | 112    |
| O H Felder     | May 22, 1869   | Milford       | 117    |
| Wm D Brown     | May 22, 1869   | "             | 117    |
| J F Piker      | May 22, 1869   | "             | 117    |
| J L Simpson    | May 22, 1869   | "             | 117    |
| Cato Douglas   | Mar 22, 1869   | Liberty       | 123    |
| G W Crowder    | Mar 22, 1869   | "             | 123    |
| Aaron Bankston | Dec 27, 1869   | Kellertown    | 124    |
| R F Bethany    | Dec 27, 1869   | "             | 124    |
| D N Dickey     | Dec 27, 1869   | "             | 124    |
| W A McCranie   | Dec 27, 1869   | "             | 124    |
| A J Beckham    | Dec 27, 1868   | "             | 124    |
| W A Henderson  | Dec 27, 1869   | "             | 124    |
| H D Robinson   | Dec 27, 1869   | "             | 124    |
| C T Ceffer     | Dec 27, 1869   | "             | 124    |
| W F Palmer     | Dec 27, 1869   | "             | 124    |
| J A Pitman     | Dec 27, 1869   | Pearl River   | 125    |
| R W Hendricks  | 1869           | Gordy         | 133    |
| J W McDonald   | 1869           | "             | 133    |
| H W Riggs      | 1869           | "             | 133    |
| J M Atkins     | Feb 20, 1869   | Athens        | 136    |
| T Buford       | Dec 18, 1869   | Houma         | 139    |
| H F Collins    | Dec 18, 1869   | "             | 139    |

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| F W Gatewood.....   | Dec 18, 1869   | Houma <input type="checkbox"/>        | 139 |
| John Henly.....     | Dec 18, 1869   | "                                     | 139 |
| Jno Harlan.....     | Dec 18, 1869   | "                                     | 139 |
| J P LeBlanc.....    | Dec 18, 1869   | "                                     | 139 |
| J S Miller.....     | Dec 18, 1869   | "                                     | 139 |
| J B Stewart.....    | Dec 18, 1869   | "                                     | 139 |
| H Viala.....        | Dec 18, 1869   | "                                     | 139 |
| T H Brown.....      | Dec 18, 1869   | Cool Spring <input type="checkbox"/>  | 140 |
| J H Burt.....       | Dec 18, 1869   | "                                     | 140 |
| J W Bevans.....     | Dec 18, 1869   | "                                     | 140 |
| B Bentley.....      | Dec 18, 1869   | "                                     | 140 |
| W E Callaway.....   | Dec 18, 1869   | "                                     | 140 |
| W J Foster.....     | Dec 18, 1868   | "                                     | 140 |
| E P Glover.....     | Dec 18, 1869   | "                                     | 140 |
| J T Monk.....       | Dec 18, 1869   | "                                     | 140 |
| J R Monk.....       | Dec 18, 1869   | "                                     | 140 |
| M Monk.....         | Dec 18, 1869   | "                                     | 140 |
| H W Menifee.....    | Dec 18, 1869   | "                                     | 140 |
| Jno Neely.....      | Dec 18, 1869   | "                                     | 140 |
| A C Simmons.....    | Dec 18, 1869   | "                                     | 140 |
| J P Taylor.....     | Dec 18, 1869   | "                                     | 140 |
| J S Thomas.....     | Dec 28, 1869   | "                                     | 140 |
| J W Willis.....     | Dec 18, 1869   | "                                     | 140 |
| Wm Barnes.....      | Feb 13, 1869   | Downsville <input type="checkbox"/>   | 143 |
| O Anfoux.....       | Dec 29, 1869   | Ocean <input type="checkbox"/>        | 144 |
| Alf Bourges.....    | Dec 29, 1869   | "                                     | 144 |
| Thos Connor.....    | Dec 29, 1869   | "                                     | 144 |
| John McLean.....    | Dec 29, 1869   | "                                     | 144 |
| Wm Smith.....       | Dec 29, 1869   | "                                     | 144 |
| Theo Goldmann.....  | Dec 29, 1869   | "                                     | 144 |
| A Paersch.....      | Dec 29, 1869   | "                                     | 144 |
| James Clark.....    | Dec 29, 1869   | "                                     | 144 |
| J T Gust Guel.....  | Dec 29, 1869   | "                                     | 144 |
| Chas Thomas.....    | Dec 29, 1869   | "                                     | 144 |
| W H Smith.....      | Dec 29, 1869   | "                                     | 144 |
| J T Kemp.....       | Jan 2, 1869    | Red Land <input type="checkbox"/>     | 148 |
| J O Lewis.....      | Jan'y 2, 1869  | "                                     | 148 |
| M P Long.....       | Jan'y 2, 1869  | "                                     | 148 |
| C Muirhead.....     | April 10, 1869 | Eastern Star <input type="checkbox"/> | 151 |
| John Green, Jr..... | ..... 1869     | Homer <input type="checkbox"/>        | 152 |
| A H Hargrove.....   | ..... 1869     | "                                     | 152 |
| M Grider.....       | ..... 1869     | "                                     | 152 |
| T E Bailey.....     | ..... 1869     | "                                     | 152 |
| M A Cornelius.....  | ..... 1869     | "                                     | 152 |
| J A Hamiter.....    | ..... 1869     | "                                     | 152 |
| M Hamiter.....      | ..... 1869     | "                                     | 152 |
| S Hasty.....        | ..... 1869     | "                                     | 152 |
| M C Lesley.....     | ..... 1869     | "                                     | 152 |
| C C Martin.....     | ..... 1869     | "                                     | 152 |
| H B McKenley.....   | ..... 1869     | "                                     | 152 |
| W L Phillips.....   | ..... 1869     | "                                     | 152 |
| G W Thomas.....     | ..... 1869     | "                                     | 152 |
| W J Thomas.....     | ..... 1869     | "                                     | 152 |
| J C Morton.....     | ..... 1869     | "                                     | 152 |
| Jno Boykin.....     | ..... 1869     | "                                     | 152 |
| Dempsey Fennel..... | Dec 26, 1869   | Rapides <input type="checkbox"/>      | 158 |
| Jac T Hewitt.....   | Dec 26, 1869   | "                                     | 158 |
| Jno Iles.....       | Dec 26, 1869   | "                                     | 158 |
| Hy A Williams.....  | Dec 26, 1869   | "                                     | 158 |
| A Brunchard.....    | Dec 18, 1869   | Morganza <input type="checkbox"/>     | 159 |
| C D Hebert.....     | Dec 18, 1869   | "                                     | 159 |



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| I J Masson.....        | Dec 18, 1869  | Morganza <input type="checkbox"/>   | No. 159 |
| Baptiste St Cyr.....   | Dec 18, 1869  | "                                   | 159     |
| Chas Wilber.....       | Dec 18, 1869  | "                                   | 159     |
| Michael Weil.....      | Dec 18, 1869  | "                                   | 159     |
| Benj Weil.....         | Dec 18, 1869  | "                                   | 159     |
| Hyppolite Dieder.....  | Dec 18, 1869  | "                                   | 159     |
| L B Watkins.....       | Dec 18, 1869  | "                                   | 159     |
| W D Higginbotham.....  | Aug 6, 1869   | Brookville <input type="checkbox"/> | 161     |
| Cha Higginbotham.....  | Aug 6, 1869   | "                                   | 161     |
| Robt J Tucker.....     | Aug 6, 1869   | "                                   | 161     |
| S W Shaw.....          | Dec 18, 1869  | Burnsville <input type="checkbox"/> | 162     |
| C B Burns.....         | Dec 18, 1869  | "                                   | 162     |
| D DeHaven.....         | Dec 29, 1869  | Excelsior <input type="checkbox"/>  | 166     |
| W S Halsey.....        | July 29, 1869 | "                                   | 166     |
| Wm M Bristoll.....     | Dec'r 2, 1869 | Linn Wood <input type="checkbox"/>  | 167     |
| Jno Fyfe.....          | Dec'r 2, 1869 | "                                   | 167     |
| E A Hughes.....        | Dec'r 2, 1869 | "                                   | 167     |
| Wm T Hogan.....        | Dec'r 2, 1869 | "                                   | 167     |
| E A Lander.....        | Dec'r 2, 1869 | "                                   | 167     |
| F J Leche.....         | Dec'r 2, 1869 | "                                   | 167     |
| E Mellach.....         | Dec'r 2, 1869 | "                                   | 167     |
| Hugh McCullum.....     | Dec'r 2, 1869 | "                                   | 167     |
| Thos Tuttle.....       | Dec'r 2, 1869 | "                                   | 167     |
| A Thrussell.....       | Dec'r 5, 1869 | "                                   | 167     |
| A Langlume.....        | Dec 17, 1869  | Orus <input type="checkbox"/>       | 170     |
| C Rivol.....           | Dec 17, 1869  | "                                   | 170     |
| L Spinner.....         | Dec 17, 1869  | "                                   | 170     |
| Roman Seizer.....      | Mar 22, 1869  | Kosmos <input type="checkbox"/>     | 171     |
| Jno A Karstendick..... | Dec 30, 1869  | Union <input type="checkbox"/>      | 172     |
| Jno W May.....         | Dec 30, 1869  | "                                   | 172     |
| Jas F Ard.....         | Dec'r 4, 1869 | Amite City <input type="checkbox"/> | 175     |
| Hy H Bankston.....     | Dec'r 4, 1869 | "                                   | 175     |
| L Bankston.....        | Dec'r 4, 1869 | "                                   | 175     |
| M L Bowman.....        | Dec'r 4, 1869 | "                                   | 175     |
| *E F Bunch.....        | Dec'r 4, 1869 | "                                   | 175     |
| John F Kemp.....       | Dec'r 4, 1869 | "                                   | 175     |
| Thos D Kemp.....       | Dec'r 4, 1869 | "                                   | 175     |
| J W Cothran.....       | Dec'r 4, 1869 | "                                   | 175     |
| Wallice W Mathews..... | Dec'r 4, 1869 | "                                   | 175     |
| Wm J Lee.....          | Dec'r 4, 1869 | "                                   | 175     |
| Thos D Zachery.....    | Dec'r 4, 1869 | "                                   | 175     |
| W B Seay.....          | July 18, 1869 | Tulip <input type="checkbox"/>      | 178     |
| W E Akin.....          | Dec'r 4, 1869 | Sam Todd <input type="checkbox"/>   | 182     |
| R P Rowell.....        | May 1, 1869   | Longwood <input type="checkbox"/>   | 183     |

## REINSTATED.

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|----------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Victor Dubois.....   | Feb 2, 1869    | Concorde <input type="checkbox"/>   | No. 3 |
| W A Stonne.....      | Oct 13, 1869   | Germania <input type="checkbox"/>   | 46    |
| G W Smithe.....      | Jan 1, 1869    | Providence <input type="checkbox"/> | 50    |
| Gilderoy Snider..... | April 17, 1869 | DeSoto <input type="checkbox"/>     | 55    |
| H L Goldmann.....    | May 14, 1869   | "                                   | 55    |
| R S Hatcher.....     | Dec 4, 1869    | "                                   | 55    |
| James Jackson.....   | Dec 4, 1869    | "                                   | 55    |
| J M Allen.....       | Jan 23, 1869   | Dudley <input type="checkbox"/>     | 66    |
| H M Robinson.....    | May 27, 1869   | Marion <input type="checkbox"/>     | 68    |
| Cor Collins.....     | Sept 2, 1869   | "                                   | 68    |
| Jno B Robertson..... | Dec 2, 1869    | "                                   | 68    |
| H W W Reynolds.....  | Sept 14, 1869  | Alpha Home.....                     | 68    |

\* Reinstated by Grand Lodge February 16, 1870.

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|--------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------|--------|
| T Duffey           | Oct 1, 1869    | Quitman <input type="checkbox"/>            | No. 76 |
| Jno Puckett        | Jan 23, 1869   | Cypress <input type="checkbox"/>            | 89     |
| Martin Coates      | April 24, 1869 | "                                           | 89     |
| Lander Hamilton    | May 22, 1869   | "                                           | 89     |
| Samuel Miller      | Aug 10, 1869   | "                                           | 89     |
| W K Carruth        | June 19, 1869  | St Helena <input type="checkbox"/>          | 96     |
| J D Kemp           | June 19, 1869  | "                                           | 96     |
| A B Womack         | June 19, 1869  | "                                           | 99     |
| A Kounce           | 1869           | Sparta <input type="checkbox"/>             | 108    |
| G McCoy            | 1869           | "                                           | 108    |
| T H Hamilton       | 1869           | "                                           | 108    |
| O L Noles          | 1869           | "                                           | 108    |
| Jno Hampton        | Dec 11, 1869   | Castor <input type="checkbox"/>             | 109    |
| C Condon           | Mar 19, 1869   | Shreveport <input type="checkbox"/>         | 115    |
| J T Fornes         | April 17, 1869 | Pearl River <input type="checkbox"/>        | 125    |
| D S Byrd           | April 17, 1869 | "                                           | 125    |
| H L Bateman        | April 17, 1869 | "                                           | 125    |
| J B Ryal           | May 15, 1869   | "                                           | 125    |
| Hardy Ryall        | May 15, 1869   | "                                           | 125    |
| Joseph Ard         | Aug 21, 1869   | "                                           | 125    |
| Franklin Granville | Feb 6, 1869    | Silent Brotherhood <input type="checkbox"/> | 146    |
| Harrison Brit      | Dec 4, 1869    | "                                           | 146    |
| L T Wilcox         | Oct 2, 1869    | Homer <input type="checkbox"/>              | 152    |
| J M Davidson       | Jan 12, 1869   | St Johns <input type="checkbox"/>           | 153    |
| W C Owen           | Nov 20, 1869   | Kisatchie <input type="checkbox"/>          | 156    |
| F M Yoist          | July 5, 1869   | Morgauza <input type="checkbox"/>           | 159    |
| R J Pruett         | May 1869       | Burnville <input type="checkbox"/>          | 162    |
| S J Moffat         | Dec 4, 1869    | Columbia <input type="checkbox"/>           | 164    |
| Thos Holland       | Nov 25, 1869   | Linn Wood <input type="checkbox"/>          | 167    |
| Thos J Rogers      | Mch 18, 1869   | "                                           | 167    |
| J S Bennet         | Nov 20, 1869   | Haynesville <input type="checkbox"/>        | 169    |
| W Everett          | May 15, 1869   | "                                           | 169    |
| J A Browning       | 1869           | "                                           | 169    |
| E C Hearn          | 1869           | "                                           | 169    |
| H Knox             | 1869           | "                                           | 169    |
| T J Harp           | 1869           | "                                           | 169    |
| T J Nelson         | 1869           | "                                           | 169    |
| M Carraway         | 1869           | "                                           | 169    |
| Geo Demoss         | Jan 23, 1869   | "                                           | 169    |
| E Hearn            | May 15, 1869   | "                                           | 169    |
| Adolph Loeper      | Aug 9, 1869    | Kosmos <input type="checkbox"/>             | 171    |
| Ford Plumer        | Aug 9, 1869    | "                                           | 171    |

# CHARITY FUND, 1870.

Number of Lodges entitled to fund 123; Number of Members 6,702; La. Relief Lodge, No. 1.

|             | NO. OF<br>LODGE. | PRO<br>RATA. | NO. OF<br>LODGE. | PRO<br>RATA. | NO. OF<br>LODGE. | PRO<br>RATA. | NO. OF<br>LODGE. | PRO<br>RATA. |
|-------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| P. U.       | 1                | \$ 22 50     | 75               | \$ 11 00     | 122              | \$ 28 00     | 166              | \$ 44 00     |
| P. S.       | 1                | 19 00        | 76               | 80 50        | 123              | 25 50        | 167              | 77 00        |
|             | 3                | 21 50        | 78               | 62 50        | 124              | 24 50        | 168              | 22 50        |
|             | 4                | 25 00        | 83               | 9 00         | 125              | 21 00        | 169              | 43 50        |
| S. A.       | 5                | 23 00        | 84               | 29 00        | 126              | 26 00        | 170              | 21 50        |
| L. A. D. O. | 5                | 33 00        | 86               | 13 50        | 127              | 18 50        | 171              | 25 50        |
|             | 9                | 25 00        | 87               | 19 00        | 131              | 32 50        | 172              | 33 50        |
|             | 19               | 41 50        | 89               | 27 00        | 133              | 13 50        | 173              | 45 50        |
|             | 24               | 35 50        | 90               | 19 50        | 135              | 18 50        | 174              | 27 50        |
|             | 28               | 23 00        | 92               | 20 00        | 136              | 18 50        | 175              | 23 50        |
|             | 31               | 26 50        | 94               | 16 50        | 138              | 10 50        | 176              | 35 00        |
|             | 38               | 27 50        | 95               | 12 50        | 139              | 21 50        | 177              | 8 50         |
|             | 44               | 39 00        | 96               | 36 00        | 140              | 27 50        | 178              | 17 50        |
|             | 45               | 24 50        | 98               | 36 50        | 143              | 28 50        | 179              | 42 00        |
|             | 46               | 51 00        | 101              | 30 50        | 144              | 41 00        | 180              | 9 00         |
|             | 47               | 30 00        | 102              | 73 00        | 145              | 14 50        | 182              | 22 00        |
|             | 50               | 25 00        | 103              | 12 00        | 146              | 23 50        | 183              | 17 50        |
|             | 51               | 46 00        | 104              | 13 50        | 147              | 16 00        | 184              | 12 00        |
|             | 53               | 16 00        | 105              | 23 00        | 148              | 20 00        | 185              | 27 50        |
|             | 54               | 35 50        | 106              | 35 00        | 149              | 17 50        | 186              | 11 00        |
|             | 55               | 42 50        | 108              | 33 50        | 151              | 53 00        | 187              | 16 50        |
|             | 56               | 27 50        | 109              | 12 00        | 153              | 39 00        | 188              | 12 50        |
|             | 57               | 39 00        | 110              | 26 00        | 154              | 16 50        | 189              | 17 00        |
|             | 58               | 46 50        | 111              | 20 50        | 156              | 11 00        | 190              | 9 00         |
|             | 59               | 123 50       | 112              | 24 00        | 158              | 18 00        | 191              | 18 00        |
|             | 63               | 10 00        | 113              | 22 00        | 159              | 21 50        | 192              | 13 00        |
|             | 65               | 44 50        | 115              | 23 00        | 160              | 17 00        | 193              | 14 50        |
|             | 66               | 61 00        | 116              | 18 00        | 161              | 20 00        | 194              | 5 50         |
|             | 68               | 76 00        | 117              | 18 50        | 163              | 21 00        | 195              | 12 50        |
|             | 70               | 49 00        | 118              | 9 00         | 164              | 23 50        | 196              | 11 50        |
|             | 72               | 37 50        | 120              | 19 50        | 165              | 17 00        |                  |              |

Due ☐ \$3,351 00: Louisiana Relief ☐ No. 1, \$837 75; Total, \$4,188 75

The Grand Secretary has taken the advantage of the legislation of the Grand ☐, to permit several ☐ to draw fund this year, who perhaps, might, by strict construction, be excluded; and would take this opportunity to remind the ☐ that, to entitle them to draw funds, their *Lodge returns and return of Charity Fund must be delivered at the Grand Secretary's office, at least one week before the commencement of the Grand Communication, (February 2, 1871,) and their dues paid in full.* The ☐ might save trouble by leaving the fund undrawn until the end of the year, and using a corresponding amount of the Lodge funds for Charity, and pay this amount on their dues. It cannot be used for this or any other purpose, unless so replaced, as it is devoted exclusively to Charity.

## APPENDIX.

### Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

TO THE M. W. THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence have received from the Grand Secretary the printed proceedings of the following

#### AMERICAN GRAND LODGES:

|                       |                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| ALABAMA, 1868.        | MAINE, 1869.          | NOVA SCOTIA, 1869.    |
| ARKANSAS, 1868.       | MARYLAND, 1868-9.     | OHIO, 1868.           |
| CALIFORNIA, 1868.     | MASSACHUSETTS, 1868.  | OREGON, 1869.         |
| CANADA, 1869.         | MICHIGAN, 1868.       | PENNSYLVANIA, 1868.   |
| COLORADO, 1868.       | MINNESOTA, 1869.      | QUEBEC, 1869.         |
| CONNECTICUT, 1869.    | MISSISSIPPI, 1869.    | RHODE ISLAND, 1869.   |
| DELAWARE, 1869.       | MISSOURI, 1869.       | SOUTH CAROLINA, 1868. |
| D. OF COLUMBIA, 1868. | MONTANA, 1869.        | TENNESSEE, 1868.      |
| GEORGIA, 1868.        | NEBRASKA, 1868.       | TEXAS, 1869.          |
| IDAHO, 1868.          | NEVADA, 1869.         | VERMONT, 1868.        |
| ILLINOIS, 1868.       | NEW BRUNSWICK, 1869.  | VIRGINIA, 1868.       |
| INDIANA, 1869.        | NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1868.  | WASHINGTON, 1868.     |
| IOWA, 1869.           | NEW JERSEY, 1869.     | WEST VIRGINIA, 1868.  |
| KANSAS, 1868.         | NEW YORK, 1869.       | WISCONSIN, 1869.      |
| KENTUCKY, 1868.       | NORTH CAROLINA, 1868. |                       |

—in all forty-four American Grand Lodges, Florida being the only one not heard from. We have also the proceedings of the Supreme Councils 33° of the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions, and notice their doings, so far as they are of interest to the craft in this jurisdiction. In addition, we have compiled, from proceedings received and the able report of Bro. Pinner, of New York, notices of the following

#### FOREIGN MASONIC GRAND BODIES:

|                        |                       |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| ENGLAND.               | ECLECTIC UNION.       | ALPINA (Switzerland). |
| FRANCE.                | SAXONY.               | PORTUGAL.             |
| GERMANY.               | ZUR SONNE (Baireuth). | ITALY.                |
| THREE GLOBES (Berlin). | ZUR EINTRACHT.        | MEXICO.               |
| ROYAL YORK. “          | HAMBURG.              | BRAZIL.               |

It will be seen that the list is more complete than in either of our former reports, while many of the proceedings reviewed possess a peculiar interest for the brethren of this jurisdiction. But we will not anticipate; and, commencing with the American Grand Lodges, we respectfully submit the result of our labors for your consideration:

ALABAMA.—The forty-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held in Montgomery, December 7, 1868, George D. Norris, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and 200 lodges represented.—session, four days.

The annual address opens with a few appropriate remarks on the principles inculcated by our institution, after which Grand Master Norris notices the death of P. D. Grand Master James L. Price, pays a tribute of respect to the memory of Bro. Fuller of Tennessee, and alludes in feeling terms to the condition of Past Grand Master James Penn. It appears that Bro. Penn has for some years been helpless as a child from several paralytic strokes, and that he is entirely dependent upon his two daughters. One of them devotes herself to the care of her father—while the other, a widow, gives the whole of her small salary as a teacher to their support. Well stricken in years, Bro. Penn is not expected to survive long, yet he sent a farewell message to the Grand Lodge and regretted his inability to be present with them. Resolutions tendering him the sympathies of the Grand Lodge and donating him five hundred dollars were adopted.

Grand Master Norris recommends the establishment of a Masonic Orphans' Home, and a committee was appointed to take the subject into consideration and report at the next annual communication. He also recommends the establishment of a Masonic Mutual Life Insurance Company under the "sanction" of the Grand Lodge. The committee appointed at the previous annual communication to investigate this subject, presented an able report, in which they arrive at the conclusion that such companies are business corporations, and therefore not entitled to recognition by the Grand Lodge, which could not participate in or promote any enterprise of a private and personal character; and the report was adopted.

M. W. Bro. Norris visited as many of the subordinate lodges as his professional engagements would permit, and found that his visits were looked forward to with great interest, and attracted an unusually large attendance. He reports the work generally correct, but recommends that more attention be paid to the history, jurisprudence, and philosophy of our institution. While he considers the ritual useful and necessary, he says it does not include all of Masonry, and "uniformity," except in the essentials, is, in his opinion, "a myth and can never be accomplished." We agree with M. W. Bro. Norris, and are also pleased to find that, although requested, he had invariably refused to exercise "many so-called prerogatives" of his office, "being well aware that the Grand Master is as equally bound to support the written constitution as the youngest member of the order." During the recess he granted dispensations for the formation of nine new lodges.

The first record book of the Grand Lodge is lost. The Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Daniel Sayre, has, after much labor, succeeded in obtaining copies of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge from its organization up to 1840, and on his suggestion the Grand Master recommends that they be reprinted. The volume would form an important addition to Masonic literature, and we therefore regret that the Grand Lodge took no action on the subject.

The Grand Master reports thirty-nine decisions made during recess. Most of them enunciate well-settled principles of Masonic law and require no comment, but we object to the following:

Held, that the widow of a Master Mason in good standing who marries a profane, and he dies, has lawful claims upon the fraternity as the widow of a Master Mason.

In our opinion, when the widow of a Master Mason contracts a second marriage, her claim as a widow upon the fraternity ceases, and cannot be revived on the death of the second husband, unless he also was a Mason.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence presented an able report which was concurred in. Among the questions decided we notice the following:

Lodges under dispensation have the right to grant demits.

When, on appeal to the Grand Lodge, the proceedings of a subordinate lodge suspending or expelling a brother are held for naught and void, his membership in the particular lodge is not disturbed, and restoration is not necessary.

A Mason cannot voluntarily renounce Masonry, and it would be improper to grant a demit when it is known that a member desires it for that purpose.

A lodge may refuse admission to a visiting brother; but a single member cannot prevent his admission, unless the lodge considers his objection a good one.

We cannot concur in this decision. It is contrary to the universal practice in this country, viz: "No visitor can be admitted into a lodge against the objection of a single one of its members." Every member has a right to be protected from the presence of a visitor, who, for whatever reason, is objectionable to him, and any other rule would destroy the harmony of the lodge.

The representatives of the Grand Lodges of Louisiana, Georgia, Indiana, and the Grand Orient of Italy were presented and received with due honors, R. W. Bro. William P. Chilton, our representative near the Grand Lodge of Alabama, responding in eloquent terms. We regret that our sister Grand Lodge has entered into mutual representation with the self-constituted Grand Orient of Italy at Florence, but feel satisfied that as soon as they learn the true character of that body, our Alabama brethren will dissolve the connection.

A brother, charged with gross unmasonic conduct, was found guilty, and the body voted as punishment a simple reprimand, which the W. M., deeming insufficient, refused to execute. The Committee on Appeals, believing the W. M. correct, recommended that the punishment be increased to expulsion, which was concurred in by the Grand Lodge. Yet in the same report, we find a case where a brother convicted on charges of a still more heinous character, was also sentenced by his lodge to a simple reprimand. Twenty-one members of the lodge appealed from this decision, and the committee, fully satisfied that the charges had been sustained, recommended that the sentence be reversed and the case remanded with instructions to the lodge to inflict adequate punishment. There is nothing in the record before us to show why a distinction should have been made in the disposition of the two cases; and, while opposed on general principles to an appeal by the prosecution, we admit that exceptional cases arise when the honor of our institution demands that the proceedings in the subordinate lodge should be reviewed. But in such cases the Grand Lodge should finish its own work and assess the punishment. When the moral sense of a lodge is so obtuse as to merely reprimand a brother who has violated the laws of both God and man, no further proof is required that it is an unfaithful steward of the trust reposed in it, and the sooner its charter is arrested the better it will be for the welfare of the fraternity.

A large amount of business, principally of a local character, was transacted. A report on clothing was concurred in, from which we extract the description of the apron:

E. A., a plain white lamb skin fourteen inches wide, twelve inches deep, and square at the bottom. F. C., a plain white lamb skin, similar to that of the E. A., with the addition only of two sky-blue rosettes at the bottom. M. M. the same, with sky-blue lining and edging one and a half inch deep, and an additional rosette on the full of the flap.

This corresponds with the apron worn in the English lodges. Candidates for initiation are required to state in their petitions whether or not they have ever made application to any other lodge, and if so, what other lodge—an excellent provision. The committee on the history of Masonry in Alabama reported progress; and a committee appointed to consider the propriety of the Grand Master appointing his Deputy was allowed until the next annual communication to make their report. In America the general custom is for the Grand Lodge to elect the Deputy Grand Master, but in England he has always been appointed by the Grand Master. The same practice prevails in our own Grand Lodge, and we would like to see it generally adopted, as it is in accordance with ancient usage.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is again from the facile pen of Past Grand Master Penick. The proceedings of forty-two Grand Lodges are reviewed in a genial manner, our own for 1868 receiving fraternal mention. Bro. Penick's views are generally correct, and most of the subjects commented upon were noticed in our former report. Sad havoc has, however, been made with the quotations, poetical and otherwise, in which our venerable brother loves to indulge. Four lines from Burns' poem of "Death and Dr. Hornbook" are translated into Choctaw—"a rousing whid" being rendered "a musing which." A little time spent in proof-reading would have prevented this and other instances of a similar character, which mar this excellent report.

George D. Norris, M. W. Grand Master, and Daniel Sayre, R. W. Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

**ARKANSAS.**—The thirtieth annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Little Rock, November 17, 1868, E. H. English, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and ninety-eight lodges represented—session, three days.

The address of Grand Master English opens with a text from Job xii, 7-8, after which he relates a fable which was told him by "a venerable Hebrew brother," who heard it "when a boy, in the fatherland, from his aged uncle, who was a Mason, and who assured him that he had it in a very ancient parchment manuscript, which had never been printed." We transcribe it, although two other versions of apparently the same story will be found in Pierson's "Traditions of Freemasonry," p. 28:

Solomon, the Most Wise, was sitting in a grove, near his rural palace, observing a raven feeding her young. Whilst she was off in search of food, telling a servant to bring him a glass bowl, he placed it over her nest so as to cover the young birds. When she returned to the nest, the young ravens opened their mouths to receive the supplies which the mother was accustomed to bring them; and she, meeting with the transparent obstruction, fluttered about it for some time in vain attempts to reach her imprisoned children. Vexed, she made repeated but ineffectual efforts to break the vessel with her beak. Despairing of success in this mode of attack, she lighted upon a limb, near by, and sat for some time, seeming to meditate. Then, leaping into the air and spreading her black wings, she moved off with rapid flight in the direction of an island in the Mediterranean Sea. Our Grand Master, who had watched with interest all her movements, sat waiting for her return. Finally she came, bearing in her beak a large white worm; and placing it on the rim of the nest, near the edge of the bowl, it crawled over the vessel, and along its track the glass instantly cracked, as if cut by a diamond, parted and fell to the ground!

The masons were in the quarries preparing stones for the temple. They used the drill and the wedge, but the process of parting the stones by these simple instruments was tedious. The idea flashed upon the mind of Solomon that, by the instinct of the raven, Providence had placed in his hands a wonderful, but

more effective instrument. Taking the worm to the quarries, he placed it upon a great stone which the laborers had heaved out from the mountain; it crawled across it, and, to the amazement of the wise man, the stone opened along its path, and tumbled apart. Thousands of stones were thus separated into suitable rough ashlar, to be finished by the chisels and the mallets of the craftsmen!

This rabbinical story is related "to illustrate the fact that Solomon, like Job, was a student of the Book of Nature"—a fact which could have been demonstrated by a reference to numerous passages in his writings. But aside from this, Bro. English makes good use of the story, in showing that in the early ages of the world, when books were unknown, or comparatively few, men obtained their knowledge by a study of nature. Not undervaluing the advantages of the education of the schools, he ably impresses upon the minds of those who have not enjoyed these advantages, "that Masonry points her sons to the great book of nature, which is ever open to them, and from which they may learn lessons of wisdom, whilst in the pursuit of their ordinary avocations." And yet, while Masons are to study the book of nature, the Book of the Law—the great light—must not be neglected. He closes this portion of his address with a beautiful reference to the bee-hive, from which we quote:

The bee-hive is placed upon our carpets as a symbol of industry; and the non-working Masons are our drones; and we appreciate them as little as the bees do the lazy members of their family, who are fond of eating, but reluctant to labor.

In the spring time, and through the summer, among the flowers and along the running brooks, how actively the bees toil in collecting materials to lay up food for the winter, when the flowers are blasted and the brooks are frozen. Let the slothful man profit by the example. The bees labor for food only; all else is supplied to them. But the Mason must toil for bread, for raiment, for shelter, and for *knowledge*. He comes into the world naked, and destitute of all ideas; and some go out of it, in advanced age, but little improved; while others, with no greater natural endowments, but in the exercise of more industry, acquire vast stores of knowledge.

My brethren, you are the representative Masons of the State. Have the craftsmen of your lodges, during the last twelve months, imitated the industry of the bee-hive, in the active pursuits of life, in the acquisition of useful knowledge, and in the doing of works of Masonic charity? How many hours have you labored, and how many have you wasted doing nothing? If one hour, it is gone forever. Time flies like the weaver's shuttle, and life flows like the sands of the hour-glass, and is soon gone. If we would accomplish much, we must labor while it is day, for the night cometh, when no man can work!

During the year M. W. Bro. English granted dispensations for the formation of seventeen new lodges. He says St. John's College has done well considering the unsettled condition of the State, and the reports of the officers of the institution corroborate the statement; an excellent address on "Education" was delivered by Bro. O. C. Gray, one of the professors; a committee was appointed to apply to Congress for compensation for the damage done the buildings and library when occupied by the military, and all the surplus funds of the Grand Lodge were appropriated for the support of the college.

At the last annual communication an edict was passed, compelling all lodges to provide themselves with a lodge seal. One of them, "Shady Grove Lodge," acknowledging the right of the Grand Lodge to do this, but believing it an abuse of power to subject the lodge to such expense, voted unanimously to surrender its charter. Commenting upon this, the Grand Master, after alluding to the antiquity of the seal and that it is an evidence of the authenticity of all



documents, remarks that, if the lodge had not the means to purchase one, "some ingenious brother might have carved one on the end of a hard stick, to be used by the lodge until its finances were in an improved condition," and that the surrender of the charter under the circumstances "was a desperate remedy." On the contrary, we think it the best thing, next to arresting it, that could have been done for the benefit of the fraternity. A lodge composed of such material is not qualified to make Masons, and it was well named "Shady Grove."

Numerous questions on Masonic law and usage had been submitted to the Grand Master, most of which were decided by a reference to the old constitutions and the standard works on Masonic jurisprudence; still he reports a few, from which we quote:

A keeper of public moneys who is wilfully a defaulter, is guilty not only of a violation of the civil law, but of *gross immorality*, and if a Mason, may be charged and tried for such immorality. But the lodge should not try him until his defalcation has been legally ascertained by the civil authorities; and then, with the lodge, it is a question of morals.

A Master Mason voted for the adoption of the constitution at the late election. Is it a violation of Masonry or not? *Ans.* No.

This question was asked because some members of a lodge showed reluctance to fellowship with a brother who voted for the constitution, as they considered it proscriptive and unjust to a class of citizens, among whom were Masons. M. W. Bro. English correctly remarks that "no matter what may be the character of the constitution, its adoption or non-adoption was strictly a political question," with which Masons, as such, had nothing to do. The conclusion of the address eloquently enforces the duties which the fraternity owe to the civil authorities.

From the report of the Committee on Masonic Law and Usage, which was adopted, we extract the following:

A Master Mason committed such crimes as would have caused his expulsion, but was killed for the offence. The lodge refuses to give his widow a certificate of good standing. What relation do the widow and orphans sustain to the fraternity? We answer that we are of opinion that the widow and orphans are those of a Master Mason, and therefore entitled to all the benefits and charities of the order.

We wish the committee had given their reasons for this opinion. The claim of the widow and orphans of a Mason depends upon his being in good standing at the time of his death. If a brother is under charges and dies before a trial is had, we would give his widow and orphans the benefit of the doubt. But, if the above case is correctly stated, there can be no doubt the brother was an unworthy Mason, and we think the action of the lodge should have been sustained. In such a case, as individuals, we would assist the widow and orphans to the extent of our ability, but we could not recognize their claims to any share of the charity funds of the fraternity.

A resolution was adopted condemning the use of Masonic emblems as business advertisements; the work was exemplified, and the usual routine of business transacted.

Bro. C. B. Moore is the author of an able report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he reviews the doings of thirty-five Grand Lodges, our own for 1868 receiving a fraternal and courteous notice. After quoting Grand Master

Norwood's remarks upon the epidemic of 1867, and his allusion to our Relief Lodge, Bro. Moore says:

There is perhaps no jurisdiction in the United States that is more frequently called upon to dispense charity than that of Louisiana, especially in the city of New Orleans. This is owing to the fact that annually immense multitudes visit that great Southern metropolis, and of this multitude it naturally happens that large numbers are stricken down by the terrible epidemics that so frequently and fearfully rage there. Hence the kind offices of these brethren are greatly in requisition by stranger Masons, and nobly do they respond to the calls made upon them.

His views are in the main correct; his remarks are well conceived and happily expressed, while a vein of good-humored criticism runs through the whole report. Bro. Guilbert having failed to complete his report, our irrepressible friend receives the following notice:

Alas! we have no opportunity this year to judge of the keenness of Bro. Guilbert's scalpel! Too bad! But we remember some one saying, once on a time, "speech is silver—silence golden." Perhaps our Bro. G. is a convert to the truth of this saying. But really, an Iowa Grand Lodge proceeding without an address, correspondence, report, or encyclical letter from him, is like "Yankee-doodle, with the doodle off."

There are several other passages in this report we would like to quote, but our space will not permit.

The records of the Grand Lodge, from its organization in 1838 to 1845 inclusive, were destroyed by fire in November, 1864. Any brother who has a copy of the proceedings of any of the years mentioned, will confer a favor by allowing the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Blocher, the use of them for a short time.

E. H. English, M. W. Grand Master, and W. D. Blocher, R. W. Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

**CALIFORNIA.**—The nineteenth annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held in San Francisco, October 13, 1868, William A. Davies, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and 139 lodges represented—session, five days.

The address of Grand Master Davies is a clear, business-like document—devoid of all rhetorical flourish. After returning thanks for the abundant prosperity and peace which has crowned the labors of the year, he alludes in feeling terms to the loss sustained in the death of Bro. Henry H. Hartley, Deputy Grand Master, and Bro. W. H. Peterson, P. Senior Grand Warden. Appropriate resolutions were adopted, on which occasion the Grand Chaplain delivered a beautiful eulogy on Bro. Hartley.

A few cases had occurred of violation of their jurisdictional rights by the subordinates of other Grand Lodges, but the promptness with which such acts had been disavowed and censured induces the Grand Master to hope "that this prolific source of discord is at no distant day to be controlled by uniform legislation and an honest desire among Grand Lodges to respect each others' rights." While jealous of its own rights, and not tolerating any violation of them, the Grand Lodge has always manifested a strong desire that its subordinates should respect the rights of other Grand Lodges. Therefore, on learning that a lodge in his own jurisdiction had conferred the degrees upon an E. A., owing allegiance to a sister Grand Lodge, he directed the offending lodge to communicate with and make reparation to the lodge whose jurisdictional rights had been invaded. Were all Grand Masters to imitate the example of M. W. Bro. Davies, complaints on this subject would soon cease.

During the recess he granted six dispensations for the formation of new lodges, and is opposed to lodges or individual brethren appearing in public, as Masons, unless there is some Masonic labor to be performed. He says:

Application was made to me in April last, by one of the lodges, requesting permission to appear in Masonic clothing to participate in public procession with the Odd Fellows in celebrating their anniversary. Again, in May, application was made on behalf of another lodge, for permission to celebrate the anniversary of St. John the Baptist, by a "public procession in full regalia, an oration, and ball." Heartily concurring, as I do, in the opinion of Grand Master Belcher, approved by the Grand Lodge, that "on no occasion, except for the burial of a brother, is it permitted for any lodge or number of Masons to appear in Masonic clothing without permission from the Grand Master, and that permission ought very rarely to be asked or granted;" and with the Grand Master of Maine, who says, in a decision on the same subject—"we are constrained to say that it is contrary to the usages of the order, and improper for the fraternity to take part, in their conventional character, in any public demonstration, except to perform some Masonic labor;" and these opinions having been reiterated by Grand Master Claiborne, and again approved by the Grand Lodge, I hold the same to be the law of the jurisdiction, and have refused the desired permission, where no Masonic labor was to be performed, reporting my action for your consideration.

The views of the Grand Master were endorsed by the Grand Lodge and the following general regulation adopted:

No lodge or body of Masons, nor any Mason, within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall appear in Masonic clothing, in any public procession or at any public meeting or demonstration, without permission from the Grand Master, except for the burial of a brother or to perform some strictly Masonic labor.

We would like to see the above, or a similar salutary regulation, enforced by all Grand Lodges.

A question having arisen as to the precise manner in which testimony can be obtained for the purposes of a Masonic trial, where the witnesses reside without the jurisdiction of the lodge trying the case, and will not attend voluntarily, the Grand Master decided that in such cases, on due notice to the adverse party, where a Mason's evidence is required, it shall be taken on his honor as such before a Master of a lodge, or some other discreet Mason; if the witness is not a Mason, then before some officer authorized to administer oaths." In relation to physical qualifications, he ruled that a lodge would be justified in conferring the remaining degrees upon an E. A. or F. C., who had become maimed subsequent to his initiation or passing, "provided he was able to conform literally to the requirements of the remaining degrees." Both decisions were concurred in by the Grand Lodge.

During the year he visited many of the lodges, and was gratified to notice the general observance of the requirements of the Grand Lodge in regard to work. He recommends that some system be adopted, which would secure an annual inspection of all the lodges—particularly the smaller ones remotely situated—as it would tend to check irregularities, correct errors and promote harmony. Referring to a case where a lodge had initiated a profane who could not write, and where the lodge, on investigation, pleaded ignorance of the regulations of the Grand Lodge and acknowledged gross carelessness in the transaction of its business, he says:

This case is mentioned to illustrate the irregular manner in which business is disposed of in many lodges, and to direct the attention of every Master in our

jurisdiction to the necessity of studying the constitution and regulations, causing them to be read in his lodge, and conforming to the mode and manner there laid down for the performance of all his duties—remembering that he is responsible for the acts of his lodge, that in the faithful performance of his duties lies the security of our beloved order, and that herein is its only danger, for if Freemasonry is ever destroyed, it can only be by the criminal ignorance and neglect of its friends.

These remarks have a general application; for while lodges under dispensation are held to a strict account and their records subjected to a careful scrutiny, as soon as a charter is granted the supervision is withdrawn and they are allowed to “paddle their own canoe.” The grossest irregularities may be committed and pass unnoticed, unless some brother feels aggrieved and takes an appeal. If all the lodges in a jurisdiction were visited annually by the Grand Master or his Deputies, and their records carefully examined, a wholesome restraint would be exercised over inefficient and incapable Masters, and the welfare of the whole craft promoted.

The report of R. W. Bro. A. G. Abell, Grand Secretary, is an able paper, and gives a concise detail of the business of his office. From it we learn that of the 186 lodges which have received charters from the Grand Lodge, 152 are still in active existence; and to this number are to be added six which received charters at the present communication. During the year the library of the Grand Lodge had been enlarged by the addition of thirty-five volumes—making the number of bound volumes of Masonic works now on the shelves 512. Several of the recent additions are in the French language, and very valuable.

The report of that noble charity the Masonic Board of Relief shows the total receipts during the year amounted to \$7262 30, which with the balance on hand gave \$8603 69 for the uses of the Board. Of this amount \$7461 03 was disbursed for the relief of the sick and needy as follows:

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| For widows and orphans of Masons of California.....       | 658 00            |
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Of the above sum two cases hailing from Louisiana received \$247 50. No portion of the amount was expended for the relief of any member of the lodges composing the Board, or for their widows or orphans, each lodge in the city providing for its own sick and destitute. The Board is supported exclusively by the Masons of San Francisco, and at the last annual communication a proposition was made that the whole matter of dispensing Masonic charity should be placed under the direction and control of the Grand Lodge, that body raising the funds therefor by a tax upon each Mason in the jurisdiction. This was referred to the subordinate lodges and was to have been acted upon at the present session. But the memorial on the subject was withdrawn, and a resolution adopted which makes it obligatory on the lodges in the jurisdiction to refund all moneys advanced for the relief of any of their members in good standing, his widow or orphans, “provided that no more than twenty-five dollars shall be so advanced without the consent of the Master of the lodge whose member shall be so relieved.”

The Grand Orator, W. Bro. John B. Felton, delivered an appropriate and interesting address before the Grand Lodge on “the mutual dependence of man on his brother man as the fundamental principle of Masonry.” The Grand Lodges of Idaho and New Brunswick, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of

British Columbia were recognized. A resolution was adopted declaring "that caucusing or electioneering, to influence the votes of members of the Grand Lodge in the election of Grand Officers, is contrary to the letter and spirit of Masonry;" and also condemning conventions or other sectional combinations to affect the legislation of the Grand Lodge, or to secure election to office. This evil appears to rear its hydra head all over the land, and cannot be too strongly reprehended. The Mason who electioneers for office is generally unworthy of it; and he who resorts to the arts of the politician to accomplish his aims, should be expelled from the fraternity which he thus attempts to dishonor.

The Committee on Jurisprudence presented a number of very able reports, all of which were concurred in. To the question, whether a Mason, who is the only witness to prove charges preferred against a brother, and is employed as counsel for such brother, can refuse to testify on the trial, the committee held that the rules adopted in the civil courts ought to apply in Masonry. "The relation of attorney and client should protect confidential disclosures of the client to the attorney, as such, and nothing more." In relation to the advancement of candidates, they held that an objection operates as a rejection, and that an E. A., thus estopped, cannot disregard his initiation and petition another lodge for the three degrees. The question whether a Master Mason, in good standing, committing suicide, is entitled to be buried with Masonic honors, is considered at length by the committee, who submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That no lodge in this jurisdiction shall bury with Masonic honors any Mason who has committed suicide.

In our opinion, this is too stringent. The committee admit "that it is difficult to conceive that any one in his right mind could be guilty of destroying his own life;" but add, "it is equally difficult to conceive that any one in his right mind should be guilty of taking the life of another." They argue that as most murders are committed in the heat of passion, reason for the time being dethroned, that does not excuse the crime, and that "the guilt of one who takes his own life is as great as that of one who takes the life of another." They consider the plea of insanity inadmissible, and say:

A man may be a raving maniac, or suffering under some milder form of insanity, and in that condition may do an act for which he is not morally or legally responsible, whether it be against himself or another; but it is idle to say that any considerable proportion of the persons who commit suicide are in that condition. More frequently than otherwise they have met with reverses in business, and think they can not endure the disgrace of failure; poverty stares them in the face, and they have not the manliness to meet it and do their duty in the world like true men; they have lived in affluence, and think they can not submit to the inconveniences and hardships of penury; and they prefer rather to take the matter in their own hands, and, like the veriest cowards, slink away from the cares, responsibilities, and duties devolving upon them, and which have been caused sometimes through simple accident, sometimes through errors in judgment, and sometimes through criminal disregard of their duties to others and of the trusts reposed in them. Ordinarily those who take their own lives prepare very deliberately for it. They write their letters of farewell to their friends as carefully and with as full apparent possession of intellect and reason as in their best estate. They have considered the matter, and have chosen death rather than life.

We consider this a harsh judgment, and one not sustained by facts. Among the old Romans, suicide was looked upon as a heroic virtue. In the middle ages

it was denounced by the Church as a heinous crime, and scarcely two centuries have elapsed since a person committing suicide was denied Christian burial, and the corpse was interred at the cross-roads with a stake driven through it. This barbarous custom has disappeared with the advance of civilization, and it is now generally conceded that no man in his right mind commits suicide. And, in the majority of cases, this will apply even to criminals, who, to avoid expiating their crimes upon the scaffold, put an end to their own existence. No skillful physician will deny that reverse of fortune, grief, or long-continued sickness may, and frequently does, produce mental aberration, and *monomaniacs* are perfectly sane and rational except on some one particular subject. The extreme difficulty of treating such cases, and the skill and cunning employed even by lunatics to accomplish their designs, are acknowledged by all writers on medical jurisprudence. That "those who take their own lives prepare very deliberately for it," is therefore no proof of their sanity.

We are no apologists for suicide; but, in all such cases there is much that can only be known to God. "Judge not, that ye be not judged." Man, whose faculty of judging must be like himself, erring and imperfect, should not arrogate to himself the attribute of Deity. We think therefore that such cases should be left to the discretion of the lodge, and that a brother who commits suicide in a fit of insanity may properly be buried with Masonic honors—unless the insanity has been produced by licentious and vicious habits.

In accordance with the resolution adopted at the last annual communication, a beautiful service of plate was presented to Past Grand Master G. B. Claiborne, as a testimonial of the love and esteem entertained for him by the Grand Lodge. The remarks of the Grand Master and the reply of M. W. Bro. Claiborne were appropriate to the occasion, and show that the testimonial was not only worthily bestowed, but duly appreciated.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. Wm. H. Hill, and the proceedings of forty Grand Lodges are reviewed in a courteous and fraternal manner. He gives a fair synopsis of our own transactions at the communication of 1868, quoting from Grand Master Norwood's address and paying a tribute to our Relief Lodge. He thinks, however, and we agree with him, that the donation received by it from the "Georgia Lottery" should have been returned. The report gives copious extracts from the proceedings under review, interspersed with judicious remarks, and proves that the writer is a true and accomplished craftsman. From it we learn that the Provincial Grand Lodge of British Columbia, auxiliary to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, was organized December 24, 1867, in Victoria, Vancouver Island. J. W. Powell is M. W. Pro. Grand Master, and A. G. Richardson R. W. Grand Secretary. We extend a fraternal greeting to this new Grand Lodge, and hope that its labors may be crowned with peace and prosperity.

Charles Marsh was elected M. W. Grand Master, and Alexander G. Abell re-elected V. W. Grand Secretary.

CANADA.—The fourteenth annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held in Montreal, July 14, 1869, A. A. Stevenson, M. W. Grand Master, "on the throne," and 171 lodges represented—session, three days.

The annual address is a plain, practical paper—relating exclusively to matters of local interest. An unparalleled succession of snow-storms prevented

Grand Master from carrying out his intention of visiting one or more of the lodges in each of the various districts, but he reports the fraternity in a flourishing and prosperous condition, and that its prospects were never so encouraging as at present. Dispensations for the formation of twelve new lodges had been issued, and two special communications of the Grand Lodge had been held for the laying of "foundation stones"—one of a new Masonic Hall at Kingston, the other of a church at Hamilton. He refused to grant dispensations to initiate persons physically disqualified, for the reason "that when once the line is passed, it is utterly impossible to discriminate between the admissible and the non-admissible." He regrets that the ambition of some brethren, in regard to obtaining office, had in several instances led to the formation of opposite parties in lodges, and to personal canvass for office, and remarks:

To be elected to a prominent position in the craft is doubtless an honor to which all deserving and duly qualified brethren may aspire; yet it ought always to be remembered that merit and ability alone are the true grounds of preferment among Masons, and it is most unseemly that anything like electioneering for office should ever be attempted. It is to be hoped that in future every brother will denounce and discountenance such proceedings by every means in his power. The most effectual mode of securing the complete abolishment of this evil practice will be for every brother, when approached in that way, to cast his vote *against*, instead of *for*, the party who resorts to such improper methods for the purpose of obtaining office.

Arrangements had been effected for an exchange of representatives with the Grand Lodges of Tennessee, New Brunswick and Louisiana.

The erection of a Masonic Asylum has for years engaged the attention of the craft. The Grand Master thinks it a doubtful question, whether the expenditure necessary for the erection and maintenance of such an institution would be justifiable under present circumstances, as the great majority of applicants for assistance would prefer accepting a small annual grant, which could be expended in supporting themselves among their friends, rather than seek admission into an asylum—such establishments being generally viewed as pauper institutions. The asylum fund now amounts to about \$5000, and the trustees recommend the erection of the building at Niagara; but the Board of General Purposes did not deem it advisable to make any special recommendation, and no action was taken on the subject.

He notices the complete union of the craft in Nova Scotia under one Grand Lodge, (having been present on the occasion and installed the new Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Keith,) and rejoices in the happy settlement of the Masonic difficulties in that Province. Then alluding to the initiation of the Prince of Wales, as an event which may hereafter possess considerable importance, he says there is one subject which above all others required the immediate attention of the Grand Lodge—namely, the anomalous position it occupies "as a supreme governing Masonic body, having no control whatever over a considerable number of lodges, still existing in Canada under the authority of other Grand Lodges." Without entering into the causes which produced this unsatisfactory state of affairs, he suggests that efforts should be made to reconcile the differences which have hitherto kept the craft apart, and secure the union of all the lodges under the Grand Lodge. He is of opinion that there is a desire for such a union, and that any pacific propositions from the Grand Lodge would receive fraternal consideration. He therefore recommends the appointment of a

special committee to open negotiations for the attainment of this object, and adds:

I urge this the more from the conviction I entertain that unless something is speedily done in this direction the very existence of this Grand Lodge as at present constituted will be seriously imperiled. This vitally important question will not admit of delay, and therefore no time should be lost in adopting this or some other method for bringing about this most desirable object.

On the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes the whole matter was left in the hands of the Grand Master, to take such action as he might deem proper. Whatever may have been done in this direction, it has not proved successful, and the fears of the Grand Master have been realized in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

The reports of the D. D. Grand Masters give many interesting details in relation to the condition of Masonry in their respective districts, and corroborate the statements of the Grand Master. R. W. Bro. A. Walker, of the Quebec District, relates a case which requires more than a mere passing notice, as it affords an illustration that death does not always sever the "mystic tie." We therefore condense the statement:

The ship *Woodstock*, of which Bro. Caswell was captain, sailed from Quebec for England, Nov. 22, 1867. Early on the morning of Dec. 1, during a storm, the ship was driven on the rocks at *Manche d'Epee*, on the lower *St. Lawrence*, when the captain and several of his officers and men were drowned; a portion of the crew, all more or less frost-bitten, were rescued from the wreck by the inhabitants of the place. When intelligence of the disaster reached Quebec, it was stated that the bodies of the captain, his two chief officers, and others of his men had been recovered—that of the captain having its throat cut. The inference was that Bro. Caswell had committed suicide, and it was so published. His brethren were surprised and grieved—because Bro. Caswell's character was such as to forbid the thought that he would raise his hand against his own life. Winter setting in with great severity, all communication between *Manche d'Epee* and Quebec was closed. But in the meantime the news reached England, and one of Bro. Caswell's friends, who was also a Mason, wrote to the Master of *Harington Lodge* to ascertain if the circumstances as reported were correct. Nothing, however, could be done until early in the spring of 1868, when one of the brethren, having urgent business down the *St. Lawrence*, succeeded in getting near the place where the *Woodstock* was wrecked. He found that the bodies of Bro. Caswell and his two officers had not received Christian burial, but, that after having been stripped completely naked, they had been thrown into a hollow on the beach a little above high water mark, and that a portion of the remains protruded above the surface. Further investigations showed that the bodies of Bro. Caswell and his officers had been found entangled among a mass of spars and rigging; that the bodies had been dragged up on the beach; that a man, who had since left the neighborhood, had drawn his knife across the dead man's throat, cut off his finger to obtain possession of a valuable ring, and stripped the body of its clothing. Bro. Caswell had received a considerable sum of money in gold on the day before he left Quebec, and he also wore a valuable watch, both of which were in all probability on his person when the ship broke up, and it was supposed the mutilation of his body was committed for the purpose of distracting attention from the robbery. These facts were obtained from some of the survivors of the crew, who at the time were powerless to prevent such outrages. All the men united in expressing their regret and respect for their late commander, and not one entertained the slightest idea that he had committed suicide. These facts were reported to *Harington Lodge*; the body, which had been kept in perfect preservation by the severe frost, was transported to Quebec at its expense and an inquest held, after which the lodge obtained possession of his remains. They were interred with Masonic honors, having been followed to their last resting place by a large concourse of the brethren and the survivors of the crew.



The action of Harington Lodge in this matter is worthy of all commendation, and the Grand Lodge tendered it a vote of thanks.

The business transacted was of a local character and possesses no general interest.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. Edward Mitchell, and contains a brief but fraternal review of the proceedings of forty-six Grand Bodies, our own for 1868 included.

A. A. Stevenson, M. W. Grand Master, and Thos. B. Harris, V. W. Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

Since the above was written we have received the proceedings of a "special emergent communication" of the Grand Lodge, held in Montreal, Dec. 1, 1869, to take into consideration what action should be adopted in regard to the lodges and brethren who had seceded from its jurisdiction and formed the Grand Lodge of Quebec. To avoid repetition we will notice the subject at length when we come to consider the formation of that Grand Lodge.

COLORADO.—The eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held in Central City, October 6, 1868, Henry M. Teller, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and eight lodges represented—session, one day.

On the opening of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Orator, Rev. Bro. B. T. Vincent, delivered an interesting address on "Masonic Conservatism," after which the Grand Master rendered an account of his stewardship. He says the past year has been a prosperous one to the fraternity in his jurisdiction, and that most of the lodges have improved their financial condition. He granted two dispensations for the formation of new lodges, and during his absence from the Territory the Deputy Grand Master granted three for the same purpose. The Grand Lodge granted three charters, but declined to continue the dispensations of the others, and bestowed all property, not strictly private, belonging to them to the nearest lodges—thus setting an example which might be followed with advantage to the craft in some of the larger jurisdictions.

The desire to obtain acts of incorporation appears to have seized upon our brethren in Colorado, and apprehensive that the legislature might declare all Masonic bodies corporations, the Grand Master prepared an act, which has become a law, whereby all the benefits of an incorporation are obtained without the usual embarrassments.

The report of the Grand Lecturer corroborates the statement of the Grand Master as to the prosperity of the craft, and adds that harmony and brotherly love prevail among the subordinates.

The Grand Secretary notices with much satisfaction the repeal of the obnoxious act of Congress, requiring prepaid letter postage on all transient mail matter. We congratulate our brethren on this, as it will tend greatly to facilitate the exchange of proceedings, etc., and thus strengthen the bonds of brotherhood.

The Grand Lodges of Idaho and New Brunswick were recognized and the usual routine of business transacted.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by Bro. Frank Hall, who notices in courteous terms the proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Lodges. He defends the practice of striking from the roll for non-payment of dues, and says "there is no need of a trial to establish the fact." He adds in a note that his Grand Lodge has modified the resolution which sanctioned this mode of

punishing delinquent members, so as to require notice and trial. We would like to see the same rule universally adopted, and refer to our notice of Oregon for our views on this subject.

Our proceedings for 1868 receive fraternal notice. Quoting, from the address of Grand Master Norwood, the remark that "no dispensation ought to be granted for the formation of a new lodge to brethren not qualified for the work, or in any locality where the good of Masonry will not be subserved, but the Grand Officers can know little or nothing of these matters, and if an error should be committed in the first place, it should and ought to be remedied by withholding a charter," he says:

In this we beg to differ from our distinguished brother of Louisiana. We believe it is the duty of every Grand Master to inform himself thoroughly in regard to the qualifications of those brethren who aspire to the chief offices in a new lodge which he is asked to create, in order that errors may be avoided. If circumstances will not permit him to make personal examination of the applicants, it would appear to be his duty to delegate his powers to a commission of well-informed brethren selected from the chartered lodge nearest the locality in which the new lodge is desired, and on receipt of their report proceed as shall seem wise and just. We cannot regard his proposition to act blindly in the premises, and, if it turns out badly, to shift the whole business upon the Grand Lodge, as anything else than a desire to escape a responsibility which properly belongs to his office.

The sentence which forms the basis of the above commentary should have been taken in connection with the remarks which preceded it. During his term of office M. W. Bro. Norwood granted no dispensation for the formation of new lodges, but several were issued by the Deputy Grand Master, and, in referring to this, he calls the attention of the appropriate committee to the suggestions made by Grand Master Perkins at the session of 1867. The constitution of our Grand Lodge declares that no dispensation for a new lodge shall be issued unless the petition is "recommended by the nearest chartered lodge to the residence of the petitioners; which recommendation must also certify that the first three officers named in the petition are known to be fully competent to confer the three degrees of symbolic Masonry," etc. These requirements are rigidly enforced in all cases, and thus our Grand Masters do not "act blindly in the premises." The duties which Bro. Hall assigns to Grand Masters are fully complied with, and yet it is to this that the "little or nothing" of M. W. Bro. Norwood refers. He desired to impress upon the appropriate committee that the mere inspection of the work and returns of lodges under dispensation was not all that was required of them, but that it was their duty to ascertain, as far as possible, whether the interests of Masonry would be best promoted by the granting or refusal of charters—a point which Bro. Hall entirely overlooks. In fact, a perusal of the proceedings before us induces the belief that our good brother has "pitched into" Bro. Norwood for the sake of whipping some one else over his shoulder; in which case let him go ahead, we can stand it, and therefore say nothing about the "desire to escape a responsibility."

Henry M. Teller, M. W. Grand Master, and Ed. C. Parmelee, R. W. Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

CONNECTICUT.—The eighty-first annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held in New Haven, May 12, 1869, William Storer, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and ninety-three lodges represented—session, two days.

The address of the Grand Master is occupied with local matters. After the usual thanks to Deity, and extending to the brethren "a warm-hearted old-fashioned Masonic welcome," he says:

Brethren, I need not remind you that we are here for an important purpose. Solemn and responsible duties devolve upon us. The interests of the Masonic fraternity in this jurisdiction are intrusted to our hands. We are to consider and act upon matters involving the prosperity of the subordinate lodges. We are to listen to the appeals of those who come to us for justice. We are to legislate for the well-being of our beloved institution, not only for this jurisdiction and for the present year, but for our whole country and the world, and for all coming time. Freemasonry being universal, the legislation of a particular Grand Lodge is not confined in its influence within the narrow limits of a State or a Continent; but its effects are felt the world over, wherever the ties of Masonic fraternity are acknowledged. As the tiny waves, caused by the dropping of a pebble, are extended from shore to shore of the broad lake, so the legislation of our comparatively small Grand Lodge is felt wherever organized Masonry exists. Then let us be careful what we do, and how we do it.

He gives a clear and full account of his stewardship—reporting the granting of four dispensations for the formation of new lodges, and the refusal to grant a fifth, as the lodge, of which a majority of the petitioners were members, withheld its recommendation, alleging that the establishment of a new lodge would leave it in a weak and crippled condition. This case afterwards came up in the Grand Lodge and the action of the Grand Master was concurred in.

From personal observation, during his official visits, he thinks that it may be safely said that the lodges "were never in a more healthful and prosperous condition than at present." Although the amount of work done has been somewhat less than in former years, the work itself has been improved, and the quality of the material is of a superior character. Some of the very best men in the State are applying for admission, and while this is the case, he says, "we have nothing to fear."

The Grand Treasurer, Bro. Benj. Beecher, having proved a defaulter, the Grand Master deposed him from his office and appointed another brother to fill the vacancy. This breach of trust placed the Grand Lodge in a very unpleasant position, from which it was relieved by the Grand Secretary assuming the responsibility of borrowing from St. John's Lodge No. 4 a sufficient amount to pay the outstanding liabilities of the Grand Lodge, and thus preserving its credit. The late Treasurer confessed his guilt, and was expelled by the Grand Lodge.

M. W. Bro. Storer recommended to the favorable consideration of the craft the "Masonic Mutual Benefit Association," which had been established in the city of Hartford, during the past year.

The reports of the Grand Lecturer and his deputies fully sustain the opinion expressed by the Grand Master in regard to the prosperity of the lodges throughout the jurisdiction.

From the report of the Grand Secretary we learn that he has secured an eligible office, into which he has moved and arranged the library of the Grand Lodge. The catalogue embraces 169 volumes of standard Masonic works, including proceedings of the different Grand Lodges. From an examination of the returns of the subordinate lodges, he finds a falling off in the amount of work done of about twenty per cent., as compared with the returns of the previous year. The revenue of the Grand Lodge was consequently lessened in the

same proportion, and as, owing to the defalcation of the Grand Treasurer, the treasury was empty, a resolution was adopted assessing each lodge ten cents for each and every member.

Five charters and one dispensation for a new lodge were granted; the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was postponed until next annual communication, and the usual routine of business transacted.

The Grand Secretary presented a communication from our Grand Lodge, "in reference to the recognition of the spurious Supreme Council in Louisiana, by the Grand Orient of France, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence." They reported that they were "unable, from the papers in their hands, to obtain a complete history of the case;" but, were informed that the edict of non-intercourse had been issued because the Grand Orient of France had recognized a so-called Masonic organization which assumed to exercise the power of establishing and controlling blue lodges in this State. They therefore submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted:

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge no organization, except the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, has any authority or power to establish or control blue lodges in the State of Louisiana.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge expresses the hope that the recognition of any organization except the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, as having any authority or power in or over blue lodges in the State of Louisiana, by the Grand Orient of France, will be speedily reversed.

The Grand Secretary, Bro. Joseph K. Wheeler, presented an able and instructive report on Foreign Correspondence, in which the proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Lodges, our own for 1868 and 1869 included, receive fraternal notice. He quotes that portion of Grand Master Swasey's address relating to the recognition of the spurious Supreme Council by the Grand Orient, and gives our special report on the same subject entire, with the resolutions of non-intercourse adopted by our Grand Lodge, and says:

We have heard with much regret of this ill-advised action of the Grand Orient of France, in recognizing a spurious body of Masonry in the State of Louisiana, which insists upon encroaching upon their Grand Lodge jurisdiction, by establishing lodges in their midst. We think the Grand Orient err in their conclusion to recognize such an *illegal* body in Louisiana, on the ground that "they have opened the doors of its temples to all who may be deemed worthy of initiation, without regard to *nationality, race, or color*," and its appeal to our American brethren to "appreciate its conduct," and "imitate its example," will meet with no favor by any Grand Lodge in this country, and *especially* when they resort to so extreme a measure as the recognition of a "so-called" Masonic body, which they themselves have declared illegal and clandestine.

Elsewhere, noticing the discussion of the negro question, he very correctly remarks:

For our own part, we do not see the necessity of any legislation or controversy on this subject whatever, any more than for any other class or nationality. We can see no reason why a person with a darker skin than our own, is not just as much entitled to the right of applying for admission to any lodge, provided he possesses all the necessary external and internal qualifications, as any one else, and the lodge has just as much right to receive him, provided he pass the ordeal of a clear ballot, and until he can pass that ordeal in our own lodges, we should be most decidedly opposed to any legislation which would allow them lodges of their own under sanction of any Grand Lodge authority in the United States.

He advocates the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, and submit-

ted a resolution for that purpose, the consideration of which, as already noticed, was laid over. In reference to side degrees, he says:

For our own part, we have never been able to see any practical use of this branch of Masonry (so-called). We are aware that there are in existence several degrees which are designed for females; the last of which we have any knowledge is the Order of the Eastern Star, which has been manufactured within a few years, and we believe imported to this country from France, the land of Masonic novelties. This species of adoptive Masonry has already become quite popular in some jurisdictions, while in others it has been condemned. Its friends claim that it has a tendency to bind Masons to their female dependents, and keep a brother inclined to err, within the bounds of morality. We believe a true Mason needs no ties outside of legitimate Freemasonry for the purposes specified; that the ground is already covered in the teachings of the first three degrees, as having been handed down to us from time immemorial, and that all these Masonic imitations are superfluous and useless.

There are other passages we would like to quote, but we have only space for his conclusion:

Masonry has a mission to perform which will continue while time shall last; a mission which will never be ended so long as the principles in that Great Light are necessary for the welfare and happiness of man. The storm clouds may continue to gather; the darkness thicken; and storms beset, but the Genius Masonry will ride the storm triumphant and unharmed, bearing foremost and uppermost, that "Great Light," which is the anchor of our hopes, both sure and steadfast; and "teaches truth which alone is unchangeable and everlasting." Our institution has stood the test of ages, whether the opinion of the world has been good or bad. Empires and kingdoms have risen, and crumbled into decay; secret societies have been formed, flourished for a time, and vanished like the morning dew; yet notwithstanding all the vicissitudes and changes of time; notwithstanding the many persecutions with which our order has been obliged to contend, it still lives, with principles as pure and spotless as when founded by our fathers, and will continue, until the sun and moon shall be blotted from the blue arch of heaven; and the Death Angel has gathered the last sheaf into the Grand Lodge above.

Monumental tablets are inscribed to the memory of Bros. Elizur Goodrich, Past Grand Master; Thos. H. Seymour, Past Grand Senior Deacon, and W. A. Goodwin, Past Grand Steward.

Amos E. Cobb was elected M. W. Grand Master, and Joseph K. Wheeler re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE.—The sixty-third annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Wilmington, June 28, 1869, Edwin J. Horner, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and seventeen lodges represented—session, one day.

The address of the Grand Master is very brief, and principally occupied with answers to questions submitted to him. Among them we find the following:

The Master of a lodge can not suspend a member of his lodge at will and without a trial.

The only thing worthy of note in the proceedings is, that the resolution, adopted June 27, 1867, prohibiting the initiating, passing, raising, or admitting to membership, or the right of visitation, any negro, mulatto, or colored person, and declaring "this prohibition shall be an obligation; and so taught in the third degree," was, on motion, expunged.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence acknowledge the receipt of the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Lodges, but the report is exceedingly brief—

our special report in relation to the Grand Orient of France forming the greater portion of it. The views of the committee are summed up in the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge holds the practice of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia in permitting her subordinates to initiate, pass and raise non-residents, to be an act of injustice to sister jurisdictions, as well as a great injury to Masonry generally. And that if this course is persisted in, this Grand Lodge will be under the necessity of suspending Masonic intercourse with said Grand Lodge.

2. *Resolved*, That the system of soliciting aid from other jurisdictions by lodges, is improper; and that lodges in this jurisdiction are hereby prohibited from asking assistance from any lodge or brother, outside of this jurisdiction, without the consent of this Grand Lodge.

3. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge views with disapprobation the course of the Grand Orient of France, in acknowledging and receiving into fellowship, a spurious body calling itself the "Supreme Council of the A. and A. S. Rite, in and for the sovereign State of Louisiana," and until the said Grand Orient revokes its action, all fraternal intercourse shall be suspended.

4. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge recognizes with pleasure, the organization styling itself the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Idaho, as one of the Grand Bodies of Masonry, and entitled to all the powers, rights and privileges possessed and exercised by Grand Lodges of Freemasons.

The committee recommended the adoption of Nos. 1, 2, and 4, and the favorable consideration of No. 3. They were referred to a special committee, who, so far as the proceedings show, never reported to the Grand Lodge. Yet immediately following the report on correspondence we find Nos. 1, 2, and 4 of the resolutions marked "adopted," but nothing to show what action was had on No. 3, although the special committee append the following:

The committee recommend the Grand Lodge to endorse resolutions Nos. 1, 2, and 4; and further recommend, that as resolution No. 3 refers to a rite of which this lodge can take no cognizance, in the opinion of the committee, they submit it to the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

This shows that the special committee did not comprehend the question. The question of "rites" was not before them, but the recognition by the Grand Orient of France of a body claiming to be Masonic, which had established symbolic lodges in our jurisdiction, in utter disregard of the principle that the Grand Lodges of the United States have the exclusive control of symbolic Masonry in their respective jurisdictions. They have entirely lost sight of this principle, and yet the Grand Lodge of Delaware is as much interested in maintaining it intact as any other Grand Lodge.

Edwin J. Horner, M. W. Grand Master, and J. P. Allmond, R. W. Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—During the year 1868, the Grand Lodge held eleven communications, but the proceedings contain little of general interest. The craft mourn the loss of P. G. Master William M. Ellis, who died March 16, 1868, and who is eulogized as "a good, a worthy, an honest, and an upright man, and a Freemason who never forgot his Masonic duties." The corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple was laid by the Grand Lodge on the 20th of May, in accordance with ancient usage; P. G. Master Bromwell, of Illinois, delivering an eloquent oration upon the occasion. From the addresses of Grand Master French we learn that the craft are blessed with prosperity, and pursuing their labors harmoniously. He had visited all the subordinates in the jurisdiction

and granted dispensations for the formation of two new lodges. Mutual representation has been entered into with the so-called Grand Orient of Italy—another instance of taking things for granted, instead of exercising a little caution. The Grand Lecturer reports greater uniformity in the work than has heretofore existed, and urges upon the craft the importance of studying Masonry as a science. M. W. Bro. R. B. Donaldson, on his installation as Grand Master, delivered an able and interesting address on the principles inculcated and the practices enjoined by our institution. A resolution, prohibiting any brother writing or publishing any communication reflecting upon the fraternity or giving any information to the public newspapers concerning the internal affairs of our institution, was adopted; and a committee appointed to ascertain, if possible, the author of some articles on Masonry which had recently been published.

Owing to professional engagements and absence from the city of the chairman of the *Committee on Foreign Correspondence*, the report was not commenced until a late hour, and then it was undertaken by Bro. M. C. Baxter. The proceedings of thirty-six Grand Lodges, our own included, were received; but, for the reason stated, only a few of them receive a brief notice. Noticing the severe criticisms on the position of his Grand Lodge, in regard to the initiation of citizens of other jurisdictions, Bro. Baxter earnestly recommends the Grand Lodge to amend its by-laws in this respect, as the present practice is not only unjust to sister jurisdictions but injurious to itself. No action however appears to have been taken on the subject.

R. B. Donaldson was elected M. W. Grand Master, and Noble D. Larner re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA.—The Grand Lodge held the annual communication in Macon, October 27, 1868, John Harris, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and 216 lodges represented—session, four days.

The Grand Master, in announcing the prosperity and harmony which prevail in sister jurisdictions, regrets that the spirit of discord is still manifest at home. Political excitement has not yet subsided, and, disturbing the peace of the lodges, has caused “many of the brethren to forget their obligations to one another and even that they were Masons.” This is not a bright picture to contemplate, and we hope, with the Grand Master, that this state of feeling will soon pass away. M. W. Bro. Harris granted one dispensation for the formation of a new lodge, and finding that it would be impossible to distribute the \$5000, appropriated at the last annual communication for the relief of indigent widows and orphans of worthy Masons, in a manner which would prove satisfactory to all concerned, he postponed all action in the matter until the meeting of the Grand Lodge. His action was approved; the committee to whom the subject was referred, after complimenting the Grand Master for the prudence he had displayed, remarking:

The proposed object of the resolution could not have been carried out in its terms in any useful manner, and must have resulted in the fruitless waste of so much of the funds of the Grand Lodge. It is on the subordinate lodges rests the duty of dispensing charity—and this from their own funds. Certainly the funds of the Grand Lodge should not be touched for this purpose, except perhaps under extraordinary circumstances, which circumstances do not at this time exist. To indiscriminately scatter the hard-earned means and resources of the fraternity in the keeping of their trustees, the Grand Lodge, with no chance

of adequate benefits to any, your committee deem unwise, unmasonic, and tending to the ultimate poverty of the order.

The Grand Master pays a well-merited compliment to R. W. Bro. Samuel Lawrence for the able and efficient manner in which he prepared the "Digest of the Edicts and Decisions" of the Grand Lodge. He recommends every brother to obtain a copy, and says: "With this work in the hands of the officers of the subordinate lodges, they are readily prepared to decide intelligently almost every question that may arise in their lodges."

In their visitations, the Deputy Grand Masters report that, in a majority of instances, they met a very cordial reception from the brethren, who manifested a desire to acquire the work and receive instruction in the principles of our institution. The lodges are lopping off excrescences, guarding the outer door with greater vigilance, and are now in a healthier state than for some years past. One Deputy granted dispensations for the formation of two new lodges, while another granted two dispensations for cases of emergency. This is in accordance with the provisions of the constitution—but, in our opinion, this power should be vested in the Grand Master alone.

A communication was received from three colored persons, who claimed to be a committee of Eureka Lodge No. 11, in Savaunah, working under a charter from "Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of Massachusetts," the object of which was to learn the feeling of the Grand Lodge toward themselves and their so-called lodge, and to ask counsel in reference to the organization of a colored Grand Lodge in the State. The committee to whom the subject was referred, wisely avoiding all needless discussion, disposed of it as follows: They did not know the "Prince Hall Grand Lodge," and being in fraternal correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts they could not recognize any other Grand Lodge in that State, and were confident that Grand Body would not trespass upon their jurisdiction by granting a charter to any body of men, white or black, within their borders. They conclude their report by quoting a section of the constitution of the Grand Lodge, which declares any persons assuming to exercise the duties or perform the ceremonies of Freemasonry, without the sanction of the Grand Lodge, spurious and clandestine. This is the true doctrine, and we hope that all such questions will be treated with equal discretion.

The report of the Southern Masonic Female College shows an attendance of ninety pupils, one-third of whom are on the charity list. But the Grand Lodge did not consider it expedient to grant any further appropriation for its support, although an application was made for one; and from resolutions offered, but afterwards withdrawn, it is evident that our Georgia brethren are satisfied that the brilliant expectations once entertained that the institution would become self-sustaining, are not likely to be realized.

From the report of the Grand Lecturer, R. W. Bro. Geo. L. Barry, we learn that he had only visited a few lodges, when, in consequence of the inclemency of the weather, he was taken sick and compelled to return home. Aged, indigent, and the victim of a distressing disease, he is now calmly awaiting his summons to a better land, and the Grand Lodge, in appreciation of his long and faithful services, ordered the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars to be paid him every three months in advance.

A number of lodges, whose halls had been destroyed by fire, had their dues



remitted; with this exception, the business transacted, being of a local character, possesses no general interest.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by R. W. Bro. Samuel Lawrence. He reviews the proceedings of thirty-four Grand Lodges in an able manner, while the tone and spirit which pervade the whole document are truly Masonic. He gives an extended and fraternal notice of our proceedings, commending Louisiana Relief Lodge and submitting a resolution to reimburse the amount donated by it in 1867 for the relief of Masons hailing from Georgia, which however does not appear to have been acted upon. Noticing our remarks on the "Masonic Orphans' Home" lottery scheme, he says that it never had the sanction of his Grand Lodge, nor was it even consulted on the subject. In another place he justly remarks: "We think the brother who takes a lottery ticket, believing he is investing in a Masonic charity, has not intelligence enough to be a Mason." Bro. Drummond, of Maine, having said that he did not understand the effect of "exclusion" in the order of punishment in Georgia, Bro. Lawrence gives the following definition:

The word was introduced by Bro. Rockwell, from the later English constitutions, and its effect is not yet understood by many in our jurisdiction. As explained by Bro. Rockwell, it is the lightest punishment—next to reprimand—though in the order placed, it would seem to rank with expulsion. It only deprives of membership, and is the remedy used to relieve the lodge of its drones for non-payment of dues.

In our former report, we commented upon a passage in the address of Grand Master Harris, which stated that, by the constitution, the Master and Wardens, and by implication, even the Wardens of a lodge could grant dispensations in hastening the process of making Masons. The Delaware committee also noticed it, and Bro. Lawrence in reply to them, says:

We beg to correct here. Neither Master nor Wardens, together or separately, enjoy with us the right to grant dispensations. Our constitution allows of *initiation* in some cases, the same night the petition is received—such cases being adjudged cases of "emergency" by the Master and Wardens. Our Grand Master was in error in implying from this any right in Master or Wardens, either, separately to adjudge a case of emergency. The exception in the constitution, being against the common law, must be construed strictly. Not the Master alone—not the Master and one Warden—but the Master and Wardens can declare a case one of emergency. If they agree, they virtually dispense with the law, but do not "grant dispensation," technically so called. This is done by the constitution. The same instrument, we would inform the committee allows the Master to resign.

This correction does not better the case much, and Bro. Lawrence does not defend the practice. The additional information that the constitution allows the Master to resign, takes us by surprise; we were under the impression that Indiana was the only Grand Lodge which countenanced this deviation from general usage.

Samuel Lawrence was elected M. W. Grand Master, and Simri Rose re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Simri Rose, who for many years discharged the responsible duties of his office with marked ability. We are unable to give any particulars in regard to his decease, having received no official information on the subject, but learn incidentally that Bro. J. Emmett Blackshear was appointed to fill the vacancy.

IDAHO.—The first annual communication of this Grand Lodge, whose forma-

tion we noticed in our former report, was held at Idaho City, June 22, 1868, George H. Coe, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and five lodges represented—session, two days.

The address of the Grand Master is a brief, practical document relating to local matters, and the business transacted was of the same character. Harmony and a reasonable degree of prosperity prevail throughout the jurisdiction. One charter was granted, and the number of rejections reported by the subordinates indicates a careful selection of material. The time of holding the annual communication was changed to October. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence stated that owing to the short time which had elapsed since the organization of the Grand Lodge they were unable to present a report, and the Grand Secretary acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of six Grand Lodges, ours not included. We will try to remedy this in future.

George H. Coe, M. W. Grand Master, and P. E. Edmondson, R. W. Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

ILLINOIS.—The twenty-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Springfield, October 6, 1868, Jerome R. Gorin, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and 439 lodges represented—session two days.

The address of the Grand Master is devoted to a recital of his official acts, and suggestions of local interest. During the year he issued dispensations for the formation of thirty-six new lodges, and, in conformity with resolutions adopted at the last annual communication, divided the State into twelve Masonic districts, appointing a D. D. Grand Master in each. He suggests that this system be made permanent, and the duties of the deputies well defined. He urges the necessity of the Grand Lodge owning a hall of their own. He pays a well-deserved compliment to Bro. H. G. Reynolds, who, after a zealous and faithful service of eighteen years, had decided to retire from the office of Grand Secretary. When he took possession of the office, there were less than 2,000 affiliated Masons in the jurisdiction—now there are nigh 600 lodges with an aggregate of 30,000 members, and this large increase is said to be mainly attributable to his zeal and ability.

The report of the Committee on Lodges U. D. is interesting, and shows that, with a very few exceptions, the work and returns of the lodges examined by them contained many irregularities. This they attribute "to the carelessness and incompetency of secretaries," and suggest the necessity of the brethren selecting good business men for the office. A good suggestion; but it is one of the duties of the W. M. to see that the minutes of his lodge are correctly recorded, and if he fails to attend to it, he and not the secretary is responsible. Noticing that in a majority of instances only the initials of a brother's name appear on the lodge records, the committee recommend that the name should be given in full, and more especially in the case of candidates, and a resolution to this effect was adopted. We think this a salutary rule, and one that should be enforced everywhere. The irregularities under which at least two of the dispensations had been obtained, induced the committee to submit a resolution prohibiting any lodge in the jurisdiction from recommending a petition for a new lodge, unless the same was presented at a regular meeting and laid over for one month—and it was adopted. Notwithstanding the irregularities complained of, the committee recommended and the Grand Lodge granted thirty-six charters and continued six dispensations. In view of this report, the Committee on the

Grand Master's address earnestly recommend some action be taken to restrict, as far as may be consistent with the true interests of the fraternity, the too rapid increase of new lodges, as, in their judgment, "it is calculated to prejudice the healthy growth and prosperity of the constituent lodges." The report was adopted—and that was the end of it.

At the last annual communication, Bro. J. C. Reynolds was appointed to prepare a history of Masonry in Illinois. His report covers over six hundred pages of manuscript, detailing the formation and history of the Grand Lodge of 1822, and also the formation and history of the Grand Lodge of 1840. It includes important information, obtained from the jurisdictions of Missouri, Tennessee, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, and Indiana. The committee, who examined it, speak of it in the highest terms, and the first four officers of the Grand Lodge are authorized to arrange for its publication. It will form a valuable addition to Masonic literature, and throw a flood of light upon the anti-masonic persecution which extinguished the Grand Lodge of 1822.

From the report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, we quote the following :

Bromwell Lodge No. 451 vs. A. B. Hammer. In this case it is the opinion of the committee that the decision of the lodge was manifestly contrary to the evidence, and that the accused ought to have been found guilty. The accused having had two trials, one of which was presided over by the Grand Master in person, and on both occasions the accused was declared by a vote of the lodge not guilty, in direct violation of what appears to your committee conclusive evidence of guilt ; and it further appears to your committee, from the action of Bromwell Lodge No. 451, that a majority of the members of said lodge have declared, by their repeated acts, their determination to sustain libertinism in preference to morality, thereby bringing reproach upon the institution of Freemasonry. Your committee, therefore, recommend that the charter of said lodge be annulled.

The report was concurred in, the charter revoked, and the lodge, in whose jurisdiction the accused resided, ordered to try him.

A plan was submitted, providing for the creation of a Grand Lodge hall fund, which after some discussion was laid over until the next annual communication. The reports of the D. D. Grand Masters corroborate the statement of their chief, that a degree of harmony, fraternal feeling and prosperity unequalled in former years prevails throughout the jurisdiction ; and we sincerely hope that such will ever be the case.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of the Grand Secretary, Bro. H. G. Reynolds (now Grand Master), who reviews in an able and discriminative manner the proceedings of thirty-nine American Grand Lodges—our own for 1868 receiving a fraternal and extended notice. He also incorporates that portion of the N. Y. Committee's report in relation to the European Grand Lodges. We are pleased to see this, for we desire the craft to be placed in possession of all the reliable information that can be obtained in regard to the progress of Masonry in all quarters of the globe.

Under the head of California, after noticing the mode in which the returns of lodges are examined there, he says :

In Illinois, the committees are all appointed for a long time before hand, and each member is notified to appear for duty at a certain day—say four, three, two or one—before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, or on the day the Grand Lodge meets, according to the apparent amount of work to be done. The Committees on Appeals and Grievances, Chartered Lodges, Lodges U. D. and Mileage and

Per Diem, meet four days beforehand, and in the absence of bustle and confusion, with the ready and intelligent assistance of the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and his deputy, proceed steadily and surely with their work. The Committee on Appeals resembles a regular trial court, and every case is thoroughly examined. The Committee on Lodges U. D. have an enormous work; but after settling principles and rules of proceedings, the work is parceled out, and every item of business, usage, or work is thoroughly overhauled, and when ready to report, the chairman takes lodge by lodge, and makes up a terse, clear and pointed report and table of statistics. The work in Committee on Chartered Lodges is immense, but no point is neglected, and the entire mileage for every officer, committeeman, and lodge is in readiness. So of all other committees. Everything that can be reported on is ready when the Grand Lodge meets.

It is in this manner the Grand Lodge gets through its business in two days, instead of taking five or six. The rapid increase in membership and the consequent accumulation of business at the annual communications, must eventually cause all the Grand Lodges to adopt the above or some similar system.

Under the same heading, we find the following :

It seems that in Maine, a majority of the representatives of a lodge cast the whole vote of the lodge. Bro. Drummond thinks the vote should be a unit. So does California. The rule in Illinois is quite different, and works well. If but one representative be present, he casts three votes. If two representatives only are present, the representative highest in rank casts two votes, and the lowest one; if all three representatives are present, each one casts one vote, but in no case is a lodge deprived of its full vote when represented.

The rule in Louisiana is the same as in Illinois. It not only works well, but allows a freer expression of opinion in the decision of all questions before the Grand Lodge than can be obtained by the unit system.

The Grand Lodge of Illinois has entered into mutual representation with the Grand Lodges Eclectic Union, Frankfort-on-the-Main, and Royal York of Friendship, Berlin. A translation of the congratulatory letters received from those bodies closes the report, and we cordially endorse the sentiment expressed in them that the growing desire for a closer relationship of the American and European Grand Lodges is a bright omen for the future harmony and prosperity of our institution.

Harman G. Reynolds was elected M. W. Grand Master, and Orlin H. Miner, R. W. Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.—The fifty-second annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Indianapolis, May 25, 1869, Martin H. Rice, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and 350 lodges represented—session, two days.

The annual address is a clear business-like statement of the official acts of the Grand Master. After exchanging fraternal greetings and remembering in appropriate terms the fraternal dead, M. W. Bro. Rice acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of sister Grand Lodges, Louisiana for 1869 included, and disposes of them in about a dozen lines. A mere notice that general prosperity and harmony prevailed in the thirty-six Grand Jurisdictions whose proceedings were received, does not compare favorably with the able resumé submitted by his immediate predecessor. But the fault lies in the system, for it cannot be expected that a Grand Master, with his manifold duties, can give the time and attention necessary to write a report on Foreign Correspondence.

The record of his stewardship shows that he was zealous and efficient in the discharge of his duties. He issued dispensations for the formation of twenty-one

new lodges ; this, and the number of corner-stones of public edifices laid and of Masonic halls dedicated, testifies to the prosperity and popularity of our institution.

He refused permission to a lodge, as a body, to join with the citizens in observing a day for decorating soldiers' graves. He based this decision on the rules of his Grand Lodge, and held that he had no more right to violate an established regulation than any one else ; but, on the contrary, that it is the especial duty of a Grand Master to see that all such regulations are strictly adhered to, "whether they were in accordance with his wishes or not." This decision was fully sustained by the Grand Lodge, and we note it with peculiar satisfaction, because the occasion was one which could not be objected to, if it were proper for the fraternity, as a body, to take part in any popular demonstration.

Past Grand Master Wm. Hacker, from the Committee on Lodges under Dispensation, presented an able report which was adopted. Instead of glossing over irregularities and recommending charters by wholesale, as is too frequently done, the records and by-laws submitted to the committee appear to have been carefully examined, and each case decided on its merits. In one instance, where the records proved the officers to have been incompetent, the committee administered a severe rebuke to the parties recommending the petition for the dispensation. This evidently trod on the corns of some one, for an attempt was made to have the report recommitted—but it did not succeed. If all committees were as plain-spoken, brethren would be more careful whom they recommend as officers of new lodges.

Three memorial tablets bear the names of Philip Mason, Past Grand Master ; Andrew J. Holmes, Junior Grand Warden, and Hugh Hanna, Past Junior Grand Warden, who died during the year, and appropriate resolutions were adopted.

Martin H. Rice, M. W. Grand Master, and John M. Bramwell, R. W. Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

Just as our report is going into the hands of the printer, M. W. Bro. J. Q. A. Fellows gives us the following information, and as it adds another instance, to the many already recorded, of the fidelity with which the members of our fraternity in both armies, during the late unhappy war, performed their obligations, we insert it here :

The battle of Murfreesboro, or Stone River, was one of the most hotly contested during the war ; commencing December 31, 1862, and lasting for two days with varied and doubtful result. Toward the close of the first day of the battle, Bro. James Strawbridge, of this city, then Colonel of the 1st La. Infantry, in taking the hand of a wounded Federal officer, to assist in removing him from the field, received the grip of a M. M. The officer was mortally wounded, having been struck in the forehead with a grape-shot. His sight was destroyed, but feeling the grip returned, he requested Bro. Strawbridge to send his Masonic token and last remembrances to his wife, adding that letters on his person contained her address ; and he soon afterward expired. Bro. Strawbridge carried the relic with him for two years before he had an opportunity to fulfill the promise given to the dying man. At last, Bro. Strawbridge was taken prisoner near Augusta, Ga., by the Federal forces under Gen. Sherman, when on his "march to the sea." About Dec. 1, 1864, a group of prisoners halted for dinner near head-quarters, and Bro. Dr. Wilson Hobbs, now of Carthage, Ind., but then

Surgeon-in-Chief 2d Brig., 3d Div., 20th A. C., taking compassion upon Bro. Strawbridge, whom he had observed day after day marching with the other prisoners, weary and foot-sore, invited him to dinner. During the meal they found each other to be brother Masons, and Bro. Strawbridge delivered to Bro. Hobbs the trust which had been confided to him, and in a few days they saw no more of each other. Eight years elapse from the time when the dying request was made, and then M. W. Bro. Fellows receives a letter from Bro. Hobbs, dated January 2, 1870, in which he states "that trust after much labor and search has at last been satisfactorily discharged, and as Col. Strawbridge was so faithful on his part, I desire to find him and inform him I have not been less so." This has been done; and this act of Masonic fidelity from its inception to its close affords another illustration of the brotherhood of man, and that "by our own spirits we are deified."

IOWA.—The twenty-sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held in Davenport, June 1, 1869, Reuben Mickel, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and 145 lodges represented—session, three days.

A retrospect of twenty-five years, showing the wonderful progress, material and Masonic, which has been made since the formation of the Grand Lodge, opens the annual address, and is followed by an earnest admonition to the craft to maintain the dignity of our institution by living up to the duties it enjoins. The Grand Master then proceeds to render an account of his stewardship: he granted dispensations for twenty-three new lodges, and refused a number of applications—being satisfied that the proposed new lodge was not actually necessary, or would not tend to promote the good of Masonry. In a few instances he issued special dispensations to receive petitions and confer the degrees out of time, on the recommendation of "influential and prominent Masons"—which in our opinion is anything but a valid reason for setting aside the rules of his Grand Lodge.

He reports that during the year he had received a very large number of letters from lodges in different portions of the State, complaining of the rejection of worthy Master Masons applying for membership, and attributing it to motives of envy, business rivalry, etc. This does not speak well for the material composing such lodges, although we are aware that even with the strictest vigilance bad men will sometimes gain admission. But the law in Iowa is very severe against unaffiliated Masons; no discrimination is made between voluntary and involuntary non-affiliation, and if a brother is rejected he cannot apply to any other lodge for membership. The Grand Master therefore suggests that the regulations be amended so that a Master Mason, who has been rejected on an application for membership, but against whom no charges are preferred, shall be allowed to visit and participate in lodge privileges, and also to present his petition to some other than his nearest lodge for membership. This recommendation was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and we feel confident that the distinction between voluntary and involuntary non-affiliation will be clearly defined at the next annual communication.

A clandestine lodge, styling itself the "A. F. & C. M. Society," having been organized at Boonsboro, the Grand Master issued a circular notifying the craft of its existence and recommending caution in the admission of visitors. This is the first case of the kind which has occurred in this jurisdiction, and we join M. W. Bro. Mickel in the hope that it may be the last.

The Junior Grand Warden dimitted from his lodge, and in accordance with the constitution, which provides that "members of lodges only are eligible to office in the Grand Lodge," the Grand Master declared the office vacant.

Among the decisions reported by the Grand Master, we notice the following:

When an applicant for membership has been rejected, and charges are immediately preferred against him, and he is either expelled or suspended, should his dimit be returned to him? *Ans.* No. He is no longer entitled to any evidence of good standing.

The Committee on Jurisprudence endorsed all the Grand Master's decisions, except the above, and say:

"The rejected applicant for membership" is legally entitled to the return of his dimit in all cases. The preferment of charges against him can in no event alter or change the right of ownership in the dimit; it was lawfully given him and cannot unlawfully be taken from him. If the brother has committed an offence against our laws, he may be tried and suspended or expelled, and the Masonic world informed thereof. To withhold it would, we believe, be to "deviate from the minutest principle of justice," which we are admonished in the cardinal virtues, "should be the invariable practice of every Mason never to do."

Objection was made to this portion of the report, "as it looked like a censure" upon the Grand Master, and after considerable discussion the matter was passed over without a vote. We agree with the committee, and regret the question was not decided on the merits. The objection raised proves that a brother occasionally finds his way into a Grand Lodge, who had better remained at home, for such remarks tend to introduce personalities; and if any committee, but more especially that on Masonic Jurisprudence, cannot express an opinion on a question referred to them without having their motives impugned, the sooner such reference is dispensed with and the Grand Master declared infallible, the better.

Grand Secretary Parvin presented another of his characteristic reports—clear, concise, and to the point. A fine Masonic map of the State, and a table of full moons prepared by his deputy, Bro. W. B. Langridge, accompany the proceedings, and the usual number of valuable statistical tables are also given. Bro. Parvin complains that these tables, the compilation of which requires an immense amount of time and labor, are appropriated by others and no credit given—a breach of Masonic courtesy which admits of no excuse. By the regulations, "ministers of the gospel" are not required to pay Grand Lodge dues, and the Committee on Jurisprudence recommend the approval of Bro. Parwin's construction of this phrase, applying it to "pastors of congregations" only—as many "ordained ministers of the gospel" are engaged in lucrative secular pursuits, and not ministering to congregations stately at all, who, or the lodges for them, seek to pass them as "dead-heads" to the Grand Lodge whenever dues are demanded.

Five general schools of instruction were held during the year, and as the "custodians" reported they were well attended, the exemplification of the work was dispensed with.

From the report of the Committee on Lodges U. D., we extract the following in relation to a lodge whose dispensation had been continued over from last year: "This transcript contains so many errors and irregularities as to render it impracticable to enumerate them in this report." Notwithstanding this, the committee recommended a charter, and the report was adopted!

The subject of the location of the Grand Lodge and erection of a Masonic Temple, as proposed at the last session and referred to the subordinates, was by a vote of lodges postponed indefinitely; after which a tender of a permanent lease, free of cost, of the Burtis Opera House, in Davenport, for the sessions of the Grand Lodge and its library was received. To enable the Grand Lodge to accept this offer, the by-laws require to be amended, and the matter is again referred to the particular lodges.

Bro. Guilbert's report on Foreign Correspondence for 1867-68, being still *in embryo*, a special appropriation was made to have it printed as an appendix to the proceedings before us, "with an explanatory note by the Grand Secretary, provided it was completed and furnished in time." Alas, we look for it in vain; the "tedious qualms" which accompany gestation are not yet over, but "coming events cast their shadows before," and we may look for it in due season.

Bro. Theo. Schreiner, Grand Tyler, through the Grand Secretary, presented a set of beautiful ivory gavels, with ebony handles to the Grand Lodge, and Bro. Rob Morris, being present, got off some "stanzas" on the occasion.

The Grand Secretary was instructed to purchase for the Grand Lodge Library the publications of the "Palestine Exploration Fund."

M. W. Bro. John H. King, Grand Master of Kansas, visited the Grand Lodge and was received with appropriate honors; our representative P. G. Master Hartsock was also present during the session.

The Grand Lodge accepted invitations to visit Rock Island and the public works thereon, the Orphans' Home, and the public schools; also to attend a "strawberry festival" after the close of the session, and "to accept complimentary tickets over the city railway." What between business and pleasure our brethren must have had a good time, and we hope they enjoyed it.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. W. E. Miller, who reviews the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Lodges, our own for 1868 included, in an able and courteous manner. Bro. Miller is a strict constructionist, and in reply to the Wisconsin committee argues the question of physical qualifications at great length. We have only space for the following extract:

The writer of this report cannot agree to the conclusion reached by the Wisconsin committee. They quote from the ancient charges that "the men made Masons must be free-born (or no bondsmen), of mature age and of good report,  *hale and sound, not deformed or dismembered* at the time of their making," and from the oldest written law on the subject that "a candidate must be without blemish, and have the full and proper use of his limbs, *for a maimed man can do the craft no good*," and they admit the binding force of the rule, but contend that it applies only to the E. A. degree. No one will claim that the rule does not exist with all its original binding force; for if it does not, because the reason of the rule has ceased as is intimated, then it is no longer a rule and does not apply at all—not even to an E. A. It being admitted then that the rule still subsists, at least as to the candidate for initiation, it must be because there was and is a reason for it, and if the rule and the reason therefor still exist as applied to the E. A. degree, does not the reason for the rule become stronger when applied to the other degrees? The reason given in the rule itself is, because "*a maimed man can do the craft no good*." Now it would seem that if a man, who having lost both hands, or both feet, or either or all of them, could "do the craft no good" as an E. A. or bearer of burdens, he would be, *at least*, as incapable of doing them any good as a F. C. or M. M.

An eloquent and interesting address was delivered by the Grand Orator, Bro. John A. Kasson, at the close of the installation ceremonies and is published in the appendix.



John Scott was elected M. W. Grand Master, and Theodore S. Parvin re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

KANSAS.—The thirteenth annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Lawrence, October 20, 1868, M. S. Adams, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and forty-eight lodges represented—session, three days.

After congratulating the brethren on the peace, harmony and general prosperity which prevail throughout the jurisdiction, the Grand Master states that the ancient Webb work, as adopted at the previous communication, had been taught with great success by the custodians, and urges the establishment of schools of instruction in order that the officers of lodges may make themselves thoroughly acquainted with it. He granted dispensations to open nine new lodges, and remarks:

This is a matter of congratulation, for it has sometimes happened in the past, that brethren who chanced to live several miles from any lodge, have joined together and asked for a dispensation to open a new lodge, when they were utterly unable to sustain it. No dispensation should be granted for a new lodge, until the brethren have secured a suitable place for meeting, and the necessary funds to purchase the proper furniture and working tools of a lodge, as well as the co-operation of the proper number of brethren who have the requisite knowledge of the ritual and principles of Masonic jurisprudence, to enable them to manage the affairs of a lodge successfully.

In connection with this, he enjoins upon the fraternity, and more especially the officers of lodges, the necessity of making Masonry a study. Intending to visit all the lodges in the jurisdiction, he regrets that circumstances prevented him from visiting officially less than one-half of them, but adds that so far as his observation extended the brethren exhibit a commendable zeal in impressing upon candidates the beautiful truths inculcated in our ceremonies, and urges upon the lodges the necessity of having safe and convenient halls in which to meet. Alluding to several violations of the jurisdictional rights of his Grand Lodge, he says:

In one instance, a gentleman residing in this State, who had been rejected as a candidate for the degrees of Masonry by a lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, after an absence of about two months, returned home, having been made a Master Mason in Lafayette Lodge No. 16, Michigan; and that too, as he informs the brethren here, by a dispensation from the Grand Master of that State. I hold the correct rule to be, that candidates rejected in another State cannot legally be made Masons in this State, without the consent of the proper authorities where the rejection occurred. According to some of the old constitutions, no lodge could "initiate into the mysteries of the craft any person whomsoever, without being satisfied, by test or otherwise, that the candidate has not made application to any other lodge and been rejected." In my judgment, before the candidate for the mysteries of Masonry is admitted into the lodge, he should satisfy the brethren, by a declaration made on his honor as a man, that he has never made application for the degrees of Masonry and been rejected; or, if rejected, the consent of the lodge so rejecting should always be obtained before the degrees are conferred.

This is the law in Louisiana; and if it, or a written declaration to the same effect, as required in New York, was generally adopted, cases like the one above cited would soon become obsolete.

The Grand Master reports a number of decisions, all of which were concurred in. Among them we notice the following:

A lodge under dispensation has no authority to try a brother, whether affiliated or not, the charges and specifications must be sent to the nearest chartered lodge.

The Deputy Grand Master reports that he had made no official visits, but had granted a dispensation for the formation of a new lodge.

Among the dispensations granted for new lodges by the Grand Master was one to Mt. Moriah Lodge, Salt Lake City, under date of November 25, 1867. Objection was shortly afterward raised by the Grand Lodge of Nevada, but, notwithstanding this, a charter was granted it.

The history of this lodge has been given in our previous reports. It was denied a charter by the Grand Lodges of Nevada and Montana, and Colorado refused to re-open it under dispensation. Grand Master Adams says he had "no means of knowing whether these are the same or different brethren." It seems to us this information could have been easily obtained from the Grand Secretary of Nevada, and we consider the case analogous to that of a subordinate lodge working up the rejected material of another without obtaining its consent. Viewed in the most favorable light it is a breach of Masonic comity which fully justified the Grand Lodge of Nevada adopting the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the Grand Lodge of Kansas has by this action shown great discourtesy towards this Grand Lodge, and has violated a plain principle of Masonry by doing work which this Grand Lodge had for good and sufficient reasons refused to do.

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, in a case where a body of Masons have been refused a dispensation or charter by two or more of the nearest Grand Lodges in succession, it is manifestly the duty of a distant Grand Body to be doubly careful to get all the light possible, before granting any privileges.

The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was recognized; the work exemplified and the usual routine of business transacted.

The following occurs in a report of the Committee on Condition of Masonry:

*Query*—Can a lodge return to the candidate the \$20 received of him in payment for the second and third degrees, the price of the degrees being \$30, the candidate having received only one, and the lodge refusing to confer the other two?  
*Ans.* No: for the reason that \$30 is required by the constitution before a man can be made a Mason, and the conferring of the first degree makes a man a Mason.

This may be a strict constitutional ruling, but, in our opinion, it is not in accordance with the principles of justice or fair dealing.

The reports of the custodians give a favorable account of the condition of the lodges, and recommend schools of instruction as the most efficient mode of disseminating the work. One of the custodians, after conferring the first and third degrees, "closed the exercises with an oyster supper!" Another of them says:

Considerable opposition was manifested at first to what was denominated by some as innovations; but such opposition was met there as it has been met everywhere else, with the assurance that their instructor was with them for the purpose of teaching the work adopted by the Grand Lodge, and not for the purpose of discussing its merits, or listening to a criticism of it.

This reminds us of a Grand Lecturer, now in the spirit land, who, in exemplifying the work, if asked the slightest question in regard to it, would draw himself up to his full height, clasp his hands together, draw them gently down over his rotund paunch, and then, with a bland smile and a profound bow, softly say, "I got it so." Now, if a Grand Lodge adopts a particular system of work, the subordinates are bound to acquire and practice it. But the ritual is not all of Masonry, and a Grand Lecturer should not only be able, but willing, to give an

explanation to any question raised concerning the work he teaches. If the members of a lodge are intelligent men, this would do more to conciliate opposition, remove prejudice, and make the work acceptable, than by telling them it is *the work* and they must adopt it *volens volens*.

The report on Foreign Correspondence contains a brief but fraternal notice of the proceedings of thirty-five Grand Lodges—Louisiana for 1868 included. It is the joint production of the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. E. T. Carr and Bro. J. D. Rush. A third member of the committee, in consequence of other engagements, failed to perform his allotted portion, and at the eleventh hour Bro. Carr was compelled to perform the labor assigned him. We are afraid if the plan of parceling out the proceedings among the different members of the committee were generally adopted, such occurrences would not be rare. But we cannot agree with Bro. Carr that the brevity of his report is its only merit.

J. H. Brown was elected M. W. Grand Master, and E. T. Carr re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.—The annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Louisville, October 19, 1868, Elisha S. Fitch, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and 400 lodges represented—session, four days.

The address of the Grand Master is an able document, and contains much of general interest. Of the condition of our institution, he says:

In renewing our labors, in Grand Lodge capacity, we have much to encourage us, not only in our own jurisdiction, and in our own country; but also in foreign jurisdictions, and indeed, generally, among all the nations of the earth as well as the isles of the sea. An almost universal peace, so conducive to the humane mission of our order, prevails throughout the world; and under its mild and benignant reign, the moral enterprise of the age is bounding forward, on its high and glorious career, with a quickening energy, and a gathering impetus, which betoken the most triumphant success. The manifest decline of Absolutism, both in Church and State—the general wane of despotic power and prerogative—the diffusion of civil and religious liberty—the practical recognition of the “Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man”—resulting from the extended dominion of a genuine, an elevated, a Bible civilization—may all be justly hailed as the sure precursors of Masonic prosperity and progress. Turning from this general view, to contemplate our own immediate jurisdiction, we are happy to announce a steadily increasing prosperity of the craft within our borders. Peace and harmony have prevailed, almost without interruption, in all our subordinate lodges, since we last met in grand communication; and the few exceptional cases have presented no serious difficulties, which have not been amicably settled in accordance with the precepts of Masonry. It also affords us pleasure to note the fact, that a lively interest has been generally manifested in favor of a higher standard of practical morality among Freemasons, and that the reformatory discipline of the order has been accordingly more thoroughly and rigidly enforced—naturally leading to another most desirable result—the exercise of greater caution and discrimination, in the admission of candidates to the rights and privileges of Masonry—a result in harmony with the oft repeated admonition of my predecessors, and one which I also feel the propriety of again reiterating. Another cause of congratulation and encouragement, is found in the fact that, notwithstanding the general financial embarrassments of the country, our charitable enterprises have not been abandoned or neglected, but, on the contrary, their claims have been responded to in a spirit of commendable liberality, which affords a gratifying assurance of their ultimate success. In short, the past year has been characterized as one of unusual Masonic activity; developing a healthful growth and expansion of the fraternity, in all its respective organizations, and diffusing a deeper and broader action of Masonic intelligence and virtue into the various enterprises of life.

He granted dispensations for the formation of fourteen new lodges, and remarks

that this number embraces only about one-half of the applications received. Impressed with the conviction that new lodges were being multiplied too rapidly, he thinks dispensations, instead of being granted by the Grand Master, should be issued by the Grand Lodge, which could avail itself of the information and advice of delegates from neighboring localities, and thus be better able to decide upon the expediency of such new organizations; and adds:

At all events, I would, in this connection, suggest the necessity of greater caution and scrutiny, on the part of the nearest lodge, whose province it is to decide upon the propriety of the proposed new lodge, and the competency of its principal officers. Their recommendation furnishes, in many instances, the only data upon which the Grand Master must base his action; and I am apprehensive that sometimes, through mistaken courtesy, or perchance to rid themselves of material of doubtful value to their own structure, they are inclined to recommend the erection of the new one—losing sight of the important fact, that if any defective stones are to be wrought into the building, they should never, at least, constitute any part of its foundation; and that, in our Masonic architecture, especially, the best possible use which can be made of the worthless “ashler,” which persistently resists the action of the gavel, or crumbles too readily beneath its pressure—thus defying the test of square, level and plumb-line—is at once to remove it from its place and cast it out among the rubbish of the temple.

He had refused innumerable applications for dispensations to confer the degrees, and says:

Regarding the Grand Master simply as the creature of the Grand Lodge, deriving all his authority from that body, and subject to its laws, we did not believe that we were invested with any “prerogative” which might annul her edicts, or contravene her avowed policy. The truth is, we have but little patience or sympathy with that elastic, intangible, nondescript something, ycleped “prerogative,” and instinctively suspect the soundness of any Masonic legislation that is based exclusively upon it. This “sacred and indefeasible prerogative” of the Grand Master is, in our judgment, “next of kin” to the “divine right of kings” and the “infallibility of the Pope.” Belonging to the same category, and liable to the same abuse, we have about as much faith in the one as in the other, especially since the “prerogative” has usurped a power unknown even to the Grand Lodge itself, of making Freemasons at sight!

It is our firm conviction, that in all cases candidates had better be retarded, than accelerated, in their Masonic advancement; and that in no instance should proficiency in the preceding degrees be dispensed with. It is no idle fear, brethren, that we are making members of the order far more rapidly than we are making Masons!

He enjoins the secrecy of the ballot, and, deprecating all attempts to ascertain who threw the black ball when a candidate is rejected, recommends that the penalty of expulsion be inflicted upon any brother who may be guilty of starting any such inquiry, directly or indirectly; and a resolution to this effect was adopted. He denounces the use of Masonic emblems as advertising mediums, and the display of Masonic jewelry upon the person. With regard to the latter practice, which has become a crying evil, he remarks: “This prevailing fashion of the times has become so very indiscriminate—extending even to the ‘juveniles’ in the land—that we presume it will soon correct itself under the influence of this justly deserved burlesque.” He says there is a commendable ambition on the part of the lodges generally toward providing themselves with halls of their own, and recommends that they be so constructed as to become a source of revenue, and thus enable the lodges to devote to charity the amount heretofore expended in paying “exorbitant rents.” At the same time he discourages all needless expenditure for the sake of embellishment alone, and is opposed to “all such undertakings as would entail a debt

upon the lodge, and thus paralyze its usefulness and defeat the great purpose of its organization." He thinks there is an inexcusable ignorance on the part of many Masters of lodges in regard to the regulations of the Grand Lodge, as the greater number of the questions submitted to him were decided by a reference to the constitution. He regards the incorporation of the subordinate lodges by the legislature as a practice of doubtful propriety, and cites the opinion of Grand Master Whitehead, of New Jersey, against it; a committee was appointed to investigate the subject and report at the next annual communication. The "Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home and Infirmary" is commended to the support of the fraternity, and the establishment of "Ladies' Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Societies," as appropriate and efficient auxiliaries, in connection with each lodge in the State. The death of Past Grand Chaplain W. H. Forsythe is feelingly noticed; appropriate resolutions were adopted and a mourning page devoted to his memory.

At the last communication a proposition to divide the jurisdiction into two independent Grand Lodges was defeated by a vote of 264 to 46. The project was, however, revived shortly before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and a circular issued inviting the lodges to send delegates to a convention to be held in Lexington. The Grand Master immediately issued an edict forbidding the holding of the proposed convention, and the Grand Lodge approved his action and unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient to divide this Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*, That a division of this Grand Lodge would militate against the interests of our ancient and honorable institution.

M. W. Bro. Fitch is strongly opposed to the introduction of sectarianism, politics and other extraneous matters into Masonry. He says:

Regarding the Masonic institution, in many respects, as *sui generis*, and in these respects unimprovable, we have been pained to notice in some quarters a disposition to engraft upon the old organization some of the polity and peculiarities of other and younger associations. Having had, for many centuries, our own prescribed orbit, and moved successfully and gloriously in it, without any borrowed light from neighboring spheres, we deem it unwise now to yield to those centrifugal forces which might impel us into "a trackless void." We have also noticed, with deepest regret and humiliation, a disposition on the part of some Grand Masters, if not Grand Lodges, to accommodate the institution, as far as possible, to the fluctuations of the times, and to shape its policy to suit the new relations of society which political causes may have established. This is certainly calculated to excite our alarm, and should be promptly and severely rebuked as a spirit in eternal and irreconcilable conflict with the grand design of our time-honored institution. We can never improve, much less embellish, but on the contrary always endanger and possibly destroy the symmetry of our mystic temple by any additions which may be suggested by the most approved style of political architecture. Planned by the wisest of architects, erected by the most skillful of craftsmen, and designed for the coming ages, we do not believe that its fundamental structure can be improved, but that its beauty and strength will always be marred and weakened by any effort to modernize it to suit the ephemeral styles of the day!

Then let us determine, brethren, to convey the hoary, venerable pile to our descendants just as we received it from our fathers, in all its original proportions and pristine splendor, and just as it has stood throughout the long night of ages, looming up from the dark back-ground of antiquity, in lustrous prominence, firmly resisting the shocks and convulsions of society and governments, and proudly defying the desolating hand of the barbarian! To do this, it cannot be too often impressed upon the craft, that the only religion of Masonry is to believe in God and obey the moral law; her only politics to be peaceable subjects to the civil powers and obedient to the laws of the land in which we live.

The Great Light of Masonry must be her only creed—the constitution of our country her only political platform!

We reluctantly take leave of this address, as our space forbids further extracts. The promptness displayed in suppressing the attempt to create a divided jurisdiction and the marked ability of Bro. Fitch's administration were appreciated by the Grand Lodge, and, for the first time in its history, the Grand Master was re-elected. This well-deserved compliment was acknowledged by M. W. Bro. Fitch in a very feeling and graceful manner.

A large amount of local business was transacted: fourteen charters and twelve dispensations granted; fraternal correspondence entered into with the Grand Lodge Eclectic Union, Frankfort-on-the-Main; the Grand Lodges of New Brunswick and Idaho recognized, and the "Kentucky Freemason" recommended to the craft as worthy of their patronage and support.

It was decided by the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, and concurred in by the Grand Lodge, that a candidate, who is elected to receive the first degree but objected to before his initiation, has not the right of appeal: and that an objection by a member, not present at the balloting, any time before initiation operates as a rejection.

The usual resolution "That when this Grand Lodge adjourns on Thursday, the—inst., it will adjourn *sine die*," was offered by the Grand Treasurer and adopted. We confess that this phraseology sounds very strange to us, and, without being at all captious, would like to know if the same practice exists in the subordinate lodges?

The report on Foreign Correspondence is again from the pen of the Grand Secretary, Bro. J. M. S. McCorkle, who reviews in an able and courteous manner the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Lodges—our own for 1868 receiving a kind and fraternal notice. The argument of Grand Master Hazelrigg, in support of the Indiana doctrine that an appeal lies from the decision of the Master to the lodge, is examined at length, but we have only space to give the conclusion. He says:

If Bro. Hazelrigg's views in this respect were adopted, it seems to us the lodge would be to all intents and purposes a debating society, with a chairman, or president, at its head, styled the Master. It is hardly necessary to say no one denies that the charter is the property of the lodge, but committed to the custody and care of the Master, and is not his property. It is also admitted that it can not be surrendered by the largest majority so long as there are seven brethren willing to retain it. But when all this is admitted, what has it to do with the question of the supposed right of appeal to the lodge from the decision of the Master in the chair? Literally nothing; it does not weigh even a feather in the argument, for it has no application.

Under the head of Nebraska, commenting upon a plan for the taxation of unaffiliated Masons, he remarks:

We suppose the Grand Lodge may have power to levy an assessment on the members of subordinate lodges; but we very much doubt its right to put its hands into the pockets of non-affiliated Masons for any purpose, without their consent. It seems to us to be very unjust, and a great stretch of power to attempt it. Non-affiliated Masons are responsible to the subordinate lodges, within whose jurisdiction they may reside for any breach of moral and Masonic law, but no further.

Elisha S. Fitch, M. W. Grand Master, and J. M. S. McCorkle, R. W. Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

**MAINE.**—The annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Portland, May 4, 1869, Timothy J. Murray, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and 131 lodges represented—session, three days.

The address of the Grand Master, although brief and devoted to local matters, is quite interesting. He pays a feeling tribute to Past Grand Masters Samuel Fessenden and Jabez True, who died during the year; appropriate resolutions were adopted, and mourning pages inscribed to their memory. Two other pages record the names of Bros. William Kimball and John Williams, Past Junior Grand Wardens, who also have finished the pilgrimage of life.

Sickness in his family and in his own person, combined with the pressure of business, prevented Grand Master Murray from giving that attention to the duties of the office, which he desired; still the record shows him to have been both capable and efficient. He says the good work of providing suitable apartments for the purposes of Masonry has been continued, and he notices in commendatory terms the efforts of several lodges in this respect, more especially those of the brethren of Bangor, who had contributed over \$15,000 for the erection of a hall which was not then quite finished. He granted three, and refused two dispensations for the formation of new lodges; takes pleasure in stating that no special report on grievances was required, and announces the gratifying fact that more attention had been paid to the written laws as well as to the active duties of Masonry than ever before. Peace and harmony, generally, prevail throughout the jurisdiction, and he attributes much of this to the zeal and ability of the D. D. Grand Masters. Notwithstanding this, he says:

The system of District Deputies has been of much advantage to the Grand Lodge, and yet there are many defects in its workings. We need an officer to visit lodges, with power to enforce his directions and cause prompt obedience to his commands. This cannot be done by the D. D. Grand Masters, as now authorized by our constitution. If the Grand Master himself, could attend to this duty, there would be uniformity of instruction and discipline applied in a manner to be effective and of good results. The task would be a severe one, but as the workman is worthy of his hire, so should remuneration be given for such services. It would be well worth trying to *dispense* with the office of D. D. G. Master, and to pay the Grand Master a salary, and require him to devote his time to the interests of the Grand Lodge and its subordinates, and to visit if possible during the year each one of the latter in the jurisdiction.

This suggestion was referred to a committee, and we shall look with interest for their report and the action thereon. That the District Deputy system has failed to accomplish all the results anticipated is generally conceded, but this, in part, arises from defects inherent in the system. Whether the craft would be benefited by dispensing with it and making the office of Grand Master a salaried one, admits of doubt. There is something repugnant to our ideas of Masonic propriety in associating the office of Grand Master with a salary. In some instances it might work well; but, as a rule, we are afraid that it would detract from the honor and dignity of the office, reduce the standard of its influence, and throw it as a prey to be scrambled for by broken-down professional charlatans and Masonic politicians—from both of which, good Lord deliver us!

We have heretofore noticed the remarks of the California committee, in reference to the correctness of the returns of the subordinates of that jurisdiction, but now it looks as if the palm belonged to Maine. At the last annual communication the Committee on Returns was made a standing committee, and they report that returns had been received from all the lodges in the jurisdiction—all but two having been received before the session of the Grand Lodge. Most of

the returns were correct, in others the errors were such as could easily be corrected, while many were models of elegance and neatness. The committee was thus enabled to present, on the morning of the first day of the session, an elaborate report giving in detail the work of each lodge in the jurisdiction, and from which we copy the footings:

Initiates, 1343, being a decrease of 329 in the number returned last year: admitted, (including 41 reinstated), 1484, being a decrease of 451: dimitted, 313: died, 166, being an increase of 18: suspended, 10: expelled, 8: deprived of membership, (chiefly for non-payment of dues), 37: present number of members (including 52 omitted last year) 14,121, being an increase of 1120: non-affiliates, 437, being a decrease of 49: rejected, 650, being a decrease of 83: whole number of working lodges, including those under dispensation, 148.

When will our committee be able to present such a report?

Five charters were granted: the Committee on the History of Freemasonry had received, during the year, the histories of three lodges, but quite a number of the subordinates have not yet responded to the resolution of the Grand Lodge; a resolution was adopted to celebrate the semi-centennial anniversary (June, 1870), of the organization of the Grand Lodge with suitable ceremonies and exercises; and a proposition to change the time of holding the annual communication from May to August was introduced and referred.

Bro. Drummond presented a report on the incorporation of lodges, which was adopted. Forms, blanks and instructions are given by which lodges can hold real estate and other property, by the incorporation of "Trustees of the Charity Fund," under the Revised Statutes of the State—thus avoiding special legislation; but they are prohibited, under penalty of forfeiture of their charters, from accepting future acts of incorporation from the legislature, and such as have already obtained them are recommended to surrender them at once.

The Library of the Grand Lodge is one of the largest and most valuable in the whole country; it contains 146 bound volumes of proceedings, 14 volumes miscellaneous Masonic works, and a large number of pamphlet proceedings, about 40 volumes of which may be bound immediately.

The reports of the District Deputies show a very satisfactory condition of the craft throughout the State. The lodge rooms have been fitted up in a comfortable and, in some instances, an elegant manner; music has been introduced, the work is well done; the records neatly and correctly kept, and harmony and prosperity prevail. In one of the districts, all the lodges are situated in communities more or less interested in maritime pursuits, consequently many of the members are sea-faring men, and some lodges are composed almost wholly of mariners. Complaint is made that residents in these communities sometimes receive the degrees in lodges under the jurisdiction of other States, and sometimes in foreign countries. In order to prevent such irregularities, a resolution was adopted, requiring the Masters of lodges to report all such invasions of jurisdiction to the Grand Master.

The principal feature in the proceedings is the report on Foreign Correspondence, which is again from the pen of W. M. Bro. Josiah H. Drummond. He reviews the proceedings of forty Grand Lodges, our own for 1868 included, and for clearness of diction, critical acumen, and statistical information the report fully sustains the high reputation of its author.

Under the head of the "Grand Orient of France," he notices the recognition by it of a spurious body which has established lodges in our jurisdiction, and



gives a lucid exposition of the principles involved. As the subject is one of special interest we quote his remarks, *in extenso*:

There is in New Orleans a body styling itself "The Supreme Council of the A. and A. S. Rite of the Sovereign and Independent State of Louisiana." It is alleged to be a spurious body. It has undertaken to establish and *has* established subordinate lodges in that State. The Grand Orient has formally recognized this body, on the ground that it opens "the doors of its temples to all men who may be deemed worthy of initiation, without regard to nationality, race or color;" and that it had established in New Orleans, four lodges composed of colored men.

The question whether this body is spurious or not, as a Supreme Council, is of no moment whatever to the American Grand Lodges. That is a matter for the recognized Supreme Councils to settle, and they are fully competent to do it. The Grand Lodges can look only at the attempt to establish lodges within the *exclusive jurisdiction* of a sister Grand Lodge. They admit no right to do this in any Masonic Power or authority whatever.

Nor need the question, whether the members of these lodges thus formed, are or are not proper Masonic material, be considered. There may be a difference of opinion in respect to this, but upon the *real* question raised there is no difference.

The Grand Orient must take one of two grounds, either of which is wholly inadmissible. It must hold that there is no such thing as exclusive Masonic jurisdiction; or, recognizing that as a general principle, it must claim, that the fact that lodges practically exclude men of a particular race is sufficient justification to invade the jurisdiction, and establish lodges which will adopt a different practice.

But if any principles of Masonic law are settled in this country, these are viz:

1. The Grand Lodge of any State has exclusive jurisdiction in that State: and any lodges existing *by virtue of any other authority whatever* are irregular, and their members clandestine.

2. Each lodge has the right, inherent and indefeasible, not subject in the slightest degree to oversight or question by *any* authority, to reject *any* candidate, whatever be his "nationality, race or color."

The Grand Lodge of Louisiana has denounced this invasion of her jurisdiction and the support of it by the Grand Orient of France, and she appeals to her sister Grand Lodges to assist her in maintaining her sovereignty in her own territory. We cannot pass by this appeal unheeded; if no other motive should influence us, we should remember that her case to-day may be ours to-morrow. Already several Grand Lodges have spoken courteously but firmly.

Bro. Drummond then quotes our special report and the resolutions adopted by our Grand Lodge, and says "to the principles thus enunciated no exception can be taken." In view of the whole matter, he submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Maine most earnestly protests against the action of the Grand Orient of France in recognizing spurious lodges established within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Orient of France is fraternally besought to reconsider and rescind its action in this matter, inasmuch as this Grand Lodge must hold that Masons who recognize clandestine Masons are clandestine themselves.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to forward copies of the proceedings containing these resolutions to the Grand Orient of France, with a letter under the seal of the Grand Lodge, requesting their immediate consideration.

Our proceedings for 1868 receive an extended and fraternal notice. He commends the work of our Relief Lodge, and quotes approvingly the remarks of our Committee on Chartered Lodges, relative to "official visits."

Noticing our dissent from the decision of Grand Master Preble that an affirmation may be substituted for an oath in certain cases, on the ground that it is

adapting Masonry to sectarian views, he says: "This is, to us, a new view of the matter, and we confess that it shakes our confidence in our former position."

We also dissented from his defence of Grand Master Preble's decision that a member of an extinct lodge may join a lodge in another State without a dimit. He replies that as there is no general law on the subject, "every particular case must be determined by the laws of the Grand Lodge in the jurisdiction in which it arises." He admits we do not deny the correctness of this conclusion, although we "argue strongly that the law of each jurisdiction *should* recognize the general practice upon this subject; but," he adds, "the trouble is that a Grand Lodge that does not recognize the general practice cannot be compelled to do so." He thinks that if his plan of membership "were universally adopted there would be no difficulty." We entertain a very favorable opinion of this plan and will notice it presently; but as it is not yet in operation, if the requirement of dimits were universally adopted there would be no difficulty either. We think the chances for this are very favorable, as double membership, which is the great obstacle in the way, has recently been prohibited in several jurisdictions and, unless we are mistaken, the practice is now confined to South Carolina.

From an attentive consideration of Bro. Drummond's remarks we conclude there is no difference of opinion between us on the principle involved, but rather whether the question is one of Masonic law or Masonic comity. He holds with us that a refusal to pay dues is a Masonic crime, "for which the delinquent may be disciplined and deprived of all Masonic privileges;" and says:

After a careful examination of the matter, we cannot change our views in relation to the *Masonic law* in such cases. But Masonic courtesy and comity would seem to require that we should not admit to membership a Mason coming from another jurisdiction, *until he produces evidence that he had fully complied with the law in the State from which he came.* Still, if this is not required, we find in the omission a breach of Masonic *courtesy*, not of Masonic *law*.

This virtually concedes the principle we contended for, but we back down on the "law" and adopt the "comity" view of the matter.

The plan of membership, above referred to, is that each Grand Lodge should declare, by constitutional provision:

1. That membership of a lodge shall be perpetual, unless severed by becoming a member of another lodge, by death, by discipline, or by resignation.
2. That a candidate receiving the third degree in a lodge shall thereby become a member of the lodge.
3. That a member of one lodge may petition for membership in another, and when he is accepted and signs the by-laws, he becomes a member thereof, and ceases to be a member of the former lodge: but remains liable, under the penalty of Masonic discipline, for all arrears of dues.
4. That membership may be severed by voluntary resignation, to be entered of record; and in such case all Masonic rights are lost, and can be regained only upon petition and acceptance by unanimous vote to be taken by the secret ballot.
5. That all unaffiliated Masons who do not apply for membership, and, if accepted, become members within one year, shall lose all their Masonic rights; if rejected, they may continue to apply, but shall have no further rights than unaffiliated Masons now have.
6. That members who have been expelled or suspended can be restored only by their lodge, and by restoration again become members.

These are the leading ideas of Bro. Drummond's plan. For simplicity and effectiveness we consider it far superior to any of the present conflicting systems, and while it disposes of the existing crop of non-affiliates, provides against their increase for the future. Some slight modification may be required before it is

put in practice, but, as a basis for a uniform system of membership throughout the whole country, we hope it will receive that favorable consideration which it so justly merits.

In reference to Masonic colleges, he says:

We have, for some time, after close observation, been of the opinion, that, praiseworthy as all efforts to promote education are, a Grand Lodge is not a proper power to have the control or support of any institution of learning. Almost every case has been a failure. If a Grand Lodge sees fit, let it appropriate its surplus funds for the education of Masons' children at the ordinary institutions of learning, but let it not depart from its own sphere of duty and undertake what was not comprehended in the plan, when Grand Lodges were organized.

At the close of his report he notices several subjects of special interest, and among others the recent attack upon Masonry, which appears to have met with so little success that he says:

The fact is, the warfare has not been as strong as we desired. A healthy opposition would be beneficial to us. It would tend to make us more cautious in the admission of new members, more prompt to reclaim or discipline those who go out of the straight path, and better examples to the craft. But it is so feeble that it may have the opposite effect.

There are in this country more than a million members of secret societies of one kind or another: a majority of the whole community are numbered in the ranks of these members or those intimately connected with them. And, so far as our observation goes, the opponents of "secret societies" are generally men, who are so afraid of doing anything in secret, that they parade their alms-giving, etc., before the world, as if (in the language of a quaint old divine), they "would not trust God with a single penny except before witnesses, lest haply He should deny the receipt!"

He appends his "usual table of statistics"—the most complete of any in the whole series of proceedings. No one, unless he has himself attempted the task, can form an adequate idea of the time and labor required for its compilation; and this is greatly enhanced by the very imperfect manner in which the statistics of several jurisdictions are given by their Grand Secretaries.

The following comparisons and remarks, which accompany the table, will be found very interesting:

In some cases, we give the statistics for 1867, as the proceedings for 1868 give none. We have none from Minnesota since 1860, and none at all from South Carolina.

Forty-three Grand Lodges return 435,068 members; forty, 50,442 initiations; thirty-four, 15,747 admissions and restorations; thirty-eight, 18,493 dismissions; thirty-nine, 721 expulsions; thirty-six, 2,772 suspensions; twenty-three, 7,155 suspensions for non-payment of dues; thirty-nine, 4,521 deaths; and twenty-six, 11,654 rejections.

In some cases, these statistics are for the year ending at the time of the annual meeting in 1867, but in most for the year ending in 1868. They, therefore, do not give the membership at this time. Making proper allowance for lodges not making returns, for the increase since the returns up to the present time and for the non-affiliates, it is safe to say that there are over 500,000 Masons in the United States and the Dominion of Canada.

Last year our tables show that forty-two Grand Lodges returned 387,402 members; thirty-nine, 52,930 initiates; thirty-two, 14,192 admissions and restorations; thirty-five, 16,771 dismissions; thirty-seven, 696 expulsions; thirty-four, 2,027 suspensions (including in some cases suspensions for non-payment of dues); twenty, 5,712 suspensions for non-payment of dues; thirty-eight, 4,267 deaths; and twenty-five, 9,342 rejections.

This rate of increase, so far in advance of the increase of population, cannot be maintained for many years. We must begin to look forward to the time,

when we shall expect only to supply by the admission of young men on "becoming of age," the losses by death and otherwise. In the establishing of new lodges, the question should always be asked, will the proposed jurisdiction furnish material enough to support a lodge when the present stock is worked up? This may seem premature, but unless it can be answered in the affirmative, the lodge will be weak either in the *number* or character of its members.

There are several other things in this report which we would like to quote, but our space will not permit.

John H. Lynde was elected M. W. Grand Master, and Ira Berry re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.—During the six months prior to the annual communication, the Grand Stewards' Lodge held seven meetings, at one of which the charter of a lodge was arrested for "disregarding the laws of the Grand Lodge and the usages of Masonry." The case came up for review at the annual session, and, the charges being sustained, the charter was declared forfeited.

The annual communication was held in Baltimore, November 16, 1868, John Coates, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and fifty-eight lodges represented—session, three days.

The address of the Grand Master is brief, and relates exclusively to local matters. He congratulates the brethren on their being able to meet in their new Temple, which is rapidly approaching completion, and urges them to subscribe for its stock in order that it may be "finished and furnished" at an early day. He announces the death of Bro. Samuel Pickering, who bequeathed \$25,000 to the Grand Lodge as a Charity Fund, on condition of paying the interest of the investment to two of his relatives during their lives, and keeping his burial lot in Greenmount Cemetery in good order. During the recess, the Grand Master issued dispensations for the opening of four new lodges, and during the session five charters were granted. The reports of the Grand Inspectors show a prosperous and harmonious condition of the lodges throughout the jurisdiction. The Grand Charity Fund amounts to \$64,000, and is invested in stock of the new Temple, for which building a board of directors was appointed. The Grand Lodges of New Brunswick and West Virginia were recognized.

Bro. Wroth, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That no application for initiation from any one who has been rejected shall be received by any lodge without first obtaining the consent of the lodge which rejected him.

The ominous word "rejected," shows the fate of this wholesome regulation, and any lodge, that pleases to do so, is still at liberty to supplant another in its work.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, by Bro. William J. Wroth, is an able and well written review of the proceedings of forty-one Grand Lodges, and covers 138 pages. Louisiana is noticed in a very fraternal manner, and a fair synopsis given of our doings. La. Relief Lodge receives favorable mention—its report quoted and its work commended.

Under the head of Arkansas, noticing a decision that a visiting brother has no right to vote upon any question in a lodge visited by him, he says:

Would it not be better to give every Master Mason present the right to vote on applications for initiation? as the candidate, when elected and initiated, is

made a member of the Masonic fraternity over the whole world. We are divided into lodges only for convenience sake.

We agree with Bro. Wroth that it would be far better if such were the rule; but it is altogether utopian to expect it unless a radical change takes place in human nature. Lodges, in general, are too anxious to make Masons, and a statement as to the unworthiness of an applicant, if made by a member of another lodge, is not always received with favor. In fact we have known cases where the candidate was in bad repute in the community, and where the investigating committee could not be satisfied that the applicant was not "under the tongue of good report," unless some specific charge was proved against him—and which, if proved, ought to have sent him to the penitentiary.

John Coates, M. W. Grand Master, and Jacob H. Medairy, R. W. Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

Since writing the above we have received the proceedings of the semi-annual communication held 10th and 11th May, 1869. The same pamphlet contains the minutes of several meetings of the Grand Stewards' Lodge, at which the principal business appears to have been devising ways and means to furnish the lodge rooms and other apartments in the new Temple.

At the semi-annual communication, sixty-one lodges were represented, and the Grand Lodge was opened by P. G. M. John S. Berry, at the request of the Deputy Grand Master. M. W. Bro. Coates, who was prevented from attending by a severe indisposition, sent a communication to the Grand Lodge, in which, after stating that the subordinate lodges and other Masonic bodies would soon be able to meet in the new Temple, he suggested that its dedication should take place, without any public demonstration, during the session of the Grand Lodge. The reason assigned for this recommendation was, that a public demonstration to be creditable to the fraternity would entail a heavy expenditure upon the Grand Lodge, and that it would not be prudent to incur this expense at a time when they were attempting to raise \$40,000 to pay the balance of the debt contracted in building the Temple. The Grand Lodge, however, decided that the dedication should be celebrated with a public demonstration on the next St. John's day, and adopted a resolution imposing an assessment of two dollars per annum upon every affiliated Mason in the jurisdiction, to enable the Grand Lodge "to pay the interest on the stock issued, and the debts contracted in the erection of the new Temple."

The business transacted possesses no general interest; but we have noticed that portion relating to the Temple, because it shows that when magnificent halls or temples—as they are now euphuistically termed—are erected on borrowed money, taxation is sure to follow.

Our representative, M. W. Bro. Charles Goodwin was present during the session, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to notify M. W. Bro. J. Q. A. Fellows of his appointment as representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, near our own Grand East.

**MASSACHUSETTS.**—A beautifully printed pamphlet contains an abstract of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the year 1868. Quarterly communications were held March 11, June 10 and September 9—at which seven charters were granted, and the usual routine of business transacted.

The annual communication was held in Boston, Dec. 9, Charles C. Dame, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and 134 lodges represented. The address of the

Grand Master and the reports of the District Deputies show that the subordinates are in a prosperous condition, there having been 2174 initiations during the year; but much dissatisfaction exists in relation to the capitation tax. The Grand Master admits that the receipts from this source have not come up to his expectations, and, that in one instance, he was compelled to instruct the Deputy to demand payment, and if refused to arrest the charter. This had the desired effect, and the tax was paid. The address is principally occupied with a statement of the large debt incurred in the erection of the new Temple, and suggestions as to the best mode of relieving the Grand Lodge of the heavy burden imposed upon it. The debt is about \$375,000, having been reduced \$60,000 in the preceding eighteen months;—the floating debt is \$116,000, and it was to liquidate this that the capitation tax was imposed. The reluctance with which the tax has been submitted to, has seriously embarrassed the Grand Lodge, whose faith is pledged for the payment of the debt; and to preserve its honor unsullied, the Grand Master urges upon the lodges and brethren throughout the jurisdiction a prompt and united action in the matter. He also re-states the views expressed in his address of a year ago in relation to the composition of the Board of Directors. He recommends that the Board be chosen from the fraternity at large, thereby giving an opportunity to secure men of business tact and financial ability to conduct the complicated affairs of the Grand Lodge, instead of confining the selection to members of that body. And he very truly remarks: "A seat at the Board may be a desirable one, but it is one which every brother who may aspire to occupy it, is not always he who is best adapted to discharge its duties."

The death of P. G. Master Simon W. Robinson and P. J. Grand Warden Thomas Power, the author of the well-known "Masonic Melodies," was feelingly announced, and appropriate resolutions adopted.

A petition signed by Lewis Hayden and several others, claiming to be Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, and asking to be recognized as such, was received, read, and, on motion of R. W. Bro. John T. Heard, was referred to R. W. Bros. John T. Heard, George W. Warren, Bradford L. Wales, Isaac Hull Wright, Charles Levi Woodbury, Tracy P. Cheever, and Charles W. Moore.

This Lewis Hayden claims to be Grand Master of the negro Prince Hall Lodge in Boston; the committee is composed of some of the most prominent members of the Grand Lodge.

William Sewall Gardner was elected M. W. Grand Master, and Solon Thornton re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

A stated communication was held December 29, at which after the installation ceremonies were performed, Grand Master Gardner delivered an able and interesting address. Referring to the debt of the Grand Lodge, he says:

Before these liabilities accrued, the care of the Grand Lodge was comparatively light, and the duties of the executive officers few. Now the Grand Lodge has become a corporation, and its financial interests exceed all others. It reckons, not by thousands, but by hundreds of thousands of dollars, and it has become a recognized borrower of money in the busy marts of trade. Its notes mature and must be paid. Interest accumulates, bills become due. Thus Masonry which has carefully kept aloof from the influences and excitements of the world, has in a measure become mixed with them. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has thus entered upon its new and untried experiment. The care of the lodges, the preservation and perfection of the ritual, charity which should be our great object, become subordinate to the greater duty of paying our debts and meeting our engagements.

The overshadowing importance of our financial embarrassments meets us at every point, and oppresses the administration of the affairs of the Grand Lodge. It would be wise to sever the financial and purely Masonic duties of the Grand Lodge, to place them in separate official departments, so that one should not interfere with the other. Those brethren in affluent circumstances, familiar with the intricate ways of finance should have charge of the corporation, whatever may be their Masonic experience or acquirements. A complete knowledge of our ritual and jurisprudence will not aid in raising money or paying our debts. It is impossible now to say how much would have been saved to the Grand Lodge, if some such plan had been adopted as early as 1864.

We have reproduced these remarks in the hope that they will receive an attentive consideration when the question of erecting a new "Temple" comes up before our own Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master then enters into an able exposition of the relations between the Grand Lodge and its subordinates, and, after referring to the creation of the debt, says:

The argument is irresistible: 1st. That the representatives of the fraternity at large directed the building of this Temple. 2d. That the fraternity at large by their silence, by taking no steps to prevent it, encouraged their Board of Directors to proceed in the way and manner that they have in its erection. 3d. That the fraternity at large are responsible for the debt incurred.

Whether these conclusions are correct or not, the debt incurred is an indebtedness of the Grand Lodge, of which every subordinate lodge is a constituent part, while every affiliated Mason is a constituent part of his lodge.

After appealing to the brethren, and exhorting them to greater exertions in behalf of the Grand Lodge, he thus refers to the duties of the office to which he had been elected:

I desire above all things to preserve that "dignity and responsibility" which has characterized this Grand Lodge in all its past history, and I desire to retain in the office of Grand Master all those powers which belong to it. In the recess of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master undoubtedly has much authority, and the constitutions and ancient laws recognize it fully. But when the Grand Lodge is in session, he is the presiding officer of a dignified and respectable assembly of Masons and gentlemen, many of whom are as well, if not better, qualified to perform the duties of Grand Master than he himself. In the Grand Lodge reside all the power of the Grand Master. It makes him presiding officer thereof, and invests him with the authority which he exercises. He is the high servant of the craft at large. They have placed such confidence in the wisdom of their choice, that they deny the right of appeal from his decision. And yet, brethren, I should deliberate long, before ruling, that the opinion of the Grand Lodge was not more worthy of consideration than my own. The denial of the right of appeal was unquestionably made for wise purposes, and this great power was placed in the Grand Master for reasons which are obvious to every Mason; but it is a power which is to be exercised rarely, never capriciously, with great caution, and only when the interests of the institution absolutely demand it.

The Grand Master is not "Masonry." He is the servant of all, appointed to a high and dignified position, to enforce the rules and regulations, both ancient and modern, made by the craft for the government of the craft.

The Grand Lodge is the supreme court of appeal in all Masonic cases, and may be addressed by appeal, petition, or memorial. Inasmuch as it is the governing power in Masonry, the high court of last resort, every facility should be afforded to the members of the craft, and to its subordinates, to lay their grievances and complaints before it in accordance with the constitutions, and to give them patient hearing. Between it and them there should ever exist the fullest confidence. The weight and authority of the one should never oppress the others, and they on their part should ever sustain it in its government. Although its government is despotic, the Grand Lodge should never become the despot. While willful and persistent disobedience of the edicts, decrees, and laws of the Grand Lodge should be speedily and certainly punished, I would

have its authority so light that the lodges and brethren should scarcely recognize its existence. Whether considered as parental or fraternal, let its government be mild, easy, persuasive.

It appears that of late years great laxity has prevailed in the mode of issuing diplomas, more especially to the lodges near the Grand East, whose officers have been furnished with these documents *ad libitum*, by the Grand Secretary, "without keeping any account thereof." Under this system, the Grand Master observes, "many diplomas are issued which are never used, and so carelessly have they been kept, that they have found their way, with the signatures of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary thereon, into the hands of the profane and of clandestine Masons." Hereafter the Grand Secretary is to issue diplomas to none but the D. D. Grand Masters, with each of whom he is to keep an account, and these officers are to issue them to the lodges upon satisfactory proof that they are actually required, and make a return to the Grand Lodge at the end of each year of the number thus furnished. This will doubtless tend to correct the evil complained of; but we prefer the system adopted by our own Grand Lodge. Here all diplomas are issued from the office of the Grand Secretary; a brother applying for one is required to produce a certificate under the seal of his lodge that he is a member in good standing; this certificate is placed on file, and the diploma, when issued, entered upon a register kept for that purpose.

After the close of the Grand Lodge, "the brethren marched in procession to the banquet hall, when the annual feast was celebrated after the custom of Masons." Under the circumstances, we regard the observance of this time-honored custom as an omen that the Grand Lodge will soon be relieved from its embarrassments. So mote it be!

At a quarterly communication, held June 9, 1869, R. W. Bro. Chas. Levi Woodbury presented a very able report on the complaint preferred by our Grand Lodge against the Grand Orient of France. Its great length prevents us from giving it entire, and as no extract would give an adequate idea of its merits, we submit a synopsis of its argument:

It commences with a historical inquiry, showing, that while the pretended Supreme Council has never been recognized by any Masonic body in the United States, it was denounced as illegal by the Grand Orient in 1858, and no pretence is set up that that denunciation was made in error: that in the United States, by the universal consent of the Masons of all rites, the Grand Lodges possess exclusive control over the symbolic degrees, and, therefore, even if the so-called Supreme Council was a legal body, it "would be still unable to Masonically convey the three degrees of symbolic Masonry to any person:" that Grand Lodges in the United States are sovereign and independent in their respective jurisdictions, and not controlled by the civil power; but that the Emperor, in 1862, "in the interests of his peculiar views of liberty," deprived the Grand Orient of the power to elect a Grand Master, and appointed Field Marshal Magnan, a profane, to exercise those duties, since whose death Gen. Mellinet, under the form of an election, has been permitted to hold the office: that no man of any race, by his will, can become a Mason without the sanction of competent Masonic authority, and without first passing through the ordeals prescribed by such authority and under its direction: that there is no power to supersede the rule of Freemasons in Masonry: that politics and Masonry have no connection with each other in the United States, and that the theory of the Grand Orient in rendering Masonry subservient to political objects is revolutionary of its land-



marks: that whether in pursuance of this object the recognition of the so-called Supreme Council was dictated by the Emperor, or originated with Gen. Mellinet, the Freemasons of the United States will repel a dictation made in disregard of their Masonic right of self-government: and that as the Masons of America did not in 1862—when the Emperor of France, either because the Grand Orient mingled politics with Masonry, or having political purposes of his own to serve, deprived it of the control of its own affairs and appointed a Grand Master, to whose authority it submitted—become “apostles” of philanthropy or liberty to alter our relations of amity, or disturb the peace of French organizations, the Grand Orient ought to have extended to the Grand Lodge of Louisiana a like comity.

Having given the leading points of the argument, we now quote the conclusion of this masterly report:

Your committee have only incidentally referred to the legal authorities of the Scotch Rite;—they have looked on this matter in its relations towards the symbolic Freemasonry of the United States. This has been intruded upon, and the Grand Orient offers open encouragement to those who disregard its landmarks, tendering its fellowship in their efforts to subvert Masonic self-government in the United States. Such a violation of amity and Masonic obligation is grave. Every Masonic authority here will oppose a route on which the first step is to destroy the authority of our Grand Lodges, the next to ruin our harmony, and the last, like the Grand Orient's, may be on the wreck of our own freedom. This Grand Lodge clings to ancient Masonry, and relying on the Supreme Architect of the Universe, will not fail to perform its duties of fraternity to those lawfully entitled thereto, and will sustain the Grand Lodge of Louisiana while she adheres to those principles of symbolic Freemasonry which was first planted in America in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and have since spread their kindly influences throughout the continent.

Your committee report their conclusions:

1. That the pretended Supreme Council of Louisiana for the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite is a spurious non-masonic body; and that no person claiming to have been made a Mason through its authority has any right to fraternal privileges of Freemasonry.

2. That the Grand Lodge of Louisiana has been wounded and injured in her just and lawful prerogatives and relations by the decree of the Grand Orient of France.

Your committee further remark that if their conclusions are acceptable to the Grand Lodge, a Mason of this jurisdiction cannot sit in any lodge of the Grand Orient's jurisdiction where any person claiming from the pretended Council of Louisiana is present. They have forbore to recommend, at this time, the absolute discontinuance of intercourse with the Grand Orient, because perceiving that body to have been misled in some important particulars, they cherish the hope that she will magnanimously disclaim the hostility towards Blue Masonry in the United States which her attitude evinces, and reconsider the step which has provoked the just umbrage of the Masonic Powers of the United States.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was directed to forward copies of the report to each of the Grand Lodges in correspondence with the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in Europe and America.

**MICHIGAN.**—The annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held in Detroit, January 13, 1869, S. C. Coffinbury, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and 220 lodges represented—session, three days.

The address of the Grand Master is a carefully prepared and well-written document. After congratulating the Grand Lodge on the prosperity and harmony which prevails throughout the jurisdiction, he makes the gratifying statement that notwithstanding the large increase of membership, the initiates,

as a general thing, belong to the more intelligent portion of the community. He then remarks:

Our relations with sister Grand Jurisdictions are most harmonious and pleasant. The sentiments of fraternal regard for our brethren of the Southern Jurisdictions, which have pervaded our proceedings and our intercourse with them, have been received by them in the spirit of amity, and most cordially responded to by their Grand Lodges. I can not but believe that this element of peace and good will which our institution diffuses has had more to do in modifying and tempering Northern hatred, and in suppressing Southern distrust, than any other cause. May it continue its efforts to perfect harmony and mutual respect and confidence.

In the discharge of his official duties, he granted twelve dispensations for the opening of new lodges, and decided many questions on Masonic law and usage. With the exception of two, all of them had been formerly decided by the Grand Lodge; yet in all such cases full and clear answers were given, thus evincing on the part of Bro. Coffinbury a disposition to accept the duties as well as the honors of office. The Grand Lodge having by resolution forbidden her subordinates from receiving acts of incorporation from the legislature, many lodges inquired the best method to secure a legal title to real estate for the purpose of erecting Masonic halls. In such cases, he recommended that the deed be made in the name of the Grand Lodge, in trust for the subordinate.

The other question was, whether a lodge "can legally accept the withdrawal from all the rights and benefits of Masonry by one of its members?" From the correspondence, it appears that a lodge conferred the three degrees of Masonry upon a candidate without charge, who afterward applied to the lodge to be released from his Masonic obligations, and sent to it a written pledge of honor that he would never make himself "known as a Mason by sign, token, or word, or receive any of the rights or benefits of Masonry hereafter." The case was referred to the Grand Master, who replied as follows:

Such a withdrawal as our brother proposes is incompatible with the spirit of Masonry, and inconsistent with its duties. He can not, by his withdrawal, impair our obligations to him, nor absolve us from our obligations and duties to his family.

His pledge of honor is worthless. One who has taken the solemn Masonic obligations, and openly declares that he does not feel himself bound by them, certainly will not entertain any higher respect for his obligations of honor.

Your lodge cannot accept such withdrawal, neither can it discharge a brother from his Masonic obligations and duties.

A lodge can not ignore its obligations to a brother, nor can it discharge itself or its members from them, except by trial for unmasonic conduct, and a sentence of suspension or expulsion from all the rights and benefits of Masonry, upon conviction.

I recommend to your lodge to prefer charges of unmasonic conduct against the brother, for declaring that he can not endorse the institution of Masonry, and that he does not feel himself bound by its obligations. A brother who does not acknowledge the force of these obligations ought to be expelled from the order.

He then reduces this decision into five distinct propositions, which it is not necessary to quote, as the above is sufficiently explicit, and receives our unqualified approval.

Having accepted an invitation to participate in the ceremonies of laying the foundation stone of the new Masonic Temple, in Philadelphia, June 24, 1868, he and several of his Grand Officers were present on the occasion, and were received with demonstrations of the most fraternal consideration and cordial hospitality.

In his own jurisdiction, the corner-stones of a number of public buildings were laid with appropriate ceremonies, and, on one occasion, with great pomp by the Grand Lodge. These events, he remarks, tend to show the high estimation in which our institution is held by the public generally, and he recommends the erection of a Masonic Temple not so much as a necessity for the convenience and accommodation of the Grand Lodge, but as a duty in the promotion of the great principles which Masonry inculcates. The committee to whom this subject was referred at the previous annual communication presented a report, which, while favoring the erection of a Masonic Temple, is opposed to the large expenditure suggested by the Grand Master—and the subject was laid over for another year.

From personal observation in his travels through the State, the Grand Master announces, with great satisfaction, that the vice of intemperance is disappearing from our fraternity, and adds:

Intemperate habits in the use of strong drinks among our brothers ought to be severely punished by our lodges. There is no excuse or palliation that can be now offered for it; and I trust that, in a short time, drunkenness will be unknown among Masons. Our order owes it to mankind, as well as to herself as a moral institution, to wash her hands before the world of these plague spots so incompatible with her professions of moral purity. Drunkenness in a Mason is such a compromise with dignity, manhood and individual sovereignty, as to render its victim entirely unworthy of the title of "Free Mason." No man can be free who is a slave to his passions, his lusts, or his appetites. True manhood, the spirit of freedom, and the force of independence, are manifested in openly meeting our seducing lusts, appetites and passions, and, without aid from others, but by force of our own moral will, wrestling with and conquering them. In the victory over his own passions, by force of his own will, is embodied the true greatness of virtue. He who has met himself in such a conflict, who has battled with himself, and has arisen, freed from moral bondage, may well be called a "Free Mason," and may well claim our highest approval and commendation. But, when all mankind are growing wiser and better, and when our institution is tendering her aid, as a moral instrument in the great work of humanity, the brother who will embarrass her efforts, reproach her good name and bring her into shame and scandal by his drunkenness and immorality, is unworthy the honored title of Free Mason.

A Masonic Mutual Relief Association has been established at Detroit, and the Grand Master recommends it to the favorable consideration of the fraternity, as "a safe and cheap life insurance system," and one calculated to ameliorate the condition of the widows and orphans of deceased indigent brethren. Having served the craft with great ability for three successive terms, M. W. Bro. Coffin-bury closes his address by thanking the brethren for the honor conferred upon him, and gracefully declining a re-election.

The report of the D. D. Grand Master Bro. Thos. U. Flanner, shows that the lodges in the Upper Peninsula are in a harmonious and prosperous condition; while that of the Grand Lecturer, Bro. S. Blanchard, avers that throughout the entire jurisdiction uniformity in the work and lectures has been attained by the subordinates, "as far as human imperfection will permit."

An amendment to the constitution, requiring an unanimous ballot to admit to membership in a lodge, submitted at the last annual communication and laid over, was, after discussion, rejected. So the constitution remains unchanged, and three black balls are still required to reject an applicant for membership. This is a direct violation of the ancient constitutions, which require unanimity in the ballot. Besides such a regulation can not tend to promote that peace and

harmony in a lodge which are the chief strength and support of our institution. A representative, who was present in the Grand Lodge in a state of intoxication, was promptly suspended from the office of W. M. of his lodge. Fourteen charters were granted, and several lodges, whose halls had been destroyed by fire, had their dues remitted. A code of by-laws for the use of subordinate lodges was adopted; a committee appointed to prepare a plan for the establishment of a Court of Appeals and report at the next annual communication; a well merited compliment paid the retiring Grand Master in the adoption of resolutions, expressive of the high regard and esteem entertained for him as a man and a Mason; and the following resolutions adopted:

*Resolved*, That any physical injury or imperfection which would render the conferring of any of the degrees upon a candidate or brother desiring advancement, as required by the work or ritual, either impossible, imperfect or incomplete, is an insuperable objection to farther progress, until such injury or imperfection be cured or removed. And, in case of loss of hand or foot, such defect is remediless.

*Resolved*, That it shall not be competent for any subordinate lodge to vote or levy any tax or assessment upon its members for the purchase of real estate, or for the purchase or building of any Masonic temple or edifice, or for the discharge of any indebtedness incurred for either of said objects.

Both resolutions were submitted by the Committee on Masonic Law. The first we cordially endorse, and believe with the committee "that the replacement of lost natural members by artificial ones, is no remedy for the difficulty." The second is opposed to a ruling of our own Grand Lodge, and the subject, in our opinion, is a matter of local regulation. Here, in Louisiana, the Grand Lodge is responsible for the debts of her subordinates; hence, the reason for our regulation is obvious.

The Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. James Fenton presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, which reviews in a brief but fraternal manner the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Lodges. Louisiana receives a kindly notice, and a synopsis is given of the receipts and disbursements of our Relief Lodge.

A. T. Metcalf was elected M. W. Grand Master, and James Fenton re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.—The sixteenth annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held at St. Paul, January 12, 1869, C. W. Nash, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and fifty-two lodges represented—session, four days.

Before proceeding with the regular business of the session, the Grand Lodge dedicated a new and elegant hall erected by the fraternity of St. Paul—their former one having been destroyed by fire—after which the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Bro. S. Y. McMasters, delivered an address appropriate to the occasion.

The annual address is occupied with matters of local interest. Harmony and prosperity prevail among the brethren, and the Grand Master urges upon them the necessity of exercising due caution in the admission and advancement of candidates. He granted dispensations for the opening of seven new lodges during the recess, and, in accordance with the resolutions adopted at the previous communication, had divided the State into five Masonic districts, appointing a Deputy for each. At the first meeting of these Deputies the "ancient Webb work" was adopted, and the circulars issued by the Grand Master, defining the duties of the Deputies and the rules for the promulgation of the work, bear testimony to his zeal and efficiency. The Grand Master also recommended the adoption of a uniform code of by-laws for the subordinate lodges; the compila-

tion of a Masonic history of the State, and that the Grand Secretary should be requested to publish annually more complete statistical tables. The first recommendation was rejected; the second adopted, and the third, we regret to add, does not appear to have received any consideration.

P. G. Master Moses Sherburne died during the year, and it was the first death of any Grand or Past Grand Officer which the craft had to mourn. M. W. Bro. Nash pronounced a beautiful eulogium on the deceased, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge as an expression of its opinion, and a mourning page is inscribed to his memory.

Before closing his address, the Grand Master inculcates the duties incumbent upon the fraternity, and very pertinently asks:

Do we thoroughly and properly appreciate our position? Do we discharge our duties as we ought? Do we exert ourselves to realize the pure and benign beauties of Masonry, and preserve its teachings and virtues in our hearts? Do we live, by precept and example, up to the principles taught by the order. Do we live in peace and love as brethren? Do we look with charity and brotherly tenderness upon the faults of mankind at large, and with great liberality upon those of our brethren? Do we vigilantly watch over and protect a brother from all impending danger, and exert all our efforts to prevent him from evil doing? Do we fully realize that Masonry teaches equality, and that it is the only true basis of the Masonic compact? Do we protect and cherish a brother's reputation as our own, and keep ourselves free and unspotted from the world? Do we

"Wipe the tear from sorrow's eye,  
And sigh with those whom grief has taught to sigh?  
Often cross the widow's door,  
And soothe her grief by adding to her store;  
Cheer the orphan on his lonely road  
And win the guilty wanderer back to virtue's blest abode."

If we do these things, we practically illustrate the true spirit and tendency of Freemasonry.

The Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Wm. S. Combs, acknowledges the receipt of favors from the Secretaries of many sister Grand Lodges, our own included, by which he was enabled to supply, in part, the loss sustained by the fire in April, 1868, when the library and entire Masonic property of the Grand Lodge was destroyed. He also suggested that the proceedings of the Grand Lodge from its organization be reprinted. The recommendation was adopted, and a vote of thanks extended to the I. O. O. F. of St. Paul, for the generous use of their hall by the several Masonic bodies while temporarily deprived of their own by the fire.

A resolution requiring all permanent resident unaffiliated Masons to apply for membership in some lodge within one month of receiving notice, and in default thereof to be deemed guilty of unmasonic conduct and liable to suspension, and making it the duty of the oldest lodge having jurisdiction over such unaffiliated Masons to prefer charges against them and bring them to trial, was adopted. Non-affiliation is a great and increasing evil, but we question if it can be remedied by such legislation. Compulsory membership is opposed to the spirit of our institution, and the peace and harmony of any lodge attempting to enforce it, would be seriously endangered.

The report on Foreign Correspondence reviews the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Lodges, Louisiana for 1868 included, and is from the pen of Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, who states that the views expressed "are not all in accord" with those entertained by his Grand Lodge. The question of "work and lectures" receives a large share of his attention. The Barney-Willson-Rob Morris system which

has been adopted by his Grand Lodge is freely criticised, and its pretensions questioned. He holds that uniformity of language is unattainable, and that "it could not be preserved without some indisputable key or cypher." He says "the fathers never sought for, or inculcated uniformity of language, but did of ceremony and workings, and those need no cypher to preserve;" and suggests that the time spent in teaching the difference between "of" and "at," could be more profitably employed in inculcating the principles of our institution. We have heretofore expressed the same opinion, and hope the day is not far distant when it will be generally recognized and adopted.

As illustrative of the necessity of acquiescing in the result of the secret ballot without remark, Bro. Pierson relates the following incident, which he gives on the authority of the late Philip C. Tucker, Past Grand Master of Vermont:

An application had been made by a well-known and very popular young man. On the evening that the petition was to be acted upon, there was an unusually large attendance. The ballots were spread, and to the surprise of all his friends a negative appeared; a second ballot was had, with a like result, but before the W. M. could declare it, several of the brethren had simultaneously risen, each declaring that there was either a mistake, or personal pique had operated, and demanded another ballot. The W. M. weakly allowed the remarks, and ordered a third ballot; at the word "dark in the south," brethren sprung to their feet declaring that it must be a personal pique; that the young man was well known, and his character above reproach; so brother after brother was allowed to make remarks, until the circle from which the negative must have come, was narrowed to but three or four; another ballot was demanded and conceded by the W. M.; the ballot was had, each of the friends of the applicant watching closely those who had not spoken; as the word dark was again pronounced, a scene of confusion ensued very seldom witnessed in a Masonic lodge. Reasons were demanded, and even the W. M., giving way to the storm, requested of the brother who had been signaled as casting the negative, to give his reasons for so doing. The storm was hushed as an old brother, a physician, arose, and protesting against such a violation of the rights of a Mason, avowed that he did it; he had hoped and desired to exercise his rights unknown and unquestioned. As he resumed his seat, other than complimentary remarks were indulged in by brethren. Finally the W. M. interposed, requesting of the brother, for the satisfaction of the lodge, to assign his reasons. Amidst profound silence the old brother again arose, and after rebuking the brethren for their unmasonic course, said: "I had hoped to keep my reasons a perpetual secret, but you, brethren, and you, W. M., will ever remember that you have, as it were, forced me to speak. I know this young man to be a libertine. I know that he has seduced the daughter of a member of this lodge; the father does not know it—he is your W. M."

Noticing the resolution adopted by our Grand Lodge forbidding the display of Masonic emblems as business advertisements, he thinks some measures ought to be devised to reach the evil; but questions the power of a subordinate or Grand Lodge "to prevent any Mason proclaiming himself such," and regards such displays as a mere matter of taste. We heard the same objection made by a brother who makes a powerful display of so-called Masonic jewelry on his person, and, as there is no disputing about matters of taste, we concluded that "somebody had got hurt."

Although the ancient constitutions declare "a brother shall not supplant his fellow in the work," he holds that a lodge may receive and act upon the petition of a rejected candidate, without obtaining the consent of the lodge which rejected him. But then, he says:

We entertain some opinions not in accord with some of those who are regarded as "Masonic jurists;" as a Mason, we claim a right to our own views, conceding

to others the same right, and do not think it necessary to "protest our high resolve" among our brethren.

This style of writing rather puzzles us. But we hope our good brother feels relieved after this deliverance.

C. W. Nash, M. W. Grand Master, and W. S. Combs, R. W. Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

Since the above was written, our Grand Secretary has received a handsomely printed volume of over 800 pages, containing the proceedings of the Grand Lodge from its formation, Feb. 23, 1853, up to and including the annual communication of 1869—a most acceptable addition to our Grand Lodge Library.

MISSISSIPPI.—The fifty-first annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held in Jackson, January 8, 1869, Thomas S. Gathright, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and 192 lodges represented—session, three days.

Alluding to the general distress which prevails throughout his jurisdiction, M. W. Bro. Gathright considers it "a distinguished mark of Divine favor" that permitted the Grand Lodge to assemble, as there had been "crowded as much of bitter disappointment and sorrow, suspense and anxiety" into the twelve months then just past, as had filled any other period of equal extent in its annals. After exhorting the brethren to trust in God, he adds:

In seasons of prosperity, and in times of political harmony and good fellowship, it was delightful to assemble once a year in Grand Lodge, and counsel together and enjoy for a few brief days, that charming fraternal communion known only among Masons. It was sweet then. How much more so now! How much does even the anticipation of a reunion soften the rigor of our cares, during the passing year! How much more than heretofore does it suggest itself to us, as a special blessing, to assemble and commune with each other?

He granted dispensations for the formation of twelve new lodges, and states that it was his intention to have visited every lodge in the State, but his private affairs were of such a character that he could not leave home. But he thinks there are too many lodges, and that their rapid increase tends to make Masonry too common; while, in their present impoverished condition, "the whole accumulation of the Grand Lodge is dissipated in payment of unnecessary mileage and per diem, leaving no margin for any general scheme of organized philanthropy." Again, in relation to the progress of Masonry in his jurisdiction, he says;

We have a large number of lodges in the State, and there are a goodly number of members attached to each, but I cannot say that Masonry is really prosperous in Mississippi. There seems to be little zeal for improvement; the desire to get into the body of Masonry, in many instances, has grown out of an impression that some personal advancement would accrue, and such instances I am grieved to say, constitute a large element in the membership for the last five years. The true interest of Masonry, that has made it popular, has drawn to it so many adventurers, that I fear for the fair fame enjoyed by us in periods of the past.

He complains of the careless manner in which investigating committees attend to their duties; regrets that in many lodges it is difficult to have meetings once a month; and says "this is not progress, though members are admitted by the score, and dollars received by the thousand." He dwells upon the personal responsibility of Masons for the character of our beloved institution, and then remarks:

The universe is ours; but our country at this time is an arena precisely suited to the genius of Masonry. The late unfortunate and calamitous war aroused all the worst passions of our people, and crimination and recrimination strangle,

in many cases, truth itself. The conservative and charitable tenets of our society, in the midst of the people, should be oil upon troubled waters. There should be some voice in this great land and nation more powerful than the mandates of civil or military officers, and it should come from the hearts of men who act upon the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. A voice should be heard that would be trusted from the Lakes to the Gulf, from Ocean to Ocean. Masonry should speak in its own language, and not in the dialect of Ashdod. Masons can love each other. Masons *must* love each other. I look to our order to bring about an era of universal good feeling, not by carrying elections but by the genial pressure of charity and the broadest benevolence. Brethren, Masonry lives, and justice lives, and mercy lives, and temperance lives, and prudence lives, and fortitude lives. All these are of Masonry. They will not revolutionize society by any onset; but diffused as they are, they will draw our people towards a political and social millenium, with an influence as imperceptible as that which distils the dew upon the leaves, or that warms the sunshine and paints the rose.

These remarks are peculiarly appropriate, for we are confident that Masonry has done more to assuage the bitterness of party strife, and restore kindly feelings since the war, than all other causes combined. The dark clouds which have so long lowered over our sister jurisdiction are passing away, and we hope for ever. The labors of the past year were crowned with an abundant harvest, and, in the new career of prosperity which awaits her, may we not expect a revival of that zeal for our institution which characterized her of old.

He recommends the Orphans' Home, at Lauderdale Springs, to the "serious and anxious consideration" of the Grand Lodge, and a resolution was adopted, appealing to the subordinate lodges to contribute to its support, so far as they were able, either in money or provisions.

Among the decisions reported by the Grand Master, we find the following:

A subordinate lodge cannot levy any tax upon an unwilling member, except the ordinary annual dues.

An unfavorable report must be balloted on.

Where a W. M. discovers that a brother, entirely incompetent, has been installed into office, he may suspend the functions of such officer, and fill the place by a *pro tem.* appointment.

No brother can be installed into office if there be charges pending against him, or if they be preferred at the time of installation.

We concur in all, with the exception of the first, which is opposed to the ruling of our own and several other Grand Lodges.

The treasury of the Grand Lodge being empty, the Grand Secretary recommended as a means of reducing expenses, the propriety of omitting the publication of the returns of subordinate lodges—but the committee to whom the report was referred reported adversely, and the recommendation was not adopted.

Bro. G. H. Gray, Sr., from the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence presented a lengthy report, which was ordered to be filed. It contains his correspondence with the Grand Master and other brethren, but we find nothing which requires particular notice except that he gave his opinion that a "Scotch Rite Mason" could not affiliate with a lodge subordinate to his Grand Lodge without being healed. If this "Scotch Rite Mason" was made in a just and legally constituted lodge, we cannot understand why he required healing; and if he was a clandestine Mason, the proper course was to consider him a profane, and treat him in all respects as such.

Bro. Charles T. Murphy submitted the report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he reviews the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Lodges in an able man-



ner. He is a strict constructionist, and does not agree in the construction placed upon the law of physical qualifications by his Grand Lodge. He is opposed to striking from the roll, and says:

This summary exclusion, striking from the roll, suspension for non-payment of dues, or call it what you will, without trial or formal charge, is an open and unwarranted innovation in Masonic jurisprudence—a heresy in Masonic ethics, insidious and aggressive in its tendencies, and mauger its present popularity, must sooner or later bring detriment to the craft.

Our proceedings for 1867 receive a favorable notice, and he says:

Notwithstanding a train leaves New Orleans every twelve hours, and passes my door, I am yet without the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana for 1868, while those of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, west of the Rocky Mountains, for that year, have been on my table for weeks.

We regret our proceedings were not received, but *three copies* were forwarded to the address of the then Grand Secretary by different mails, viz: May 28, June 19, and August 24, 1868, and it is scarcely possible that all of them should have miscarried. Be this as it may, if Bro. Murphy had written for a copy to our Grand Secretary, or to the Chairman of this Committee, it would have been cheerfully forwarded to his address. On several occasions when proceedings were overdue or had failed to reach us, we tried this plan, and, having found it “to work like a charm,” can confidently recommend its adoption.

Thomas S. Gathright was re-elected M. W. Grand Master, and J. L. Power elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.—The forty-ninth annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held in St. Louis, October 11, 1869, John D. Vincil, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and 160 lodges represented—session, four days.

The Grand Master's address is confined to local matters, but is full of interest and might not inaptly be termed a plain, outspoken protest against the evils which prevail in his jurisdiction. From the amount of business and correspondence which had claimed his attention during the past year, he concludes that whoever will fill the office of Grand Master, “will find enough to engage his thought, occupy his time, and claim the labor of his hands to the exclusion of nearly every other pursuit.” He then adds:

I am deeply conscious of having discharged very imperfectly the high and commanding trusts reposed in me by the voluntary suffrages of my brethren twelve months since. But it has been from a want of ability rather than disposition, that I have done so little. To have done all I desired to do, would have been to do nothing else—and then one-half of needed good would not have been accomplished, nor a tithe of necessary effort put forth. I here place upon record the sober, and even sad conviction of my mind, that there never has been a period in the history of Masonry, when there was such an imperious demand for herculean moral, reformatory effort, as is called for now. The men who lead the hosts, impress the minds, and mould the destiny of Missouri Masons, for the next few years, will have to bear responsibilities that may well challenge every power, and awaken every energy of true moral manhood.

He granted dispensations for the formation of twenty-three new lodges. Before issuing them, he required the endorsement and recommendation of the Deputy in whose district the proposed lodges were to be established. He adopted this system, because he was satisfied that lodges had recommended the establishment of new lodges and certified to the proficiency of the proposed officers, when they knew they were incompetent; in some instances, even writing privately to

him remonstrating against the issuance of the dispensation, after having voted for it in open lodge. One of the dispensations issued, was to Kit Carson Lodge in New Mexico, and as this makes the fourth lodge in that Territory, he expects the formation of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico at an early day; and says his Grand Lodge will be proud to extend to it a kind welcome and fraternal recognition.

He found it necessary to execute the law and enforce vigorously its penalties in an unusually large number of cases: Among them we find five charters arrested, one lodge peremptorily closed, one W. M. suspended, etc. A brief notice of these cases will show that the Grand Master's remarks above quoted are well founded, and that in the emergency he was the right man in the right place.

A member of a lodge made use of several thousand dollars of his employer's money. When the embezzlement was found out, he attempted to escape, was arrested, tried in a magistrate's court, committed to jail without the benefit of bond, subsequently released on a writ of *habeas corpus*, and fled the country. In the meantime, charges were preferred against him in his lodge. The taking of the money was admitted and proven on the trial; but it was argued in his defence: 1st. "Falsehood is no violation of Masonic obligation;" 2d. "Fraud could not be shown, unless we knew the intent of the accused was to defraud his brother." The lodge acquitted the accused, and the Grand Master very properly arrested the charter.

Another lodge had its charter arrested because it positively refused to conform to the work of the Grand Lodge. It appears that many changes have been made in the work in the last few years, and consequently many brethren object to the present system. There was no alternative left the Grand Master, the resolution of the Grand Lodge in regard to conformity was imperative, and the mandates of the Grand Lodge must be obeyed. He had no doubt the brethren "erred in judgment rather than in heart," and recommends that the charter be restored upon their giving satisfactory assurances that they will hereafter faithfully comply with the requirements of the Grand Lodge. In connection with this case, he makes the following excellent remarks upon the work:

There are many who demur to our present ritual, as expounded by Grand Lodge authority and endorsement. Very numerous have been the expressions of dissent coming to me from different parts of the jurisdiction. District Lecturers, District Deputies and Masters declare "*the work is changed.*" I hope dissatisfied parties may all be present and demand, very peremptorily, that this question be ventilated and settled. In view of the *transcendent importance* (?) that many attach to the ritual, requiring every "i" to be dotted and every "t" to be crossed, I would offer a suggestion: Let this Grand Lodge devote a good deal less time to speech-making and to legislation, that will be changed next year, and give the subject of work a very thorough examination and analysis. Making no pretensions to ritualism, I can thus advise. Because I venture the thought that if we would all pay more attention to *PRINCIPLES* and say less about *work*, there would be more good Masons among us. It is not very refreshing or edifying to a man of moral feelings to hear our Masonic teachers belching out their profanity, or puff in our faces the fumes of drunkenness, and then listen to them prate about "*THE WORK*," or see them exemplify the ritual. *RITUALISM* is NOT *MASONRY*. *Masonry* embodies a proper ritual. But proportioned to the clamor for the ritual alone, is there a departure from the higher excellencies and moral bearings of *Masonry*.

If the liberal rule of our own Grand Lodge in regard to work was generally adopted, we would hear no more of this much vexed question.

One charter was arrested because politics had taken possession of the lodge; another, because the lodge was divided into two parties—one member saying “if a certain party brings up anything, I will oppose it right or wrong;” while a P. M. declared that there were several members of the lodge “that he would not speak to, and did not consider them *men*, much less *Masons*.” In another lodge, two petitioners for initiation were rejected, each one receiving as many as two black balls; a second ballot was had with the same result, and the candidates declared rejected. A reconsideration was then moved, entertained, and carried. It being then after midnight, the lodge was called off until next morning at sunrise—six o’clock; when the candidates were elected, and during the same week initiated. This outrage was then stopped by arresting the charter. In another lodge, charges were preferred against a member for assaulting a brother Mason with a deadly weapon and endangering his life. The Grand Master was present and presided at the trial; the charge was proved by two witnesses, and not denied by the accused. Notwithstanding this, the lodge returned a verdict of not guilty, and M. W. Bro. Vincil peremptorily closed the lodge. He also suspended from his office a W. M. for drunkenness and violating his Masonic covenants, and, in referring to these cases, he says:

I might moralize at length upon the defections of brethren in all the foregoing cases, where I have enforced the penalties of the law. One single reflection, however, must suffice. The disregard with which Masons treat their obligations and the solemn covenants of the order, has been perfectly appalling to me. So many act as if the institution were nothing but a club or jolly association, a good thing for fun or for the advancement of mere personal ends. The sacred moral character of Masonry is lost sight of, and its covenants treated with lightness and indifference.

He notices several cases of violation of the jurisdictional rights of his Grand Lodge, and ruled that citizens of Missouri, who go to other jurisdictions to receive the degrees, can not on their return be recognized as Masons.

He reports a large number of decisions. We condense the following, which were concurred in by the Grand Lodge:

When charges have been preferred and the trial set, a W. M. cannot dismiss the prosecution—the trial must go on.

An objection to a candidate operates as an estoppel, and the degree cannot be conferred until the objection is withdrawn.

That a member in arrears cannot be deprived of any of his rights or privileges without a fair trial.

A Mason cannot be expelled for non-payment of dues.

We dissent. Non-payment of dues is a Masonic crime. If a brother is able to pay and persistently refuses to do so, on charges being preferred and a fair trial, the lodge should not be trammelled in assessing the penalty.

Ballots must be had on all petitions, whether the report of the committee is favorable or unfavorable.

Officers elect cannot be installed by proxy.

Candidates for advancement must be re-examined each time they apply after rejection.

A member has the right to object to the introduction of a visitor.

No one is entitled to the title of an actual Past Master who has not been duly elected and installed as Master of a chartered lodge.

The decisions of a Grand Master are not valid, unless confirmed by the Grand Lodge.

This has reference to the following decisions, reported by Grand Master Dunscomb at the session of 1868, referred to a committee, and never reported back:

1. It is improper and inexpedient for a lodge to try a member for a crime while the same is undergoing investigation in the courts of the country.
2. A Grand Master can not interpose in cases after trial is had in subordinate lodges.

We objected to the first at the time; Grand Master Vincil overruled both; the Grand Lodge sustained him in the first, but not in the second—the Committee on Jurisprudence making the following correct remarks on the power of Grand Masters to interfere in cases after trial and verdict:

Your committee are of the opinion that it is the duty of the Grand Master to protect and defend the execution of the laws, and if in his judgment the established law of the Grand Lodge has been violated, and great injustice done thereby, it is his right to have the matter corrected by a new trial; but where it is a question *only of opinion* as to the guilt or innocence of the party, by the evidence, we hold it is not in the power of the Grand Master to set aside the verdict, or to order a new trial until it has been reported to and acted upon by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary offered the following, as an amendment to the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, and it was adopted by a vote of 398 to 309.

*Resolved*, That when charges are preferred against a Mason, and those charges have been entertained by the lodge and a time set for trial, that such Mason cannot be considered in good Masonic standing until his innocence has been established by the verdict of his brethren.

The enforcement of such a rule is abhorrent to every principle of justice. In a case before the Committee on Grievance the same question was involved, and, commenting upon it, they express the true doctrine, as follows:

We hold no power on earth can deprive a Master Mason of that inalienable right of equality, and the exercise of that right in the lodge, except upon trial and conviction by the lodge. Any other construction of this law would stultify the action of this Body, which has rightly and justly declared, that no Mason can be deprived of his rights except by trial and conviction, and any other construction of this law would put to shame our boasted claim of charity, as we would fall below the common law of the land, which presumes any one innocent until he is, by trial, proved guilty.

In view of the facts set forth in the address of the Grand Master and in the report of the Committee on Grievance, we consider the following resolution very opportune:

*Resolved*, That D. D. Grand Masters, in addition to their other duties, upon official visits to lodges, be required to examine carefully into the moral status of the membership, and see that the laws of the Grand Lodge are strictly enforced in reference to intemperance and profanity.

A conflict of opinion between the Grand Master and the Grand Lecturer, in regard to the ceremonies of opening and closing lodges, was settled by the Committee on Work concurring in the opinion of the Grand Master, and the reaffirming of the resolution of 1867, which "empowers any lodge when seven Master Masons are present to open and work on the E. A. or F. C. degrees, and be closed upon those degrees without opening on the third."

The work was exemplified; a code of by-laws for subordinate lodges adopted; the Grand Lodge of West Virginia recognized; the Masonic Mutual Benevolent Association of Missouri recommended to the favorable consideration of the craft; the new Masonic Hall dedicated, and the usual routine of business transacted.

In relation to the recognition of the spurious Supreme Council of this State by the Grand Orient of France, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

*Whereas*, There exists in the State of Louisiana a so-called Supreme Council of the A. and A. S. Rite, which presumes to invade the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge in that State, by granting charters to symbolic lodges; and,

*Whereas*, This Grand Lodge does not recognize in any State or Territory the supreme Masonic jurisdiction of more than one Grand Lodge duly organized in such State or Territory, and cannot tolerate a divided and rival power; and,

*Whereas*, The spurious and usurping council in Louisiana has been recognized and aided by the Grand Orient of France, as an enemy of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, thereby disturbing the peace and harmony of a sister jurisdiction with whom we are in fraternal correspondence, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Masonic intercourse between the Grand Lodge of Missouri and the Grand Orient of France be, and is hereby suspended, until said Grand Orient shall remedy the injustice she has done the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, by totally withdrawing all Masonic recognition from the Supreme Council of Louisiana.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Geo. Frank Gouley, who reviews the proceedings of forty-two Grand Lodges, Louisiana for 1869 included. Under the head of New York, he enters into a labored argument in defence of the doctrine that "a Mason under charges is not in good standing," in opposition to the rule that every Mason is supposed to be innocent until he has been proved guilty. We do not deem it necessary to enter into a discussion of this question, as a mere statement of his proposition is sufficient to prove its injustice.

Under the head of Louisiana, he says:

It is some gratification to know that the Grand Lodge took the trouble to inquire somewhat into the multitudinous list of representatives that are now being spread broadcast over the country by sundry foreign "Grand Orients," some of which it found to be mere bogus affairs, and others it knew less about. We will guarantee the assertion, that when they inquire further, they will find that not one out of ten of them have any assimilation or sympathy with our Grand Lodges, and are only trying on a "little confidence game" of recognition.

Consistency is said to be a jewel, and Bro. Gouley, after complimenting our report, delivers himself as follows:

In the "supplemental report" on correspondence we find a review of various rites, etc., which had nothing to do with the interests of the Grand Lodge or with symbolic Masonry, and was not read before the Grand Body, but inserted on individual account, and, therefore, we presume we have nothing to do with it as a part of the proceedings before us.

During the last session of our Grand Lodge, the writer of this report objected to the reception of a representative from Brazil, on account of the unsettled condition of Masonry in that country. The subject, and others of a kindred character, was referred to this committee, who then made a special report. This is a "gratification" to Bro. Gouley, and your committee, in his own words, proceeded "to inquire further." Soon after the close of the Grand Lodge, proceedings were received which gave more information in relation to the condition of Masonry in Brazil, Italy, and other countries, than we had been able to obtain elsewhere. The supplementary report was therefore prepared in order that the brethren of Louisiana might see the grounds upon which their committee had acted and to give them information in relation to other bodies, with members of whose jurisdictions the brethren in New Orleans are brought into almost daily contact. That information would have been embodied in our original report had the proceedings from which we obtained it been received in season. The assertion that our supplementary report was "inserted on individual account" is therefore wholly gratuitous, and requires no further notice.

But not satisfied with imputing improper motives to your committee, Bro. Gouley proceeds to assail our Grand Lodge. He says:

We are willing to do now, as the Grand Lodge of Missouri has done in the past, viz: help the Grand Lodge of Louisiana in maintaining her integrity against foreign Masonry, and are, therefore, more than surprised that any countenance or notice should have been taken, or any recognition given to that from which has sprung all her woes. It is the old tale of the "Miller fly," enchanted by the candle light. We had put down in full on this question, but afterwards tore the manuscript up, for fear we might be deemed unfraternal. We hope that Grand Lodge, however, will learn wisdom from the experience of a bitter past, and stick strictly to its own Masonry and not dabble in that of others, nor allow others to interfere with it.

Honest criticism, whether in regard to the action of our Grand Lodge or the opinions of its committees, is always acceptable. But we fail to discover what has called forth the above tirade, and regret the brother "tore the manuscript up," as it might have afforded some light on the subject. The Grand Lodge of Louisiana has not restricted her subordinates to any particular system of work; the different rites flourish under its beneficent sway; harmony prevails throughout our borders; our representatives in Grand Lodge convened are perfectly able to attend to their own business, and the interests of the craft in this jurisdiction are not in the keeping of any other authority. Hence, we can only look upon the remarks above quoted, as transcending the bounds of Masonic propriety, and an officious intermeddling with the affairs of our Grand Lodge.

William D. Muir was elected M. W. Grand Master, and Geo. Frank Gouley re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

MONTANA.—The fourth annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Virginia City, October 5, 1868, L. W. Frary, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and twelve lodges represented—session, three days.

The Grand Master, after a glowing eulogy upon the resources, wealth and beauty of the Territory, returns thanks for the uninterrupted health and prosperity which had prevailed throughout the jurisdiction, and more especially among our fraternity. Immigration as well as initiation had increased the numbers of the craft; the Masonic virtues had been cultivated to their fullest extent, and needy and suffering brethren had been carefully tended; lodge rooms had been renovated and improved, and in one instance where a lodge room was held in joint occupancy with other tenants, on a suggestion from the Grand Master a private subscription was set afoot, and in a few minutes \$500 subscribed; the hall was purchased and exclusively consecrated to Masonry. On Dec. 27, 1867, a special communication of the Grand Lodge was held for the purpose of performing the ceremonies of consecration and dedication of the Masonic Temple recently erected in Virginia City. The ceremonies were performed in ample form, and on this occasion P. G. Master Hull was presented with an elegant jewel by the Grand Lodge as a testimonial of the estimation in which it held his services.

He issued one dispensation for the formation of a new lodge; granted several dispensations to confer degrees in less than the constitutional period, in cases which he considered emergent, but remarks: "I have no respect for that disposition which is finding place in our lodges, to hurry a candidate through the degrees of Masonry in violation of Masonic law, simply because he has suddenly

ascertained that he must be made a Mason." He reports the following decisions which were concurred in by the Grand Lodge:

A person who can neither read nor write is not eligible to receive the degrees. It is unlawful for a lodge to receive the petition of a rejected candidate, without first obtaining the unanimous consent of the lodge rejecting him.

Officers of a lodge can not resign, but must serve the term for which they were elected.

Unwarrantable discussions having been permitted in a lodge upon the result of a ballot for the initiation of a candidate, Grand Master Frary issued an edict enjoining the secrecy of the ballot and prohibiting all such discussions in future. After some excellent remarks upon this subject, he calls attention to a provision of the constitution which gives lodges under dispensation the right to try their members for Masonic offences. Under this provision they had assumed the privilege of assessing dues and exercising all the powers of chartered lodges, except that of electing officers, and representation in the Grand Lodge. He correctly remarks that lodges under dispensation being the creation of the Grand Master, can possess no greater power than their creator, unless specially granted them by the Grand Lodge, and recommends a repeal of the section of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge conferring upon them the privilege above named; and it was amended in accordance with his recommendation.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances report that no subject had been presented to them requiring consideration, and no higher testimonial in relation to the condition of Masonry in this jurisdiction could be adduced. The Committee on Jurisprudence were requested to report "as to the extent of maims which should disqualify an applicant from receiving the degrees of Masonry," and, after considering the subject in a lengthy report, submitted the following indefinite resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That in determining upon the mental or physical qualifications of applicants, the subordinate lodges conform as strictly as possible to the various instructions contained in the ancient rules and regulations of the order.

In relation to the status of members of lodges under dispensation the by-laws of the Grand Lodge were amended as follows:

Whenever any member of a subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction shall sign a petition for dispensation, his membership in such lodge shall be suspended until the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge, and until a charter shall have been issued in lieu of the dispensation, when the member so petitioning may elect to which of the two lodges he will belong.

One charter was granted, and the usual routine of local business transacted.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented a brief review of the proceedings of twenty-six Grand Lodges, our own included. The name of the committee does not appear, but whoever the author may be, he is imbued with the true Masonic spirit, and has presented work of which he has no need to be ashamed.

W. F. Sanders was elected M. W. Grand Master, and Sol. Star, R. W. Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.—The eleventh annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Bellevue, June 24, 1868, O. H. Irish, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and fourteen lodges represented—session, two days.

The annual address is principally devoted to local matters. After congratu-

lating the brethren upon the prosperous condition of Masonry throughout the jurisdiction, the Grand Master reports a number of his decisions, all of which were concurred in. They are all in accordance with well established principles of Masonic law, but, to show how little this is understood by the fraternity at large, we quote the following:

A visiting brother is present only by courtesy, and can exercise the privilege of speaking or any other participation in the proceedings, simply to the extent that leave is granted, and then his action can be no other than advisory.

He issued six dispensations for the formation of new lodges, and urges upon the subordinates a strict observance of the rule requiring the examination of candidates in open lodge, as to their proficiency in the preceding degree, before advancement. He had received a number of applications for dispensations to confer the degrees out of the regular time, which in every instance he refused, and in this connection makes the following pertinent remarks in relation to the admission of members:

Let every applicant's character be thoroughly canvassed, and admit no one who is not well known and well recommended for intelligence and moral worth. Numbers alone never yet gave strength. Real sterling and moral worth, only, elevate Masonry, and give it that high stand among men to which it is entitled. Never permit any one to enter our sacred precincts merely because you know nothing against him; unless applicants have traits of character well known to qualify them for a participation in our privileges, it will add to our strength and happiness to let them remain where they are. A good rule to follow, would be to admit no one into the lodge that we would not be pleased to receive into our families on terms of confidence. And, when, for any reason, we find that unworthy persons have gained admission to our lodges, there should be no hesitation in suspending or expelling them, for such members bring reproach upon us, arm our opponents with weapons against us, and are the means of keeping out of the institution men who would honor their profession. Such corrupt branches should at once be lopped off, that the parent stem and healthy branches may not suffer through their unworthiness.

He refers to the reports of the committee and board of trustees of the Orphans' School Fund, but we do not find them in the proceedings. He, however, urges the brethren to build up this noble charity, as whether it is ultimately determined to erect an institution for the purpose, or to use the funds in educating the orphans of deceased Masons in schools already established, the object ought to enlist the active sympathy and earnest co-operation of all true Masons.

The report of the Grand Secretary, Bro. J. N. Wise, is a clear business-paper. He feels greatly encouraged at the prospect of speedily building up a library for the Grand Lodge, the circulars addressed to the Grand Officers and brethren of other jurisdictions requesting donations of books having met with a prompt response. His request for an appropriation was not granted, the funds in the treasury being at a low ebb.

In his address, the Grand Master refers to a report of the Grand Treasurer, giving an account of the breaking open of his safe and the robbery of all the money therein, including \$703 belonging to the Grand Lodge, on account of which he had been unable to pay the drafts of the Grand Secretary. The committee to whom the subject was referred, while sympathizing with the brother in his loss, yet considering the matter from a business stand-point, could not exonerate him from payment of the money reported stolen, and submitted a resolution, which was adopted, providing that no order would be drawn for any



of the stolen funds, before the next annual communication, when, if the money was not recovered, definite action would be taken on the subject.

Six charters were granted; the time for holding the annual communication was changed from June to October, and a large amount of local business transacted, non-affiliated Masons receiving particular attention. The subject was finally disposed of, by the adoption of a resolution declaring that any unaffiliated Mason, permanently locating within the jurisdiction of a lodge, and failing to make application for membership, or giving a satisfactory reason for not doing so, for the space of one year, forfeits all his rights in Masonry, and is to be "considered and treated in all respects as a clandestine Mason."

We have no sympathy with unaffiliated Masons as a class; but we cannot see how they can be considered and treated as "clandestine." With this exception, we approve of the resolution. Let it once be clearly understood that willful non-affiliation is a Masonic crime which, *per se*, deprives a brother of all his Masonic rights, and the term "unaffiliated" would be as great a reproach as "clandestine," while it would not violate the proprieties of language.

The Grand Orator, Bro. Gaylord J. Clark, at the close of the installation ceremony, delivered an eloquent address on the universality of Masonry, and the principles on which it is founded.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. D. H. Wheeler, although we presume it is from the pen of the chairman of the committee, Bro. J. N. Wise, Grand Secretary. Be this as it may, it is an able production, and reviews in an interesting and fraternal manner the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Lodges, Louisiana for 1868 included.

O. H. Irish, M. W. Grand Master, and J. N. Wise, R. W. Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

A special communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Omaha, June 24, 1869, for the purpose of accepting an invitation from the fraternity of that city to participate in the celebration of the anniversary of St. John's day.

Grand Master Irish having received an appointment from the President, which required him to go abroad, resolutions were adopted to furnish him with credentials, recommending him "to the Masonic fraternity throughout the globe," and asking for him, "as a representative of American Freemasonry, that consideration and deference abroad, which is justly due his high station at home."

NEVADA.—The fifth annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held in the city of Virginia, Sept. 21, 1869, George W. Hopkins, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and twelve lodges represented—session, three days.

The address of the Grand Master is devoted to matters of local interest. "Judging from outward appearances," he says, "Masonry in America was never in a more prosperous condition than now;" yet, he thinks it doubtful whether the large increase in membership will prove beneficial to the interests of our institution, and recommends the members of lodges to "be careful how they vote" on the reception of petitions for initiation. Peace and harmony prevail throughout his jurisdiction. He pays a well-merited compliment to Grand Master Gibson, of New York, for arresting the charter of a lodge which had violated the jurisdictional rights of Nevada; but, deeming the lodge fully punished, he withdrew the complaint and the charter was restored after the lodge had been suspended three months. He granted one dispensation for the forma,

tion of a new lodge, and noticing the reception of the circular of the N. C. Committee, asking the opinion of the Grand Lodge as to the propriety of the use of a cypher for the preservation of the esoteric work, very correctly says:

I replied to this circular that we had nothing of the kind in our possession, and briefly stated my own opinion to be that we could not reconcile the making or possession of such cyphers, even in the *safe* of a Grand Lodge, consistently with our Masonic obligation.

This opinion was fully concurred in by the Grand Lodge.

M. W. Bro. Hopkins states that during the spring and summer large numbers of the fraternity had been attracted to the new towns located in the mining districts in the eastern portion of the State. Personally strangers to each other, and surrounded by strangers from all parts of the globe, it was not considered expedient to organize lodges for fear that unworthy men might intrude themselves. Under these circumstances, the brethren formed Masonic associations—the qualifications for membership being that the person proposed should be a contributing member of some lodge and able to prove himself a Mason. The result was truly gratifying—large sums of money were collected, much distress relieved and careful attention bestowed upon the sick. He therefore suggests whether some plan might not be adopted to regulate such associations, “so as to give them a regular Masonic standing.” The subject was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence—but not reported on. What standing could be given such associations other than forming them into lodges under dispensation, we are at a loss to determine.

R. W. Bro. Wm. A. M. Van Bokkelin, Grand Secretary, presented a carefully prepared report relating to the business of his office. From it we learn that seventy-two bound volumes of standard Masonic works had been added to the library during the past year. We are also pleased to learn that hereafter the Grand Secretary is to be provided with an office, over which he will have exclusive control, and in which the archives of the Grand Lodge can be safely kept.

A brother, who had been expelled for killing a man, appealed to the Grand Lodge. He admitted the act, but pleaded that it was committed in self-defence, and that he had been tried for the crime of murder and acquitted. The committee, after a careful examination of the evidence, which they found conflicting, came to the conclusion “that there was not sufficient provocation, or that the life of the accused was not in such imminent danger as to justify the taking of the life of the deceased,” and therefore recommended that the action of the lodge be confirmed. The report was adopted, and we quote from it the following, as it is in consonance with a ruling of our own Grand Lodge in 1824:

We are aware that it seems an injustice to place a man on trial the second time for the same offence. But an acquittal by a civil court does not relieve a Mason from an inquisition into the same offence by his lodge. Acquittals may be the result of some technicality of law, or other cause, which relieves the party from legal punishment, while, by the community, he is deemed morally guilty of the crime. Although an acquittal before a civil court may and should have its influence in the course to be pursued, yet it has no binding force in Masonry.

The action of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, in granting a charter to Mount Moriah Lodge, at Great Salt Lake City, after the same had been refused by the Grand Lodges of Nevada and Montana, is severely, but justly, commented upon by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. The subject was referred to a

special committee, who submitted appropriate resolutions which were adopted, and for which see our notice of Kansas.

In our last report, we objected to a decision of Grand Master Currie "that the loss of the index finger does not disqualify an applicant for receiving the degrees of Masonry." At this session, on a report from the Committee on Jurisprudence, the Grand Lodge overruled this decision, and adopted the following resolution, which is in the exact words of the ancient constitutions:

*Resolved*, That the men made Masons must be free born (or no bondsmen), of mature age, and of good report, hale and sound, not deformed or dismembered at the time of their making.

The business was principally of local interest. The Grand Lodge of West Virginia was recognized, and an eloquent address delivered by W. Bro. Robert H. Taylor on the power of associated effort as exemplified in the organization and work of Masonry.

Bro. Wm. A. M. Van Bokkelen presented the report on Foreign Correspondence. The proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Lodges are courteously noticed, and a digest of decisions on Masonic jurisprudence, compiled from the proceedings received, is added. Our proceedings for 1869 receive fraternal mention. In our report for 1868, we quoted and endorsed the remarks of the Nevada committee on D. D. Grand Master Pike's report, in which he recommended that brethren of the so-called higher degrees should be allowed to wear their regalia in the lodge. Referring to Bro. Pike's report of last year, Bro. Van Bokkelen says: "Now comes Bro. Pike, and, devoting his entire report to the subject, demolishes in his own opinion, at least," the committees who had criticised his former effort. We have a high appreciation of the zeal and ability with which Bro. Pike discharges the duties of his office; but we do not think the reports of D. D. Grand Masters were ever intended to be made the vehicle for ventilating the peculiar views of a brother holding that office, and still less for criticising the remarks of Committees on Correspondence. Any brother who undertakes the task may expect a sweet time of it.

In regard to the controversy between our Grand Lodge and the Grand Orient of France, Bro. Van Bokkelen expresses no opinion, having referred the subject to the Committee on Jurisprudence. During the session and before that committee reported, the Bulletin of the Grand Orient, containing the proceedings of its annual assembly, was received, and the subject was laid over to the next annual communication, in order that the committee might have time to read the proceedings "so as to ascertain the precise character of the action taken."

In stating the history of the so-called Supreme Council of Louisiana, Bro. Van Bokkelen says:

On the 27th of October, 1839, the Marquis de Santiago (Santagelo?), established what was generally known as the French Grand Lodge, of which Bro. Lucien Hermann, late of this State, was at one time Grand Master. By a concordat entered into in February, 1855, between the rival bodies, the Council established by the Marquis de Santiago declared itself dissolved, its lodges being recognized by and received into the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, etc.

We have seldom met so many errors in so small a space. M. W. Bro. Lucien Hermann was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana (founded in 1812), during the years 1848 and 1850. For a correction of the other errors into which our brother has fallen, we refer him to our sketch of the history of Masonry in Louisiana, under the head of "Prussia—Grand Lodge of the Three Globes."

The remarks on the too prevalent idea that Masonry is a religion, which we quoted and endorsed in our last report, Bro. Van B. reproduces and credits to us. But they are not ours—they belong to Bro. Williams, of Arkansas.

Notwithstanding the inaccuracies noted, which we believe are unintentional, the report possesses much interest and the opinions expressed are generally correct.

George W. Hopkins, W. M. Grand Master, and Wm. A. M. Van Bokkelen, R. W. Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

**NEW BRUNSWICK.**—The second annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held at St. John, Sept. 22, 1869, B. Lester Peters, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and seventeen lodges represented—session, two days.

The annual address is occupied with matters of local interest. After rendering a full and lucid statement of his stewardship, the Grand Master sums up in the following words:

The Masonic record for the past year, within this jurisdiction, has been marked by the progress and prosperity of our order. The efficient working of the lodges already established, the erection of new lodges, and the building and dedication of temples devoted to Masonic purposes, evidence the steady advancement of our ancient fraternity. Harmony and unity prevail among us, and I feel justified in congratulating you on the success which has attended the organization of this Grand Lodge.

He states that he had renewed application by memorial to the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland, asking that fraternal intercourse might be established with those Grand Bodies; and that he had deemed it expedient to await the answer of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, "before proceeding to the exercise of Masonic discipline" against two lodges which work under its authority and who decline to go under the rule of the new Grand Lodge, "in the hope that, by voluntary submission to the local authority, the necessity for extreme measures may be avoided." A resolution was adopted empowering the Grand Master "to exercise his own discretion in dealing" with these two lodges, which are the only ones in the Province that have not accepted warrants from the Grand Lodge.

We hope M. W. Bro. Peters will avoid resorting to "extreme measures," for there is neither Masonic law or usage to justify such a procedure. By the formation of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick all other Grand Lodges were precluded from establishing lodges within its territorial limits—but if any of the lodges previously existing therein prefer to remain under the authority of their parent Grand Lodge, the new organization can exercise no control or jurisdiction over them. If left to themselves, they will soon perceive the advantages to be gained by transferring their allegiance to the new Grand Lodge; but an attempt at coercion, while opposed to the spirit of our institution, will defeat the object for which it is intended.

Representatives were appointed near the Grand Lodges of Tennessee and Nebraska; one charter was granted, and considerable business of a local character transacted. There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

B. Lester Peters re-elected M. W. Grand Master, and Wm. F. Bunting re-appointed V. W. Grand Secretary.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE.**—A semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Manchester, December 27, 1867, at which the work and lectures were

exemplified, and a resolution adopted requesting the D. Grand Master and the D. D. Grand Masters to grant no dispensations to confer degrees in any case, until after the committee appointed to revise the constitution had reported.

The annual communication was held in Concord, June 10, 1868, John H. Rowell, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and sixty-three lodges represented—session, two days.

The address of the Grand Master is confined to matters of local interest. He states that the corner-stones of a number of public edifices had been laid by the Grand Lodge with appropriate ceremonies; that he had visited many of the lodges, installing their officers, etc.; and that while he had granted several dispensations for conferring the degrees without waiting the usual interval, he had also refused, in many instances, to grant them for the purpose of receiving applications and conferring all the degrees at one and the same time. He mourns the death of two of the oldest Masons in his jurisdiction—Past Grand Master Weare Tappan and Past D. D. Grand Master Imri Woods. Appropriate resolutions were adopted, and monumental pages are inscribed with their names and virtues. He issued two dispensations for the formation of new lodges, and in reference to the general condition of our institution in his jurisdiction, he says:

The past year has been one of peace, prosperity and happiness among the fraternity; no jarring notes of discord have saluted our ears; we have constantly and steadily increased in numbers, and, we trust, in strength, and in the admiration and respect of the whole community.

The reports of the D. D. Grand Masters fully substantiate this statement, and all of them, with the exception of R. W. Bro. D. H. Woodward, of the seventh district, complied with the resolution in regard to granting dispensations. This brother defends his action by quoting an article of the constitution conferring this power upon the D. D. Grand Masters, and argues that the exercise of it was “not a matter of *option*, but of *opinion* and *duty*.” Admitting that this power is liable to abuse, he says:

To grant dispensations in all cases and without the exercise of any discretion is one extreme, and yet it is hardly more pernicious than the other, where they are wholly denied. To grant them in cases where “the interests of Masonry or the circumstances of the case require it,” appears to be the better doctrine, and is so proven in the long years of experience of this Grand Lodge.

This view was sustained, and the action of Bro. Woodward approved. But it seems to us that the phrase, “the interests of Masonry or the circumstances of the case require it,” is altogether too indefinite, and in jurisdictions where the power of granting dispensations is intrusted to more than one man, can be made to cover any case which may arise. If dispensations must continue to be granted, the Grand Master should alone exercise the dispensing power. But, in our opinion, “the interests of Masonry” would be greatly benefited if the dispensing power was for ever abolished; for, with Bro. Lewis, of New York, “we would like to have one really reasonable and sound excuse for a dispensation. We have never heard one yet; we doubt if we ever shall.”

The consideration of a revised constitution, submitted by a committee appointed the previous year, was postponed until the next annual communication; and a resolution to have it printed and a copy thereof furnished to each subordinate lodge in the jurisdiction was rejected.

A resolution was adopted disapproving of the occupation of halls by subordinate lodges in common with other societies; the Grand Lodge library was

ordered to be removed from Hopkington to Concord, and placed in a room under the control of the Grand Lodge; and the following resolution was offered and rejected:

*Resolved*, That the wearing of Masonic emblems of any kind on days other than public Masonic days, and the printing or engraving of Masonic emblems upon cards, show-bills, and advertisements, is in derogation of the principles of the order, and is hereby discountenanced and disapproved by the Grand Lodge.

Unless the stringency of the first clause caused the rejection of the resolution, we are puzzled to account for it. We do not think that the Grand Lodge looks with complacency upon the horde of Masonic mountebanks, hucksters and peddlers who use our emblems for the purpose of advancing their own selfish ends, and yet this is the construction which may be placed upon its action.

A carefully prepared report on Foreign Correspondence, covering 175 pages, was presented by Bro. John J. Bell, in which he reviews the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Lodges—Louisiana for 1867 included. He gives a fair synopsis of our doings, commends the work of our Relief Lodge, thinks the remission of dues accruing during the war was, under the circumstances, the wisest thing the Grand Lodge could do, and considers the testimonial presented to Past Grand Master Fellows a well-merited compliment for his services during the troublous times he presided over the craft. Bro. Hornor's report is noticed at length, and referring to the opinion expressed that the accused only should be allowed to appeal from the decision of the lodge, he asks: "Can the Louisiana committee tell us why a lodge is not as likely to decide wrongly in favor of the accused as against him, and why their action should not be revised in one case as well as the other?" A similar question was answered in our report of last year, which we briefly restate. We do not deny the right of the prosecutor to appeal from the decision of the lodge, but are of opinion that it should, except in extreme cases, be discountenanced as savoring of persecution; but, in cases where the guilt of the brother is clearly proven, and the lodge fails to convict and assess adequate punishment, the charter should be arrested.

Bro. Hornor, noticing that the word "Hon." was prefixed to the name of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Horace Chase, inquired what it meant and what it had to do with a Masonic office. Bro. Bell replies:

We would suggest that our Grand Secretary is "Honored" by his brethren in the Grand Lodge above all his peers, and for the "honor" we all show him we suppose the letters in question were added to his name in the proceedings. In fact we should hardly know how to hold a Grand Lodge without him.

Very ingeniously argued and a pretty compliment to Bro. Chase. But elsewhere in his report, Bro. Bell says that all marks and initials attached to the names of brethren, which have no connection with symbolic Masonry, had better be omitted in the proceedings of a Grand Lodge. He quotes Bro. Hornor's remarks on the necessity for increasing the fees for the degrees, and agrees with him fully on that subject.

Notwithstanding the proceedings reviewed are for the year 1867, the report is interesting and suggestive. Referring to the adoption by the Grand Lodge of Florida, of a ritual for a lodge of sorrow, he says:

We should be glad if some brother could tell us what such ceremonies have to do with Masonry? The closer we stick by the usages of the fathers of the craft, and the less we import from the antics which have been grafted on the institution in continental Europe, the better for us and for Masonry.

The custom of holding a special meeting of one or more lodges, either annually or at longer intervals, for the purpose of commemorating the virtues and deploring the loss of members who have died within that period, we consider eminently Masonic. These special meetings are generally called "sorrow lodges," and we can see no more impropriety in having a ritual for such occasions than in having one for the funeral service at the grave of a deceased brother. So far as we know, the ceremonies of a "sorrow lodge" are fully in accord with the teachings of our institution, and are of a very impressive character. We are at a loss to understand how our good Bro. Bell can apply the term "antics" to ceremonies which appeal to all the finer feelings of our nature, and remind us that we are born to die. That the custom originated in continental Europe we do not consider a valid objection. And here we are reminded of a celebrated preacher, who, being an excellent musician, had the hymns sung in his church set to the popular airs of the day. Some members of his congregation being greatly scandalized, remonstrated against this apparent levity. But the preacher replied: "My friends, the devil has had the best tunes to himself long enough; it is now time that they should be used in the more noble and glorious service of the Most High."

Referring to the granting of a dispensation to open a new lodge at Fort Garry, in British America, by the Grand Master of Minnesota, in 1863, he very correctly remarks:

We should doubt the propriety of establishing a lodge in that country by a Grand Lodge of the United States. In a territory where there is no Grand Lodge having jurisdiction, any Grand Lodge may grant charters. But the British Grand Lodges have long claimed and exercised jurisdiction over British possessions. American Grand Lodges, we take it, would not consent that any foreign Grand Lodge should establish lodges in the territories of the Union where there are no Grand Lodges. In like manner we think the Hudson Bay Company's territories are within the jurisdiction of British Grand Lodges, concurrent among themselves, but exclusive as against all other Grand Lodges.

He considers that the so-called Past Master's degree is an essential part of the ceremony of the installation of the W. M., without which, although he may act as Master, and while so acting should be obeyed as such, yet he is entitled to none of the rights or privileges of a Past Master. He holds, as we do, that if a W. M. cannot resign because to do so would be to violate his installation vows, that his dimitting would be equally a violation. He doubts if any good results to the fraternity from replying to slanders against our institution, whether these attacks proceed from the pope, the politician, or the fanatic, and thinks the true course is to let them pass unnoticed, and allow "our acts in the discharge of our Masonic duties alone speak for us." There are other topics we would like to notice but our space forbids, and we reluctantly take leave of this report which breathes throughout the true spirit of Masonic charity and brotherly love.

Alexander M. Winn was elected M. W. Grand Master, and Horace Chase re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

**NEW JERSEY.**—The eighty-second annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held in Trenton, January 20, 1869, Henry R. Cannon, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and eighty-one lodges represented—session, two days.

The address of the Grand Master is a clear, business-like document. In reference to the condition of our institution in his jurisdiction, he says:

The steady and uniform increase in our membership, the zeal and generous

rivalry displayed by the officers and brethren of the subordinate lodges, in striving to promote the best interests of our institution, the increased proficiency of the officers of lodges in rendering the work of Masonry, the decided improvement made in the preparation and adornment of lodge rooms, and above all, the fact that so few of our number have been removed from earth and earthly scenes during the past year—these are all causes for mutual congratulation and thanksgiving, as we meet once more in annual assembly.

The reports of the D. Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, and Grand Lecturer show a harmonious and prosperous condition of the craft, and that out of the ninety lodges eighty-five had received an official visit during the year. The Grand Master granted five dispensations for the formation of new lodges; he recommended an appeal in behalf of the orphan children of deceased Masons in North Carolina to the favorable consideration of the subordinate lodges, and regrets that they had manifested very little interest in the matter.

The finances of the Grand Lodge, for reasons explained in our former report, are still in an embarrassed condition; and many of the lodges had failed to comply with the resolution, adopted at the previous session, calling upon them to advance a certain proportion of their annual dues to meet the current expenses of the year. Under these circumstances, M. W. Bro. Cannon recommends that some efficient measures be taken either to increase the revenues, or reduce the expenses; and suggests the omission of the returns of the subordinate lodges in the publication of their proceedings as a means towards this end—but the suggestion was not acted upon. He recommends the publication of the decisions of the Grand Lodge for the guidance of Masters of lodges and the benefit of the craft in general; he also reports twelve of his decisions, which were concurred in by the Grand Lodge. We quote the following:

A slight impediment of speech, not sufficient to prevent a person from repeating the work intelligibly, is not sufficient cause for the rejection of a candidate.

An unaffiliated Mason cannot prefer charges against a member of a lodge.

Charges preferred, and referred to a committee, cannot be withdrawn. Justice to the brother accused, and to the lodge, requires a decision as to the guilt or innocence of the brother so charged.

No subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction should have the right to appeal for pecuniary aid to the lodges of another jurisdiction, without the consent of this Grand Lodge.

The death of Past Grand Treasurer Elias Phillips, at the advanced age of seventy-three, was feelingly announced by the Grand Master; appropriate resolutions were adopted and a mourning page set apart to his memory.

The business transacted was of a local character, but we cannot avoid noticing an amendment to the constitution, having in view the creation of a Grand Stewards' Lodge, which was presented and laid over to the next annual communication. The large amount of business which comes before the Grand Lodges at their annual meetings, is attracting the attention of the fraternity throughout the country, and various modes have been suggested whereby the constantly increasing pressure might be relieved, and at the same time the dignity and power of the Grand Lodges preserved unimpaired. Without entering into the details of the proposed plan, we give the section which shows the powers intended to be conferred upon the Grand Stewards' Lodge:

Sec. 5. The Grand Stewards' Lodge shall have power to hear and determine upon appeals of individual members from the action of their lodges; try charges against particular lodges, and determine all matters concerning Freemasons and Masonry, which may be committed to its jurisdiction by the Grand Lodge; and



its determination shall be final, unless an appeal be taken to the Grand Lodge before its next annual communication; notice of which appeal must be served upon the Grand Secretary and all persons interested, at least four weeks before said annual communication; and if the appellant shall neglect to prosecute his appeal at the said communication, then the appeal shall be dismissed, and the decision of the Grand Stewards' Lodge shall be final, as if no appeal had been taken.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is again from the pen of Grand Secretary, Bro. J. H. Hough. The proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Lodges are reviewed in a fraternal manner, and whenever he differs in opinion, he expresses his dissent courteously. He deprecates the introduction of personal or acrimonious controversies, and political allusions into such reports, as opposed to the true object for which they were intended; and, referring to the assertion made in some quarters that these reports are not generally read by the craft, but only by the committees, "who read and write them for their own amusement, and have them published for their own glorification," he says: "If any brother thinks there is any great fund of amusement in the preparation of such a report, let him try it on."

Our proceedings for 1868 receive a full and complimentary notice. The report of the Committee on Chartered Lodges on the necessity of official visits to the subordinate lodges is quoted at length, and meets his "hearty concurrence." A fair synopsis of our doings is given, and the work of La. Relief Lodge noted and commended.

In 1865, one of the subordinate lodges in New Jersey issued a circular, addressed to the American and European Grand Lodges, which afterwards formed the subject of a correspondence between Past Grand Master Todd (our then Grand Secretary), and Bro. Hough. Alluding to this circular, we used the following language:

We now inquire if the Grand Lodge of New Jersey permits her subordinates to enter into correspondence with foreign Grand Bodies, without first obtaining her sanction? Our own Grand Lodge has positively prohibited such a practice, which, while it derogates from the dignity of the Grand Lodge, is so liable to abuse that the honor and reputation of the Grand Body may be seriously injured and the whole craft put to shame.

Bro. Hough quotes the inquiry, without the comment, and replies:

The Grand Lodge of New Jersey, has neither prohibited or sanctioned such practice. In the absence of any general regulation upon the subject, we see no reason why a subordinate lodge may not *of right* correspond with any organized body in the world, however exalted or dignified. The objection of Bro. Scot appears to be based upon the superior dignity of Grand Lodges, and yet, in many respects, the subordinate lodge is the *peer* of the Grand Lodge. A subordinate lodge has certain rights and powers, with which a Grand Lodge, in all the plenitude of its power, cannot interfere. One of the dangers of the day is the assertion by Grand Lodges of the right of control over the private affairs of their subordinates, which right was never conceded to Grand Lodges, and the exercise of which may one day convulse the craft. While it is true that the subordinate lodge is the *creature* of the Grand Lodge, it is also equally true, although it may appear paradoxical, that the Grand Lodge is the *creature* of the subordinate lodges. No Grand Lodge can be formed except by a convocation of subordinate lodges, which alone can breathe into it the breath of life. The original Grand Lodge, comparatively a modern institution, was created by the consent of a convention of subordinate lodges. We cannot, therefore, admit that there is such a disparity in the dignity of Grand and subordinate Lodges, as would prohibit a subordinate lodge from addressing a Grand Lodge of any jurisdiction.

But while we contend for this right, we deprecate its exercise, much like that candidate for office who was in favor of the Maine liquor law, but opposed to its enforcement. The objections against such correspondence lie more against its *good taste and propriety*, than against the *right and power*. Most especially do we object to applications for charity by lodges in this jurisdiction, addressed either to Grand or subordinate Lodges located elsewhere. We in New Jersey are in the enjoyment of a high degree of prosperity, saving an exceptional drawback, and there is no reason why we should not, without foreign assistance, meet from our own resources, all necessary charities. Sometimes, too, circulars of this character tend to cast ridicule upon the entire craft, grand and subordinate, of the jurisdiction from which they emanate. Thus, in the instance referred to by the Louisiana committee, the object proposed to be attained by the circular, was utterly quixotic, utopian, and absurd, and we have always greatly regretted that it was ever issued. We believe that Grand Lodges have the power to regulate this matter, and prohibit all such correspondence (except by the consent of the Grand Master,) but in the absence of the exercise of such power, we entertain the view above expressed.

We have quoted Bro. Hough's reply at length, because it virtually concedes all we claim. Granted that subordinate lodges have "certain rights and powers with which a Grand Lodge, in all the plenitude of its power, cannot interfere," this is not one of them; for he admits "that Grand Lodges have the power to regulate this matter, and prohibit all such correspondence (except by the consent of the Grand Master.)" This is also the opinion of his Grand Lodge, as is shown by its concurrence in the decision of Grand Master Cannon, quoted *supra*. Hence we consider the argument, that danger may result to the craft from Grand Lodges asserting a right to control the private affairs of their subordinates, irrelevant to the question at issue. Even if it were not, it is a mere chimera. True, Grand Lodges are of modern creation, but they are governed by the ancient landmarks and a written constitution. They are composed of the representatives of the subordinate lodges, and it is not to be supposed that brethren whom the craft have delighted to honor, would enact local regulations tending to subvert the power and privileges of their constituents. Even if such an attempt were made the right of instruction remains, and an obnoxious regulation passed at one session, can always be amended or repealed at the next annual communication.

Henry R. Cannon, M. W. Grand Master, and Joseph H. Hough, R. W. Grand Secretary—both relected.

NEW YORK.—The eighty-sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held in New York, June 1, 1869, James Gibson, M. W. Grand Master, presiding; a large array of Past Grand Officers and the Representatives of the following Grand Lodges and Grand Orients present, viz: Saxony, Louisiana, Connecticut, Alabama, California, Wisconsin, Minnesota, South Carolina, Vermont, Iowa, Tennessee, Illinois, Zur Eintracht, Ireland, Missouri, Maine, New Jersey, France, the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, Washington, Cuba, New Grenada and Nova Scotia; and 610 out of 643 Lodges represented.

The address of the Grand Master demonstrates his great executive ability and ardent devotion to the interests of our institution; plain, straightforward, devoid of all rhetorical flourish, it flows along like a mighty stream of deep thought and earnest conviction, and shows that the motto selected for his official seal—"Firm, Cautious and Faithful"—was the guiding star of his administration.

After paying a feeling tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead, he proceeds to render an account of his stewardship, and, after noticing several matters of local

importance, referring to applications for dispensations to open new lodges, makes the following just and apposite remarks:

No one who has fully observed the signs of the present, indicating difficulties and dangers to the fraternity in the future, can have failed to be satisfied that the rapid multiplication of lodges is one of the greatest perils that Masonry, from its almost certain consequences, has to fear. It necessarily invites a great rush at the threshold, which the new lodge has neither the experience nor the nerve to resist. The knowledge they have not, for that is only obtained by age and observation; the *nerve* they rarely or never exercise, as they are compelled to meet large expenses necessarily arising from the opening of a new lodge; the construction or fitting up a hall; the procuring the insignia and jewels; the payment of the Grand Lodge fee, and the thousand other items, often grossly extravagant, but thought to be necessary, to enable them to compete successfully with the established lodges in their vicinity. The new lodge is desirous of a large roll, of an elegant hall, of a full treasury, and is too forgetful that these good things, in themselves, may be obtained at the loss of the permanent welfare and prosperity of the craft. By the gratification of these desires they are prevented from exercising that just discrimination and careful scrutiny as to petitioners for the degrees, absolutely essential to the securing suitable material for the Masonic temple, proposed to be constructed by the new lodge. The certain result is sure to follow, and the temple under construction is erected of rough stones, and put together with untempered mortar, the true work of Masonry lost sight of or neglected, and that temple which, had it been erected of good materials and in a proper manner, would have stood as an enduring monument of the faithful labors of its founders, is soon leveled with the dust of the earth. and the "place which once knew it shall know it no more forever." There have already many such lodges been organized, worked in this manner, and they are struggling for life, or have died; enough standing as grave-stones of Masonry—monuments marking the sloughs into which the craft have fallen from the errors of the past. \* \* \* \* \*

"In the day of prosperity let us consider." It is the day of danger, for it is not in numbers that our true strength lies, but in the principles of the fraternity, thoroughly learned, and faithfully practiced by the brethren. Masonry cannot be brought to every man's door, for with lavishness follows satiety; and that which is obtained with ease, and got without cost or labor, is soon deemed of little value. Its cheapness makes it to be despised.

In order to have a prosperous and thriving lodge of Masons, the population from which it is to be organized and sustained, must itself be large and thriving, and must not have other lodges to support. There is no propriety, worse than that, there is no honesty or fairness in opening a new lodge, whereby will be quenched in darkness an existing Masonic light. The obtaining its consent is no answer to this, as the Grand Lodge or Grand Master should not destroy a good lodge merely because it offers to be sacrificed, and, like a calf, is dumb and openeth not its mouth when led to the shambles.

The whole number of applications for dispensations was twenty-two; six were granted by the Grand Master, and one by the Deputy Grand Master; the other fifteen were denied. Among them was one for a dispensation to open a lodge for the admission of a particular sect, and feeling the importance of the questions thus presented, the Grand Master submits his reasons for denying the application in the appendix to his address. Our space will not permit us to quote from this paper, but we cannot refrain from giving the following, which shows how nobly the Grand Master sacrificed feeling at the shrine of duty:

My brethren, it has always been difficult, and sometimes absolutely painful to me, to be compelled to deny applications made by petitioners so earnest, and urged from honest motives, seeking what they believed to be for the benefit of the fraternity. But I could not grant them without knowingly neglecting, or wilfully disregarding what I believed to be my duty. "For there is no swerving from a right line that may not lead eternally astray." When the Grand Master in this jurisdiction shall fail to meet his obligations through want of firmness,

or love of a false popularity, he will have failed, through weakness, in points where he should have been strongest. I can say here with a great magistrate, on a celebrated occasion, that "I wish *POPULARITY*; but it is that *popularity* which follows, not that which is *run after*. It is that popularity which, sooner or later, never fails to do justice to the pursuit of noble ends by noble means."

In issuing dispensations for new lodges, he declined to give them the name of the locality at which they were to be instituted, and very appropriately remarks:

The name of a lodge should certainly be Masonic; it is the baptism of the lodge and should express a Masonic idea, principle or problem, or refer to something taught in, or some emblem of the fraternity, or perpetuate some Masonic fact, recollection, theory, incident or tradition. It cannot be possible that the literature of our institution is so barren as to require that, in order to name our lodges, we should resort to maps or gazetteers. So far from this is the fact, that our history and biography, our legends and poetry, are filled with beautiful and applicable names, and some of them peculiarly appropriate.

Alluding to the complaints made against lodges in New York for making Masons of non-residents, and thereby violating the jurisdictional rights of other Grand Lodges, he says his Grand Body has done its whole duty in this matter, and that whenever a complaint was presented to him, he promptly instituted inquiries into the facts, "with the determination, expressed to the complaining body, that the evil would be repressed, if in the power of the Grand Master or Grand Lodge to repress it, and those guilty would be certainly punished." This determination was faithfully acted up to; several cases were arranged or adjusted to the satisfaction of the complainants; in one instance, the party receiving the degrees was a rejected candidate of another jurisdiction and practiced a fraud upon the lodge, for which he was tried and expelled, and in another case, the lodge complained off failing to make a satisfactory response, the Grand Master arrested its charter. One or two more examples and such complaints will soon cease.

It seems that the invasions by lodges, in the State, of the territorial and material jurisdiction of each other have also been numerous, and required much time and labor in repressing the evil.

He resisted all importunities to dispense with the strict rule of physical qualification, and in cases where the law was attempted to be evaded, as soon as informed thereof, he promptly prohibited all further proceedings in each case. Numerous applications had been made to him for dispensations to confer all the degrees at once, or in less than the constitutional time, which were uniformly refused. In relation to such applications, M. W. Bro. Gibson appropriately remarks:

The candidate, in whose favor such applications are usually made, has generally resided within easy distance of the lodge, and if desiring Masonry, from good motives, could have applied for acceptance, and, if deemed worthy, gained admission, and regularly received and learned Masonry by precept and example, often illustrated and practiced. But all at once he is called to go South, or West, or elsewhere, and has heard that he ought to take Masonry with him, but don't wish to remain here long enough to receive it regularly, or so as to profit by its lessons. He therefore makes application to the lodge, and they appreciating the necessity of haste, forward an application for a dispensation, and hurry him through, and confer the degrees of Free and Accepted Masonry as part of the preparation for his journey. Masonry, thus conferred, is of no real value to its receiver, and no honor to the lodge conferring the degrees. The person thus supposed to be made a Mason is a mere piece of untempered mortar, or rough stone from the quarry, which must be worked and moulded, and mayhap gaveled, before it can be useful. Let a candidate for the degrees take time to receive and know Masonry, as it ought to be conferred in our lodges, and he will find it truly valuable; but rush him through, as has often been proposed to

me, and it will be worthless to him, and no credit to the lodge doing such hasty work.

The quality of the material presented to a lodge is next considered, and he decides that while ordinarily the lodge is the exclusive judge of the moral worthiness of the candidate, yet if it undertakes to work up material grossly unworthy, it would become the duty of the Grand Master to interfere and suspend their work and of the Grand Lodge to deprive it of its charter. Several cases, charged to be of this character, were brought to his notice officially, and he temporarily suspended the work in the several lodges on the particular material and ordered an investigation; the charges, however, not being sustained, he vacated the suspension and directed the work to proceed.

In regard to the secrecy of the ballot, he says:

The secrecy of the ballot, on an application for initiation, is a landmark, and the constitution also ordains that it "shall be inviolably secret." This principle should be preserved because it is a landmark; and it should be respected and obeyed, because the regulation is necessary to preserve the unity and welfare of our institution. There is no officer in the fraternity so high that he can disregard this commandment, and no member, junior or senior, but is entitled to shelter himself, from any question on the subject, under the broad privilege of its inviolable secrecy. How can the ballot be secret, if there is any one in the lodge entitled to know its character? If the reasons or motives of a brother in casting a black ball can be inquired into, then it follows that the like inquisition can be had as to the motives of those casting white balls. And if motives can be inquired for, and a bad one is stated, it logically follows that the brother, who is not actuated by motives satisfactory to others is subject to charges and a trial. Every brother voting on a petition has a Masonic right to vote as he thinks proper. He ought to vote with a conscience void of offence against God or man, but he is not responsible for the act to any human tribunal. When a rejection takes place, the balloting should have been so "inviolably secret," that no one could possibly know how any other voted, or who cast a rejecting ballot. No one has any right to know, or even to inquire. On a ballot being spread, the brethren are placed under Masonic honor that each will vote secretly, and that each one will bear his share of the burden of the result, be it what it may. If a rejection is declared, each one voting should stand as one who might have cast the rejecting ballot, and no one should inquire of another as to his vote, or inquire at all, much less go about the lodge making confusion and strife, and angrily seeking unlawfully to know by whom the rejecting ballot was cast. On the contrary, when a rejection occurs, no brother ought to take offence. He who proposed the candidate exercised a Masonic right, no stronger than his who rejected the petition. The brother who recommended the candidate should recollect that the stranger's admission would give offence to a brother, and compel him to either leave the lodge or fraternally acknowledge one whom he may consider degraded or dishonored, or whom he may despise. What is the applicant to us, my brethren, that we should have strife on his account? He is nothing but a stranger, while we, as Father Abraham said to Lot, "be brethren;" and I trust will ever cultivate with each other "brotherly love, the foundation and cap-stone, the cement and glory, of our ancient fraternity."

The question of the right of Masonic relief, and the extent, and by what authority, if any, it may be compelled or measured, had been several times presented for his determination and action. As this is a subject of great importance, we quote his remarks in full:

It is laid down in the teachings of the first degree of Masonry, that brotherly love, relief, and truth are the principal tenets of a Mason's profession. The duty of assisting poor and distressed Master Masons, their widows and orphans, is so inflexible a rule of the institution, that no lodge of Master Masons can be opened without expressly teaching that duty to the brethren.

If we look at the ancient charges, we will find that this is no modern fungus;

but as far back as our customs can be traced, to the "times whereof the memory of man runneth not," it was well known and taught.

But it is equally clear that there was never a time when certain requisites were not well known, and always demanded before extending relief. Thus the applicant must be worthy, must be in distress, and the lodge or Mason to whom the application was made could not be required, in granting relief, to exceed their ability. If an individual Mason were applied to, he need give no more than he could without injury to himself or his family; and the like rule was applied to the lodge; it was not, in the measure of relief given, required to exceed its ability, or to give to the injury of the lodge.

In giving relief, it is not only the right of a lodge but it is its bounden duty to scrutinize the calls on its bounty, and to husband its resources; not to give lavishly, and for slight causes; nor, on the contrary, to stint and dole out its charities with miserly hand. But in all its acts of relief, give so as not to impoverish; grant so as not to exhaust the fountain of its liberality, bearing ever in mind the counsel of our ancient Grand Master, that: "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet."

In granting relief, it is a duty incumbent on the lodge, in justice to itself and to other meritorious claims on its bounty, that it should scrutinize the case thoroughly, and ascertain the facts; and if the applicant has means of his own sufficient for his necessity, the application should be entirely denied; or if there is any other person or property legally liable for, and able or sufficient to meet the obligation of his support, that should be called for before exhausting the funds of the lodge. Lodges, therefore, should not yield to such demands in favor of Masons having wealthy relatives legally and morally liable for their maintenance; and it is shameful that such applications should be made.

To the question, whether a lodge could be compelled to contribute to the relief of a distressed brother, he replies:

The duty imposed on a lodge is one of charity and love, and it would seem to be one that no superior authority could compel its performance, or prescribe the extent of the relief to be granted.

There is a great error prevailing quite generally, that lodges of Free and Accepted Masons are in some respects beneficial societies, and partake of their duties. Now this is totally erroneous. Our lodges are not founded for life, or health, or accident insurance purposes, nor for giving relief or funeral benefits. If any one wishes to secure these objects, there are many excellent organizations to which he can resort, and accomplish his object, and be certain of a fixed and determinate sum, without any regard to the will, or the pleasure, or the feeling of the society or organization which he has joined. But lodges of Free and Accepted Masons are not of that kind, and do not give, or profess to give, any such privileges or benefits. Their fees for initiation, and their charges for dues, are not based on any calculation of the duration of health, or the liability to disease of the petitioner. These are wholly foreign to the objects of our fraternity.

If a lodge should, however, arbitrarily refuse to grant, or should in a miserly way dole or stint relief to a worthy and distressed brother in good standing, having abundant means to give relief without injury to itself, and without materially impairing its ability to comply with other calls on its resources, on complaint being made to the Grand Master or Grand Lodge, and such facts appearing, no doubt such total refusal to use the talent intrusted to their keeping would be remedied, for if none other existed, there might be a repetition in fact of the ancient parable of the unfaithful steward, to whom one talent was given, and who, instead of using it to spread light and relief on the earth by the increase thereof, went and digged in the earth and hid his lord's money. And when his lord came to reckon with him for the use he had made thereof, finding him unfaithful, he took the talent which he had, and intrusted it to others who had done faithfully.

While he thus decides that the Grand Master cannot compel the granting of relief to a distressed brother, except in extreme cases, he entertains no fear that the lodges will, on this account, feel themselves relieved from their full Masonic obligations towards brethren so situated.

The powers, duties and prerogatives of the Master of a lodge had been the subject of many appeals to the Grand Master, and we quote his concluding remarks on this question:

It is one of the plainest duties of the Master not only to preach peace, but ensue or compel it. If confusion shall arise, he may lawfully repress it, and must do so, using his entire Masonic power; ordering any brother to his seat; terminating debate, and, if necessary, and order can not otherwise be restored, peremptorily closing his lodge. The Master has great power in a lodge; and when wisely, temperately and *firmly* exercised, it is productive of great good. I have seen it still a tempest; and, I am sorry to say, when improperly exercised, I have known it increase and intensify the storm.

After noticing the laying of corner-stones of public edifices and the dedication of Masonic Halls, he recommends the Grand Lodge to give some encouragement to the project of the Grand Secretary for reprinting the proceedings. We regret no action was taken on this subject, as the "Transactions" of the Grand Lodge previous to 1860 are, to most of the fraternity a sealed book. While several Grand Lodges and prominent Masons of other States had expressed their approval and sent their subscriptions for the work, less than one hundred lodges and Masons in the jurisdiction had subscribed therefor. The Grand Secretary fears that his proposition has been premature, and that the fraternity are not yet prepared to fully appreciate the advantages of such a publication. For our part we consider the proceedings of the several Grand Lodges as the most valuable of all Masonic publications, and, hoping the undertaking will not be abandoned, request the Grand Secretary to place our name on his list for a copy.

Matters of local interest and valuable suggestions thereon come next in order, after which the Grand Master states that peaceful and harmonious relations exist between his own and all other Masonic Grand Bodies—the Grand Orient of France and the Grand Lodge of Hamburg excepted. No change had taken place in the apparent views of those controlling the latter Grand Body, and the Grand Master says "there will be no change in the attitude taken by this Grand Lodge on that subject, as it was the result of a firm determination on the part of all the Grand Lodges in the United States that no interference would be allowed with symbolic lodges here by Grand Bodies located in Europe."

In regard to the recognition of a spurious body, which had established clandestine lodges in our jurisdiction, by the Grand Orient of France, he states that having received official notice thereof from our M. W. Grand Master, he immediately gave the case a full and careful examination. Ascertaining the facts to be as alleged, on February 27, 1869, he addressed an official communication to Marshal Mellinet, Grand Master of the Grand Orient, couched in kind and fraternal, but firm and decisive language, protesting against the action of that Grand Body, and requesting the rescinding of the decree of recognition. Ample time having elapsed for the Grand Orient to have acknowledged the communication and informed him of its action thereon, or requested delay, he naturally concludes that it did not intend to notice his communication, or comply with his request, and says:

I would therefore recommend that this Grand Body take such action in the matter as shall demonstrate to that Grand Orient, that, though we love peace, and would preserve harmony with them, if we could, yet, that harmony, valuable as it is in itself, costs too much when it can be secured or preserved only by sacrificing the priceless honor and self-respect of this Grand Body, or the permanence and stability of the craft, or a fundamental principle of the fraternity.

As all these must be sacrificed by a submission to this act of recognition, I counsel this Grand Body to take such an attitude of dignified and determined resistance, as will cause the withdrawal of the recognition.

A copy of the communication, referred to above, is given in the report on Foreign Correspondence, and we regret our space will not permit us to give it in full. After quoting, from the report which accompanies the decree, the reasons assigned and the objects sought to be gained by the recognition of the so-called Supreme Council, M. W. Bro. Gibson, says:

The political objects sought to be accomplished through this recognition are entirely foreign to symbolic Masonry as conferred in the United States under its regular Grand Lodges. No interference in political matters is allowed, nor are politics discussed in our Masonic lodges.

Not only is there no law of Masonry forbidding colored men from being made Masons, but our lodges are exclusive judges as to whom they will accept, not violating the ancient landmarks; and colored men may be members of lodges, provided they are duly accepted. But they must apply to lawfully warranted lodges, otherwise they are clandestinely made, and will not be acknowledged by Masons, or received in any regularly constituted lodge.

The leading object, therefore, sought to be accomplished by the decree will totally fail, if attempted by the unlawful means stated in the report.

Long before this unlawful Grand Council was organized, there existed, and still exists, a Grand Lodge of Masons recognized by every Grand Lodge in the United States as in the lawful and *exclusive* exercise, within that State, of the right to make Masons and confer the first three degrees of Masonry. The Grand Lodges in the United States do not, and will not, consent that any organization whatever, whether lodge, council, or otherwise, shall be organized within the jurisdiction of an existing Grand Lodge, for the purpose of conferring those degrees, or any of them, except by its authority.

On this question there is perfect and absolute unity in opinion, sentiment and action.

He then fraternally urges Marshal Mellinét to rescind the decree, and requests an early reply in order that it might be laid before the Grand Lodge at the annual communication.

In the report on Foreign Correspondence, M. W. Bro. John W. Simons, after giving a translation of Grand Master Mellinét's decree and Bro. Hermitte's report, disposes of the real question at issue in the following able manner:

The writer of the foregoing report very coolly observes, that the Grand Orient of France cannot decide the question of regularity or irregularity, which, it will be observed, is not submitted by the parties in interest. Yet, according to his own showing the Grand Orient has long since decided it, and declared the very body with which it now enters into correspondence, irregular; since which time the relative situation of affairs has not changed. The lawful and duly established Grand Lodge of Louisiana existed then, as it had existed long before, has existed since, and exists now, and there never has been a moment from the date of its establishment till now, nor will there be one as long as it continues to exist, when it has not been and will not be the sole and only legitimate authority for the government of symbolic Masonry in the State of Louisiana. The question of regularity is not, therefore, debatable, and is not, nor can it be, submitted for decision to any one.

Another point in connection with this matter should not be overlooked. The Grand Lodges of this country, while exercising supreme jurisdiction in all matters relative to lodges and lodge Masonry, do not occupy themselves with anything else; they neither officially recognize nor hold official communication with Grand Chapters, Commanderies, Councils, or Consistories. So long as their own rights are recognized and respected, the bodies of the other grades may do what they please, without let or hindrance from any Grand Lodge. So long, therefore, as this New Orleans body let symbolic Masonry alone, and busied itself only with the grades beyond that of Master Mason, the Grand Lodge of Louisiana ignored



its existence; but the moment it undertook to establish lodges of symbolic Masonry, it trenched upon the long-established and recognized rights of the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Orient, in recognizing and applauding this invasion, becomes a party to it, and sets itself up in opposition to a right of American Grand Lodges, with which they will not quietly permit any interference.

The propriety or impropriety of the social and political equality of colored men has nothing whatever to do with the question; it is purely one of jurisdiction, and on that basis alone will have to be adjusted. We hazard nothing in saying that the action of the so-called Supreme Council, in selecting colored men on whom to bestow warrants, was a mere trick, intended to throw dust in the eyes of European Masonic powers, by leading them to suppose that the American Grand Lodges were engaged in a crusade against the men of whom this self-created Council assumes to be the champion. It is sufficient answer to this to say, that the Grand Lodges of the United States hold that every subordinate lodge has an indefeasible right to declare for itself who shall be admitted to its privileges, and that the Grand Lodge can not legislate a man into the humblest lodge in its jurisdiction. The ancient charges and regulations to which we hold ourselves bound, as Masonic authority, the spirit, and in many cases the forms of which are inextricably interwoven in our constitutions and system of jurisprudence, do not recognize any distinction of race or color as qualifications for Masonic affiliation. Hence the decision of the mooted question of admitting negroes to fellowship lies not with the Grand Lodges, but with the individuals composing the subordinates.

This question is, however, not now at issue. The offence of the *soi-disant* Supreme Council, and that of the Grand Orient, in recognizing and applauding its act, would have been precisely the same had the warrants been granted to white men of the highest possible rank and station, and it consists solely, as we have already said, in violating the established and recognized jurisdiction of a just and duly constituted Grand Lodge of symbolic Masons.

Against this act the Grand Lodge of Louisiana has protested, by a suspension of all relations with the Grand Orient of France, and against it all the other American Grand Lodges will protest, for the simple reason that if the jurisdiction of Louisiana may be invaded with impunity, so may that of any other, and our system of Masonic government is at an end. Their united action in sustaining New York, as against the invasion of Hamburg, is sufficient indication of what may be expected in the present emergency, and the Grand Lodge of New York will be expected to lead the van in sustaining the Grand Lodge of Louisiana in the maintenance of its just rights.

Previous to the letter of Grand Master Gibson, Bro. Simons had written on the same subject, and as both letters had remained without answer or notice of any kind, he is forced to the conclusion that the Grand Orient proposes to stand by its decision, and says:

While we most sincerely regret this conclusion on the part of the Grand Orient of France, and are pained at being forced to adopt the course of action thereby indicated for us, duty to ourselves and to the great brotherhood of American Grand Lodges requires that we should hesitate at no sacrifice necessary to demonstrate our unalterable determination to maintain intact the doctrine, that the right of jurisdiction is inalienably vested in the several Grand Lodges.

And he therefore submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That all Masonic correspondence and fraternal relations between the Grand Lodge of New York and the Grand Orient of France cease and be discontinued, and that no Mason owing allegiance to that Grand Body shall be recognized as such in this jurisdiction, until the said Grand Orient of France shall withdraw its recognition of the body styling itself the Supreme Council for the sovereign and independent State of Louisiana.

Appended to the address are several pages of the Grand Master's decisions, and as the general principles are, in most instances, elucidated in the quotation already given, or are governed by local regulations, we only notice the following:

Having decided that the questions adopted by his Grand Lodge, and quoted by us in a previous report, must be answered over the signature of the applicant before he can be initiated, and that the lodge and its Master will be subject to discipline for neglecting to comply with this "imperative duty," he says:

Jurisdiction thus lawfully obtained is perpetual, if the candidate is rejected.

There is no such thing as the carrying of material for inspection from one symbolic lodge to another.

Being once presented to a lodge for inspection, it cannot be taken to another for that purpose, without the rejecting lodge shall consent.

The subsequent removal of the candidate to the jurisdiction of another lodge, makes no difference with his Masonic condition. He can carry himself where he pleases, but can not change his status, Masonically, without the consent of the lodge that originally rejected his application.

If by falsehood or fraud he subsequently obtains the degrees, he obtains them unlawfully. He should for this offence be subjected to discipline, and expelled from the enjoyment of the rights and privileges of a fraternity, whose laws he has abused, and whose hospitality he has violated.

One who makes application and answers the questions appended over his own signature, can not be permitted to stultify himself, and say he did not read what he signed, or did not know his answers were false. If the latter, he was guilty of falsehood; and if the former, he treated with indifference and contempt the very foundation of his attempted entrance into Masonry. He was required to read and know what he subscribed, and know it was true, and is held to a strict accountability for his misconduct. The pretended excuse, so far from exculpating, adds to the offence. He cared so little for what he stated to a lodge, that he did not even take time to know its contents.

But a lodge may waive its right over its rejected or accepted material, and transfer its jurisdiction over it to another lodge, and give its consent that such other lodge may act upon the same.

This consent once given and acted upon by another lodge transfers jurisdiction, and the latter once lost, is lost forever.

And where the consent is not obtained till after the acceptance of the petition and the initiation of the applicant, it has a retrospective effect when obtained, as between the two lodges, and renders the acceptance and the subsequent proceedings valid; for the subsequent approval was as good as an original consent.

In regard to objections to a candidate, he decides:

Objection may be made to the initiation or advancement of a candidate at any time before O. B., which has the same effect as an original objection.

If a brother in good standing is ill, or otherwise physically unable to attend and make objection in person, he may make it in writing over his signature, and cause it to be presented to the lodge, and it must be noticed on the minutes, and stands as a bar to such advancement.

The lodge is a family—the household of the faithful brethren—the stranger knocks for admission, and if his entrance will drive out one of the family, he ought not to be allowed to enter.

A clandestine Mason can not be healed; such person having unlawfully sought light can not be accepted in any lodge except as a profane; nor then, without consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

Entered Apprentices or Fellow Crafts have no right to travel Masonically, or visit other lodges, though open in the degree to which they have attained. But the Master of such lodge may allow them to enter from courtesy.

But our space admonishes us to take leave of this excellent address and accompanying papers, and we do so with reluctance.

The report of the Grand Secretary is a concise business paper, as such reports should be. The dues of lodges, etc., paid during the year amounted to \$67,947 64. The number of lodges which made returns and paid dues at the annual communication for 1868 was 618; on May 1, 1868, the total number of

members in good standing was 70,333—there having been 8,855 initiations and 1,408 affiliations during that year. His proposal to republish the "Transactions" of his Grand Lodge has been already noticed, and he closes his sixteenth annual report by congratulating the fraternity on the healthy and prosperous condition of Masonry throughout the jurisdiction.

The Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund have purchased six lots at the corner of Twenty-Third Street and Sixth Avenue for \$340,000. This property they expect to have clear of all encumbrances by May 1, 1870, and resolutions were adopted approving the erection of a Hall thereon, and that the corner-stone should be laid during the next June communication of the Grand Lodge, with appropriate Masonic ceremonies.

It was resolved to take no action at present in the matter of the People's College, at Havana, which the trustees had offered to transfer to the Grand Lodge for educational purposes, as its affairs are very much mixed and its property greatly encumbered.

The receipts of the Masonic Board of Relief in the city of New York during the year amounted to \$6,584 68, of which \$6,106 53 was expended in charity and incidental expenses: applicants from Louisiana receiving \$38. In submitting their report the officers of the Board say that "they have no hesitation in asserting, that for the past ten years there has not been so little Masonic imposition practiced as there is at this time;"—a result, in our opinion, entirely owing to the faithful manner in which the Board has discharged its duties. An appropriation of \$6,500 was made to the various Boards of Relief throughout the State, of which the one in New York received \$2,000.

At the last communication, a Hebrew brother presented resolutions to have certain portions of the ritual changed, which, in his opinion, contained sectarian allusions. The committee, to whom the subject was referred, presented a majority and minority report; the former of which, and a resolution declaring it "inexpedient at the present time to make any changes in the ritual," were adopted.

Seven charters were granted: a Past Grand Master's jewel was presented to M. W. Bro. Stephen H. Johnson: Bro. F. C. Ewer delivered an address urging a more complete organization of the fraternity for the purpose of establishing charitable institutions: Bros. Richard Vaux, Grand Master, and Samuel C. Perkins, Senior Grand Warden, of Pennsylvania, visited the Grand Lodge during the session, and were received with appropriate honors: the reports of the Grand Lecturer and the District Deputies are replete with interesting details, but our space will not permit us to give an analysis of their contents.

The report on Foreign Correspondence reviews the proceedings of fifty-three Grand Lodges, thirty-eight of which are in the United States, and the others in foreign countries. That portion relating to the American Grand Lodges and the Grand Orient of France, is from the pen of M. W. Bro. John W. Simons, and fully sustains the high reputation which the N. Y. reports have so justly merited. From a note appended to the report by M. W. Bro. John L. Lewis, of the same committee, we learn that the report of last year was also written by Bro. Simons, but as his modesty prevented him from claiming the authorship, Bro. Lewis makes the statement as "an act of imperative justice," and without consulting him on the subject.

Our proceedings receive a kind and fraternal notice. His views in regard to the action of the Grand Orient of France, we have already given in connection

with those of Grand Master Gibson; and, although it does not appear in the printed proceedings, we know that it is, in a great measure, to the able manner in which he presented the question to his Grand Lodge, that the resolution of non-intercourse with the Grand Orient was adopted.

In reply to Grand Secretary Wheeler, of Connecticut, Bro. Simons makes the following remarks upon the use of the word "Order:"

We consider the term Order, when applied to the organization of Ancient Craft Masonry, a misnomer; for one reason that "Orders" have usually had for their specialty the upholding of some peculiar mode of faith, as, for instance, the Order of Benedictines, the Order of Knights Templar, etc., while Masonry sets up no standard or creed of religious faith, but rather seeks to unite men of all sects in her efforts for good, being satisfied to let zealots fight over modes of faith, to lead men's lives aright, and leave the rest to God and conscience. For this reason we confess that when we hear Masonry spoken of as an "Order," the sound strikes unpleasantly upon our ears. Moreover, the true title of the craft is the "*Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons*," and this is so much more expressive of its broad philanthropy, its humanizing suggestions, its inculcations of love and fellowship, that we marvel any one should not instinctively prefer it. Another reason prevails with us, and that is, that all the modern imitative societies are termed Orders. Whether the designation be properly applied to them or not we neither know nor care, but we do care that our venerable institution should be known of all men as the Fraternity or Brotherhood of Freemasons.

And now, having given our brother a reason for the faith which is in us, will he, in turn, kindly give us to know why he, in common with, perhaps, a majority of writers and speakers among us, puts the Grand Lodge in the feminine gender?

We agree with Bro. Simons, and will hereafter endeavor to expunge "order" from our vocabulary when speaking of the Brotherhood. We hope Bro. Wheeler, or some other brother, will answer the question relating to the gender of the Grand Lodge—we give it up.

Like ourselves, he is opposed to the practice of striking from the roll, and to the granting of dispensations to confer degrees in so-called cases of emergency. In relation to the degree of Past Master, he holds with Bro. Drummond, of Maine, that "the installation of a Master is conclusive evidence to a Masters' lodge that he has received all the necessary instructions and qualifications;" and that, if the degree is necessary, the installing officer should confer it, and his act be valid—the requirement of a convocation of Past Masters to confer the degree, having, in their opinion, been borrowed from another organization. We concur in their conclusions, but like them, yield to the practice of our jurisdiction.

The review of the European Grand Lodges is by Bro. M. Pinner, and contains much valuable information. We regret our space will not permit us to give it entire, but we will make free use of it when we notice the doings of our transatlantic brethren.

James Gibson, M. W. Grand Master, and James M. Austin, R. W. Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

NORTH CAROLINA.—The eighty-second annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held in Raleigh, December 7, 1868, R. W. Best, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and 171 lodges represented—session, four days.

The annual address is devoted to subjects of local interest and the much-vexed question of the "work." The Grand Master is afraid that political feeling has

entered into some of the lodges, and says that during the war many were made Masons who appear to have been actuated by unworthy motives, and who are now drones in the hive. He thinks "there is too much shallow indulgence and mock charity" shown to such cases, and suggests that it would be for the benefit of our institution in his jurisdiction if the subordinate lodges would receive no new members for a year, but devote the whole of that time in purging themselves of unworthy and offending members. During the recess, he granted dispensations for the opening of sixteen new lodges. He recommends the reprinting of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, from its organization in 1787 to 1851 inclusive, and that for the future the publication of the names of members be discontinued. The latter recommendation was not adopted; the former was, if it can be done "without expense to the Grand Lodge." We regret this proviso, as, in our opinion, it effectually kills the recommendation.

The diversity in "the work" induced the Grand Master to recommend the calling of a National Masonic Convention in New York in 1870, for the purpose of determining the true work and adopting "a great national uniform system." The subject was referred to a committee, who presented an able report endorsing the recommendation, but owing to the pecuniary condition of the country the Grand Lodge deemed it "highly imprudent to take any action in the matter at present." For our own part we doubt if any good would result from holding such a convention, but think the committee about right when they attribute the diversity in the work to the "pertinacious efforts" of a race of lecturers who have besieged the various Grand Lodges, and who are described as "pretending to be the true conservators of Masopic ritualism, haughty, arrogant and bigoted in their pretensions, professing without doubt to have kept the faith perfect, and that all others have strayed from the true paths."

At the annual communication of 1867 the "Stevenson work" was re-adopted, but when exemplified much dissatisfaction ensued; to obviate this, the Grand Master called together several brethren who had received the work as taught in 1849, including Bro. Stevenson himself, and ten or twelve days were spent in discussing and agreeing upon a ritual, which was exemplified at the present session and adopted as "the work."

In 1867, a committee was appointed to investigate the subject of the use of a key or cypher to the work, and they addressed a circular to each Grand Lodge. From their report, presented at this session, we quote:

To this communication replies have been received from the following States, to wit: Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Georgia, Tennessee, Michigan, Missouri, Illinois, Louisiana, Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, Nevada, Colorado and Iowa; also from the District of Columbia, and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England. These are herewith filed as a part of this report.

Of these, all, with the slight exception of Rhode Island, express a decided opposition to written Masonry of any kind, and regard it is a dangerous innovation on the ancient principles of the order, in violation of its solemn obligation, and having a tendency to destroy and obliterate the peculiar features which have always characterized it and tended to its preservation to the present time. In no one of these jurisdictions is a key of the work, either in letter or cypher, tolerated; it is deprecated by the high officers in all, and in many has been the subject of stringent resolutions. These keys are found in the possession of some members, but generally in a very secret way, and the very secrecy of their use is strong evidence of the great doubt entertained by them of the propriety of the practice.

We are informed that the Grand Lodge of Instruction in Rhode Island are

preparing a uniform system of work and lectures for the guidance of lodges in that jurisdiction. When completed, a copy is to be deposited in safe, in the office of the Grand Secretary, for the use of the Grand Lodge.

In Louisiana, there are several different rites, all working harmoniously together, and we have heard through the Grand Secretary, that the lodges working in the French Rite, which is under the Grand Orient of France, have a key nearly or quite complete, to their work. The Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge is, however, decidedly opposed to the use of any such aids in the work, and such is thought to be the opinion of the Grand Lodge.

The whole matter is then discussed in an able manner by the committee, and the conclusion arrived at is expressed in the following resolutions, which were adopted by the Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*, That the making or using of any letter or cypher to the true Masonic work and mysteries, is not authorized by the ancient customs of the order, is contrary to its principles and teachings, and cannot, therefore, be sanctioned by this Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*, That the true Masonic mysteries should be taught and handed down by oral teaching alone, as has been done from remote ages, and that any departure from this principle is fraught with danger to the institution.

While we cordially endorse these resolutions, we are surprised at the paragraph relating to Louisiana. True, we have lodges working the French Rite, but if either they, or any other lodge in this jurisdiction, have "a key nearly or quite complete" to the work, we are not aware of it, and know that such a violation of Masonic obligation has never been brought to the notice of our Grand Lodge. It is not the first time we have learned what is doing at home, by getting the news from abroad; and yet it is passing strange that our Grand Secretary should have communicated this information to another Grand Lodge and suppressed it in his report to his own!

From the report of the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. D. W. Bain, we learn that the original records of the Grand Lodge, from its organization in 1787 to the present time, are complete and in a good state of preservation. His efforts to form a Grand Lodge library have been also crowned with success—a hundred volumes having been added to the catalogue during the year.

The Committee on St. John's College reported that, having purchased the property for \$7,000, they applied in payment the \$1,000 donated by the Grand Lodge, and issued a circular to the lodges requesting them to contribute for this object one dollar for each member. By this means, a sufficient amount was raised to pay one-half of the purchase money. The action of the committee was approved, and the subordinate lodges who had not contributed were earnestly recommended to do so at once, in order that the institution might be freed from debt. There are three other schools in this jurisdiction under the control of subordinate lodges, which are reported to be ably conducted and appear to be liberally supported.

Bro. Robert B. Vance presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, and acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of forty-one Grand Lodges. The commencement of the report is quite interesting, and gives a favorable notice of our proceedings for 1866, '67 and '68. Here, however, our good brother "gives out," and we regret that the pressure of "public and private duties" compelled him to pass over the remaining Grand Lodge proceedings with a mere notice. His views are in the main correct, and from his review of Iowa we quote the following:

It seems to us a clear point that when a State, through her people in conven-

tion, change their governmental relations, and form *new ones*, that a good Mason is bound to submit. If we accord our brethren of the North the right to abide by their Government—"the powers that be"—will they not accord to us the same? Who shall judge of these things?

There is a long article from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for 1867, in reply to our committee on the negro question. We are almost tired of this question. It has been rung in our ears for, lo! these many years. One party alleges that the negro was imported by the North and sold South because his services would not *pay*. The other party denies the assertion, and, in turn, say the South kept the negro in slavery (a great sin) until liberated by their generous Northern neighbors. Would it not be well for these matters to be at rest? Doubtless, both North and South have sinned. The South has suffered greatly, but, we think, manfully. This we can say safely, the Southern people are truly glad, in the sight of the blessed God, that the colored man is free. Time would have given him his freedom, no doubt, in a happier manner than in the rude shock of war; but the will of Providence has been accomplished, and we say solemnly and thankfully, "so mote it be."

Bro. Vance gracefully acknowledges the error committed by his Grand Lodge in complaining to the Grand Lodge of England against a violation of her jurisdictional rights, when the two lodges committing the offence were working under the Grand Lodge of Scotland. He is surprised, however, that the Colonial Board of the Grand Lodge of England should argue that it is proper to confer the degrees upon persons from other jurisdictions, provided the parties applying be known. This was the question at issue in the controversy between the Grand Lodges of England and Maine some ten years ago, and in which the latter was sustained by every American Grand Lodge. The subject was discussed so fully at that time and the principles so clearly established, that we hoped the Grand Lodge of England had abandoned its untenable doctrine and regret it has not done so.

Robert B. Vance was elected M. W. Grand Master, and Donald W. Bain, re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.—It is with sincere pleasure we announce the restoration of harmony in this jurisdiction, by the union of all the Masonic bodies with the Grand Lodge, at the annual communication, held in Halifax, June 22, 1869, S.R. Sircom, M. W. Grand Master, presiding—session, four days.

The address of the Grand Master relates principally to the steps taken to secure this auspicious result. At the quarterly communication, held at Truro, Sept. 11, 1868, A. C. Page, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, presiding, and ten lodges represented, a resolution was adopted notifying all lodges working under warrants from any other authority than that of the Grand Lodge, to surrender the same before June 24, 1869, under the penalty of being declared clandestine. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Sircom, was in England at the time this resolution was adopted, but, on his return, taking into consideration how materially it would affect all lodges not holding allegiance to his Grand Lodge, if carried into execution, he determined to use every exertion, consistent with the honor and dignity of the Grand Lodge, to unite the whole craft in Nova Scotia under one supreme governing body. After repeated consultations with prominent members of both Grand Bodies, an "emergency meeting" of the Grand Lodge was held in Halifax, January 8, 1869, when a proposition embracing articles of union was submitted, and, on motion, a certified copy was ordered to be transmitted to the District Grand Lodge. At a meeting of that body, held on the 13th of the same

month, a committee was appointed to take this important subject into consideration. At the Grand Lodge quarterly communication held in March, a similar committee was appointed—the two forming a joint committee to carry out the preliminary arrangements. Difficulties, however, arose with the lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, but they were happily surmounted, and the union was perfected on the second day of the annual communication (June 23), 1869. On this occasion, distinguished brethren from Canada and New Brunswick were present. The Grand Lodge was then organized; the Hon. Alex. Keith being elected M. W. Grand Master, and H. C. D. Twining, R. W. Grand Secretary.

On St. John's day (June 24), the Grand Officers were installed and the articles of union signed; the Grand Lodge then formed a procession and proceeded to St. Paul's Church, where divine service were performed, after which the Grand Chaplain preached a sermon from the text: "Let brotherly love continue." It is an eloquent production, and, but for its sectarian character, would have been peculiarly appropriate to the occasion.

The report on Foreign Correspondence briefly notices the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Lodges, our own for 1868 included, and is from the pen of the former Grand Secretary, Bro. Charles J. MacDonald, now R. W. Sub. Grand Master.

In taking leave of these proceedings, we congratulate our brethren on the termination of their troubles, and hope that the harmony which has been inaugurated may never be broken.

OHIO.—The fifth-ninth annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Dayton, October 20, 1868, Howard Matthews, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and 265 lodges represented—session, three days.

The address of the Grand Master presents a full report of his official acts, and bears testimony to his zeal and executive ability. He reports an unprecedented degree of harmony and consequent prosperity prevailing throughout his jurisdiction. He issued dispensations for twenty new lodges, although he considers it doubtful whether so large an annual increase is required by the wants of the craft. But he construes the regulations as giving him no discretion in such cases, when the papers are in regular form, and suggests that at least one of the consenting lodges should certify to the expediency of establishing the new lodge, and, even after all the rules have been complied with, he very properly thinks the matter should be left to the discretion of the Grand Master.

During the recess he held a series of District Lecture Conventions, and remarks:

These conventions have been had partly for the purpose of developing the social idea in Masonry, and in order still further to exemplify its beauties, I have, at your present session, endeavored to revive one of the usages of the past, by having a public procession and oration by the Grand Orator, inviting the entire craft of Ohio to participate. I think that the occasional assembly of the brethren from every section of the State, as well as by districts, as beforealluded to, can not fail to have a happy effect on the interests of the institution; and if it were adopted as a regular custom, your annual meetings would be hailed with pleasure and delight by the fraternity in every part of the jurisdiction, as a season for the promotion of social intercourse between brethren, the formation of attachments that would continue through life, and thoroughly cementing the craft into a unit. We are generally *too much in a hurry* at our annual meetings, too anxious to discharge the mere routine of business for which we have assembled—entirely ignoring the necessity of devoting a brief period to this



subject, and to the exemplification of the ritual. I trust that the present occasion may be one long to be remembered and cherished by all who are present, and may it indeed be signalized as a grand feast of "Masonic Brotherhood."

He arrested the charter of a lodge, because it conferred the other degrees upon two initiates, after having by vote ordered the written protest of one of the members against their advancement to be laid "under the table." The Grand Lodge approved his action, and authorized him, should his judgment warrant it, to restore the charter.

He notices a commendable zeal on the part of the subordinates, in providing comfortable and convenient halls in which to hold their meetings, and a consequently increased interest on the part of the membership. He is opposed to conferring the so-called female degrees, or allowing lodge-rooms to be used for that purpose, and, in accordance with his views, the Grand Lodge adopted the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the "side degrees," otherwise called Adoptive or Androgynous Masonry, are not legitimate Masonic degrees, and do not entitle the recipients thereof to any of the rights and benefits of Masonry.

*Resolved*, That the conferring of said degrees on women is calculated to deceive and mislead them, and is therefore improper.

*Resolved*, That the lodges of this jurisdiction are forbidden, under any pretence whatever, to permit their halls to be used for the purpose of conferring said degrees.

He recommends the permanent location of the Grand Lodge at some one of the business centres, and the formation of a Grand Lodge library.

He refused permission to confer degrees out of time, considering dispensations for that purpose equivalent to making Masons at sight—a prerogative recognized by the constitution as inherent in the Grand Master, but which he doubts the propriety of exercising, and holds he has no right to delegate it to another. In regard to cases of emergency, he correctly remarks:

As a general rule, the emergency exists only in the mind of the candidate or his friends. He may have had the most abundant opportunity of joining the institution, which he has suffered to elapse, and suddenly circumstances arise which make it necessary to remove his residence into a distant country, into the midst of strangers. Then arises the wish to connect himself with the institution; his business is urgent, and he wishes it to be made a case of *emergency*. It would be well if candidates could understand that Masonry does not accommodate itself to suit their whims and caprices—they should come with a willingness to submit to her rules.

The Deputy Grand Master presented a brief report of his official acts, and corroborates the statement of the Grand Master as to the general harmony and prosperity of the craft. The public celebration, announced by the Grand Master, took place on the second day of the session, and appears to have been quite a success. The exercises were conducted with appropriate vocal and instrumental music, the ancient charges were read, and a very fine address delivered by the Grand Orator, Rev. Bro. Wyllys Hall. Our space will not permit us to reproduce it—and it should be read in full to form an adequate idea of its merit.

A large amount of business was transacted, and the Grand Lodges of Idaho and New Brunswick recognized.

A proposition to increase the minimum fees for the three degrees from twenty to twenty-five dollars, was not concurred in. We regret this, for, in our opinion the fees for the degrees are too low all over the Union.

In Ohio, as in the other larger jurisdictions, the inconvenience resulting from the great number of representatives begins to be felt; and to obviate this difficulty an amendment to the constitution, proposing to strike out the word "Wardens," thereby limiting the representation to the W. M., or his proxy, was ordered to be submitted to the subordinate lodges for their approval.

One of the rules for the government of the subordinates was amended so as to read that a member, withdrawing his membership, "voluntarily renounces all claims to the benefits of the lodge organization;" and from the decisions of the Grand Master, all of which were concurred in, we select the following:

A brother who was appointed and served as Warden of a lodge under dispensation is eligible to the office of W. M.

No Mason can vouch for a brother unless he has sat in a lodge with him, or has examined him by appointment of the W. M.

An objection to the advancement of a candidate, after a clear ballot, suspends the operation of the ballot.

A Master Mason in good standing is always entitled to a dimit, and the same should be granted him when applied for at a stated meeting of the lodge.

The rule requiring a residence of one year in the jurisdiction of a lodge, applies only to petitions for initiations, and not to petitions of Master Masons for membership.

Bro. Wm. M. Cunningham presented a well-written report on Foreign Correspondence. He reviews the proceedings of thirty-two Grand Lodges, Louisiana for 1868 included, in a courteous manner, and his comments are interesting and instructive. He holds to the rule of his Grand Lodge, that maiming after initiation is no bar to the advancement of the candidate. We have already "had our say" on this question, and no new argument being advanced, it is not necessary to repeat it.

Bro. Cunningham quotes largely from the address of Grand Master Hazelrigg, of Indiana, criticises it freely, and in reply to the remarks on the ancient charges and old regulations, says:

With much more of the same style, in which, in the opinion of your committee, false logic is used for true reasoning, and sophistry takes the place of argument—landmarks are written and unwritten—the practical laws of operative Masonry have been merged into the speculative, but the spirit of the law, in its most minute symbolism, remains the same. The names of degrees are changed, but their lessons, as a whole, are the same; the wording of rituals must change in accordance with the language in which they are used, and to correspond with the customs and peculiarities of different nations, yet their teachings are the same. So, also, with the landmarks of the institution. The charges of a Freemason, and the thirty-nine articles of the rules and regulations thereunto appended, are, in the opinion of your committee, the spirit of the *written* landmarks of Freemasonry, and as such, as far as can be done in accordance with the now speculative character of our institution, demand the fulfillment of our vows in their most careful observance.

His closing remarks on "uniformity of work" impress us very favorably. Their length alone prevents us from giving them entire, but the following extracts merit a careful perusal.

Uniformity of work does not, therefore, consist of such meaningless forms of speech, composed of set words, as may be agreed upon, from time to time; but it is rather the spirit of the letter that should possess uniformity; and the words composing our rituals should be the purest known to the language in which they are worked. Our rituals should, therefore, consist of Anglo Saxon words, or words of Anglo Saxon origin, as nearly, at least, as can be done in conformity with the modern structure of the English language.

Every word correctly used in the Masonic system is, in a great measure, a

symbol, based upon the natural meaning of the word used or object represented, and when words foreign to the language are introduced the symbolism is destroyed. \* \* \*

Another abuse of the privileges of a Master, and a perversion of Masonic uniformity and teachings is the introduction of sectarian matter in monitorial and esoteric instructions. There is nothing of a sectarian character in Freemasonry; any and all allusions therefore to particular dispensations or creeds—Jewish, Romanish, or Evangelical dogmas—are out of place and unmasonic—a belief in the existence and perfections of the Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe being the only religious belief required of a candidate. Masters excuse themselves for the use of sectarian expressions by saying that they find these things in the "Monitors." This, however, is not a legitimate excuse, as it is well known that sectarianism has no part or place in Masonry, and that a majority of the monitorial books in use have sectarian expressions, illegitimate deductions, and other flagrant errors, resulting from a desire to introduce something new, to make money, to foster pet theories, or to render their authors famous as degree makers.

Bro. Thomas Orr, an old member of the Grand Lodge, and Past Grand Master Chester Griswold were gathered to their fathers in the latter part of 1867. Appropriate resolutions were adopted, and mourning pages set apart to their memory.

Howard Matthews, M. W. Grand Master, and John D. Caldwell, R. W. Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

OREGON.—The nineteenth annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held in Portland, June 21, 1869, Avery A. Smith, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and thirty-one lodges represented—session, three days.

In rendering an account of his stewardship, the Grand Master states that peace and prosperity prevail among the craft, "and at no time since the organization of the Grand Lodge, has there been more perfect harmony or better feeling among the members." He granted one dispensation for the formation of a new lodge, and six to confer degrees in less than the regular time. The latter were represented to him "as cases of emergency"—a phrase which we would like to see abolished. He decided that an E. A. or F. C., maimed after making, is entitled to advancement; and assigns as a reason "that when a lodge makes an E. A. they then pass upon his physical qualifications, and such decision is, final." We cannot assent to this decision, but having in previous reports expressed our opinion on this subject, do not deem it necessary to re-argue the question.

He regrets the annually increasing number of non-affiliated Masons in his jurisdiction, recommends the abandonment of the custom of requiring affiliation fees, and suggests that a dimit shall be considered only as a certificate of good standing and a permission to join another lodge—"the brother retaining his membership in the lodge dimitting him until said lodge has been notified that he has presented his dimit and been accepted a member of another lodge." No action was taken upon this suggestion, but a resolution abolishing all fees for affiliation was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

In relation to side-degrees, he says:

I was both amused and chagrined, a short time ago, to find in one of the newspapers of the city of Portland, under the head of "Masonic Election of Officers," an account of an election held in a lodge called the Eastern Star, where ladies were elected to offices of high sounding names—but offices new in Masonry. I say nothing of the character of these so-called side degrees. They are undoubtedly good in themselves. But I do say they are not part of Freemasonry, and should have no connection whatever with it—that the name of side degrees

of Masonry is entirely unauthorized, and should be discountenanced by Masons. And here let me ask, how many among those who are peddling this so-called Masonry, can even confer the first degree of Ancient Craft Masonry? And I hazard little in saying that nineteen in twenty know just about nothing about pure symbolic Ancient York Masonry. The soul-satisfying truths and moral beauties of genuine Masonry, clog upon the palate, and hence they stray away in pursuit of baubles. Not satisfied with the forms of sound words, specific and unequivocal, as transmitted to us by our forefathers, they pile on here and there a vast bombastic array of "tinkling cymbals." The so-called side degrees are cancerous excrescences on the body of Masonry, and unless healed or cut off, will ere long infuse disease through the whole body. Pure and unadulterated symbolic Masonry is of itself sufficient to fill the mind, and employ the energies of the most exalted intellect in or out of the fraternity.

We concur in this opinion, and, while we would keep Masonry free from all so-called side degrees, we would also preserve it from all entangling-alliances with the imitative societies of the day. We are therefore surprised at finding the following:

*Whereas*, The Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the city of Portland, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, propose at an early day to lay the corner-stone of their new Temple, and having expressed a desire that this M. W. Grand Lodge should contribute such articles as they might see fit, therefore,

*Resolved*, That a committee consisting of five Past Grand Masters be, and are hereby appointed, to prepare articles for deposit, and report their action to this Grand Lodge at its next annual communication.

The resolution was adopted and the committee appointed. Odd Fellowship, we doubt not, is a good thing in its place, but, as Masons, we can take no part with them either in their public or private ceremonies. The reason for this is obvious, and in many jurisdictions our lodges are strictly prohibited from holding their meetings in the same hall with any of the modern societies. It therefore seems strange that the Grand Lodge should have entertained such a proposition, and more so that five Past Grand Masters should have been selected to carry it out.

One charter was granted, the work exemplified, and a large amount of local business transacted.

An able and instructive address, on "the individual Mason, considered as the rough ashlar and the finished stone," was delivered by the Grand Orator, Rev. Bro. J. H. Wythe.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was prepared by M. W. Bro. S. F. Chadwick, and presents a concise review of the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Lodges—Louisiana for 1868 and 1869 receiving favorable mention. Our special report in reference to the action of the Grand Orient of France is given in full, and Bro. Chadwick thinks the case should receive careful consideration, and our appeal meet with a prompt response. But as he submitted no resolution on the subject, no action was taken by his Grand Lodge.

He takes exception to our remarks against the practice of striking from the roll for non-payment of dues, and can see no injustice in that summary mode of depriving a brother in arrears of his rights, because his honor "is pledged to pay those dues," and "every brother knows when he signs the by-laws of his lodge that he must be punished if he violates them." He evidently misapprehends our position on this question, and argues as if we were in favor of permitting delinquent brethren to enjoy all the benefits of the lodge organization, while contributing nothing to its support.

So far from this being the case, we hold that the obligation to obey the by-laws of the lodge is as sacred as any other covenant which a brother enters into with the fraternity. The violation of any obligation constitutes a Masonic crime, and subjects the brother to discipline. But he is entitled to a fair trial, and striking from the roll violates this principle. Besides, as it only deprives a brother of his membership, it fails to correct the evil it is intended to remedy, for in such cases the dues are seldom paid and the brother becomes an unaffiliated Mason. If, instead of pursuing this system, charges "for defrauding the lodge out of its just dues" were preferred against delinquent members, no principle of justice would be violated, and, in cases of willful neglect or refusal to pay dues, adequate punishment could be inflicted. Where such charges have been preferred, so far as our observation extends, few of them ever came to trial; the fear of suspension or expulsion from all the rights and benefits of Masonry exercising a wholesome influence upon the minds of those who would have permitted their names to have been stricken from the roll with supreme indifference.

D. G. Clark was elected M. W. Grand Master, and J. E. Hurford re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.—At a quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge held in Philadelphia, December 2, 1868, at which 130 lodges were represented, Richard Vaux, R. W. Grand Master, and John Thomson, R. W. Grand Secretary, were both re-elected. After the election the Finance Committee presented their report: Charity Fund \$55,322 39—during the year the "almoners" disbursed \$2,800 to 138 widows, 14 orphans, and one mother, of deceased brethren: Girard Fund \$52,035 64—disbursed to 105 "poor and respectable brethren," \$2,770 50, of which \$760 was to brethren hailing from other jurisdictions: receipts of the Grand Lodge \$64,330 98; expenditures \$63,292 03, of which \$32,634 28 were transferred to the Building Fund.

The annual communication was held December 28, 1869, and after the installation of the Grand Officers, the Grand Master delivered an able and eloquent address, which, although devoted to local matters, contains much of general interest. The harmonious and united condition of the craft throughout the jurisdiction, as well as the cordial relations existing between the subordinates and the Grand Lodge, afford him great satisfaction. The attachment to "Pennsylvania work" has been revived, and he renews the wish formerly expressed, that brethren hailing from Pennsylvania, visiting other jurisdictions should not be subjected to all those forms of examination which therein are customary, but not regarded as essential in the jurisdiction to which they belong. In relation to the work, he says:

I would most fraternally caution all Worshipful Masters to avoid taking the views or opinions from unauthorized sources on any subject which relates to the work or proceedings of their lodges. However good the motive for giving such views or opinions, the ability to express them in accordance with the regulations of the Grand Lodge is often wanting. This produces confusion, and the difficulties thus intended to be removed are magnified, and rendered worse than before. There is now no need of volunteer teachers. The Grand Lodge has approved of the means adopted for this purpose by the Grand Officers, and on them the duty and responsibility are properly placed. With twenty-seven District Deputies, it is no longer a complaint that instruction cannot be authoritatively received.

During the year thirty-one new lodges were "lawfully warranted and duly constituted," making the number of lodges 259 with a membership of 29,340.

In speaking of the growth of Masonry at home and abroad, he remarks:

Thus it is Freemasonry grows; thus are her borders enlarged and her *states* strengthened. Without wishing to assume "to be holier than thou," we would in the most fraternal solicitude for the real welfare of the craft everywhere, beg leave to remark, that the greatest danger to which Freemasonry is now exposed, *is from enemies within, not those without.* Making members of the craft, is not necessarily making Masons. There is too great a desire to increase the number of members, for peradventure the number of Masons is not thereby increased. Strict trial, severe tests, careful examination, thorough investigation into fitness; caution, prudence, due consideration, and above all, moral courage to do the duty which these virtues demand, are now essential in all lodges as precedent conditions to a favorable report on those who apply for the rights and privileges of Masonry. These are the guards which are stationed at every portal of the Temple. Woe unto that man, who by deceit or lack of examination passes them unchallenged—but woe to those who are thus made their associates. Once destroy the harmony of fraternal unity in the craft, and the enemy is thus in our very midst.

He reports the following decisions:

A lodge cannot be opened unless the charter is present.

An E. A., having a discharge from a lodge in another jurisdiction, must have fixed his residence and been admitted to membership in a lodge in Pennsylvania before he can be passed and raised.

A petition cannot be withdrawn from the hands of the committee, but after their report is made it can be withdrawn if no objection is made.

We dissent, and hold to the general rule that a petition, when presented, becomes the property of the lodge and cannot be withdrawn, but must go through the ordeal of investigation and ballot.

The corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple was laid on June 24, 1868, with imposing and solemn ceremonies, a full account of which, and the oration of the Grand Master, are given in the proceedings. Nearly 10,000 Freemasons were present, and the gavel Bro. GEORGE WASHINGTON used at laying the corner-stone of the Federal Capitol, at Washington, was used on the occasion. He says:

The whole cost of the ground and the work on the Temple, from the beginning up to the 15th of November, A. L. 5868, which is the end of the financial year of this Grand Lodge, amounts to the sum of \$209,344 77. Of this sum, subordinate lodges have subscribed \$120,400. From other Masonic sources, \$51,500; from the Grand Lodge Fund, \$66,065 76; total, \$237,965 76. This shows, on the 15th of November, the end of the last financial year, a balance in hand unexpended of \$28,620 99. The amount estimated to be necessary for work and material for the Temple during the present, or current financial year, is \$190,000.

After alluding to several subjects of local interest, he concludes:

My brethren, there yet remains a word to be spoken, which will come to your ears in the soft and muffled cadences of Masonic sorrow. In our advancement over the road which begins in life and ends in death, longer or shorter is the time of our journey. At every sunset we pitch our moving tents a day's march nearer to this journey's end. One by one our brethren leave us, and lie down to rest. Having kept the faith and finished their work, the God of the whole earth, and the Heaven of Heavens, of men and angels, Jehovah, the Eternal Father, calls them to lodge in the Temple invisible, everlasting. Amid that multitude which no man can number, where the amethyst and sapphire, the topaz, the jasper, and the emerald shine with a lustre brilliant because of the holy halo which surrounds the "great white throne," the jewels of these brethren are also seen in that greater light which exhaustless love, divine charity, and unbounded and enduring mercy eternally emit. For those of the craft who have thus departed from among us during the past year, let us hope, that in a sublime degree, they are enjoying happiness inexpressible.

Bro. J. R. Fisher presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, in which

the proceedings of thirty-four Grand Lodges, our own for 1868 included, receive fraternal notice. Deviating from the plan pursued by his predecessor, he treats the proceedings of each Grand Lodge separately, and says:

In making our extracts from the reports received, we have in but a few instances given the action of Grand Lodges upon questions of jurisprudence; the construction given by them to their several constitutions and by-laws, or to the several acts of misconduct in brethren which call for discipline, or the manner of enforcing it. All these things belong exclusively to the several Grand Lodges within their respective limits. We in Pennsylvania have taken the position that each Grand Lodge is absolutely supreme within its jurisdiction, and will submit to no interference with our affairs by any other Grand Lodge. We therefore consider it our duty to avoid all cause of offence to other jurisdictions, by abstaining from a criticism of their actions, unless they transcend the well-known and undisputed landmarks of the order. Most of the questions which we observe have been decided during the past year on these subjects by other Grand Lodges, have been determined by our own tribunals, and we look to them and them alone for our guidance. By pursuing this course without deviation, we prevent ourselves from being involved in any of those acrimonious discussions in which we are sorry some other Committees of Correspondence have been engaged.

This is in accordance with the regulations of his Grand Lodge, but, in our opinion, if this system were generally adopted these reports would lose much of their value. Nor is it a correct view to take of the matter, for, as Bro. Drummond well remarks:

These decisions are frequently in relation to the general Masonic law, and as such are common property. To discuss such decisions is no "interference" with the proceedings of another jurisdiction. It is important that correct principles should be established, and a free, courteous discussion aids very materially in so doing. We have often regretted that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has not more frequently given us her decisions. The fact that sometimes individuals have become "involved in acrimonious discussions," argues more a weakness in them than in the system.

**RHODE ISLAND.**—The semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held in Providence, November 16, 1868. Several amendments to the constitution were adopted, and the usual routine of business transacted.

At a special communication held April 30, 1869, the work was reported, approved, and ordered "to be suitably engrossed in a book for preservation in the office of the W. Grand Secretary." We would like to know how the Grand Lodge reconciles this with the obligation assumed by the initiate; and then, if it is lawful for it to have a written copy of the work, why should not all have the same privilege?

The annual communication was held in Providence, May 17, 1869, Thomas A. Doyle, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and twenty-four lodges represented. In referring to the condition of Masonry in his jurisdiction, the Grand Master says:

The subordinates are in a healthy condition, and although they have done less work than in the preceding year, yet I am inclined to think that the falling off in the number of candidates will be beneficial in its results. I do not believe that the evidence of a strong lodge is to be found in a long list of new members, but rather in a small number of good and true men. The members of a lodge who exercise the utmost care in the choice of material, do most for the future prosperity of their body. The change in the constitution by which the price for conferring the degrees was largely increased, has tended in certain portions of the State to stop applications. I am of the opinion, however, that the action of the Grand Lodge was judicious, and that in time better material will offer than would have been obtained at the old rates.

In this connection he calls attention to the improved financial condition of the Grand Lodge, which is now free from debt, and has a balance of \$794 09 in the treasury. This had arisen from the increased dues of the subordinate lodges, and, in the opinion of the Grand Master, shows the wisdom of that measure.

Among his decisions we find the following:

No additional specifications can be made after accused has been served with copy of charges. If such are needed new charges must be made and a copy served on the accused in due form.

At Masonic trials the Master must decide upon the admissibility of testimony and upon the propriety of questions.

It is in the discretion of a Master, whether his lodge shall join in the funeral procession of a brother whose remains are to be buried by a chapter or commandery.

We concur in the above, but two of his former decisions having been very generally dissented from, he restates them:

The first is that reported in May, 1867, that "an affirmation can be administered instead of an oath to any person who refuses on conscientious grounds to take the latter," and the second was reported last year and is as follows: "A man who has lost one foot, which has been replaced by an artificial one, can be made a Mason."

The objections made to these decisions are in brief, that the first one is contrary to an ancient landmark, and the second is in conflict with one of the old charges. If these objections are correct, then I am ready to admit that I erred in making the decisions, and that it is your duty to reverse your former action.

But he does not believe that the objections are well taken. In regard to the first, he does not consider it a settled point that the obligations are landmarks; and, even admitting they are, he argues that it does not follow the obligation must be an oath as an affirmation is equally binding. He also alludes to the number of "good and true Masons members of the Society of Friends"—but overlooks the objection that it is opening the door to sectarianism.

In reference to the other decision, he quotes from the fourth of the ancient charges, and claims that his decision is in accord with the spirit and letter of the law, as a person with an artificial foot, "walking erect," is not rendered "incapable of learning the art of serving his master's lord;" and is no more disqualified than if he wore artificial teeth. If this construction of the old charge is considered incorrect, he wants it carried out in all its particulars, and says: "Let candidates be required to bring their genealogies with them, and committees be appointed to inquire into the honesty of their parents!" He then adds:

The truth is this, that we are to construe the ancient charges and regulations according to the light of the present day and the character of the people where Masonry is worked; adhering rigidly, as we have ever tried to do, to the cardinal principles of our beloved institution, and endeavoring to prevent all innovations in the body of Masonry, without attempting to carry out customs or usages which the present state of society absolutely prevents us from doing.

This sentence contains the gist of M. W. Bro. Doyle's argument. It ought to be entitled "a plea for innovation," and as such we protest against it. For if the ancient charges are to be construed in this fashion, and our "customs or usages" modeled to suit "the present state of society," it will not be long before the distinctive character of our institution is frittered away.

Thomas A. Doyle, M. W. Grand Master, and Charles D. Greene, R. W. Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

QUEBEC.—A schism has taken place in Canada, and we have a pamphlet



containing the proceedings of the convention which formed the Grand Lodge of Quebec. It states that a large and influential "assemblée" of Freemasons, hailing from the different Grand Lodges exercising jurisdiction in the Province of Quebec, was held in Montreal, August 12, 1869, which adjourned to the 24th September following, when a committee was appointed to wait upon the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and request him to call a special communication of his Grand Lodge "for the purpose of enabling the craft in this Province to present their views as to the propriety of establishing an independent Grand Lodge for the Province of Quebec, and to ask the co-operation of said Grand Lodge of Canada in the establishment of the same, provided it should be deemed desirable and expedient by said Grand Lodge of Canada." In pursuance of this resolution the committee waited upon the Grand Master, and reported as the result of the interview that he "refused in a most peremptory manner to call together his Grand Lodge as requested." The "assemblée" then resolved that a convention of the several lodges in the Province of Quebec should be held in Montreal on the 20th of October then next, and circulars were issued to that effect.

The convention was accordingly held; twenty-one lodges were represented, of which eighteen held charters from the Grand Lodge of Canada, two from the Grand Lodge of England, and one from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. A majority of the lodges in the Province being represented, it was resolved to form a Grand Lodge; the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge of Canada, with the necessary changes, were adopted and Grand Officers elected. The Grand Master elect, M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham was presented to, and installed by, R. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson, senior P. M. presiding, and after being "formally seated on the throne," he installed the several other Grand Officers elect.

Accompanying the proceedings of this convention, we have a circular requesting recognition and the appointment of a representative. It gives the reasons which led to the formation of the Grand Lodge, the first of which is as follows:

That for a number of years previous to the formation of what is still called the Grand Lodge of "Canada," and until July 1, 1867, the territory over which that Grand Lodge claimed to exercise jurisdiction, formed and constituted but *one Province*, called "the Province of Canada," and having but *one Legislature* or parliament; but by the proclamation of the "British North American act," on July 1, 1867, the "Province of Canada" as then existing, was, to use the very word of that act, "severed" into *two separate and distinct Provinces*, called the "Province of Quebec," and the "Province of Ontario." These Provinces of Quebec and Ontario, thus formed, were also by the proclamation of the aforesaid "British North American act," joined (together with the Provinces of Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick), into one federal union which was declared "to form and be" "the Dominion of Canada;" so that since the 1st July, 1867, the *two Provinces* of Ontario and Quebec, have been and are, as *distinct and separate* as the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, or as are any *two States* of the American Union, while the legislature of each Province is similar to the legislature of each State of the same, and the Dominion Parliament is somewhat analogous to the Federal Congress of the United States of America.

As our space will not permit us to give the circular entire, we will briefly notice the other reasons adduced. They are: that for over two years the Grand Lodge of Canada has exercised authority over two separate and distinct Provinces, contrary to the established principle "that Masonic and political boundaries are, and ever ought to be, coterminous;" that in the Province of Quebec this was a divided authority, the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland

and Canada exercising concurrent jurisdiction, "and that such a state of Masonic affairs was wholly incompatible with the peace and welfare of our beloved fraternity;" that in 1867, owing to the political changes, the subject had been discussed in the Grand Lodge of Canada, and referred to a committee of seven—four of whom reported in favor of maintaining the *status in quo* of the Grand Lodge while awaiting further developments, and three (of whom the present Grand Master of Canada was one), reporting in favor of the formation of an independent Grand Lodge in each of the four Provinces; that since that time the Grand Lodge of Canada had made every effort to unite the different lodges in the Dominion under its government without success—the formation of the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick having given a *quietus* to that hope, while the remark of Grand Master Stevenson, in his address to his Grand Lodge in July last, that he had reason to believe that the lodges working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland would favorably entertain a proposition to come under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Canada, had not been realized; not one member of those lodges having accepted the invitation to meet the committee appointed by the Grand Lodge of Canada for that purpose, but on the contrary, two of these lodges, by their duly appointed delegates, had co-operated in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. Other reasons are assigned, showing that the welfare and interests of the craft will be promoted by the formation of the new Grand Lodge, but being of a local character they have no weight in determining the legality of the new Grand Body, although they doubtless exercised a powerful influence on the movement which resulted in its establishment.

We have also the proceedings of a "special emergent communication" of the Grand Lodge of Canada, held in Montreal, Dec. 1, 1869, for the purpose of adopting measures in relation to "the recent rebellion and secession of certain lodges and brethren." One hundred and twenty-eight lodges were represented, and the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, read an address of twenty-three closely printed pages, detailing his action in the matter and arguing against the legality of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. He states that he concluded the interview with the committee appointed by the "assemblée," by saying that he "would give the subject most earnest consideration, and would answer them more formally in a day or two;" but, learning subsequently that it had been resolved to call a convention, he summoned them to appear and give an explanation of their conduct. On the appearance of the call for a convention, he immediately issued an edict suspending "from all the rights, benefits, and privileges of the order of Freemasonry" all the brethren whose names were attached to it, and also an edict prohibiting any lodge or brethren from attending the convention. This edict was issued without the seal of the Grand Lodge, and on a D. D. Grand Master attempting to read it in one of the lodges, it was pronounced illegal and a scene of great confusion ensued. The excitement was so great that charters were abstracted from lodge rooms, and this state of feeling was not allayed by the suspension of a lodge which had appointed delegates to attend the convention. Notwithstanding this the convention was held, and the Grand Lodge of Quebec organized. Grand Master Stevenson immediately instructed the Grand Secretary to issue a circular to the Grand Lodges with which they were in fraternal correspondence, requesting them to postpone the recognition of the new Grand Body, until after receiving a circular containing

full and complete information in regard to "this irregular and clandestine organization," which was then being prepared by the Grand Lodge of Canada.

This circular has not been received, but the information is doubtless contained in his address. In relation to the officers of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, he says eight of them were and still are suspended Masons, and they were installed by a P. D. D. G. M., who was also a suspended Mason. The number of the lodges in the Province is stated as follows:

In October last, there existed in the Province of Quebec 39 lodges. Of these, 32 were under our jurisdiction; 5 under English jurisdiction (permitted by virtue of an arrangement entered into between the Grand Masters of England and Canada, in 1859;) and 2 under Scotland. Total, 39.

Of this number twenty-one were represented in the convention; Grand Master Stevenson says many of them "never gave any authority to be so represented," and it was principally done by Past Masters or Masters "in the hope of getting their action afterwards endorsed by their respective lodges;" that two of them were suspended at the time; that two have since repudiated all connection with the new movement, and that other lodges are divided on the subject.

He then comments upon a circular addressed to the brethren of the Province of Ontario, by the officers of lodges in Montreal, setting forth the reasons which induced them to join in the movement. They are substantially the same with those set forth in the circular we have received from the Grand Lodge of Quebec, only the local reasons are treated more fully and extracts are given from the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada at its session of 1867. These extracts corroborate the statement that the question of a separate Grand Lodge for each Province was agitated at that session; but Grand Master Stevenson states that after the report of the committee to whom the subject had been referred was signed, it was understood that some alterations were to be made in the wording before submitting it to the Grand Lodge. Owing to the sudden sickness of one of the committee, the corrections were not made, and this was not discovered until some time after the proceedings were published. This, however, does not affect the present question.

He argues that "the only supreme Masonic authority in and over the territory formerly known as Upper and Lower Canada, now known as Ontario and Quebec," has been vested in the Grand Lodge of Canada ever since its organization in 1855; that after a Grand Lodge has been once established and recognized, its jurisdiction and authority cannot in any degree be affected by any political or governmental action, and therefore "a second Grand Lodge cannot at present, be legally established in either one or other of these two Provinces." Admitting that the English lodges are permitted to work under the agreement made with the Grand Master of England, he takes no notice of the two lodges which work directly under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and in regard to the operation of the "Confederation Act," says:

I am well aware that it is held as a general principle, by eminent authorities on this continent, that Masonic boundaries should be coterminous with political boundaries. This has been the rule in the establishment of Grand Lodges in the United States. But the United States furnishes no parallel to the case under consideration, and therefore comparison is entirely out of the question. The arguments which would be applicable to a number of separate, independent States, claiming to exercise exclusive legislative authority and supreme governmental control in all matters, except such as they themselves reserve and depute to the general or United States Government, lose all their point and efficacy when

applied to our subordinate colonial or provincial condition, where all the power is vested in the general or Dominion Government and Parliament—where only local matters (or such as are in the United States termed municipal), are intrusted to the local governments and legislatures, the Lieutenant Governors of the various Provinces deriving their appointments from the Governor General of the Dominion.

The address closes with an appeal to the brethren of the Province of Quebec to return to their allegiance, and asserting that under every point of view their interests and welfare will be better protected by remaining under the Grand Lodge of Canada than by separating from it.

The address was referred to a committee, who reported a series of resolutions endorsing the action of the Grand Master, and declaring: That the Province of Quebec has been fully occupied, Masonically, since 1855, and is still so occupied by the Grand Lodge of Canada; that the formation of a second Grand Lodge in that Province is therefore illegal and unconstitutional; that, condemning the action of the brethren engaged in forming the Grand Lodge of Quebec, the Grand Lodge of Canada expresses the hope they will return to their allegiance, assuring them they will be received with cordiality and brotherly good will—but withholding all hope of recognition of the new Grand Body; that all Masonic communication with the brethren and lodges acknowledging allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Quebec be prohibited, and, if they fail to return to their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada in three months, that they be summoned to appear at the next annual communication to show cause why they should not be expelled.

The resolutions were adopted *seriatim*. When the fourth in the series was submitted, the question was raised whether the Grand Junior Warden was entitled to a seat in the Grand Lodge, his lodge having been represented in the convention, and afterward by resolution endorsing the action of its representatives. Called upon to define his position, he stated that he concurred in the action of his lodge, and, it being decided that he had no seat in the Grand Lodge, he resigned his jewel and retired amid the regrets of the brethren.

We have given both parties a full hearing; the question must be met, and the sooner it is settled the better. We consider the case analogous to that of West Virginia; but Grand Master Stevenson claims that the rules which apply to such cases in the United States are not applicable to the several Provinces which form the Dominion of Canada. Not having a copy of the "confederation act," we will not undertake to decide which of the two interpretations placed upon it is correct; nor is it necessary—the Grand Lodge of Canada, having recognized the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, is precluded from raising this objection in the case of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

It is admitted that three Grand Lodges, either directly or indirectly, exercised jurisdiction in the Province of Québec, and that, in the convention, a majority of the lodges in the Province, including subordinates of each of these Grand Lodges, were represented. The new Grand Lodge appears to have been regularly formed. But it is objected that two of the lodges represented were under suspension, and that a number of the prominent members of the convention were also suspended Masons. While a Grand Master has the power to arrest the charter of a lodge, or suspend a W. M. from the functions of his office, for cause, until the meeting of the Grand Lodge, he can not stretch his prerogative so far as to suspend a brother from the rights and privileges of Masonry, by an edict.

Every Mason charged with an offence is entitled to a fair and impartial trial—he cannot be divested of his rights by an arbitrary exercise of power—the suspensions by edict therefore possess no legal force or validity, and do not affect the good standing of the members of the convention.

The scenes of confusion and the divided opinion of a number of the lodges are also urged against the recognition of the new Grand Body. For the first, we have no excuse to offer: as for the second, a similar condition of affairs recently existed in the Province of Nova Scotia, and, unless our memory fails us, the lodges in Canada were also divided in opinion fifteen years ago, when the present Grand Lodge was formed. Taking the statements made as correct, they show a want of harmony and an excited feeling which are greatly to be deplored, but they do not affect the legality of the new organization.

We hold that this question must be decided on the principles which governed the case of West Virginia, and therefore submit a resolution extending recognition to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and recommend its adoption. In conclusion we hope that the fraternal and conciliatory spirit which was displayed by the Grand Lodges of Virginia and West Virginia in the discussion and settlement of their troubles will be imitated by our brethren in both Provinces, and thus secure a return of that harmony which is a distinguishing characteristic of our fraternity.

J. H. Graham was elected M. W. Grand Master, and Edson Kemp, R. W. Grand Secretary.

Since the above was written, we learn that the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, at a meeting held January 11, 1870, extended fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, as a sister Grand Lodge. Two of the remaining lodges in the Province affiliated with the new Grand Lodge during December, 1869—one of the number is Albion Lodge No. 17, English Register; it has been in existence for over 119 years, and is located in the city of Quebec.

**SOUTH CAROLINA.**—The annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held in Charleston, November 17, 1868, James Conner, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, presiding, and 106 lodges represented—session, two days.

In the absence of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. James L. Orr, the Deputy Grand Master delivered “a beautiful extemporaneous address,” a copy of which was requested for publication, but it does not appear to have been furnished. The Grand Lecturer reported that he had visited ninety-five lodges—and the office was continued for another year. Eleven charters were granted and three restored. The Charity Committee disbursed during the year \$963—leaving a balance on hand of \$1,555; and measures were adopted to enlarge the burial lot of the Grand Lodge in Magnolia Cemetery.

A report and resolution were adopted condemning, in strong language, the establishment of lotteries, under the sanction of a Masonic body, for any purpose whatever, as “derogatory to the character of our institution and subversive of its established principles.”

Masonic Life Insurance Companies were commended to the favorable consideration of the craft, but it was held improper to connect them with the Grand Lodge.

Bro. A. G. Mackey presented his credentials as representative of the Grand Lodge of Italy, and was received and welcomed as such. Which of the rival Grand Lodges has been recognized by South Carolina, we are not informed.

A brother appealed from the decision of his lodge, and the case was referred to the Committee on Grievances; but before the committee reported, the appellant was permitted to prefer charges against the Master of his lodge; the objection raised that the appellant was a suspended Mason and could not therefore present charges, being overruled. This is something new to us, and, as Bro. Simons remarks, it is "a precedent more to be honored in the breach than in the observance."

The Committee on Grievances presented several able reports which were adopted. In one of them, while admitting that the right of appeal is inalienably invested in every Mason, the committee held that this right should not be extended to the prosecutor, in cases where the lodge, after a fair trial, acquits the accused. They say:

The accuser, in Masonry, occupies a similar position to the prosecutor in the civil courts. The principle of the civil law is, that where the defendant is acquitted, the prosecutor, or State, can never appeal, for the effect would be to try a man twice for the same offence. This would violate the principles of both the Federal and State constitutions; and while your committee are not prepared to say that Masonic trials are to be circumscribed and entrammeled with all the forms and technicalities of the civil courts of the country, yet there are certain fundamental principles which have their foundation in reason and justice, which apply alike to one forum as the other, and this, it is believed, is one of them. Every principle of law, reason, justice, and even expediency seems to combine in denying the right of appeal under such circumstances.

This agrees with the opinion we have heretofore expressed, and appears to us the only sensible view which can be taken of the subject. From another report of the same committee, we copy and commend the following:

From certain facts developed in the course of the investigation, your committee are induced, though somewhat irregularly, to place upon record their views of an evil, which, if allowed to obtain, must inevitably create dissensions and heart-burnings, if nothing worse, in our lodges. It is an evil of the worst description, for it is beyond the reach of legal correction. While a member of a lodge is very properly left free to exercise the prerogative of the ballot according to his own conviction of right and duty, he is not at liberty to use it for the gratification of personal prejudices or in a spirit of spiteful revenge.

He should feel that he is acting for the institution and not for himself alone; that he has to some extent the reputation and the feelings of the candidate in his hands, and he should do as he would in similar circumstances that others should do by him. Following the golden rule, he will do his duty, and nothing more. Your committee desire not to be misunderstood. They advocate the most rigid scrutiny—the highest standard of qualification—and a free use of the black ball, whenever the circumstances of the case will justify it; but against all improper use of them—against making them a means of gratifying mere personal ill-will, or prejudice, or revenge, we protest as unmasonic, mean and dishonorable. The member who so uses his power violates his conscience and abuses his privilege, inflicts a moral wrong upon the candidate, and works an irreparable injury to his lodge.

The Grand Secretary reported ten lodges in arrears for charter fees. Upon investigation, it appeared that several of the lodges so reported had previously paid the fees to the former Grand Secretary, Bro. A. G. Mackey. The committee to whom the matter was referred, state that Bro. Mackey appeared before them, and manifested every disposition to correct any errors; that he admitted errors in four cases and promptly paid over the amounts. But an examination of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge showed no entry of debits or credits for charters in the reports of Bro. Mackey, as Grand Secretary, from 1860 until his successor was elected; and as the possession of a charter by a lodge raises a

presumption that it has been paid for, a resolution was adopted holding Bro. Mackey responsible "in all cases where no credit is given," until he satisfies the Grand Lodge such charters have not been paid for. A resolution declaring Bro. Mackey not in good standing was offered—but it was laid on the table. This leads us to infer that the Grand Lodge did not consider the default of Bro. Mackey as intentional on his part, but rather attributed it to the well-known careless manner in which he conducted the business of the secretariat.

The Grand Secretary, Bro. R. S. Bruns, presented a carefully prepared report on Foreign Correspondence, in which he reviews and gives copious extracts from the proceedings of twenty-three Grand Lodges—our own not included.

James Conner was elected M. W. Grand Master, and R. S. Bruns re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.—The fifty-fifth annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held in Nashville, October 5, 1868, Joseph M. Anderson, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and 220 lodges represented—session, five days.

The address of the Grand Master is brief and confined principally to local matters. Alluding to the popularity of Masonry, he asks if our lodges are not too numerous, and our membership too great. He places an average estimate upon the goodness and virtue of mankind, and is of the opinion that a very small proportion of men are fit to become Masons, or have the ability to live up to the requirements of our institution. Entertaining these views, he earnestly discourages the formation of new lodges, except when it is manifestly and unmistakably for the good of the craft; nevertheless he issued dispensations for the formation of twelve new lodges during the year, after a careful inquiry into the merits of each case, and rejected a number of applications.

He regrets he was unable to visit all the lodges, and urges the importance of adopting measures to secure official visitation to all the subordinates, either by the appointment of more deputies or additional lecturers. It appears that the distant and more inaccessible lodges have been much neglected in this respect, and, as a general rule, they are the ones which require the most instruction. He recommends the lodges to exercise liberality in the affiliation of members, to urge upon the unaffiliated, who are increasing in number throughout the State, the duty they owe to themselves and the fraternity, and thus induce them to become active members instead of remaining useless drones in the Masonic hive.

The Grand Lodges of New Brunswick and Idaho were recognized; the work was exemplified, and twenty-three charters granted. The revised constitution was rejected, but is again submitted to the subordinate lodges.

It was resolved that hereafter the election of Grand Officers shall not be held until after all other business has been transacted. We consider this an excellent idea, as with us many of the country members go home as soon as the election is held, although, as a general rule, the most important business of the session is not acted upon until after the election is over.

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the proceedings of the Grand Lodge (from (1813) to be reprinted, be published by the Grand Secretary at his expense, the Grand Lodge subscribing for twelve hundred copies thereof, at such price as may be agreed to by the first four of the Grand Officers.

From the report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, which was adopted, we extract the following decisions:

An expelled Mason can only be restored by the lodge which expelled him, or by the Grand Lodge under whose jurisdiction he was expelled, upon proper application.

No certificate or written testimonial is sufficient evidence that the bearer is a Mason. Such testimonials do not relax the rule requiring legal information or examination.

The Grand Lodge does not recognize and has no jurisdiction over any of the so-called side degrees.

An expelled Mason is not entitled to Masonic honors or recognition, either public or private; and members of a lodge who may be guilty of so grave an offence against the immemorial usages of the order, should be promptly dealt with by the lodge, and such punishment inflicted as it may determine. Should the lodge fail to act in such case, the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master in the interim should impose such penalty as the circumstances may require. Masons, as such, in an individual capacity, cannot perform Masonic funeral obsequies.

The same committee submitted two reports on the following question, referred to them in 1867:

Has a member of a subordinate lodge a right to vote in the lodge while he is under charges for unmasonic conduct?

The majority of the committee answers that he has not. That whilst in law "every man is presumed innocent until his guilt is proven on a final trial," in Masonry the rule is modified if not reversed. When charges have been preferred against a member of such nature as if true would subject him to suspension or expulsion from the privileges of Masonry, and such charges have been entertained by the lodge, the standing of the brother charged is impaired, and while the trial is pending he cannot be regarded as a Mason in good standing, and therefore should not vote in the lodge.

The minority of the committee answer: "He has. He is entitled to the presumption of innocence until proven guilty."

The minority report was adopted. The proposition enunciated is so self-evident that it requires no argument to sustain it; whereas the majority report attempts

"To prove by reason, in reason's despite,  
That right is wrong, and wrong is right,  
And white is black, and black is white."

On the evening of the fourth day of the session, the Grand Lodge proceeded to a public hall, appropriately fitted up and draped for the occasion, and held a Lodge of Sorrow in memory of the late Bro. Charles A. Fuller, Past Grand Master, and Grand Secretary at the time of his death, which we noticed in our former report. At the conclusion of the solemn and impressive ceremonies, Bro. William A. Nelson delivered an appropriate eulogy, from which we have only space for the following:

And now, notwithstanding the many notices and able biographical sketches that have already been given, all have failed—and I must equally fail—to portray the excellence of his character. Yet I cannot close without calling attention to the trait which shone the brightest, and well-nigh dimmed the lustre of the rest. I refer to his faithful and constant reliance on the merits of the "Lion of the tribe of Judah." Unostentatiously he moved forward, right forward to the altar of consecration. If his Masonic life rendered him great, his Christian life illustrated that he was *good*. In every department of life, in all its various, trying scenes, in no phase does the "good man" shine out with such transcendent brilliancy as in the sphere of an humble and devoted Christian. Faithfully he worked—ardently he strove—and heroically he battled in the mighty host of Israel's God.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was submitted by Bro. George S. Blackie. The proceedings of thirty-six Grand Lodges, our own for 1868 included



are noticed and commented on in a fraternal manner, and considering it is his first report he has acquitted himself very creditably.

Jonathan S. Dawson was elected M. W. Grand Master, and John Frizzel, R.W. Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.—The thirty-third annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held in Houston, June 14, 1869, Peter W. Gray, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and 142 lodges represented—session, five days.

The address of the Grand Master is a carefully prepared and methodically arranged paper. Alluding to the prosperity prevailing throughout his jurisdiction, he says "it is a cause for gratulation that so little of discord has occurred, while so much work has been accomplished." The craft have displayed zeal and activity in rebuilding the waste places, and Masonry stands higher in the respect of good men without our pale. With the cordial relations existing between his own and the other Grand Lodges in the United States, he thinks the representative system "may be made more beneficial than it is," and considers the regulation, adopted by his Grand Lodge at the previous session, limiting the term of appointment as peculiarly unfortunate. We expressed the same opinion in our last report, and may here add that the regulation referred to has been abrogated, and brethren receiving such appointments are to hold them "subject to the will and pleasure of the Grand Master, for the time being"—which is in conformity to the general custom.

He is gratified that the differences between the Grand Lodges of Virginia and West Virginia have been amicably arranged, and, referring to the recognition of clandestine organizations in our midst by the Grand Orient of France, requests the Grand Lodge to take action in the matter, and says:

It is simple, though involving a fundamental principle. It is the same which we asserted in 1853, in the case of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, for granting warrants to lodges in New York, to wit: that no Grand Lodge can lawfully exercise jurisdiction within the national limits of another Grand Lodge existing there. It is the same principle asserted for this Grand Lodge in our own constitution, claiming exclusive jurisdiction over lodges and Masons in Texas; and we must support the same right in others. Both self-protection and comity require it at our hands, wherever this right is violated and this comity disregarded by others upon any pretext whatever, and none the less so upon the socialist ground assumed by the Grand Orient. No Grand Lodge has the right or power, not even over its own subordinates, to declare *who shall be admitted* to our mysteries, or to *compel admission* of any class, religion or race of people. While no such distinctions are to be recognized, or made tests, neither can any lodge be compelled to admit material not fit in their opinion for the building, or not beneficial to the work. Upon this shallow pretext the Grand Orient has invaded the jurisdictional limits of Louisiana by recognizing certain lodges there independent of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. It cannot be doubted that you will concur with me in condemning this outrage, and in sustaining our sister in her rights.

In addition to this clear exposition of the principle involved, Bro. Marcus F. Mott, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in noticing this violation of our jurisdictional rights, gives a brief history of the clandestine organization and the decree of the Grand Orient of France recognizing it, and says:

Texas has already expressed her views upon the principles involved in this matter, in the stand she has taken towards the Grand Lodge of Hamburg for planting her subordinates within the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York. It is not necessary further to discuss them; and, invoking those

principles, we recommend that all fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France be discontinued.

Accordingly he submitted the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge discontinue all fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France, her subordinates and dependents, until such time as she may see fit to recognize and acknowledge the rights of our sister Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

But to return to the annual address: M. W. Bro. Gray, after referring to matters of general interest, proceeds to render an account of his stewardship. The room where a lodge met not being secure to do the work, he arrested the charter "until the house should be put in good and secure condition." He granted dispensations for four new lodges, and refused a number in compliance with the policy of his Grand Lodge which is "adverse to a multiplicity of small lodges or in close proximity to each other"—a policy we would like to see generally adopted. He commends the zeal and ability displayed by the District Deputies in the discharge of their duties, and gives an abstract of their reports which shows the commendation was not underserved.

The great popularity which Masonry has attained induces him to fear that there is not enough of caution exercised in the admission of candidates; and, in recommending that our portals should be opened only to the good and true, he is led to a consideration of the secrecy of the ballot. This, he says "should be preserved," for it is to be presumed that no Mason would reject a candidate from an unworthy motive—and yet, in some rare instances, the reverse is the case. He inquires if there is no remedy for this, and argues that the Master of a lodge should have the power to exclude a member who "persistently perverts his right of ballot by rejecting the best material a community affords"—"subject to responsibility for arbitrary or wrongful exercise of the power." This opinion, which if reduced to practice would soon render the secrecy of the ballot a myth, was not concurred in; the Grand Lodge holding that the exercise of the ballot can not in any way be controlled, but if a brother openly avows his intention to use the ballot improperly, he may be disciplined for unmaasonic conduct.

M. W. Bro. Gray says that the law in relation to non-affiliated Masons has occasioned embarrassment and misunderstanding. As a class they cannot claim, as a right, relief from the lodge funds or a Masonic funeral; but he thinks that this penalty should not be inflicted in all cases and under all circumstances, and that the law should be so construed as to give the lodge the power to grant relief to a sick, or perform the last offices for a deceased brother, if satisfied that his non-affiliation is not the result of a willful neglect or refusal to apply for membership. This view, which in our opinion is the correct one to take of the subject, was endorsed by the Grand Lodge.

In a case where a lodge elected and initiated a candidate residing within the jurisdiction of another lodge, without previously obtaining its consent, the Deputy Grand Master decided that the initiation was a *nullity*, that the candidate was not a regular made Mason, and directed that the lodge should commence *de novo*! This was done; the consent of the lodge having jurisdiction obtained, and the candidate again balloted for and elected—but instead of again going through the ceremony of initiation, he was healed. The Grand Lodge dissented from this decision, and held that if a regulation is violated, it subjects a lodge to

punishment, if done knowingly; but that work done by a legal lodge can not be objected to as clandestine. The true doctrine in all such cases.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances submitted an able report, which was adopted. Two of the cases referred to them deserve notice:

Charges were preferred against a brother for unmasonic conduct; the trial was regularly conducted and resulted in his suspension, and he was returned to the Grand Secretary as a suspended Mason. Afterward the lodge granted him a new trial, permitted the charges to be withdrawn by the brother who made them, and declared him reinstated. This coming to the knowledge of the Grand Master, he decided that a new trial could not be granted, after the result of the trial had been certified to the Grand Secretary, and the accused reported as suspended; and ordered the lodge to annul its action granting the new trial, and to report the brother as suspended. The lodge did so; and the brother appealed. The committee held that the ruling of the Grand Master was correct, and remark:

It was too late for an application for a new trial after the case had been reported to the Grand Lodge. In addition to this, we think there was error in permitting the charges to be withdrawn. It was due alike to the accused brother and to the lodge, that the charges should have been fully and fairly investigated, especially after one trial had been had in the premises. Not only the accused, but the whole body of Masonry is interested in charges once preferred. If innocent, he should be so declared after fair trial. If guilty, the craft at large are interested in his conviction and punishment.

The other case was where a brother, expelled by his lodge for unmasonic conduct, appealed at the session of 1868 and the case was ordered to be retried—the venue being changed to another lodge. The trial was accordingly had, a D. D. Grand Master presiding, and resulted in the acquittal of the accused.

The case came up on the appeal of the Junior Warden. The record evidence showed that the accused had acted in a most violent and insubordinate manner in open lodge, refusing to obey the order of the W. M., stamping his foot upon the altar, making use of opprobrious epithets, drawing a knife, etc. The committee say “the proof does not disclose a single extenuating or palliating circumstance,” and they can not understand by what process of reasoning or conscience the lodge arrived at its verdict of acquittal. They therefore conclude that the lodge, by its action, was determined not to punish a clear and palpable violation of good morals and good Masonry. But as the D. D. Grand Master who presided over the trial had since died, they recommend that the action of the lodge be reversed, that the case be sent to another lodge for new trial at which the D. D. Grand Master should preside, that he should also inquire into the action of the lodge which acquitted the accused, and report the same to the Grand Master.

As the record of this case appears complete, we are at a loss to understand why the death of the brother who presided at the trial, prevented a final disposition of the appeal. The good of the fraternity demands prompt and decisive action in all such cases. In our opinion, the Grand Lodge ought to have finished its own work by assessing the proper penalty, instead of sending the case back for a new trial; and arrested the charter of the lodge as it had proved recreant to the trust reposed in it.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence reported the following resolutions which were adopted:

*Resolved*, That it is irregular and inexpedient for any lodge to elect or appoint

any officer who is not a member of such lodge, except in the case of the tyler, who may be so appointed.

*Resolved*, That the regulation adopted January, 1856, allowing a Master Mason to be a member of two lodges at one and the same time, is hereby repealed; and hereafter no lodge shall affiliate a member without the production and deposit of his dimit, or satisfactorily accounting for its loss, or other cause for his inability to produce it.

The same committee, while of the opinion that the law requiring payment of dues should be punctually enforced by the lodges, say the penalty of suspension is too severe to be inflicted without notice to the defaulter. A resolution to this effect was adopted, also the following:

*Resolved*, That should a member, suspended for non-payment of dues, fail to pay the same within twelve months from his suspension, he may be expelled by the lodge, by regular proceedings and trial.

Why not. "regular proceedings and trial" in the first instance? This would cover the whole case and do away with special legislation. Such is the rule in Minnesota, and we would like to see it generally adopted.

The Grand Lodge of Idaho was recognized, and a large amount of local business transacted. The building of the new Masonic Temple had been brought to a stand for want of funds, and a committee was appointed to negotiate a loan of \$20,000 gold and thus complete the edifice at once.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. Marcus F. Mott, who reviews the proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Lodges, Louisiana for 1869 included, in an able and courteous manner. His views are in the main correct and clearly expressed. Grand Master Mickel, of Iowa, having decided that a lodge is justified in disregarding the protest of a member of another lodge, who protests against the advancement of a brother and refuses to give his reasons therefor, Bro. Mott remarks:

If by the Grand Lodge constitution, a member of his own lodge had a right to keep a candidate from advancement by simple protest, without assigning a reason, then the member of any lodge in the jurisdiction should have the same right. It is *Masonry* and not the *lodge* that is interested in the making of Masons. Every Mason becomes bound to the new made brother, and every Mason has a personal interest in the matter. Hence there should be no distinction made between members of different lodges upon this important question.

In reference to what are termed cases of emergency, Bro. Mott says:

We are of the opinion that convenience is often called emergency. If a candidate has just arrived at the age of maturity, he has a life before him, and if he has advanced in years and grown old before he has applied for the benefits of Masonry, he certainly is not entitled to any extra privileges on that account. It is sometimes, and we fear too often the case that candidates have an aversion to having their acts scrutinized, and their characters critically examined into, and become anxious to be hurried through as speedily as possible, and use every influence possible to induce their friends in the lodge to view their cases as cases of extreme emergency. We can scarcely conceive of a case requiring the action of the Grand Master, authorizing the advancement of a candidate within the constitutional time.

The proceedings contain a mourning page inscribed to the memory of D. D. Grand Master William H. Cooper, who died May 20, 1869, universally beloved and regretted,

Philip C. Tucker was elected M. W. Grand Master, and Geo. A. Bringhurst was re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.—The annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held

June 10, 1868, at St. Johnsbury, Leverett B. Englesby, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and eighty-one lodges represented—session two days.

The address of the Grand Master is one of the best we have ever read. He granted eleven dispensations for the formation of new lodges, and reports the craft in a prosperous condition. He says:

There have been, during the past eighteen months, a number of trials in different lodges, the results of which will be reported to you. They have occasioned a good deal of correspondence, and information has been sought upon almost every stage of their progress. So far as I have had personally to do with them, it has been my endeavor so to direct as that increased harmony might be the result. A great many difficulties arise from misconception, matters insignificant in themselves, but which, by being dwelt upon, create angry feelings, discords, and result in charges and trials. Trials, from such causes, are usually of little profit. The disease pervades the whole lodge, and the excision or other punishment of a single member does not heal the difficulty. It were well, in such cases, for each member to thoroughly examine himself, not that he may find excuses for word or act, but if he is not really in fault; a harsh word hastily spoken, an unpremeditated act, regretted as soon as done, but for which a false pride prevents an apology. If so, the generous word, with the freely proffered, fraternal grasp of the hand, will be more efficacious to restore harmony than aught else. Were this the spirit in which all our lodges were conducted, we should realize more fully the word *fraternal*, so often used. There are cases, however, of moral delinquency which require different treatment; when they arise, the good of the lodge requires that they should be promptly and effectually treated. It occurs to me, in this connection, that our present method of trial is cumbersome. If the trial is to be had before the lodge, it is as well now as it can be. In some jurisdictions the facts are ascertained by a committee appointed for that purpose, whose duty it is, after hearing, to report their finding, and a resolution or resolutions recommending such action as they deem appropriate in the premises. Such a course simplifies the proceedings, and has the advantage of saving the time of the large portion of the members, with greater facilities for the hearings.

These remarks are as applicable to the craft in Louisiana as in Vermont. Trials, also, are conducted in both jurisdictions in the same manner, and the objections to the system are obvious. At our last annual communication, M. W. Bro. Swasey suggested a modification in our system similar to that recommended by Grand Master Englesby, and in New York and some other jurisdictions the trial takes place before a commission appointed by the lodge. The subject deserves a careful consideration.

In reference to the ballot, Grand Master Englesby says:

I have in one or two instances allowed the ballots to be again passed for persons who had been rejected, before the time prescribed by the by-laws had elapsed. This was done upon the express understanding that the cause of the rejection was the misapprehension of the brother casting the black ball in regard to the person proposed, the name being the same or nearly so; these facts were spread upon the record, and care was taken that all the brethren present when the rejection was had, were also present when the ballots were again passed. I desire to spread upon the record my present view upon this question. The apparent hardship of the case presented led me into what I think an error. In no case were I again invested with the privilege of deciding, would I allow it. All these relaxations of our rules tend to produce laxity of action. Such care should be taken and deliberation used in the admission of members that mistakes may not occur. The result of a general understanding that a reconsideration of a ballot could be had, might be that efforts would often be made to discover who cast a black ball, on the pretence that a mistake had been made. It should be distinctly understood that in no case should a brother disclose how he voted. It is far better to suffer for a short time the inconvenience arising from a mistake, than to have so ancient and salutary a law as that of secrecy of ballot infringed upon.

His views in relation to cases of emergency are equally sound:

Dispensations are still occasionally sought for conferring the degrees out of time. They have been yielded to in but one instance, and that regretted almost as soon as granted. This subject has been sufficiently discussed in my former communications, and I may be allowed to say that experience but confirms the views then expressed. There is a great and growing tendency to mitigate the rigor and dispense altogether with rules, long observed and necessary to a proper conduct of our business. Were I to enjoin upon my successor the one golden rule to guide his official career, it would be to take strong ground upon this subject, and never let the ancient regulations be dispensed with on any pretence. *Real, substantial cases of emergency* are of the rarest, apparent ones of the most frequent occurrence; hardly one in which the personal good of the candidate—not the good of the order—is not the primary object.

He reports twenty-two decisions, from which we select the following:

The effect of a refusal to ballot would be the same as a black ball. The ballot cannot be said to be unanimous unless all vote.

This is very strong ruling, but we believe it correct. The general regulations of 1721 expressly declare "no man can be entered a brother in any particular lodge, or admitted a member thereof, without the unanimous consent of all the members of the lodge then present;" and this can only be ascertained when all have voted.

The officers of a new lodge must be elected and installed as soon as may be after receipt of the charter, and the lodge should be constituted in form.

A request for a dimit should always be in writing, and state the purpose for which the dimit is asked.

In no case should Masonic trials be governed by technicalities. Such action should be endeavored to be had as to develop the existence of such conduct, in the matter alleged, upon the part of the brother charged, as would render him unworthy of lodge fellowship, or the contrary.

Eleven charters and two dispensations were granted, and one charter refused. On motion, the representatives of the several lodges to whom charters were granted were admitted to seats in the Grand Lodge. This is at variance with the usual practice, and seems to conflict with the decision of the Grand Master above quoted.

Hereafter the sessions of the Grand Lodge are to be held at Burlington; the State line was adopted as the line of jurisdiction between lodges situated in Vermont and in Canada; the work was exemplified, and the following resolution adopted:

*Resolved*, That the report of the select committee on the lectures be accepted and the committee discharged, and that the Grand Lodge hereby adopts the lectures, as reported, as the correct lectures, and strictly in conformity to those adopted in 1817.

This led to considerable discussion and a protest, which was referred to a committee to report upon next year. A lengthy communication from Past Grand Lecturer, Bro. Samuel Willson, protesting against the report of this select committee, was refused publication by the Grand Lodge, but the Grand Secretary gives it in the appendix. The question involved is the correctness of the Willson and Haswell cyphers—a question, which if the Vermont obligation is the same as ours, would be best settled by putting these and all other cyphers into the fire.

The reports of the District Deputies give very interesting details of the lodges in their respective districts. Most of the lodge rooms are elegantly furnished, musical instruments having in many instances been introduced, and the result is that the lodge meetings are well attended, the work well and accurately

performed, and the craft united and prosperous. And yet in one of these reports, we find matter for serious reflection:

Bro. John E. Hitt, D. D. Grand Master of the Fourth District, states that during his visit to one of the lodges, the W. M. made the startling announcement that Masonry was religion, and declared "that when Masonry ceased to be a religious and temperance institution, he should cease to be a Mason." Bro. Hitt objected, and endeavored to show that Masonry was not religion—that we must look elsewhere for our hope of heaven—and as regards temperance, while it was one of the cardinal virtues, "it never should be cultivated at the expense of the other three." Several prominent Masons present immediately took issue with him, a discussion ensued, and he left without convincing them that he "was sound in Masonry."

Such is the substance of the report; but no notice appears to have been taken of it, although the several reports of the Deputies were read and ordered to be "submitted with the transactions of the Grand Lodge." We consider this unfortunate, for the case certainly deserved investigation. A lodge which inculcates such doctrines is an unfaithful exponent of the principles of our institution. Masonry contains a moral and religious element, but an attempt to substitute Masonry for religion, or entangle it in any of the political or social movements of the day, unless speedily checked, will provoke collisions which will lead to disastrous results, if they do not in the end prove a death blow to our institution.

The Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Henry Clark presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, the principal feature of which is a reprint of the New York review of the European Grand Bodies. He gives no list of the proceedings received, but those of Virginia, Wisconsin, New Hampshire, Delaware, Missouri and New York are commented upon in an able and interesting manner. As the other thirty-six American Grand Lodges are not even alluded to, we find ourselves in a "goodly company," and fully agree with Bro. Clark that his "resumé of Masonic affairs is imperfect." That this is our loss, let the conclusion of his report show:

The review of the Grand Lodges of the united world, would present but little of interest, but a rehash of our last report. The impression conveyed to us by the perusal of the reports of the several Grand Lodges is favorable to the progress and importance of the Masonic institution, and that its influences are extended for the elevation and upraising of humanity. Its testimony is becoming more positive against vice and immorality of every form. It has suffered materially from the transactions of those who have unworthily sought its mysteries; but such persons find themselves more and more out of place and amid uncongenial associations, and it needs only the application of discipline on the part of the true and honorable members of our institution, to make it too hazardous an experiment to engage in by mercenary speculators.

In no field of human endeavor has our beloved institution won more trophies to its honor, than in the work of reconciling and harmonizing the troubled elements set in motion by the terrible civil strife from which the country has just emerged. Notwithstanding harsh words have been spoken, and powerful emotions of passion on both sides, at times, have invaded the sanctuary with fierce rage, yet as brethren worshipping around one common altar, forgiveness has been granted, errors of judgment and of heart have been atoned for, and the tendencies of the future are strongly toward peace and fraternity.

George M. Hall was elected M. W. Grand Master, and Henry Clark re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.—The annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held in

Richmond, December 14, 1868, William Terry, W. M. Master, presiding, and eighty-four lodges represented—session, three days.

The address of the Grand Master refers to the continued prosperity of the fraternity, "as evidenced by its increasing membership, in the number of our lodges, the applications for dispensations to open new ones, and the erection of many halls." During the recess, he granted dispensations for the formation of fourteen new lodges; and refused almost uniformly to grant them for the conferring of degrees out of time, as he considers the practice of making mere matters of convenience constitute a case of emergency of evil tendency and therefore to be discouraged. He discusses the qualifications of candidates, and holds "that it is not alone sufficient that the candidate should be personally unexceptionable; his connections must be such as will not bring reproach upon the fraternity." The ancient charges and the regulations of 1663 fully sustain the Grand Master, but now-a-days we doubt if the "*honest parentage*" of the candidate receives any attention.

The greater portion of the address refers to the relations existing between the Grand Lodge and that of West Virginia, and the Grand Master suggests that "it is time that this vexed and perplexing question" was finally disposed of. This was happily accomplished during the session, and in the manner following:

At the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, held November 10, 1868, Grand Master Bates devoted a considerable portion of his address to this subject, and states the conditions required by the Grand Lodge of Virginia to obtain its recognition:

These conditions are, 1st: That a majority of the lodges which were in existence in 1861 within the bounds of the now State of West Virginia, shall give their allegiance to this Grand Lodge; 2d, That the charters held by these lodges shall be returned to the Grand Lodge of Virginia; 3d, That the dues of these lodges to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, which accrued from 1861 to December, 1865, shall be paid.

Maintaining that his Grand Lodge is "legal and regular," still he says that, under all the circumstances, its recognition by the Grand Lodge of Virginia is much to be desired, and adds:

We are the offspring of that Grand Lodge. From her the greater number of our lodges received their charters—and from her we obtained the knowledge we possess of the sublime mysteries of the craft. That the members of this Grand Lodge retain feelings of strong attachment to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, is shown by the fact that, with but few alterations, we have adopted her constitution and laws, and have made the Text Book written by her venerable and most estimable Grand Secretary the manual for the guidance of our subordinate officers and members. Towards her, many of us entertain feelings like those with which men are wont to recall the fond memories of home, and the scenes and incidents and companions of childhood. I am well assured, brethren, that to every one of us, the knowledge that we were fully recognized and endorsed by our old mother, the Grand Lodge of Virginia, would bring feelings of the most sincere gratification.

Again, M. W. Bro. Bates says:

The ties which bind us in feelings of fraternal affection to the Grand Lodge of Virginia are different—stronger and more tender—than are those which attach us to any other Grand Lodge. If then these be our feelings—and I cannot doubt that we all entertain them alike—does it not become us to do everything, which in honor we may do, to secure her firm friendship and good will?

In reference to the conditions required by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, he remarks:

The *first* of these conditions is, that a majority of the lodges existing within



our limits in 1861 shall give us their allegiance. *This they have already done.* The evidence of it is in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and was presented in my report last year. The *second* condition is, that the charters held by lodges in our jurisdiction, issued by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, shall be returned to that Grand Lodge. In reference to this condition, I repeat the opinion expressed on a former occasion—and since that time abundantly sustained by the opinions of Masonic writers of high authority and position, in various parts of the country—that the return of the charters is *not a necessary preliminary to give legality to our Grand Lodge.* But, while I believe this, and while I am assured that the lodges holding these charters are anxious to retain them, because they form an important part of their history, and are valued mementoes of their former connection with the Grand Lodge of Virginia; yet, influenced by an ardent wish to maintain harmony with that Grand Lodge, and a sincere anxiety that nothing consistent with the preservation of our self-respect and dignity shall be wanting to testify our desire for peace and fraternal fellowship with our brethren of Virginia, I respectfully but very earnestly suggest the adoption of a resolution, directing the subordinate lodges holding charters derived from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, to send them, without delay, to our Grand Secretary, in order that they may be delivered to that Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge has already given its opinion as to the justice of the *third* condition—the payment of dues—by a resolution passed at your last meeting, directing the lodges to settle their dues with the Grand Lodge of Virginia. And I must express my very great regret, that any of them should have failed (if there be any), promptly to act in obedience to this resolution. I advise, therefore, the passage of a resolution, by which this Grand Lodge shall assume, on behalf of any such lodges, the payment of their dues to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, for the time during which they were working, between the year 1861 and the organization of this Grand Lodge.

By the adoption of this course, we shall give undoubted evidence of our desire faithfully to observe every obligation which can devolve upon us in the premises. We shall do full and entire justice to the Grand Lodge of Virginia. And we shall put an end, so far as there is any power to do so in this Grand Lodge, to all difficulty with the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

The committee to whom the address was referred, presented a report in which they join in the desire expressed by the Grand Master, that all questions of difference existing between the two Grand Lodges should be promptly and amicably adjusted, and submitted the following resolutions:

*Resolved,* That the Grand Master be authorized to appoint two brethren as commissioners, whose duty it shall be to attend the next grand annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, with full powers to adjust all differences between the two Grand Lodges, and to make draft upon the Grand Treasurer for whatever moneys may be required for the settlement of claims upon this Grand Lodge, and for expenses of the commission.

*Resolved,* That the subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction, holding charters from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, are hereby directed to return them to the Grand Secretary, in order that they may be returned to the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

The report was accepted, the resolutions adopted, and R. W. Bros. B. F. Martin, Deputy Grand Master, and Robert White, Grand Senior Warden, were appointed commissioners.

Having shown the action of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia in the premises, we now turn to the proceedings before us. In introducing the subject, Grand Master Terry states that he had received a copy of the address from which we have quoted, and, to show the spirit which animated the brethren of West Virginia, he read that portion referring to the subject, and then remarks:

It thus appears, that while Grand Master Bates advises the Grand Lodge of West Virginia to accept the terms imposed by this Grand Lodge, he yet dissents from the justice and propriety of our demands. The Grand Lodge of Virginia

having given the terms upon which she would recognize the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, I shall not re-open discussion upon them, but pass the subject by, assuring our brethren of West Virginia of our kind and fraternal feeling towards them, and say if our brethren will persist in separating from us, we shall still remember with pleasure our past associations with them, and rejoice in their prosperity.

If the Grand Lodge of West Virginia has concurred in the views of Grand Master Bates, it will only remain for this Grand Lodge to carry out in good faith the terms she has proposed. And in deference to the feeling expressed by our brethren of West Virginia, of surrendering with reluctance the charters they hold from us—and it is a feeling that all can appreciate and should respect—I would respectfully recommend to this Grand Lodge to recede from the requirement that the charters held from this Grand Lodge be surrendered.

After the address was referred, the commissioners of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia were introduced, and made known their errand in a few well-timed and truly Masonic remarks; whereupon, M. W. Bros. James Evans, E. H. Lane and Richard Parker were appointed a committee to confer with the commissioners, and report a proper basis for the settlement of all matters in dispute. On the third day of the session, this committee reported as follows:

The committee appointed to confer with the commissioners from the Grand Lodge of West Virginia to this Grand Lodge, in reference to the differences existing between these Grand Bodies, beg leave to report, that they have had a full and free conference with said commissioners, and take great pleasure in stating that the spirit manifested by the Grand Lodge of West Virginia towards this Grand Lodge is fully appreciated by your committee; and while it is a source of deep regret that circumstances have occurred which, in the opinion of our brethren of West Virginia, justified them in forming a Grand Lodge, yet, in the spirit of fraternal feeling, and with an ardent desire to cultivate peace and harmony with all Grand Bodies, we are willing to recognize the Grand Lodge of West Virginia as a legally constituted body, upon their complying with the conditions heretofore prescribed by this Grand Lodge; and the said commissioners being present, and having satisfied this Grand Lodge that the Grand Lodge of West Virginia has fully complied with the conditions aforesaid, or is now ready and willing to comply with the same; be it therefore

1. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge hereby recognizes the said Grand Lodge of West Virginia, and extends to her our fraternal and Masonic recognition, and cordially recommend her to all other Grand Masonic Bodies in correspondence with this Grand Lodge.

2. *Resolved*, That the political boundaries of a State being definitely given and decided upon, fixes the Masonic jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of that State, except in so far as rights may have vested under charters theretofore lawfully issued.

3. *Resolved*, That the political status of the counties of Jefferson and Berkeley being at this time undetermined, the Grand Lodge of Virginia will, for the present, retain her jurisdiction over such lodges in said counties as desire to report to this Grand Lodge; but will authorize the opening of no new lodge in either of said counties until their status is definitely settled, it being understood that the Grand Lodge of West Virginia shall on their part be subject to the like restrictions.

4. That inasmuch as the original charters which emanated from this Grand Lodge to the subordinate lodges in West Virginia have been formally surrendered to this Grand Lodge, but the said subordinate lodges having earnestly asked that they may be returned to them to be laid up in their archives as mementoes of the past; therefore

*Resolved*, That the said subordinate lodges be permitted to retain the said old charters.

5. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge recommend to all of its subordinate lodges in the territorial limits of West Virginia, to surrender their present charters to, and ask new charters from the Grand Lodge of West Virginia.

The report was accepted, the resolutions adopted, and then the commissioners were officially received and properly saluted.

The whole matter was thus satisfactorily settled, and, while we congratulate the craft on the auspicious result, it is a pleasure to bear testimony to the truly Masonic spirit displayed by both parties throughout the entire controversy.

Of the twenty-eight D. D. Grand Masters, twenty-one sent in their reports—a larger proportion than for many years before. The lodges appear to be in a flourishing condition, and general harmony prevails. We are glad to learn, that the volume of the records of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, in which is contained the minutes of the reception and advancement of "the Father of our Country," escaped the hands of those who sacked the lodge, and is still among its archives, and in a good state of preservation.

A special committee appointed to prescribe a mode of Masonic trials, reported a code based upon that of New Jersey—which is based upon that of New York—and it was adopted. The Grand Master appointed a Committee on Appeals and Grievances to sit during recess—a system we have before commended, and which we yet hope to see generally adopted.

From the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted, we quote the following:

That while there may not be any existing law of Masonry which peremptorily requires that a candidate must be able to read and write, yet except in some rare instances, such a deficiency ought to be considered a serious objection to his admission.

The chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence made a verbal report, accounting for the absence of a written one, which was "received and approved;" and, by order of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of forty-three Grand Lodges, and fraternally asks a continuance of these communications. Last year, Bro. Wellford's report was one of the most brilliant of the series—it is evident his mantle did not fall on the shoulders of his successor.

William Terry, M. W. Grand Master, and John Dove, R. W. Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

**WASHINGTON TERRITORY.**—The eleventh annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held in Olympia, September 17, 1868, James Biles, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and ten lodges represented—session, three days.

The address of the Grand Master is brief, and relates to matters of local interest. He had granted dispensations for the formation of two new lodges—one of them at Sitka, Alaska Territory. The returns, etc., of this lodge were not received until after the close of the session, so its dispensation was continued, and the other lodge obtained a charter.

The Grand Secretary, P. G. M. Thomas M. Reed, presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, and, owing to the depleted state of the treasury, he was authorized to print such portions of it as he might "deem advisable." Accordingly he acknowledges the receipt of proceedings from sister jurisdictions; notices the death of Bro. Fuller, of Tennessee; the formation of the Grand Lodges of Idaho, New Brunswick, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and recommends their recognition, which was concurred in.

A lodge petitioned for permission to hold its meetings within the jurisdiction of another, and to exercise concurrent jurisdiction with it. This was refused,

and just before the close of the session, the petitioning lodge surrendered its charter and property. This was promptly accepted, and a brother appointed to receive and dispose of the property.

Benj. E. Lombard was elected M. W. Grand Master, and Thomas M. Reed re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA.—The fourth annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Wheeling, November 10, 1868, Wm. J. Bates, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and twenty-four lodges represented—session, two days.

The Grand Master opens his address by paying a feeling tribute to the memory of P. D. Grand Master Edward C. Bunker, who died November 24, 1867. He then announces that the lodges, with a few exceptions, are in a prosperous condition, but is afraid there is a disposition to increase the membership, without paying sufficient attention to the character and qualifications of the applicants. He issued dispensations for the formation of six new lodges, but is of the opinion that charters should not be granted "unless the records give full evidence that the officers possess capacity and skill to conduct a lodge in a manner to reflect honor on the craft."

He had refused to grant dispensations to confer the degrees in less than the regular time, and holds that no case ought to be made one of emergency, except when the candidate is in the navy or army, and liable at any moment to be peremptorily ordered to a distant field of duty. But we agree with Bro. Simons, who is unable to perceive any good reason for this exception, and says:

Those gentlemen know the precarious tenure of their stay in any given place, and if they desire to unite themselves with the institution, should take their measures accordingly; but when suddenly ordered to some distant field of duty, they suddenly find out that they want to be made Masons. We would have them and all others understand that Masonry is never in a hurry, and that the petition must lie over one month before the ballot can be taken.

Under the head of Virginia will be found a notice of that portion of this address which relates to the then existing relations between the two Grand Lodges. The fraternal and conciliatory spirit displayed by M. W. Bro. Bates assisted materially in the settlement of the questions at issue, and we rejoice that his efforts were crowned with success. Now that the "family quarrel" is healed, we extend a cordial greeting to our brethren of West Virginia, and, in recommending the recognition of the Grand Lodge, sincerely hope that its course may be ever "onward and upward, and true to the plumb."

The Grand Secretary reports a marked improvement on the part of some of the lodges in the manner of making and keeping their records, while others still manifest carelessness and incompetency. We are afraid this is the case pretty much everywhere. It is as necessary for the welfare of a lodge to have a good Secretary as a good Master, and yet it is frequently difficult to get a competent brother to accept the office. We therefore fully agree with him, when he says the Master "should frequently and carefully examine the records of his lodge, and insist that they shall be neatly, correctly and securely kept."

The usual routine of business was transacted; the work exemplified; four charters granted; appropriate resolutions adopted in memory of the late P. D. Grand Master Bunker, and a page set apart for the same purpose.

The Grand Secretary, Bro. T. H. Logan presented an interesting report on Foreign Correspondence. He gives liberal extracts from the proceedings of

thirty-five Grand Lodges, our own not included, and his comments, although given sparingly, are apt and judicious. We take pleasure in reproducing the following:

The remarks of Bro. Sanders in relation to politics in Montana gives us the opportunity to make a statement, which will, we trust, correct impressions which seem to exist in certain quarters, in regard to our own Grand Lodge. Its organization has been regarded by a few, as a political movement. There is no foundation for such an opinion, outside of the act of Congress, constituting the State of West Virginia. We can say—and our opportunities for knowing the facts have been ample—that political questions and prejudices have never presented themselves in our Grand Lodge. In the first board of Grand Officers elected in 1865, both sections in political opinion and sympathy of our then distracted country, were represented. Since then, as in Montana, both armies have been represented not only in the membership, but also in the Grand Lodge, and in the board of Grand Officers. Nor was this state of facts the result of special arrangement or deliberation, in any case. Masonic considerations, swayed only by fraternal good will and affection, have ever been paramount. As a result, although representing outside of the lodge, all shades of political opinion—inside, as brethren, we “dwell together in unity.”

William J. Bates, M. W. Grand Master, and Thomas H. Logan, R. W. Grand Secretary—both re-elected.

WISCONSIN.—The twenty-sixth annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Milwaukee, June 9, 1869, Harlow Pease, M. W. Grand Master, presiding, and 155 lodges represented—session, three days.

The address of the Grand Master is a clear and perspicuous document. He announces the death of Bro. William R. Smith, the “Father of Masonry” in Wisconsin, at the advanced age of 83. In 1841, the first lodge in the then Territory was organized under a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, with Bro. Smith as W. M.; in 1843, he was a member of the convention which framed the constitution and formed the Grand Lodge, and he afterward served two years as Grand Master and ten years as Grand Secretary. The Grand Lodge adopted suitable resolutions, and appropriated \$300 to erect a monument to his memory.

In rendering an account of his stewardship M. W. Bro. Pease recommends that the system of Masonic instruction be modified in accordance with the proposition submitted at the previous session, and thereby give the officers of every lodge an opportunity to meet the Grand Lecturer once in each year. He granted dispensations for the formation of three new lodges, and refused a number of applications, as from the information he received lodges were not really needed at the places named, and would result in serious injury to those already established. He arrested a charter, the lodge having invaded the jurisdiction of its neighbors, and committed other unmasonic acts—a sharp, but effectual remedy in all such cases.

At the last annual communication a complaint was preferred against a lodge at Sag Harbor, N. Y., for conferring the degrees upon a rejected candidate, who was a resident of Milwaukee. M. W. Bro. Pease communicated with the Grand Master of New York on the subject, who promptly summoned the lodge to show cause why its warrant should not be suspended and its members otherwise punished for this violation of Masonic comity. Upon investigation it transpired that the candidate had imposed upon the lodge by a statement in writing over his signature that he resided at Sag Harbor, and had never been rejected by any lodge—and for this offence he was tried and expelled. The Grand Lodge adopted

a resolution of thanks to M. W. Bro. James Gibson, of New York, for his prompt and efficient action in the matter. We note this with much satisfaction. It is an earnest that the Grand Lodge of New York will no longer permit her subordinates to violate the jurisdictional rights of sister jurisdictions with impunity, but that every alleged case of this character will be promptly investigated, and the guilty party as promptly punished.

M. W. Bro. Pease called the attention of his Grand Lodge to the action of the Grand Orient of France, in recognizing the spurious Supreme Council of Louisiana, and, after giving a succinct statement of the case, adds: "By this course, the Grand Orient of France is exerting her influence in aid of an unjustifiable attempt to invade and usurp the jurisdiction of a sister Grand Lodge, and to overthrow her legitimate authority. The facts briefly narrated present a case which calls for the prompt and decided action of every American Grand Lodge." This portion of the address was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, who presented an able report and the following resolutions, which were adopted:

*Resolved*, That all Masonic correspondence and fraternal relations between the Grand Lodge of the State of Wisconsin and the Grand Orient of France cease and be discontinued, and no Mason owing allegiance to that Grand Body, or to any branch thereof within the State of Louisiana, or elsewhere, be recognized as such in this jurisdiction, during the continuance of their interference with the jurisdictional rights of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, or while they shall claim any rights of jurisdiction over any matter pertaining to the symbolic degrees of Masonry in this country.

*Resolved*, That a duly authenticated copy of the above report and resolutions be transmitted to the Grand Orient of France.

We cannot take leave of this able address, without quoting the following pertinent remarks:

Before closing I beg leave to give expression to a single thought. As we come up to these annual gatherings year after year, engrossed, as we of necessity must be, with the immediate cares and business of the session, are we not sometimes, for the moment, liable to lose sight of the fact that the eyes of the world are upon us more than at any other time—scrutinizing our acts, not only as a body but as individuals representing an institution which lays claim to a high standard of morality? Do we always keep in view the foundation principles of our ancient and honorable order, and those cardinal virtues relative to which every initiate is instructed on his first admission into a lodge—*Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice*?

Are we at all times temperate in the indulgence of our natural appetites and in our language? Do we possess that fortitude which a great man defines as the guard and support of all the other virtues? Are we prudent in our deportment, and are we just to ourselves, to our brethren and our beloved order?

These reflections are not suggested for the purpose of unkind criticism, but for our mutual benefit and for our protection from those errors to which every one is in some degree liable. We are not all equally strong to resist temptation. We can and should help each other very much. Let us then strive to do so and to maintain such an equilibrium of conduct as will give no cause for censure or reproach.

From the report of the Grand Lecturer we learn that the lodges are manifesting a commendable zeal in becoming perfect in the ritual; most of them having provided themselves with secure lodge rooms, neatly and appropriately furnished, are exercising due care in the selection of material for membership, and are generally observant of the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Gabe Bouck presented the report on Foreign Correspondence. It acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of forty Grand Lodges, our own included, and disposes of the whole in three pages.

Past Grand Master Henry L. Palmer presented his credentials as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and was recognized as such; our Grand Secretary, Bro. J. C. Batchelor, receiving a similar appointment from the Grand Lodge near our Grand East. The revised constitution was adopted, but, although stated to be in the appendix, our copy does not contain it. Three charters were granted, and resolutions of thanks and a Past Grand Master's jewel, to be presented at the next annual communication, voted to Grand Master Pease for the courteous and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office.

Gabriel Bouck was elected M. W. Grand Master, and William T. Palmer re-elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

SUPREME COUNCIL 33° N. J.—We have received the proceedings of the Supreme Council 33° for the Northern Jurisdiction. This body met in Boston, June 11, 1869, Ill. Bro. Josiah H. Drummond, M. P. Sov. Grand Commander, presiding, and representatives from ten States present.

The annual address is an able paper, and contains much valuable information in relation to the Lodge of Perfection, established by Henry A. Francken, in Albany, N. Y., on December 20, 1767. The establishment of this lodge at that date has been questioned, but the documentary evidence produced settles the question. A copy of the warrant and extracts from the original minutes (which are still in existence) are given; and this is corroborated by extracts from the minutes and original by-laws of Master's Lodge No. 2 (York Rite), which was organized in Albany in 1768, and which has continued in uninterrupted existence to the present time. These extracts show that the two lodges held their meetings in a building erected by subscription for their joint accommodation; that the greatest harmony existed between them; that a number of the brethren belonged to both lodges, and that they jointly participated in public processions. Thus one point of Masonic history, which has caused some controversy, is definitely settled.

In relation to the Grand Orient of France, Bro. Drummond says:

I regret to announce that the Grand Orient of France has recognized the spurious body at New Orleans, styling itself a Supreme Council. This act is a gross violation of the jurisdiction of a sister Supreme Council, and is especially a matter of concern to us, whose jurisdiction may next be invaded in the same manner. With this view, I joined with M. P. Sov. Grand Commander, Albert Pike 33° in a Balustre to the Grand Orient protesting against her action in the premises. A copy of the Balustre is herewith submitted. I have recently received a communication from the Grand Orient (acknowledging the receipt of the Balustre), a copy of which is herewith submitted. From the tenor of this communication I can but hope that the Grand Orient will retrace its steps. I submit the matter for your consideration, with the suggestion that no further action upon our part seems necessary until the Grand Orient shall have time to communicate the result of the promised examination.

The Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom this subject was referred, report as follows:

The letter received by the Sov. Gr. Commander from the Grand Orient of France, leads us to believe that that body will recede from its recognition of the spurious Council at New Orleans. As further reply is promised, we recommend that no further action be taken at the present session.

A letter received by the Grand Commander during this session, from Ill. Bro. Poulle 33°, our Grand Representative near the Grand Orient, confirms us in this opinion.

A reference to our notice of the proceedings of the Grand Orient, at the annual assembly, July, 1869, will show how far its action fell short of this expectation.

**SUPREME COUNCIL 33° S. J.**—We have also the “transactions” of the Supreme Council 33° for the Southern Jurisdiction, at the biennial session held in Charleston, May 4, 1868, and at its adjourned session held in St. Louis, Sept. 17, 1868.

We are unable to give the number of States represented at the regular biennial session held in Charleston, as the Secretary General, Bro. A. G. Mackey, furnishes no statistics. Ill. Bro. Albert Pike, M. P. Sov. Grand Commander, presided and delivered a long and very interesting address, from which we learn that “peace and harmony, almost entirely uninterrupted, have reigned throughout the jurisdiction.” He notices with evident satisfaction the restoration of harmony in the Northern Jurisdiction, after a strife of more than fifty years, by the fusion of the two contending parties, on May 17, 1867, into one Supreme Council, whose legitimacy there is no one to dispute. Other subjects of special interest to members of the S. C. are treated at length and the business transacted, although important, has no bearing upon Blue Lodge Masonry. But the following extract from Bro. Pike’s address contains so much in sympathy with our humanity, that it soothes while it instructs:

None of us, my brethren, are relieved of liability to the sorrows, the distresses and the calamities of life. Unto all of us these come; and if we do not deserve them, it is so much the more noble a merit if we bear them heroically and patiently. We all lose those whom we have long loved, and who were dearer to us than life and truer to us than friends; and when even their spirits hear not our agonized invocations, and cannot come to us to assure us of their continued love, and that it is immortal, how we treasure every relic, however slight, that testifies of the living love of those now dead, and of their labors of that love to serve us even in the humblest things!

Unto all of us comes at times the sharper pang than that caused by the deaths of the friends or dearer ones whom we have lost, which penetrates the soul when we lose the living love of the friend or beloved one, and become estranged by some misrepresentation mischievously made, or some misunderstanding that grew silently into proportions too great to be removed; and the still sharper pain when one whom we have trusted and relied on proves unworthy. It is then, when we have been deceived or over-reached, that we almost weary of Freemasonry itself, and hold it unworthy of the estimation it has among its votaries.

And when we have served the State, the society, or the order, long and faithfully, and receive the too ordinary reward of an ungrateful indifference; when we have labored to serve and to benefit others, and have but done disservice to ourselves; if we feel the natural impulses of resentment and contempt, the time has come when we cannot too often remember that to serve others without reward, and the crown of thorns, are the holy empire and highest honor and glory of a true Freemason.

A Sorrow Lodge was held during the adjourned biennial session, at St. Louis, September 19, 1868, on which occasion appropriate eulogies were pronounced on the illustrious dead of the Southern Jurisdiction. Bro. Joseph P. Hornor was the orator for Louisiana, and, in an eloquent and able address, he commemorated the names and virtues of a long list of our fraternal dead. Prominent among them are our venerable Past Grand Master, Bro. John H. Holland and the whole-souled, true-hearted Mason, Samuel G. Risk, whose long and efficient services as Grand Secretary, endeared him to the whole craft:

“To live in hearts we leave behind,  
Is not to die.”

The Balustres, or official communications of Bro. Pike, contain much valuable



information in relation to the condition of Masonry in foreign countries, and we will avail ourselves of it in our notice of Brazil and Mexico.

The edict of non-intercourse issued against the Supreme Council of Belgium has been revoked, but it is continued in full force against the Grand Orient of that country, as it is the latter body which has recognized the spurious Supreme Council of Louisiana.

The Balustre to the Grand Orient of France, in which Bro. Pike was joined by Ill. Bro. Drummond, of the Northern Jurisdiction, although issued after the close of the body, is also given. It is a calm and dignified protest against the recognition of the spurious body which has invaded our jurisdiction, and an earnest appeal to the Grand Orient to rescind its action.

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### FOREIGN MASONIC GRAND BODIES.

ENGLAND.—We regret that no proceedings of the quarterly communications of this Grand Lodge have been received during the past year, and the brief notices we have seen of its transactions possess for the most part no general interest.

At the quarterly communication, held March 3, 1869, the Earl of Zetland was unanimously elected M. W. Grand Master for the twenty-sixth time. At the annual meeting April 28, the Grand Lodge met for the second time in its new and magnificent hall, which had been dedicated with great pomp, two weeks before. After the installation of the Grand Master, in accordance with the English custom, he appointed all the other Grand Officers, except the Grand Treasurer, who is elected.

At the quarterly communication held September 1, 1869, the rank of Past Grand Master was conferred upon the Prince of Wales by vote of the Grand Lodge. An amendment was offered to the original motion, requesting the Prince "to accept the office of Grand Patron of the Freemasons of England"—but it only obtained one or two votes.

At the same communication, on the motion of the Grand Registrar, the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was, after a full discussion, unanimously recognized, and the lodges in that Province which had worked under charters from the Grand Lodge of England were permitted to retain them "as memorials of the parent Grand Lodge."

We see it stated that the Earl of Zetland, after holding the responsible position of Grand Master for over a quarter of a century, has resigned, and that the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl de Gray and Ripon, has been unanimously elected in his stead. It is also very generally understood by the craft in England, that in future the same brother shall not hold the office of Grand Master for a longer period than three years.

FRANCE.—Notwithstanding the edict of non-intercourse, the Official Bulletin of the Grand Orient has been regularly forwarded to us; and we give a synopsis of its action in relation to the recognition of the so-called Supreme Council of this city, at the annual meeting, July 5, 1869.

On the first day of the session, Bro. Fleury, of Havre, introduced the subject. He regretted that on account of the relations established between the Grand Orient of France and the Supreme Council of New Orleans, the Grand Lodge of New

York had suspended all relations with the French lodges and Masons, and requested the Grand Orient to take the subject into consideration, as the two jurisdictions, and especially the lodges in the sea-ports, would suffer much inconvenience from it. In reply, the Grand Master said that it was neither "the time nor place" to consider the question, but that it would receive his careful consideration during the session.

The next day, Bro. Dally renewed the motion, and called "the attention of the assembly and the solicitude of the Grand Master to the factious and unforeseen disagreement between the Grand Masonic powers of New York and New Orleans"! He beseeched the Grand Master to intervene and effect a settlement of the difficulties, or at least to such an extent that French brethren visiting America would not be denied the right of visit.

The President of the Council then gave an explanation of the "situation." After stating that it originated in the intolerance of some of the American lodges who absolutely refused to receive the "blacks" into their bosom, he said:

A few years since, there was found in New Orleans a Mason, a Frenchman, Bro. Chassaignac, who had openly broken through this custom so contrary to our principles. Elevated to the position of President of the Supreme Council of Louisiana, he had called around him, without any distinction, men of all religions, nationalities and races, seeking in each only those qualities which are moral and intellectual, and in so doing he has offended the majority of the Masonic Powers of America. Bro. Chassaignac, in the name of the Supreme Council, had sought an alliance with the Grand Orient of France. The Grand Master had been in no haste to respond. He had received protests against the establishment of this Supreme Council, but he had considered it important to be assured that this new Masonic Power possessed the conditions of vitality. Still the request of Bro. Chassaignac had to be answered, and after a reasonable time had elapsed, the Grand Master ordered an examination of the question. A report by Bro. Hermitte, inserted in the Bulletin, and conclusive as to the evidence solicited, had been approved by the Grand Master, and it was for this reason that the Grand Lodge of New York to-day prohibits all communication between its constituents and the Masons of France. Such is the question, such is the situation. It will be examined with care, but, at the same time, with that firmness which the Grand Orient of France has already displayed in breaking off all relations with the Grand Orient of Brazil on account of the question of slavery.

Bro. Dally thanked the President of the Council for his explanation, but insisted upon the intervention of the Grand Master.

Bro. Razy, representative of the Grand Lodge of New York, near the Grand Orient of France, acknowledged the gravity of the situation. He had assisted at the Universal Masonic Congress, in 1855. He had seen there Masons of all nationalities, and was convinced of the difficulties which had to be surmounted before certain Masonic Powers would adopt the principles of absolute equality among all men, without distinction of race or religion—principles put in practice by French Masonry, and which are its glory. In such a question, much might be expected of time, friendly proceedings, and the pleasure of never despairing of the triumph certain to be accelerated by the extreme solicitude of the Grand Master for the interests of the order.

Bro. Douy stated that a lodge at Toulon, of which he was the W. M., had recently been visited by the officers of an American frigate, who as Masons, hailed from lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges of New York, Boston and Charleston, while on the other hand, members of his lodge had been received in America. In conclusion, he expressed the hope that the existing

difficulties would soon be adjusted, and that in awaiting the solution of those difficulties, individual Masons would continue to regard and treat each other as brethren.

Here the order of the day prevented further discussion and the subject was not renewed. It will be observed, however, that the real question at issue was studiously ignored—the Grand Master and the President of the Council carefully concealing the true cause of the “situation” from the Grand Orient. The statement of the President of the Council that the difficulty originated in the refusal of some of the American lodges to initiate blacks is not correct. It arose from the Grand Orient recognizing and entering into fraternal relations with the spurious Supreme Council composed of clandestine Masons, which had granted charters to symbolic lodges, and thereby infringed upon the inalienable rights of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. “Such is the question, such is the situation.” The negro question has nothing to do with it. For it matters not to what persons the so-called Supreme Council granted charters, whether white, black or party-colored, the offence was the same. It was in violation of the jurisdictional rights of our Grand Lodge, and the offence of the Grand Orient is the approval of this violation of our rights by the spurious Supreme Council.

On the fourth day of the session, a proposition which had been previously submitted, referred to the Council of the Order, and approved by it, came up as the order of the day. This proposition expressed deep regret that lodges should refuse to initiate profanes on account of the color of their skin, or because they are not Christians, and requested the adoption of the following declaration:

The Masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of France, Supreme Council for France and the French possessions, by their lawful representatives at the convention of the year 1869, do solemnly affirm that humanity and Masonry are outraged while race or religion suffice to interdict a profane from admission to the great Masonic family.

Bro. Poulle, who presented the proposition, stated that it was only a paraphrase of the principles of “liberty, equality, fraternity”—principles which the Grand Orient had always agitated. He had concluded to refer it to the Grand Master as a re-affirmation of those principles, but having received a copy of the proceedings of the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction, in which he found the report of Bro. Goodall to that body, he was induced to present the matter to the Grand Orient. He then read Bro. Goodall’s remarks upon the Grand Orient, which severely criticize the French system of work, as well as the careless and indifferent manner in which the Grand Orient acknowledges nearly every spurious Masonic Body that applies to them for recognition, and calls particular attention “to the gross violation on the part of the Grand Orient of France of the relations of amity by ignoring the Masonic jurisdiction of the recognized Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and recognizing a new illegitimate body in working the symbolic degrees and initiating according to their ideas the negro race and forcing them upon the fraternity in this country.”

Bro. Poulle indignantly pronounced the language of the report as impolite, aggressive and unjust; he characterized the remarks of Bro. Goodall as sharp and un-masonic, and said that it showed on the part of “our American brethren,” one of two things:

1. Either that their irritation proceeds from the fact that the Grand Orient has recognized the Supreme Council of Louisiana, which matter is now receiving the careful investigation of the Grand Master; or,

2. This irritation proceeds from the fact that the Grand Orient of France has recognized that the negro race can, in common with all other races, apply for and obtain Masonic initiation, in which case we cannot be too indignant.

Bro. Poulle concluded by recommending the adoption of the declaration, modified by the insertion of the word "color" before "race or religion," and adding:

That the Grand Master be requested to make known this declaration to all foreign Masonic Powers, and notify them that now and henceforth the Grand Orient of France dissolves its alliance with any Masonic Power which does not adhere to this declaration.

The report was adopted by acclamation, accompanied with applause; the excitement being increased by the Grand Master arising and ordering a "triple battery" to signalize the event.

It will be seen that Bro. Poulle did not reply to the charge made by Bro. Goodall, that the Grand Orient of France recognizes nearly every spurious body which applies to it, and yet the "irritation" of which he complains proceeds from this cause. If the Grand Orient had not recognized the Supreme Council of Louisiana, the relations of amity existing between it and the Grand Lodges of the United States would not have been disturbed. With the legality of that body as a Supreme Council we have nothing to do—that is a question for the Supreme Councils of the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions to decide—but when it established symbolic lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, it infringed upon its exclusive rights and violated a well-settled principle of Masonic law, viz: a regularly established Grand Lodge in any State or Territory possesses exclusive jurisdiction over the symbolic degrees, and this right cannot be lawfully interfered with by any power whatever. Under those circumstances, the Grand Orient in recognizing the Supreme Council of Louisiana not only approved its act, but openly recommended the subversion of all regularly constituted Masonic authority in the United States.

The declaration—the adoption of which threw our French brethren into raptures—contains nothing that is not embraced in the ancient charges and regulations. Upon them the fundamental law of Masonry in the United States is based, and there is no law which prohibits any man on account of his "color, race or religion" from admission into our lodges. All we require is that the candidate be a man, freeborn, of lawful age, and possessed of the necessary moral, mental and physical qualifications. Under this law, any man black or white, Jew or Gentile, may apply for initiation. If rejected, no matter what the color of his skin or his religious faith, on the expiration of the constitutional period he may apply again. But there is no law in Masonry by which a candidate can be forced into a lodge against the will of an individual member. Every member of a lodge has the right to cast his ballot as he thinks proper; this right is inherent and indefeasible, and no legislation can deprive him of it. If, therefore, the Grand Orient of France carries out its programme, and refuses henceforth to maintain friendly relations with those Masonic Powers which do not enforce its views, it must sever its connection with all the American Grand Lodges, for not one of them has the power to legislate upon the subject. The power is vested in the individual members of the subordinate lodges, and can not be wrested from them.

It is urged that the operation of this rule excludes the colored race from our lodges. But Masonry knows no distinction of race or color, and no man, black

or white, can of his own mere will become a Mason. He must first be *accepted* by the brethren, and then pass through our ceremonies in a regularly constituted lodge, before he can be entitled to the rights and privileges of Masonry. If he is not *accepted*, there is an end of the matter—and the law applies with equal force to white and black. Whatever claim the negro may have upon our sympathy, however much we may desire to ameliorate his condition or raise him to the level of social equality, he possesses no prescriptive right to the benefits of Masonry. The law cannot be changed in his favor, or give him a preference over the Caucasian. He is now, as he ever will be, so far as the right to become a Mason is concerned, in the eye of Masonry on the same level with the white. If, at the present time, prejudice prevents his admission to our lodges, let him wait with patience. Time produces many changes—kindness wins more than force, and the issues are with God.

It was said, years ago, that the so-called Supreme Council of Louisiana was formed for a political object. Whether or not the report was correct, we neither know nor inquire. It is sufficient to know that the Grand Orient of France is desirous of encouraging it “as far as lies in their power in the philanthropic course upon which it has entered.” What that course is, we now proceed to show, and, as we might be deemed interested witnesses, we will call upon one against whom that charge cannot be brought. We have before us a pamphlet, entitled “Proceedings of the M. W. Eureka Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana.” This is the title of the negro Grand Lodge of this State, and Oscar J. Dunn, the present Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana was its Grand Master in 1867. In his annual address, delivered December 17, 1867, he says:

An irregular set, calling themselves Scotch Rite Masons, have established what they call Masonic lodges, without distinction on account of race or color, but, at the same time, refuse to take colored men as members of their own lodges, which fact is clearly proven by their establishing lodges exclusively of colored men. Now, if they wish to do away with distinction, why have they instituted separate lodges—why not receive colored men in their own lodges as members? Simply, because they are prejudiced to color. And knowing, at the same time, that colored men are now citizens, they adopted this mode of using them to elevate themselves.

This shows the estimation in which the so-called Supreme Council is held by the colored citizens of Louisiana, and yet to encourage it in its course of pseudo-philanthropy the Grand Orient of France grants it recognition and severs the bonds of amity which existed between it and the Grand Lodges of the United States. This has given rise to the suspicion that the Grand Orient has an ulterior object in view. The remarks of Grand Master Mellinet, on the first day of the session, that it was neither “the time nor place” to consider the question, justifies the inference that the Grand Orient is not allowed by the Emperor Napoleon to legislate upon such subjects; and this charge was openly made in the Grand Lodge of New York, in June last, during the debate upon the adoption of the resolutions of non-intercourse. The studied evasion of the President of the Council, in stating the cause of the difficulty, confirms the conclusion arrived at by the Massachusetts committee, who, from “well-known historical reminiscences,” infer that the course pursued by the Grand Orient was instigated by the Emperor for political purposes. The dictation assumed by the Grand Orient, in requiring all Masonic Powers to adopt its views in regard to the initiation of candidates, appears to be a part of the same system. But whatever ends the Grand Orient,

either on its own account or as the mouth-piece of the Emperor, may attempt to carry out, it can rest assured that the Grand Lodges of the United States will brook no interference with their jurisdictional prerogatives, nor submit to a dictation which contravenes the Masonic right of self-government.

GERMANY.—In our last report we noticed that the *Verein deutscher Freimaurer* had changed its original purpose to abolish all Grand Lodges, and was agitating the formation of National Grand Lodges, and through them the establishment of a Universal Grand Lodge to control the fraternity throughout the globe. Under the management of able leaders, the *Verein* has been so far successful in the propagation of its views as to call for action on the part of the Grand Lodges of Germany, but, as might have been expected, with no success so far as the adoption of any of its projects is concerned.

The N. Y. Committee give a translation of the report of the committee appointed by the Grand Lodge of Saxony to examine the manifesto and proposed laws of the *Verein*. M. W. Bro. Warnatz was chairman of the committee, and the report is thorough, able and complete. After stating that a report upon the propositions submitted by the *Verein*, does not necessarily imply a recognition of that body, the committee proceed to a critical examination of the fundamental laws adopted by the *Verein*, and arrive at the conclusion that they are neither necessary nor useful to Masonry, and that they could not be carried into effect. The great length of the report prevents us from giving it entire, but the conclusion, embracing as it does the views held by our own Grand Lodge in regard to centralization, deserves a careful perusal. We therefore give Bro. Pinner's rendition of it:

We seriously question the utility of the formation of a German National Grand Lodge. Neither can we convince ourselves of the necessity of the same. For all German Grand Lodges, by mutual recognition, representation, and the exchange of printed Transactions, are so fully in communication with each other, that every German Mason may, and does, consider himself a full member of the great Masonic family, wherever the Masonic gavel resounds in any of the lodges of Germany.

Centralization may be greatly conducive to clerical, political, and military power, but Masonry does not need it. She abhors positions of that kind, which might lead us back to the justly forgotten *strict observance* of the last century. Considering the high position Masonry occupies in Germany, we know not of what use a Masonic national centralization would be. Perhaps the *Verein* had in view a complete fusion of all existing systems in Germany, and the establishment of an entirely new system placed upon a very broad basis; but of this there is no mention made. An effort of that kind would encounter the greatest opposition.

The same doubts arise when we consider the establishment of a Universal Grand Lodge. At the present time Europe has twenty-three Grand Lodges, but a much larger number exist in North, Middle, and South America. North America numbers thirty-nine; the whole of America, fifty-five. The whole world, therefore, would contain about seventy-eight Grand Lodges, a part of which, to some extent, lay claim to the importance or form of national Grand Lodges, like those in the several States of America, in England, Scotland, Ireland, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Italy, Portugal, and Prussia; although, if we conceive Masonry to be a union of the human race, the narrow political idea of nationality is not properly applicable to the conception of National Grand Lodge. All attempts heretofore made to centralize Masonry according to national districts or boundaries could not be carried out, and have failed. But the idea of centralizing the Masonry of the whole world is altogether novel, and is without precedent. Emanating, as this does, from Masonic brethren, we will suppose that their intentions were good only. The thought is ideal, very bold, but nevertheless impracticable. It will meet with

much opposition, or at least will find no encouragement, and might even lead to the erection of a sort of modern tower of Babel. The execution would create an enormous power. We are not now going into an analysis of the significance of this Universal Grand Lodge, because it does not exist as yet, but simply ask, where shall it have its seat, and who shall preside over this universal empire? How shall the necessary strict obedience of the single National Grand Lodges be regulated and secured? How shall this immense power, which at pleasure may bring its influence to bear on all important interests of the human race, be limited and guarded against a possible alliance with political power and parties, or their justifiable jealousy, or against the changing currents of the spirit of the times? How shall the existing great inequality between the Grand Lodges of America and Europe, entitled to a vote, and which of itself would give the former a superiority, be adjusted? We might propound many more similar questions, but these may suffice to justify our serious doubts. We therefore do not enter any further into a discussion on the possible utility of the project, or of single points, the more so as we believe that we are justified in expressing the decided opinion that the execution of the whole project will not only not further, but it may even lessen, the strict unity and concentration of Masonry, its practice, its labor for all that is good, beautiful and true. These are now under the guidance of single Grand Lodges, which are generally connected with each other. Better it is, at all events, to hold on to the good we already possess, than to chase a phantom, the possession of which can not be attained without endangering the freedom and independence of the single Grand Lodges, or perhaps sacrificing them to this centralizing idea. In giving this judgment, we particularly bear in mind our own Lodge Union, and are firmly persuaded that all our brethren will agree with us when we say that there is no reason why our Lodge Union should discard the autonomy of our union, and the admirably constructed fundamental statutes adopted in the year 1811, and carefully amended from time to time, and favor a concentration of Masonry, in itself unnecessary, difficult to form, and still more difficult to execute.

The formation of Masonry on the face of the globe, through its members and lodges, into one ideal great lodge; the continually increasing mutual relations and representation of Grand Lodges on both sides of the ocean; the still everywhere existing pledge of brotherhood; the agreement on Masonic principles; and also on the signs, grips, and words, appear altogether sufficient to secure the solidarity of Masonry and Freemasons of single countries and nations, as well as of the whole world, and in Lessing's excellent words, "to give expression to the feeling of sympathizing spirits, and also to protect Masonry from external forms and connections, which easily degenerate into civil ordinances."

After due consideration of the manifesto and the fundamental laws, we have arrived at the conclusion, "that inasmuch as we may consider the general situation of Masonry as being morally, fully justified in itself, and everywhere as a brotherhood more or less secret, we do not expect that these fundamental laws and a hurried progress will remove all that is defective in it as a work made by human hands. Without any desire on our part to question the well-intentioned tendencies of the same, we deem them neither useful, necessary, or practicable; nor do they hold out any greater advantages to the Lodge Union of Saxony than it now already possesses in its present constitution, and in the whole of its present arrangement." We therefore have no hesitation in urgently advising the Grand Lodge and the lodges of Saxony not to enter upon the proposed project, but to reject the same, and to inform the *Verein deutscher Freimaurer* of the conclusion arrived at in proper manner.

The report was unanimously adopted, and the result communicated to Professor Dr. Seydel, the presiding officer of the *Verein*, at Leipsic, in a letter also written by M. W. Bro. Warnatz, chairman of the committee.

The *Verein* does not confine its labors to Germany, but has established a branch in the city of New York under the name of the *Verein deutsch-amerikanischer Freimaurer*, which issues a paper called the "Reform." In our last report, we noticed a meeting of this association, held Sept. 14, 1868, at which resolutions abolishing all Grand Lodges were adopted. On that occasion, two N. Y. lodges,

Pythagoras No. 1 and Franklin No. 2, holding under warrants from the Grand Lodge of Hamburg were represented, and a Dr. Barthelmess of the former presided over the meeting. On being informed of this movement, the Grand Lodge of Hamburg immediately adopted measures to reduce its illegitimate lodges to obedience. At first they were rather refractory, but finally they recanted—Dr. Barthelmess declaring that, although he presided over the meeting, he took no part in the debates, did not vote, and was opposed to the resolutions. The Grand Lodge of Hamburg accepted the apology, and the committee were profuse in their congratulations over the reconciliation.

We are not advised what course the disorganizers will pursue, now that they have been abandoned by their leaders—the Hamburg clandestine lodges. But it is evident that the movement offered a favorable opportunity for the Grand Lodge of Hamburg to renew fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of New York and her sisters, which it neglected or refused to embrace.

The agitation of the reform question in Germany has been attended with one good result. The Grand Master of Saxony, M. W. Bro. Warnatz issued a circular to the Grand Masters of Germany, to meet together “without authority from their respective Grand Lodges for the adoption of resolutions,” for the purpose of consulting openly and fraternally on the present condition of Masonry, and to give expression to their experiences and views. The convention was held in Berlin, May 31, 1868; seven Grand Lodges were represented, and we give the following synopsis of the proceedings from the report of the N. Y. Committee:

After a short prayer, Bro. Warnatz expressed his thanks to the brethren for their attendance. He alluded in general terms to the different views on Masonic reforms, and laid particular stress upon the point, that the adoption of binding resolutions of any kind was not so much in question, as the discussion of various points.

Bro. Warnatz was chosen presiding officer, and the first question discussed was: “Shall it be confirmed, that the institution of Masonry does no longer answer the requirements of the times?”

It was soon agreed that the institution of Freemasonry was not only now, as formerly, adapted to the requirements of the times, but to a still higher degree.

The second question proposed was: “Do not weighty reasons exist, why in these times, demanding publicity, the secret forms of Freemasonry should be given to the world, and that thereby it should step down to the level of ordinary societies?”

It was the unanimous opinion of the brethren present, that our secret forms must be maintained under any circumstances; and that they are necessary and required for the furthering of the objects of Masonry.

The third question: “Is it for the interest of Masonry to simplify the rituals, without stepping on the platform of the lodge at Freiburg?” was answered by the assembly, that a simplification of the rituals did not to them appear hazardous, and that it might with safety be left to the individual Grand Lodges, provided Masonic doctrines, or any of the three great lights (Bible, Square, and Compass) were not interfered with.

The fourth question: “Are the three degrees of St. John’s Masonry, and the privileges claimed with each degree, to be deemed as placing the brethren upon an inequality?” was unanimously answered in the negative. It was decided that the continued existence of the three St. John’s degrees is a necessity.

The fifth question: “Would it be useful and possible to give the general Masonic principles a definite and binding expression for all systems, by the adoption of the ancient charges for instance?” was discussed; but the views of what the qualifications of the candidates for admission into Masonry should be, could not be harmonized. The decision of this question was therefore postponed to some future time.

On discussing the sixth question: “Does Masonry have titles which remind us



of the church, the discontinuance of which would be desirable?" it was decided as very desirable to strictly insist upon it, that all Masonic titles should be used in the lodges only.

After going through this order of business, the form of dimitts used by the different Grand Lodges was discussed.

The brethren present agreed to recommend to their respective Grand Lodges, that an essential point of a dimit required for a re-affiliation is, that it should certify that the brother has been honorably discharged by his lodge.

A resolution was then adopted to inform the respective Grand Lodges of the action of the convention by transmitting to them a copy of the protocol, and that a similar conference should take place next year.

The fifth question refers to the initiation of non-Christians—the three Prussian Grand Lodges requiring of candidates a profession of Christianity, while the other German Grand Lodges have adopted the cosmopolitan principle of Masonry.

In the protocol of the Grand Lodge Royal York of Friendship, September 6, 1869, we find the following notice of the proceedings of the second meeting of the Grand Masters of Germany, held at Dresden, May 16, 1869:

The first question proposed was the fifth of the previous meeting, After a long and interesting discussion, Grand Master Buek of Hamburg offered a resolution: "that the assembled Grand Masters draft a synopsis of such general principles, contained in the ancient charges, as are proper for the present age, which might then be adopted by the several Grand Lodges as rules for the three St. John's degrees only." The resolution was adopted and Bro. Karl Paul, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge Eclectic Union, (and our representative,) was appointed to perform that duty and report at the next meeting of the Grand Masters.

The second question was: "Shall the meetings of the Grand Masters be continued regularly, and shall the Grand Masters be assisted by one or more trusty brethren?" It was decided that the meetings be continued, the next meeting to take place in Hamburg in 1870; but the assistance of trusty brethren was declined, although it was admitted that the presence of Deputy Grand Masters or their proxies at the meetings would be acceptable.

The third question proposed was: "Is it required, before forming close connections with Grand Lodges not in Germany, that the Grand Masters should exchange their opinions?" Decided that such an exchange of opinion is very desirable.

The fourth question: "What is the opinion in regard to so-called Supreme Councils, and particularly in regard to the one in Belgium, which permits political and religious discussions in its lodges?" was answered by recommending great caution in forming new connections with such bodies, more particularly in the United States. In regard to the Supreme Council of Belgium, it was decided to refuse all connection with it, until it has re-inserted into its constitution the article prohibiting the discussion of political or religious questions by its subordinate bodies.

The fifth question: "If a brother is obliged by circumstances to change his place of residence, and affiliates with another lodge, should he be required to pay an affiliation fee?" was proposed by M. W. Bro. Schnakenburg, of the Grand Lodge Royal York. It was decided that when a brother affiliates with a lodge working the same ritual as the one to which he formerly belonged, no affiliation fee ought to be charged; but otherwise, if he affiliates with a lodge working a different system. This, however, should be left to the discretion of the lodge to which the brother applies.

M. W. Bro. Pfaltz, of the Grand Lodge zur Eintracht, inquired if it was not desirable that lodges should mutually inform each other the manner in which they bestowed Masonic charity, and what funds were at disposal for that purpose? In the discussion which ensued, M. W. Bro. von Messerschmidt raised the question: "Would the organization of a large Masonic charitable institution, such as a central relief association, be desirable and practical?" But a substitute was introduced inquiring into the feasibility of forming a "Masonic Institute of German Freemasons," by which every contributing brother would secure for himself or his heirs some real benefit, and at the same time assist in the erection

of a general Masonic relief fund. The decision of this question was postponed; Bro. Sperber undertaking to submit a plan for the accomplishment of this object at the next meeting of the Grand Masters.

Throughout Germany the craft are enjoying harmony and a high degree of prosperity. The meetings of the Grand Masters are considered as tending to unite Germany Masonically, and as favorable to the development of the true spirit of our institution, while opposed to the schemes of the *Verein*. Of that association the three Prussian Grand Lodges take no notice, and the other German Grand Lodges have rejected its propositions.

The suppression of the Grand Lodge of Hanover by the Prussian Government, and the affiliation of a majority of the lodges formerly under its jurisdiction with the Grand Lodge Royal York, will in all probability soon lead to a repeal of the laws of the Prussian Grand Lodges requiring a profession of Christianity from their initiates. The other German Grand Lodges have abolished that requirement; the Prussian Government has removed all civil disabilities from its Jewish subjects, and, as a number of Jews are members of the Hanoverian lodges which have affiliated with the Grand Lodge Royal York, we may reasonably expect that Grand Body to take the initiative in this matter, and that its example will be followed by the other two Prussian Grand Lodges.

Some of our German brethren seem to be of the opinion that the Jewish question with them is identical with the negro question in this country. The cases are entirely dissimilar. In Prussia, the Jew is excluded from initiation simply because he is a Jew—the constitution requiring a profession of Christianity; but no Grand Lodge in the United States prohibits the initiation of the negro, because he is a negro. Having expressed our opinion on this subject in our article on France, we refer to it, and proceed with our report.

PRUSSIA—GRAND NATIONAL MOTHER LODGE ZU DEN DREI WELTKUGLN (THREE GLOBES), AT BERLIN.—We have received protocols of this Grand Lodge from March 11 to June 24, 1869. They contain some very interesting and valuable tables, from which we learn that during 1868 the Grand Lodge disbursed in charity 4552½ thalers—nearly \$3,000: subordinate lodges 106, with a membership of 11,941; and the craft are reported to be in a prosperous condition.

They give a very fair synopsis of the constitution of our Grand Lodge. At the meeting held April 29, Bro. von Messerschmidt was re-elected M. W. Grand Master, and Bro. Bohme, R. W. Grand Secretary. The term of office is three years, and expires June 24, 1872. Our W. Bro. A. Goldmann was also elected an honorary member of the Grand Lodge.

Since writing the above we have received the proceedings of this Grand Lodge at the quarterly session, Sept. 9, 1869. Before proceeding to notice the contents we congratulate the Grand Lodge in having adopted the 8vo. form in publishing its transactions, as being far superior for permanent preservation. Hereafter, the issuing of a folio protocol for each called meeting is to be abandoned, and the minutes of such meetings are to be printed with the transactions of the regular quarterly sessions.

The Grand Lodge was opened, in the absence of the Grand Master, Bro. von Messerschmidt, by the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Bornemann.

Bro. von Horn, for many years Deputy Grand Master, was elected Honorary Grand Master, and saluted with the grand honors—a fitting tribute to the zeal and ability he has ever displayed in the discharge of his duties.

The Grand Master stated that he had received information that it was not the intention of the Secretary of the Interior and Justice to insert anything into the new code of laws for the North German Confederation in contravention of the edict of October 29, 1798, at least so far as to affect the interests of Masonry.

The Grand Lodge has entered into fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland and the Grand Lodge of England, and mutual representatives have been appointed.

The recognition of the so-called Supreme Council of this city by the Grand Orient of France, forms the subject of a very interesting report, entitled "the jurisdiction of Grand Lodges," by Bro. Count von Wartensleben. He introduces the subject with a historical sketch of Masonry in Louisiana, from the year 1793, when the first lodge was established in New Orleans under a warrant from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, down to the present time. This sketch contains some errors, which we may notice hereafter, but that portion relating to the so-called Supreme Council is correctly stated. The report, after noticing the concordat of February 17, 1855, under which the old Supreme Council having, after careful examination, found that it had no claim to a legal existence, by the voluntary act of its own members, declared that it "ceased to exist for ever," and transferred all its rights and powers to the Grand Consistory established under the auspices of the Supreme Council of Charleston, states: That six members who had withdrawn from the La. Supreme Council in 1853, in company with James Foulhouze, protested against the concordat, and formed a new Supreme Council in New Orleans in October, 1856; that the Grand Orient of France refused this body recognition in 1858, reprimanded its chief (Foulhouze) for establishing a Supreme Council on his own authority, afterward expelled him for contumacy, and recognized the Supreme Council of Charleston as the governing body for the Scottish Rite in the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States; and that after a lapse of ten years the so-called Supreme Council renews its application to the Grand Orient for recognition, and this time with success. The decree of Grand Master Mellinet is then given, as well as the reasons assigned in the report of Bro. Hermitte for this invasion of our jurisdiction. From this Bro. Count von Wartensleben infers that Grand Master Mellinet supposed that the regular Masonic lodges in the United States have laws prohibiting the initiation of negroes, and the lodges under the spurious Supreme Council are the only ones which are open to all men regardless of race and color; and that the Grand Orient, in conformity with its humanitarian views, considered itself justified, on this account, although in contradiction of its former opinion, to recognize the so-called Supreme Council as a legal body. But, he observes, this is not the view which has been taken of the subject by the Grand Lodges of the United States, who, considering it an invasion of their rights, threaten to break off all connection with the Grand Orient. He then cites the charges brought against the Grand Orient by Bro. Goodall; quotes the letter addressed to Grand Master Mellinet by M. W. Bro. James Gibson, of New York, which he characterizes as giving a clear, logical and true Masonic view of the whole question; and says the answer to this representation was the adoption of the resolution of July 8, 1869, by the Grand Orient, which he quotes. This he does not consider a proper step to produce a reconciliation, but hopes the matter may yet be settled by mutual agreement. He hopes this with greater confidence as a similar conflict between his own Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of England had only lately been amicably adjusted.

Before closing his report he translates a "history of the negro lodges" in the United States, from the report of the Mississippi committee, and credited by them to Bro. VanBokkelen, of Nevada; and concludes by referring to a circular issued by the Grand Master of the Eureka [negro] Grand Lodge, protesting against the supposition that the colored Masons or lodges of Louisiana have any connection with the so-called Supreme Council, and declaring all colored lodges working under it, clandestine.

The report shows that Bro. Count von Wartensleben fully understands the true question at issue, and his synopsis of the history of Masonry in Louisiana bears testimony to the time and research bestowed upon its preparation. As our earlier records are not in print, any error in that portion of our history could reasonably be overlooked, but an error of more recent date (however unintentional), demands instant correction. Bro. von Wartensleben says:

In 1849, the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana had sixty-six daughter lodges, of which three were working the French, four the Scottish, and the rest the York Rite.

By the constitution of the year 1850, the Grand Lodge was not allowed to charter any lodges other than those working the York Rite; the Scottish lodges returned their charters, and the Supreme Council, by resolution adopted Sept. 20, 1850, assumed their former control over all (including the symbolic) degrees. In the meantime some of the Scottish lodges doubting the authority of the Supreme Council had gone under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council of Charleston, and the latter for the protection of its subordinates, as well as for its own, established a regular Consistory in New Orleans.

Now, the Constitution of 1850 reads as follows:

Art. 2, sec. 2.—It [the Grand Lodge] is constituted as a Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and in that capacity recognizes nothing but pure, ancient Free Masonry, consisting of the three symbolic degrees—of Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason; and is forbidden to tolerate any distinction derogatory to the character in which it is constituted.

Art. 4, sec. 1.—It [the Grand Lodge] shall have the exclusive right to constitute lodges of symbolic Masonry within the State.

Art. 12, sec. 1.—Every regular lodge of symbolic Free Masonry, in this State, must be held under the Grand Lodge, by charter or dispensation.

This language is clear and unambiguous; it gives no preference to the York over the Scotch or Modern Rites, and it was for that express purpose the constitution was framed. The discussion of Rites had produced schism, and the convention of 1850 was called to reconcile existing differences and restore harmony. The constitution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the legal representatives of the constituent lodges; it changed the title of the Grand Lodge from that of "Ancient York Masons" to "Free and Accepted Masons"—thus abolishing all distinction of Rites—and reasserted the exclusive right of the Grand Lodge to constitute symbolic lodges—a right which it had uninterruptedly exercised from its formation in 1812.

For a proper understanding of the causes which led to the convention which framed the constitution of 1850, it is necessary to give a resumé of the history of our Grand Lodge so far as it relates to the question of Rites.

In 1793, when Louisiana was a Spanish Province, the Grand Lodge of South Carolina granted a charter to a number of brethren, belonging to different jurisdictions, then residing in New Orleans, under the title of "Perfect Union No. 29." In the following year, some brethren applied to the Provincial Grand Lodge (*La Sincérité*) of Marseilles which granted them a charter under the name of "Polar Star Lodge." The former worked the York, the latter the French or

Modern Rite. As the population increased new lodges were formed; and Polar Star Lodge applied for and obtained a charter from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, bearing date June 3, 1811.

The Grand Lodge was formed June 13, 1812, under the title of the "Grand Lodge of Louisiana, Ancient York Masons." Five lodges were represented in the convention: Perfect Union, chartered by the Grand Lodge of South Carolina; Charity, Concord, Perseverance and Polar Star, all chartered by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Two lodges, Louisiana, chartered by the Grand Lodge of New York, and Harmony, which received its warrant from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, did not unite in forming the Grand Lodge, but maintained an independent existence for some years, and finally ceased their labors—the members, or most of them, obtaining charters from the Grand Lodge under similar names.

Although Polar Star was represented in the convention as an "Ancient York" lodge, it is certain that it continued to work almost exclusively the French Rite. As early as 1807, some of its members had received from France a charter for a Rose Croix Chapter, and a Grand Consistory was established June 19, 1813, under the authority of the Cerneau Council of New York. A Grand Royal Arch Chapter was formed on the 15th of March the same year; the members of the Grand Lodge were for the most part members of the other Grand Bodies, and perfect harmony appears to have existed between the brethren of the different Rites up to this time and for some years later.

A steady current of immigration, from Europe as well as from the Northern States, brought with it brethren made under different systems, and who naturally preferred the Rite under which they had been initiated. This began to exercise an influence on the work of the lodges, until at last a few lodges worked either the Scotch or French Rite exclusively, as they do at the present day. But there were then, as now, brethren who thought nothing of Masonry but the Rite to which they belonged; and, as the charters were granted to "Ancient York Masons," the legality of a lodge working either of the other Rites began to be questioned. To obviate this, on the 15th of October, 1832, the Grand Lodge adopted a new constitution, by which the cumulation (or confederation) of Rites was established, together with a sub-government for their administration, called "Symbolic Chambers"—one for each Rite. The regulations were ordered to be enforced from December 1, 1832, and the Grand Lodge completed the organization of the "Symbolic Chambers of Rites" on the 22d of the same month.

Thus three distinct systems were authorized and the evil complained of greatly increased. For example, Polar Star Lodge was chartered as an Ancient York lodge, by the Grand Lodge, August 15, 1812; it obtained from the Grand Lodge, February 19, 1833, a charter for the Scottish Rite, and two days afterward it also obtained a charter for the French Rite; on February 24, 1834, this lodge surrendered to the Grand Lodge its Ancient York and French Rite charters, and declared its intention to continue to work under its Scottish Rite charter; and finally, August 15, 1840, the Grand Lodge passed a resolution authorizing Polar Star Lodge to cumulate the Ancient York and French Rites, which was endorsed on its Scottish Rite charter on September 6, 1840.

The brethren composing the Symbolic Chambers were also members of the Grand Consistory, and, under the constitution of 1832, they soon began to exert an undue influence over the Grand Lodge. In 1839, the Marquis Santangelo, on his own account, transformed the Grand Consistory into a Supreme Council,

which, considering the Grand Lodge a mere appanage of its own, controlled its action, and as late as 1844 expelled members of that body, and required it to declare them expelled simply because they had been expelled by the Supreme Council. This tyrannical and unmasonic course led to the revolt of 1847, and the formation of the "Louisiana Grand Lodge." This proved a death-blow to the usurped power of the Supreme Council. The Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, January 30, 1850, proposed articles of union to the Louisiana Grand Lodge, which were adopted by the latter body, February 20th, and the union was completed on the 4th of March of the same year. Harmony was restored, and the first act of the Grand Lodge was to appoint a committee to draft a new constitution, which was adopted by the convention held at Baton Rouge, June, 1850.

On the promulgation of this constitution, James Foulhouze and other members of the Supreme Council, by false representations, incited the lodges working the Scottish and French Rites to return their charters to the Grand Lodge and take out others from the Supreme Council. Out of the seven lodges then working those Rites, only three yielded to their persuasions, viz: Polar Star, Disciples of the Masonic Senate (now St. Andrew), and Los Amigos del Orden, all of which years ago returned to their allegiance. The other lodges, notwithstanding the assertion of Bro. Count von Wartensleben, did not go under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council of Charleston, but remained faithful to the Grand Lodge of Louisiana; and the craft to-day, united and harmonious, are working under a revised constitution, in which the principles enunciated in the constitution of 1850 are fully maintained; the Grand Lodge, while it deems a perfect uniformity of work desirable, only insisting "that the means of recognition, and the mutual ties" shall be uniform in all lodges under its jurisdiction.

So much for the subject of Rites; we will now examine the question of jurisdiction. Bro. Count von Wartensleben says:

In 1833, the Grand Lodge formed within itself a separate chamber for the government of symbolic lodges of the Scottish Rite, and the Grand Consistory, at its request, relinquished all right to establish symbolic lodges, so that lodges should only be chartered by the Grand Lodge.

And again, in the passage previously quoted, he says "the Scottish lodges returned their charters, and the Supreme Council assumed their former control over them."

The same assertion was made by Foulhouze and his adherents in 1851, and was fully refuted by Grand Master John Gedge at that time. The assertion was based upon an alleged concordat between the Grand Lodge and the Grand Consistory, which consisted of two letters—one dated January 10, 1833, addressed by the Grand Lodge to the Grand Consistory, stating that it had determined "to constitute in its bosom a special chamber for the symbolic degrees of Scotch Masonry," and requesting the Grand Consistory to divest itself of the right to constitute Scotch lodges, and transfer that right to the Grand Lodge. The second letter is dated January 28, 1833, and is from the Grand Consistory to the Grand Lodge in its "Scotch Symbolical Chamber." It accepts this proposition, and says that the lodges under its jurisdiction have "submitted with joy to the orders given to that effect by the Grand Consistory;" that they had returned the charters which they held under its jurisdiction and were prepared to receive new ones from the Grand Lodge.

Grand Master John Gedge, in his address to the Grand Lodge, April 26, 1851,

after announcing the revolt of the three lodges above named, stated that Polar Star was one of the lodges which formed the Grand Lodge; that the other two had been constituted long after the date of the so-called concordat; that neither of them had ever been constituted under any other authority than that of the Grand Lodge, and therefore the Supreme Council could not re-assume an authority it never possessed. In reference to the "concordat," he said:

I have searched in vain for any act of the Grand Lodge, which either commanded or authorized the writing of the letter in her name. No notice of it appears upon the records. Nor, after diligent search, can I find that the answer to that letter was ever submitted to the Grand Lodge, or that she ever had it communicated to her, or took action upon it.

It will be remembered that the Grand Master at that period, [Bro. J. H. Holland] presided over the Grand Consistory also, and that in reality, for all that appears upon our records, or existing in our archives, he himself must have dictated both letter and reply. Probably he received the sanction of the leaders of the Grand Lodge, because they were also members of both bodies, and it doubtless suited their purpose that the Grand Lodge should be made to appear to sanction pretensions to right and authority, which, as far as my investigations have enabled me to ascertain, were never exercised, and if ever asserted, certainly not openly. I say never exercised, for I cannot discover that this Grand Consistory ever constituted openly any lodge of symbolic Freemasonry in this State, or attempted a concurrence with the Grand Lodge.

We have a right to conclude, therefore, that the attempted concession of such right, in the name of the Grand Lodge, was neither binding upon her, nor had any real effect; and that the pretended yielding of this right by the Consistory, and the pretence of ordering her lodges to place themselves under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, were illusory—the right being quite as non-existent as the lodges supposed to be transferred.

An examination of the records of the Grand Lodge confirms the statement of Grand Master Gedge. The letters in question do not appear upon our minutes, nor is there any reference made to them. The statement of M. W. Bro. Gedge was not questioned by Foulhouze and his adherents at the time, nor would it have been prudent in them to do so. P. G. Master Holland was an officer of the Grand Lodge, and present when the statement was made, and tacitly acknowledged its truth. The old man has gone to his rest; but there are many still living who knew him well, and know that if the statement had not been correct he would not have remained silent.

Three months previous to the date of these letters, the Grand Lodge adopted a new constitution, and, under its provisions, introduced the cumulation of Rites and provided for their administration by "Symbolic Chambers"—the members of which were also members of the Grand Consistory. The first letter was not authorized by the Grand Lodge, the second was not communicated to it, and a careful investigation of the subject induces the belief that, if the letters were written at the date assigned them, they were written for the purpose of bolstering up the members of the Grand Consistory in their then meditated attempt to control the Grand Lodge, and to be produced at a future period. At that date every lodge in the State held its charter from the Grand Lodge, and no proof has been, or can be adduced that the Grand Consistory ever issued a warrant or dispensation to a symbolic lodge.

The truth is that the Grand Lodge, notwithstanding its trials and vicissitudes, was ever jealous of its sovereign rights, and maintained them as early as 1818. Having granted a charter in that year to a lodge (La Rectitude) in Havana, a self-constituted body, styling itself the "Grand Consistory of Havana," soon afterward interfered with its labors. La Rectitude appealed to our Grand Lodge,

the subject was referred to a special committee, who presented a very able report, from which we quote:

Where is the Mason, however inexperienced he may be, who can be ignorant that to a Grand Lodge alone belongs the right to constitute lodges?—that all these Masons assembled under the title of Consistory of Prince Masons, never have had and never can have jurisdiction, direct or indirect, over the symbolic lodges, nor even over the higher degrees—and that any person made a Mason by powers emanating from a similar source, can never be considered as a regular Mason, and can never be admitted into any regular lodge of any of the known Rites.

After exposing the pretensions of the illegal Consistory, the committee conclude:

It is in consequence of the particular knowledge possessed by your committee of the extent of the powers and privileges of this Consistory, supposing it even to be regular, and in consequence of our possessing these same degrees, that we submit this exposition to the Grand Lodge, for such decision as may be appropriate.

This report was adopted, and the Grand Lodge ordered a copy of it to be sent to La Rectitude Lodge No. 7, under its jurisdiction at Havana, with directions that it should be read in open lodge.

The records of the Grand Lodge contain other declarations to the same effect, but we have already occupied more space than we intended. Yet, in closing this correction of the errors in Bro. von Wartensleben's report, we cannot avoid remarking that the reappearance of statements which were triumphantly refuted in 1851, should induce our Grand Lodge to hasten the compilation and publication of its records.

PRUSSIA—MOTHER GRAND LODGE ROYAL YORK ZUR FREUNDSCHAFT, BERLIN.—We have portocols of this Grand Lodge from December 7, 1868, to September 6, 1869. The Grand Lodge has entered into friendly relations with the Grand Lodge of Portugal and the Grand Orient of Italy, at Florence, and agreed to exchange representatives with them. The Grand Lodge of Iowa transmitted three volumes of its proceedings, and hereafter the protocols are to be forwarded to it in return. Our own proceedings have also been received.

In answer to the question, "Can a brother, who has received the 30th degree in the United States, be permitted, on his return home, to wear the jewel of that degree in the lodge?" it was decided he could not; but that at banquets or other extraordinary occasions there would be no impropriety in his wearing it.

A circular was addressed to the subordinate lodges, requesting them to state what charitable institution existed in the lodge, the amount of funds in their possession, and the amount annually expended in charity.

A Sorrow Lodge was held February 2, 1869, on which occasion Bro. Wiprecht, our representative, delivered the oration. Among the names of the deceased brethren we notice that of Charles Louis August Mathieu, who died in this city.

The Grand Master reported the proceedings of the meeting of the Grand Masters, held in Berlin, May 31, 1868. A resolution was adopted that in future all dimits issued by the subordinates of the three Prussian Grand Lodges should be uniform. In relation to the questions discussed at the meeting of the Grand Masters, (see *ante* p. 125) the Grand Lodge Royal York approves of the views taken on the first four questions, and answers the fifth and sixth as follows:

5. The Grand Lodge *Royal York zur Freundschaft* is not in a position to assume



the initiative in this question at the next conference to be held by the Grand Masters of Germany in May, 1869, but approves the declaration made by the Grand Masters of the three Prussian Grand Lodges.

6. All Masonic titles shall in future be used only at the meetings of the lodges, and shall not be added to the address on the outside of letters, which may fall in the hands of the profane.

The Grand Lodge also decided that the Grand Masters attending the conference of the Grand Masters of Germany, in May, 1869, should attend in their individual capacity, and not as representatives of the Grand Lodge.

A communication inviting the Grand Lodge to enter into friendly relations with the Grand Orient of Mexico was declined, on the ground that that body permitted its subordinates to exercise an influence in politics.

The Grand Lodge celebrated its seventy-second anniversary, on St. John's Day, June 24, 1868. On that occasion Bro. Wieprecht delivered a very interesting oration, in which he reviewed the present condition of Masonry in Germany and the United States. Among other things he alludes to the benefits arising from the representative system; states that the Prussian Grand Lodges had adopted similar rules in regard to limits, and the age and qualifications of candidates; and that his own Grand Lodge had adopted a resolution to admit as permanent visitors brethren not professing Christianity. He calls attention to the gigantic proportions which Masonry has assumed in the United States, with forty-one Grand Lodges and 6,800 subordinates—of which 671 belonged to New York, and had during the preceding year initiated 6,000 candidates. He inquires, can we go on increasing in the same ratio? and says instances are not wanting to show that the popularity of our institution has led to its abuse. He notices with marked disapprobation the eagerness manifested in some quarters for what are known as "ladies degrees." He refers to the late attempted anti-masonic crusade, as an evidence we have still enemies to cope with. Of our own proceedings, he says they show zeal and good work in the Royal Art; refers to the friendly relations existing between our own and his Grand Lodge; and, stating that an irregular body here, which had chartered lodges in this city, had been recognized by the Grand Orient of France, announces that in consequence of that act we had broken off all connections with the Grand Orient.

Accompanying this protocol, we have the proceedings of the *Augusten Stiftung*, an institution for the relief of indigent widows and orphans of Masons. It was founded June 11, 1854, at the celebration of the silver wedding of the present King and Queen of Prussia, and named in honor of the latter. It has a capital of 17,777 thalers (\$11,555), and its disbursements during the year ending May 31, 1869, amount to 1189 thalers, about \$773.

At the September meeting, fraternal relations were entered into with the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and mutual representation agreed to.

The question of Masonic titles was taken up, and the Grand Lodge expressed the wish that they should be used only in the lodge; retaining "Worshipful" for the Lodge, Master, and Grand Wardens; "Right Worshipful," for Provincial Grand Master and Pro. Dep. Grand Master; and "Most Worshipful" for Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master—other officers and members to be addressed simply as Brother. The question, however, was considered one "on ritual" and by resolution referred to the "Inner Orient."

The "Inner Orient" is an organization peculiar to Prussian Masonry. It is an independent and irresponsible body, and all propositions for a change in the laws must be submitted to it, and cannot be adopted by the Grand Lodge, unless

they receive its approval. It also exercises a censorship over all Masonic publications of its members, and although the subordinate lodges may elect the Master of the lodge, yet he cannot preside until the approval of the Inner Orient has been obtained.

The Prince of Wales, having been made a Mason in Stockholm, the Crown Prince of Prussia has bestowed upon him the highest honorary membership in the Prussian Grand Lodges.

In consequence of a special case, the edict of December 22, 1845, which forbids an individual brother, or an independent lodge, to lay any Masonic question before the King, has been republished.

We also find in these proceedings an extract from the German Gazette of this city, May 4, 1869, giving a description of the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Germania Lodge No. 46.

FRANKFORT-ON-THE-MAIN—MOTHER GRAND LODGE OF THE ECLECTIC UNION.—We have the proceedings of this Grand Lodge from May 28, 1868, to May 28, 1869. Having entered into friendly relations with our Grand Lodge, at the meeting of December 4, 1868, R. W. Bro. Karl Paul was duly installed as representative of our Grand Lodge, and W. Bro. A. Goldmann was unanimously elected to represent them in a similar capacity near our Grand East. Our proceedings for 1869 had been received, as well as those of the associate Grand Bodies in this jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge has also resolved to enter into correspondence and exchange proceedings with the Grand Lodges of Kentucky and Illinois.

The protocols before us contain an extract from the *Bolletino* of Milan, May 4, 1868, giving details of the fusion of the *Gran Consiglio* of that city with the Grand Orient of Italy, at Florence.

Bro. Karl Paul reported a very correct translation of portions of the constitution and by-laws of our Grand Lodge.

Although Frankfort-on-the-Main has been annexed to the kingdom of Prussia, the Grand Lodge of the Eclectic Union has not been interfered with, and its subordinate lodges appear to be in a healthy and prosperous condition. This confirms us in the opinion expressed in our former report, that the Prussian Government was influenced by political reasons in suppressing the Grand Lodge of Hanover.

SAXONY.—Under the head of Germany we have noticed the very able report presented to the Grand Lodge on the "fundamental laws and manifesto" of the *Verein*. To the author of that report, M. W. Bro. Warnatz, the craft are also indebted for the formation of the Grand Masters' meetings, which promise to exert a powerful influence in promoting harmony among the different systems prevailing in Germany.

From the letter of M. W. Bro. Warnatz to Professor Dr. Seydel, informing him of the action of his Grand Lodge in regard to the manifesto of the *Verein*, we learn that the constitution of this Grand Lodge is based upon the greatest liberality, and the by-laws of the subordinates are in conformity with it. The lodges work according to three different systems, and yet everything is so happily arranged that no desire for a change has manifested itself, nor has this difference in the systems in the least endangered the independence of the lodges, or weakened the authority and importance of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternal relations have been entered into with our own Grand Lodge, and representatives mutually appointed.

A charter has been granted to a number of brethren for a lodge at Bucharest (Roumania.)

The Grand Lodge was formed September 27, 1811. At the close of the nineteenth triennial term, September, 1868, the Grand Master made a very eloquent address, in which he reviews the progress made during the last three years, and looks forward with courage and confidence to the future.

The Grand Lodge exchanges representatives with the Grand Orient of Italy, at Florence; but declined to enter into relations with the so-called Supreme Council of this city and the Grand Orient of Mexico.

M. W. Bro. Warnatz was unanimously re-elected Grand Master, and Bro. Erdman, Deputy Grand Master, for the term 1869-71.

BAVARIA—GRAND LODGE ZUR SONNE, AT BAIREUTH.—From the report of the N. Y. Committee we learn that this Grand Lodge met at Stuttgart, October 11, 1868. A new constitution was adopted, but a change of ritual was declined. It was resolved, however, that every lodge has the right to adopt any ritual best suited to its wants, provided it receives the approval of the council of the lodge as being Masonic.

The new constitution is very liberal, and the profession of a particular religious faith is no longer required from candidates. The three St. John's degrees only are recognized; the officers of the lodge are elected annually from the body of the members; the seat of the Grand Lodge remains at Baireuth as formerly, but its annual meetings are held in the different Orients where lodges are located. The Grand Lodge is composed of the Grand Officers, the officers of the lodges, and of Master Masons elected by the lodges as deputies, one for every fifty members. There are thirteen lodges affiliated with the Grand Lodge.

DARMSTADT—GRAND LODGE ZUR EINTRACHT (HARMONY).—We quote from the report of the New York Committee the following notice of Grand Master, Bro. M. Leykam, whose death we announced in our last report :

Bro. Leykam, well known for his indefatigable Masonic activity, died on the 20th February, 1868. Born on the 20th February, 1806, he received Masonic light on the 5th September, 1831, and was elected Master of the lodge in which he was initiated in 1838. He was one of the nine Masons who founded the Grand Lodge zur Eintracht, was elected its Deputy Grand Master in 1853, and Grand Master in 1859. He was greatly esteemed and beloved by all who enjoyed his personal acquaintance, and was a bright and shining example for the Grand Lodge over which he presided.

His death was announced to the Grand Lodge at the meeting of March 29, 1868. Bro. Pfaltz, Postmaster General, was elected as his successor, and immediately assumed the duties of the office.

The profession of Christianity which a portion of the lodges in this jurisdiction formerly required from candidates has been abolished, and no particular confession of faith is now necessary.

GRAND LODGE ALPINA, SWITZERLAND.—The New York Committee have the transactions of this Grand Lodge from 1866 to 1868. The internal affairs of the Grand Lodge are represented to be in a satisfactory condition, but on account of political and other troubles the lodge at Liestal had suspended its labors. A portion of the lodges are located in an ultra-Catholic population, and

the lodges of Zurich, Bern and Aarau, in the canton of Luzerne, have agreed to notify each other of the reception of petitions from candidates for initiation, in order that none but well-known citizens may gain admission into the ranks of the fraternity, and thus in some measure avoid persecution.

Since the above was written, we have received a copy of the constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge Alpina, and also a catalogue of the lodges and members under its jurisdiction, from a distinguished brother now in Europe. The Grand Lodge recognizes only the three symbolic degrees; the lodges work the A. and A. Rite, and there is no other governing Masonic body in the jurisdiction. There are twenty-eight lodges with a membership of 1,713. The membership of the lodges is very select—being composed of material far superior to that generally found in lodges on the continent, and they are endeavoring to keep our institution free from all contaminating influences.

The seat of the Grand Lodge changes with the residence of the Grand Master, who is elected for six years. Bro. J. J. Ruegg, of Aarau, was elected Grand Master in August, 1868, and Bro. Aimé Humbert, Grand Master Adjunct. The latter is Director of the Academy at Neuchatel. He is one of the most learned and prominent men in Switzerland, and was sent by his government to negotiate a treaty with Japan. French is the language generally spoken, but Bro. Humbert understands English. Our correspondent informs us that the Grand Lodge is anxious to enter into fraternal correspondence with the American Grand Bodies, and we hope our Grand Lodge will adopt measures to secure this desirable result.

**HAMBURG.**—At the meeting of the Grand Lodge, Feb. 22, 1869, Grand Master Buek announced that "Bro. Dr. Blackie" had forwarded him an official communication from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, dated December 12, 1868, expressing the desire to form fraternal relations between it and Hamburg, appointing Bro. Volkers its representative and transmitting his credentials. After the reading of this letter the Grand Master expressed his great satisfaction at receiving this proposition from Tennessee, although "it was offered in rather an unusual manner." The Grand Lodge approved the proposition, Bro. Volkers was duly installed, and Bro. Dr. Blackie (as requested in his letter) received the appointment of representative of Hamburg near the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

We learn from the New York Committee that our brethren in Tennessee soon discovered their mistake and abandoned this alliance. So long as Hamburg persists in violating the jurisdiction of New York, it wantonly insults every American Grand Lodge, and any fraternal relations entered into with it through inadvertence, will as in the present instance prove of short duration.

The peculiar views of this Grand Lodge in regard to Masonic jurisdiction are illustrated by its action towards Brazil. Having recognized the Grand Orient Do Lavradio, Grand Master Buek found that a number of European Grand Bodies had extended recognition to the Grand Orient Dos Benedictinos, and he proposed, under the plea of restoring peace and harmony, to recognize both as lawful. The Grand Orient Do Lavradio however declared that it would not submit to a divided jurisdiction, and that harmony could be secured by the Dos Benedictinos returning to their allegiance. This does not suit Grand Master Buek, and he now says that, if the difficulties in Brazil are not soon settled, his Grand Lodge will be compelled to recognize both Grand Orients as legal and

possessing equal jurisdiction, and at the same time invite all other Grand Lodges to do the same. This seems to us a truly Hamburg-ian way of deciding the legitimacy of a Grand Body.

PORTUGAL.—In our supplementary report of last year, we gave a notice of the condition of Masonry in Portugal, based upon the report of Bro. A. G. Goodall to the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction. Since then we have received documents from the “Grand Orient Lusitano” controverting Bro. Goodall’s statements. We have not had leisure to give them a thorough examination, and as the subject is promised an attentive consideration by the Grand Body which received Bro. Goodall’s report, we prefer to await its decision on the question. We are the more inclined to do this, as advices from Europe inform us that a union of the different Masonic bodies in Portugal is expected soon to take place; a commission having been appointed to discuss and establish the basis upon which the union should be formed. We hope the preliminaries may be successfully arranged and unity established.

ITALY.—In our supplementary report of last year we gave a sketch of the condition of Masonry in Italy—compiled from the report of Bro. Goodall. Since then, we learn that the Grand Council of Symbolic Masonry at Milan has united with the Grand Orient of Italy, at Florence. The other Grand Bodies still maintain an independent existence, and, as they entertain but little fraternal feeling towards each other, the prospect for Masonic unity is not encouraging.

We have received the “Bollettino” of the Grand Orient of Italy, at Florence, from September, 1867, to May, 1869. In it we find nothing to change the opinion we formerly expressed in regard to this self-constituted body, which has not only invaded the jurisdiction of friendly Masonic Powers by granting charters to lodges composed of expelled and unworthy Masons in the cities of Buenos Ayres and Montevideo, but has also recognized and granted mutual representation to the spurious Supreme Council of this city. By a persistent course of solicitation it has managed to obtain recognition from a large number of Grand Bodies, including several American Grand Lodges, who apparently remain in blissful ignorance of its illegitimate character and willful disregard of Masonic comity.

MEXICO.—The New York Committee have information that the National Rite of Mexico and the Supreme Council formed a treaty of amity in July, 1868. Our knowledge of the condition of Masonry in our neighboring republic is very limited, and the following notice is compiled from the report of the above-named committee, the protocols of the Grand Lodge Royal York of Friendship, and the transactions of the Supreme Council S. J.:

It is stated that a lodge working the Scotch Rite existed in Mexico, prior to the formation of the republic. This may be questioned, but in February, 1826, the Grand Lodge of New York granted warrants to five lodges in the city of Mexico, which were forwarded in the May following “with government dispatches” to R. W. Bro. Poinsett, then U. S. Ambassador to Mexico. The number of lodges soon increased; the membership is said to have amounted to about 700—some of the lodges working in the Spanish, and others in the English language. Dissensions soon arose; one side adopted the Scotch, the other the York Rite. Both mingled in politics to such an extent that the contending factions derived the names *Escossesos* and *Yorkinos*, by which the reactionists and

liberals were for a long time known, from the lodges, and finally led to their suppression in 1833. In 1850 the Grand Orient of France granted a charter to some Masons under the name of *Les hospitaliers des deux mondes*, and another lodge is reported to have existed at Vera Cruz since 1842, under the name of St. Jean d'Ulloa. The Mexican constitution of 1857 permitting peaceable associations for any purpose, a number of Masons of both rites again formed lodges, and the Grand Orient of the National Rite was organized. It consists of seven degrees, but it possesses more of a political than a Masonic character. Benito Juarez is a member of this Grand Orient, and on the 24th of June, 1868, it established a lodge of sisters!

A Supreme Council A. and A. Rite was established at Vera Cruz, December 21, 1860, under the auspices of the Supreme Council at Charleston. General Comonfort was the presiding officer; but, some time after the establishment of the body, he was murdered, and during the war between the Northern and Southern States all communication with Charleston ceased. In the meantime the Supreme Council at Vera Cruz, after falling into unworthy hands, and having been used to accomplish private ends, became dormant. On December 27, 1865, a Bro. Reis, claiming to be a "thirty-third," and acting on the plenary powers which some of the possessors of that degree imagine it confers upon them, started a Supreme Council on his own account in the city of Mexico. It is said that three or four of the survivors of the Comonfort body joined this new organization, April 28, 1868, and this, we suppose, is the Supreme Council which has formed the treaty with the Grand Orient of the National Rite.

The latter body applied to the Grand Lodge Royal York for the opening of friendly relations, and the inquiry was made whether the Mexican National Rite occupied itself with politics. The Grand Master replied in the affirmative, and acknowledged that politics was their principal object, and that their lodges might be more properly considered political clubs than Masonic lodges. The Grand Lodge Royal York thereupon declined to enter into any relations with it.

**BRAZIL.**—Several documents from the Supreme Council and Grand Orient Dos Benedictinos, and a letter from its Grand Secretary General, Dr. L. Pientzenauer, have been referred to us. This letter is purely argumentative, and after maintaining the legitimacy of the Benedictinos, controverts the statements of Bro. Goodall as given in our supplementary report of last year. It asserts that none of its chiefs have abandoned its standard, denies that they meddle with politics, and says that, instead of declining in influence and numbers, the Benedictinos have under their obedience forty-nine lodges, with a membership of 5,722, and that they are in fraternal communication with twenty-four Masonic Powers.

The Supreme Council, Grand Orient Do Lavradio, has been recognized as the legitimate body in Brazil, by the Supreme Councils of the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions of the United States. Both bodies appear to have given attentive consideration to the subject, and they are the proper parties to determine the question of legitimacy, and not our Grand Lodge. At the same time we have carefully perused Bro. Goodall's original report upon the subject as well as Bro. Albert Pike's able resumé of the whole controversy. To give even a synopsis of the difficulties in Brazil would require more space than we have at our disposal. Personal matters appear to have contributed largely to the present condition of Masonry in that country, and Bro. Pike, after deciding in

favor of the Supreme Council Do Lavradio, says: "There is right and wrong on both sides in Brazil; and if the brethren there are true Masons, harmony and union can be restored."

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### GENERAL REMARKS:

#### EMBRACING SUBJECTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO THE CRAFT.

GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.—The action of our Grand Lodge, suspending fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France on account of its recognition of the spurious Supreme Council of Louisiana, which has established symbolic lodges in our jurisdiction, has been fully sustained both at home and abroad. The principle, that the Grand Lodge of each State has exclusive jurisdiction over the symbolic degrees within its territorial limits, is so well established in the United States, that we confidently relied on our sister Grand Lodges extending to us the same generous sympathy and support which New York received when its jurisdictional rights were invaded by the Grand Lodge of Hamburg. Nor have we been disappointed: New York led the van in declaring non-intercourse with the foreign invader; Arkansas, California, Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee, Texas and Wisconsin have followed its example; Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Ohio have protested in a firm, yet courteous, manner against the act of the Grand Orient; Vermont and a number of other States have also spoken in terms not to be misunderstood, but we have not yet received official notice of their action. So far as the proceedings received in season for this report give the action of the Grand Lodges or the views of their committees on the subject, we have submitted them without note or comment—the able manner in which the question has been discussed from every point of view, precluding any remarks of our own. Here, however, we may be permitted to remark that the question is one which appeals to every Grand Lodge, for if the act of the Grand Orient had been permitted to pass unrebuked the sovereignty of each Grand Lodge would have been endangered, as what is our case to-day may be theirs to-morrow, and in defending our rights they are maintaining their own. Yet not the less gratefully do we acknowledge the fraternal spirit which has been displayed in sustaining the action of our Grand Lodge, and, while we regret the occasion ever arose, it is a matter of congratulation that it has shown to the Masonic Powers of the world that the Grand Lodges of the United States will submit to no foreign interference with their rights. It has demonstrated that any attempt in that direction will only unite them more closely together in the bonds of Masonic fellowship, and that, while "separate as the billows, they are one as the sea."

By a reference to our notice of the proceedings of the Grand Orient, at its annual meeting in July last, it will be seen that the question was receiving "the careful investigation" of Grand Master Mellinet. A letter from a distinguished brother, now in Europe, under date of December 20, 1869, informs us that he had an interview with Grand Secretary Thévenot and afterward with Bro. Poulle. The latter brother argued that the decree recognizing the so-called Supreme Council of Louisiana was only the act of Grand Master Mellinet, and not that of the Grand Orient; both appeared anxious that the question should be settled, but neither seemed disposed to make a frank admission of the error

committed. They stated the case was still undergoing investigation, but that nothing could or would be done until the annual meeting in July next. What action the Grand Orient may then take, we know not; but so long as the obnoxious decree remains in force, the Grand Orient will occupy the same position as the Grand Lodge of Hamburg in the estimation of all American Grand Lodges, and until the decree is rescinded the honor of our Grand Lodge demands that its edict of non-intercourse be strictly enforced.

**NEGRO LODGES.**—We notice several instances where these organizations are pressing their claims for recognition, but the general opinion of the craft coincides with the views we have heretofore expressed on this subject. The statement that the charter of African Lodge was returned to England, after a copy had been made, has been denied, and it is asserted that the original charter is in possession of Prince Hall Grand Lodge. This and other questions connected with these bodies will doubtless soon be fully investigated. Bro. Drummond, of Maine, has been allowed to inspect a collection of many valuable documents bearing upon this subject, in the possession of Bro. Sidney Hayden, of Pennsylvania, and, after expressing the hope that they will soon be given to the public, he adds:

From an address delivered in 1805 by the Grand Master of Massachusetts, we learn that in 1772 there were and, for many years before, there had been, two Grand Lodges in that State, with ten lodges at that time under their jurisdiction; in 1782, there were thirteen lodges, and in 1792 seventeen lodges. In that year the two Grand Lodges united. One of the ten subordinates was the original lodge, founded in 1733; two were chartered under the administration of Grand Master Gridley; two, under that of Grand Master Rowe; three, under that of Grand Master Joseph Warren; two, under that of Grand Master John Warren.

It is claimed that the Prince Hall Grand Lodge was, in its origin and early history, as regular as either of the two Grand Lodges which united in 1792 to form the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. But this claim was denied then and has been ever since, and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge was then held, and ever since has been held by all Masonic bodies not under its authority to be irregular. This contemporaneous decision and action, acquiesced in so long, would seem to be conclusive.

**PUBLICATION OF NAMES OF MEMBERS.**—This subject is attracting considerable attention. It is urged that the practice entails a heavy expense, while the benefit, if any, derived from it is more than counterbalanced by the Proceedings falling into the hands of impostors, who by the aid thus given to them are better enabled to deceive the fraternity. This view is advocated by Bro. Simons, of New York, and Bro. Drummond, of Maine. The latter brother gives the following statistics:

They are published in full by the Grand Lodges of California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Brunswick, New Jersey, North Carolina, Nova Scotia, Oregon, Texas, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

They are not published by Alabama, Arkansas, Canada, District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Missouri and Vermont formerly did so, but in 1868 published only the changes in membership, etc.

In 1869, however, Missouri published the returns of the subordinate lodges in



full. The Grand Masters of New Jersey and North Carolina recommended that the publication of the names be dispensed with, but the suggestion was not adopted. The Grand Secretary of Mississippi made a similar recommendation, but the committee to whom the subject was referred reported adversely. They argued it had been the custom of the Grand Lodge from its establishment to publish the names, and that from the Proceedings a history of the membership of the subordinate lodges could be compiled; that by their publication individual members are more particular in maintaining a proper Masonic standing, and that it facilitates the intercourse of the craft with other lodges and jurisdictions.

Heretofore we have argued in favor of the publication of the names of members, on the ground that it enabled the officers of our Relief Lodge more readily to detect impostors; but as the larger jurisdictions do not publish them, this benefit is only obtained to a limited extent. After an attentive consideration of the subject, we are of the opinion that, so far as our Relief Lodge is concerned, all necessary information in regard to applicants could be obtained, with little delay and at trivial expense, by means of the telegraph in pressing cases, and by mail in those of not so urgent a character.

Besides, the returns as published contain more or less errors in spelling, and we have even known instances where it would have been difficult for a brother to recognize his own name. Hence they are unreliable either for reference or for the compilation of a history of the membership of the subordinate lodges. This can always be better done by referring to the original returns in the Grand Secretary's office, and the large number who are annually reported "stricken from the roll," etc., shows that the publication of the names does not tend to make members more careful in maintaining a proper Masonic standing.

A list of the subordinate lodges, with the time and place of meeting, and the names of the principal officers (the statistics to be given separately and in tabular form), is in our opinion all that is necessary for the information of the fraternity. This would save considerable expense which is comparatively useless, and we submit the subject for the consideration of the members of the Grand Lodge.

LIBRARIES, ETC.—Noticing the largely increased interest manifested in the formation of Masonic libraries, Bro. Drummond says:

Many Grand Lodges have moved in this matter, and many individuals are interested in it. There is a large call for "Proceedings," and these are esteemed as the most valuable. Heretofore they have been deemed of little account and been destroyed, so that it is impossible to procure a full file of the original Proceedings in nearly all the jurisdictions; and on that account many have reprinted them or are about to do so. We have noticed with feelings almost of horror, that some of our *confreres* on Committees of Correspondence speak of using "the scissors" in making their extracts. We protest against this; all these Proceedings are too valuable to be destroyed. Use the *pencil*, brethren, and let the printer "set up the extracts" from the Proceedings themselves. If you don't want the Proceedings, send them to Maine, and we will bind them and put them in the way of permanent preservation.

We hold the Proceedings in the same estimation as Bro. Drummond, and regard their mutilation as a species of vandalism. Each year they increase in value; our Grand Secretary is unable to supply the demand for those of our own Grand Lodge, and frequent inquiries are made for those of other jurisdictions. If any brother has copies he does not want, let him send them to us; we will pay the expense and appreciate the gift.

A general history of Masonry in the United States has yet to be written, and

it is from the Proceedings that the data for such a work must be obtained. In the meantime, we are gratified to observe that a number of Grand Lodges have appointed committees on Masonic history. Those of Illinois and North Carolina have finished their labors, and we hope that the history of Masonry in those States will soon be issued from the press.

GENERAL SUMMARY.—The Proceedings reviewed contain abundant evidence that Masonry was never in a more prosperous condition than at present. The attempt of a few fanatics to create a new crusade against our institution has signally failed. The fear that the rapid increase of membership, so far in advance of the increase of population, would prove an element of weakness has been allayed, owing to the decrease in the number of initiations. This, in several jurisdictions, is very great; in one State being twenty per cent. less than that of the previous year. But the quality of the material now offering is of a superior character; greater care is exercised in investigating the qualifications of applicants, and the distinction between a mere member of a lodge and the true Mason is better understood and more fully appreciated.

With the decrease in the number of initiations, it is gratifying to observe that the number of new lodges has also decreased. This is owing to applications for dispensations receiving a more careful scrutiny—most Grand Masters consulting the interest of the fraternity and not that of the applicants. Grand Lodges are also more particular in their supervision of the work of such creations, and require that the new lodges shall have secure and proper halls, with all the necessary Masonic clothing and working apparatus, before granting them charters.

The granting of dispensations to confer the degrees of Masonry in less time than that prescribed by the constitution is generally condemned. Many Grand Masters absolutely refuse to grant them, and others recommend their Grand Lodges to prohibit the practice by legislation. In some jurisdictions, lodges are prohibited from permitting their halls to be used for the purpose of conferring the so-called "side degrees;" in others, we regret that those excrescences appear to flourish. Notwithstanding all the legislation against non-affiliates, their number does not seem to diminish; but the distinction between voluntary and involuntary non-affiliation is becoming more generally recognized. This will doubtless influence future legislation, as, in a number of States, the penalties have been enforced against both classes indiscriminately.

The question of "work," which a few years ago was considered of paramount importance, is beginning to be estimated at its true value. It is now announced from the high places that "the work is not all of Masonry;" that "ritualism is not Masonry," and that "uniformity," except in the essentials, is "a myth, and can never be accomplished." The history, philosophy and jurisprudence of our institution are receiving greater attention, and more zeal is manifested in the inculcation of the principles which Masonry enjoins. Intemperance, profanity and kindred vices are denounced in strong terms; discipline is more rigidly enforced, and in cases where lodges have failed to convict, when the proof was clear that the brother accused was guilty, their charters have been promptly arrested.

A higher standard of morality has been accompanied by an increase of the material wealth and prosperity of the fraternity. This is evidenced by the number of new halls which have been erected for Masonic purposes by the subordinate

lodges all over the country. Many of them are costly edifices, elaborately finished and elegantly furnished. Nor has the sacred cause of charity been neglected. In some jurisdictions large funds exist and are yearly accumulating, the interest of which is applied to the support of indigent brethren, their widows and orphans. Lodges are rearing and educating the children of deceased brethren, and in most of our large cities Masonic cemeteries are being consecrated for the sepulture of the fraternal dead.

The condition and prospects of Masonry in foreign countries are receiving more attention than formerly. A number of American and German Grand Lodges have entered into closer bonds of unity and exchanged representatives, and there appears to be a general desire that fraternal correspondence should be established between all the regular Grand Lodges in the world. The representative system, first inaugurated by New York, offers peculiar advantages for the accomplishment of this object; and, in our opinion, its general adoption would strengthen the bonds of brotherhood and facilitate communication between the regular Grand Bodies in every quarter of the globe.

In England and Germany, as in the United States, Masonry is in a flourishing condition and harmony prevails among the craft. In Italy, Portugal and Brazil, rival bodies are contending for the supremacy, and their dissensions are a scandal to our institution. The good seed, however, has been sown, and, although agitation and turmoil may continue for a season, we have an abiding faith that it will yet germinate and bring forth Masonic unity and harmony.

IN CONCLUSION—We tender our grateful acknowledgments for the sympathy and support so generously extended to our Grand Lodge, and renew to all the Grand Bodies with whom we are in fraternal correspondence our best wishes for their prosperity.

Fraternally submitted,

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