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# PROCEEDINGS.

## FIRST DAY'S SESSION.

GRAND LODGE HALL, NEW ORLEANS,  
MONDAY, *February 10th, 1879.*

The Sixty-Seventh Annual Grand Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, F. and A. Masons, commenced in the City of New Orleans, at the Grand Lodge Hall, corner of St. Charles and Perdido streets, on Monday, 10th of February, A. D. 1879, at 7 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Samuel James Powell, Grand Master, on the Third Degree of Masonry, in AMPLE FORM, after prayer by Rev. Ludwig P. Heintz as Grand Chaplain.

### OFFICERS PRESENT.

SAMUEL JAMES POWELL .....	<i>M. W. Grand Master.</i>
EDWIN MARKS.....	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
HENRY CLAY YOUNG.....	<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
GEORGE HORACE BRAUGHN..	<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
ARTHUR WM. HYATT.....	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D....	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
REV. LUDWIG P. HEINTZ as.....	<i>W. Grand Chaplain.</i>
WILLIAM W. LEAKE as.....	<i>W. Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
WILL A. STRONG.....	<i>W. Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
GEORGE SOULÉ.....	<i>W. Grand Marshal.</i>
WILLIAM M. EWELL as.....	<i>W. Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
HENRY HAMBURGER.....	<i>W. Grand Pursuivant.</i>
CARLOS BENS as.....	<i>W. Grand Steward.</i>
HILEL MARKS as.....	<i>W. Grand Steward.</i>
JOHN W. MADDEN.....	<i>W. Grand Steward.</i>
C. R. FAGOT as.....	<i>W. Grand Steward.</i>
THOMAS CRIPPS.....	<i>W. Grand Organist.</i>
CHARLES T. MARTIN.....	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>



## PAST GRAND OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES.

P. G. MASTERS—S. M. Todd, A. J. Norwood, J. G. Fleming.  
 P. D. G. MASTERS—S. O. Scruggs, J. P. Hornor, Wm. Robson.  
 P. S. G. WARDENS—J. C. Gordy, W. R. Whitaker.  
 P. J. G. WARDENS—J. A. Stevenson, Julius Lisso.

REPRESENTATIVES OF—Alabama, Canada, Colorado, District of Columbia, Delaware, Eclectic Union, Indiana, Idaho, Kentucky, Missouri, Michigan, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Nevada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Oregon, Three Globes, Royal York of Friendship, Pennsylvania, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, South Carolina, Saxony, Tennessee, Utah, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Washington Territory.

## CREDENTIALS.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following brethren a Committee on Credentials, viz: W. Brothers David R. Graham, Mount Moriah Lodge No. 59; Richard Lambert, Mount Moriah Lodge No. 59 and M. Aarons, Perfect Harmony Lodge No. 176, who subsequently submitted the following report and resolution:

GRAND LODGE HALL, New Orleans, February 10, 1879.

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, F. and A. M.:*

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report the following list of Lodges having made returns and paid dues, and under the By-Laws entitled to representation, viz:

PERFECT UNION No. 1—Louis Prados, W. M.; A. T. Tissot, S. W.; Theo. Guyol, J. W.  
 PERSEVERANCE No. 4—M. A. Calongne, W. M.; Urbain Sahuqui, S. W.; E. Salomon, J. W.  
 LOS AMIGOS DEL ORDEN No. 5—Carlos Bens, W. M.; Juan Astredo, S. W.; Pedro Cune, J. W.  
 SILENCIO No. 9—F. de P. Villasana, W. M.; Jose Alabau y Prats, S. W.; Ysidro Suarez, J. W., (A. V. Noguira proxy.)  
 FELICIANA No. 31—J. G. Plettinger, W. M.; A. B. Briant, S. W.; Wm. H. Magearl, J. W., (W. W. Leake, proxy for all.)  
 FOYER MACONNIQUE No. 44—B. Campiglio, W. M.; D. Weil, S. W.; M. Vergnole, J. W.  
 GERMANIA No. 46—Jac. Gugenheim, W. M.; Chas. F. Buck, S. W.; C. Huner, J. W.  
 MINDEN No. 51—Thomas O. Benton, W. M.; R. C. Drew, S. W.; C. M. Turner, J. W.

FRANKLIN No. 57—Murphy J. Foster, W. M.; Homer H. Smith, S. W.; A. C. Allen, J. W., (James Todd, proxy for W. M.)

FRIENDS OF HARMONY No. 58—John H. Clark, W. M.; P. P. Paul, S. W.; Joseph Ross, J. W., (B. DaSilva, proxy for W. M.)

GEORGE WASHINGTON No. 65—Owen Gernon, W. M.; D. W. C. Peck, S. W.; A. S. Cutler, J. W.

DUDLEY No. 66—E. M. Ivens, W. M.; Eugene Lalmant, S. W.; George Stroud, J. W.

MARION No. 68—Henry Winslow, W. M.; J. L. Swan, S. W.; R. A. Bayley, J. W., (H. P. Buckley, proxy for S. W.)

HIRAM No. 70—M. D. Lagan, W. M.; James Reid, S. W.; Charles McKenzie, J. W.

ALPHA HOME No. 72—James C. Batchelor, W. M.; Thomas Kearns, S. W.; J. G. P. Sumner, J. W.

QUITMAN No. 76—John K. Collins, W. M.; Andrew J. Armstrong, S. W.; William S. Hansell, J. W.

ORLEANS No. 78—P. Goldstein, W. M.; Louis Kaiser, S. W.; S. D. Stafford, J. W.

THIBODEAUX BENEVOLENT No. 90—Isaiah D. Moore, W. M.; Lehman Meyer, S. W.; Richard Burton, J. W.

HERMITAGE No. 98—Joseph D. Taylor, W. M.; Nicholas Gerstner, S. W.; William Weber, J. W.

FRANKLINTON No. 101—J. M. Simmons, W. M.; J. R. Burch, S. W.; J. P. Fussell, J. W., (J. R. Wood, proxy for S. W.)

LOUISIANA No. 102—Victor Meyer, W. M.; James Rainey, S. W.; John D. Scott, J. W.

CASTOR No. 109—A. A. Lacy, W. M.; J. M. Anderson, S. W.; W. C. Hinson, J. W., (A. Queant, proxy for W. M.)

HARRISONBURG No. 110—James Forsyth, W. M.; W. H. Holloman, S. W.; S. L. Elam, J. W., (T. A. Routon, proxy for S. W.)

SHREVEPORT No. 115—John J. Scott, W. M.; J. A. Bergeman, S. W.; N. W. Murphy, J. W.

DELHI No. 120—D. S. Travis, W. M.; Geo. W. C. Trezevant, S. W.; S. Blum, J. W.

LIBERTY No. 123—W. H. Davis, W. M.; W. G. Spilker, S. W.; A. P. Gibbs, J. W., (Louis Leonhard, proxy for S. W.)

PLAINS No. 135—E. L. Woodside, W. M.; T. J. McHugh, S. W.; (Howell Carter, proxy for W. M. and S. W.;) Louie Wolf, J. W., (R. T. Young, proxy for J. W.)

HOUMA No. 139—J. B. Bisland, W. M.; A. W. Connelly, S. W.; J. A. Hubbard, J. W., (J. B. Dunn, proxy for S. W. and J. W.)

OCEAN No. 144—William Erslew, W. M.; William Kneale, S. W.; A. S. Hebert, J. W.

- HOMER No. 152—J. R. Ramsey, W. M.; W. F. Aycock, S. W.; John Young, J. W., (B. D. Hamson, proxy for all.)
- LIVINGSTON No. 160—Wm. Akers, W. M.; W. H. Holden, S. W.; Z. Tucker, J. W.
- ATCHAFALAYA No. 163—T. P. Harmanson, W. M., W. H. Thompson, S. W.; J. S. W. Harmanson, J. W.
- LAKE CHARLES No. 165—George T. Benson, W. M., (George M. Wells, proxy for W. M.;) Jerry O'Brien, S. W.; A. Rigmaidin, J. W.; (George H. Wells, proxy for J. W.)
- MONTGOMERY No. 168—H. V. McCain, W. M.; E. M. Tiltan, S. W.; T. T. Shumate, J. W.
- ORUS No. 170—Eugene Antoine, W. M.; Jos. A. Bailly, S. W.; V. L. Favre, J. W.
- KOSMOS No. 171—J. F. Falkenheimer, W. M.; Leopold Lehmann, S. W.; A. Estein, J. W.
- UNION No. 172—Ernest Morel, W. M.; M. L. Costley, S. W.; John Charles, J. W.
- ORIENT No. 173—Alfred Shaw, W. M.; (Edward Heath, proxy for W. M.;) Louis Lilienthal, S. W.; Zachary T. Black, J. W.
- DANTE No. 174—Pasquale Pozzi, W. M.; Guiseppe Borzone, S. W.; Stefano Ratto, J. W.
- PERFECT HARMONY No. 176—Montague Aarons, W. M.; George Robb, S. W.; George W. Booth, J. W., (James Benton, proxy for J. W.)
- ORPHANS' FRIEND No. 185—S. C. Fleshman, W. M.; L. S. Havard, S. W.; John J. Smith, J. W.
- FLAT LICK No. 187—Benjamin T. Moseley, W. M.; Lem. Z. Grigsby, S. W.; James W. Reagan, J. W.
- EVERGREEN No. 189—Jesse J. Toon, W. M.; A. B. Williams, S. W.; J. A. Hollingshead, J. W., (Wm. M. Ewell, proxy for all.)
- CORINTHIAN No. 190—Wesley E. Lawrence, W. M.; James R. Howell, S. W.; John Stumpf, Jr., J. W.
- JEFFERSON No. 191—S. F. Parmelee, W. M.; W. G. Murtagh, S. W.; J. A. Smith, J. W.
- ABBEVILLE No. 192—W. D. White, W. M.; J. T. Labit, S. W.; H. B. Lyons, J. W.
- AURORA No. 193—Joseph A. Breaux, W. M.; Joseph P. Russell, S. W., (David Levy, proxy for W. M. and S. W.;) Charles Lehman, J. W.
- CORNER STONE No. 204—D. M. Stone, W. M.; W. C. McDonald, S. W.; W. M. Moffett, J. W., (J. W. Cockerham, proxy for all.)
- DORIC No. 205—William Drews, W. M.; S. W. Hamilton, S. W.; J. W. Jolley, J. W.

TYRIAN No. 206—D. Leatherman, W. M.; Ben. Moore, S. W.; Seaborn Stribling, J. W.

BLAZING STAR No. 212—James Louis Lobdell, W. M.; Albert J. Loudon, S. W.; David Devall, J. W.

KEY STONE No. 213—Henry S. Doniphan, W. M.; Samuel C. Trahern, S. W., (W. H. Hutchings, proxy for W. M. and S. W.;) Gotlieb Krause, J. W.

LAND MARK No. 214—Wm. Mulhall, W. M.; W. I. Sullivan, S. W.; J. M. Alexander, J. W., (Wm. Robson, proxy for all.)

SOLOMON No. 221—W. A. Griffin, W. M.; Louis Abadie, S. W.; C. H. Dozier, J. W., (George H. Pabst, proxy for all.)

PECAN GROVE No. 222—Henry Goodrich, W. M.; Ferdinand Bernd, S. W.; G. G. Lynch, J. W., (Chris. Chaffe, Jr., proxy for all.)

BETHANY No. 223—John O. Williams, W. M.; Isaiah Jones, S. W.; Thomas C. Brown, J. W.

CENTENNIAL No. 225—S. H. Mobberley, W. M.; Hartwig Moss, S. W., (A. S. Yamer, proxy for S. W.;) John K. Greice, J. W.

CLEAR SPRING No. 226—Thomas R. Vaughan, W. M.; John J. Hearne, S. W.; F. L. Barnes, J. W.

All of which, with the following resolution, is respectfully submitted.

D. R. GRAHAM,  
RICHARD LAMBERT, } *Committee.*  
M. AARONS,

*Resolved*, That all Lodges that have made returns and paid dues (to date) be permitted representation.

The report and resolution were, on motion, adopted, when the Committee submitted the following supplemental report, viz:

POLAR STAR No. 1—Silvain Chanfrau, W. M.; Jean Carran, S. W.; Joseph H. Negualona, J. W.

ST. JAMES No. 47—F. M. Brooks, W. M.; E. Jolly, S. W.; J. W. Bates, J. W.

OLIVE No. 52—J. B. Wall, W. M.; T. S. Adams, S. W.; S. E. Worms, J. W., (D. Stocking, proxy for all.)

MOUNT MORIAH No. 59—A. W. Hyatt, W. M.; Richard Lambert, S. W.; R. H. Benners, J. W.

SABINE No. 75—J. M. Franklin, W. M.; M. P. Hawkins, S. W.; Riley Stoker, J. W.

ST. JOSEPH No. 79—D. P. January, W. M., (W. B. Murdock, proxy for W. M.;) C. C. Cordill, S. W.; J. C. Henderson, J. W.

MONTICELLO No. 92—L. J. Land, W. M.; T. A. Jackson, S. W.; W. A. Richardson, J. W.

- URIM No. 111—J. M. Brooks, W. M.; W. T. Brooks, S. W.; W. G. Dunn, J. W.
- MILFORD No. 117—Andrew B. Booth, W. M.; P. S. Harelson, S. W.; W. W. Willmath, J. W., (John C. Gordy, proxy for all.)
- PEARL RIVER No. 125—W. H. Adams, W. M., (J. E. Smith, proxy for W. M.;) William Warren, S. W.; J. W. Ball, J. W., (W. C. Warren, proxy for S. W. and J. W.)
- EASTERN STAR No. 151—S. M. Brian, W. M.; J. P. Cook, S. W.; S. M. Smith, J. W.
- SAINTS JOHN No. 153—John G. Dyer, W. M.; Julius A. Peterson, S. W.; John F. Follett, J. W.
- MORGANZA No. 159—Ovide Lejune, W. M.; James A. Morgan, S. W.; A. J. Claiborne, J. W.
- LINN WOOD No. 167—John W. Madden, W. M.; John Booth, S. W.; Frank H. Wilson, J. W.
- AMITE CITY No. 175—C. S. Stewart, W. M., (Emmet D. Craig, proxy for W. M.;) J. W. Addison, S. W.; Leslie Bankston, J. W.
- CADDO No. 179—W. T. D. Dalzell, W. M.; N. C. Blanchard, S. W., (S. O. Scruggs, proxy for S. W.;) A. B. Weaver, J. W.
- SPRING CREEK No. 184—W. H. L. Lewis, W. M.; R. J. Givens, S. W.; Joseph M. Breland, J. W.
- COVINGTON No. 188—Jas. M. Thompson, W. M.; John Theobald, S. W.; M. H. Tally, J. W.
- ASSUMPTION No. 203—Pierre Juliat, W. M.; Francis W. Pike, S. W.; Abraham Block, J. W.
- FRIENDSHIP No. 215—T. M. Blackwood, W. M.; L. J. Readheimer, S. W.; W. H. Gunn, J. W., (Wm. E. Todd, proxy for all.)
- GOOD INTENTS No. 216—Stanislaus F. Spencer, W. M., (Julius Lisso, proxy for W. M.;) John A. Hunter, S. W.; Thaddeus C. Wamsley, J. W., (B. G. Kenney, proxy for S. W. and J. W.)
- FELLOWSHIP No. 217—J. F. Hathaway, W. M.; J. J. Barnidge, S. W.; O. E. Barnidge, J. W., (B. F. Scott, proxy for all.)
- LIVONIA No. 220—Peter Randolph, W. M.; Emile Joffrion, S. W.; C. L. Andrews, J. W.

## ROLL.

On call of roll the following Lodges were found represented, viz:

Nos. P. U. 1, 4, 5, 31, 44, 46, 52, 57, 58, 59, 65, 66, 68, 70, 72, 75, 76, 78, 79, 90, 98, 101, 102, 109, 115, 117, 125, 135, 139, 144, 151, 152, 153, 160, 163, 165, 9, 167, 168, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 179, 184,

185, 189, 190, 191, 193, 204, 205, 206, 212, 213, 214, 216, 217, 220, 221, 222, 225. Total, 64 chartered lodges.

The M. W. Grand Master then delivered the following

### ADDRESS.

*Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana*—I am profoundly grateful for the high privilege of meeting you again in Grand Communication.

The circumstances that mark this anniversary of our coming together are not as propitious as we could desire. A year ago we left this sacred place filled with high hopes for the improvement of the general welfare of our people, as well as for the advancement of Masonry. But these hopes have failed of fulfillment. The material interests of our country have suffered disastrous reverses—every industry has been seriously hindered—a pestilence has been abroad, and our friends and brethren have fallen around us like leaves in wintry weather. Perhaps the failure of our hopes are only commensurate with our failure of duty, and of our forgetfulness of Him, in whom we profess to put our trust. Thank God, while he has afflicted he has not destroyed; and we are again in annual communication, with new hopes, and new resolutions.

To Him, therefore, who holds the destinies of all men in his right hand, let us give our heartfelt thanks for His many mercies, and implore His blessing on our present assembly.

### OUR DEAD.

The following named brethren have died during the year.

Wor. Henry W. Coyle, Grand Sword Bearer and P. M. of Tyrian Lodge No. 206.

Wor. Jno. W. Higman, Mount Gerizim Lodge No. 54.

“ Frank W. Delesdernier, Mount Moriah Lodge No. 59.

“ Orsen S. Babcock, George Washington Lodge No. 65.

“ Henry Cearns, Hiram Lodge No. 70.

Wor. John Kellett, Hiram Lodge No. 70.

“ John T. Pettigrew, Orleans Lodge No. 78.

“ W. W. Carter, Saint Helena Lodge No. 96.

“ H. W. Strickland, Saint Helena Lodge No. 96.

“ Leonard F. Gish, Saints John Lodge No. 153.

“ G. W. Dannels, Brookville Lodge No. 161.

“ Louis Levisque, Lake Charles Lodge No. 165.

“ B. K. Harrison, Adonijah Lodge No. 219.

“ Ansel H. Kendrick, Centennial Lodge No. 225.

It is proper that the Grand Lodge should testify in a befitting manner, their regret at the loss sustained by the jurisdiction in the Eternal removal of these lamented and exemplary Masons.

#### THE EPIDEMIC.

It is my painful duty to record the appearance of another fearful epidemic in our State. Early in the season the yellow fever appeared in this city, and soon assumed an epidemic form and spread through the South. From its inception it was marked by a peculiarity of symptoms, a virulence of type and a fearful mortality that were unknown to any that had preceded it. The young and the old, the high and the low, were alike the victims of this fearful pestilence. Science and kind offices were powerless to resist it, and it continued its ravages until it exhausted itself, or was checked by the frosts of approaching winter. The death-rate was fearful, the suffering was indescible, and the injury to all interests beyond computation.

It is not my purpose to describe the details of suffering, misery and want, that followed in the train of this dreadful scourge. Nay, rather, I would draw a veil over the scenes of horror, and retain nothing save the memories of the dead, and the noble charities and heroic deeds of philanthropy it called forth.

At first our membership was singularly exempt from attack, and so confident were our brethren that they could take care of our own household, that I persistently declined proffered assist-

ance from other jurisdictions. But our hopes in this direction soon failed. The fever-fiend, in its blind fury sought indiscriminately whom it might destroy, and our brethren and their families shared the common fate.

As soon as our necessities were known, liberal donations accompanied with words of compassionate sympathy came from our brethren in other jurisdictions. Material assistance without stint or measure, was freely and voluntarily furnished us, and in a few days funds to meet all our wants were at our disposal. So lavish and continuous were these donations, that I felt it my duty to send a telegram, through the Associated Press, to all the Grand Lodges in the United States to cease their generous contributions.

To these generous brethren, who so promptly came to our relief in the hour of affliction, I now tender the grateful acknowledgments and the heartfelt thanks of the brethren of this jurisdiction. Their unmeasured generosity and unstinted beneficence will live forever in our memories, and be cherished with the truest affections of our hearts. Their timely and munificent charities have strengthened the bond of fellowship and cemented anew our hearts to them in a closer communion, and they will stand forever as monuments to the sacredness of our fraternal relations, and to show to the world how Masons love each other.

#### DONATION.

On the 21st day of August, R. W. Edwin Marks, D. G. M., with my consent and concurrence, forwarded two hundred dollars to the Grand Master of Mississippi, for the relief of the suffering brethren in that jurisdiction.

A well founded apprehension, which soon developed into a sad reality, that we would soon require assistance to enable us to minister to the wants of our own brethren, forbade a larger donation. But in view of their kind offices and prompt assistance in days past, and of their great distress, I felt it my duty to contribute



something for their relief. The widows' mite was an acceptable offering, and I hope this small contribution will be accepted as an earnest of our good intentions and profound sympathy.

PLAINS LODGE 135.

In February, I was informed that serious dissensions existed in this Lodge, that required my special attention. I ordered all the members to be summoned to attend the regular meeting, on the 10th day of May, at which time I attended in person. I found that the difficulty grew out of the trial of Bro. A. L. East, in 1876, which resulted in his conviction and sentence, but which judgment was reversed by the Grand Lodge in 1877. Charges had again been preferred against the Brother, which, on examination I found to be substantially a renewal of those finally disposed of by the Grand Lodge, as above stated. This I could not permit, and I ordered the charges to be withdrawn and the proceedings dismissed. I explained to the brethren the impropriety of their action in renewing the charges, but they disclaimed any intention to resist the authority of the Grand Lodge, or to ignore its solemn decrees, but seemed to be under the impression that a *new trial* could be had under the rule laid down in the report of the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, reported in printed proceedings of 1878, page 77. I am free to admit that that report is not free from ambiguity. In my opinion a new trial may be granted by the Lodge in which the trial was had, on a proper showing by the accused, and when in the opinion of the Lodge justice requires it, provided the motion be made within a reasonable time after the trial, and before the transcript of appeal has been sent to the Grand Lodge. But I am clearly of opinion that an appeal to the Grand Lodge and a final action thereon, are a perpetual bar to a new trial.

I regard Plains Lodge 135, as one of the first Lodges in this jurisdiction and I am glad to say that all dissensions have been healed, and it is again in a flourishing condition.

## LIVONIA 220 VS. MORGANZA 159.

A difficulty arose between these two Lodges on a question of jurisdiction. George Hyman, whose residence is nearer Livonia 220 than Morganza 159, made application to the latter for the degrees, which was favorably received, and the first two degrees conferred on him. Complaint having been made to me by Livonia 220, I directed Morganza 159 to desist from further action in the case, and ordered the fees for the two degrees to be paid to Livonia 220, and the application for the remaining degree to be referred to that Lodge for its action.

## CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES.

For prudential reasons permission was given to Concorde No. 3 and Perfect Union No. 1 to consolidate under the charter of the latter. A like permission was given to Orus No. 170 to unite with Perfect Union No. 1, consolidated as above stated.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

On 18th February I gave my proxy to R. W. J. C. Gordy to dedicate new hall of Arcadia Lodge 126. And at the same time gave him authority to visit Providence Lodge 50 and to hold elections and install officers.

On 6th May I received a letter from R. W. Bro. Texada, declining the appointment of D. D. G. M. of Twelfth District, and appointed Bro. B. F. Scott, P. M., Fellowship Lodge 217, to fill the vacancy.

On 21st May I approved amended by-law of Delhi Lodge 120, changing the time of stated meetings.

On 23d September I approved amended by-law of Feliciana 31, and returned original to Grand Secretary.

On 1st December I gave permission to R. W. S. M. Brian, D. D. G. M., Fourth District, to install publicly the officers elect of Eastern Star No. 151.

On 21st January I authorized the W. Master of Spring Creek

184 to install the officers elect after the time fixed by the regulations.

On 30th January I authorized the W. M. of Tunica 63 to elect and install officers for the ensuing year, the Lodge having failed in this duty from unavoidable circumstances.

On 10th January I gave my permission to St. James No. 47 to remove from their hall, on the corner of Maine and Church streets, in the city of Baton Rouge, to the three-story brick building on Florida street, between Front and Lafayette streets, in the same city.

#### DEDICATIONS.

On 16th day of April R. W. Edwin Marks, D. G. M., dedicated the new hall of Hermitage Lodge No. 98, in this city. I regret that my engagements elsewhere prevented my attendance.

On 4th day of May, R. W. J. C. Gordy, as my proxy, dedicated the new hall of Arcadia Lodge 126, and made due report thereof.

On 29th day of May, I publicly dedicated the New Hall of Livonia Lodge 220, at its new location on False River. I was assisted in the ceremonies by R. W. Brothers J. C. Gordy, D. Leatherman, Howell Carter, W. W. Leake and others. The Lodges in the vicinity were well represented, and a large concourse of ladies and gentlemen were in attendance attesting their appreciation of the efforts of these brethren in the cause of universal friendship and benevolence.

Blazing Star Lodge 212, has completed its new hall, and the day was fixed for its dedication, but the yellow fever appeared in that vicinity and compelled an indefinite postponement of the ceremonies.

I was also notified that Morganza 159, had nearly completed a new hall at New Texas Landing, and that I would soon be called on to dedicate it; but uncontrollable events prevented the completion of their arrangements.

## COMMITTEE ON WORK.

I respectfully refer you to the report of R. W. J. C. Gordy, of the Committee on Work, for his official acts. You will remember that at our last Annual Grand Communication, in consideration of our financial troubles, and in order to reduce our current expenses, R. W. Bro. Gordy volunteered to dispense the work during the year throughout the jurisdiction free of charge. This noble act is characteristic of this old veteran in Masonry, and worthy of the highest commendation. Justice requires me to say that his failure to visit some of the Lodges was unavoidable, and no fault of his. In August I received a letter from him enclosing a programme of his Fall work, embracing several Masonic Districts in my vicinity. Shortly afterwards the yellow fever broke out in that region of country—quarantines were established, and all communication cut off. I wrote to Bro. Gordy and advised him of the state of things in the region of country he proposed to visit, and informed him that it was impossible for him to meet his engagements. A sense of justice compels me to make this statement.

## FINANCE.

On the financial condition of the Grand Lodge I have but little to add to the statements of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, to which you are respectfully referred.

I had but little difficulty in the beginning of the year in making the necessary arrangements to meet our liabilities then due.

The condition of the Grand Lodge property remains unchanged. No remunerative prices being offered, no sales have been effected.

## PER CAPITA TAX—CIRCULAR LETTER.

During the spring and summer I received communications from several Lodges inquiring about the *per capita* tax you

levied at your last grand communication—some desiring to know its objects and purposes, and why it was levied; others complaining bitterly against the exaction, and questioning the power of the Grand Lodge to make the levy.

I was not disposed to deal harshly with those Lodges, as I was fully satisfied that the brethren generally were not sufficiently informed on this subject; and this want of information was due to the omission from the printed proceedings of last year all that part of my address relating to the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, and my reasons for recommending the levy. I do not complain of this omission, for it was done for prudential reasons, at the suggestion of the G. L. H. Directors, and with my consent; but I did not think that these brethren should be held responsible for the want of information that was designedly withheld.

In June I convened the G. L. H. Directors, and laid this matter before them, and it was determined that I should issue a circular letter to all the Lodges, giving full information on this subject.

On 1st August I issued the circular letter containing a statement in detail, as far as practicable, of the financial condition of the Grand Lodge—how its indebtedness was incurred, a list of its property, with its estimated value, and what disposition is proposed to be made of it; and how the money to be raised by the *per capita* tax was to be applied. In a word, I fully explained the objects and purposes of the levy, and urged its prompt payment.

The reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary will show how much of this tax has been collected.

#### DECISIONS.

I submit the following decisions:

1st. That it is not necessary for a Master elect to have the Past Master's degree before installation.

2d. That the fees for conferring degrees by a Lodge without

jurisdiction over the candidate belong to the Lodge whose jurisdiction has been invaded.

3d. That an appeal to the Grand Lodge and final action thereon precludes a new trial.

4th. That Lodges are not allowed to solicit aid to build lodge halls, or for any other purpose, from other jurisdictions, without the approval of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master; they are, however, at liberty to do so within our own jurisdiction without such permission; but that it should not be resorted to except in cases of great necessity.

5th. That a Mason's widow or daughter who marries a profane, deprives herself of all the benefits of Masonry as a right.

6th. That an objection to advancement must be followed by charges.

7th. That the Grand Lodge is not responsible for the debts of subordinate Lodges.

8th. That subordinate Lodges can dispose of their property at will, and the Grand Lodge is without authority to control them in the enjoyment of their property, or in the disposition of it.

9th. That a member of a Lodge is entitled to a dimit as a right, and he cannot be compelled to pay a *pro rata* of the indebtedness of the Lodge before the dimit is granted.

#### MASONIC PROCESSIONS, ETC.

On the 15th of February Bros. Ernest Morel, W. M., Union Lodge 172; D. B. Graham, P. M., Mount Moriah 59, and W. Boyne, S. W. and acting W. Master of Hiram 70, addressed a communication to me asking my interpretation of the law governing Masonic burials and other public ceremonies. This communication was the result of a discussion in this Grand Lodge at the close of our last grand communication. A diversity of opinion existed and was freely expressed on this subject, and I then expressed my dissent from the views entertained by eminent brethren of this Grand Body.

I carefully examined the standard authorities, and the regulations of many Grand Lodges, and I gave those brethren the following as an epitome of my research, and my own opinion on the subject of their inquiry, to-wit:

Masonic bodies may appear in regalia and perform burial and other public Masonic ceremonies, but such ceremonies must be under their own exclusive control, and entirely conducted by them. They must preserve the unity and exclusiveness of their organization throughout. Other secret associations may join in the *general* procession, but they must maintain their separate and distinct organization, and cannot be permitted to take any part in the ceremonies, further than marching in the general procession as distinct bodies.

Masonic bodies are prohibited from taking part in burial or other ceremonies with other secret associations, nor are they allowed to be present, as *Masonic bodies*, when such ceremonies are conducted by other secret societies.

#### GRAND ORATOR.

On 31st December I addressed a communication to R. W. W. T. D. Dalzell, Grand Chaplain, tendering to him the appointment of Grand Orator, under the resolution passed at our last Grand Communication. On 20th January I received his reply, declining the appointment for satisfactory reasons. I thought it was due to this eminent Divine, and learned and zealous Mason, to tender him this appointment, and am sure that the entire Brotherhood share my regrets that he was unable to accept it.

The R. W. brother stated that he was about to remove from this jurisdiction, to assume the rectorship of Grace Church, at Memphis, Tennessee. We are very sorry to part with our dear friend and brother, and cheerfully commend him to the kind offices of the brethren at his new home.

After R. W. Bro. Dalzell declined, as above, it was too late to make another appointment.

## OUR FOREIGN RELATIONS.

Our relations with other Grand Lodges remains unchanged, and with all the Grand Lodges on this continent they are still entirely harmonious and fraternal.

On the 5th of April I received notice that R. W. Bro. Robt. Babbington, P. M. Franklinton 101, had been appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland at this Grand East.

On the 23 of September I received notice of the resignation of R. W. Bro. C. F. Heinersdorf, our Grand Representative at the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, and nominating his successor.

## GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

In July I received notice from the Grand Lodge of Quebec that it had dissolved all Masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, with the reasons that induced this extraordinary action.

In 1869 the Grand Lodge of Quebec was organized as an independent sovereign Grand Lodge of Free Masons, and received fraternal recognition from nearly all the Grand Lodges in the Masonic world. At that time there were in the Province of Quebec five Lodges holding warrants from the Grand Lodge of England, and two holding warrants from the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

After the adjustment of the difficulties between the Grand Lodges of Canada and Quebec, two of the English Lodges and one of the Scotch Lodges acknowledged their allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, but three of the English Lodges, St. Paul, St. George and St. Lawrence, and the Scotch Lodge Elgin, continued to work under their old warrants, and refused to acknowledge the supremacy of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

In 1877 the Grand Lodge of Scotland recognized the Grand Lodge of Quebec as an independent sovereign Grand Lodge, and cemented their fraternal relations by an exchange of repre-



sentatives. The Grand Lodge of Quebec then requested the Grand Lodge of Scotland to withdraw its warrant from Elgin Lodge with a view of its immediate junction with the Grand Lodge of Quebec. The Grand Lodge of Scotland refused to comply with this request, and withdrew its representative. If this were all, perhaps this unfortunate controversy would not have arisen, but the Grand Lodge of Scotland immediately issued warrants for the organization of two more Lodges in the territorial limits of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

M. W. Grand Master Tait declares that every effort, consistent with honor and dignity, has been made by the Grand Lodge of Quebec to bring about an amicable adjustment of this anomalous state of affairs, but without result, which declaration seems to be fully justified by the accompanying correspondence.

No doctrine is more generally recognized on this continent than the supreme sovereign and exclusive jurisdiction of each Grand Lodge within its territorial limits. Certainly no Grand Lodge has a greater interest in maintaining it intact, or has suffered more by its invasion than ours.

It would seem to me that the unreserved recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and an exchange of representatives, was a virtual, if not an absolute, abandonment of jurisdiction over Elgin Lodge, and the withdrawal of the warrant under which it worked should have immediately followed. Be this as it may, I am fully convinced that the issuing of warrants to establish two new Lodges in the territorial limits of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, was without the shadow of authority, and an unwarranted invasion of her Grand Lodge sovereignty.

I entertain the highest veneration for the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and sincerely hope that this unfortunate difficulty may be speedily adjusted. But in vindication of ourselves and the position we assumed years ago, and in view of the sympathy we sought and received when our Grand Lodge sovereignty was invaded, I think we should not hesitate to give an emphatic

expression of sympathy with the Grand Lodge of Quebec in this controversy, and an approval of her action.

I refer this matter to you for your action.

#### CONDITION OF THE CRAFT.

I will not weary you with a narration of the minor details of my administration, how numerous and how varied they are, none know but those who have occupied this position.

I have visited some Lodges and been in communication with many others, and have cheerfully and promptly answered all letters asking for information and advice.

The small number of decisions I have been called upon to make, and the very few cases that required my official interposition, and the ready submission to authority, at all times, indicate an advance in the research and intelligence of the officers, and a corresponding improvement in the morals and conduct of the membership. The brethren have shared the common misfortunes of our people, and the prosperity of the Lodges has been seriously retarded by the general financial depression; but they have maintained their integrity; and peace and harmony prevail.

I cannot afford to be sentimental on the supposed advantages of adversity, but all must admit that it furnishes many occasions for the exhibition of true manhood and the crowning virtues of the human character. In the trying scenes through which we have passed during the year, our brethren have been true to their trust, and in their unselfish and untiring efforts to relieve the distressed have beautifully reflected the teachings of Masonry; the pestilence that walked in darkness and rioted at noon-day was stript of many terrors and spoiled of many victims; the widow and the orphan were kindly cared for, and tears were wiped away from many faces. This practical exemplification of the great moral design of Masonry is far more gratifying to me than accessions to our numbers, or the erection of costly temples.

I indulge the hope that the day is not far distant when

Masonry in Louisiana will reach that full measure of prosperity the noble conduct of its votaries so justly merits.

#### REPORTS.

I respectfully call your attention to the reports of the D. G. Master, Grand Secretary and D. D. G. Masters. They contain much valuable information, and many very important suggestions.

The report of R. W. Edwin Marks, D. G. Master is especially worthy of your attention. In my absence from this city his duties were numerous and responsible, and he has discharged them with great satisfaction. His zeal and efficiency in his responsible position, are deserving of the highest commendation.

#### CONCLUSION.

Now, brethren, my labors are ended, and I now surrender to you the high and responsible trust you have twice committed to my keeping. Its cares and labors none but Grand Masters can know—its honors are all that an honorable ambition could desire. In retiring from this position, I desire to leave with you assurances of my profoundest gratitude for your generous confidence, and of my full appreciation of the many courtesies extended to me.

SAML. J. POWELL,  
Grand Master.

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#### REPORT OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

NEW ORLEANS, February, 1879.

Saml. J. Powell, Esq., Grand Master of Masons of the State of Louisiana:

*M. W. Brother*—I have the honor to report the following abstract of my stewardship during the past year:

February 16. Issued a dispensation permitting an election for and installation of a Secretary for Montgomery Lodge No. 168, on account of a vacancy occasioned by the removal of the previous Secretary to Texas.

March 20. Issued a dispensation to Delhi Lodge No. 120 for an election and installation of Treasurer.

April 3. Accorded permission to Doric Lodge No. 205, Morgan City, to lay corner stone of a church.

April 16. Dedicated Hall of Hermitage Lodge No. 98, corner of Magazine and St. Andrew streets, of this city.

May 20. Los Amigos del Orden Lodge No. 5, at a regular meeting, passed a resolution notifying all delinquents to show cause within the prescribed period of three months, why their respective indebtedness was not settled, or otherwise be dealt with under provisions of the laws of the G. L., in such cases, and among those in arrears was numbered the W. M. of the Lodge, W. Bro. José Planellas. After the expiration of the W. Brother's term and the installation of his successor, the Lodge took it for granted that he was per force included amongst the list of delinquents notified, and at the time designated for general action, they suspended *him*. Bro. Planellas appealed from the decision of the Lodge, and after a strict investigation of the facts, I decided that the Lodge had overstepped its province in thus subordinating the brother under his previous position, and ordered his restoration to his rights and privileges as a member of the Lodge. He was subsequently suspended while a member, after due notice.

May 20. Granted permission to Monticello Lodge No. 92, to sell "a certain lot of ground" to the M. E. Church South, on condition that the Lodge would not be embarrassed by the sale.

July 9. Issued dispensation authorizing Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 104, to elect and install officers to serve during balance of the year, they having been prevented from electing previously.

July 16. Approved report of Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence adverse to approval of a by-law of Alpha Home Lodge No. 72, relative to meetings.

August 19. Refused permission to Union Fraternal Lodge No. 53, to rent their Lodge hall to the I. O. O. F.

October 25. Approved report of the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence approving amendment to by-law of Alpha Home Lodge No. 72, relative to meetings.

December 10. Received information from the Secretary of Lafayette Lodge No. 56, that on the night of the 25th September the Court House was burned, and with it the charter, books, jewels, etc., of the Lodge. Sent them authority to continue, and would recommend a certified duplicate of the charter destroyed.

The same date received from W. M. of R. F. McGuire Lodge No. 209, an application for authority to ballot on application of a Brother "short of time," good reasons being urged. Also from same Lodge asking for permission to re-ballot on a rejected candidate for the second degree. Granted the first request, and declared the other not permissible.

#### PERFECT UNION LODGE NO. 1.

On the 29th of May I issued a dispensation permitting the affiliation en masse of the brethren of Concorde Lodge No. 3 with those of Per-

fect Union No. 1, under the latter's charter; the charter of the former to be surrendered and placed in possession of the Grand Secretary, and all books, jewels, papers, etc., to remain in the temporary custody of Perfect Union Lodge No. 1.

And on the 29th of December I issued an additional authorization permitting the affiliation of the membership of Orus Lodge No. 170 under the charter of Perfect Union, under similar provisions.

I have hopes that the amalgamation will result in the perpetuation of the oldest Lodge in the State, and would earnestly recommend the approval of my action on the part of the Grand Lodge through you.

#### THE EPIDEMIC.

I deem it necessary, owing to the fact of my having had direct supervision of the Relief Fund of the late epidemic, to dwell briefly upon the part performed by the Fraternity in this city, and at the same time to properly acknowledge our deep and lasting gratitude to the noble-hearted donors who furnished the means for the good work.

At a regular meeting of the Board of G. L. Hall Directors, held on the 29th of July, I called the attention of the Board to the fact that yellow fever existed in the city to a considerable extent, and that indications were rife that a severe epidemic was threatened, and referred to the necessity that might eventuate of our having to dispose of a portion of the principal composing the "Overflow Relief Fund," which, by Grand Lodge resolution, might be used in just such an emergency. By resolution of the Board I was empowered to sell or pledge such portion of the Grand Lodge bonds, forming that investment, as I might deem necessary for the exigency. In the course of another month the fever assumed large proportions, and was deemed epidemic.

On the 19th and 21st of August tenders of aid were made us from Kentucky, Illinois, New York and other jurisdictions, which I declined, entertaining the hope that we might be able to compass the situation within our own resources; but the increase in the spread of the fever became daily so rapid that I finally feared we would be unable to extend proper relief to our Masonic sufferers unless we accepted the voluntary donations which began to come forward, the first of which, on the 31st of August, was received from the Grand Lodge of California. After that date amounts continued to come forward in more or less volume; until on the 16th of September, believing that a sufficient amount had been received by us to minister to all further appeals for relief, I advised you to issue your telegraphic letter of thanks to all jurisdictions for their previous kind assistance, and begged them to cease their kindness towards us, feeling confident that our neighboring jurisdictions needed aid to a larger extent than we did, and was apprehensive that we might be diverting means from their more extended necessities. We, however, afterwards accepted balances of funds raised in one or

two States for our relief. The total amount received was \$12,820 74. For specifications see Grand Secretary's report.

Just here let me attempt some thankful appreciation to our brethren of other jurisdictions, whose generous-hearted, voluntary donations have thus aggregated. Can we realize the good by the figures? Can any arithmetical enumeration place properly before the mind the amount of distress, the sum of alleviation to misery that has been afforded us, the dispensers, to accomplish? Can we adequately state the comforts and attention that this money enabled us to surround misery with? Can we exhibit the value of the decent, Masonic interment of those unfortunates who fell victims to the unsparing ravages of the ruthless destroyer? No mode of human computation can arrive at it. All honor to the givers!

In the early part of September, apprehending that possibly the calls for attention on the part of the Relief Lodge proper, might be beyond their ordinary capacity to bestow, I, at a called meeting of the Masters and Wardens of Lodges in the city, held in the south wing of the Masonic Hall, had organized an auxilliary Relief Committee, to assist the officers of Relief Lodge, but fortunately the suffering amongst the Craft remained sufficiently manageable without the extraneous aid proposed.

Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1, being constituted solely for the purposes of relief and burial to the sojourning brethren in our midst, I deemed it best to turn over to it all donations received for distribution, in cases of distress, sickness or death; reserving to myself the privilege of donating to other and constituent Lodges in the city and afflicted portions of the country, amounts required by them to relieve cases within their own membership—lodge funds being exhausted. The statistical report of the Secretary of La. Relief Lodge No. 1, will inform you of the amounts thus distributed. I take great pleasure in calling to your attention the eminent services rendered by W. Brother Henry Winslow, W. M. of Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1. This W. Brother, filling the vacated position by resignation, on account of ill health of W. Brother Hilel Marks, has done so well that I would be direlict to all common ideas of justice and appreciation, were I to fail in acknowledging it.

Ever at his post, prompt in answer to every application whether for the relief of the living or the burial of the dead, he has illustrated and perpetuated the now enduring fame of Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1. Such Masons as Brother Winslow, should be recognized as adding honor to the institution.

A noteworthy incident of the epidemic, and which gained for itself wide publicity, was that of the forwarding of an orphan boy (Master Walter Wilcox, six years of age) to his grandmother's home in Oakland, California.

The boy had been deprived of his mother by the fever, and was under the temporary care of a step-father who was unable to take

charge of him. Application being made to me to have him forwarded to the proposed destination, I made all necessary arrangements with the New Orleans, St. Louis and Chicago Railroad Company for his transportation to San Francisco via Chicago, at which latter place he was rested and cared for, and thence proceeding, in due time reached his final destination. The little fellow met with a regular ovation throughout the length of his journey, and members of the fraternity, from here to California, tried to outvie each other in kindness to the orphan. Especial mention is due W. Brother N. F. Holcombe, W. M. of Garden City Lodge, Chicago, which Lodge regarded the child as a protégé on account of a display of humanity to one of their members by his late mother. Thanks are also due, in this connection, to Messrs. Graham & Finley, of the New Orleans, St. Louis and Chicago Railroad, for their humane and complete arrangements for the care of the little one, as well as to Mr. Charles Hubener, of Louisville, who bestowed much kindness upon him.

On the 21st August (prior to our own distresses), I forwarded two hundred dollars to M. W. Bro. J. L. Power, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, for the relief of the sufferers by yellow fever in that jurisdiction.

#### DECISIONS.

The following case was presented by M. W. Bro. C. B. Wheeler, D. D. G. M., Sixth Masonic District. He stated that a Lodge had received an application for initiation, which after being received by the Lodge was duly referred to an investigating committee. Subsequently, and before the time the report was due, and while the S. W. was presiding, in the absence of the W. M., the committee was ordered not to report, and the Secretary required to hand the petition back to the applicant, who upon receiving it "tore it up," and refused to renew it. I was asked if the committee must report, and the ballot be taken after the petition was thus destroyed. I nullified the illegal action of the Lodge, and decided that the destruction of the petition did not destroy the evidence of the application having been made; that the petition having been properly referred should, after sufficient investigation, be reported upon, and that the applicant must undergo the ordeal of the ballot.

In case of Mount Gerizim Lodge (for information) I decided that the Grand Lodge holds the Lodges, and not their members, directly responsible for non-payment of the *per capita* assessment of 1878. That a member refusing to pay his *per capita* assessment, after a resolution of the Lodge required it, is liable to Masonic discipline on the part of the Lodge.

On application of Alpha Home Lodge No. 72, asking information whether the Lodge had power to remit the dues of a brother previously "dropped from the roll," after the adoption of Grand Lodge By-Laws

of 1874 on said subject, I decided that the law is absolute in requiring such payment as a prerequisite for readmission.

The following case was presented through the W. M., (Bro. George Soulé), by certain members of Quitman Lodge No. 76, and my decision asked for. At the annual election for officers of that Lodge for the current year, Bro. S. W. John K. Collins was elected to the office of W. M. It was alleged on their part that the brother's home was at Arcola, La., without the jurisdiction of the Lodge, and that, in consequence of previous absenteeism as Warden, they apprehended on like account a neglect of his office and the Lodge's interest for the current year. After fully examining the subject, I decided that I failed to find any constitutional or regulational enactment bearing upon the point raised that would act as a disqualification. The Constitution (Article VII., Sec. 15), only requires, as a prerequisite after the necessary worthiness, that the brother elected should have previously filled the office of Warden, such requirement to be only dispensed with when every P. M. or Warden shall have refused the office. Possibly some change to the Constitution, in the particulars complained of, is necessary; but in the case presented, I was obliged to interpret and pass upon the law as I find it, and not arrogate to myself the position of *law-maker* by coining one.

#### CONDITION OF THE CITY LODGES.

The Lodges located within the city are not, by any means, in a prosperous condition; their financial situation is gloomy, and, in some cases, distressing. Throughout the epidemic the major portion of them had to rely upon the "relief fund" for means to minister to the distresses of their dependent ones, though several Lodges were, fortunately, enabled to relieve their sick out of their own Lodge funds. In all cases, where needed, upon proper application, their appeals for aid were granted. I regret the necessity that compels the statement of the present unprosperous condition of the city Lodges; but yet I am confident that when the general hard times shall have passed away, that they will once more regain their normal status.

#### INSTALLATIONS.

During the month of December, I attended and officiated at, in company with Grand Lodge officers, several installation ceremonies, which were well attended, and gratifying to all concerned. My thanks are due for courtesies received.

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I have, during the year, approved several by-laws and amendments thereto, previously approved by the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence. A list of these will be furnished by the Grand Secretary.

I have also issued a few dispensations for installation of officers not



installed at the usual time, and, in other cases, granted authorizations for elections and installations to fill unavoidable vacancies.

In concluding this brief abstract, I cannot forbear returning my thanks to M. W. Bro. J. C. Batchelor, M. D., Grand Secretary, for his valuable advice on many occasions, and in acknowledging his unvarying and uniform courtesy.

Fraternally,

EDWIN MARKS,

Deputy Grand Master.

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#### FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT—FIRST DIVISION.

NEW ORLEANS, February 8th, 1879.

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

*M. W. Sir and Brother*—In fulfillment of the pleasing duties devolving upon me, as your humble representative, in the capacity of D. D. G. M., I beg respectfully to report, that I have, during the past year, visited all of the Lodges in the Masonic District assigned to my supervision, and also in certain cases, have witnessed (and assisted in) their "work," when it was upon the "tapis," and note with much satisfaction, that the several suggestions contained in your circular of instructions, and referring to constitutional requirements, are judiciously complied with. Among the officers who have been selected to preside over the destinies of these Lodges, respectively, I find prevailing with singular unanimity, a measure of zeal and intelligence, truly commendable, and which qualifies them to fill their stations creditably. But I regret to report that the average attendance at stated communications, of the members, has not been of that encouraging nature, as would be likely to infuse "more zeal" "if possible" into their officers.

Prosperity in these Lodges, is the "exception" rather than the rule, and but few of them have a surplus of funds in their treasury; nevertheless the aggregate estimate of real property, chattels, and dues (collectible) exhibits entire solvency.

The operation of the Edict, governing suspension for non-payment of dues, has been salutary, and the Lodges seem to have concluded that the carrying of "dead-wood" is not profitable.

In conformity to the Edict of the M. W. Grand Lodge, District Lodges of instruction were held on May 16th, 17th and 18th, 1878, also in January, 16th, 17th and 18th, 1879, at Grand Lodge Hall, when, in conjunction with my illustrious and able confrere, R. W. Brother W. A. Brainard, the three symbolic degrees of Masonry, were fully exemplified in accordance with the ritual laid down by the committee on work.

During the past summer, the "fell destroyer" stalked pitilessly amongst our people in the garb of a horrible epidemic, devouring whom he would; and while it involved a large expenditure of means on the

part of the brethren, which was promptly supplied from the fund in the hands of the Louisiana Relief Lodge, we are to be thankful that the severity of the scourge, (as to the number of cases and deaths) amongst the members of this District, was mercifully tempered by the Grand Architect of the Universe. Peace and harmony prevail.

Fraternally submitted,

D. R. GRAHAM,  
D. D. G. M. First District, First Division.

#### FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT—SECOND DIVISION.

Hon. Samuel J. Powell, Grand Master of Masons, State of Louisiana :

*Most Worshipful Sir*—In the discharge of the duties assigned me, I have visited all the Lodges in my district, and am pleased to report them generally in a prosperous condition, with peace and harmony prevailing. Among some of the older Lodges, the pruning process has been vigorously applied, to their manifest advantage. A moderate amount of work has been performed, and the character of the accessions has been of the most desirable character.

The events of the past year have severely tested the principles which form the foundation of Free Masonry. The yellow pestilence, which spread its deadly mantle over our devoted city, called into activity those labors and charities peculiar to the Order. Sickness, sorrow and death were everywhere. The Reaper gathered an abundant harvest from our numbers.

I am pleased to record the fact that, in those days of danger and distress, the fraternity were not found derelict in duty. The sick were visited, the destitute relieved and the dead were buried. The great Masonic arm was stretched out far and near. Whenever the cry of distress was heard, a ministering angel afforded relief. Silently and unostentatiously were these deeds of mercy performed. When our own resources became exhausted, the hand of charity from other jurisdictions extended ample relief.

#### EXPENDITURES FOR CHARITY.

The following exhibit shows the amount of relief extended by the Lodges in my district during the year 1878 :

Lodge.	Number.	Amount.
Mount Moriah.....	59.....	\$455 00
George Washington.....	65.....	302 34
Quitman.....	76.....	828 20
Orleans.....	78.....	377 00
Hermitage.....	98.....	253 50
Louisiana.....	102.....	203 50
Linwood.....	167.....	775 00
Orient.....	173.....	449 65
Jefferson.....	191.....	245 50

Total expenditures by nine Lodges..... \$3889 19

## THE DEATH ROLL.

The following tables contain a detailed record of the deaths in my district during the year 1878 :

## MOUNT MORIAH NO. 59.

Barnes, H. E., aged 50 years. Died August 31.  
 Dobulivich, A., aged 64 years. Died March 27.  
 Delesdernier, F. W., P. M., aged 62 years. Died June 6.  
 De Grijalva, C., aged 61 years. Died January 17.  
 Luhman, Wm., aged 56 years. Died March 27.  
 Oser, Wm., aged 37 years. Died August 22.  
 Simpson, Jeremiah, aged 51 years. Died August 22.  
 Stanley, H. H., aged 67 years. Died November 1.

## GEORGE WASHINGTON NO. 65.

Babcock, Orsen S., P. M., aged 43 years. Died September 9.  
 Cowper, John, aged 39 years. Died January 23.  
 Golden, Bernard A., aged 37 years. Died August 29.  
 Hall, Robert F., aged 40. Died July 9.  
 Poff, John, aged — years. Died May —.

## QUITMAN NO. 76.

Cundiff, James B., aged 33 years. Died September 15.  
 Douspaugh, James M., aged 28 years. Died January 25.  
 Levy, Jacob, aged 52 years. Died August 24.  
 Wallace, James, aged 50 years. Died April 10.

## ORLEANS NO. 78.

Pettigrew, John T., P. M., aged 39 years. Died June 4.

## HERMITAGE NO. 98.

Hambacher, M., aged 40 years. Died October 3.  
 Hantan, F., aged 54 years. Died November 30.  
 O'Dowd, James, aged 49 years. Died May 11.

## LINN WOOD NO. 167.

Bernheim, James, aged 47 years. Died September 30.  
 Hart, Daniel, aged 40 years. Died April 11.  
 Mayer, Anton, aged 40 years. Died September 24.  
 Miller, A. M., aged 38 years. Died September 27.

## ORIENT NO. 173.

Cotton, Charles W., aged 32 years. Died March 17.  
 Kuntsmann, John, aged 43 years. Died March 7.  
 Wangenheim, Albert, aged 41 years. Died September 6.

## JEFFERSON NO. 191.

Coggeshall, S. W., aged — years. Died August 26.  
 Whiteside, James, aged — years. Died April 6.

## RECAPITULATION

Mount Moriah No. 59.....	8 deaths.
George Washington No. 65.....	5 deaths.
Quitman No. 76.....	4 deaths.
Orleans No. 78.....	1 death.
Hermitage No. 98.....	3 deaths.
Linn Wood No. 167.....	4 deaths.
Orient No. 173.....	3 deaths.
Jefferson No. 191.....	2 deaths.

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Total number.....30 deaths.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTIONS.

In conjunction with my esteemed confrere, Right Worshipful David R. Graham, Lodges of Instruction were held May 16th, 17th and 18th, 1878, and January 16th, 17th and 18th, 1879. The attendance at the first session was meagre, but I think an interest was awakened, which has since borne good fruit. The attendance at the last session was satisfactory, and I believe some good was accomplished.

You will pardon me for suggesting that these Lodges of Instruction inflict hardship upon individual members in many cases, and the good accomplished is not proportionate to the time expended. Were the Committee on Work to exemplify the work, in the several degrees, during the session of the Grand Lodge, and were the District Deputies required to visit constituent Lodges, when requested, the correct work might, in my humble opinion, be more generally disseminated.

Respectfully and Fraternally,

WM. A. BRAINERD,

D. D. G. M., Second Division, First District.

NEW ORLEANS, February 5, 1879.

## SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT.

DARLINGTON, LA., January 27th, 1879.

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

In my official capacity as the D. D. Grand Master of Second Masonic District, I have been unable to visit the Lodges in the District, owing to prevalent sickness in the country, professional engagements, and other unavoidable hindrances, but I have endeavored to ascertain the condition of the Lodges in this District. I have received written communications from presiding officers of several Lodges, which assures me that Masonry in this District is in a healthy condition; yet, I think the Lodges have suspended an unusual number the past year, for non-payment of dues, and I fear the stringency in money matters, with increased dues to Grand Lodge, will cause a failure of some to pay Grand Lodge dues.

The Lodges have done but little work the past year, some none at all; consequently their finances are low, being almost entirely dependent on the regular dues of the members; yet, with all that is calculated to depress and make the good and true Mason feel sad, there remains within the Lodges a lively interest for the good of our beloved Order, which gives encouragement to look forward to a prosperous future.

It affords me much pleasure to be able to report that peace and harmony prevail throughout this District.

Respectfully and Fraternally submitted,

ORLANDO L. COLLINS,

D. D. G. M. Second Masonic District.

### THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT.

LINWOOD, LA., February 4th, 1879.

Saml. J. Powell, Esq., M. W. Grand Master of Masons of Louisiana:

*Dear Sir and M. W. Brother*—I regret, in submitting this report, not being able to tell you that we have held our District Meetings. But at the time appointed the yellow fever was in our midst and it was impossible to do so; however, I have met with many of the Brethren of the District and have visited several of the Lodges, and believe that all are doing as well as could be expected for such a year as the past one has been. I am glad to be able to report that since your visit to Plains Lodge, in May last, the little dissensions which then existed have passed away and the Lodge is again flourishing.

Milford Lodge No. 117 having failed to elect officers at the proper time, in December, I granted them a dispensation to elect and install on the first day of February.

Respectfully and Fraternally submitted,

HOWELL CARTER,

D. D. G. M., Third Masonic District.

### FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

WINNFIELD, LA., February 1st, 1879.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, F. & A. M.:

*M. W. Sir and Brother*—I have endeavored, as far as I could, to visit the Lodges of my jurisdiction, and when I could not visit I wrote to them to ascertain their condition.

I visited my own Eastern Star No. 151, Corner Stone 204, Columbia 164, Harrisonburg 110, and Stonewall U. D.

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It is my painful duty to inform you of the death of James R. Beville, P. M. of Eastern Star No. 151, and P. D. D. G. M., Fourth District, who was called to higher labors on the 8th of January, ult.

Respectfully and Fraternally submitted,

S. M. BRIAN,

D. D. G. M., Fourth District.

## FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

DELHI, LA., February 3d, 1879.

Sam'l J. Powell, Esq., Grand Master of Masons, State of Louisiana:

*M. W. Sir and Brother*—Duty requires me at this time to send you a communication containing a brief account of my official acts the past year.

I notified the Lodges in the District that Brother J. C. Gordy would visit Delhi Lodge No. 120, March 13th, 1878, and asked them to send representatives, hoping to have a District Lodge of instruction at that time.

Brother Gordy was prompt in putting in his appearance, but no officers of Lodges were present, except Delhi 120, and on account of absence of officers from other Lodges, no Lodge of Instruction was opened. Brother Gordy exemplified the work of the Three Degrees to those present in his usual satisfactory style.

I received from you, through Brother J. C. Batchelor, printed instructions giving a portion of the duties of D. D. Grand Masters. I made every effort in my power to comply with the instructions, and as far as heard from, the Lodges in the District are conducted according to the requirements.

It was my intention to visit the Lodges in my District last summer, but owing to the yellow fever in several parts of the District, I failed to perform that portion of my duty.

Brother Gordy visited three Lodges in the District, 50, 120, 209, and I hope he is able to tell you that Masonry is not less flourishing here than in other parts of the State through which he traveled.

I have nothing of especial interest to mention, and I would once more ask you to accept my resignation of the office I have held so long.

Thanking you for the kindness you have extended to me, I am yours,

Respectfully and Fraternaly,

WM. E. ATCHISON,

D. D. G. M., Fifth District.

## SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

BASTROP, LA., February 1st, 1879.

Sam'l J. Powell, M. W. Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Louisiana:

*Dear Sir and M. W. Brother*—I have the honor to report in fulfillment of my duties as D. D. G. M., that I have visited and worked with four of the Lodges in my District. Two of the Lodges I have been unable to visit.

The calamities of the year, consequent upon the terrible yellow fever epidemic; the distraction incident to the excitement of a political campaign, and (in my section of the State) the partial failure of the crops, have somewhat abated the usual Masonic zeal displayed by the membership. Still the condition of most of the Lodges in my District

is healthy, and their efforts in manifesting the true principles and objects of Masonry praiseworthy.

I speak briefly of the several Lodges :

MOUNT GERIZIM NO. 54.

This Lodge has a large membership, faithful and efficient officers, but has been, during the past year or two, in rather a lukewarm state. It has done some work, and is always prompt in its Masonic duties; but it needs an awakening, and a fuller realization of its duties, and its capabilities for good, both on its members and the community.

BARTHOLOMEW NO. 112.

This Lodge has a small, but most faithful, membership, always alive to duty, and zealous for good works. I have been visiting this Lodge for ten years, and I never visit it without having my Masonic zeal increased and my love for the order strengthened. They are unassuming workers—no effort put forth to dazzle—but their work is good and true.

BROOKVILLE NO. 161.

This Lodge is situated in one of the wealthiest and most prosperous sections of North Louisiana. Has quite a large membership, able and exemplary officers, and has done quite a large amount of work in the past year. They have made some improvement on their Lodge building, which, it is to be hoped, is an earnest of what they will soon do to make their building what it should be in every community, and, especially in that locality, a credit to the Craft and an ornament to the town.

NAPOLEON NO. 94.

This Lodge is located in the corner of Union Parish, at its intersection with Ouachita and Morehouse Parishes. Looking at the surrounding country and the high character of the citizens, one would conclude that this Lodge ought to be one of the best in the State. But it has been on a decline for several years. On my official visit I found officers well versed in ritual and Masonic Jurisprudence, and a few zealous members; but a majority of the members had almost entirely quit attending the meetings. I counselled the few members in attendance to put forth every effort to arouse new Masonic life among the lukewarm members, and failing in this, to surrender the charter. I told them what I believed to be true: that whenever a Lodge ceased to perform its *legitimate mission* in the grand, progressive march of Masonry, of truth, virtue and charity, through its members on the community, the sooner it ceased to exist as a Lodge the better it would be for Masonry. I have been assured since that a new feeling has been awakened, and that now the Lodge is putting forth every effort to exert its legitimate influence on a community where proper Masonic effort will bring forth an abundant harvest.

## WESTERN STAR NO. 24.

This Lodge is located in the city of Monroe; has a large membership; is one of the oldest and best lodges in the State. The high character of its officers and members, their zeal and erudition, and unabated love for Masonic principles, displayed for so many years, is abundant guarantee that Masonry there is in safe hands.

## CASTOR LODGE NO. 109.

I regret that I have been unable to visit this Lodge. I can speak of it only from my knowledge of its efficient officers and zealous members. I would suggest that this Lodge should be transferred from the District to the District, as it would be much more convenient for visitation by the D. D. G. M. of that District.

The *Grand Lodge assessment* of one dollar *per capita*, so far as I know, meets with approval by the Lodges in my District, and will be cheerfully paid.

*R. W. Bro. Gordy*, the ever welcome visitor to our Lodges, visited nearly all of the Lodges in my District during the past year. Wherever he goes Masonic light is sure to be dispensed. His presence not only corrects errors and sets all things in order, but it exerts a happy influence on the membership and the community. He causes the flame of Masonic love and zeal upon the Lodge and domestic altar to burn brightly and to send forth a healthy influence on all around.

It is urged by some that the long number of years in which Bro. Gordy has been visiting and instructing the Lodges ought to suffice, and that his labors could be safely dispensed with for several years. Allow me to say, M. W. Grand Master, that those who use this argument lose sight of the restless, changable spirit of the American citizen. In the profane world nearly all officials, executive, legislative and judicial, no sooner leave the duties of their position than they have to give way to new men. This spirit pervades our Lodges. The stations are filled by new men. The result is that Bro. Gordy almost always has a *Freshman* class. The higher classes have (or think they have) already graduated.

I regret to say that I have not held any District meeting during the present year. My legislative duties prevented my return home in time to meet Bro. Gordy while visiting in my District, or I should have taken advantage of his presence to have held one. During the middle and latter portion of the year we had universal quarantine, and a District meeting would have been inexpedient and impracticable. Dr. Gordy's presence also with most of the Lodges rendered it unnecessary.

Allow me, in conclusion, to modestly suggest that, from my observation since the establishment of the District meeting system, I consider it a failure; that it does not meet the object intended by its organization, and is productive of little or no good. The meetings are so poorly



attended that no enthusiasm in its objects prevails. *The Lodge room, in the presence of the membership, is the place for imparting Masonic instruction.* In cities, where a large number of Masters and Wardens can be easily assembled, it may work well, but in the country, where only a half dozen meet, it does little good. Direct instruction and personal supervision on the part of the D. D. G. M's. is what is needed. Of course I speak only from observation in my own District. To my mind the office of D. D. G. M., as at present constituted, is wrong in one feature. He should visit each Lodge once a year, and as often, in addition, as requested to do so by the Lodge, or of course as directed by the Grand Master; but his *actual* expenses should be paid by the Lodges visited. Many of the Lodges can be visited without expense. To visit others will require an actual outlay of money by the D. D. G. M., and he should be reimbursed by the Lodge benefitted.

An inspection of the reports for years back will show that the D. D. G. M's over the State, one year with another, do not visit one-half of the Lodges in their districts. A closer inspection, probably, would show that the Lodges visited were those that were nearest and easiest to visit, and that where an outlay of money was needed to enable the D. D. G. M. to reach the Lodge, it went in many cases unvisited.

I make these suggestions modestly and in a sense of duty, desirous only to correct the evils of what I regard as an excellent system of supervision for the Lodges.

Respectfully and Fraternally submitted,

C. B. WHEELER,

D. D. G. M., Sixth District.

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#### SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

SHILOH, LA., January 5th, 1879.

Samuel J. Powell, Esq., M. W. Grand Master of Masons, State of Louisiana:

*Dear Sir and M. W. Brother*—Having been appointed D. D. Grand Master of the Seventh Masonic District, I herewith submit my report of the condition of the Lodges under my supervision. It was with much reluctance and hesitation that I accepted the high position with which I was honored, but I am glad to say that in discharging my duties I have found it both pleasant and instructive. Owing to urgent professional duties, I found it impossible to hold a Lodge of instruction in the summer, when it was most convenient for the Craft to attend. I have, however, visited all the Lodges in this District except Downs ville No. 143, and have just received a letter from Past D. D. Grand Master C. T. Hines, who is now W. M. of this Lodge, stating that the Lodge was out of debt and doing well. Urin No. 111, meets regularly; books well kept. This Lodge has good and competent officers; peace and harmony prevails among the brethren. Thomas Jefferson No. 113. The membership of this Lodge, is prompt in attendance. There has

been some disturbance among the brethren, which I hope, however, is now effectually settled. Many of the brethren are very zealous in their endeavors to keep up an interest among the Craft; but the financial condition of the Lodge is not good. This, I think, tends greatly to dampen their ardor. Cherry Ridge No. 155. The brethren of this Lodge are lively and hopeful, and are prompt and harmonious in their meetings. Alabama No. 224 failed to elect and install their officers for the present year. There was some disturbances in this Lodge at the beginning of the year, but they have all been amicably settled. Membership small. Union Fraternal No. 52 has efficient officers; brethren in peace and concord, and is doing well. Shiloh No. 131 meets regularly; records well kept; has done but little work for several years. There seems to be a dearth of interest among some of the brethren of this Lodge; they are, however, all in peace. We had R. W. Brother J. C. Gordy with us in April; consequently there seems to be great uniformity in the work in this District. All the Lodges under my supervision have good halls "upper-rooms," and are securely tyled. However, Union Fraternal Hall is not an upper-room, but is very securely tyled. In conclusion, I would say that owing to the stingency of money matters, a few of the Lodges are not in a healthy condition, financially. This, I think, is the great cause of so little work being done, as well as so little interest manifested in the order generally, by the brethren.

Respectfully and Fraternally submitted,

ROBERT ROBERTS,

D. D. G. M., Seventh Masonic District.

#### EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

VIENNA. LA., February 4th, 1879.

To the M. W. Grand Master, New Orleans, La.:

*M. W. Sir and Brother*—I have the honor to render this, my annual report, of the condition of Masonry in this, the Eighth District, for the year 1878.

Other engagements have prevented my giving the attention and supervision contemplated in the creation of the office, and should have tendered my resignation, but for the hope of infusing life into the Lodges of this immediate vicinity, which were languishing—in a financial struggle—which, it appears, is only a question of time when they will succumb.

An order convening a Lodge of Instruction in 1877, showed a disregard of the welfare of the Order that was somewhat manifested previously, and the hopelessness of the task, as indicated in conversation with Masters of Lodges, caused the issuance of no such order for the year 1878.

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Lafayette Lodge No. 56 lost their hall, charter, and all Lodge fixtures. It has procured a dispensation, but there is no suitable place to hold their meetings, and I am informed by prominent members that there is no other recourse than to surrender their charter.

Vienna Lodge No. 106 is still struggling and trying to get financial relief.

A dispensation was issued on the 1st instant to install out of time, the severe weather preventing, within the constitutional time.

Eureka Lodge No. 177 has been remiss in its meetings this year. They are in a bad condition financially.

Of the other Lodges I cannot speak positively.

In conclusion, I would suggest, if possible, a change in the law of representation and of proxies. Our Lodges cannot be represented by any of its members, and it is difficult to have a proxy who is not proxy for some other Lodge.

I would most respectfully ask to be relieved of the position of D. D. G. M., Eighth District.

Fraternally submitted,

W. E. REDWINE,

D. D. G. M., Eighth District.

#### TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

LAMOURIE BRIDGE, February 4th, 1878.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the State of Louisiana:

*Worshipful Sir and Brother*—Sickness and pressure of business have prevented me from visiting the Lodges in my District, but from conversation with members from different Lodges, I am glad to hear that most of them are in a healthy condition, though doing but little work. I visited my own Lodge, No. 217, on the 27th of December, and am able to report it out of debt and doing well. I regret very much that I have not been able to visit the several Lodges in my District.

Respectfully and Fraternally submitted,

B. F. SCOTT,

D. D. G. M., Twelfth Masonic District.

#### FIFTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NEW TEXAS, January 22d, 1879.

To Saml. J. Powell, M. W. Grand Master of Masons of Louisiana:

*M. W. Sir and Brother*—It becomes my duty as your District Deputy, of this the Fifteenth Masonic District, to submit to you my report for the past Masonic year.

I deeply regret that I am not able to furnish a more encouraging report of the Craft in my District.

I have been unable from uncontrollable circumstances to visit all the Lodges assigned me in this District. Those I have visited and those I

have not visited I learn a great lack of warmth prevails amongst the members; little work has been done, owing principally, to two causes—the financial distress of the country, and the late epidemic, by which we have lost many of our best and most useful members. Whilst some of the Lodges are deserving of honorable mention, others are not; I therefore submit a detailed statement of each Lodge, which I consider just and proper:

Atchafalaya Lodge 163 is in good working order; they have good and efficient officers; out of debt; books well kept, and peace and harmony prevails amongst them.

Acacia Lodge 116. I regret that I am unable to furnish a more intelligent report of this Lodge for the past year, not having been able to visit the Lodge and failing to receive an answer to my letter from their W. M., I can make no positive report as to their condition; but as the Lodge is in the hands of a true and trusty brother, I have felt little concern for their welfare.

Blazing Star Lodge 212, owing to causes they could not control, failed to elect and install their officers within the constitutional limits. I therefore, on application of their W. M., granted them a dispensation to elect and install their officers on the 26th inst. I have been unable to visit them, which I so much desired to do; but from the many kind and fraternal letters received from their W. M. Brother James L. Lobdell, I am well posted as to their condition. I therefore have the honor to speak in the most favorable terms of this Lodge. It is one which the M. W. Grand Lodge may be justly proud of. They have built a new hall during the past year, but it has not as yet been dedicated owing to the continuance of the epidemic last fall.

Livonia Lodge 220. This Lodge has also built a new hall, which was dedicated by yourself on the 29th of May, and removed from Gros Tete to its present location. These brethren are entitled to much credit for the devotion they have exhibited in the perfection of their Lodge hall, as well as for the zeal they manifest for the fraternity, and I assure you that it is always a pleasure to visit them.

Morganza Lodge 159 has not been for the past year in a prosperous and healthy condition. There has been a complication of causes for this sad condition of affairs, which I deeply regret, as it is in my immediate neighborhood, and fear you may think I have not done my duty towards them; however, with them, as well as the other Lodges in my District, I have not failed to give them the best counsel and advice of which I was capable. Some time ago I called your attention to their condition, and requested you, for certain reasons given respectfully, to visit them, and to take charge of the Lodge. They also failed to elect and install their officers in the month of December. I therefore, on application, granted them a dispensation to elect and install on the 18th inst., which they have failed to do. They send up with their returns a *petition to surrender their charter*, which I would advise be

*accepted.* They have some seventy or eighty dollars in their treasury and out of debt. Their jewels are worth seventy or eighty dollars; their furniture of no value; their hall is a rented one.

Tunica Lodge 63. This Lodge has died an honorable death; it dies for the want of material to support its edifice. Their members, some sixteen on their Lodge roll, have moved away or died, until there are not enough of them to hold a meeting. I would therefore, under the circumstances, advise the surrender, or the calling in of their charter.

Tyrian Lodge 206 has done but little work during the past year, owing to the same cause which affects all alike. They lost two valuable members by the late epidemic—Brothers Miles and Coyle; the latter was the Hiram of his Lodge, and his loss is deeply felt by his brethren. He was the support and the column that adorned his Lodge. I have the pleasure to state, that whilst this Lodge has increased but little within the past few years, her members are in fraternal accord with each other, their meetings are always pleasant, and the efficient Secretary always has his books well kept.

The Craft generally. I find, as might be expected, a gloom surrounding all our Lodges, as well as our people generally, for the sad loss of so many of our Brothers during the past year with yellow fever. This has had a great deal to do with our dormant condition. But our crops have been bountiful, and we should be thankful.

I have called the attention of W. M.'s and Secretaries to the Grand Lodge Law in regard to approval of By-Laws by the Grand Lodge, and learning of and finding many amendments thereto, since charters were granted or approved by the Grand Lodge, I have advised them all to forward copies of their By-Laws to the R. W. Grand Secretary.

The moral status of the majority of the Craft in my District has improved very much within the past few years, and we are glad and proud that we are Masons, and very few there are who feel disposed to disgrace themselves and bring shame to the order.

In submitting this lengthy statement of the affairs of my District, I hope, M. W. Grand Master, that I may be pardoned for any failure of duty. And let us all unite in humble prayer that the coming meeting of our M. W. Grand Lodge may be in peace, harmony and brotherly love, and that we may be spared the coming year from pestilence and famine.

Fraternally yours, etc.,  
D. LEATHERMAN,  
D. D. G. M., Fifteenth Masonic District.

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#### DISTRIBUTION.

On motion of M. W. John G. Fleming, the address of the M. W. Grand Master was referred to a committee of three for dis-

tribution, and the M. W. Grand Master appointed upon said committee, viz:

M. W. John G. Fleming, Past Grand Master.  
 R. W. Wm. W. Leake, Feliciana Lodge, No. 31.  
 W. George Soule, Quitman Lodge, No. 76.

#### GRAND TREASURER.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following annual report of the R. W. Grand Treasurer, with specification of warrants, which, on motion, was received and referred to the Committee on Audit and Accounts:

#### REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

NEW ORLEANS, December 31st, 1878.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

*Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren*—Your Grand Treasurer begs leave to present herewith a statement of his financial transactions for the past year, with account current and specifications of warrants:

A. W. HYATT, GRAND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE GRAND LODGE OF LOUISIANA, F. AND A. M.

1877.

*Dr.*

December 31.	To balance on hand this day.....	\$343 44
	To amount received from the Grand Secretary during 1878.....	20,691 75
	Total.....	\$21,035 19

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By 124 warrants paid during the year 1878.....	20,347 12
Balance on hand December 31st, 1878.....	\$688 07

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

A. W. HYATT,  
 Grand Treasurer.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

NEW ORLEANS, February 3d, 1879.

1878.

December 31.	To balance on hand this day.....	\$688 07
	To amount received from the Grand Secretary from January 1st to February 3d, 1879, inclusive.....	5,853 99
	Total.....	\$6,542 06

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE

Brought forward.....	\$6,542 06
By 18 warrants, paid from January 1st to February 3d, 1879.....	6,244 91
Balance on hand February 3d, 1879.....	<u>\$297 15</u>

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. HYATT,  
Grand Treasurer.

Your Grand Treasurer holds in his keeping the following unissued bonds: 24 bonds of \$500 each, Nos. 54, 55, 56, 60, 61, 62, 67, 72, 73, 75, 77, 80, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95 and 96.....	\$12,000 00
And four bonds of \$1000 each, Nos. 41, 42, 43, 45.....	4,000 00
	<u>\$16,000 00</u>

And the following Grand Lodge bonds, purchased for account of the  
Overflow Relief Committee:

Two bonds of \$500 each, Nos. 51, 97.....	\$1,000 00
Fourteen bonds of \$1000 each, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 27, 29, 30.....	14,000 00
	<u>\$15,000 00</u>

Three of the unissued bonds, Nos. 20, 37, 38, of \$1000 each, were  
issued on March 18, 1878, to the New Orleans Savings Institution, in  
lieu of interest due on notes given by the Grand Lodge for the purchase  
of Perfect Union Hall.

## SPECIFICATION OF WARRANTS.

1878.

December 31.	45 warrants from January 1st to December 28th, on account of Grand Lodge Hall.....	\$2,545 21
	14 warrants from January 1st to December 12th, on account of Polar Star Hall.....	146 30
	25 warrants from January 7th to December 12th, on account of Perfect Union Hall...	594 22
	12 warrants from January 2d to December 2d, on account of Masonic Cemetery.....	847 75
	4 warrants from April 10th to June 21st, on account of Masonic Temple property.....	287 80
	6 warrants from March 22d to December 31st, on interest coupons.....	4,360 00
	2 warrants on January 30th, on account of bills payable.....	3,000 00
	1 warrant on January 30th, on account of interest.....	19 06

December 31.	40 warrants from January 3d to December 2d, on account of Grand Lodge expenses.....	5,841 28
	9 warrants from January 17th to September 10th, on account of overflow fund (for La. Relief Lodge No. 1).....	1,400 00
	2 warrants from February 18th to March 12th, on account of Grand Lodge Library ... ..	55 50
	1 warrant on July 15th, on account of J. C. Batchelor, M. D. ....	\$1,250 00
	Total.....	\$20,347 12

### GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following, his annual report, and financial statement and trial balance from the books of the Grand Lodge. The same was received. The financial portion referred to the Committee on Audit and Accounts, and the remainder to appropriate standing committees.

GRAND LODGE HALL, NEW ORLEANS,  
GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
February 10th, 1879. }

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

Your Grand Secretary, in accordance with the constitutional requirement, submits the following statement and summary of the official transactions since the last Annual Grand Communication, together with his account current and trial balance from the books of the Grand Lodge.

### ACTION OF GRAND LODGE, 1878.

On the 22d of February, I forwarded by mail to each Lodge, D. D. Grand Master, and to parties immediately interested, a copy of the transactions of the Grand Lodge during the Communication, general or special as required.

### PROCEEDINGS.

On the 23d February I asked for bids for printing, and on the 26th gave it to R. W. Bro. A. W. Hyatt, at \$2 40 per page. (The Report on Foreign Correspondence was printed in advance, with



usual agreement that it was to be paid for at the same rate that the proceedings should be printed for).

Owing to the reduction in the size of the volume and in cost, there is a difference in favor of 1878 of \$379 80, or thirty-seven cents per copy. The printing was commenced March 7th, and on April 10th I commenced mailing and forwarded the usual copies.

#### CIRCULARS.

The Annual Circular to Grand Bodies was mailed immediately after the close of the Communication. The Monthly Circular to Lodges and Grand Officers has been issued promptly on the first of each month, except when we were cut off from mail facilities by quarantine; those I could not send at once I forwarded as soon as possible. The Circular of the M. W. Grand Master, relative to *per capita* assessment, was not obtained so as to print until the latter part of July, and, as we were cut off from many of the Lodges by quarantine, they did not receive it until late in the year, many in November, which may account for the comparatively small amount received during 1878—not more than \$850.

#### CHARTERS.

March 20. As per resolution of Grand Lodge, I delivered a duplicate charter for Kisatchie Union No. 156 to Bro. D. W. Self.

April 10. I cancelled the charter of Excelsior Lodge No. 166, extinct, and put it in inside desk.

June 8. I received and cancelled the charter of Perkins No. 150, extinct, and put it in inside desk.

N. B.—Did not receive the record book or Bible. The W. M. promised to obtain them and return to office.

June 12. Received the charter of Concorde Lodge No. 3, and of Orus Lodge No. 170, which awaits action of Grand Lodge.

December 10. On 25th September the charter of Lafayette Lodge No. 56, with paraphernalia, was burnt.

February. The charter of Providence Lodge was lost. In

each of these two cases dispensations to continue the Lodge was issued.

## CERTIFICATES OF GOOD STANDING ISSUED.

March 18. To L. T. Noyes, of Excelsior Lodge No. 166, paid \$19 25.

April 29. To E. O'Sullivan, of Excelsior Lodge No. 166, by credit on account.

April 29. To Wm. Starr, of Excelsior Lodge No. 166, by credit on account.

June 4. To T. J. Desgres, of Liberal Lodge No. 3, paid nothing.

June 11. To Jno. W. Adams, of Excelsior Lodge No. 166, paid \$11 25.

June 11. To Thos. Murray, of Excelsior Lodge No. 166, paid \$11 25

June 22. To Rev. Jno. Philson, of Grosse Tete Lodge No. 157, remitted.

July 26. To Bradford Carter, of Many Lodge No. 88, paid \$7.

October 24. To S. Satterlee, of Excelsior Lodge No. 166, paid \$11 25.

October 24. To M. B. Muncey, of Excelsior Lodge No. 166, paid \$11 25.

December 18. To Geo. Boning, of Excelsior Lodge No. 166, paid \$11 25.

December 19. To Geo. H. Fletcher, of Excelsior Lodge No. 166, paid \$11 25.

## DONATIONS.

The following were received:

March 26. From Rev. W. T. D. Dalzell, Wor. Grand Chaplain, amount of his appropriation, \$25.

December 31. From R. W. J. C. Batchelor, M. D., Grand Secretary, (from salary) \$500.

## RECEIPTS FOR DUES.

March 1. The following was forwarded to Lodges Nos. 20, 56, 101, 122, 155, 161, 162, 187, 197 and 215.

## DISPENSATIONS, U. D.

March 1st, for Blue Buck Lodge, U. D., situated at Johnson's Bayou in south-west portion of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, as follows: Brothers G. A. Smith, W. M., Lodge No. 158; G. W. McDuffee, Lodge No. 122, Senior Warden; Josh Griffith, Lodge No. 165, Junior Warden, and John P. Eddleman, Lodge No. 158; R. B. G. Harper, Lodge No. 62 Mississippi; James W. Anderson, Lodge No. 126, Texas; A. P. Baker, Lodge No. 47, Mississippi; Charles P. Pfittenger, Lodge No. 76; J. B. Perote, Lodge No. 187, Texas; and W. B. Harrison, Lodge No. 117, Mississippi, (10.) The Dispensation with copies of Constitution and By-Laws, blanks, etc., were sent to R. W. Brother Geo. H. Wells, who organized the Lodge U. D. on the 27th of April, and who reports that the Lodge has a good and safe house in which to meet and have all the necessary paraphernalia with which to work. This Lodge has made returns, and sent up a transcript of work, copy of By-Laws, and petitions for a charter, and have paid dues and made returns.

March 7th, renewed the dispensation of Stonewall Lodge U. D. at Winnsborough, Franklin Parish, Louisiana, which was reissued to the same officers and members. See page 46, proceedings of 1878, for list. This Lodge has (February 6) sent up dispensation and transcript of the work done, but no return or dues, and it applies for a renewal of dispensation, wrote to Lodge for returns and dues.

For special dispensation, see reports of M. W. Grand Master and R. W. D. Grand Master.

## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

In March, I issued to the following, the commission of the M. W. Grand Master, and wrote to those D. D. Grand Master's whose Districts have been affected by the changes made, indicating the same.

First District, First Division, R. W. David R. Graham, City.

First District, Second Division, R. W. W. A. Brainerd, City.

First District, Third Division, R. W. Bianco Campiglio, City.

Second District, R. W. Dr. O. L. Collins, Darlington.

Sixth District, R. W. Chas. B. Wheeler, Bastrop.

Seventh District, R. W. Dr. Robt. Roberts, Shiloh.

Twelfth District, R. W. Benj. F. Scott, of Hinston; this latter commission was issued in June, to fill the place of R. W. Brother L. Texada, who declined; with the commissions were sent copies of Proceedings, By-Laws and Constitutions and Instructions.

#### LIBRARY.

It is with regret that your Grand Secretary and Librarian reports that his efforts have not enabled him to add as many volumes this year as he could wish. The additions are mostly Proceedings and Records that were bound by the Grand Lodge, consisting of ——— volumes.

The Grand Lodge is under obligations to the following for donations to Library, viz:

March. To Grand Lodge of Illinois for a bound copy "Ceremonies for Lodges."

July. To Grand Lodge of Maine for bound copy of "Text Book."

July. To Grand Lodge of New York for reprint Vol. I, 1781 to 1815.

November. To Grand Chapter of Louisiana for reprint early records of Grand Chapter of Vermont, 1804 to 1850.

December. To Grand Lodge of Mississippi for copy "Digest of Masonic Law."

December. To Grand Lodge of New Brunswick for bound copy reprint Proceedings 1867 to 1876.

December. To Bro. Henry Winslow for pamphlet "New Mexico."

December. To Bro. J. H. Neilson, Dublin, Ireland, for Register Irish Bodies.

February 7, 1879. To M. W. J. Q. A. Fellows, for three bound volumes Proceedings Grand Lodge Iowa, and a lot of unbound proceedings of various Grand Bodies.

For all of which I have made appropriate acknowledgment.

I would call attention to a singular fact: The Grand Lodge proffers free to the Masonic public a library containing several thousand volumes, among which are some very valuable books to the Masonic student, and a large collection of imscellaneous matter, with one of the finest rooms in the city, comfortable, with good lights, open day and night, yet but seldom used by the fraternity.

#### REPRESENTATIVES.

In July I received per mail from the R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and forwarded to R. W. Robert Babington, of Franklinton, a package containing his commission as Representative at this Grand Lodge, together with jewel, constitutions, etc.

During the same month, I was informed by R. W. Bro. Franklin Haven Bascom, our Representative at the Grand Lodge of Vermont, that he had failed to procure the jewel from the family of our late Representative.

N. B.—I had none on hand to replace it.

In November I received notice from the M. W. Grand Lodge Three Globes, at Berlin, Prussia, of the resignation of our late Representative, R. W. Bro. Carl F. Heinnorsdorff, and nominations for successor, which I referred to the M. W. Grand Master.

#### GRAND LODGES.

In March I received from M. W. Grand Lodge of Scotland a circular letter in reference to recognition of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. Referred to Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Also, one from F. F. Odelle, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Egypt, on recognition. Referred to same committee.

In September I received from Grand Lodge New South Wales a manifesto. Referred to same committee.

In December I received an official copy of edict of non-intercourse (from Grand Lodge of Illinois) with Grand Lodge of Scotland. Referred to M. W. Grand Master.

#### BY-LAWS.

The following By-Laws of Lodges, and amendments to By-Laws, have been received for examination and approval. As received they were referred to the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, and were returned to Lodges as received from committee, with copies of the report thereon, approved or rejected, viz:

Copies were received from Lodges O. 52, M. M. 59, and L. 167.

Amendments to, from Nos. Louisiana Relief Lodge 1, A. H. 72, M. 68., L. 120, M. 122.

Sent, as approved, with report, to Nos. Louisiana Relief Lodge 1, 9, 31, 47, 52, 59, 72, 68, 72, 120, 122, 131, 144, 167, 175, 190, 213, 226.

Rejected amendments—A. H. Lodge 72 (received last fall), sent to Lodge.

By-Laws received, and on file, from No. 46 and 78.

Copies of Grand Lodge Constitution and By-Laws were asked for and sent to N. 94, and to Committees and Grand Secretaries of other jurisdictions.

Relative to By-Laws of Lodges, the Committees on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence and on chartered Lodges have a large amount of labor, and I may say annoyance, forced upon them, growing out of want of knowledge or lack of forethought on the part of Lodges and Committees in their action in adopting By-Laws, which might easily be avoided by reflection, and knowledge of the fact that it is improper to embody a law of the Grand Lodge in the By-Laws of a Lodge, because the custom universal is to append a section that claims the right and expresses the mode in which the By-Laws may be changed or

annulled, and that a body cannot change or annul a law of the Grand Lodge.

The only points necessary to cover in the By-Laws proper of a Lodge is: the title; the time and place of its communications; the amount of the fees and dues; election, appointment and installation of officers; the duties of such of the officers and committees as may be deemed essential; and mode of amendment. Then add, under the caption of "Laws of the M. W. Grand Lodge Governing Lodges," such of the laws of the Grand Lodge as the Committee and Lodge may deem required for information of its members. If this mode were adopted, it would furnish the membership of the Lodge with the required knowledge of the laws governing them, and save much trouble to the Lodge and to the Committees of the Grand Lodge.

#### EXPULSIONS.

The following notices of expulsion have been received and filed, viz:

March 14. From Thomas Jefferson Lodge No. 113, of Lopez P. McDonald, (2d March.)

November 1. From N. H. Bray Lodge No. 208, of F. Spurgeon, (on 19th of October.)

#### APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

The following is the only grievance filed:

December 26. From B. G. Kenney, P. M. vs. Good Intent Lodge No. 216, against the action of the Lodge in dimitting Bro. A. W. Baird, of that Lodge, without requiring from him his *pro rata* of the indebtedness of the Lodge. I directed the W. M. of the Lodge to send up a statement of the case, with particulars. The same was received January 29th, 1879, and is filed with papers for committee.

#### REINSTATEMENT—RECOMMENDATIONS FOR.

December 17. From Friends of Harmony Lodge No. 58, petition to restore John A. Gildig, expelled February 4, 1874. Filed,

February 2. From Kosmos Lodge No. 171, petition to restore A. Loeper, expelled May 15, 1872. Filed.

## LODGES.

February 21. From Liberty Lodge No. 123, notice of installation of Bro. N. C. Gibbs, J. W. Special dispensation.

February 27. From Montgomery Lodge No. 168, notice of election and installation of Bro. H. C. Watkins.

Providence Lodge No. 50 having reported the charter lost and no election held, the M. W. Grand Master authorized R. W. Bro. J. C. Gordy to visit it, hold an election and install the officers, and convey to it the Grand Master's permission to continue the Lodge until the meeting of the Grand Lodge. This duty he performed, and on the 9th of March reported the following officers installed:

Dr. W. D. Bell, W. M.; C. R. Egelly, S. W.; A. W. Ashbridge, J. W.; S. Lewis, Treasurer; E. L. Larche, Secretary; Jas. Oldfield, Senior Deacon; W. A. Blount, Junior Deacon; Jno. Sperrette, Tyler. (No returns for 1877.) On 29th June the Lodge wrote for a statement of account, which I sent.

March 11. Sold to Morganza Lodge No. 159, per Bro. S. S. Hoyt, a set (3) charts for \$6. (See, also, page 14.)

The M. W. Grand Master authorized R. W. Bro. J. C. Gordy to dedicate hall of Arcadia Lodge No. 126, which he reported done on 4th of May.

May 25. R. W. Deputy Grand Master authorized Concorde Lodge No. 3 to consolidate with Perfect Union No. 1. The charter was deposited with the Grand Secretary to await action of the Grand Lodge.

July 9. Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 104 petitioned for a dispensation to elect and install officers.

July 9. I received from Bro. T. C. Standifer, S. W. of Trenton Lodge No. 195, the charter, books, etc., and \$35 65 cash. There is now due \$13 58, or a *pro rata* of \$1 (each).

July 30. Bro. Standifer wrote me relative to the books. (There



is no entry, debit or credit, in books since 1872). He says Bro. McClendon owes \$10, and Bro. Hutton \$6, "which they will pay in ten days." (Not yet received).

September 18. From Spring Creek Lodge No. 184, a copy of a resolution refusing to pay the *per capita* assessment. Referred to Grand Master.

November 29. Union Lodge No. 172 was granted permission by R. W. Deputy Grand Master to remove and change her location, and to change the day of meeting.

December 10. Received notice from P. M. and Secretary, R. W. Bro. J. C. Jones, that on the night of the 25th of September last, the courthouse was burnt, and with it the charter, jewels, books and paraphernalia of Lafayette Lodge No. 56, and asked for authority to continue the Lodge until the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and further stating that it was very doubtful whether they would be able to keep up their organization. The same was referred, granted and issued.

December 10. From W. M. of R. F. McGuire Lodge No. 209, for authority to ballot on a petition for affiliation, short of time giving his reasons therefor. Also, to take a new ballot on the petition of an Entered Apprentice, blackballed for second degree, stating the request was made at the instance of the brother blackballing, etc. Referred to R. W. Deputy Grand Master, who granted the first only.

December 14. By request, issued a duplicate receipt for \$28, paid for dues, to Secretary of Kellertown Lodge No. 124, (original lost).

December 28. R. W. D. G. Master granted permission to Orus Lodge No. 170 to consolidate with Perfect Union Lodge No. 1, the charter of Orus to be deposited with the Grand Secretary, subject to approval and action of the Grand Lodge.

August 21. Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1 was granted permission to elect and install a W. Master.

Fillmore Lodge No. 154, at last communication, petitioned to

be allowed to surrender her charter, which was granted upon her complying with the By-Laws of Grand Lodge.

February 4. Has filed petition and statement of affairs. Referred to M. W. Grand Master.

Little Flock Lodge 80. The charter of this Lodge was sent to the office, and after its forfeiture, on the 12th of February last, was cancelled. The books, jewels and seal, in possession of the late Secretary, have not been received, though I wrote to have them forwarded. The fixtures are of little value.

On the 31st of January last I received a communication from Bro. Speight for instructions what to do with the same, and that most of the members wished to obtain certificates of good standing. Referred to the R. W. D. Grand Master, who directed me to instruct him to forward the books, jewels and seal, and to sell the furniture and fixtures for what he could get, and to sell the lot and hall by and with the advice and consent of the D. D. Grand Master of the district.

January 27. Monticello No. 92, petitions to be excused from attendance at this Grand Communication, and submits an amendment to her by-laws, changing the time of the meeting of the Lodge.

January 29. Morganza Lodge No. 159, petitions for permission to surrender her charter; has made return and paid dues.

January 15. Jeffersonian Lodge No. 138, petitions for permission to surrender her charter. On February 3d received a letter on the subject from the W. M.

January 21. St. Albans Lodge No. 28, petitions for relief from indebtedness.

February 1. Cloutierville Lodge No. 103, applied for a dispensation to elect and install officers, which was granted.

February 4. Magnolia Lodge No. 197. An application to surrender the charter, etc. The whole matter was of such informal character that I requested the R. W. D. Grand Master to write to W. M. such instructions as he might deem necessary,

and I submit the papers to the committee for such action as may be deemed required in the premises.

February 6. Holly Springs Lodge No. 202, makes return; paid dues of members, but not *per capita* assessment. Says the Lodge is tetotally dead and has no meetings, and petitions for surrender and for dimits for the nine remaining members.

February --. Brookville Lodge No. 161, paid \$32 23 on account, and asks for further time to pay balance.

#### RETURNS OF LODGES.

##### *Roll of Honor for Secretaries.*

The following returns were received, on or before the 1st of January, 1879, and in the following order, viz.: Nos. 144, 44, 120, 185, 190, 98, 193, 72, 31, 176, 172, 216, 189, 153, 135, 4, 191, L. A. 5, 171, 206, 65, 208, 167, St. A. 5, 173, 68, 155, 220, 78 and 205. 30 Lodges; last year 27.

The following made returns and paid dues within the term (one week before the communication) prescribed in the By-Laws, viz.: Nos. P. U. 1, 4, L. A. 5, 9, 31, 44, 46, 51, 57, 58, 65, 66, 68, 70, 72, 76, 78, 90, 98, 101, 102, 109, 110, 115, 120, 123, 135, 139, 144, 152, 160, 163, 165, 168, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 176, 185, 187, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 204, 205, 206, 212, 213, 214, 221, 222, 223, 225, and 226.—58.

The following made returns, but paid dues in part, viz: Nos. 38, 83, 84, 143, 208, 217, 220.—7.

The following made returns within the period, but failed to pay dues in time, viz: Nos. P. S. 1, S. A. 5, 19, 24, 28, 47, 53, 54, 55, 59, 79, 92, 95, 96, 111, 113, 122, 125, 131, 133, 136, 138, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 153, 155, 162, 167, 169, 175, 178, 179, 182, 183, 184, 203, 215, 216, 219 and B. B. U. D.—43.

The following failed to make returns within the period prescribed in the By-Laws, viz: Nos. 3 (was consolidated with P. U. 1), 45, 50 (none for '77), 52, 56, 63, 87, 89, 94, 103, 104, 105 (none for '77), 106, 108, 112, 116, 117, 118, 121, 124, 126. 140 (none for '77, '76), 151, 154, 156, 158 (none for '77), 159, 161, 164, 177

(none for '77 or '76). 188, 194, 196, 197, 198, 200, 201, 202, 207, 209, 210, 211, 224.—43.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Consist of amendments to the Constitution, Sec. 2 and Sec. 3, Art. II., submitted by R. W. Bro. Wm. R. Whittaker, at the Communication of 1877, page 112 printed proceedings. The same was called up during the Communication of 1878, and, on motion, again laid over. For amendment and resolution, see page 100, printed proceedings of 1878.

Report of Special Committee on Incorporation, appointed under resolution February 15th, 1877. See page 54, proceedings of 1878.

J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D., GRAND SECRETARY, IN ACCOUNT WITH  
THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, F.  
AND A. M.

1878.

*Dr.*

Dec. 31. To amount received from Grand Lodge dues.....	\$5,987 85
To amount received from Grand Lodge Hall rents.....	4,107 00
To amount received from bills payable, J. C. Batchelor, M. D.....	3,600 00
To amount received from Grand Lodge assessments.....	1,470 00
To amount received from interest coupons, overflow fund account, transferred to Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1.....	1,200 00
To amount received from Masonic Temple property.....	901 20
To amount received from per capita assessment.....	840 00
To amount received from Masonic Cemetery lots and certificates.....	690 50
To amount received from J. C. Batchelor, M. D., Grand Secretary, donation.....	500 00
To amount received from Grand Lodge of California, for relief fund.....	500 00
To amount received from Perfect Union Hall.....	300 00
To amount received from Polar Star Hall..	240 55

Dec. 31.	To amount received from extinct Lodges...	\$195 15
	To amount received from dispensations issued.....	45 00
	To amount received from diplomas issued..	45 00
	To amount received from Rev. T. W. D. Dalzell, Grand Chaplain, donation.....	25 00
	To amount received from Grand Chapter for postages.....	20 00
	To amount received from Keystone Lodge No. 213.....	10 00
	To amount received from proceedings sold	9 50
	To amount received from Armory boxes...	3 00
	To amount received from incidental expenses, (returned).....	2 00
		<hr/> \$20,691 75

## PER CONTRA.

1878.	<i>Cr.</i>	
Jan. 10.	By amount transferred to A. W. Hyatt, Grand Treasurer.....	\$ 324 50
Feb. 2.	By amount transferred to A. W. Hyatt, Grand Treasurer.....	3,874 06
Feb. 5.	By amount transferred to A. W. Hyatt, Grand Treasurer.....	1,426 94
Feb. 21.	By amount transferred to A. W. Hyatt, Grand Treasurer.....	3,333 33
Mar. 11.	By amount transferred to A. W. Hyatt, Grand Treasurer.....	200 00
Mar. 15.	By amount transferred to A. W. Hyatt, Grand Treasurer.....	3,600 00
Mar. 16.	By amount transferred to A. W. Hyatt, Grand Treasurer.....	145 00
April 29.	By amount transferred to A. W. Hyatt, Grand Treasurer.....	742 00
April 30.	By amount transferred to A. W. Hyatt, Grand Treasurer.....	15 47
May 6.	By amount transferred to A. W. Hyatt, Grand Treasurer.....	108 00
May 22.	By amount transferred to A. W. Hyatt, Grand Treasurer.....	148 00
June 1.	By amount transferred to A. W. Hyatt, Grand Treasurer.....	37 00
June 29.	By amount transferred to A. W. Hyatt, Grand Treasurer.....	325 00
July 15.	By amount transferred to A. W. Hyatt, Grand Treasurer.....	1,250 00

July 31.	By amount transferred to A. W. Hyatt, Grand Treasurer.....	\$165 00
Aug. 6.	By amount transferred to A. W. Hyatt, Grand Treasurer.....	280 00
Sept. 5,	By amount transferred to A. W. Hyatt, Grand Treasurer.....	130 00
Sept. 9.	By amount transferred to A. W. Hyatt, Grand Treasurer.....	500 00
Oct 11.	By amount transferred to A. W. Hyatt, Grand Treasurer.....	508 95
Nov. 13.	By amount transferred to A. W. Hyatt, Grand Treasurer.....	466 75
Dec. 12.	By amount transferred to A. W. Hyatt, Grand Treasurer.....	1,200 00
Dec. 31.	By amount transferred to A. W. Hyatt, Grand Treasurer.....	500 00
Dec. 31.	By amount transferred to A. W. Hyatt, Grand Treasurer.....	1,411 75
Dec. 31.	By amount transferred to A. W. Hyatt, Grand Treasurer.....	<u>\$20,691 75</u>

## SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

*Covering Cash Received from January 1st, to February 3d, inclusive.*

1879.

*Dr.*

Feb. 3.	To amount received on account of dues and assessments.....	\$3,238 50
	To amount received on account of Grand Lodge Hall.....	527 00
	To amount received on account of Perfect Union Hall.....	60 00
	To amount received on account of Polar Star Hall.....	59 00
	To amount received on account of Temple property.....	25 00
	To amount received on account of Masonic Cemetery.....	5 00
	To amount received on account of extinct Lodges.....	32 25
	To amount received on account of per capita assessment.....	1,907 00
		<u>\$5,853 75</u>

## PER CONTRA.

1879.

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Jan. 6.	By amount transferred to A. W. Hyatt, Grand Treasurer.....	\$1,037 19
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Jan. 14.	By amount transferred to A. W. Hyatt,	
	Grand Treasurer.....	\$402 00
Jan. 30.	By amount transferred to A. W. Hyatt,	
	Grand Treasurer.....	3,892 68
Feb. 3.	By amount transferred to A. W. Hyatt,	
	Grand Treasurer.....	521 88
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		<u>\$5,853 75</u>

## TRIAL BALANCE, ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1878.

FOLIO.	DR.	FOLIO.	DR.
2 Grand Lodge Hall.....	\$43,394 21	246 La. Council R. & S. M. 2...	\$10 00
9 Masonic Temple.....	64,913 60	247 Indivisible Fr'ds Com. 1.	112 50
13 Polar Star Hall.....	8,889 55	248 Jacques de Molay Com. 2.	172 00
17 Perfect Union Hall.....	17,114 22	249 Orleans Commandery 3...	459 00
19 Furniture and Fixtures...	10,000 00	250 Silencio No. 9.....	46 00
21 Masonic Cemetery.....	9,159 51	251 Pelican Ch. R. Croix 18° 11	184 50
25 Diploma Acc't.....	57 00	252 Silencio Ch. R. Croix 18° 9	83 00
27 Grand Lodge Library.....	6,865 50	253 Eagle Council K-h 30° 6....	49 50
35 G. L. Bonds belonging to Overflow Acc't.....	15,000 00	254 Grand Consistory 32°.....	25 00
47 Grand Treasurer.....	688 07	255 Little Flock No. 180.....	41 00
55 Expense Acc't.....	8,311 28	255 De Witt Clinton No. 80....	110 50
61 Int. on G. L. Bonds Acc't	4,360 00	256 Pleasant Hill No. 86.....	86 00
63 Interest Acc't.....	19 06	256 Excelsior No. 166.....	301 82
80 Perfect Union No. 1.....	180 75	256 Spring Hill No. 127.....	17 25
81 Polar Star No. 1.....	11 30	257 Mt. Olivet No. 191.....	37 00
86 Silencio No. 9.....	101 00	257 Mallet Woods No. 199.....	49 25
89 St. Albans No. 28.....	15 00		
91 Phoenix No. 38.....	1 00		\$195,125 27
93 Jackson No. 45.....	4 00		
96 Providence No. 50.....	10 00		
104 Friends of Harmony 58....	363 50	FOLIO.	CR.
108 Dudley No. 66.....	189 25	1 G. L. of the State of La....	\$100,264 62
109 Marion No. 68.....	165 00	29 Bonds of Grand Lodge....	56,500 00
110 Hiram No. 70.....	408 00	31 Bills Payable.....	13,600 00
111 Alpha Home No. 72.....	184 25	33 Overflow Fund Acc't.....	15,000 00
112 Sabine No. 75.....	1 00	36 Louisiana Relief Lodge....	1,080 95
114 Orleans No. 78.....	504 00	54 Profit and Loss.....	588 50
115 St. Joseph No. 79.....	6 00	71 Dues Acc't.....	6,069 00
116 Mount Vernon No. 83....	1 00	75 Dispensation Acc't.....	90 00
119 Cypress No. 89.....	92 00	88 Western Star No. 24.....	1 00
123 Bellevue No. 95.....	1 00	90 Feliciana No. 31.....	54 00
126 Franklin No. 101.....	9 00	99 Union Fraternal No. 53...	1 00
128 Cloutierville No. 103....	18 35	102 Lafayette No. 56.....	10 90
129 Mt. Lebanon No. 104....	47 10	103 Franklin No. 57.....	6 00
130 Trinity No. 105.....	45 00	107 Geo. Washington No. 65...	12 00
131 Vienna No. 106.....	96 00	113 Quitman No. 76.....	5 00
132 Sparta No. 108.....	98 00	117 Oliver No. 84.....	32 00
135 Urim No. 111.....	1 00	120 Thibodeaux Ben. No. 90...	3 00
137 Thos. Jefferson No. 113...	94 00	133 Castor No. 109.....	1 00
140 Milford No. 117.....	65 00	134 Harrisonburg No. 110.....	34 00
148 Arcadia No. 126.....	113 00	136 Bartholomew No. 112.....	1 00
149 Shiloh No. 131.....	44 00	138 Shreveport No. 115.....	6 00
150 Gordy No. 133.....	3 00	142 Delhi No. 120.....	32 00
152 Athens No. 136.....	26 00	145 Liberty No. 123.....	1 00
153 Jeffersonian No. 138....	35 00	147 Pearl River No. 125.....	1 00
155 Cool Springs No. 140....	32 70	151 Plains No. 135.....	5 00
157 Ocean No. 144.....	14 00	154 Houma No. 139.....	38 00
160 Anacoco No. 147.....	81 50	164 Homer 152.....	1 00
174 Columbia No. 164.....	1 00	177 Montgomery No. 168.....	2 00
176 Linn Wood No. 167.....	525 00	188 Caddo No. 179.....	2 00
179 Orus No. 170.....	45 00	190 Longwood No. 183.....	1 00
182 Orient No. 173.....	180 00	191 Spring Creek No. 184.....	90
183 Dante No. 174.....	28 00	192 Orphans' Friend No. 185...	8 00
185 Perfect Harmony No. 176	142 25	193 Kisatchie Union No. 186...	2 00
186 Eureka No. 177.....	26 00	196 Evergreen No. 189.....	51 00
195 Covington No. 188.....	28 00	197 Corinthian No. 190.....	53 00
202 Magnolia No. 197.....	9 00	198 Jefferson No. 191.....	57 00
203 Brookline No. 198.....	24 00	200 Aurora No. 193.....	46 00
205 Summerfield No. 201....	74 00	209 Doric No. 205.....	40 00
213 R. F. McGuire No. 209...	8 50	210 Tyrian No. 206.....	25 00
214 Missionary No. 210.....	13 00	211 Howard No. 207.....	1 00
218 Land Mark No. 214.....	1 00	216 Blazing Star No. 212.....	13 00
219 Friendship No. 215.....	35 00	217 Keystone No. 213.....	31 00
222 Adonijah No. 219.....	31 00	221 Fellowship No. 217.....	36 00
226 Bethany No. 223.....	1 60	223 Livonia No. 220.....	30 00
228 Centennial No. 225.....	1 00	225 Pecan Grove No. 222.....	16 00
229 Clear Spring No. 226....	75 50	227 Alabama No. 224.....	18 50
243 Orleans Chapter No. 1....	75 00	255 Fillmore No. 154.....	18 00
244 Polar Star Chapter No. 3..	250 00	272 J. C. Batchelor, M. D.....	1,250 00
			\$195,125 27



The Grand Secretary submitted the following tabulated statement of amounts contributed for the benefit of yellow fever sufferers during the late prevailing epidemic, and by him turned over to Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1, for distribution. The same was received and ordered to be printed with the proceedings:

*Amount Contributed for Relief, Received by Grand Lodge Secretary and Turned Over to Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1, viz:*

## ALABAMA.

1878.

Sept. 14.	From Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 173, per Grand Master.....	\$20 00	
28.	From Fraternity at Selma, per Bros. Doughty and Boyd .....	103 83—	\$123 83

## ARIZONA TERRITORY.

Sept. 18.	From Aztlan Lodge No. 117, Prescott.....	50 00—	50 00
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## CALIFORNIA.

Aug. 31.	From Grand Lodge of California, draft, in gold, (collected and transferred in September).....	500 00	
Sept. 5.	From Pacific Lodge 136.....	50 00	
10.	From La Parfaite Union Lodge 17.....	50 00	
14.	From Grand Lodge of California, draft, gold.....	500 00	
16.	From Wm. M. Guinn, San Francisco, gold.....	300 00	
24.	From Sacramento R. A. C. No. 3. (J. Q. A. F.).....	50 00	
27.	From Laidlaw & Co., N. Y., difference between draft and gold, Grand Lodge of California.....	2 50—	1,452 50

## CONNECTICUT.

Sept. 11.	From St. John's Lodge No. 4, per Grand Secretary .....	100 00—	100 00
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## COLORADO.

Sept. 16.	From Doric Lodge No. 25.....	25 00—	25 00
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## DELAWARE.

Sept. 4.	From Eureka Lodge No. 23.....	100 00	
10.	From Armstrong Lodge No. 26.....	20 00	
16.	St. John's Lodge No. 2.....	50 00—	170 00

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Sept. 13.	From Masonic Mutual Relief Association, per A. Gardner .....	\$250 00—	\$250 00
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## FLORIDA.

Sept. 21.	From Haywood Lodge No. 45 .....	25 00—	25 00
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## GEORGIA.

Sept. 14.	From Ellerslie Lodge No. 144 .....	10 00—	10 00
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## ILLINOIS.

Sept. 10.	From Springfield bodies, per Fk. Hudson.	14 25	
14.	From R. W. E. W. Mayfield, Jack- ville .....	75 00	
16.	From Edgar R. A. C. No. 32, Paris .....	25 00	
20.	From Barrett R. A. C. No. 18 .....	12 50—	126 75

## IOWA.

Sept. 7.	From Bluff City Lodge No. 71 .....	75 00	
Dec. 19.	From Grand Master (Iowa), through S. J. P. G. M. ....	100 00—	175 00

## IDAHO.

Sept. 28.	From Grand Secretary (for orphans) .....	150 00—	150 00
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## KENTUCKY.

Sept. 7.	From Paris Lodge No. 2 .....	25 00	
10.	From Golden Rule Lodge No. 345 .....	25 00	
20.	From Hamilton Lodge No. 35 .....	5 00—	55 00

## KANSAS.

Sept. 9.	From Grand Lodge, per Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer .....	150 00	
10.	From Rising Sun Lodge No. 8 .....	25 00—	175 00

## LOUISIANA.

Sept. 4.	From Houma Lodge No. 139 .....	100 00	
Oct. 10.	From Key Stone Lodge No. 213. . . . .	10 00—	110 00
	Draft from Gordy Lodge 133, returned.		

## MISSOURI.

Sept. 4.	From Grand Lodge, Missouri .....	200 00	
9.	From St. Louis Relief Board, per M. Collins, President .....	50 00	
13.	From Grand Lodge, Missouri .....	300 00	
16.	From George Washington Lodge No. 9 ..	100 00	
19.	From Grand Lodge, Missouri .....	100 00—	750 00

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE

## MASSACHUSETTS.

Sept. 9.	From Grand Lodge, per Grand Master...	\$100 00	
11.	From Columbia Lodge, Boston.....	100 00	
14.	From Mount Lebanon Lodge, Boston....	50 00	
17.	From Narragansett Lodge, Fall River....	25 00	
23.	From St. Andrews R. A. C., Boston.....	100 00—	\$375 00

## MICHIGAN.

Sept. 6.	From Masonic Bodies of Detroit.....	150 00	
7.	From Wm. P. Innes, Grand Secretary...	150 00	
10.	From Wm. P. Innes, Grand Secretary...	200 00	
13.	From Wm. P. Innes, Grand Secretary...	300 00	
16.	From Wm. P. Innes, Grand Secretary...	472 00	
19.	From Wm. P. Innes, Grand Secretary...	280 00—	1,552 00

## NEW YORK.

Sept. 10.	From G. Satterlee, Grand Treasurer.....	1,000 00	
12.	From G. Satterlee, Grand Treasurer.....	1,000 00	
14.	From G. Satterlee, Grand Treasurer.....	500 00	
17.	From G. Satterlee, Grand Treasurer.....	500 00	
Nov. 9.	From G. Satterlee, Grand Treasurer .....	1,000 00—	4,000 00

## NEW JERSEY.

Sept. 3.	From J. H. Hough, Grand Secretary.....	20 00—	20 00
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## NEVADA.

Sept. 14.	From Hamilton, per J. J. Valentine, of Wells, Fargo & Co .....	50 00	
18.	From Reno Lodge No. 13.....	50 00—	100 00

## OHIO.

Sept. 2.	From John W. Caldwell, Grand Sec'y...	200 00	
4.	From John W. Caldwell, Grand Sec'y...	200 00	
5.	From John W. Caldwell, Grand Sec'y...	100 00	
6.	From John W. Caldwell, Grand Sec'y...	100 00	
6.	From Gebulem Lodge 14, A. and A. S. R., per Ill. Brother E. T. Corson .....	50 00	
7.	From John W. Caldwell, Grand Sec'y...	100 00	
10.	From John W. Caldwell, Grand Sec'y...	100 00	
14.	From John W. Caldwell, Grand Sec'y ..	162 50	
16.	From John W. Caldwell, Grand Sec'y..	150 00	
19.	From John W. Caldwell, Grand Sec'y...	100 66	
11.	From same, specific fund for or- phans .....	300	
17.	From same, specific fund for orphans and returned by G. S. for distri- bution .....	100	

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\$400—400 00

Sept. 17.	Reported by Grand Secretary to J.W. C., direct, by Grand Secretary with receipts, making total from Ohio of .....	\$1,663 16
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## PENNSYLVANIA.

Sept. 2.	From Altoona Lodge No. 281, per Grand Secretary .....	\$50 00	
9.	From Milnor Lodge No. 287, per J. Hurdman .....	50 00	
7.	From Joseph Ecchburn D. D. Grand Master of Seventeenth District .....	140 00	
9.	From Zerubbabel R. A. C. 162, per J. C. Shwindle D. D. G. H. P. ....	100 00	
10.	From Franklin Lodge No. 134, per J. A. Kirkpatrick .....	50 00	
Nov. 5.	From Franklin Lodge No. 134, per B. Thackara, Treasurer .....	100 00—	\$490 00

## SOUTH CAROLINA.

Sept. 3.	From Walhalla Lodge No. 66, per Grand Secretary .....	10 00	
	From Strict Observance Lodge No. 73, per Grand Secretary .....	17 00	
7.	From Lodges No. 36 and 78, per Grand Secretary .....	42 50	
16.	From Lodges, per Grand Secretary .....	119 00	
12.	From Allendale Lodge No. 109 .....	10 00—	198 50

## TEXAS.

Sept. 27.	From Masons of Brownsville, per G. W. Miller .....	75 00	
Oct. 22.	From Tarkington Prairie Lodge U. D. per B. N. B. Grand Treasurer .....	22 00—	97 00

## UTAH

Sept. 11.	From Bodies of Salt Lake City, per Grand Secretary .....	52 00	
14.	From Bodies of Salt Lake City, per Grand Secretary .....	75 00	
20.	From Bodies of Salt Lake City, per Grand Secretary .....	125 00	
23.	From Bodies of Salt Lake City, per Grand Secretary .....	125 00—	377 00

## WISCONSIN.

Sept. 6.	From Grand Secretary .....	200 00—	200 00
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## WEST VIRGINIA.

Sept. 5.	From J. H. Williams, Grand Treasurer..	200 00—	200 00
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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE

## UNITED STATES OF COLUMBIA.

Oct. 19. From Isthmus Lodge No. 36, Panama, per Henry Ehrman, gold.....	\$200 00—	\$200 00
Total received and transferred to Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1. by Grand Secretary, less the \$400 (Ohio), <i>which latter</i> was reported by Grand Secretary to R. W. J. C. Caldwell.....		12,820 74  400 00
Total received.....		\$13,220 74
Examined and found correct.		

GEORGE JOHNSTON,  
Committee Audit and Accounts.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GRAND LODGE HALL.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following annual report from the Board of Grand Lodge Hall Directors, which was received and ordered to be printed:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GRAND  
LODGE HALL FOR 1878.

NEW ORLEANS, January 10th, 1879.

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

*M. W. Grand Master and Brethren*—Your Board of Directors respectfully submit the following, their annual report:

At the first meeting of the Board, after the close of the Communication of February, 1878, its reorganization was as follows:

## MEMBERS, EX-OFFICIO.

Samuel James Powell, M. W. Grand Master.....President.  
Arthur W. Hyatt, R. W. Grand Treasurer.....Treasurer.  
James C. Batchelor, M. D., R. W. Grand Secretary.....Secretary.

## MEMBERS FOR 1878, 1879 AND 1880.

George Horace Braughn, R. W. G. J. W .....Dudley Lodge No. 66.  
Alfred Henry Isaacson.....Quitman Lodge No. 76.  
Albert Baldwin .....Louisiana Lodge No. 102.

## MEMBERS FOR 1878 AND 1879.

John Graham Fleming, P. G. M.....Quitman Lodge No. 76.  
Edwin Marks, Deputy Grand Master.....Dudley Lodge No. 66.  
Bianco Campiglio, D. D. G. M.....Foyer Maçonnique Lodge No. 44.

## MEMBERS FOR 1878.

Samuel Manning Todd, P. G. M... ..Marion Lodge No. 68.  
William Ritchie Whitaker, P. G. S. W.....Linn Wood Lodge No. 167.  
James Davidson Hill.....Louisiana Lodge No. 102.

The term of the latter class expires with your present Communication.

Your Board, with regret, again reports that the anticipated demand for the hall, of two years ago, seems no nearer of fulfillment than when last reported upon. The anticipated improvement in the business and financial condition of our city and State, have not been realized; and the cares, distress, and loss of life and finances that necessarily are consequent upon an epidemic, have been added to our already depressed condition by the epidemic of the last summer, which was not only severe in the city, but extended its ravages in an unprecedented manner through large portions of the country, both in our own and neighboring States. All classes of our people suffered; but the loss among the Fraternity in the city was not as great in proportion as that of the general public or of sojourning brethren, which latter was large, as was the loss among the younger members of the families of the Fraternity. The noble charity extended to us by the Fraternity of other jurisdictions (which was the means of alleviating the sufferings of so many), and the arduous duties and faithful discharge of them by our R. W. Deputy Grand Master, as the head of the charity, together with his main assistant in those duties, Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1, will be fully reported upon elsewhere, and will, doubtlessly, meet that commendation they so eminently deserve.

#### GRAND LODGE HALL.

This property is in general good condition. The Board was compelled to repaint the exterior, owing to the failure of that previously done, but the expense attending it will be recovered from the guarantees of the former contract. A larger amount of repairs have been required to the roof than usual.

The principal corner tenement, after remaining unoccupied for several years, has been leased to the New Orleans Water Works Company for one year, with the privilege of renewal, but at a comparatively low rent.

The northern tenement has been leased to Mr. H. McCloskey for four years. Both of these portions required new floors.

There was a very general complaint of the high price required of the Masonic bodies meeting in the hall, say \$180 for Lodges, and \$200 for Chapters and Commanderies. Last year this was considered, and the rent to those bodies meeting but twice a month was reduced to \$150, or from \$16 66 and \$15 per month to \$12 50. But the complaint still exists, and there are applications on file for a further reduction.

The new carpet for the south wing, mentioned in last report, has been supplied, and a fine and durable one laid. During my temporary absence in June the Board had some much needed repairs made in the office, new matting and paper, also the furniture varnished.

The assessment made for last year's city taxes was made on the whole hall, and valued at \$40,000. This has been contested by the Board.

The receipts and disbursements for account of this property were less than in 1877—the receipts by \$1390 63, and disbursements by \$854 43. The receipts from Masonic Bodies was \$613 28 less; amount due for rent by the same is \$404 97 less; receipts from B. and S. rooms is \$107 35 less, and from the basement or ground floor \$359 less.

There are yet two small tenements on the ground floor unleased. The one on Perdido street was rented for a month only at \$12.

#### POLAR STAR HALL.

This hall is in fair condition. The receipts and disbursements are both less than last year; the receipts by \$135 05, and the disbursements by \$6 85. The receipts from Masonic bodies is \$135 05 less, and the amount due for rent is \$11 20 greater than last year.

#### PERFECT UNION HALL.

This property is in only fair condition. The disbursements have been far in excess of the receipts, owing to paying the interest on the purchase notes, reported last year, by say, \$2956 97, while the receipts have been \$545 less than the year previous, and the amount due for rent is \$180 greater. This property was, by order of the Board, offered for sale at auction on the 11th January last. The same was advertised for two months, and although limited at a price below its cost, and not half its value, yet not a bid was obtained upon it; such is the depressed condition of the real estate market in this city. The five purchase notes previously reported, were renewed last year, and become due in March next.

#### MASONIC CEMETERY.

This property has improved in appearance, and is in good condition, (less an iron fence, as previously reported). The receipts and disbursements are both greater than last year—receipts by \$457 50, and disbursements by \$8 25. The amount due for lots and vaults is \$47 50 less. It is kept in better condition, and is attracting more favorable notice.

#### MASONIC TEMPLE PROPERTY.

This property is unchanged since last report, except the sale to Mr. A. Wire, of fifteen feet front on Delord street, adjoining the Wire property, and running back to the line of said property, was sold at \$40 per foot. The receipts and disbursements have both been greater than last year—receipts by \$586 20; disbursements by \$198 90.

#### FIRE POLICIES NOW RUNNING.

Are unchanged from last report, and cover an amount on the several properties of \$95,000.

#### BONDS OF GRAND LODGE.

Three of the unissued bonds No. 20, 37 and 38, were placed last March for account of interest accrued, and to March next for account

of Perfect Union Hall, which adds \$3000 to the amount previously reported, making a total outstanding of \$56,500.

## BILLS PAYABLE.

Are for five notes of Grand Lodge given for the Perfect Union Hall property. They were renewed last year, and are due in March next. In March last it became necessary to borrow \$3600, to meet the March coupons, for which a note was given at ten months. The same was paid on the 13th of January last.

All of which, with the appended tabular statements, are fraternally submitted.

JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D.,  
Grand Secretary and Secretary of Board.

## GRAND LODGE HALL.

## RECEIPTS.

For rent from Masonic bodies.....	\$2,243 50
For rent of stores, ground floor.....	1,278 00
For rent of ball and supper room.....	375 50
For rent of boxes in Armory.....	3 00
For incidental expenses returned.....	2 00—\$ 3,902 00

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Repairs to building, painting, etc.....	737 43
Insurance on building, furniture and rent to date..	469 64
Salary of porter.....	600 00
Gas bills for Grand Lodge Hall.....	625 64
Incidental expenses.....	112 50— 2,545 21
Excess of receipts over disbursements.....	\$1,356 79

## RENTS RECEIVED FROM MASONIC BODIES..

Marion Lodge No. 68.....	\$ 90 00
Perfect Harmony Lodge No. 176.....	250 00
Orleans Lodge No. 78.....	90 00
Orient Lodge No. 173.....	180 00
George Washington Lodge No. 65.....	180 00
Dudley Lodge No. 66.....	275 00
Alpha Home Lodge No. 72.....	75 00
Orleans Royal Arch Chapter No. 1.....	150 00
Delta Royal Arch Chapter No. 15.....	150 00
Polar Star Royal Arch Chapter No. 3.....	175 00
Louisiana Council R. & S. M. No. 2.....	65 00
Indivisible Friends Commandery No. 1.....	38 50
Jacques de Molay Commandery No. 2.....	400 00
Orleans Commandery No. 3.....	300 00
Grand Consistory of Louisiana 32°.....	35 00—\$ 2,453 50



## DUE FOR RENT BY MASONIC BODIES.

Friends of Harmony Lodge No. 58.....	\$360 00	
George Washington Lodge No. 65.....	90 00	
Marion Lodge No. 68.....	165 00	
Hiram Lodge No. 70.....	410 00	
Alpha Home Lodge No. 72.....	277 50	
Orleans Lodge No. 78.....	540 00	
Orient Lodge No. 173.....	180 00	
Perfect Harmony Lodge No. 176.....	100 00	
Dudley Lodge No. 66.....	211 25	
Orleans Royal Arch Chapter No. 1.....	75 00	
Polar Star Royal Arch Chapter No. 3.....	250 00	
Louisiana Council R. & S. M. No. 2.....	10 00	
Indivisible Friends Commandery No. 1.....	112 50	
Jacques de Molay Commandery No. 2.....	172 00	
Orleans Commandery No. 3.....	459 00	
Eagle Council K—h 30° No. 6 .....	49 50	
Pelican Chapter Rose Croix 18° No. 11.....	184 50	
Grand Consistory of Louisiana 32°.....	25 00—	\$3,671 25

## POLAR STAR HALL.

## RECEIPTS.

For rent.....	\$240 55
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## DISBURSEMENTS.

Insurance on building .....	\$ 63 75	
Gas bills.....	62 05	
Repairs and burners.....	20 50—	146 30
Excess of receipts over disbursements.....		\$ 94 25

## RENTS RECEIVED FROM LODGES.

Dante Lodge No. 174 .....	\$ 93 00	
Ocean Lodge No. 144.....	89 00	
Silencio Lodge No. 9.....	50 00	
Polar Star Lodge No. 1 .....	8 55—	\$240 55

## RENT DUE ON 31ST DECEMBER, 1878.

Dante Lodge No. 174.....	\$ 28 00	
Orus Lodge No. 170.....	45 00	
Ocean Lodge No. 144.....	9 00	
Silencio Lodge No. 9.....	101 00	
Silencio Chapter Rose Croix No. 9.....	83 00	
Silencio Lodge P. P. No. 5.....	46 00	
Polar Star Lodge No. 1.....	3 10—	\$315 10

## PERFECT UNION HALL.

## DISBURSEMENTS.

For hall keeper, repairs, drainage tax, etc.....	\$ 139 67	
For gas .....	98 35	
For insurance.....	156 20	
For interest and bonds.....	3,200 00—	\$ 3,594 22

## RECEIPTS.

From rents.....		300 00
Excess of disbursements over receipts.....		\$3,294 22
Leaving a debit to this account of... ..	17,294 22	

## RENT DUE ON 31ST DECEMBER, 1878.

Perfect Union Lodge No. 1.....	\$ 208 00
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## MASONIC CEMETERY.

## DISBURSEMENTS.

For sexton's salary, fees and extra labor.....	\$ 825 30	
For lime, brick, paints, lumber, etc.,.....	22 45—	\$847 75

## RECEIPTS.

For lots sold.....	272 50	
For vaults.....	215 00	
For interment fees.....	203 00—	690 50
Excess of disbursements over receipts.....		\$157 25

## DUE FOR LOTS IN CEMETERY.

By Alpha Home Lodge No. 72.....	100 00	
By George Washington Lodge No. 65.....	100 00	
By Linn Wood Lodge No. 167.....	525 00	
By J. D. Tilden.....	17 50—	742 50

## DUE FOR VAULTS.

By Perfect Harmony Lodge No. 176.....	85 00	
By Friends of Harmony Lodge No. 58.....	65 00—	150 00

## MASONIC TEMPLE PROPERTY.

## RECEIPTS.

For proceeds of ground sold A. W. Wire, fronting on Delord Street.....	\$ 600 00	
For amount overpaid State Tax.....	1 20	
For rent of ground. ....	300 00—	\$901 20

## DISBURSEMENTS.

For one-half expense of Division fence between property and A. W. Wire, Delord street.....	\$ 17 40	
For running line and making plat of junction of line with Wire property.....	10 00	
For City Tax, Carondelet and Delord street property .....	139 50	
For State Tax, Carondelet and Delord street property.....	120 90—	\$287 80
Excess of receipts over disbursements .....		\$613 40

## FIRE POLICIES.

## POLICIES NOW RUNNING.

On building, Grand Lodge Hall .....	\$50,000 00
On furniture, library, office, etc.....	14,000 00
On rents for same .....	6,000 00
On Polar Star Hall.....	10,000 00
On Perfect Union Hall .....	15,000 00—\$95,000 00

## LOUISIANA RELIEF LODGE.

The Grand Secretary submitted the report and financial statement of Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1, which was received and ordered to be printed with the proceedings:

LOUISIANA RELIEF LODGE, No. 1, }  
New Orleans, La., Dec. 31st, 1878. }

To Saml. J. Powell, Esq., M. W. Grand Master of Masons of the State of Louisiana,  
New Orleans:

*Dear Sir and Brother*—From the 1st January to the 22d of August of the present year, Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1 was presided over by W. Brother Hilel Marks. At the latter date he resigned his position as W. M., and, occupying the chair of the Senior Warden, in accordance with our customs, his duties devolved upon me. After due reflection upon the condition of the Lodge, and the many calls upon its charity fund during the epidemic, which was slowly but surely making its appearance known, I concluded that the Lodge should have the benefit of a Master, and therefore applied to R. W. Brother Ed. Marks, D. Grand Master and Acting Grand Master, for a dispensation to hold an election for W. M. The dispensation being granted, an election was held which resulted in my being chosen as W. M. for the unexpired term made vacant by the resignation of W. Brother Hilel Marks; and under a dispensation an election was held for the office of Senior Warden, and W. Brother Henry Hamberger was duly elected as the Senior Warden. During the time that W. Brother Marks occupied the position of W. M. but little of interest occurred, beyond the usual applications for relief; the most notable event was the death of the venerable Mrs. Jennie Barrow, at the advanced age of

96 years. She was the widow of a Brother who was a member of Columbus Lodge No. 7, Columbus, Ga., and had been a pensioner of this Lodge for a great many years, and was buried in the Masonic Cemetery, Louisiana Relief Lodge, tomb vault No. —.

The past Masonic year has developed in a high degree, the value as well as the necessity of a Relief Lodge in this city, and its reports shows the benefits which would result from the co-operation of all the Lodges in this jurisdiction, and more particularly those within this city.

The Lodges constituting Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1. are:

Perfect Union No. 1.	Louisiana No. 102.
Marion No. 68.	Alphia Home No. 72.
Friends of Harmony No. 58.	Ocean No. 144.
Dudley No. 66.	Hiram No. 70.
Orient No. 173.	Hermitage No. 98.
Union No. 172.	Perfect Harmony No. 176.
Jefferson No. 191.	George Washington No. 65.
Silencio No. 9.	Quitman No. 76.
Corinthian No. 190.	

Seventeen Lodges out of thirty in the city.

Very nearly all the funds available for the charities of the Relief Lodge have been from the interest on bonds donated by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and during the past epidemic, from donations of the Masonic Fraternity. Our receipts from constituent Lodges have been small; this I presume has been in consequence of the heavy demands made upon their resources during the months their members were suffering from yellow fever.

For the financial condition of this Lodge and its receipts and expenditures during the past year, I refer you to the respective reports of its Secretary and Treasurer, which accompany this report, and which are respectfully and fraternally submitted for your consideration and approval.

During the fearful epidemic through which we have just passed, many thousands have died, and many a Masonic Brother has journeyed from the outer to the inner Court of our "*Holy Tabernacle*," and the drapery of death has hung heavy and dark upon the homes of many of our Brothers. But amid all this woe and desolation we have been cheered by the sympathy of our Masonic brethren, wherever dispersed, and who coming to our aid with liberal contributions, have enabled us to relieve the wants and add to the comforts of many a fever stricken Brother and his family when the dread messenger of death had called him or them to provide a suitable resting place in which to inter their remains and to aid and assist those who were left desolate and destitute. Our duties are not yet ended, for frequent calls are made by those who have none else to call upon. The total cessation of business during the past summer, has entailed more than usual suffer-

ing, not only among the Masonic fraternity, but upon the public generally. It has been my lot as W. M. of this Lodge during the past summer and fall, to witness personally many scenes of suffering and destitution among the widows and orphans who have claims upon us; and I have often had reason to thank God that the liberality of our Fraternity has enabled us to relieve those who required assistance; and often has the words of "God bless the Masons" came to my ears from quivering lips and tearfull eyes.

I am well aware that, during the past epidemic, some have been relived in their great distress who could not stand the test of the square and compass, as none were denied relief, worthy or not, belonging to the Fraternity or opposed to it. If they were sick and suffering from the prevailing disease, and applied for relief, it was extended to them as freely as it came to us, for among the funds sent to the Relief Lodge were sums of money from *great-hearted* people who requested it distributed without regard to race, religion or color.

The attention of the Fraternity, in this as well as other jurisdictions, is called to the increased number of "Traveling Masons," whose calls upon the Relief Lodges are frequent and earnest. Very many persons are ostensibly in search of employment, but in reality preying upon funds provided for other and different purposes, and being transported from city to city, are an incubus upon all. One of the most difficult and delicate dutier devolving upon the W. M. of a Relief Lodge, is to discriminate between the worthy and unworthy of this class. I would, therefore, call upon the Relief Lodges throughout the country to look well to the "Traveling Mason."

I would respectfully ask the Grand Secretaries of the different Grand Lodges of the United States, to whom this report may come, to furnish this Lodge with a copy of their By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of their Relief Lodges or Relief Committees, together with the names of officers, and the favor will be reciprocated.

R. W. Bro. Edwin Marks, Deputy Grand Master, has placed me under many obligations for his advice and his personal attention to the wants of the brethren belonging to the city Lodges, as well as those in the interior towns of our State, as the funds sent directly to the Grand Lodge were, in a great degree, distributed by him personally through the Relief Lodge, and he will doubtless report his acts to this Grand Lodge.

R. W. Bro. J. C. Batchelor, M. D., Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, rendered very valuable services during the prevalence of the epidemic to this Relief Lodge, and the promptness and attention given to the duties of his office by W. Bro. Richard Lambert, Secretary Relief Lodge, in "making the rough ways plain and the crooked paths straight," entitles him to our thanks.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY WINSLOW, W. M.

RICHARD LAMBERT, SECRETARY, IN ACCOUNT WITH LOUISIANA  
RELIEF LODGE NO. 1, F. AND A. M., DURING THE YEAR 1878.

Jan. 1. Balance in hands of Treasurer at this date \$9 66

AMOUNTS RECEIVED FROM CONSTITUENT LODGES DURING THE YEAR.

Dec. 31. Geo. Washington Lodge No. 65.....	\$25 00	
Quitman Lodge No. 76.....	49 50	
Hermitage Lodge No. 98.....	15 50	
Ocean Lodge No. 144..	35 00	
Orient Lodge No. 173.....	46 15	
Corinthian Lodge No. 190.....	50 00—	\$221 15
Grand Lodge of Louisiana, interest acct.		700 00
Amounts refunded.....		97 35

AMOUNTS DONATED.

Jos. P. Hornor.....	4 00	
Wm. S. Benedict.....	4 00	
Order of High Priesthood.....	33 45	
Metallic Burial Case Company, New York, per Thomas W. Bothick.....	50 00	
Army Northern Virginia, per A. N. V., Louisiana Division.....	15 00	
A. F. Davis, Missouri, per R. W. Bro. A. L. Abbott.....	20 00	
J. W. Putnam, per R. W. Bro. A. L. Abbott.....	7 00	
Grand Commandery of Ohio, per Sir Samuel T. Alston, R. E. Grand Commander of Louisiana.....	200 00	
Masonic Bodies of Connecticut .....	250 00	
“ “ Delaware.....	75 00	
“ “ Georgia.....	50 00	
“ “ Illinois.....	50 00	
“ “ Indiana.....	90 00	
“ “ Missouri.....	100 00	
“ “ New Jersey.....	56 00	
“ “ South Carolina....	35 00	
“ “ Pennsylvania.....	100 00	
“ “ Virginia.....	35 00	
“ “ Wisconsin.....	200 00—	1,374 45
Received from R. W. James C. Batchlor, M.D., Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of Louisiana, amounts contributed by other jurisdictions.....	12,820 74—	12,820 74
Turned over to Treasurer S. M. Todd, as per receipts.....		15,213 69
Total amount on hand and received during the year.....		\$15,223 35

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Dec. 31.	Alabama .....	\$12 00
	Connecticut .....	35 00
	District of Columbia .....	80 00
	Florida.....	80 00
	Georgia.....	66 00
	Illinois .....	68 50
	Indiana .....	84 00
	Iowa.....	125 00
	Kansas .....	7 00
	Kentucky .....	45 50
	Louisiana.....	267 50
	Michigan .....	20 00
	Missouri.....	170 00
	Mississippi .....	20 00
	Massachusetts .....	15 00
	Maryland.....	32 00
	New York.....	240 00
	Ohio .....	15 00
	Pennsylvania .....	62 00
	South Carolina.....	20 00
	Tennessee .....	79 00
	Texas.....	70 00
	Vermont .....	10 00
	Virginia.....	10 00
	West Virginia.....	10 00
	Ireland .....	5 00
	Scotland .....	45 00
	West Indies.....	35 00
	Incidental relief granted to parties not entitled as Masons, but sufferers by yellow fever and in distress.....	703 70 — \$2,432 20

## EXPENSES.

For amount paid doctors .....	400 50
For amount paid nurses.....	587 50
For amount paid funeral expenses.....	1,194 65
For amount paid telegraphic dispatches .....	75 20
For amount paid postage.....	19 50
For amount paid tyling, etc.....	47 50
For amount paid secretary.....	255 00
For amount paid tomb expenses.....	134 50
For amount paid incidental expenses...	146 86 — 2,861 21

Amount dispensed by order of the R. W. D. G. M., through the following Lodges, from relief fund for benefit of yellow fever sufferers ;

## CITY LODGES.

Dec. 31.	Perfect Union Lodge No. 1.....	\$405 00	
	Perseverance Lodge No. 4 .....	25 00	
	Los Amigo del Orden Lodge No. 5.....	170 00	
	Silencio Lodge No. 9.....	100 00	
	Foyer Maçonnique Lodge No. 44.....	85 00	
	Friends of Harmony Lodge No. 58.....	60 00	
	Mount Moriah Lodge No. 59.....	370 00	
	George Washington Lodge No. 65.....	305 00	
	Dudley Lodge No. 66.....	300 00	
	Marion Lodge No. 68.....	335 00	
	Hiram Lodge No. 70... ..	275 00	
	Alpha Home Lodge No. 72.....	400 00	
	Quitman Lodge No. 76.....	250 00	
	Orleans Lodge No. 78.....	375 00	
	Hermitage Lodge No. 98.....	175 00	
	Louisiana Lodge No. 102.....	150 00	
	Ocean Lodge No. 144.....	120 00	
	St. John Lodge No. 153.....	125 00	
	Excelsior Lodge No. 166.....	230 00	
	Linn Wood Lodge No. 167.....	425 00	
	Orus Lodge No. 170.....	50 00	
	Union Lodge No. 172 .....	275 00	
	Orient Lodge No. 173.....	100 00	
	Dante Lodge No. 174.....	100 00	
	Perfect Harmony Lodge No. 176.....	130 00	
	Corinthian Lodge No. 190.....	150 00	
	Jefferson Lodge No. 191.....	150 00	— \$5,635 00

## COUNTRY LODGES.

St. James Lodge No. 47.....	350 00	
Thibodeaux Benevolent Lodge No. 90..	130 00	
Acacia Lodge No. 116.....	100 00	
Assumption Lodge No. 203 .....	228 90	
Doric Lodge No. 205.....	761 00	
Livonia Lodge No. 220.....	19 10	
Oliver Lodge No. 84.....	20 00	— 1,609 00

INCIDENTAL RELIEF WARRANTS DRAWN BY ORDER OF DEPUTY  
GRAND MASTER.

Expenses of Master Walter Wilcox, of Illinois, an orphan, sent to California.....	167 00—	167 00
Eighteen warrants drawn for various parties, sufferers by yellow fever.....	711 00—	711 00
Total amount disbursed during the year.....		\$13,415 41
Cash in hands of Treasurer, Dec. 31, 1878.....	\$ 1,807 94	



For detailed statement of above receipts, see report of R. W. Bro. J. C. Batchelor M. D., Grand Secretary.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

RICHARD LAMBERT,  
Secretary Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1.

#### COMMITTEE ON WORK.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following report from the Committee on Work, which, on motion, was received and ordered to be printed with the proceedings :

NEW ORLEANS, February 10th, 1879.

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

I beg leave to report that I have visited the following Lodges this year, as one of the Committee on Work, viz :

Providence No. 50.	Delhi No. 120.
R. F. McGuire No. 209.	Brookville No. 161.
Mount Gerizim No. 54.	Bartholomew No. 112.
Napoleon No. 94.	Western Star No. 24.
Urim No. 111.	Downsville No. 143.
Union Fraternal No. 53.	Shiloh No. 131.
Beacon No. 211.	Homer No. 152.
Haynesville No. 169.	Athens No. 136.
Arcadia No. 126.	Sparta No. 108.
Mackey No. 122.	Silent Brotherhood No. 146.
Phoenix No. 38.	Cloutierville No. 103.
Livonia No. 220.	St. James No. 47.

Milford No. 117.

I was prevented from visiting the Lodges embraced in my fall programme, on account of the yellow fever and quarantine. The M. W. Grand Master informed me that it would be impossible for me to make my visits as contemplated.

The D. D. Grand Masters will report my labors in their Districts.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN C. GORDY,  
Committee on Work.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following, viz :

Petitions from St. Andre Lodge No. 5, and Mackey Lodge No. 122, for remission of dues, which, on motion, were received, and referred to the Committee on Audit and Accounts.

Also, petition from Charles Weilman, of Trinity Lodge No. 105, which was referred to the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence.

## MONTICELLO LODGE No. 92.

The Grand Secretary having stated that Monticello Lodge No. 92 had sent a proxy to represent said Lodge, to a brother now a Representative in this Grand Lodge, on his motion Monticello Lodge No. 92 was, and is hereby excused from representation at this Annual Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge.

## AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

R. W. James C. Batchelor, M. D., Grand Secretary, submitted the following amendments to the General Regulations or By-Laws of this M. W. Grand Lodge. On motion, the amendments were received, and laid over under the By-Laws:

To amend Section 8, General Regulations or By-Laws, by striking out the words "twenty-five" (in third line from bottom), and insert in lieu thereof, the word "fourteen"; and further, to insert after the word monthly, in the next line, the words, "and he shall be allowed six hundred dollars for an assistant or clerk."

To amend Section 83 by striking out the words, "after twelve months shall have elapsed from the date of surrender or forfeiture," making Section 83 to read as originally adopted in 1874.

Also, the following is respectfully submitted to become By-Laws, to be numbered Sections 71, 72 and 73, and substitute for the edicts now printed with By-Laws as Nos. 71, 72 and 73, edition of 1874, viz:

Section 71. Constituent Lodges of this jurisdiction may, after one month's notice, given at a stated meeting, drop from their rolls, by a majority vote of those present, the name of any member who shall have been absent from the Lodge for one year (or more), whose residence or whereabouts is unknown (or who may be supposed to be dead), and who shall be owing two (or more) years' dues to the Lodge. *Provided*, That members thus dropped shall not be considered in bad standing, and whose names shall be placed upon the roll upon their paying to the Lodge the amount due by them to the Lodge at the time they were dropped.

Section 72. Any member of a Lodge indebted for two years' dues (or more), or if a life member, for assessments, may be summoned by the Lodge in writing (stating the amount due), and directed to pay the said amount within three months, or to show in person or in writing, satisfactory cause why the same has not been done. After the expiration of the said three months, should he fail to appear, or to satisfactorily respond, then, at a stated meeting of the Lodge, on proof being made of the said indebtedness and failure to comply with the order of the

Lodge, he may suspended from all his rights and privileges by a two-third vote of the members present. *Provided*, That any Mason suspended under the above provision, having paid to the Lodge the full amount due at the time of his suspension, and making application in writing for reinstalment, may be reinstated in his membership and rights, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, at a stated meeting.

Section 73. The *modus operandi* mentioned in Section 72, i. e., notice of indebtedness, summons to pay in three months, or give satisfactory excuse, proof of indebtedness and time, and vote of two-thirds at a stated meeting, shall be deemed a full trial in cases of non-payment of dues or assessments. And no dues shall be charged during the time a member is dropped from the roll or is suspended.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF ADDRESS.

R. W. Wm. W. Leake, from the committee, submitted the following report and resolutions, which, on motion, were received and adopted :

NEW ORLEANS, February 11th, 1879.

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

The committee to whom was referred the distribution of the M. W. Grand Master's address, and report of Deputy Grand Master, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That so much of the Address of the M. W. Grand Master and report of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master as relates to deceased brethren, be referred to a special Committee of three.

2. *Resolved*, That so much of the Address and report as refers to the generous donations from our brethren of other jurisdictions be referred to a special Committee of five.

3. *Resolved*, That so much of the Address and report as refers to Plains Lodge No. 135, Livonia Lodge No. 220, and decisions, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence.

4. *Resolved*, That so much of his Address as refers to consolidation of Lodges, be referred to Committee on Work and Return of Chartered Lodges.

5. *Resolved*, That so much of his Address as refers to the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters and to dedications, be referred to the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence.

6. *Resolved*, That so much of the Address and report as refers to financial matters, be referred to the Committee on Audits and Accounts.

7. *Resolved*, That so much of the Address as refers to Masonic processions and Grand Orator, be referred to Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence.

8. *Resolved*, That so much of the Address as relates to foreign rela-

tions and Grand Lodge of Quebec, and appointment of Grand Representatives, be referred to Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

JOHN G. FLEMING,  
W. W. LEAKE,  
GEORGE SOULE.

#### AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS.

R. Wor. Geo. Johnston and Wor. Geo. Soule, from the committee, submitted the following:

NEW ORLEANS, 10th February, 1879.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Audit and Accounts beg most respectfully to report that they have made the usual quarterly and annual examination of the books of the Grand Secretary, and also the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, and found them correct.

Under our direction, the books of the Grand Lodge have been closed, and we herewith submit the balance sheet, showing the financial condition of the Grand Lodge to the 1st January, 1879.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE JOHNSTON,  
GEO. SOULÉ,  
GEO. J. PINCKARD.

R. W. Bro. Wm. R. Whitaker moved that the report be referred to a special committee of three, to report at session of to-morrow, Tuesday evening, February 11th, 1879.

R. W. Bro. George H. Braughn offered, as a substitute to said motion, that the report be recommitted, which substitute being accepted by R. W. Bro. Whitaker, motion was put and declared lost.

After considerable discussion, the report and balance sheet, with the appended remarks, were received.

#### CHARTERED LODGES.

W. Joseph D. Taylor, from the Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered Lodges, submitted the following report, which, on motion, was received.

GRAND LODGE HALL,  
New Orleans, February 10th, 1879. }

To the M. W. Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, State of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Work and Returns of Chartered Lodges beg leave to report that they have had under careful consideration the returns of one hundred and eighteen lodges for the year 1878, all of which were received from the R. W. Grand Secretary.

The returns generally are quite creditable and an improvement on those of former years, although quite a number of Lodges reporting last year have failed to report this year.

The returns of the following numbered Lodges were received within the constitutional period, and are correct, viz :

Lodges Nos. P. U. 1, P. S. 1, 4, Los Amigos del Orden 5, 9, 28, 31, 44, 46, 52, 59, 65, 66, 68, 70, 72, 76, 78, 90, 92, 95, 98, 102, 111, 120, 135, 139, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 151, 153, 155, 160, 162, 165, 167, 168, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 182, 183, 190, 191, 192, 193, 201, 203, 205, 206, 208, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 220, 221, 222, 223.

The returns of the following numbered lodges were received after the constitutional period, and are correct, viz : Lodges 52, 151, 161, 196.

The returns of the following numbered Lodges were received within the constitutional period, and are defective or deficient, as hereinafter enumerated, to wit :

Lodges, St. Andre 5, 19, 38, 53, 57, 58, 75, 79, 83, 84, 96, 101, 110, 123, 125, 131, 133, 136, 143, 149, 152, 163, 169, 170, 176, 179, 184, 185, 187, 219, 225, 226.

The returns of the following numbered Lodges were received after the constitutional period, and are deficient or defective, as hereinafter set forth, to wit : Lodges Nos. 55, 117, 126, 159, 188, 202.

Omissions of one or more names from the roll occurred in the returns of the following numbered lodges, to wit :

Lodge St. Andre No. 5, omitted five names ; 24, two names ; 53, one name ; 54, seven names ; 58, one name ; 75, nine names ; 79, one name ; 83, two names ; 96, five names ; 101, one name ; 115, eight names ; 117, one name ; 123, one name ; 125, one name ; 136, two names ; 143, three names ; 149, one name ; 152, one name ; 163, one name ; 176, one name ; 184, two names ; 188, one name ; 219, one name ; 225, one name.

The returns from the following numbered Lodges do not account for the absence from the roll of the names of members formerly reported, but not now reported thereon, to-wit :

Lodge No. 19, one name ; No. 57, two names.

The returns of the following numbered Lodges bear upon the roll the names of members not previously reported or accounted for, to-wit :

Lodge No. 38, one name ; No. 138, one name ; No. 143, one name.

The headings of returns of the following numbered Lodges were not filled out, to-wit :

Lodges No. 84, 138, 179.

The returns of the following numbered Lodges bore no impress of Lodge seal to-wit :

Lodges Nos. 38, 169, 226.

The returns of the following numbered Lodges fail to properly classify or designate "life members," to-wit :

Lodges Nos. 38, 53, 57, 58, 84, 101, 115, 117, 122, 133, 179, 126.

The returns of the following numbered Lodges were not signed by

the proper officers, or were signed by persons not required to sign, as follows :

Lodge No. 55 not signed by officers designated in roll ; No. 83, not signed by any officer ; No. 115, not signed by Junior Warden ; No. 190, no officer signed (no election in 1878) ; No. 178, no officer signed (no election in 1878) ; No. 184, Senior Warden did not sign ; No. 187, Junior Warden did not sign ; No. 226, Senior Warden did not sign ; No. 169, Senior Warden signs as Junior Warden and Junior Warden signs as Senior Warden ; Nos. 159 and 202, not signed by W. M. or Wardens (no election).

An examination of the returns discloses the fact that very many of the Lodges held less than the required number of meetings during the past year, to which fact attention is directed.

Fraternally submitted,

J. D. TAYLOR,  
Chairman First Section.  
JAMES L. LOBDELL,  
H. V. MCCAIN,  
ERNEST MOREL,  
Chairman of Second Section.  
B. G. KENNY.

#### FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. W. Brother George H. Braughn presented the report in printed form, which, on motion, was received and distributed, and the resolutions appended thereto, laid over under the By-Laws.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge, in view of the violation on the part of the Grand Lodge of Scotland of the jurisdictional Grand Lodge of Quebec, do request the Most Worshipful Grand Master to recall the commission now held by Right Worshipful Brother David Kinnear, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana at the East of Scotland.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Louisiana heartily welcomes the Grand Lodges of Dakota, Indian Territory and New Mexico, into the Sisterhood of American Grand Lodges, and has great pleasure in extending to them fraternal relations.

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The Grand Secretary announced the following special Committees appointed by the M. W. Grand Master, in accordance with the resolutions of the Committee on Distribution of the M. W. Grand Master's Address, adopted at the session of this evening, viz:

## ON DECEASED BRETHREN.

R. W. S. O. Scruggs, P. D. Grand Master.

R. W. Wm. W. Leake, Feliciana Lodge No. 31.

W. Isaiah D. Moore, Thibodeaux Lodge No. 90.

## DONATIONS FROM SISTER JURISDICTIONS.

R. W. W. A. Brainerd, Corinthian Lodge No. 190.

W. J. L. Lobdell, Blazing Star Lodge No. 212.

R. W. C. B. Wheeler, Mount Gerizim Lodge No. 54.

R. W. D. R. Graham, Mount Moriah Lodge No. 59.

R. W. D. Leatherman, Tyrian Lodge No. 206.

## AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

R. W. Bro. S. O. Scruggs submitted the following resolution, which was, on motion, received and laid over under the by-laws:

*Resolved*, That Section 48 of the General Regulations be amended as follows: That all the words occurring in said section after "in the city of New Orleans excepted," be stricken out.

S. O. SCRUGGS.

The M. W. Grand Master stated that he would announce at the session of to-morrow evening, 11th inst., the several appointments to fill vacancies on committees.

## CALLED OFF.

After prayer by Rev. Ludwig P. Heintz, as Grand Chaplain, the M. W. Grand Master called off the Grand Lodge until Tuesday, 11th inst., at 7 o'clock P. M.

SAMUEL J. POWELL,

Grand Master.

ATTEST:

JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D.,

Grand Secretary.

## SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

GRAND LODGE HALL, NEW ORLEANS, }  
Tuesday, February 11th, 1879. }

After prayer by the Rev. E. K. Branch, as Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was called to labor by M. W. Samuel J. Powell, Grand Master, all the Grand Officers present except as follows:

Wm. H. Hutchings as S. Grand Warden, David N. Barrow as S. Grand Deacon, James L. Lobdell as J. Grand Deacon, C. W. Baker and Wm. A. Porter as Grand Stewards.

## PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Past Grand Masters Samuel M. Todd, John Q. A. Fellows and John G. Fleming; Past Deputy Grand Masters S. O. Scruggs and Amos Kent; P. S. Grand Warden John C. Gordy; P. J. Grand Wardens Julius Lisso and Albert L. Abbott.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

Alabama, Argentine, British Columbia, California, Canada, Colorado, District of Columbia, Delaware, Florida, Frankfort-on-the-Main, Illinois, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Nevada, New Brunswick, Oregon, Three Globes of Prussia, Royal York of Friendship of Prussia, Pennsylvania, Saxony, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont and West Virginia.

## ROLL.

On a call of the roll, the following Lodges were found represented, viz: Nos. P. S. 1, 4, L. O. 5, 31, 44, 46, 47, 52, 57, 58, 59, 65, 66, 68, 70, 72, 75, 76, 79, 90, 98, 101, 102, 109, 115, 117, 125, 135, 139, 144, 151, 152, 153, 160, 163, 165, 9, 167, 168, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 179, 184, 185, 189, 190, 204, 206, 212, 213, 216, 217, 221. Total, 57 chartered lodges.

## MINUTES.

The R. W. Grand Secretary read the minutes of the session of Monday, the 11th inst., which were approved as read.



## CREDENTIALS.

R. W. David R. Graham, from the Committee on Credentials, reported R. W. Howell Carter as proxy for W. M. and S. W. of Plains Lodge No. 135, which report, on motion, was adopted.

## AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS.

R. W. Geo. Johnston, from the committee, submitted the following report, which, on motion, was received and adopted:

NEW ORLEANS, February 11th, 1879.

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

Your Committee of Audits and Accounts, to whom has been referred that portion of the Grand Master's address, respectfully beg to report that we approve of the action of the Grand Master.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE JOHNSTON,  
GEO. SOULÉ.

R. W. Geo. Johnston, from the same committee, then submitted the following report and resolution. On motion, the report was received, and the resolution adopted:

NEW ORLEANS, February 11th, 1878.

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

Your Committee of Audit and Accounts beg respectfully to report: That we have considered the request of Friendship Lodge No. 215, Mackey Lodge No. 122, and St. Andre Lodge No. 5, for remission of dues, and, in view of the straightened condition of our finances at this time, cannot recommend the Grand Lodge to grant their request, but respectfully suggest that the above Lodges be granted one year's further time in which to pay their dues and move the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That Friendship Lodge No. 215, Mackey Lodge No. 122, and St. Andre Lodge No. 5, be granted one year's further time in which to pay their dues.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE JOHNSTON,  
GEO. SOULÉ.

## CHARTERED LODGES.

Wor. Jos. D. Taylor, from the committee, submitted the following report and resolutions. On motion, the report was received, and the resolutions severally adopted, viz:

NEW ORLEANS, February 11th, 1879.

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

*Brethren*—Your Committee on "Work and Returns of Chartered Lodges," beg leave to report on the several matters to them referred, as follows:

We approve the action of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master in ordering the consolidation of Concorde Lodge No. 3 and Orus Lodge No. 170 with Perfect Union Lodge No. 1, and append a resolution recommending that his action in the premises be approved.

We also approve the recommendation of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master in reference to giving to Lafayette Lodge No. 56 a duplicate charter in place of the original charter, which has been destroyed by fire, and append a resolution to that effect.

St. Albans Lodge No. 28 and Brookville Lodge No. 161 ask time within which to pay their indebtedness to this Grand Lodge.

In the case of Brookville Lodge No. 161, there remains a balance due, amounting to about thirty-three (\$33) dollars.

In the case of St. Albans Lodge No. 28, there remains a balance due of about eighty-five (\$85) dollars.

We recommend that an extension of time be granted said Lodges within which to pay their indebtedness, but at the same time urge that the amounts be paid at the earliest possible moment. We append a resolution granting further time.

Jeffersonian Lodge No. 138, Morganza Lodge No. 159, Magnolia Lodge No. 197, and Holly Springs Lodge No. 202, ask that they be permitted to surrender their charters.

None of the legal prerequisites have been complied with by any of the said Lodges.

We, therefore, recommend that when said Lodges shall have complied with the regulations governing the surrender of charters of Lodges, that the M. W. Grand Master be authorized to accept the same, and append a resolution to that purpose.

Fraternally submitted,

J. D. TAYLOR,  
JAMES L. LOBDELL,  
B. G. KENNEY,  
H. V. MCCAIN,  
ERNEST MOREL.

1st. *Resolved*, That the action of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, in permitting and authorizing the affiliation of the members of Concorde Lodge No. 3 and Orus Lodge No. 170 with Perfect Union Lodge No. 1, and the consolidation of Concorde Lodge No. 3 and Orus Lodge No. 170 with Perfect Union Lodge No. 1, under the charter of the latter Lodge, be and the same is hereby approved.

2d. *Resolved*, That a duplicate charter be issued to Lafayette Lodge No. 56, without any fee, to replace the original charter, which had been destroyed by fire.

3d. *Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Master be and he is hereby authorized to accept the surrender of the charters of Jeffersonian Lodge No. 138, Morganza Lodge No. 159, Magnolia Lodge No. 197, and Holly Springs Lodge No. 202, when said Lodges shall have complied with

the general regulations governing the surrender of charters of Lodges.

4th. *Resolved*, That St Albans Lodge No. 28, and Brookville Lodge No. 161, be granted further time within which to pay their indebtedness to this Grand Lodge.

#### LODGES U. D.

W. Hugh Breen, from committee, submitted the following report and resolutions. On motion, the report was received, and the resolutions severally adopted, viz :

NEW ORLEANS, February 11th, 1879.

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

Your Committee on Work and Returns of Lodges U. D., respectfully report: That they have examined the transcript of the Minutes, By-Laws and Returns of Blue Buck Lodge U. D., and find that they have made returns and paid their dues.

Their work is correct, and their minutes correctly kept. The Lodge is in a prosperous condition, and cautious in the material they select. This Lodge has petitioned for a charter, and has returned the dispensation as required.

Your Committee offer the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the petition of Blue Buck Lodge U. D., be favorably considered, and that a charter be granted said Lodge.

We have also examined the work of Stonewall Lodge U. D., and the transcript of the minutes, and find them in the main correct. They have sent in no returns and paid no dues. They ask for a renewal of their dispensation. This Lodge asked and received a renewal at the last Annual Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge. Your Committee would offer the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the petition of Stonewall Lodge U. D., for a renewal of their dispensation, be referred to the M. W. Grand Master, with power to act.

Fraternally submitted,

H. BREEN.

#### APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

R. W. W. W. Leake, from the committee, submitted the following reports and resolutions. On motion, the reports were received, and the resolutions severally adopted, viz :

NEW ORLEANS, February 11th, 1879.

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

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances respectfully beg leave to report, that they have considered the recommendations of Kosmos Lodge No. 171, recommending that Bro. Adolph Loeper, who was expelled, be reinstated in Masonic rights and privileges; and of Friends

of Harmony Lodge No. 58, recommending that Bro. John A. Gildig be reinstated in Masonic rights and privileges. We approve the recommendations, and append resolutions to that effect.

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances further report, that they have carefully considered the appeal of Bro. B. G. Kenney from the decision of Good Intent Lodge No. 216, granting a dimit to Bro. A. W. Baird. It appears that Bro. Baird left this jurisdiction, moving to Texas, paid his dues to June 30th, 1878, and applied for a dimit; upon this application there was a tie vote, five to five, and the W. M. cast his vote in the affirmative, granting the dimit. From this action of the Lodge Bro. Kenney appealed, hoping to reverse the action of the Lodge, because Bro. Baird had not paid his *pro rata* of the indebtedness of said Lodge.

The query arises: Can a brother *in good standing, having paid his dues, and complied with all the regulations of his Lodge*, be denied a dimit, because he has not advanced or paid his *pro rata* of the liabilities of the Lodge?

It has been held by several eminent Masonic writers, "that a brother in good standing, and whose *dues are paid*, has a right to withdraw his membership at any time, even without giving his reasons therefor."

Your Committee are of opinion that, because a brother may be held responsible for his *pro rata* of the liabilities of his Lodge, is no ground or excuse for withholding a dimit, and recommend that the action of the Lodge be sustained, and append resolution.

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances further report, that they have had under consideration a protest of Athens Lodge No. 136, and that, inasmuch as protests are unknown to Masonic usages, and not permitted, your Committee declined to take action on same, and are of the opinion that the protest should be returned to the Lodge whence it emanated, appending resolution to that effect.

JOS. H. DEGRANGE,  
W. W. LEAKE,  
I. D. MOORE.

1st. *Resolved*, That on the recommendation of Kosmos Lodge No. 171, Bro. Adolph Loeper be, and he is hereby reinstated to Masonic rights and privileges.

2d. *Resolved*, That on the recommendation of Friends of Harmony Lodge No. 58, Bro. John A. Gildig be, and he is hereby reinstated to Masonic rights and privileges.

3d. *Resolved*, That the action of Good Intent Lodge No. 216, in granting a dimit to Bro. A. W. Baird, be sustained.

4th. *Resolved*, That the protest of Athens Lodge No. 136 be returned to that Lodge.

#### FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. W. Geo. H. Braughn, from committee, submitted the fol-

lowing report and resolution. On motion, the report was received and the resolution adopted :

NEW ORLEANS, February 11th, 1879.

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

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, on matters submitted to them from the address of the M. W. Grand Master, have the honor to report as follows :

On the violation of the jurisdictional rights of the Grand Lodge of Quebec by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, we have already reported, and have submitted a resolution for your adoption.

R. W. Brother Robert Babington having been appointed and accredited as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland at this Grand East, should be received and welcomed with appropriate honors. We offer a resolution to that effect.

Fraternally submitted,

G. H. BRAUGHN,

Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

*Resolved*, That R. W. Brother Robert Babington, of Franklinton Lodge No. 101, be received with due honors and cordially welcomed as the Grand Representative of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Ireland near this Grand East.

#### GRAND SECRETARY

Read a communication from H. M. Carter, W. M. of St. Helena Lodge No. 96, asking for further time in which to pay its dues, and a similar request from C. Chaplin, W. M. of Phoenix Lodge No. 38, on behalf of his Lodge, which requests, on motion, were granted.

Also, a communication from Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 104, asking to be excused from representation at this Annual Grand Communication, and for further time in which to pay its dues.

On motion of M. W. Brother Fleming, said Lodge was excused from representation, and granted one year's further time in which to pay dues.

Also, a communication from Silencio Chapter of Rose Croix No. 9, which, on motion of M. W. Bro. Fleming, was referred to the Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge Hall.

And asked that Humble Cottage Lodge No. 19 be excused from representation at this Annual Grand Communication, having given proxies to represent the W. M., S. W. and J. W.

of said Lodge to a Brother already a representative, which request, on motion, was granted.

#### AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

R. W. Brother J. C. Batchelor called up the amendments to the General Regulations or By-Laws, that he submitted at the session of the 10th inst., and laid over for consideration until this evening.

The amendment to Section 8 was read, whereupon R. W. Brother Braughn offered to amend the same by inserting in the proposed amendment the words "per annum" after the words "six hundred dollars," which amendment of R. Wor. G. H. Braughn being accepted by R. W. Brother Batchelor, made part of the proposed amendment, was, on motion, then adopted, viz:

To amend Section 8, General Regulations or By-Laws, by striking out the words "twenty-five" (in the third line from the bottom) and insert in lieu thereof the word "fourteen;" and further, to insert after the word "monthly," in the next line, the words "and he shall be allowed six hundred dollars per annum for an assistant or clerk."

The proposed amendments to Sections 83, 71, 72 and 73 were then read and separately considered.

The amendment to Section 83, on motion of R. W. Brother Edwin Marks; the amendment to Section 71, on motion of R. W. Brother Amos Kent; the amendment to Section 72, on motion of R. W. Brother J. Q. A. Fellows, and the amendment to Section 73, on motion of R. W. Brother J. C. Batchelor, were severally referred to the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence.

#### FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. W. George H. Braughn, from committee, called up the resolutions submitted by them at the session of the 11th inst. The same were severally read, considered, and on his motion, adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge, in view of the violation on the

part of the Grand Lodge of Scotland of the jurisdictional rights of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, do request the Most Worshipful Grand Master to recall the commission now held by Right Worshipful Brother David Kinnear, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana at the East of Scotland.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Louisiana heartily welcomes the Grand Lodges of Dakota, Indian Territory, and New Mexico, into the sisterhood of American Grand Lodges, and has great pleasure in extending to them fraternal relations.

#### AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

R. W. Brother S. O. Scruggs called up the amendment to Section 48 of the General Regulations or By-Laws, submitted by him at session of 11th inst. The same was read, and, on motion of R. W. Brother Edwin Marks, referred to the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVE OF IRELAND.

R. W. Brother Robert Babbington, who had been appointed by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ireland as its Representative near this Grand East, was announced. M. W. Brother John G. Fleming then introduced R. W. Brother Robert Babbington to the M. W. Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Louisiana, as the Grand Representative near this Grand East of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ireland. After an address of welcome by M. W. Samuel J. Powell, and receiving the Grand Honors of Masonry, R. W. Brother Babbington was duly conducted to the Grand East.

W. Brother J. M. Franklin submitted the following preamble and resolutions, which, on motion of M. W. John G. Fleming, was referred to the Committee on Audit and Accounts. And also the following resolution to repeal the *per capita* tax, which, on motion, was referred to the same Committee.

WHEREAS, R. W. Bro. John C. Gordy has volunteered his services to the M. W. Grand Lodge during the past year, and has visited many Lodges at his own expense; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the sum of three hundred dollars be donated to our worthy Bro. John C. Gordy, as an appreciation for his valuable services.

J. M. FRANKLIN.

*Resolved*, That the edict of this Grand Lodge, passed at its last Grand Communication, imposing a *per capita* tax upon the subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction be and is hereby repealed.

J. M. FRANKLIN.

M. W. Bro. John G. Flemingsubmitted the following resolution with appropriate remarks, and moved its adoption :

NEW ORLEANS, February 11th, 1879.

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

*Resolved*, That Mr. R. L. Bruce, who was expelled by this Grand Lodge on the 18th of February, 1876, be, and is hereby restored to all his rights and privileges as a Master Mason.

Considerable discussion arose. W. Bro. George Soulé moved to reject the resolution, and called upon M. W. Samuel M. Todd for facts, who responded, and seconded the resolution of M. W. John G. Fleming.

R. W. George H. Braughn, on a question for information, being called upon, stated to the M. W. Grand Lodge the charges upon which R. L. Bruce had been expelled, and the pleading and defense made by the accused in answer thereto. After remarks by M. W. John Q. A. Fellows, R. W. Bros. Edwin Marks and Wm. W. Leake, Bro. Chas. F. Buck and others, a vote by Lodges having been called for by R. W. Julius Lisso, seconded by M. W. John G. Fleming, was ordered, with the following result :

*Yeas*—Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Junior Deacon, Grand Pursuivant, Grand Steward Texier, Past Grand Masters Todd, Fleming and Fellows.

Grand and Past Grand Officers—12 votes.

Lodges Nos. 4, L. O. 5, 52, 57, 58, 65 (one vote), 66, 70, 72, 75, 76, 79, 101, 102 (one vote), 115, 117, 125, 135, 139, 144 (one vote), 151, 153 (one vote), 160, 9, 167, 168, 172, 175, 176 (two votes), 184, 185, 212, 213, 216, 217.

Thirty Lodges, five divided (6) votes—96 votes.

Total yeas—108.

*Nays*—Grand Treasurer and Grand Marshal.

Grand and Past Grand Officers—2 votes.

Lodges Nos. P. U. 1, 31, 44, 46, 47, 59, 65 (two votes), 90, 144 (two votes), 153 (two votes), 163, 171, 173, 176 (one vote), 189, 190, 206, 221.

Fourteen Lodges, four divided (7) votes—49 votes.

Total Nays—51.

The M. W. Grand Master then called upon M. W. John G.



Fleming, as Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, for his opinion as such, of the vote necessary to restore a brother to his Masonic rights and privileges.

M. W. Bro. Fleming, as Chairman aforesaid, then gave the following opinion, viz :

"That where a brother was on his original trial before the Grand Lodge, it would require the same vote as required in constituent Lodges, to either convict or acquit him; but that, in cases of appeal, either in the event of reversal of sentence or ratification of same, it had always been the custom of the Grand Lodge to decide the case by a majority vote; and that all that was necessary in the present case was a majority vote."

And also cited several cases to establish the fact as stated in his opinion.

The M. W. Grand Master then declared the resolution adopted.

R. W. Bro. Sol. M. Brian submitted the following preamble and resolutions:       \*           \*           \*           \*           \*

R. W. Bro. Brian moved to refer the same to the Committee on Audits and Accounts.

Considerable discussion arose, during which R. W. George Johnston and W. George Soulé, the only members of the committee present, and a majority of the same having expressed views favorable to the resolutions, R. W. Bro. George H. Braughn moved, as a substitute to the resolution to refer, that the resolutions of R. W. S. M. Brian be now adopted *seriatim*; which motion was lost, as was a motion to refer to the Committee on Audit and Accounts. R. W. Geo. H. Braughn moved a reconsideration of the vote refusing to refer the resolutions to the Committee on Audit and Accounts, which was adopted; and then, on his motion, the same were referred to the Committee on Audit and Accounts, to report at session of to-morrow, 12th inst.

Wor. H. W. L. Lewis submitted the following resolutions, which, on motion, were referred to the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence:

*Resolved*, That the following resolutions, adopted at the last Communication of the Grand Lodge, be and is hereby repealed, to-wit :

*Resolved*, That each constituent Lodge of this Grand Lodge be and is hereby required to pay annually, for the next five years, a *per capita* sum of one dollar for each member borne upon the Lodge roll.

## CALLED OFF.

After prayer by the acting Grand Chaplain, the Grand Master called off the M. W. Grand Lodge until Wednesday, the 12th inst., at 7 o'clock P. M.

EDWIN MARKS,  
as Grand Master.

## ATTEST:

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

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THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

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GRAND LODGE HALL, NEW ORLEANS, }  
Wednesday, February 12th, 1879. }

After prayer by Rev. E. K. Branch, as Grand Chaplain, R. W. Edwin Marks, acting as Grand Master, called the Grand Lodge to labor, at 7 o'clock P. M.

## OFFICERS PRESENT.

All the Grand Officers, except the following, whose places were filled *pro tempore* :

Edwin Marks, D. G. M., *as* Grand Master; William Robson, *as* Dep. Grand Master; Rev. E. K. Branch, *as* Grand Chaplain; Wm. H. Hutchings, *as* Grand Sword Bearer; Hilel Marks, M. A. Calongne, Wm. M. Ewell and B. F. Scott, *as* Grand Stewards.

## PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

P. G. Master John G. Fleming; P. Deputy G. Masters S. O. Scruggs, Amos Kent and Wm. Robson; P. S. G. Wardens Jno. C. Gordy and Wm. R. Whitaker; P. J. G. Warden Albert L. Abbott.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

From British Columbia, Canada, Delaware, Frankfort-on-the-Main, Ireland, Kansas, Michigan, New Jersey, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Oregon, Three Globes, Royal York of Friendship, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Saxony, Tennessee, Texas and Utah.

## ROLL.

On call of roll the following Lodges were found represented : Nos. 4, L. O. 5, 31, 44, 46, 47, 52, 58, 59, 65, 66, 68, 70, 72, 75, 76, 78, 79, 90, 98, 101, 102, 109, 110, 115, 117, 125, 135, 139, 144, 151, 152, 153, 160, 163, 165, 9, 167, 168, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 179, 184, 185, 189, 190, 191, 203, 204, 205, 206, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 221, 225. Total, 62 chartered lodges.

## MINUTES.

The R. W. Grand Secretary read the minutes of the session of Tuesday, 11th instant, which were approved as read.

## CREDENTIALS.

R. W. Brother Graham, from committee, reported the following proxies; on motion, the report was adopted, viz:

T. A. Routon for S. W., Harrisonburg Lodge No. 110.

B. Da Silva for W. M., Friends of Harmony Lodge No. 58.

Wm. E. Todd for all, Friendship Lodge No. 215.

## AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS.

R. W. George Johnston, from committee, submitted the following report and resolutions; on motion, the report was received and the resolutions adopted.

NEW ORLEANS, February 12th, 1879.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana :

Your Committee on Audit and Accounts respectfully beg leave to report, that they have examined the resolutions presented to the Grand Lodge by Bro. Sol. M. Brian, and cordially endorse the same by recommending the Grand Lodge to appoint the committee for the purpose named in the resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE JOHNSTON,  
GEO. SOULÉ,  
GEO. J. PINCKARD.

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R. W. Johnston, from the same committee, also submitted the following report and resolution; and on his motion, the report was received and the resolution rejected.

NEW ORLEANS, February 12th, 1879.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana:

Your Committee on Audit and Accounts respectfully beg leave to report that they have considered the resolution of Bro. J. M. Franklin, asking the repeal of the *per capita* tax, passed last communication of this Grand Lodge, and without going into long details of figures, etc., to support our views, have no hesitation in saying that this Grand Lodge needs the money that will be raised by this tax, and cannot possibly pay its way, if they are not permitted to receive same; at least until collections from other sources are sufficient to make up the sum requisite to carry on this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE JOHNSTON,  
GEO. SOULÉ,  
GEO. J. PINCKARD.

*Resolved*, That the edict of this Grand Lodge, passed at its last Grand Communication, imposing a *per capita* tax upon the subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction, be and is hereby repealed.

R. W. George Johnston, from the same committee, then submitted the following report and resolution, and moved the adoption of the report and recommendation of the committee disapproving of the resolution:

NEW ORLEANS, February 12th, 1879.

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

Your Committee on Audit and Accounts respectfully beg leave to report, that they have considered the resolution of Brother J. M. Franklin to donate to R. W. Brother J. C. Gordy, three hundred dollars for services performed during 1878, and considering the financial condition of the Grand Lodge and the fact that R. W. Brother Gordy kindly tendered his services gratis we, therefore, disapprove of the resolution.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE SOULÉ,  
GEORGE JOHNSTON,  
GEO. J. PINCKARD.

WHEREAS, R. W. Brother John C. Gordy has volunteered his services to the M. W. Grand Lodge during the past year, and has visited many Lodges at his own expense, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the sum of three hundred dollars be donated to our worthy Brother John C. Gordy, as an appreciation for his valuable services.

W. Brother J. M. Franklin opposed the motion of R. W. Bro. Johnston to adopt the report of the committee, and called for a vote by Lodges on said motion. R. W. Brother J. C. Gordy then stated that the resolution to donate three hundred dollars to him had been offered without his knowledge, and that the committee had expressed his views, and furthermore, requested W. Brother Franklin to withdraw his call for a vote by Lodges, which was done. After some debate a vote by Lodges was called for by Brother James Rainey, on the acceptance or rejection of the report of the committee, which vote was ordered, when the report was rejected by the following vote:

*Yeas*—Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Marshal—(Grand and Past Grand Officers)—3 votes. Lodges Nos. 4, 44, 46, 58, 59 (one vote), 65, 70, 72, 76 (two votes), 79, 101, 102, 109, 117, 139, 152, 153, 160, 9, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 179, 190, 191, 213, 215, 225—28 Lodges, 2 divided, (3) votes—87 votes. Total yeas 90.

*Nays*—Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Steward Madden, Past Grand Master Fleming—(Grand and Past Grand Officers)—5 votes. Lodges Nos. L. O. 5, 31, 47, 59 (two votes), 66, 68, 75, 76 (one vote), 90, 98, 110, 115, 125, 144, 151, 163, 165, 167, 168, 171, 184, 185, 189, 203, 204, 205, 206, 212, 214, 216, 217, 221—30 Lodges 2 divided, (3) votes—93 votes. Total nays 98.

W. Brother Franklin then moved to adopt the resolutions submitted by him at session of 11th inst., referred to the committee and by them reported upon unfavorably.

On the question of the adoption of said resolution, a vote by Lodges was called for by Brother Frank H. Wilson, and ordered, when the resolution was lost by the following vote:

*Yeas*—Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Steward Madden, and Past Grand Master Fleming—(Grand and Past Grand Officers)—5 votes. Lodges Nos. 31, 47, 59 (two votes), 66, 68, 65, 76 (two votes), 90, 98, 110, 125, 144, 151, 163, 165, 167, 168, 184, 185, 189, 203, 204, 205, 206, 212, 214, 216, 217, 221—27 Lodges, 2 divided (4) votes—85 votes. Total yeas, 90.

*Nays*—Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Grand Marshal—(Grand and Past Grand Officers)—3 votes. Lodges Nos. 4, L. O. 5, 44, 46, 58, 59 (one vote), 65, 70, 72, 76 (one vote), 79, 101, 102, 109, 115, 139, 152, 153, 160, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 179, 190, 191, 213, 215, 225—29 Lodges, 2 divided (2) votes—89 votes. Total yeas, 92.

## MASONIC LAW AND JURISPRUDENCE.

R. W. Wm. R. Whitaker, from committee, submitted the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

NEW ORLEANS, February 12, 1879.

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

Your Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence respectfully report that they have considered the several matters referred to them, as follows:

## GRAND MASTER'S DECISIONS.

We believe the following decisions of the Grand Master to be in accordance with the law of this jurisdiction:

1. "That it is not necessary for a Master elect to have the Past Master's degree before installation." (See Proceedings 1852, p. 79.)

Your committee, as such, can have no knowledge of the Past Master's degree.

2. "That the fees for conferring degrees, by a Lodge without jurisdiction over the candidate, belong to the Lodge whose jurisdiction has been invaded."

3. "That an appeal to the Grand Lodge, and final action thereon, precludes a new trial." (See Proceedings 1876, p. 122; Proceedings 1877, p. 92.)

4. "That Lodges are not allowed to solicit aid to build lodge halls, or for any other purpose, from other jurisdictions, without the approval of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master." (See Proceedings 1876, p. 290, Edict 58.)

The Committee respectfully dissent from the latter part of this decision, reading as follows: "— they are, however, at liberty to do so within our own jurisdiction, without such permission; but that it should not be resorted to, except in cases of great necessity."

Your committee are compelled to withhold their approval of the following rulings of the Grand Master:

5. "That a Masonic widow or daughter, who marries a profane, deprives herself of all the benefits of Masonry as a right."

6. "That an objection to advancement must be followed by charges." This should be left to the conscience and Masonic discretion of the brother objecting. (See par. 7, p. 76, Proceedings 1852.)

7. "That a member of a Lodge is entitled to a dimit as a right, and he cannot be compelled to pay a *pro rata* of the indebtedness of the Lodge before the dimit is granted."

This must rest with the Lodge, in the opinion of your committee. (See Todd, 1860; Todd, 1873; Com. M. L. and J., 1870 and 1877.)

8. "Masonic bodies may appear in regalia and perform burial and other public Masonic ceremonies, but such ceremonies must be under their exclusive control and entirely conducted by them. They must preserve the unity and exclusiveness of their organization throughout. Other secret associations may join in the *general* procession, but they

must maintain their separate and distinct organization, and cannot be permitted to take any part in the ceremonies further than marching in the general procession as distinct bodies."

"Masonic bodies are prohibited from taking part in burial or other ceremonies with other secret associations, nor are they allowed to be present as *Masonic bodies*, when such ceremonies are conducted by other secret societies."

(See edict, 50, page 289, proceedings 1876. Lodges and Masons are prohibited by Grand Lodge regulations from joining, in regalia, in procession of I. O. O. F., and under their control or that of any other secret society. Masons should not appear in public or in any ceremony not controlled by Masons, and should not be willing to make a show of themselves in a subordinate character to please any body. See further, page 106, proceedings 1869.)

The other acts of the Grand Master submitted to us for consideration merit our entire approval.

#### DECISIONS OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

The decisions of the Deputy Grand Master are in accordance with Masonic law and usage.

#### GRAND ORATOR.

Article 4, Sec. 5, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, specifies the officers of the Grand Lodge, and does not mention a Grand Orator. In the opinion of your committee, a Grand Orator cannot be appointed without an amendment of the article referred to.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN G. FLEMING,  
A. L. ABBOTT,  
H. C. YOUNG,  
WM. R. WHITAKER,  
GEO. H. BRAUGHN.

#### MASONIC DONATIONS FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

R. W. W. A. Brainerd, from Special Committee, submitted the following report and resolutions, and moved their adoption; whereupon M. W. John G. Fleming offered as an amendment to said motion, that said report and resolutions be printed with the proceedings, which amendment was adopted. The report and resolutions were then unanimously adopted.

NEW ORLEANS, February 12th, 1879.

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

Your Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address and the Deputy Grand Master's report, relative to Masonic donations made to us by our sister jurisdictions during the late epidemic, beg leave to submit the following:

We most cordially endorse the beautiful sentiments expressed by our M. W. Grand Master in his annual address, and also those of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master in his annual report. To add anything to what they have happily said, would appear supererogation.

Words are powerless to express our gratitude to those who extended a fraternal hand to us when our ranks were being decimated by the yellow fever pestilence. Our brethren gave without solicitation and with no penurious spirit. They waited, not for our cries of distress, but flew to our relief at the first alarm of danger.

From the rock bound shores of the Atlantic, to the sun-kissed waves of the Pacific, they sent us fraternal offerings. They knew no North, no South, no East, no West. It was enough for them to know that their brethren were in distress. Even our brothers in the far off sister republic of Columbia, actuated by a truly Masonic spirit, contributed their quota of relief.

We thank them all. Our hearts are too full of gratitude for utterance. We hail them as true men and Masons. We are proud to know that an admiring world looks on in wonder, exclaiming: "Behold! how these Masons love one another." Certainly, the great principles which form the foundation of our beloved fraternity, have been beautifully exemplified by our sister jurisdiction during the last eventful year.

We beg leave to offer the following resolution, as expressive of the feelings of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

*Be it resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Louisiana does hereby extend to our sister Grand Lodges, in all parts of the continent, our most heartfelt thanks for their liberal and timely assistance during the late yellow fever epidemic in this State, and we pray that we may never be called upon to assist them in like manner, but fervently hope they may prosper according to the full measure of their great deservings.

Faternally submitted,

W. A. BRAINERD,  
JAMES L. LOBDELL,  
C. B. WHEELER,  
D. R. GRAHAM,  
D. LEATHERMAN.

Regarding the distribution of relief funds we beg leave to submit the following:

*Be it resolved*, That the action of the Most Worshipful Grand Master and R. W. Deputy Grand Master, in extending pecuniary aid to our distressed sister Grand Lodge of Mississippi, and the distribution of needful relief to our own constituent Lodges, be and hereby is approved.

Faternally submitted,

W. A. BRAINERD,  
D. R. GRAHAM,  
JAMES L. LOBDELL,  
D. LEATHERMAN.



## HAYNESVILLE LODGE NO. 169.

R. Wor. H. W. Kirkpatrick submitted the following resolution, which, on motion, was adopted:

*Resolved*, That Haynesville Lodge No. 169 be granted one year's time within which to pay her dues.

H. W. KIRKPATRICK.

## AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

The proposed amendments to Article II, of the Comstitution submitted by R. W. Bro. W. R. Whitaker at the Annual Grand Communication of 1877 (printed on page 112 of the proceedings of 1877), and laid over to the Annual Grand Communication of 1878, and which were then called up, again ordered to be printed with the proceedings, and laid over to this Grand Communication for consideration and action (printed on page 100 of the proceedings of 1878), were now called up, and on motion of R. W. G. H. Braughn, consideration of the same was postponed until the session of Thursday, the 13th inst., to be then made the special order after reading of the minutes.

## MASONIC LAW AND JURISPRUDENCE.

M. W. John G. Fleming, from committee, substituted a report upon the resolution submitted by Wor. H. W. L. Lewis, at session of the 11th inst., to repeal the *per capita* tax, and referred to said committee; and moved that the same be received and laid over to the session of the 13th inst. Wor. H. W. L. Lewis moved as a substitute that the same be referred back to said committee to report on the constitutionality or legality of said *per capita* tax, at said session of the 13th inst., which substitute, on motion, was adopted.

## CALLED OFF.

After prayer by Rev. E. K. Branch as Grand Chaplain, R. W. Edwin Marks, Deputy Grand Master acting as Grand Master, called off the Grand Lodge until to-morrow, Thursday, the 13th inst., at 7 o'clock P. M.

SAMUEL J. POWELL,

Grand Master.

ATTEST:

JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D.,

Grand Secretary.

## FOURTH DAY'S SESSION.

GRAND LODGE HALL, NEW ORLEANS, }  
Thursday, February 13th, 1879. }

After prayer by the Rev. E. K. Branch, acting as Grand Chaplain, the M. W. Grand Lodge was called to labor by Sam'l J. Powell, Grand Master, at 7 o'clock P. M.

## OFFICERS PRESENT.

All the Grand Officers, except the following, whose places were filled *pro tempore*: John W. Madden, as Grand Sword Bearer; Hilel Marks, J. A. Smith and B. F. Scott, as Grand Stewards.

## PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Past Grand Masters Samuel M. Todd, J. Q. A. Fellows, Abel J. Norwood and Jno. G. Fleming; Past Deputy Grand Masters, S. O. Scruggs, Amos Kent and Wm. Robson; Past Grand Senior Wardens, John C. Gordy, George A. Pike and Wm. R. Whitaker; Past Grand Senior Wardens, J. B. Sorapuru, Julius Lisso and Albert L. Abbott.

## REPRESENTATIVES.

From Alabama, Arkansas, British Columbia, California, Canada, Colorado, District of Columbia, Delaware, Florida, Frankfort-on-the-Main, Illinois, Idaho, Ireland, Kentucky, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, North Carolina, New York, Nevada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Oregon, Three Globes, Royal York of Friendship, Pennsylvania, Prince Edward Island, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Saxony, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia.

## ROLL.

On call of roll the following Lodges were found represented: Nos. P. U. 1, P. S. 1, 4, L. O. 5, 44, 46, 47, 52, 57, 58, 59, 65, 66, 68, 70, 72, 75, 76, 78, 79, 90, 98, 101, 102, 109, 110, 115, 117,

125, 135, 139, 144, 151, 152, 153, 160, 163, 165, 9, 167, 168, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 179, 184, 185, 189, 190, 191, 203, 204, 205, 206, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 221, 222. Total, 65 chartered Lodges.

## MINUTES.

The R. W. Grand Secretary read the minutes of the session of Wednesday, the 12th inst., which were approved as read.

## GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary read the following telegram :

CINCINNATI, OHIO, February 12th, 1879.

To J. C. Batchelor, Grand Secretary, New Orleans :

Your judicious outlay of Ohio Masonic Orphan Fund cordially approved.

JOHN D. CALDWELL,  
Grand Secretary.

## CREDENTIALS.

R. Wor. D. R. Graham, from committee, submitted the following report, which was adopted :

NEW ORLEANS, February 13th, 1879.

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully submit for approval the following proxies :

R. W. Bro. Robt. Babbington, proxy for W. M. of Franklinton Lodge No. 101.

R. W. Bro. O. L. Collins, of Darlington Lodge No. 149, proxy for W. M. of Livingston Lodge No. 160.

R. W. Bro. A. L. Abbott, of Louisiana Lodge No. 102, proxy for J. W. for same Lodge.

D. R. GRAHAM,  
M. AARONS.

## MASONIC LAW AND JURISPRUDENCE.

R. Wor. Wm. R. Whitaker, from committee, submitted the following report and resolutions :

NEW ORLEANS, February 13th, 1879.

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 considered the matter of the application of Bro. Chas. E. Weilman, Past Secretary of Trinity Lodge No. 105, to that Lodge, requesting a dimit, and recommend that the subject be referred to the Grand Master for his action.

The brother is clearly entitled to a decision by the Lodge upon his application. The charter of the Lodge not having been arrested, forfeited or surrendered, the Lodge is the only authority to issue the dimit. A meeting of the Lodge can be called and the matter disposed

o' If the Lodge refuses to perform its duty, proper discipline can be enforced, and the applicant's right secured. The case seems to be one of hardship. The brother desires to apply for affiliation with a Lodge near his present place of residence, having removed from the jurisdiction of Trinity Lodge. His purpose is commendable, and he should receive aid in its execution.

In our By-Laws, printed in 1874, appear Secs. 71, 72, and 73. Grand Master Girard decided, with the approval of the Grand Lodge, that the provisions embodied in these sections had not been adopted as By-Laws, but merely stood as Edicts. The Grand Secretary has submitted a resolution to make these sections a part of the By-Laws, but proposes that they be thus adopted in a modified form.

In the opinion of your committee, the provisions of law referred to, need no present modification, but they deem it important that they be given the stability of By-Laws. They therefore recommend the adoption of this resolution :

*Resolved*, That what now appears in the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge for 1874, pages 312, 313, as Secs. 71, 72 and 73, be adopted as, and declared to be By-Laws of this Grand Lodge under said numbers.

The resolution offered by the Grand Secretary and referred to us, providing for the repeal of the amendment to Sec. 83 of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, adopted February 12th, 1875, seems to us worthy of adoption; we therefore recommend that Sec. 83 of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be amended and re-enacted, to read as follows :

SEC. 83. A member of a Lodge, whose charter has been surrendered or forfeited, shall not be deemed in good standing until a certificate be issued to him by the Grand Secretary, and no charge will be made for the issuing of a certificate of good standing by the Grand Secretary.

In accordance with a suggestion in the report of the Deputy Grand Master, made in connection with his decision in the matter of the election of Worshipful Master in Quitman Lodge No. 76, we submit the following resolution, and recommend its adoption :

*Resolved*, That Sec. 15 of Art. VII. of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended by adding thereto the following :

"And no member of a Lodge shall be eligible to any office therein unless he resides within the jurisdiction of his Lodge."

Alterations of the By-Laws of Lodges Louisiana No. 102, Monticello No. 92, Atchafalaya No. 163, and Blazing Star No. 212, have been referred to your committee. We respectfully request permission to report thereon to the Grand Master after the close of this session.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN G. FLEMING,  
WM. R. WHITAKER,  
H. C. YOUNG,  
SAM'L M. TODD,  
G. H. BRAUGHN,  
A. L. ABBOTT.

Minority report *reserved* on the subject of changing Edicts published in By-Laws, Secs. 71, 72 and 73.

1. That the report be received.
2. That the recommendation in the case of Bro. Weilman be adopted.
3. That the resolution relative to Secs. 71, 72 and 73 of the By-Laws be adopted.
4. That the resolution relative to Sec. 83 of the By-Laws be adopted.
5. That the resolution relative to Sec. 15 of Art. VII. of the Constitution be printed in the proceedings, and lie over until the next Annual Grand Communication for action.
6. That the request of the committee relative to sundry amendments of Lodge By-Laws be acceded to.

After reading the foregoing, R. W. Bro. Whitaker moved as follows :

1. That the report be received. Which motion was adopted.
2. That the recommendation in the case of Bro. Weilman be adopted. Which motion was adopted.
3. That the resolution relative to Secs. 71, 72 and 73 of the By-Laws be adopted.

M. W. Samuel M. Todd, of said committee, then stated that he preferred the amendments in this regard as submitted by R. W. Bro. J. C. Batchelor, at session of the 10th inst., and referred at session of the 11th inst. to said committee, to the said amendments altered and now submitted by the committee; and therefore, in this regard, dissented from the opinion and resolution of the majority.

Considerable discussion arose, whereupon, on motion of R. Wor. Wm. R. Whitaker, further consideration of this resolution was postponed until the session of Friday, 14th inst.

4. That the resolution relative to Sec. 83 of the By-Laws be adopted. Which motion was adopted.
5. That the resolution relative to Sec. 15 of Art. VII. of the Constitution, be printed in the proceedings, and lay over until the next Annual Grand Communication for action. Which motion was adopted.
6. That the request of the committee relative to sundry amendments of Lodge By-Laws, be acceded to. Which motion was adopted.

M. W. John G. Fleming, from the same committee, then submitted the following report and the resolution to them referred, and moved that the report of the committee be adopted, and the resolution of Wor. Bro. H. W. L. Lewis to repeal the *per capita* tax, be not adopted, but subsequently withdrew said motion, and moved simply to adopt report of the committee.

On said motion the report was adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master then announced that W. Bro. Lewis withdrew, by permission, his resolution, viz :

WHEREAS, We believe the act or resolution passed at the last regular communication of the Grand Lodge, levying a *per capita* tax of one dollar upon each member borne upon the register of the constituent Lodges, to be unconstitutional; and,

Whereas, Art. 3d of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge points out the power of the Grand Lodge, and Art. 8, Sec. 21, specifies particularly what dues and contributions each Chartered Lodge shall pay, and Art. 9, points out the manner in which the constitution shall be amended or changed, and finding no amendments according to said Article 9.

H. W. L. LEWIS.

NEW ORLEANS, February 13th, 1879.

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 carefully considered the resolution submitted by W. Bro. H. W. L. Lewis at the Session of Tuesday last, in regard to the constitutionality of the *per capita* tax resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge, February 13th, 1878, and respectfully submit the following as their view of the question :

The W. Bro. claims that Article III. of the Constitution, clearly defines the powers of the Grand Lodge; and that Art. VIII, specifies particularly what dues and contributions each Chartered Lodge shall pay, etc.

We submit the articles referred to :

"Art. III. Sec. 4. It shall have the exclusive right to constitute and govern all Lodges of Symbolic Masonry in the State of Louisiana; shall hear all appeals, decide in the last resort between the Lodges and the brethren, and redress all grievances, and shall have exclusive power to try and punish its own officers and the masters in office of its constituent Lodges. It may make all laws and regulations necessary for the government of the Lodges and brethren under its jurisdiction, and for the propagation and advancement of the true principles and work of Ancient Freemasonry not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution, 'the old charges of the Free and Accepted Masons of 1723,' hereunto annexed, or the ancient usages and landmarks of the order."

"Art. VIII. Sec. 21. Each Chartered Lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge one dollar for each member borne on its register during the year, and all Lodges, one dollar for each degree conferred."

Your committee are of the opinion that there is nothing in the *per capita* tax resolution referred to, that in any way infringes, or violates any part of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

The tax, it will be observed, is levied upon the Lodges, and Article III. of the Constitution says, that "the Grand Lodge shall have the exclusive right to constitute and govern all Lodges of Symbolic Freemasonry in the State of Louisiana. \* \* \* \* \*

It may make all laws and regulations necessary for the government of the Lodges and brethren under its jurisdiction." \* \* \* \*

Your committee can see in this article nothing that is violated by the *per capita* assessment, but on the contrary, unqualified authority for the enactment of the resolution.

So far as Section 21, of Art. VIII. is concerned, it only defines what SHALL be paid as dues to the Grand Lodge, but there is no clause in it that is prohibitory of the assessment in question, nor was it contemplated at the time of the enactment of the article in question, that it was to be a barrier behind which the constituent Lodges or any portion of them could shield themselves from liability to pay their share of the responsibilities contracted by their representatives in part—at least—in the General Council of the Grand Lodge.

The articles I have read are of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, adopted in 1858.

The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, adopted in 1850, is almost identically the same as the one under which we are now working, as to its powers and prerogatives.

We here submit and read section one of Article IV :

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### OF THE POWER OF THE GRAND LODGE.

SECTION 1. It shall have the exclusive right to constitute Lodges of symbolic Masonry within this State.

It may make all laws and regulations necessary for the government of the Lodges and brethren under its jurisdiction, and for the propagation and advancement of the true principles of Freemasonry, and legislate generally upon all Masonic subjects.

It shall decide, in the last resort, between the brethren and the Lodges.

It shall hear appeals and redress grievances; and shall have exclusive power to try and punish its own officers and the Masters in office of its constituent Lodges.

It shall have the power to consent to and assist in the formation of a National Grand Lodge, with power that shall not destroy its own independence, or prejudice the rights and privileges of its constituent Lodges.

It shall ascertain and propagate the true ceremonial and instruction in the work of Masonry, and enforce their practice.

And it shall have full power to do all other acts and things that it is usual and customary for Grand Lodges to do and perform; provided, always, that the ancient landmarks of the Order be carefully preserved, and that its acts, laws, resolutions and edicts be not subversive of any of the true principles of Freemasonry, nor depart from its original plan, or be inconsistent with this Constitution.

It will be perceived that the article submitted, conferred on that Grand Lodge no greater powers than the present constitution does on this, and yet we find that under the former, the Grand Lodge, in 1854, at its session of January 21st, passed the following resolution, which was enforced by that Grand Lodge during the period specified therein :

" *Be it further Resolved*, That a contribution of two dollars, each, shall be paid by every active registered member of the constituent Lodges of this State, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge during every year, for the space of five years, or such other time as may be necessary—not being more than five years—for the purpose of paying the debt of the Grand Lodge, contracted for the purpose of the Grand Lodge Masonic Hall; and that it shall be the duty of the constituent Lodges to collect said contribution from their members, and forward the same to the Grand Secretary with their returns and dues."

We would further call your attention to a decision adopted by this Grand Lodge in 1874 (see page 52, Proceedings of that year), in regard to the right of a constituent Lodge to enforce the payment of an assessment voted for by a majority of its members, and which decision is hereunto appended :

"On a question asked by R. W. D. D. G. Master C. T. Hines, on behalf of Downsville Lodge No. 143, as to whether a minority of the members of a Lodge could be compelled to pay a tax voted for by a majority: I decided that where a tax is so imposed for strictly Masonic and strictly Lodge purposes, and where all are equally taxed and equally benefitted, it must be paid; otherwise, the brethren would not be complying with the laws, rules and regulations of the Lodge, which all must have assented to do."

Respectfully and Fraternally,

JOHN G. FLEMING,  
WM. R. WHITAKER,  
H. C. YOUNG,  
SAMUEL M. TODD,  
G. H. BRAUGHN,  
A. L. ABBOTT.

#### OBITUARY.

R. Wor. S. O. Scruggs, after delivering an eloquent eulogy, in commemoration of the Masonic deeds and virtues of our deceased brethren who departed this life during the year 1878, submitted, on behalf of the Special Committee, the following report and resolutions, which, on motion, were unanimously adopted by a rising vote of honor, viz:

WHEREAS, Death has again entered amidst the workmen of the Temple, and with ruthless hand has torn away twelve of its best and truest laborers. And whilst we drop the tear of regret above their new-made graves, and mingle our sorrows and sympathies with those dear ones each departed brother has left behind, let us as Masons in Grand Lodge assembled, adopt the lines of the poet as more expressive of our grief:

"We who survive, and knew them most and best,  
Can truly say, how dear they were  
Whom now we sadly mourn."

The following are the names which have been transferred in 1878 from the Lodge Register in this world to the eternal Roll in Heaven's high Chancery:

Wor. H. W. Coyle, Grand Sword Bearer, Tyrian Lodge No. 206, October 11th, 1878.

Wor. J. W. Higman, Past Master Mount Gerezim Lodge No. 54, July 13th, 1878.



Wor. F. W. Delesdernier, Past Master Mount Moriah Lodge No. 59, June 6th, 1878.

Wor. O. S. Babcock, Past Master George Washington Lodge No. 65, September 9th, 1878.

Wor. John Kellett, Past Master Hiram Lodge No. 70, March 8th, 1878.

Wor. Henry Cearns, Worshipful Master Hiram Lodge No. 70, January 25th, 1878.

Wor. John T. Pettigrew, Past Master Orleans Lodge No. 78, June 4th, 1878.

Wor. W. W. Carter, Past Master St. Helena Lodge No. 96, October 14th, 1878.

Wor. Leonard F. Gisch, Worshipful Master St. John's Lodge No. 153, 1878.

Wor. Louis Leveque, Past Master Lake Charles Lodge No. 165, March 21st, 1878.

Wor. R. K. Harrison, Past Master Adonijah Lodge No. 219, December 18th, 1878.

Wor. G. W. Danniels, Past Master Brookville Lodge No. 161, July 8th, 1878.

Wor. A. H. Kendrick, Past Master Centennial Lodge No. 226, September 9th, 1878.

Your Committee beg to offer the following resolutions, and ask their adoption :

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge feels deeply the loss she has sustained in the death of so many of the beloved of her household.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge mingles her tears with those of the friends and relatives of the loved and lost, and that she extends her sympathies to the constituent Lodges of which the honored dead were members.

*Resolved*, That a memorial page of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge be set apart whereon to inscribe the names of the above-mentioned deceased members.

S. O. SCRUGGS,  
I. D. MOORE,  
W. W. LEAKE.

#### AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

R. W. Geo. H. Braughn called up the amendments to Section 2, Article II., of the Constitution (submitted by R. W. Wm. R. Whitaker, and printed, p. 112, proceedings 1877, and p. 100, proceedings 1878) laid over at session of 12th inst. The same were read. R. W. Bro. Whitaker moved to have the same laid over

again until the next Annual Grand Communication. Considerable debate followed, whereupon R. W. Bro. Whitaker, by permission of the Grand Lodge, withdrew the said amendments.

#### ELECTION.

The M. W. Grand Master declared the election of Grand Officers in order, and appointed, as tellers, Wor. E. M. Ivens, of Dudley Lodge No. 66; Wor. Alfred Shaw, of Orient Lodge No. 173 and Wor. I. D. Moore, of Thibobeaux Benevolent Lodge No. 90, when the election was held. The following brethren, having received a majority of all the votes cast, were declared elected to the several offices, as here enumerated, viz:

EDWIN MARKS, P. D. Grand Master of Dudley Lodge No. 66, New Orleans, M. W. Grand Master.

\*HENRY CLAY YOUNG, of Plains Lodge No. 135, Plains Store, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

GEORGE HORACE BRAUGHN, of Dudley Lodge No. 66, New Orleans, R. W. Grand Senior Warden.

HENRY VAN McCAIN, of Montgomery Lodge No. 168, Montgomery, R. W. Grand Junior Warden.

ARTHUR WILLIAM HYATT, of Mount Moriah Lodge No. 59, New Orleans, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D., of Alpha Home Lodge No. 72, New Orleans, R. W. Grand Secretary.

(\*Appointed by the M. W. Grand Master elect.)

During the election, on motion of Bro. Will A. Strong, it was unanimously

*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Master elect cast the vote of the Grand Lodge for the Grand Treasurer and for the Grand Secretary, and that he elect the remaining Grand Officers and members of the Board of Directors, by appointment.

#### INSTALLATION.

The M. W. Grand Master announced that the installation of Grand Officers would take place at to-morrow's session, the 14th inst., when the election of the remaining Grand Officers would be announced.

Darlington Lodge No. 149. The Grand Secretary submitted the following resolution, which, on his motion, was adopted.

*Resolved*, That Darlington Lodge No. 149, be and is hereby granted one year's further time to pay balance of dues, and be excused from representation at this Communication.

CALLED OFF.

After prayer, the M. W. Grand Master called off the Grand Lodge until to-morrow, Friday, 14th inst., at 6 o'clock P. M.

SAMUEL J. POWELL,  
Grand Master.

ATTEST:

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

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### FIFTH DAY'S SESSION.

GRAND LODGE HALL, NEW ORLEANS, }  
Friday, February 14th, 1879. }

After prayer, the M. W. Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to labor at 6 o'clock P. M. The following offices being filled, *pro tempore*:

E. K. Branch, *as* Grand Chaplain; Wm. M. Ewell, *as* Grand Senior Deacon; E. M. Ivens, *as* Grand Marshal; D. Leatherman, *as* Grand Sword Bearer; J. F. Smith, B. F. Scott, J. J. Scott and J. M. Franklin, *as* Grand Stewards.

### PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

P. G. Masters Samuel M. Todd, J. Q. A. Fellows and John G. Fleming; P. Deputy G. Master S. O. Scruggs; P. S. G. Wardens Jno. C. Gordy and William R. Whitaker; P. J. G. Warden Julius Lisso.

### REPRESENTATIVES.

From Alabama, Canada, California, District of Columbia, Delaware, Florida, Frankfort-on-the-Main, Illinois, Kentucky, Mary-

land, Minnesota, Michigan, Mississippi, North Carolina, New York, Nevada, New Brunswick, Oregon, Three Globes of Prussia, Royal York of Friendship of Prussia, Pennsylvania, Prince Edward Island, Saxony, Utah, Vermont and West Virginia.

## ROLL.

On call of roll the following Lodges were found represented, viz: Nos. P. U. 1, L. O. 5, 57, 58, 59, 65, 66, 68, 70, 72, 75, 76, 78, 98, 102, 109, 110, 115, 117, 125, 139, 144, 151, 152, 153, 159, 163, 9, 167, 168, 171, 173, 175, 176, 179, 189, 190, 191, 205, 206, 212, 213, 215, 216, 217, 220, 221, 223. Total, 46 chartered Lodges.

## MINUTES.

The Grand Secretary read the minutes of the session of Thursday, the 13th inst., which were approved as read.

## CREDENTIALS.

W. Bro. M. Aarons, from committee, submitted the following report, which, on motion, was adopted.

NEW ORLEANS, February 14th, 1879.

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

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully submit for approval: Bro. Wm. Blackie, as proxy for W. M. of St. James Lodge No. 47.

RICHARD LAMBERT,  
M. AARONS.

## ELECTION.

M. W. Edwin Marks, Grand Master elect, announced the following Grand Officers and Members of the Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge Hall, as per resolution of Grand Lodge on 13th inst., viz:

REV. E. K. BRANCH, of Mount Olivet Lodge No. 194, Wor. Grand Chaplain.

JAMES LOUIS LOBDELL, of Blazing Star Lodge No. 212, W. Grand Senior Deacon.

WILLIAM M. EWELL, of Evergreen Lodge No. 189, W. Grand Junior Deacon.

GILBERT L. HALL, of Quitman Lodge No. 76, W. Grand Marshal.

H. W. L. LEWIS, of Spring Creek Lodge No. 184, W. Grand Sword Bearer.

HENRY HAMBURGER, of George Washington Lodge No. 65, W. Grand Pursuivant.

LOUIS PRADOS, of Perfect Union Lodge No. 1, W. Grand Steward.

HILEL MARKS, of Friends of Harmony Lodge No. 58, W. Grand Steward.

JAMES FORSYTH, of Harrisonburg Lodge No. 110, W. Grand Steward.

JOHN C. HENDERSON, of Saint Joseph Lodge No. 79, W. Grand Steward.

THOMAS CRIPPS, of Marion Lodge No. 68, W. Grand Organist.

CHARLES T. MARTIN, of Orient Lodge No. 173, Grand Tyler.

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GRAND LODGE HALL.

For 1879, 1880, 1881.

SAMUEL MANNING TODD ..... Past Grand Master.

WILLIAM R. WHITAKER ..... Past Senior Grand Warden.

WILLIAM SOMMER BENEDICT ..... Orient Lodge No. 173,

To fill vacancy occasioned by the election of R. W. Bro. E. Marks to the Grand Mastership, and for the year 1879, Charles Chaffe, of Marion Lodge No. 68.

#### MASONIC LAW AND JURISPRUDENCE.

The Grand Secretary read the following minority report and resolution, submitted by M. W. Bro. Todd, viz:

To the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, F. & A. Masons:

I do not agree with my associates of the committee as to the proposed amendments to the By-Laws offered by R. W. Bro. James C. Batchelor, embodying the most valuable portion of Secs. 71, 72 and 73, as published in the General Regulations, but which has been decided to have only the force of Edicts.

R. W. Bro. Batchelor has, after years of experience as to the working of said Edicts, become fully satisfied as to their defects, and has carefully prepared new sections changing the objectionable features, which I think should meet with the approval of the Grand Lodge, and be adopted in place of those now improperly printed among the particular provisions of the General Regulations.

Sec. 71, as suggested, is free from the ambiguity of the Edict marked Sec. 71, and will be found to accord better with the general laws of Masonry.

Sec. 72 embraces in its changes the subject of Life Membership, making life members amenable to the laws for non-payment of assessments, and is infinitely better than the defective section which it replaces.

Sec. 73 gives force to the previous sections, and is necessary in properly carrying out their requirements.

I therefore report in favor of the adoption of said proposed sections to the General Regulations and recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

SAM'L M. TODD,

Of Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence.

*Resolved*, That the amendments to the General Regulations proposed by R. W. Bro. James C. Batchelor, M. D., be adopted by the Grand Lodge, to be numbered 71, 72 and 73 of the General Regulations.

On motion of R. Wor. Wm. R. Whitaker the report was received, who then moved that the further consideration of the whole of this matter be laid over until the session of Tuesday of the next Annual Grand Communication.

Which motion to postpone was lost.

M. W. John G. Fleming then had read that portion of the report of the Committee in reference to said Secs. 71, 72 and 73, and also the appended resolution as submitted by the majority, and moved its adoption.

M. Wor. J. Q. A. Fellows objected to said motion, and offered as a substitute the amendment submitted by R. W. Bro. Batchelor at session of 10th inst., and spoke at length on the same.

An earnest and exhaustive debate then followed, participated in by M. W. Brothers Todd, Fellows and Fleming, and R. W. Bros. Braughn, Young and Batchelor and others, during which R. W. Bro. Braughn made point of order that the majority and not minority report of the committee was before the Grand Lodge, and that the substitute, as offered by M. W. Bro. Fellows, was not in order, which was overruled by the W. M. Grand Master, who decided that the substitute of M. W. Bro. Fellows, embracing the amendments as submitted by R. W. Bro. Batchelor, was now in order and properly before the Grand Lodge.

The question was then put, "Shall the amendments proposed by R. W. Bro. Batchelor be adopted or not?"

On a question for information, R. W. Bro. Braughn read the majority report of the committee in this regard, and R. W. Bro. Batchelor then read his proposed amendments.

A vote by Lodges being called for was ordered, with the following result :

*Yeas*—Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Grand Pursuivant, Past Grand Master Todd—(Grand and Past Grand Officers)—4 votes. Lodges Nos. 65, 66, 68 (two votes), 72, 75, 76, 78, 98, 109, 115, 117, 139, 144, 152, 167, 168, 179, 190 (two votes), 205, 212 (one vote), 213, 215, 216—20 Lodges, 3 divided (5) votes—65 votes. Total yeas, 69.

*Nays*—Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Marshal, Past Grand Master Fleming—(Grand and Past Grand Officers)—6 votes. Lodges Nos. P. U. 1, 57, 59, 68 (one vote), 70, 102, 110, 125, 153, 163, 171, 173, 175, 176, 189, 190 (one vote), 206, 212 (two votes), 217, 221, 223—18 Lodges, 3 divided (4) votes—58 votes. Total nays, 64.

The M. W. Grand Master declared that the proposed amendments of R. W. Bro. Batchelor, not receiving a two-thirds vote, as required by Section 84 of the General Regulations, were, therefore, not adopted.

On motion of M. W. Samuel M. Todd, seconded by M. W. Jno. G. Fleming, further consideration of the proposed amendments, and the reports and resolutions relative thereto, was continued to and laid over until the next Annual Grand Communication.

#### BRIAN'S RESOLUTIONS.

M. W. John G. Fleming submitted the following resolution, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the preamble and resolutions offered by R. W. Sol. M. Brian, at the session of this Grand Lodge of the 11th inst. \* \* \*  
\* \* \* be not printed in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

JOHN G. FLEMING.

#### PROCEEDINGS.

On motion of Bro. James L. Lobdell, it was

*Resolved*, That the proceedings of this M. W. Grand Lodge for 1879, be printed with the usual data, roll of members etc., etc., as printed previously to 1878.

#### INSTALLATION.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the installation of Grand Officers in order, and requested M. W. John G. Fleming, Past Grand Master, to present the Grand Officers elect for installation. Whereupon M. W. Bro. Fleming presented at the altar, Edwin

Marks, the Grand Master elect, who, after an earnest appeal to the Great Source of all Light by Wor. J. M. Franklin (acting Grand Chaplain), was duly invested with his official obligation, and conducted to the Grand East, installed and saluted in ample form, in accordance with the ancient usage of the Craft, and of this Grand Lodge.

By request, M. W. Samuel James, Powell Past Grand Master, installed the following Grand Officers into their respective offices, viz:

HENRY CLAY YOUNG, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.  
GEORGE HORACE BRAUGHN, R. W. Grand Senior Warden.  
HENRY VAN MCCAIN, R. W. Grand Junior Warden.  
ARTHUR WM. HYATT, R. W. Grand Treasurer.  
JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D., R. W. Grand Secretary.  
REV. E. K. BRANCH, W. Grand Chaplain.  
JAMES LOUIS LOBDELL, W. Grand Senior Deacon.  
WM. M. EWELL, W. Grand Junior Deacon.  
HENRY HAMBURGER, W. Grand Persuivant.  
LOUIS PRADOS, W. Grand Steward.  
HILEL MARKS, W. Grand Steward.  
JAMES FORSYTH, W. Grand Steward.  
THOMAS CRIPPS, W. Grand Organist.  
CHARLES T. MARTIN, W. Grand Tyler.

The Grand Officers for the ensuing year being in their respective stations, were proclaimed installed in ample form and saluted as usual.

The M. W. Grand Master, from the chair, notified the R. W. Grand Secretary to direct the installation of the absent Grand Officers elect, to be done in their respective Lodges, or by the R. W. District Deputy Grand Master of their Districts, as circumstances may require.

#### APPOINTMENTS.

M. W. Edwin Marks, Grand Master, announced the following appointments, viz:

##### DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

Eighth Masonic District—James Brice, of Arcadia Lodge No. 126.

Tenth Masonic District—Dr. John J. Scott of Shreveport Lodge No. 115.



Fourteenth Masonic District—Isaiah D. Moore, of Thibodeaux Benevolent Lodge No. 90.

Sixteenth Masonic District—Rev. John A. Miller, of Flat Lick Lodge No. 187.

Nineteenth Masonic District—George H. Wells, of Lake Charles Lodge No. 165.

The present R. W. District Deputy Grand Master's with the exception of the above were re-appointed.

### COMMITTEES.

#### AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS.

R. W. GEORGE JOHNSTON ..... Quitman Lodge No. 76.  
W. GEORGE SOULE..... Quitman Lodge No. 76.  
W. GEO. JOSIAH PINCKARD ..... Alpha Home Lodge No. 72.

#### WORK AND RETURNS OF CHARTERED LODGES.

##### *First Section.*

W. JOS. D. TAYLOR..... Hermitage Lodge No. 98.  
W. D. STOCKING..... Feliciana Lodge No. 31.  
W. M. A. CALONGNE..... Perseverance Lodge No. 4.

##### *Second Section.*

W. JNO. H. CLARKE..... Fr'ds of Harmony Lodge N. 58.  
W. F. M. BROOKS..... St. James Lodge No. 47.  
W. CHAS. F. BUCK..... Germania Lodge No. 46.

#### WORK AND RETURNS OF LODGES U. D.

W. ALFRED SHAW..... Orient Lodge No. 173.  
W. S. F. PARMELEE..... Jefferson Lodge No. 191.  
W. BENJ. G. KENNEY..... Good Intent Lodge No. 216.

#### APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

R. W. WM. W. LEAKE..... Feliciana Lodge No. 31.  
W. F. DE P. VILLASANA..... Silencio Lodge No. 9.  
R. W. GILBERT L. HALL..... Quitman Lodge No. 76.  
W. HENRY WINSLOW..... Marion Lodge No. 68.  
R. EDW. BOOTH..... Perfect Harmony Lodge No. 176.  
R. A. B. BOOTH..... Milford Lodge No. 117.  
R. W. WILMOT H. GOODALE..... St. James Lodge No. 47.

#### MASONIC LAW AND JURISPRUDENCE.

M. W. SAMUEL J. POWELL..... Past Grand Master.  
M. W. JOHN G. FLEMING..... Past Grand Master.  
M. W. MICHEL ELOI GIRARD..... Past Grand Master.  
M. W. SAMUEL MANNING TODD..... Past Grand Master.  
R. W. WM. RITCHIE WHITAKER..... Past Grand Senior Warden.  
R. W. ALBERT LITTLE ABBOTT..... Past Grand Junior Warden.  
R. W. GEO. HORACE BRAUGHN..... Grand Senior Warden.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. W. WM. RITCHIE WHITAKER.....Past Senior Grand Warden.  
R. W. ERNEST MOREL.....Union Lodge No. 172.  
W. E. LAWRENCE.....Corinthian Lodge No. 190.

M. W. Jno. G. Fleming submitted the following resolutions, which were separately considered and adopted, viz:

*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Master be authorized and requested to approve and sign the minutes of this session after the close of the Annual Grand Communication.

*Resolved*, That the sum of fifty dollars be hereby appropriated to the Wor. and Rev. Grand Chaplain, E. K. Branch.

*Resolved*, That the sum of fifty dollars be appropriated to Wor. Bro. Thomas Cripps, for services as Grand Organist, during the present Grand Communication.

CLOSING.

No further business being proposed, Wor. and Rev. E. K. Branch, Grand Chaplain, returned praise and thanks to the All Wise Grand Master of the Universe, and the M. W. Grand Master, Edwin Marks, closed the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, Free and Accepted Masons, in ample form, until the next Annual Grand Communication, to be held in the Grand Lodge Hall, in the city of New Orleans, on Monday, the ninth day of February, A. D. 1880, A. L. 5880.

EDWIN MARKS,  
Grand Master.

ATTEST:

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

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 1 to 117, contain a true transcript of the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, at its last Annual Grand Communication, held in the City of New Orleans, from the tenth to the fourteenth days of February, A. D. 1879, A. L. 5879, inclusive.*



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I  
have hereunto affixed the Seal of  
the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge  
of the State of Louisiana, F. and  
A. Masons, together with my Offi-  
cial Signature, this February  
twenty-fourth, A. D. 1879, A. L.  
5879.

ATTEST :

*James C. Batchelor. Secy.*  
*Grand Secretary*

N. B.—All communications should be addressed to JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D., Grand Secretary, Drawer No. 872, Post Office, New Orleans, La.

Next Annual Grand Communication, on the ninth day of February, A. D. 1880, A. L. 5880.

# WORK AND RETURNS OF CONSTITUENT LODGES

FOR THE YEAR 1878.

## PERFECT UNION LODGE No. 1.

Chartered August 15th, 1812. Original organization, 1793. Perfect Union Hall, Rampart street, between Main and St. Philip streets, New Orleans. Meets second Wednesday and fourth Friday in each month.

### OFFICERS.

Louis Prados.....	W. M.	Jos. Garcia.....	Al. or Hosp.
A. L. Tissot.....	S. W.	D. P. White.....	M. Exp.
Theo. Guyol.....	J. W.	G. Gast.....	M. of C.
John J. Barnett.....	Orator.	V. H. Loez.....	S. D.
Oscar Robin.....	Treasurer.	A. Beauchange.....	J. D.
Ralf Barbier.....	Secretary.	H. L. Kuntz.....	I. G.
		Charles Raymond.....	Tyler.

### PAST MASTERS.

P. S. Wiltz, Sr., E. St. M. Le Breton, A. Texier, E. A. Louis.

### LIFE MEMBERS.

C. Laffon, P. M., Tom Gaspard, S. Meilleur, Sr., C. E. Forstall, Chas. Raymond, C. De Blanc, F. Gardere, J. L. Lewis, M. Musson, A. P. Noblom, Theo. Guyol—11.

### MEMBERS.

Lodd, S. M., P. G.	DeBlanc, A. H. M.	Damiens, H.	Mendez, Arthur
M., Hon. M.	Hewitt, W. H.	DeBuys, E.	Masseau, Hy.
Fleming, J. G., P.	Honorary M.	DeLassus, C.	Ottman, Jos. A.
G. M., Hon. M.	Barthe, Pierre	Forstall, Paul	Wiltz, P. S., Jr.
Pike, A., P. J. G.	Baudier, Victor	Grima, P.	
W., Hon. M.	Bardon, E. N.	Guyol, L.	
Batchelor, J. C.	Cabiro, Aug.	Hubbard, R. D.	41 members.
M. D., P. M. H. M.			

*Passed and Raised*—D. P. White.

*Affiliated*—Louis Prados, E. A. Louis, Ralf Barbier, V. H. Loez, A. Beauchange, G. Gast, Jos. Garcia, H. L. Kuntz, Hy. Masseau, Jos. A. Ottman, Tom Gaspard, S. Meilleur, Sr.

*Dimitted*—M. Musson, P. S. Wiltz, Jr., A. Mendez.

*Suspended*—Chas. DeLassus, Paul Forstall.

*Died*—W. H. Hewitt, Honorary Member.

Note—The above affiliations were from Concorde Lodge No. 3 (consolidation of Lodges).

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE

## POLAR STAR LODGE No. 1.

Chartered August 15th, 1812. Original organization 1794. Polar Star Hall, corner Rampart and Kerlerec streets, New Orleans. Meets first and third Fridays.

## OFFICERS.

Silvain Chanfrau.....	W. M.	J. Libarros.....	M. Exp.
Jean Carrau.....	S. W.	Firmin Levasseur.....	M. of C.
Jos. H. Neguelona.....	J. W.	Irenne Soule.....	S. D.
Wm. Maylie.....	Orator.	Pierre Donnis.....	J. D.
Bernard Maylie.....	Treasurer.	J. M. Verges.....	Econom.
Chas. R. Fagot.....	Secretary.	Pierre Lestelle.....	I. G.
Lucien St. Upery.....	Al. or Hosp.	B. Cazares.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

P. Pochelu, C. R. Fagot, W. Maylie.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

A. R. Morel, P. M., F. Levasseur, P. M., M. Hernandez, Jr., R. Beer, J. L. Tissot, Chas. Claiborne, L. Lay, Otto Schewnor—8.

## MEMBERS.

Artigue, P.	Duffau, Benoit	Hayem, A.	Renaudin, F.
Bares, C.	Dufort, P.	Hayem, S.	Rousset, P.
Cuniot, A. O.	Fremaux, J.	Lamazén, J.	Saux, Toussaint
Caillot, J.	Grillot, E.	Marcell, Louis	Verges, D.
Dastillon, Wm.	Hernandez, M Jr	Navas, M.	
Dubarry, Jean	Henry, S.	Ortholon, A.	43 members.

*Initiated, Passed and Raised*—Louis Marcell.

*Died in 1876*—J. L. Lugenbuhl.

## CONCORDE LODGE No. 3.

Permitted to consolidate with Perfect Union No. 1, 1878.

## PERSEVERANCE LODGE No. 4.

Chartered August 15th, 1812. Original Organization, 1810. Corner Maine and St. Claude streets, New Orleans. Meets second and fourth Fridays.

## OFFICERS.

M. A. Calongne.....	W. M.	J. Pujol.....	M. Exp.
Urbain Schuqu�.....	S. W.	Joseph Marcou.....	M. of C.
E. Solomon.....	J. W.	J. Newhauser.....	S. D.
Louis Beney.....	Orator.	G. Andrieux.....	J. D.
Oscar Bois.....	Treasurer.	B. Lanabere.....	Econom.
J. Magendie.....	Secretary.	Jean M Sahuqu�.....	I. G.
		J. L. Daussat.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

Henry St. Gez, J. Magendie.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

M. A. Calongne, P. M., Joseph Marcou, J. L. Daussat, Louis Beney, J. P. Sarrazin, Jean Fisse, Oscar Bois, J. Lapeyrolerie—8.

## MEMBERS.

Andrieux, F.	Daverede, A.	Labusquiere, M.	Rousse, D.
Bru, Ulysses	Daverede, P.	Louis, A. J.	Sarthou, Pascal
Canterou, P. N.	Delucky, F.	Morere, E.	Segassie, J.
Carrouche, Aug.	Ducasse, J.	Mahou, A.	Voitier, L.

33 members.

*Reinstated*—Pascal Sarthou.*Died*—L. Voitier.

## ST. ANDRE LODGE No. 5.

Chartered as "Disciples du Senat Magonnique," June 3d, 1839, name changed to St. Andre, February, 14th, 1855. Conti between Villere and Robertson streets, New Orleans. Meets first and third Wednesdays.

## OFFICERS.

R. Lafontaine.....	W. M.	G. Dubocs.....	M. Exp.
P. Casaubieilh.....	S. W.	E. Erath.....	M. of C.
J. P. Carriere.....	J. W.	Vincent Ranna.....	S. D.
A. Maillhes.....	Orator.	D. Pujol.....	J. D.
G. Tujague.....	Treasurer.	P. Bergeret.....	Econom.
P. S. Bossonney.....	Secretary.	L. Lagarde.....	I. G.
J. Loustannau.....	Al. or Hosp.	F. Gelbert.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTER.

A. Leicher.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

E. Danty, P. M., E. Masquere, P. Berge, B. Larcade—4.

## MEMBERS.

Artigue, F.	Ducos, T.	Esteben, P.	Masson, M.
Cauhape, F.	Duclos, P.	Gomez, Wm.	Moreau, F.
Cazaux, F.	Danjuan, Jean S.	Galzinia, Jean	Nihoul, M.
Dieuzede, U.	Dazet, V.	Lusse, G.	Pradere, P.
Decroo, F.	Daray, J.	Labarrere, Chas.	Rey, J. M.

40 members.

*Initiated*—Oscar Guenault, Pierre Duclos, Jean Galzinia, Dominique Pujol, Jean Sue Danjean, Eloi Erath, Vincent Ranna, Charles Labarrere, Celestin Ader, Roman Dazet.

*Passed*—Theophile Ducos, P. Duclos, J. Galzinia, D. Pujol, J. S. Danjean, E. Erath, V. Ranna, C. Labarrere.

*Raised*—Theo. Ducos, P. Duclos, J. Galzinia, D. Pujol, J. S. Danjean, E. Erath, V. Ranna, C. Labarrere.

*Dimitted*—P. Esteben.

*Died*—J. Darey, F. Cassean, C. Labarrere, G. Lusse.

*Suspended*—V. Dazet, E. Masquere, A. Leicher, P. M., U. Dieuzede.

## LOS AMIGOS DEL ORDEN No. 5

Chartered September 24th, 1842. Corner Main and St. Claude streets, New Orleans.  
Meets second and fourth Mondays.

## OFFICERS.

Carlos Bens .....	W. M.	Victor Lopez .....	M. Exp.
Juan Astredo .....	S. W.	Francisco Bell .....	M. of C.
Pedro Cuni .....	J. W.	D. J. Villareza .....	S. D.
Fernando Caballero .....	Orator.	Juan Bertucci .....	J. D.
Jose Fernandez .....	Treasurer.	Ant. Campagno .....	Econom.
Juan Chabao .....	Secretary.	Marino Pelayo .....	I. G.
G. Tomminello .....	Al. or Hosp.	J. L. Daussat (not a member) ...	Tyler.

## PAST MASTER.

Jose Planellas.

## MEMBERS.

Wilson, W. W.,	Cuni, Juan	Martinez, J. E.	Rendueles, F.
Hon. Memb.	Desangle, J. B.	Margenat, J S B	Riego, Pedro
Misler, L. Hon-	D'Hamel, C. B.	Navailles, L.	Trigo, T. y M.
orary Member.	Delerna, Manuel	Pellisser, G.	Turner, H.
Alvarez, J. M.	Ferrer y Ferrer, J	Pretos, V.	Urriola, Angel
Barba, Fernando	Gulotta, Giovanni	Padilla, V.	Vichini, G.
Baehler, A. F.	Guerrera, Jose	Rodriguez, M.	Vucassorich, C.
Borros, Juan	Llade, S.	Rivas, Jose	Villero, Paster
Barcelo, Juan	Mascono, Juan	Riera, J. A.	Venta, Jose
Cano, Miguel	Mercadal, Juan	Rangel, G.	
Castello, Louis	Menendez, Jose		52 members.

*Initiated*—Juan Bertucci, Francisco Bell, Giovanni Gulotta.

*Passed*—J. Bertucci, F. Bell, G. Gulotta.

*Raised*—J. Bertucci, F. Bell, G. Gulotta.

*Affiliated*—Pedro Cuni y Paradedada, Juan Cuni y Paradedada.

*Dimitted*—Juan Angel de Urriola.

*Died*—G. Rangel, C. Vucassorich.

*Suspended*—Jose Planellas, P. M., V. Padilla, A. F. Baehler, Henry Turner.

## SILENCIO LODGE No. 9

Chartered February 12th, 1861. Polar Star Hall, corner Rampart and Kerlerec streets,  
New Orleans. Meets second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

## OFFICERS.

F. de P. Villasana .....	W. M.	Jacinto Barzana .....	M. Exp.
Jose Alabau y Prats .....	S. W.	Vincente Lorenza .....	M. of C.
Ysidro Suarez .....	J. W.	Juan Barba .....	S. D.
G. Segui y Gohona .....	Orator.	Tomas Xampen .....	J. D.
Antonio Suarez .....	Treasurer.	Antonio Silva .....	Econom.
Diego B. Martinez .....	Secretary.	John Metzger .....	I. G.
Cristobel Ximenez .....	Al. or Hosp.	B. Cazeres (not a member) ...	Tyler.

## PAST MASTER.

F. de P. Villasana.

## LIFE MEMBER.

G. Segui y Gahona, P. M. 1.

## MEMBERS.

Antoni Coso, H M	Bombalier, J. de J	Lopez, Val.	Rosello, Jose
J. B. Rossi, H. M.	Castillo, Man'l	Menendez, Jose	Sintes, G.
M. Cand, H. M.	Cahue, P	Marsal, M.	Suarez, P. L.
Begue, H	D'Estrampes L A	Mendola, Louis	Santos, L. A.
Begue, Juan	Ferrer, C.	Orfila, Fran.	Santa Cruz, F.
Barroso, F. de P	Gonzales Clem.		32 members.

*Affiliated*—Antonio Suarez Fernandez.*Dimitted*—Jose Rosello, Val Lopez, Jose de Jesus Bombalier, Francisco Santa Cruz, F. Orfila.*Died*—Louis de Santos.*Suspended*—Cayetana Ferrer, Louis A. D'Estrampes.*Reinstated*—Jose Menendez.

## HUMBLE COTTAGE LODGE No. 19.

Chartered July 13th, 1820. Opelousas, St. Landry Parish. Stated meetings, first Wednesday before the Full Moon of each month.

## OFFICERS.

Alphonse Levy.....	W. M.	C. A. Frazee.....	S. D.
Archie P. Williams.....	S. W.	Geo. Pulford .....	J. D.
James M. White.....	J. W.	Emanuel Phillips.....	Chaplain.
C. N. Ealer.....	Treasurer.	Ed. T. Lewis.....	} Stewards.
J. W. Jackson.....	Secretary.	Lorenzo J. Tansey... }	
		L. Legeune.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

H. L. Garland, George Pulford, C. A. Frazee.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

James Ray, P. M.; C. Mayo, P. M.; J. J. Beauchamp, P. M.; J. M. Thompson, J. B. Smith, C. N. Ealer.—6.

## MEMBERS.

Andrus, E.	Going, Aaron	Isaac, Sol.	May, M. G.
Black, Jas.	Gurdy, B. A.	Johnson, W. Cin.	Meyers, Julius
Bulion, O. A.	Hetherwick, J. R	King, L. S.	Pittiard, R. J.
Bloch, David	Humble, Hend'n.	King, John E.	Pointer, J. V.
Bluestein, M.	Hartman, H. B.	Liberman, H.	Richards, J. O.
Chevis, Gibbon S	Hudspeth, G. W.	Littell, R. H.	Richard, Jas. D.
Donald, A.	Houston, J. H.	Mayo, Thad.	Steel, Chris.
Elkins, Wm.	Harmon, S. B.	Moore, Joseph M.	48 members.

*Initiated and Passed*—Solomon Black.*Affiliated*—Rob. Hart Littell, J. V. Pointer, Lorenzo J. Tansey.*Dimitted*—O. A. Bullion.*Died*—A. Donald.*Reinstated*—B. A. Martel.



## PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE

## WESTERN STAR LODGE NO. 24.

Original charter, July, 12th, 1823. New charter granted 1840. Monroe, Ouachita Parish, La. Stated meetings first and third Saturdays of each month.

## OFFICERS.

John E. Hanna .....	W. M.	W. P. Renwick .....	S. D.
L. W. Surgnor .....	S. W.	J. B. Illingsworth .....	J. D.
James McNeely .....	J. W.	John A. McGuire .....	Chaplain.
S. Meyer .....	Treasurer.	Joseph W. Locke .....	} Stewards.
James H. Milling .....	Secretary.	G. C. Ensminger .....	
		John G. Sanders .....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

Joseph F. McGuire, Robert Richardson, Joseph Hoffman, Fred Endom.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

F. L. McCormick, P. M., John A. McGuire—2.

## MEMBERS.

Jones, F C, P.M.	Gerson, H. Jr.	Meyer, H.	Ray, James S.
Angerman, H.	Haggard, W. E.	Marcus, Julius	Stewart, G. W.
Baker, W. J. Q.	Herring, H.	Marx, S.	Shields, L. A.
Bry, Henry M.	Herron, J. E.	Muir, J. R.	Stubbs, F. P.
Benton, T. O.	Howard, J. M.	McQuiller, D.	Scarborough, J. W.
Baer, Jacob	Jones, James M.	Moss P. H.	Slack, A. L.
Burke, S. P.	King, G.	McFee, J. W.	Swan, J. T.
Bostick, John E.	Kennedy, W. G.	Moise, H.	Trousdale, D. B.
Conner, T. N.	Ludeling, J. T.	Nelson, Jas. L.	Trask, Isa
Faulk, David	Lawson, T. B.	Nelson, S.	Whited, S.
Feibleman, M.	Layton, Robert	Naughton, Thos.	Wilson, Robt. J.
Green, J. W.	Lewis, Wm.	Parker, E. O.	Walker, Jos. H.
Garrett, F.	Mitchell, J. H.	Richardson, R W	67 members.

*Passed*—Savan Nelson.

*Raised*—S. Nelson, Wm. E. Haggard.

*Affiliated*—J. B. Ellingsworth, J. T. Swan.

*Dimitted*—T. O. Benton, S. P. Burke, F. Garrett.

*Died*—J. M. Jones, P. H. Moss, G. W. McFee, H. Gerson, Jr.

## ST. ALBANS LODGE, No. 28

Chartered January 6th, 1827. Jackson, East Feliciana Parish, La Stated meetings Saturday, on or before full moon of each month.

## OFFICERS.

H. L. Pond .....	W. M.	James Stratton, Jr .....	S. D.
E. S. Norwood .....	S. W.	James McFaden .....	J. D.
J. E. Austin .....	J. W.	A. G. Miller .....	Chaplain.
Alfred Hazzard .....	Treasurer.	R. H. Harbour .....	} Stewards.
W. F. Norsworthy .....	Secretary.	S. G. Tomb .....	
		E. C. Kiblinger .....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

W. T. Rogillio, W. C. Mattingly, E. S. Norwood, G. H. Wiley.

## JACKSON LODGE No. 45.

Chartered January 38th, 1843. Greenwood, Caddo Parish, La. Stated meetings  
third Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

Charles Flournoy ..... W. M. Alonzo Flournoy ..... Secretary.  
No returns for 1878.

## GERMANIA LODGE No. 46.

Chartered April 18th, 1844. 318 St. Louis street, between Derbigny and Roman.  
Meets every second and fourth Wednesday.

## OFFICERS.

Jacob Gugenheim.....	W. M.	Charles Korenzig.....	M. Exp.
Charles F. Buck.....	S. W.	J. M. Klopff.....	M. of C.
Clemens Huner.....	J. W.	C. Lochbruner.....	K. of S.
M. Heisman.....	Orator.	John Runte.....	S. D.
F. Schmidt.....	Treasurer.	H. German.....	J. D.
Ed. Ehrhard.....	Secretary.	G. J. Eschbacher.....	Econom.
G. Steenken.....	Al. or Hosp.	J. Zinner.....	I. G.
		Nic. Droege.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

Ph. Schneider, Charles Fisher, Charles Koerenzig, M. Heismann,  
Ph. Pfeffer.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

John Gerlach, P. M., Peter Jensen, P. M., John Wild, P. M., J.  
Lanz, J. Frederick, John Michelfelder, D. Heibruner, Nic. Droege,  
David Rees, E. J. Reuter, Julius Fulda, John N. Lippe, J. Fritz Wild,  
J. Abry, E. G. Wunderlich, Chris Wild.—16.

## MEMBERS.

Abramson, H. L.	Frelick, B.	Kohn, J. H.	Schehin, Louis
Aufkolk, F.	Grubel, G.	Kerstesn, W.	Stich, Isidore
Boh, J. B.	Gasser, Adam	Lau, John	Schulte, Joseph
Brandt, Charles	Goetz, Edward	Martens, Charles	Springer, C.
Brown, H.	Gugenheim, S.	Moses, B.	Smith, A.
Baum S.	Haussman, G. J.	Mayer, Moses	Spiro, H.
Borchers, J. F.	Herman, Peter	Mass, David	Tamme, Wm.
Bravermann Max	Hollerback, P.	Mann, L.	Thiesen, P. W.
Bohmer, Wm.	Haller, Joseph	Marks, Isidore	Tobleman, Chas.
Brupbacher, Rob.	Herman, Max.	Neudascher, R.	Treder, F.
Bonck, Claus	Henle, Aug.	Otto, J. N.	Vollrath, H.
Back, Salomon	Hahn, C.	Panzran, E. M.	Wahl, C.
Beling, F.	Heideman, H	Rosenbaum, L.	Wattenhofer, A.
Cohen, Samuel	Jansen, J.	Roth, F.	Wolfson, W. H.
Fasterling, B.	Kaiser, J. L.	Schmitt, Adam	Werner, Jacob
Flétrick, L.	Kasche, H.	Schoreitz, H. J.	Zimmer, Jules
Fulda, L. P.	Kirchmeyer, J.	Schwartz, H.	Zollinger, Jacob
Fehérhegy, M.	Kloppenburg, J.		102 members.

*Initiated*—Godfrey J. Haussman, William Tamme, F. Wm. Thieson.

*Passed*—Nestor Schloss, G. J. Haussman, Wm. Tamme, F. Wm. Thieson.

*Raised*—N. Schloss, G. J. Haussman, W. Tamme, F. W. Thieson, B. Fasterling.

*Affiliated*—Carl F. L. Fischer.

*Died*—Carl F. L. Fischer, Wm. Tamme, John Lau.

*Dropped*—Jos. Haller.

*Suspended*—S. Cohen, A. Henle, C. Martens, H. Spiro, R. Neudasher, J. H. Schoeritz.

*Reinstated*—J. B. Boh, Peter Herman.

### ST. JAMES LODGE No. 47.

Chartered June 25th, 1841. Baton Rouge, La. Meets first and third Saturday in each month.

#### OFFICERS.

Franklin M. Brooks.....	W. M.	L. S. McCarty.....	S. D.
E. Jolly.....	S. W.	A. Frank.....	J. D.
J. W. Bates.....	J. W.	W. C. Annis.....	Marshal.
W. G. Randolph.....	Treasurer.	A. Rosenfield.....	} Stewards.
Geo. Henderson.....	Secretary	L. F. Reynaud.....	
		R. J. B. Fairie.....	Tyler.

#### PAST MASTERS.

S. M. Hart, P. S. G. W., A. S. Herron, R. H. Day, M. C. Aldrich, L. F. Reynaud, H. Abramson, W. H. Goodale.

#### LIFE MEMBERS.

Henry Gentles, James Turner, Wm. Hubbs—3

#### MEMBERS.

Bergeron Chas.	Fearson, L. Jr.	Kidd, Wm. P.	Rupert, H. E.
Burke, R. H.	Fendler, E.	Middleton, Robt.	Robertson, E. W.
Buffington, T. J.	Granery, M.	McMain, J. West	Summers, R. B.
Bown, Thos. B.	Gibbens, J. F.	Mendelsohn, S.	Traban, F.
Blouin, J. E.	Hausey, J. D.	McCulloh, R. S.	Wicks, C. F. W.
Blackie, Wm.	Holt, O.	Machet, P.	Wood, Thos. J.
Dalsheimer, H.	Hyams, H. J.	Pruyn, R. L.	Widney, L. S.
Fraenkel, Felix	Jones, H.	Piper, M. A.	51 members.

*Initiated*—John D. Fischer.

*Affiliated*—E. W. Robertson, R. S. McCulloh.

*Died*—Robt. Middleton.

### PROVIDENCE LODGE No. 50.

Chartered April 19th, 1845. Lake Providence, Carroll Parish, La.

#### OFFICERS.

R. P. Jones ..... W. M. B. F. Therrel..... Secretary.

No return for 1878.

## PROVIDENCE LODGE No. 50.

Chartered April 19th, 1845. Lake Providence, Carroll Parish, La.

### OFFICERS.

W. D. Bell .....	W. M. E. L. Larche .....	Secretary.
C. R. Egelly .....	S. W. James Oldfield .....	S. D.
A. W. Ashbridge .....	J. W. W. A. Blount .....	J. D.
Simon Lewis .....	Treasurer. John Spinnette .....	Tyler.

### PAST MASTERS.

D. L. Morgan, C. R. Egelly, W. R. C. Lyons, Simon Lewis,  
R. P. Jones, W. D. Bell.

### MEMBERS.

Bernstein, Elias	Deeson, H. L.	Jones, H. S.	Purdy, V. M.
Bass, A.	Davis, J. L.	Larche, S. A.	Stanfill, T. J.
Clarkson, L. B.	Deloney, E. J.	Murray, Charles	Stanfill, J. J.
Cherry, O. H.	Green, A. W.	Manson, Adam	Therrell, B. F.
Dreyfuss, D.	Jenkins, D. C.	Newman, E. F.	Wassman, O. C.

31 members.

*Initiated*—James Oldfield.

*Passed and Raised*—James Oldfield, O. H. Cherry.

*Dimitted*—J. J. Jester, R. K. Jayne.

*Suspended*—Charles McAlister, Abraham Bass, C. M. Pilcher,  
Charles Webb, Allen Webb, W. R. C. Lyons, J. G. Miller,  
R. K. Jayne.

*Reinstated*—R. K. Jayne, A. Bass.

*Died*—D. Tobias, October 26, 1877; Elias Bernstein, 1878.

## MINDEN LODGE No. 51.

Chartered April 19th, 1845. Minden, Webster Parish, La. Stated meetings, first Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

Thos. O. Benton..... W. M. W. H. McGee.....Secretary.  
 Richard C. Drew.....S. W. P. H. L. Hargrove.....S. D.  
 C. M. Turner.....J. W. J. W. Tallons.....J. D.  
 J. C. T. Chaffe.....Treasurer. W. Life .....Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

W. E. Paxton, Thos. M. Fort, J. J. Carter, D. D. G. M., P. H. L. Hargrove.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

H. McFarland, P. M., J. W. Berry, P. M., E. T. Nickerson, J. P. Geron, J. W. Nickerson, Daniel McFarland, John G. Lane, J. M. Sledge, T. H. Moreland—9.

## MEMBERS.

Doyle, D B, P M	Elkins, J. G.	Lunsford, W. B.	Neal, T. B.
Adams, W. H.	Everette, Cana	Lowry, L. P.	Pucket, L. Q. C. Jr
Burnett, R. H.	Green, T. R.	Loye, John C.	Reville, James H
Barns, H. A.	Goodwill, A.	Lewis, E. F.	Reynolds, A. J.
Bryan, J. N.	George, A. B.	Lindsay, W. A.	Smith, M. C.
Collins, W. N.	Gray, S.	Miller, S. B.	Schultz, J. P.
Cole, John W.	Garland, W. W.	Monzingo, Sam.	Taylor, J. F.
Culpepper, S. W.	Green, B. P.	Monzingo, J. J.	Turner, M. C.
Crawford, W. A.	Harper, J. D.	Monzigno, G. W.	Tompkins, J. T.
Carter, J. N.	Hamilton, D. B.	Morgan, Joseph	Wade, Ben.
Carter, T. H.	Hodges, C. F.	Mims, Jos. T.	Woodard, W. T.
Clark, W. T.	Jones, Sam'l W.	Mims, D. S.	Youngblood, A.
Carlos, W. W.	Kronce, F. O.	McCreary, S. H.	
Doyle, Ship. S.	Kennon, E. J.	McKenzie M M S	72 members.

*Initiated*—James H. Reville, Samuel W. Jones.

*Passed*—Sidney W. Tullons, J. H. Reville, S. W. Jones.

*Raised*—S. W. Tullons, J. H. Reville, S. W. Jones.

*Affiliated*—Wm. N. Collins, Thos. O. Benton, Alex. Youngblood, John W. Cole.

*Died*—Samuel H. McCreary.

*Reinstated*—Joseph N. Bryan.

*Dimitted*—Joseph N. Bryan, W. E. Paxton, P. M.

## OLIVE LODGE No. 52.

Chartered November 27th, 1845. Clinton, Parish of East Feliciana, La. Stated meetings Saturday before full moon of each month.

## OFFICERS.

J. B. Wall..... W. M. J. P. Knox.....Secretary.  
 T. S. Adams.....S. W. C. R. Collins.....S. D.  
 S. E. Worms.....J. W. G. M. Richards.....J. D.  
 O. P. Langworthy .....Treasurer. L. T. Reams.....Tyler.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE

## PAST MASTERS.

G. W. Munday, G. H. Packwood, A. B. Payne.

## MEMBERS.

Adler, S.	Felps, Thomas	Hatcher, W. C.	Monahan, J. P.
Anderson, G. T.	Felps, Bailey T.	Jones, Jos. S.	McKee, Edw. L.
Baird, Moses	Felps, Lafayette	Jordan, W. M.	Nauman, Lewis
Butler, J. S.	Fuqua, J. T.	Joseph, Israel	Norwood, J. A.
Bilger, C.	Fay, En. H.	Jackson, J. C.	Pegram, E. B.
Brown, R. S.	Godfrey, J. A.	Kerns, N. F.	Perkins, J. C.
Bell, Heary P.	Gayle, C. O.	Kilbourne, J. G.	Pinkney, T. F.
Covert, J. I.	Green, W. H.	Kent, L. D.	Philson, James
Dreher, I.	Hartner, W. H.	Kent, S. B.	Rutherford, E. H.
D'Armond, F.	Hardee, D. C.	Louis, Victor	Rist, C. A.
D'Armond, T. H.	Higinbotham J B	Lea, O. M.	Robbins, T. W.
D'Armond, J. G.	Hall, S. J.	Moore, W. L.	Wood, John
Felps, Isaac T.	Higinbotham I N	Mayer, Albert	Young, J. M.

62 members.

*Initiated, Passed and Raised*—Joseph S. Jones.*Reinstated*—Henry A. Vaughan.*Died*—John S. Butler, Irwin Dreher, Victor Louis.

## UNION FRATERNAL LODGE No. 53.

Chartered September 13th, 1845. Farmerville, Union Parish, La. Stated meetings third Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

J. E. Trimble.....	W. M.	Isaac Shuster.....	Secretary.
John M. Lee, Jr.....	S. W.	W. R. Roberts.....	S. D.
E. J. Lee.....	J. W.	D. E. Laupheimer....	J. D.
Henry Brown.....	Treasurer.	Horace Ludwig.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

Hy. Brown, T. C. Lewis.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

J. E. Trimble, P. M. P. D. D. G. M., W. C. Smith, P. M., W. A. McFarland, David Arent, P. Odom, H. H. Ham, J. G. Kolb—7.

## MEMBERS.

Bruton, Geo. A.	Carr, Allen	Hearn, W. H.	Manning, J C Sr.
Benton, R. P.	Crain, William	Hall, W. C.	Rosenstock, L.
Britt, Hy. T.	Fenton, Geo.	Lott, A. T.	Rutland, W. R.
Brazzel, S. H.	Fuller, Wm. H.	McVicker, P. H.	Taylor, J. G., Sr.
Cargil, J. C.	Gilbert, Thos. F.	McFarland, M L	Terquin, D.

37 members.

*Initiated*—George A. Bruton, Nathan Lehman.*Passed and Raised*—Geo. A. Bruton.*Affiliated*—E. J. Lee.

## MOUNT GERIZIM LODGE No. 54.

Chartered November 28th, 1846. Bastrop, Morehouse Parish, La. Stated meetings on Saturday before full moon of each month.

## OFFICERS.

James M. Turpin .....	W. M.	Moses Wolf.....	J. D.
J. S. Heller .....	S. W.	Rev. C. W. Carter.....	Chaplain.
James T. Dalton .....	J. W.	G. M. Croxton.....	} Stewards.
A. L. Bussey.....	Treasurer.	Ben. Silbernagle.....	
August Simon.....	Secretary.	J. Wm. Brown.....	Marshal.
Sam. Silbernagle .....	S. D.	George F. Tisdale .....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

C. B. Wheeler, D. D. G. M., R. D. Marble, C. T. Dunn, P. D. D. G. M., J. H. Broadnax, W. T. Hall, A. L. Bussey, C. Newton.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

S. G. Parsons, P. M., P. D. G. M., R. B. Todd, P. M., J. W. Higman, P. M., George F. Tisdale, Ed. Starnsney, A. T. Worley, R. H. Jones—7.

## MEMBERS.

Anderson, J. G.	Evans, D. M.	Lawhead, Wm.	Reily, S. W.
Andrews, W. C.	Furniss, B. F.	Levy, J. M.	Schardt, Joel J.
Bouchelle, R. J.	Fridheim, A.	Levy, Mat.	Schardt, John C.
Broadnax, T. A.	Gray, J. Henry	Moloney, J.	Scott, Charles A.
Broadnax, J. R.	Gray, Fred. C.	Monette, James	Smith, B. W.
Cason, J. T.	Hedly, John W.	Morgan, D. C.	Smith, D. B.
Carney, S. W.	Higinbotham, D F	McCreight, W R	Sandidge, Geo. M
Cotton, R. N.	Howell, J. D.	Naff, I. T.	Schneider, Henry
Davenport, J.	Hall, B. C.	Pratt, J. L.	Taylor, W. B.
Douglass, D. W.	Higman, W. A.	Patton, B. P.	Turpin, F. W.
Douglass, W. P.	Handy, John S.	Petit, J. L.	Vaughn, Frank
			69 members.

*Initiated*—William L. Doss.

*Passed*—W. L. Doss.

*Raised*—R. J. Bouchelle, C. A. Scott.

*Died*—J. W. Higman, P. M.

*Suspended*—R. W. Cotton, J. Davenport, G. W. Sandidge, F. W. Turpin, W. B. Taylor.

## DESOTO LODGE No. 55.

Chartered March 17th, 1847. Mansfield, DeSoto Parish, La. Stated meetings first and third Tuesday in each month,

## OFFICERS.

J. H. Sutherlin .....	W. M.	John M. Brown .....	Chaplain.
D. E. Humphrey.....	S. W.	J. L. Williams .....	S. D.
John E. Hewett .....	J. W.	D. E. Humphrey.....	J. D.
J. W. McElroy.....	Treasurer.	D. M. Heriot.....	} Stewards.
S. M. Potts .....	Secretary.	George W. Graham ...	
		J. S. Jackson .....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

R. Mundy, J. Douglas, Boling Williams, D. D. G. M., John L. Scales, M. L. Wilcox.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE

## LIFE MEMBERS.

John H. Sutherlin, P. M., S. E. Guy, W. R. Jackson, J. S. Jackson,  
W. F. Herren—5.

## MEMBERS.

Best, Isaac J.	Herren, W. F.	Law, J. D.	Williams, J. M.
Best, Eli R.	Harrington, C.	Parsons, Jas. M.	Walker, J. F. Jr.
Cook, T. M.	Hungerbaler, J.	Pipes, John	Williams, A. R.
Durham, J. F.	Jenkins, B. F.	Perks, J. T.	Walker, S. F.
Fortson, A. J.	Johnson, J. B.	Sample, O. H. P.	40 members.
Fraser, R. A.	King, J. H.	Sutherlin, E. W.	

*Dimitted*—R. A. Frazer, J. H. King, B. F. Jenkins.

## LAFAYETTE LODGE No. 56.

Chartered November 27th, 1847. Vernon, Jackson Parish, La. Stated meetings  
third Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

Jno. M. Barr.....W. M. John C. Jones.....Secretary.  
No returns for 1878.

## FRANKLIN LODGE No. 57.

Chartered January 24th, 1848. Franklin, St. Mary's Parish, La. Meets first  
Tuesday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

Murphy J. Foster.....	W. M.	Charlss P. Hine.....	Secretary.
Homer H. Smith.....	S. W.	J. T. Gordy.....	S. D.
A. C. Allen.....	J. W.	H. B. Morris.....	J. D.
Wilson McKerall.....	Treasurer.	Peter Ostheimer.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

R. W. Allen, A. L. Tucker, James Todd, A. C. Allen.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

J. C. Gordy, P. S. G. W., H. H. Smith, P. M., Wilson McKerall, R.  
Hatcher, M. Tucco, James Black—6.

## MEMBERS.

Atkinson, Jno. J.	Godechaux, J.	Parkerson, J. G.	Saint, J. D.
Boneno, J. B.	Godchaux, D.	Perrett, F. P.	Sanders, E. E.
Brown, I. B.	Hine, R. E.	Peterman, J. A.	Smith, Abe
Baster, John	Heidenrich, Chas.	Pharr, H. H.	Splane, B. R.
Bedell, J. D.	Hine, T. D. Sr.	Parker, Wm. C.	Schmulen, M.
Boneno, James	Knight, Wm. O.	Robert, C.	Schwann, V.
Cook, W. H. Jr.	Levy, Felix U.	Rose, Edmond	Smith, C. M.
Davis, Edwin A.	McGregor, W. H.	Randlett, S. L.	Trowbridge, W. D.
Dennett, Dan.	Meyer, M.	Reynolds, T. R.	Trowbridge, N.
Freere, A. G.	Moss, J. E.	Smith, John A.	Tucker, C. F.
Fourmy, Jas. C.	Murphy, J. C.	Shanks, Jas. D.	Todd, John R.
Garrett, M. A.	Murphy, John	Shepherd, G. B.	Writt, Thomas
Gordy, Minos T.	Pumphrey, O. L.	Smylie, W. L.	
Gordy, Michael B.	Pumphrey, A.		

69 members.

*Initiated, Passed and Raised*—James D. Shanks,

*Dimitted*—John A. Smith,



## FRIENDS OF HARMONY LODGE No. 58.

Chartered June 18th, 1848. Grand Lodge Hall, corner St. Charles and Perdido streets, New Orleans. Meets second and fourth Tuesday.

## OFFICERS.

John H. Clark.....	W. M.	C. W. Kullander.....	J. D.
P. P. Paul.....	S. W.	B. DaSilva.....	Chaplain.
Joseph Ross.....	J. W.	Wm. Moore.....	M. of C.
Louis Schwartz.....	Treasurer.	R. W. Keane.....	} Stewards.
W. H. Holland.....	Secretary.	Mich. Lion.....	
A. A. Mims.....	S. D.	Wm. Tell (not a member).....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

W. H. Holland, T. D. Davieson, Chas. E. Whitmore, Jonh C. Crimen.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

John H. Clark, P. M., R. S. Keaghey, P. M., A. Trelford, P. M., H. Marks, P. M., T. R. Fielding, Joseph Dreyfus, S. Kaufman, G. S. Gombert, M. J. Gomila, G. Golinski, H. Hyland, T. Jorda, C. E. Kells, Emanuel Lang, J. B. Lockwood, Joseph Leach, G. Mineri, William Moore, A. Hirsch, John Hougham, J. Ochigievich, John C. Smith, C. Wheeler—23.

## MEMBERS.

Butler, John	Dematairdes P M	Miller, John C.	Rizzoti, John W.
Begg, W. H.	French, W. K.	McColgan, P.	Salasar, Manuel
Berry, John	Frank, E.	Meyers, John	Smith, R. C.
Borges, J. M.	Graham, H. W.	Nathan, Samuel	Spink, E.
Cook, L. D.	Gay, S.	Neilson, G. W.	Todd, Alex.
Cummings, John	Hutchinson John	Pettit, Absolom	Vidovich, S.
Campbell, Daniel	Keane, R. W.	Pearson, H.	Webb, Geo. D.

62 members.

*Initiated*—John Butler, Peter McAuthur, Manuel Salasar.

*Passed and Raised*—J. Butler, M. Salasar.

*Dimitted*—John C. Crimen. *Died*—Samuel Natham.

*Dropped*—D. Campbell, P. M. Dematairdes.

*Suspended*—J. M. Borges, C. E. Whitmore, P. M.

## MOUNT MORIAH LODGE No. 59.

Chartered March 24th, 1849. No. 163 Camp street, between Girod and Julia, New Orleans. Meets every Tuesday.

## OFFICERS.

Arthur W. Hyatt, G. Tr....	W. M.	Frank Kraft.....	J. D.
Richard Lambert.....	S. W.	Robt. Downey.....	M. of C.
R. H. Benners.....	J. W.	J. G. Dunlap.....	Chaplain
H. E. Shropshire.....	Treasurer.	J. H. Dorand.....	} Stewards.
James Furneaux.....	Secretary.	John Burns.....	
David R. Graham.....	S. D.	P. C. Nessin.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

F. W. Delesdernier, D. R. Graham, C. W. Hotchkiss, J. Olle.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

John Anderson, P. M., J. W. Black, P. M., C. M. Emerson, P. M., J. H. Eckert, J. McCulloch, John Hobson, J. L. Gubernator, W. T. Richards, M. O. Leary, J. W. Dodd, J. G. Dunlap, A. Barrera, James Furneaux, B. Cohen, S. H. Gilman, George Benson, L. J. Taylor, Geo W. Race, F. H. Knapp, W. Stewart, W. H. McClelland, J. C. Pooley, J. Wolf, H. H. Stanley, George Purves, W. E. Pendleton, Robt. Carey, William Bosworth, Wm. Wells—30.

## MEMBERS.

Barnes, E. W.	DePass, D. A.	Knoop, Otto	Roberts, Isaac E.
Bermingham T E	DePass, A. H.	Legare, J. C.	Riddick, J. H.
Behan, J. H.	Egerton, Thos.	Luhman, W.	Robinson, J. D.
Berry, S. A.	Engmann, Peter	Lohte, J.	Richter, A. F.
Booth, W. B.	Edmondston T N	Lowe, J. B.	Ramelli, D. S.
Boulware, A.	Eyrich, R. G.	Laycock, Sam'l	Roberts, Robert
Bajurin, J. A.	Frost, Louis	Moffatt, Duncan	Royer, F. T.
Baker, John	Fasenfield, H.	Murdock, L. T.	Rennyson, H.
Bietry, John	Grant, W. M.	Morse, R. S.	Seguin, J. F.
Bairnsfather, G.	Gamet, E.	Murray, Wm.	Stewart, D.
Baxter, J. B. D.	Gilmore, W. T.	Miltenberger C A	Stith, Gerard
Bosley, A. E.	Grau, A.	McMaster, W.	Stephens, T. A.
Berckes, F.	Grijalva, C. de	Maybin, W.	Siza, Lorenzo
Brown, W. H.	Gregor, G. W.	Machray, J. A.	Smith, W. C.
Cassidy, Henry	Graner, A.	McGrath, Peter	Sheen, D.
Cook, Francis	Gardiner, James	Mure, Joseph M.	Sieward, A. H.
Cousley, James	Grover, James H	Montgomery, D.	Smith, William
Childs, J. A.	Geisler, A. H.	Mallerich, F.	Stanton, W. C.
Calmes, W. N.	Heron, A. C.	Mathews, F. L.	Salomon, A.
Caldar, Thomas	Howard, H.	McPeake, T. B.	Simpson, J.
Carey, Sam'l R.	Harte, J. H.	Muzzy, A. B.	Smith, F. P.
Campbell, W.	Haase, Chas.	Manthy, G. A.	Stowe, W.
Crawley C.	Harp, R. J.	Morris, William	Wood, Burris D.
Colle, H.	Houghton, Benj.	Nichols, John	Weems, A. W.
Chandler, J. B.	Harloe, J. E.	Oser, W.	Wang, Augustus
Crammond, M.	Henning, W. H.	Perthius, J. J.	Williams, H.
Dennis, F. H.	Hill, H. T.	Peck, M. A.	Weiss, Charles
Dobrilivich, A.	Harvey, J. H.	Powers, James	Ziegler, Joseph
Dodart, J. B.	Jameison, H.	Popp, J. F.	
Dorand, W. H.	Kip, A. P.	Russell, H. R.	157 members.

*Passed and Raised*—Frank Kraft.

*Affiliated*—Frank Kraft, J. H. Harvey. *Dimitted*—F. H. Dennis.

*Died*—C. de Grijalva, W. Luhman, A. Dobrilivich, F. W. Delesdernier, P. M., J. Simpson, Wm. Oser, Edw. W. Barnes, H. H. Stanley.

*Suspended*—J. B. Chandler, J. B. Dodart, G. W. Gregor, W. H. Henning, Wm. McMaster, D. Montgomery, J. E. Roberts, Frank P. Smith, J. F. Seguin.

*Dropped*—A. B. Muzzy.

*Reinstated*—Benj. Houghton, W. C. Smith, A. Granor.

## TUNICA LODGE No. 63.

Chartered January 28th, 1850. Tunica Landing, West Feliciana Parish, La. Stated meetings Saturday, on or before the full moon of each month.

## OFFICERS.

John J. Winn ..... W. M. W. A. Porter ..... Secretary.  
No returns for 1878.

## GEORGE WASHINGTON LODGE No. 65.

Organized 1847. Chartered March 3d, 1850. Grand Lodge Hall, corner St. Charles and Perdido streets, New Orleans. Meets every Wednesday.

## OFFICERS.

Owen Gernon.....	W. M.	Sol. Sandack.....	Secretary.
D. W. C. Peck.....	S. W.	J. W. Bryant.....	S. D.
Alex. S. Cutler.....	J. W.	F. T. Ople.....	J. D.
Jos. R. Turck.....	Treasurer.	Geo. W. Collins .....	M. C.
		G. G. Pomet.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

D. W. C. Peck, Orton S. Babcock, Sol. Sandak, O. Gernon.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

Thos. R. Brady, P. M., H. Hamburger, P. M., A. E. Dick, P. M., Thomas W. Bothick, Arch. P. Bucholz, David Bidwell, John H. Carter, Paul J. Christian, Ferd. J. Kunholz, H. Cassidy, Jules A. Florat, Thos. Freeland, T. Greenfield, B. Kovalski, Chas. Raymond, Jacob Sandak, John A. Watkins, Wm. A. Wilson, Chas. Walker, Joseph West, James Hyland, Joseph R. Turck—25.

## MEMBERS.

Hedges, C. S.	P. M. Cree, Harvey	Hewes, W. H.	Robicham, J. L.
Armstrong, F. A.	Carnahan, H. S.	Janin, L. F.	Regan, T. D.
Adams, E. C.	Casper, J.	Lee, J. J.	Rooney, Henry
Adams, Geo. W.	Cryer, Elias B.	Lobdell, A. G.	Rooney, Wm.
Andrews, H. C.	Davey, Thos. W.	Murphy, W. E.	Ruth, Fred'k D.
Barrus, Jno. W.	Ellwood, John	Munch, John	Smye, J. H.
Baxter, E.	Eckleberg, J. P.	Mellon, John J.	Thompson, C. A.
Blanchin, Hy.	Finley, A. D.	O'Beirne, W. J.	Valentine, W. M.
Boylan, Thos. N.	Fink, John F.	Paradise, John	Walker, Jno. S.
Bonnabel, H.	Feltus, Henry J.	Peck, O. F.	Wingard, J. C.
Bredig, Meyer	Fauche, W. A.	Perry, David P.	Whitaker, C. F.
Boyle, Jos. F.	Golding, J. C.	Paech, E. A. F.	Wagner, Peter
Burga, Nicholas	Gillmore, Henry	Poff, John,	Wenman, W. J.
Clarke, Thomas	Golden, B. A.	Perry, Gilford	Wright, J. O.
Champlain, W. S.	Gribble, R. H.	Puttbuss, Albert	Yaeger, Henry C.
Clancy, Patrick	Hall, Rob't F.	Rush, Wm. M.	
Cowper, John	Haut, Chris.		

92 members.

*Initiated*—Henry Gillmore, John Frank Fink, H. Haynes Charles, Albert Puttbuss, Allen Robertson, Joseph L. Robicham.

*Passed*—Henry Gillmore, John Frank Fink, J. W. Bryant, Albert Puttbuss, Joseph L. Robicham.

*Raised*—Henry Gillmore, John Frank Fink, J. W. Bryant, Albert Puttbuss, William Henry Heine, Joseph L. Robicham.

*Affiliated*—F. T. Ople. *Dimitted*—Henry C. Yeager.

*Died*—John Cowper, John Poff, Robert F. Hall, B. A. Golden, Orsen S. Babcock, P. M.

*Suspended*—J. O. Wright, J. C. Wingard, P. Wagener.

## DUDLEY LODGE No. 66.

Organized 1847. Chartered March 3d, 1850. Grand Lodge Hall, corner St. Charles and Perdido streets, New Orleans. Meets second and fourth Thursday.

## OFFICERS.

Ed. M. Ivens .....	W. M.	Charles H. Schenk .....	M. of C.
Eugene Lalmant .....	S. W.	W. T. Brown .....	S. D.
George Stroud .....	J. W.	J. A. Mouchon .....	J. D.
E. Lilienthal .....	Treasurer.	Willie E. Weeks .....	} Stewards.
John McFarland .....	Secretary.	Albert Bloom .....	
		E. O. Sullivan (not a member)....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

John A. Stevenson, P. J. G. W., Joseph H. DeGrange, S. E. Rundle, G. H. Braughn.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

Edwin Marks, P. M. and G. M., T. D. Van Horn, P. M., R. L. Moore, P. Stouling, D. C. Johnston, F. Simmons, C. L. Seixas, W. Abernathy, Lucien Adams, R. W. Adams, T. Marks, H. F. Hall, Samuel Snodgrass, Benjamin Tarbell, J. Blum, S. Friedlander, E. M. Ivens, John Hawkins, T. J. Harper, J. Smith,—20.

## MEMBERS.

Chamberlain, J. P.	M. Evans, M. W.	Loewen, Wm. F.	Randolph, E. R.
Adams, J. W.	P. M. Evans, N. J.	Marks, Wash.	Reynolds, E. W.
Brown, W. T.	Ellis, L. L.	Mayenno, L. L.	Rousseau, J. A. A.
Benford, W. T.	Fine, Hy. E.	Myers, Jacob	Swartz, G.
Bender, Jas. J.	Flash, Hy. L.	Mosley, G. M.	Seymour, Shelby
Bingham, J. W.	Gause, Hy. C.	Mitchell, J. R.	Seymour, S. J.
Barker, James	Grindley, Geo.	Mackay, A.	Simon, Joseph
Burton, J. H.	Henry, Thomas	McClelland, S.	Schinotti, E. G.
Bullard, E. C.	Jackson, D.	Murray, Thomas	Smith, Jacob
Benedict, J.	Jordan, W. A.	Newman, C. Jr.	Thomas, H. C.
Bloom, Isaac	Jenkins, N.	Purves, John T.	Trelour, John W.
Barnett, Wm. H.	Kirch, Chas. A.	Parker, C. A.	Thomas, A.
Coleman, H. D.	Keiffer, M.	Parsons, J. P.	Taylor, Henry
Call, H. E.	Levy, Isaac	Pfeifer, M.	Taylor, P. H.
Davis, J. B.	Lewis, John	Patton, Sam'l S.	Work, G. P.
Davidson, D.	Leefe, Aug.	Roberts, B.	Woods, M. F.
Dickinson, M. M.	Lazarus, Hy. L.	Reeder, J. T.	Woods, P. F.
Delahoussaye, L. F.			97 members.

*Initiated*—Philip Konrad Wagner, Willie Earl Weeks.

*Passed*—John W. Trelour, P. K. Wagner, W. E. Weeks.

*Raised*—J. W. Trelour, W. E. Weeks.

*Affiliated*—Henry C. Gause, Shelby Seymour, John W. Adams, Thos. Murray, Sam'l S. Patton, George Stroud.

*Dimitted*—L. L. Mayenno, Henry C. Gause, Sam'l McClelland.

*Died*—P. H. Taylor, Frank Simmons.

*Suspended*—J. Barker, C. A. Parker, J. H. Burton, J. Benedict, J. B. Davis, John T. Reeder, S. J. Seymour, A. Thomas, Henry Taylor, M. F. Woods, M. W. Evans, B. Roberts, J. W. Bingham, D. Davidson, T. Henry, H. E. Fine, J. Chamberlain, W. A. Jordan, W. Marks, G. P. Work.

*Reinstated*—C. A. Parker, J. B. Davis, Thomas Henry, J. Myers, W. Marks.

## MARION LODGE No. 68.

Organized 1847. Chartered March 3d, 1850. Grand Lodge Hall, corner St. Charles and Perdido streets, New Orleans. Meets first and third Thursday.

## OFFICERS.

Hy. Winslow.....	W. M.	J. W. Weymouth.....	S. D.
J. L. Swan.....	S. W.	Living Reynolds.....	J. D.
R. A. Bayley.....	J. W.	J. A. Pickert.....	M. of C.
H. P. Buckley .....	Treasurer.	Wm. E. Todd.....	} Stewards.
Thos. Cripps .....	Secretary.	J. P. Hopkins.....	
		W. Tell (not a member).....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

J. W. Davis, Charles Chaffe, E. J. Hamilton, Henry Winslow.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

S. M. Todd, P. G. M., J. Q. A. Fellows, P. G. M., L. E. Reynolds, P. M., T. Cripps, P. M., Thomas F. Hedges, P. M., Henry P. Buckley, P. M., R. Angell (P. M.), R. Browne, P. M., C. W. Newton (P. M.), F. B. Gaudet, S. S. Herrick, W. H. Hewitt, Isidore Levi, W. R. Norcom, E. Blessey, W. J. Beebe, Geo. Bain, D. E. Colton, O. Dorsey, G. W. W. Goodwyn, James Lindsey, Jno. H. Ludwigsen, Louis Mayer, J. S. McIntyre, H. B. Cresap, P. R. Middlemiss, C. T. Nash, H. M. Robinson, J. B. Robertson, W. D. Ricarby, Charles Schmidt, J. A. Stevenson, J. Strenna, J. L. Swan, E. H. Wilson, J. M. Weymouth—36.

## MEMBERS.

Chaffe, Jno., P M	Fitzgerald, W. E.	Lathrop, Geo. T.	Simmes, L. L.
Small, A. B., P M	Garson, Oscar F.	Liberman, E.	Strong, R.
Buck, W. H.	Good, Fred.	Macon, T. L.	Schereck, L.
Behan, John H.	Hagins, J. N.	Molaison, J. O.	Tobin, John
Bassetti, U.	Hillman, J. H.	Morgan, W. H.	True, H. H.
Custer, A. B.	Hamilton, J. D.	Manning, W. H.	Van Benthuyens J D
Chaffe, W. H.	Hummel, J. H.	Navra, M. L.	Walshe, B. T.
Chaffe, Chris., Jr.	Holt, Joseph	Nagle, I. E.	Welshans, C. N.
Craig, E. D.	Hass, M.	Oliver, S. D.	West, B. J.
Cohen, M.	Hanson, Martin	Peete, G. A.	Watt, J. W.
Christian, R. J.	James, T. A.	Patton, Thos. F.	Wilkins, A. H.
Douglas, J. P.	Jones, Thos. C.	Postlewaite, J. J.	Wright, McW.
Delmas, A. H.	Klotz, Bernard	Payro, M. Jr.	Yorke, Ed. A.
Dwyer, J. W.	Lauer, Gus.	Robinson, N T N	Young, C. H.
Endel, Wolf			102 members.

*Affiliated*—William McWright.

*Died*—L. L. Simms, F. B. Gaudet, John Tobin, Wm. H. Hewitt, J. B. Robertson.

*Suspended*—M. Cohen, A. B. Small. *Reinstated*—C. N. Welshans.

## HIRAM LODGE No. 70.

Organized 1847. Chartered March 3d, 1850. Grand Lodge Hall, corner St. Charles and Perdido streets, New Orleans. Meets every Friday.

## OFFICERS.

Patrick Henry Leonard .....	W. M.	William D. Taylor.....	Secretary.
James Reid .....	S. W.	Robert McKenzie.....	S. D.
Charles McKenzie.....	J. W.	James Mackie.....	J. D.
P. S. Anderson .....	Treasurer.	John Ludlow.....	Tyler.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE

## PAST MASTERS.

J. Kellett, O. Czarnowski, G. Samson, H. Cearns.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

E. Heidensfelder, Robt. McKenzie—2.

## MEMBERS.

Boyne, Wm.	Hochstein, T.	Lucas, P.	Sitzman, Geo.
Bowitz, P. J.	Heymen, Abram	McNamara, R.	Savage, Pat.
Boehler, Jno E.	Hardon, Geo. F.	McCarty, R.	Sincer, Louis
Black, T. J.	Henningsen, J. C.	McGregor, H. N.	Stockton, G. W.
Becker, Felix G.	Helmke, A.	Mahler, E. W.	Savage, Rich'd D.
Bruns, Henry	Hansen, Thos.	Middleton, R.	Smith, John H.
Cummings, Wm.	Hymann, S.	Oliver, Geo. C.	Turner, Thos. B.
Chapsky, Robt.	Hall, Thomas	O'Brien, J.	Thomason, T. H.
Conner, A. L.	Hardie, C. L.	Pincus, Joseph	Veit, Morris
Devereaux, T.	Kaiser, S.	Poillion, Chas.	Voigt, John
Frentz, F. C.	Kalberlah, Wm.	Peets, John J.	Wardle, J. R.
Fredman, Jos. F.	Kavanagh, Thos.	Rosenthal, W. U.	Wood, J. F.
Guthrie, J.	Lagan, M. D.	Redding, Jos. F.	
Harris, R. S.	Loebor, F.		66 members.

*Initiated*—John Voigt, Pedro Jansen Bowitz, Henry Smith.*Passed*—John Voigt, P. J. Bowitz, Henry Smith.*Raised*—J. Voigt, P. J. Bowitz. *Reinstated*—Thos. B. Turner.*Dismissed*—G. F. Hardon.*Died*—Henry Cearns, W. M., Jno. Kellett, P. M.*Suspended*—Pat. Savage.

## ALPHA HOME LODGE No. 72.

Alpha organized 1848. Home organized 1855. Chartered as Alpha Home, February 14th, 1860. Grand Lodge Hall, corner St. Charles and Perdido streets, New Orleans. Meets first and third Tuesday evenings.

## OFFICERS.

Jas. C. Batchelor, M. D.....	W. M.	Wm. Starr.....	Secretary.
Thomas Kearns.....	S. W.	W. Breedlove Smith.....	S. D.
Jos. G. P. Sumner.....	J. W.	Wm. Velden .....	J. D.
H. G. F. Hubener.....	Treasurer.	Jno. Wilson.....	M. C.
		W. H. Hutchings.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

Fendel Horn, Geo. J. Pinckard, C. F. Verlander, Ed. Bell.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

W. H. Hutchings, P. M., J. C. Batchelor, M. D., P. M. and G. S., John Anderson, Thomas Lunn—4.

## MEMBERS.

Pike, A., P. J. G.	Graner, John	Langford, H.	Thomas, R. B.
W. Hon. M.	Hilger, Chas. L.	Laudner, E. N.	Traube, L. L.
Archer, T. A.	Haughlin, P. H.	Lindner, Jno. F.	Taylor, M. J.
Barry, David	Houston, R. C.	Maguire, J. W.	Vetters, George
Benson, W. H.	Hufft, B.	Meade, Jas. M.	Wilson, James
Brenford, I. T.	Hill, W. H.	Pettis, P. W.	Westerfield, J. W.
Crofton, Robert	Hoth, Jacob	Ripley, W. D.	Wharton, W. W.
Farwell, S. P.	Kent, James	Schilling, H. T.	Wonnunger, E. E.
Fischer, Martin	Krantz, J. F.	Sevart, C. L.	
Glennon, Robt.	Kirk, W. E.		50 members.

*Initiated*—Jacob Hoth, John Bossewich.

*Passed and Raised*—J. Hoth, William Velden.

*Dimitted*—J. T. Brenford, M. Fisher.

*Died*—J. M. Meade, H. T. Schilling.

*Reinstated*—M. Fisher, W. W. Wharton.

#### SABINE LODGE No. 75.

Chartered March 4th, 1850. Fort Jessup, Sabine Parish, La. Meets Saturday before second Sunday in each month.

##### OFFICERS.

J. M. Franklin .....	W. M. C. Broom .....	Secretary.
M. P. Hawkins .....	S. W. Franklin Jennings .....	S. D.
Riley Stoker .....	J. W. J. W. Winn .....	J. D.
R. A. Forbes .....	Treasurer. G. Munson .....	Tyler.

##### PAST MASTERS.

G. Munson, T. Beck.

##### LIFE MEMBERS.

J. C. Armstrong, P. M., Leslie Barbee, P. M., R. A. Forbis, P. M., J. H. Martin, W. Y. Barnhill, S. M. Crump, R. Stoker, Wm. Stoker, J. W. Walker—9.

##### MEMBERS.

Bozeman, J. H.	Clark, J.	Harris, A.	Mimms, J. J.
Barbe, L.	Cassidy, A. E.	Hawthorn, T. W.	Royston, R. F.
Brasher, C. P.	Daniels, J. L.	Hamlin, E. W.	Rogers, J. R.
Caldwell, Jos. H.	Dowdell, S. D.	Lynch, Wm.	32 members.
Crump, S. D.	Horn, D. J.	Lynch, J. T.	

*Initiated, Passed and Raised*—C. P. Brasher.

*Affiliated*—T. W. Hathorn. *Dimitted*—C. P. Brasher, T. W. Hathorn.

*Dropped*—W. Y. Barnhill, S. D. Crump, J. H. Bozeman, J. Clark, J. H. Martin, J. T. Lynch, J. J. Mimms, J. W. Walker.

#### QUITMAN LODGE No. 76.

Chartered March 4th, 1850. Odd Fellows' Hall, Camp street, New Orleans. Meets Friday evenings.

##### OFFICERS.

John K. Collins .....	W. M. Fred Eyle .....	Secretary.
And. J. Armstrong .....	S. W. Gus. Keitz .....	S. D.
Wm. S. Howell .....	J. W. Ed. Reagan .....	J. D.
Silas Weeks .....	Treasurer. Robert Wilson .....	Tyler.

##### PAST MASTERS.

J. G. Fleming, P. G. M., S. J. Flatow, George Johnston, W. H. Seaman, G. L. Hall, George Soulé.

##### LIFE MEMBERS.

Ben Bloomfield, P. M., T. C. Herndon, P. M., I. W. Homan, P. M., W. H. Seaman, P. M., Wm. Bloomfield, Jr., A. H. Isaacson, J. W. Langdon, D. H. Marks, G. M. Bayly, T. F. Searing, S. Silverstein, F. A. Bartlette, N. L. Dickey, P. M. Mohr, J. M. Bloomfield, C. P. Psetzing, T. L. Maxwell, John Summers, G. W. Homan, C. W. Clark, G. P. French, J. N. Folwell, G. L. Kouns, Geo. O. Wilkerson, W. H. Mackay—26.

## MEMBERS.

Carson, W., P M	Eichholz, F. W.	Kouns, J.	Reid, H.
Alston, S.	Eppler, H. R.	Kleiber, E.	Read, S. Tyler
Abbott, John	Faust, R. M.	Kilpatrick, W H	Rickey, Rufus S.
Abbott, Wm.	Fernald, G. P.	Kellogg, C. S.	Russell, B.
Buford, Rev. B.	Fisher, J. A. G.	Kay, B. W.	Smith, Phil. S.
Brand, E.	Fletcher, R.	Kreger, S. G.	Strobel, Camille
Biggar, J. R.	Forno, L.	King, James	Schwartz, J. M.
Barnett, Selim	Gill, T. M.	Landfried, Frank	Sheldon, L. O.
Barnes, J. S.	Gibson, McKinley	Levy, J.	Scovell, W. T.
Barker, Pierre A.	Gillan, Wm.	Levy, Meyer	Sproule, R.
Bohning, F F W	Gogreve, H. R.	Levy, E. H.	Stafford, J.
Berkson, Theo.	Gieffers, F.	McChesney W H	Smith, G. W.
Cundiff, A. S.	Gerard, W. F.	McChesney, J. C.	Smith, Ed.
Crawford, S. R.	Gregg, Wm.	Mullan H. J.	Starling, J. A.
Carpenter, J. C.	Hamilton, G. C.	Malone, T. L.	Thiel, F. W.
Coyle, W. G.	Howard, T. J.	McLean, Daniel	Tyler, E. A.
Church, G. W.	Hopkins, S. Jr.	Maxwell, R.	Tilden, James D.
Carey, G. W.	Herwig, P. F.	McBride, Wm.	Tillberg, L. W.
Cottle, Walter P.	Hass, Isaac L.	McDonald, R.	Wolf, J. C.
Chase, Chas. L.	Haggart, S. B.	Moores, John C.	Wall, Frank
Cortie, C. S.	Harrall, J. A.	Martin, Alphonse	Wallace, J.
Davidson, A. S.	Hansell, W. S.	Newman, Henry	Watkins, F.
Dodge, J.	Hardin, J. S.	Nicol, T. W.	Werlein, P.
Drake, F. H.	Halloway, Chas.	Neile, R. L.	Walker, J. A.
Desposito, A.	Irvine, Thos. J.	Peel, John A.	Walker, C. L.
Dreyfus, Herman	Jones, F. A.	Patton, A.	Wadsworth, G M
Donspaugh, J M	Judson, W. H. H.	Richardson, F. L.	144 members.

*Initiated*—Phillip S. Smith.

*Passed*—Phillip S. Smith, McKinley Gibson.

*Raised*—P. S. Smith, McKinley Gibson.

*Dismissed*—J. Dodge, S. B. Haggart.

*Died*—James M. Donspaugh, J. Wallace, J. Levy, J. B. Cundiff.

*Suspended*—G. W. Church.

## ORLEANS LODGE No. 78.

Organized 1847. Chartered March 4th, 1850. Grand Lodge Hall, first and third Friday evenings.

## OFFICERS.

P. Goldstein .....	W. M.	W. J. Cummings .....	S. D.
Louis Kaiser .....	S. W.	Wm. C. Wasson .....	J. D.
Steph. D. Stafford .....	J. W.	John Thomson .....	M. of C.
Ed. Prophet .....	Treasurer.	B. J. Wolf .....	} Stewards.
J. R. Flood .....	Secretary.	P. F. McGovern .....	
		B. F. Burns .....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

S. D. Stafford, J. T. Pettigrew, G. M. Lally, P. Goldstein.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

A. Queant, P. M., C. F. Hufft, P. M., Z. Bruen, M. Berwin, G. Bevan, L. B. Cain, J. R. Dailey, James Fernon, John Gould, L. Kaiser, Ed. Prophet, Geo. Pandely, M. Pausen, E. Salomon, J. C. Stewart, J. E. Tallon, J. C. Watson, B. J. Wolf—17.



## MEMBERS.

Adler, A.	Gilding, John	Ouder, Geo.	Stern, D.
Beckman, J. F.	Groves, J. S.	Powers, John	Stern, Levi
Bigger, Chas.	Harrison, J. W.	Quinn, Mich.	Sparrow, Chas.
Caspar, I. M.	Jones, Theo.	Rutherford, C. F.	Thomson, John
Creevy, W. J.	Kottwitz, Julius	Rosenburg, B.	Tilton, N.
Conley, Thomas	Langdon, S. L.	Rosenthal, P.	Vildibil, W. H.
Finberg, L.	Marks, M. A.	Rosenburg, A.	Wilson, L.
Finnegan, W. H.	Mills, W. C.	Ripinski, Chas.	Webb, W. H.
Feitel, G.	Monroe, S. F.	Stafford, E. R.	Wallace, A. J.
Fernon, Thos.	Michaelis, A. J.	Stein, S.	Weinges, G. H.
Feilder, F. W.	Ohlsen, C. F.	Smith, Jos. H.	Weindes, D. H.
Fletcher, Wm.			70 members.

*Initiated*—William Justin Edwards, William C. Wasson, A. B. Johnston, Michael Quinn.

*Passed*—Wm C. Wasson, Wm. Thos. H. Pries, M. Quinn, Wm. J. Cummings.

*Raised*—Wm. C. Wasson, M. Quinn, Wm. J. Cummings.

*Died*—J. T. Pettigrew, P. M., J. W. Harrison.

*Dropped*—L. Wilson, C. Sparrow, Jr., G. H. Weinges, S. Stein.

*Suspended*—A. Rosenburg, T. Fernon, J. Powers.

*Reinstated*—G. M. Lally, P. M.

## ST. JOSEPH No. 79.

Regular meetings held at St. Joseph, Tensas Parish, on Wednesday nearest full moon. Old Charter restored February 13th, 1874.

## OFFICERS.

D. P. January.....	W. M. C. G. Nichols.....	Secretary.
Chas. C. Cordill .....	S. W. C. S. Kinney .....	S. D.
J. C. Henderson.....	J. W. Rives Lewis.....	J. D.
Theodore C. Sachse.....	Treasurer. J. Wm. C. Austin.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTER.

L. V. Reeves.

## MEMBERS.

Bondurant, J. P. M.	Davidson, Alex.	Losey, John Roe	Routh, Chas. B.
Bondurant, A.	Douglas, James S	Lewis, Adolphe	Richardson, C. R.
Bowie, John R.	Farrar, Thos. P.	Murdock, John	Snyder, Robt. H.
Brown, A. F.	Fore, Thos. R.	Murdock, W. B.	Steele, Hiram R.
Bland, Lucien	Goldman, G. C.	Marx, Samuel	Tullis, Eli
Bowman, C. C.	Garrett, Hy. A.	Meyer, Manfred	Wise, Moses
Clinton, Thos. E.	Hennessey, Jas.	Michie, Wm. C.	Whitney, E. L.
Cohn, A.	Hansborough, R M	Morris, Daniel	Watson, Frank
Castleman, T. W.	Harlow, John P.	Newell, David S.	Williams, G. W.
			45 members.

*Initiated*—John Roe Losey, Samuel Marx, Manfred Meyer.

*Passed*—J. R. Losey, S. Marx, M. Meyer, John C. Henderson.

*Raised*—J. R. Losey, S. Marx, M. Meyer, J. C. Henderson.

*Affiliated*—Geo. W. Williams, C. R. Richardson.

*Died*—John R. Bowie. *Reinstated*—Jas. Hennessey.

*Expelled*—John P. Harloe.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE

## DE WITT CLINTON LODGE No. 80.

Charter forfeited February 7th, 1878.

## MEMBERS.

Arrant, R.	Hollis, F. M.	Hill H. H.	Miller, L. B.
Brantley, J. W.	Hollis, D. W.	Gresham, J.	Pace, W. B.
Brasher, M. D.	Hollis, W. T.	Ivey, I. B.	Powell, G. E.
Cooper, T. S.	Hollis, John G.	Morrison, D. C.	Sessions, John S.
Edwards, G. W.	Haile, S. L.		

## MOUNT VERNON LODGE No. 83.

Chartered March 4th, 1850. Logansport, DeSoto Parish, La. Meets first Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

A. M. Morris.....	W. M.	John L. Cole .....	Secretary.
Noah Smith .....	S. W.	W. O. Fletcher .....	S. D.
L. Adams .....	J. W.	G. W. Douglas .....	J. D.
G. W. Sample.....	Treasurer.	John H. Foshee .....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

John L. Cole, R. M. Nash, W. O. Fletcher.

## LIFE MEMBER.

John B. Sinclair.

## MEMBERS.

Attaway, E. B.	Garrett, A. M.	Russell, E. B.	Stell, C. D.
Brown, E.	Pyle, Peter	Stibbling, T. L.	18 members.
Creech, T. J.	Pyle, James K.		
<i>Initiated, Passed and Raised</i> —John H. Foshee.			
<i>Dimitted</i> —T. J. Creech.			

## OLIVER LODGE No. 84.

Chartered March 4th, 1850. Alexandria, Rapides Parish, La. Meets first and third Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

J. G. White.....	W. M.	Jonas Rosenthal.....	J. D.
Ed. Weil.....	S. W.	Sol. Hess .....	M. C.
W. O. Dammon.....	J. W.	H. St. John .....	Chaplain.
Jonas Weil .....	Treasurer.	E. B. Price, }	Stewards.
Algernon Hilton.....	Secretary.	J. B. Gibson, }	
J. Levin .....	S. D.	Moses Rosenthal.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

J. M. Barrett, L. Texada. P. S. G. W.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

Julius Levin, P. M., Ed. Weil, P. M., Louis Gossens, Henry Osborne, J. C. Wise, W. S. Ridge, M. Paul, Jr.—7.

## MEMBERS.

Amsden, F. B.	Gehr, Daniel	Martin, A.	Sackman, I. H.
Blackman, W F	Huff, R. D.	Mantoux, Isaac	Taxada, J. W.
Daigre, H. L.	Heyman, A.	McGinnis, N. L.	Watts, George O.
Ferguson, J. J.	Haas, Harry	Oswald, P. H.	Weiss, Ben.
Fox, R. L.	Klein, Marx	Rosenthal, Mires	Weil, Simon
Fellows, Joseph	Lehman, D.	Rodgers, W. J.	Williams, J. A.
Fellows, Samuel	Manheim, Jonas	Schmalinsky, S.	
Fish, James S.	Moses, C. S.		48 members.

*Initiated*—Charles Chilton Weems. *Affiliated*—Mires Rosenthal.

*Dimitted*—Isaac Mantoux, Isaac H. Sackman, J. A. Williams.

*Died*—C. S. Moses, Daniel Gehr.

*Suspended*—Abram Martin, W. J. Rodgers.

## LAFAYETTE LODGE No. 87.

Chartered March 4th, 1850. Pattersonville, St. Mary Parish, La. Meets first Thursday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

Bernard Levy.....	W. M.	H. J. Hooper.....	Secretary.
John Knight.....	S. W.	Joseph Knight.....	S. D.
Milton A. Roach.....	J. W.	Tropheen Bellsein.....	J. D.
W. R. Kern.....	Treasurer.	James M. Rawles.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTER.

John Vetter.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

Joseph Knight, P. M., Bernard Levy, P. M., Wm. Ager, J. M. Rawles—4.

## MEMBERS.

Bateman, J. B.	Hamilton, W.	Jones, S. W.	Smith, W. M.
Cansienne, A.	Holmes, James	Neggah, T. R.	Stansbury, A. J.
			18 members.

*Dimitted*—S. W. Jones.

*Died*—James Holmes, M. A. Roach, A. Cansienne.

*Reinstated*—John Vetter, P. M.

## CYPRESS LODGE No. 89.

Chartered February 10th, 1850. Benton, Bossier Parish, La. Stated meetings Saturday on or before full moon of each month.

## OFFICERS.

W. R. Prather.....	W. M.	H. W. Ogden.....	Secretary.
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No returns for 1878.

## THIBODAUX BENEVOLENT No. 90.

Chartered January 21st, 1851. Thibodauxville, Lafourche Interior, La. Second and last Saturdays in each month.

## OFFICERS.

Isaiah D. Moore.....	W. M.	F. L. Mead.....	Secretary.
Lehman Meyer .....	S. W.	W. H. Ragan.....	S. D.
Richard Burton.....	J. W.	Lemuel C. Aubert.....	J. D.
William Harvey.....	Treasurer.	C. F. D. Lyne.....	Chaplain.
		Owen Conlan.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTER.

David Moore, D. D. G. M.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

F. L. Mead, P. M., W. H. Ragan, P. M., L. C. Aubert, O. Conlan—4.

## MEMBERS.

Baily, Wm. L.	Holloway, J. M.	Long, W.	Rutledge, S. M.
Billiu, James A.	Jones, Spicer	Murray, R. A.	Rogers, James
Byrne, J.	Keefe, L.	Miller, James S.	Seaborn, Alex.
Burton, Wm. D.	Kling, David	Perkins, J. S.	Stone, Thomas
Helper, T. J.	Klotz, Simon	Perkins, F. H.	Williams, J. P.
Hoffman, F.	Kluge, Chas. G.	Rudd, A. G.	Williams, C. C.
Head, W. L.	Lawless, E. M.	Rutledge, W. A.	Weise, Adolph

38 members

*Initiated, Passed and Raised*—Simon Klotz, Thomas Stone.

*Affiliated*—James S. Miller. *Dimitted*—James Byrne.

## MONTICELLO LODGE No. 92.

Chartered January 21st, 1851. Floyd, Carroll Parish, La. Stated meetings, third Thursday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

L. J. Land.....	W. M.	J. T. Motley.....	Secretary.
T. A. Jackson.....	S. W.	J. M. Gaddes.....	S. D.
W. H. Richardson .....	J. W.	T. M. Myers.....	J. D.
W. A. Hedrick .....	Treasurer.	Wm. Dickerson.....	Steward.
		R. L. Rigger.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

N. J. Drew, H. D. Briggs.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

J. M. Gaddes, P. M., J. S. Herring, P. M., C. T. Motley, J. L. Cawthorn—4.

## MEMBERS.

Stroube, W H P M	Cochran, T. M.	Jones, J. W.	McIntyre, R S A
Allen, A. L.	Draughon, J. W.	Loudon, R. J.	McCandles, T. D.
Atkins, Charles	Glenn, R. H.	Lott, J. D.	Webb, John S.
Belden, A. G.	Hannegan, E. D.	Massingill, L. C.	
Brown, John R.	Jackson, E. C.	Miliken, J. L.	

32 members.

*Raised*—J. T. Motley. *Dimitted*—W. H. Stroube, P. M.

## NAPOLEON LODGE No. 94.

Original charter, January 21st, 1851. Revived, 1858. Ouachita City, Union Parish,  
La. Stated meetings, second Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

A. S. Helmick.....	W. M.	Isaac H. Wisé.....	Secretary.
O. B. Steele.....	S. W.	W. J. Hill.....	S. D.
Jonas Wolf.....	J. W.	J. T. Cole .....	J. D.
E. N. Potts.....	Treasurer.	S. B. Briggs.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

O. B. Steele, A. S. Helmick.

## LIFE MEMBER.

Benj. Ford, P. M.

## MEMBERS.

Hill, J. G.	Love, R. K.	Parks, John R.	Spigner, S. H.
Heath, J. N.	Markham, J. J.	Sawyer, Samuel	Tidwell, Chas. M.
Knox, W. W.	Norman, C. C.	Swan, A. L.	Williamson, Jos.
Kennedy, J. T.	Parks, L. J.	Stephenson, W.	24 members.

*Initiated and Passed*—Edward A. Dawkins, Arthur L. Smith.

*Affiliated*—Jonas Wolf, Isaac H. Wise.

*Dimitted*—J. J. Markham. *Died*—J. G. Hill.

## BELLEVUE LODGE No. 95.

Chartered January 24th, 1851. Bellevue, Bossier Parish, La. Stated meetings  
second Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

J. A. Snyder.....	W. M.	Wm. H. Hill .....	Secretary.
J. A. W. Lowry.....	S. W.	W. J. Mobley.....	S. D.
C. J. Gray.....	J. W.	J. N. Davis.....	J. D.
Ed. R. Moore.....	Treasurer.	L. C. Rasberry.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

Joseph L. Briggs, J. A. Snider, W. H. Scanlan, W. J. Mobley.

## MEMBERS.

Braden, Thos. N.	Durbin, N. A.	Durbin, Geo. W.	Swan, W. M.
Doyle, J. M.	Denman, G. B.	Fuller, Thos. W.	Tilman, J. H.
			18 members.

*Died*—W. M. Swan.

## ST. HELENA LODGE No. 96.

Chartered January 22d, 1851. Greensburg, St Helena Parish, La. Meets third  
Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

Haley M. Carter.....	W. M.	G. R. Taylor .....	Secretary.
C. W. Williams.....	S. W.	W. R. Parker.....	S. D.
W. S. Hutchinson.....	J. W.	T. D. Linsey. ....	J. D.
W. A. Carter.....	Treasurer.	J. W. Birch.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

W. W. Carter, H. M. Carter, P. D. D. G. M.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

Amos Kent, P. D. G. M., E. Story, P. M., W. A. Carter, P. M., J. J. Thompson, P. M., S. H. Pearson, J. McKinney, D. K. Gorman, H. W. Stickland, W. H. Tillery, J. E. Wilson, C. H. Allen, W. L. Thompson, J. J. Wheat, James M. Odom—14.

## MEMBERS.

Addison, J. A.	Day, D. D.	Nicholson Joseph Taylor, Grant R.
Addison, W. S.	Easley, David T.	Nesom, G. W. Tate, Thomas
Amacker, O. P.	Freiler, J.	Odom, Isaac Thompson, K. K.
Bridges, Thos. J.	Gill, W. A.	Powell, John W. Vanado, G. R.
Boyd, T. M.	George, C. W.	Richards, A. P. Watson, B. M.
Burton, R. Y.	Hamberlin, W E	Robertson, T C S Womack, J. B.
Branniger, J.	Jones, Thomas A	Richardson, J A Watson, John G.
Bridges, Thos. E.	Jones, Thomas	Stickland, C D Jr Watson, James P
Carruth W. K.	Kemp, J. D.	Stickland, C. E. Williams, J. A.
Cabler, J. F.	Kemp, Demsey	Smith, James E. Williams J. H.
Cochran, A. W.	Kent, J. F.	Smith, Wm. A. Womack, A.
Cole, James W.	Mathews, J. A.	Smith Henry W Womack, A. M.
Chapman, A M G	McGehee, Geo H	Smith Austin W Woodward, J. M.
Day, T. G.	Methvin, A. D.	Sitman, C. M. Wright, Jas. M.
Dunn, J. B.	McGehee, D. L.	Smith, H. W. Yarborough, E.

80 members.

*Initiated*—T. G. Day, Walter S. Jones, George H. McGehee.*Passed*—T. G. Day, G. H. McGehee.*Raised*—T. G. Day, G. H. McGehee, James M. Odom.*Affiliated*—K. K. Thompson.*Died*—S. W. Cochran, W. W. Carter, P. M., C. D. Strickland, Jr., H. W. Strickland, Abraham Womack.*Dropped*—C. S. Strickland, John Branniger, John H. Williams, E. Yarborough, J. E. Smith, W. A. Smith.*Reinstated*—C. E. Strickland John Branniger.

## HERMITAGE LODGE No. 98.

Chartered January 21st, 1851. Corner Magazine and St. Andrew streets, New Orleans. Meets Thursday evenings.

## OFFICERS.

Joseph D. Taylor .....	W. M.	John Willig .....	J. D
Nicholas Gerstner .....	S. W.	George S. Petit.....	Chaplain.
William Weber.....	J. W.	Daniel Young.....	M. of C.
John Reich .....	Treasurer.	F. W. Weser ....	} Stewards.
J. H. H. Taylor .....	Secretary.	Frederick Hufft.....	
A. F. Grundy.....	S. D.	F. Osborne .....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

A. W. Skardon, William Weber, George S. Pettit, J. D. Taylor

## LIFE MEMBERS.

John G. Mayer, P. M., Clement Brown, P. M.—2.

## MEMBERS.

Andrews, Sam'l	Brand, H.	Kleinohle, C. H.	Sweeney, James
Atchway, James	Chalifour, Frank	Loos, A.	Schorr, Thomas
Abbott, I. A.	Dielmann, P. W.	Leitz, Ambrose	Strohmeyer, J. S.
Banghaf, Jacob	Edgar, Irving	Miller, John	Siebert, William
Bauman, John	Friedman, F.	Miller, C. H.	Shanneville, Vic.
Brummer, Theo.	Fried, Tobias	Mohr, Nic.	Sheppard, J. H.
Brunais, Rich'd	Gerstner, F.	Mahilin, J. P.	Troye, M.
Bauman, Aug.	Geiger, Charles	O'Dowd, James	Turner, Henry C.
Beattie, John	Gross, Charles	Ohnmacht, H.	Williams, Joseph
Biarle, Charles	Herighausen, J.	Redon, O. M.	Waverly, Edw.
Brandlin, J. A.	Henry, William	Russell, Charles	White, W. D.
Benton, James	Hautau, Fred.	Rawlings, R. G.	Weil, Samuel
Bernard, Alfred	Hambacher, M.	Richlmann, Geo.	Wilson, James

67 members.

*Initiated*—Abraham Fryer Grundy, Gustave Adolph Pfafflin, John Willig.

*Passed and Raised*—A. F. Grundy, John Willig.

*Dimitted*—J. Herighausen.

*Died*—M. Hambacher, Fred. Hautau, J. O'Dowd.

*Dropped*—J. A. Abbott, H. C. Turner.

*Suspended*—Charles Biarle, Nic. Mohr.

## FRANKLINTON LODGE No. 101.

Chartered January 21st, 1851. Franklinton, Washington Parish, La. Stated meetings first Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

J. M. Simmons.....	W. M.	S. W. Bickham.....	Secretary.
Jno. R. Burch.....	S. W.	C. D. Ott.....	S. D.
J. P. Fussell.....	J. W.	John Ward.....	J. D.
J. M. Wallis.....	Treasurer.	R. Babington.....	Chaplain.
		Abner C. Pool.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTER.

J. F. Chambers.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

John E. Morris, P. M., Robert Babington, P. M., James M. Burris, P. M., Jacob Magee, P. M., John Wardsworth, P. M., J. J. Slocum, P. M., Hy. T. Burkhalter, Alex. C. Bickham, Sandelin W. Bickham, Levi H. Bankston, John R. Burch, Elzy B. Dees, Ed. McCain, John Mizell, Welcome Penny, J. C. Foil, Mat Thomas, John R. Wood, D. E. Bullock, J. L. Crow, D. H. Stringfield, Jas. Thomas, C. P. Thomas. J. M. Wallis—24.

## MEMBERS.

Babington, W. W	Bateman, Hugh L	Magee, Z. T.	Spring, J. S.
Burch, J. C.	Davis, Ruffin T.	Ott, W. W.	Seale, C. B.
Brumfield, Josiah	Graves, Nat.	Ott, David S.	Selph, L. H.
Brock, James	Knight, George	Passman, J.	Stovall W. G.
Brumfield, J. Q.	King, W. H.	Pierce, Jas.	Williams, Wm.

51 members.

*Dimitted*—Rev. R. T. Davis. *Dropped*—J. Q. Brumfield, W. W. Ott.

## LOUISIANA LODGE No. 102.

Chartered January 23d, 1851. Odd Fellows' Hall, New Orleans. Stated meetings second and fourth Thursday evenings.

## OFFICERS.

Victor Meyer .....	W. M.	P. J. Churchill .....	J. D.
James Rainey .....	S. W.	J. N. Kerr .....	M. of C.
John D. Scott .....	J. W.	S. H. Merlin .....	Chaplain.
E. A. Palfrey .....	Treasurer.	A. N. Cummings .....	} Stewards.
J. B. Wasson .....	Secretary.	H. N. Soria .....	
C. C. Cotting .....	S. D.	J. W. Maguire (not a member) ..	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

C. H. Luzenberg, Albert Little Abbott, P. J. G. W., E. J. Kursheedt, Louis Bush.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

George Nathan, George D. Hite, J. B. Walton, C. Beard, N. M. Benachi.

## MEMBERS.

J. C. Batchelor,	Clark, W. P.	Janney, J.	Rebentisch, C. G.
M. D. G. S. H. M.	Coons, T. S.	Kennard, J. H.	Rice, George C.
C. S. Stewart,	Dunning, J. H.	Krull, C. F.	Rountree, A. W.
P. M. H. M.	Fazende, P. O.	Lipman, J.	Rainey, John S.
J. Anderson,	Flanagan, Thos.	Logan, S. M.	Railey, C. R.
P. M. H. M.	Glenny, Isaac E.	Mitchell, W. S.	Seixas, H. O.
Clements, T., P. M.	Gardner, L. H.	Meyer, A.	Snowden, S. H.
Jacobs, H. S., P. M.	Hardie, W. T.	Mehnert, Hugo	Smith, J. P.
Allen, C. H.	Hill, J. D.	Magee, John	Screven, R. D.
Allyn, I. T.	Harris, A.	Nixon, J. O., Jr.	Thompson, P. K.
Bowers, Geo. F.	Harrod, B. M.	Pierson, H.	Woods, L. E.
Baldwin, A.	Harris, Edwin	Perry, A. W., M. D.	Williams, T. S.
Bonito, F. A.	Hannan, Jno. J.	Price, F. S.	Wetzel, Henry L.
Campbell, Wm.	Ivy, Edward	Randall, M. C.	Wall, S. R.
Carey, J. T.	Joseph, L. H.		71 members.

*Dimitted*—W. T. Hardie, Thomas Clements, P. M.

*Suspended*—A. W. Perry, John Magee, Thos. Flanagan, W. P. Clark.

## CLOUTIERVILLE LODGE No. 103.

Chartered January 21st, 1852. Colfax, P. O., Grant Parish, La. Stated meetings first and third Saturdays of each month.

## OFFICERS.

A. L. Grow .....	W. M.	W. L. Richardson .....	Secretary.
H. McKnight .....	S. W.	A. Powell .....	S. D.
J. W. Garrett .....	J. W.	W. S. Calhoun .....	J. D.
J. L. Morantini .....	Treasurer.	B. W. Bullitt .....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTER.

A. L. Grow.

## LIFE MEMBER.

S. O. Scruggs, P. D. G. M.

## MEMBERS.

Boswell, J. S.	Hopkins, W. B.	Morantini, J. C.	O'Quin, A. N.
Carnahan, John	Kraft, Ben.	Moreaux, A.	Rogers, Wm.
Carnahan, W. F.	Keller, A.	Moreaux, P.	22 members.
Deen, R. M.	Kraft, Sol.		

*Affiliated*—W. L. Richardson, H. McKnight, *Died*—J. C. Morantini.



Chartered January 21st, 1852. Mount Lebanon, Bienville Parish, La. Stated meetings third Saturday in each month.

F. Courtney, Sr.....	W. M.	J. D. Holstein.....	Secretary.
John Brice.....	S. W.	E. C. Jennings .....	S. D.
S. N. Hays.....	J. W.	J. A. B. Jackson.....	J. D.
D. J. Mizell.....	Treasurer.	E. Courtney.....	Tyler.

## B. H. Stall.

F. Courtney, Sr., John Brice, J. C. Egan, M. W. Key—4.

Candler, F. M.    Pugh, J. P.    Smith, R. A.    Sheppard, D. H.  
15 members.  
*Affiliated*—J. A. B. Jackson, J. D. Holstein, E. Courtney, J. P. Pugh.

Chartered January 21st, 1852. Trinity, Catahoula Parish, La. Stated meetings  
first and third Saturdays in each month.

R. B. Walters..... W. M. Charles Weilman..... Secretary.  
No returns for 1877 or 1878.

Chartered January 21st, 1852. Vienna, Lincoln Parish, La. Stated meetings second Saturday in each month.

Amos Davis..... W. M. J. M. Stallings.....Secretary.  
No returns for 1878.

Chartered January 21st, 1852. Sparta, Bienville Parish, La. Stated meetings third Thursday of each month.

S. B. DuBose.....	W. M.	H. M. King.....	Secretary.
Ben. P. Edwards.....	S. W.	J. L. Pearce.....	S. D.
M. A. Cockerham.....	J. W.	Elias Murphy.....	J. D.
R. M. Crowson.....	Treasurer.	Simon P. Day.....	Tyler.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE

## PAST MASTERS.

J. T. Boone, J. A. Mays.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

R. M. Crowson, P. M., A. Stall, P. M., Jno. Cockerham, Hy. J. Sheen,  
J. B. Blum, J. L. Pearce—6.

## MEMBERS.

Allen, P.	Head, D. F.	Neal, S. T.	Ruff, T. F.
Blum, Isadore	Kolb, J. R.	Prothro, H. M.	Strauss, Reuben
Crowson, R M Jr	Koonce, A.	Pool, John N.	Smith, J. F.
Campbell, C. W.	Kounce, R. A.	Preslar, W. C.	Stern, B.
Crawford, Thos.	Long, J. E.	Pearce, W. J.	Sprawls, J. J.
Crawford, E. A.	McCoy, G.	Pullig, Thos. A.	Wardlow, L. B.
Fouts, T. J.	Murphy, Jesse	Pierson, J. F.	Webb, J. P.
Hightower, T. J.	Neal, Thos.	Poland, W. M.	• 36 members.

*Initiated, Passed and Raised*—D. F. Head, W. M. Poland.*Suspended*—Ph. Allen, Isadore Blum, W. C. Preslar, W. J. Pearce,  
T. F. Ruff, L. B. Wardlow.

## CASTOR LODGE No. 109.

Chartered January 21st, 1852. Cuba, Ouachita Parish, La. Stated meetings, first full  
moon of each month.

## OFFICERS.

A. A. Lacy.....	W. M.	J. A. Meredith.....	S. D.
J. M. Anderson.....	S. W.	J. B. Rossiter..	J. D.
W. C. Hinson.....	J. W.	Emile Girod.....	} Stewards.
T. Wood.....	Treasurer.	P. L. Faust.....	
W. L. DeGraffenried.....	Secretary.	W. M. Davenport.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTER.

J. A. Meredith.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

W. L. DeGraffenried, P. M., James Brown—2.

## MEMBERS.

Butler, T. B.	Butler, W. W.	Brown, D. C.	Redditt, W. C.
Baynard, T H W	Burch, R. C.	Moore, W. C.	18 members

*Raised*—Emile Girod. *Dimitted*—T. H. W. Baynard.*Dropped*—R. C. Burch.

## HARRISONBURG LODGE No. 110.

Chartered January 21st, 1852. Harrisonburg, Catahoula Parish, La. Stated meetings,  
second and fourth Saturdays in each month.

## OFFICERS.

Jas. Forsythe.....	W. M.	J. M. Faulk.....	S. D.
W. H. Holloman.....	S. W.	John Doshier.....	J. D.
S. L. Elam.....	J. W.	T. A. Routon.....	Chaplain.
Elias Landauer.....	Treasurer.	L. Mayer.....	} Stewards.
Ed. Doshier.....	Secretary.	Dave Stafford.....	
		L. G. Duke.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

Jas. Forsythe, F. J. Ellis, H. B. Taliaferro, B. F. Baker.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

C. C. Duke, P. M., L. Mayer, E. Splawn, J. P. Sheffield, A. R. Phillips, T. Wash. Hanks, W. E. Gaulden—7.

## MEMBERS.

Boatner, Chas. J.	Enright, John	Lovelace, P. E. H.	Rhinehart, Thos.
Beasley, R. M.	Fairbanks, S. D.	Moore, Jos. H.	Thompson, C.
Baldrige, James	Heard James E.	Norwood, S. S.	Townsend, S. A.
Blackman, J. S.	Hodges, R. F.	Pippin, W. H.	Watson, W. L.
Blackman, C. R.	Heard, A. B.	Prichard, W. S.	Womack, W. F.
Carter, P. H.	Hardin, John C.	Prichard, John	Walker, S. D. S.
Dempsey, M.	Hanks, J. W.	Parkor, H. H.	Yancey, E. W.
Duke, L. G.	Holloman, Z. T.		50 members.

*Raised*—John C. Hardin. *Died*—Z. T. Holloman.

*Suspended*—C. R. Blachman, R. F. Hodges, P. E. H. Lovelace, John Prichard, Carter Thompson, W. F. Womack, Thomas Rhinehart.

## URIM LODGE No. 111.

Chartered February 2d, 1853. Forksville, Ouachita Parish, La. Stated meetings every Saturday preceding full moon of each month.

## OFFICERS.

Jno. M. Brooks.....	W. M.	Jno. N. Fuller.....	Secretary.
W. T. Brooks.....	S. W.	A. Calhoun.....	S. D.
W. G. Dunn.....	J. W.	S. N. Camp.....	J. D.
Wm. W. Patrick.....	Treasurer.	A. W. Sheppard.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

R. L. Brooks, John M. Brooks.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

W. W. Patrick, P. M., A. W. Sheppard, P. M., R. Gainey, J. J. Butler, Joel E. Puckett—5.

## MEMBERS.

Arrant, David	Collins, C. C.	Hodge, C. W.	Parker, A. F.
Averett, E. D.	Covington, J. A.	Kellie, L. C.	Thompson, W.
Bryan, W.	Finkler, S. R.	McLendon, A. D.	Wyatt, S. T.
Brady, G. W.	Fuller, J. M.	Peevy, C. H.	Young, W. R.
Butler, G. W.	Griggs, J. M.	Parker, M. H.	31 members.

*Suspended*—Waid Bryon, J. W. Brady, G. W. Butler, C. C. Collins, J. M. Griggs.

## BARTHOLOMEW LODGE No. 112.

Chartered February 25th, 1853. Plantersville, Lindgrove P. O., Morehouse Parish, La. Stated meetings, second Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

W. F. Watt.....	W. M.	Arthur Neil.....	S. D.
M. S. Hunter.....	S. W.	Mat. Bunkley.....	J. D.
G. H. Johnson.....	J. W.	N. S. Grant.....	Chaplain.
Thomas Bunkley.....	Treasurer.	G. B. Vaughan.....	} Stewards.
L. F. Leavel.....	Secretary.	H. L. Riser.....	
		W. G. Rawlinson.....	Tyler.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE

## PAST MASTERS.

W. F. Watt, M. S. Hunter.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

John McCrory, P. M., Thomas Simpson, P. M., E. D. Duckworth—3.

## MEMBERS.

Arant, J. D.	Huff, R. S.	McNeal, N. A.	Williams, L. D.
Bunckley, W. R.	Humphrey, Wm.	Peterkin, Geo. A.	Washburn, W. M.
Carson, Levy	Hammill Jas. A.	Risor, W. E.	Worley, J. C.
Denham, W. W.	Jenkins, Wm.	Richmond, W. L.	Yeldell, J. F.
Harp, James N.	James, J. W.	Sharp, A. Fort	Zachary, R.
Haddick, B. S.	Leavel, T. O.	Thigpen, H. A.	
Hammond, J. D.	Moore, Dixon	Walling, B. F.	40 members.

*Initiated, Passed and Raised*—Mat. Bunckley, L. F. Leavel.*Dimitted*—H. A. Thigpen. *Died*—W. L. Richmond.

## THOMAS JEFFERSON LODGE No. 113.

Chartered February 25th, 1853. Spearsville, Union Parish, La. Meets first Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

B. V. Hayes.....	W. M.	Wm. D. Henderson..	Secretary.
John Gray, Sr.....	S. W.	H. K. Elkins.....	S. D.
J W. Hall.....	J. W.	G. W. Burton.....	J. D.
David Henderson.....	Treasurer.	W. A. Wooley.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTER.

S. T. Cobb.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

B. F. Harrall, P. M., J. B. Spears, P. M—2.

## MEMBERS.

Abbott, L. B.	Hayes, J. A.	McDonald, C. C.	Seals, Levi
Doster, T. H.	McDonald, L. P.	McCowen, G. L.	Walsh, Shepherd
Hunt, William	Moore, W. T.	Post, J. S.	22 members.

*Affiliated*—H. K. Elkins. *Died*—Levi Seals.*Expelled*—L. P. McDonald.

## SHREVEPORT LODGE No. 115.

Chartered January 27th, 1853. Shreveport, Caddo Parish, La. Stated meetings second and fourth Fridays of each month.

## OFFICERS.

John J. Scott, D. D. G. M...	W. M.	M. Ripinsky.....	Secretary.
J. A. Bergman.....	S. W.	John W. Wheaton.....	S. D.
N. W. Murphy.....	J. W.	Aaron Kahn.....	J. D.
L. Bodenhimer.....	Treasurer.	H. Linman.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

S. M. Asher, George Williamson, B. Holzman, J. A. Jacobs, B. Jacobs, J. W. Wheaton.

## LIFE MEMBER.

W. B. Wisenor.

## MEMBERS.

Bahr, Leopold	Frank, P. F. L.	Levy, Samuel	Spilker, C. H.
Baker, B. P.	Gustine, L.	Marlin, E. B.	Scovell, N.
Bompet, M.	Greenblatt, M.	Poland, T. Jr.,	Stacey, A. J.
Boazman, H. C.	Heffner, James	Pobst, D.	Strauss, Leon
Dillinberger, H.	Jacobs, Ed.	Phelps, J. E.	Winter, William
Dreyfus, S. G.	Kilpatrick, J. H.	Roos, M.	Wolf, A.
Florsheim, H.	LeRosen, D.	Stoner, J. H.	Weideman, Louis
Frank, Charles	Leadman, C.	Spilker, F. W.	
Fisher, L. H.	Levy, S. Jr.,		47 members.

*Initiated*—Michael Roach. *Died*—C. H. Spilker.

*Suspended*—J. H. Kilpatrick, E. B. Marlin.

## ACACIA LODGE No. 116.

Chartered January 17th, 1854. Plaquemine, Iberville Parish, La. Stated meetings Saturday on or after full moon of each month.

## OFFICERS.

David N. Barrow.....	W. M.	William Schlater.....	Secretary.
George Wailes .....	S. W.	S. Levy.....	S. D.
Evan Skelly.....	J. W.	John Jefferson.....	J. D.
Daniel Levy.....	Treasurer.	Seligman Kahn .....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

Paul O. Herbert, D. N. Barrow, Henry S. Browne, Sam'l Mathews.

## MEMBERS.

Avet, V.	Browne, J. S.	Klos, John	Shearky, J.
Altimus, J. F.	Cocker, Wm.	McWilliams, J.	Savory, Ira J.
Austin, J. W.	Herbert, A. O.	McConnell, J.	Smith, W. A.
Blanchard, J. S.	Heath, W. H.	Orcut Ira E.	Walter, W. J.
Boote, W. R.	Jumel, Allen	Russ, John	30 members.

*Died*—John F. Altimus, J. S. Browne, W. R. Boote, A. O. Herbert, J. Shearky.

## MILFORD LODGE No. 117.

Chartered January 20th, 1854. Hope Villa P. O., East Baton Rouge Parish, La. Stated meetings first Saturday on or before the full moon of each month.

## OFFICERS.

A. B. Booth .....	W. M.	O. A. Bullion.....	Secretary.
P. S. Harelson.....	S. W.	J. S. Gardner.....	S. D.
W. W. Willmott.....	J. W.	Pliny Pucket .....	J. D.
George Garig.....	Treasurer.	Orville Adams.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

J. S. Gardner, P. S. Harelson, A. B. Booth.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

J. Delaune, H. Lusk, E. A. Dixon, O. Adams—4.

## MEMBERS.

Brown, T. Z.	Chapman, R. H.	Felder, J. T.	Webb, C. C.
Bryant, Owen	Denham, J. J.	Harelson, H. J.	Watkins, E.
Burris, W. A.	Dixon, E.	McCloy, S. W.	Young, H. B.
Brown, H. T.	Dixon, Wm. P.	Quinn, W. J.	
Courtney, J. N.	Denham, R. T.	Simpson, J. L.	27 members.

*Died*—H. J. Harelson.

## TERRYVILLE LODGE No. 118\*

Chartered January 17th, 1854. Terryville, Vienna P. O., Claiborne Parish, La. First Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

H. F. Petty.....	W. M. G. W. Davidson.....	Secretary.
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22 members.

\*No returns for 1877 or 1878.

## DELHI LODGE No. 120.

Chartered January 17th, 1854. [Name changed from Deerfield, 1873]. Delhi, Richland Parish, La. Stated meetings Saturday, on or before full moon of each month.

## OFFICERS.

D. S. Travis.....	W. M. Wm. E. Atchison.....	Secretary.
G. W. C. Trezevant.....	S. W. John F. Trezevant.....	S. D.
Sol. Blum.....	J. W. J. W. Willis, Jr.....	J. D.
P. B. Feenan.....	Treasurer. John H. Smith.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

D. S. Travis, W. E. Atchison, D. D. G. M., Rembert Trezevant.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

G. W. C. Trezevant, P. M., M. M. Mulholland, J. H. Wolf.—3.

## MEMBERS.

Barker, Chas.	Fox, Simon	McVey, W. H.	Stein, Simon
Baker, B. W.	James, W. C.	Montgomery, E. C.	Trumper, E.
Brumby, G. McD	Montgomery, G. W.	Owen, S. A.	Trezevant, N. W.
Couch, John W.	McKelvy, D. S.	Rosson, Jas. N.	Tallent, M.
Carlton, J. R.	McLemore, H. W.	Roberts, E. B.	Vick, J. T.
Callaway, J. H.			30 members.

*Initiated*—Andrew Williamson Durham.

*Passed*—A. W. Durham, J. Willis, Jr. *Raised*—J. Willis, Jr.

*Dimitted*—Simon Stine, J. H. Callaway. *Died*—J. M. Rosson.

*Suspended*—J. R. Carlton, J. W. Couch, H. W. McLemore.

*Reinstated*—H. W. McVey.

## LISBON LODGE No. 121.

Chartered January 17th, 1854. Lisbon, Claiborne Parish, La. Meets first Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

Jos. Hammons.....	W. M. D. A. J. Caruthers.....	Secretary.
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No returns for 1878.

## MACKEY LODGE No. 122.

Chartered January 20th, 1851. Ringgold, Bienville Parish, La. Stated meetings first Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

John H. Scott.....	W. M.	L. C. Page.....	S. D.
U. N. Page.....	S. W.	W. A. Martin.....	J. D.
J. G. Tate.....	J. W.	A. J. Evans.....	Chaplain.
J. B. Booth.....	Treasurer.	C. F. Thomas.....	} Stewards.
Alexander J. Kolb.....	Secretary.	A. Tucker.....	
		Jacob Evans.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

E. N. Kirtley, L. C. Page.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

John H. Scott, P. M., A. J. Kolb, P. M., H. D. Shehee, P. M., James Bryan, J. B. Bryan, T. C. Bryan, W. A. Martin, W. H. Cotter—8.

## MEMBERS.

Armistead, W W	Hand, H.	Nettles, W. T.	Thomas, B. F.
Bryant, Hy.	Hall, H. J.	Perry, J. C.	Thomas, M. G. B.
Bailiff, J. T.	Mims, W. D.	Regan, John	Thomas, C. F.
Brimson, P. P.	McElroy, W. T.	Shehee, D. R.	Vickers, W. M.
Batchelor, D.	McGraw, T. G.	Shehee, A. B.	Woodward, J. E.
Cook, J. W.	McGraw, S., Jr.	Slaton, W. J.	Williams, M D L
Cawthon, J. A.	Newsom, W A J	Theus, H. P.	
Conly, C. J.	Norris, Benj.	Theus, W. P.	38 members.

*Dimitted*—P. P. Brimson, J. A. Cawthon.

*Dropped*—W. D. Mims, John Regan.

## LIBERTY LODGE No. 123.

Original charter February 14th, 1855, restored 1866. Keachi, DeSoto Parish, La. Meets third Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

William H. Davis.....	W. M.	W. S. Logan.....	Secretary.
William G. Spilker.....	S. W.	C. C. Gibbs.....	S. D.
A. P. Gibbs.....	J. W.	S. E. Hall.....	J. D.
Robert Horn.....	Treasurer.	J. B. Lee.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

Charles Schuler, Robert Horn, W. G. Spilker.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

A. G. Coffey, P. M., D. S. Wells, W. G. Cater, T. D. Coty—4.

## MEMBERS.

Gordy, J. C. H. M.	Connell, C. B.	Gamble, W. T.	Powell, James M.
Anderson, J. A.	DeWitt, W. M.	Holmes, Robert	Rich, A. G.
Blunt, L. C.	Doak, F. Y.	Logan, B. S.	Schuler, E.
Chaffin, J. J.	Fisher, T. J.	Long, J. I.	Varner, D. J.
Cates, D. J.	Fullilove, T. P.	Powell, E.	Wayland, G. W.
			28 members.

*Reinstated*—D. J. Cates, G. W. Wayland.

*Dimitted*—D. J. Cates, G. W. Wayland.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE

## KELLERTOWN LODGE No. 124.

Chartered February 14th, 1855. Ten miles south of Kellertown, East Feliciana Parish, La. Postoffice, Clinton. Meets second Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

Joseph C. Reilly ..... W. M. L. G. Perkins ..... Secretary  
No returns for 1878.

## PEARL RIVER LODGE No. 125.

Chartered February 14th, 1855. Line Academy, Shady Grove P. O., Washington Parish, La. Stated meetings third Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

W. H. Adams ..... W. M. Joseph Ard. .... Secretary.  
Wm. Warren, Jr. .... S. W. J. J. Ball ..... S. D.  
J. W. Ball ..... J. W. J. I. Grimsby ..... J. D.  
R. Daniel ..... Treasurer. E. O. Ball ..... Tyler.

## PAST MASTER.

John F. Ard.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

W. C. Warren, P. M., W. H. Adams, P. M., James A. Amaecker, D.  
R. Warren, Robert Daniel, N. W. Piggott, J. E. Ford, J. E. Smith—8.

## MEMBERS.

Adams, P. G.	Ball, D. N.	Moody, J. M.	Ryall, Hardy
Adams, S. W.	Baxter, James	McKensie, A. E.	Warner, T. J.
Baughman, M. L.	Forbes, A. J.	Rankin, S. E.	Warren, H. R.
Baughman, Joel	Forbes, N. C.	Rawls, W. E.	Wood, M. E.

31 members.

*Passed*—H. P. Pittman. *Reinstated*—J. M. Moody.

*Dropped*—T. J. Warren, J. F. Ard, H. Ryall, A. J. Forbes, W. E. Rawls.

## ARCADIA LODGE No. 126.

Chartered February 14th, 1855. Arcadia, Bienville Parish, La. Meets first Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

James Brice, Jr. .... W. M. J. C. Brice ..... Secretary.  
E. Lawley ..... S. W. Jas. Rogers ..... S. D.  
W. J. Morrison ..... J. W. J. M. Jones ..... J. D.  
W. D. Young ..... Treasurer. Wm. Hagan ..... Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

W. J. Fields, Rev. G. N. Clampit, W. C. Patterson.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

James Brice, Jr., P. M., J. A. H. Givens, J. A. Powell, J. F. Gray,  
R. Murphy, R. T. Goff, J. A. Maguire—7.



## MEMBERS.

Brice, C. C.	Ivey, August	McConathy, J. J.	Roberson, J. H.
Burt, D. H.	Jones, W. A.	McCullough, C.	Smart, S. S.
Brown, J. M.	Jones, Rich'd M.	Oden, A. M.	Teasley, Levi
Beard, P. R.	Jackson, J. A. B.	Roberson, G. W.	White, W.
Durritt, R. W.	Lee, James	Rogers, James	Youngblood, W.

36 members.

*Initiated*—W. J. Morrison. *Passed*—W. J. Morrison, L. W. Beard.*Raised*—W. J. Morrison. *Dimitted*—J. A. B. Jackson.*Reinstated*—R. T. Goff.

## SHILOH LODGE No. 131.

Chartered March 4th, 1855. Shiloh, Union Parish, La. Meets fourth Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

R. Roberts.....	W. M.	J. C. B. White.....	Secretary.
T. T. Elliott.....	S. W.	J. D. Hamilton.....	S. D.
J. T. Grafton .....	J. W.	T. T. Porter.....	J. D.
J. R. Fuller.....	Treasurer.	W. R. Weldon.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

R. Roberts, D. D. G. M., J. D. Hamilton.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

S. M. Fuller, P. M., S. S. Heard, Tilman Porter, A. W. Harris, C. J. Henry, W. Breed, W. R. Weldon, B. Bagwell, L. F. Finlay, Q. A. Byram, J. C. B. White—11.

## MEMBERS.

Bennett, J. J.	Edmunds, W. J.	Hammock, J. A.	Manning, F. C.
Booles, W. A.	Eady, Alex.	Johnson, G. W.	Parish, Jas O.
Booles, J. J.	Ferguson, J. N.	Johnson, W. M.	Pleasant, B. F.
Cook, Wiley	Grafton, Benj. F.	Kitchen, Ansel	Simmons, W. G.
Creamer, C. J.	Grafton, Dan'l.	Moore, P.	Smith, W. P.
Duty, J. W.	Higgins, Jas. A.	Mayberry, J. T.	Welch, W. P.
Elliott, C. W.	Heard, T. A.	McLaurin, D. K.	43 members.

*Raised*—C. J. Creamer. *Died*—W. J. Edmunds, Alex. Eady.

## GORDY LODGE No. 133.

Chartered February 14th, 1855. Cheneyville, Rapides Parish, La. Stated meetings, second Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

Hy. F. Long .....	W. M.	Oliver Wilson.....	Secretary.
S. W. Mantoux.....	S. W.	J. P. Snellings.....	S. D.
George B. Marshall.....	J. W.	J. T. O. Glenn.....	J. D.
David Levy.....	Treasurer.	J. H. Audebert.....	Chaplain.
		John Unsworth.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

J. P. Snellings, G. W. Stafford, J. L. Pearce.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

J. H. Audebert, P. M., C. G. McCormick, S. Slaughter, J. W. McDonald—4.

## MEMBERS.

Albright, J. H.	Gill, T. J.	Helm, T. B.	Williams, D. W.
Bass, D. W.	Gordy, J. C.	Pigg, John	Wells, M.
Cheney, O.	Glenn, A. T.	Tanner, R. L.	24 members.

*Affiliated*—J. Mantoux. *Dimitted*—J. H. Albright, D. W. Bass.

## PLAINS LODGE No 135.

Chartered February 12th, 1855. Plains Store, East Baton Rouge, La. Stated meetings, second Wednesday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

E. L. Woodside.....	W. M. Howell Carter.....	Secretary.
T. J. McHugh.....	S. W. J. C. Young.....	S. D.
Louie Wolf.....	J. W. A. J. Ronaldson.....	J. D.
R. T. Young .....	Treasurer. A. Z. Young.....	Chaplain.
	Julian Rogillio.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

H. C. Young, R. T. Young, H. Carter, D. D. G. M., W. B. Loudon, T. L. Mills.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

W. L. Young, P. M., James M. Loudon, P. M—2.

## MEMBERS.

Atkinson, W. E.	Hart, P.	Neville, A. M.	Taylor, S. J.
Austin, R. S.	Haygood, J. W.	Nettles, J. D.	Troth, R. S.
Baker, W. J.	Knox, J. C.	Newport, S. W.	Weiss, Jacob
Culbreath, D.	Kirkland, J D A	O'Brien, P.	Wolf, Charles
Corcoran, R. E.	Lilley, James	Rist, J.	Whitaker, J. B.
Delee, F.	Lusk, D. H.	Rickett, H P.	Walker, W. P.
East, A. L.	Levy, A.	Sherburne, H. N.	Whiteman, C. P.
Edwards, S.	McHugh, Joseph	Sloan, A. D.	Young, J. T.
Edwards, Saml.	McHugh, D.	Slaughter, W S Jr	Young, W. B.
Griffith, W. P.	McClelland, R H	Smith, J. W.	54 members.

*Affiliated*—Julian Rogillio, Patrick Hart.*Dimitted*—A. Levy, John W. Smith, T. L. Ransom, Jacob Weiss.*Suspended*—W. E. Atkinson, A. D. Sloan, W. B. Young.

## ATHENS LODGE No. 136.

Chartered February 12th, 1856. Athens, Claiborne Parish, La. Stated meetings first Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

W. F. Bridges.....	W. M. R. J. Bridges.....	Secretary.
A. L. Atkins.....	S. W. J. H. Beauchamp.....	S. D.
H. A. McFarland.....	J. W. J. W. McFarland.....	J. D.
J. F. McFarland .....	Treasurer. J. B. McFarland .....	Chaplain.
	J. M. Peel.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTER.

J. B. Cobb.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

W. F. Bridges, P. M., J. F. McFarland, P. M., D. Cargil, N. H. Walker, P. A. Aubrey, R. J. Bridges,—6.

## MEMBERS.

Atkins, W. A. Henry, F. Stickland, E. Webb, R. J.  
Cobb, J. W. 17 members.

*Dimitted*—R. J. Webb.

## JEFFERSONIAN LODGE No. 138.

Chartered February 12th, 1856, and as No. 181, 1867; old charter restored in 1868.  
Kingston, DeSoto Parish, La. Stated meetings on Saturday before second Sunday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

Leonard F. Scott.....	W. M.	E. W. Lacy.....	Secretary.
Wm. E. Parker.....	S. W.	J. H. McCreary .....	S. D.
Jno. M. Nelson.....	J. W.	Julius C. Baker.....	J. D.
James G. Marshall.....	Treasurer.	G. W. Jefferson.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

L. F. Scott, E. W. Lacy, Jas. G. Marshall.

## MEMBERS.

Cowley, J. H. Frierson, W. S. Lester, A. V. McLeod, N. S.  
Frierson, T. C. Farmer, Jas. M. 14 members.

*Dimitted*—Asa Russ, 1877.

## HOUMA LODGE No. 139.

Chartered February 12th, 1856. Houma, Terrebonne Parish, La. Meets Saturday on or before full moon of each month.

## OFFICERS.

J. B. Bisland .....	W. M.	Wm. R. Davis.....	Secretary.
A. W. Connelly .....	S. W.	Harry Cage.....	S. D.
J. A. Hubbard.....	J. W.	W. S. Hatch.....	J. D.
J. A. Gagne .....	Treasurer.	S. Wolf.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTER.

A. W. Connelly.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

J. B. Dunn, P. M., D. S. Cage, P. M., John R. Bisland, P. M., T. Buford, H. Lowenstein, J. E. Pattison, J. A. Gagne, Jas. M. Moore, W. A. Bisland—9.

## MEMBERS.

Buford, C. A.	Hatch, G. G.	Mayer, B.	Ritter, William
Bauchopeis, J.	Hepler, E. A.	Miller, E.	Soughton, T. W.
Brown, Simon	Harlan, John	Quick, W. A.	Sanders, J. M.
Bagby, R. H.	Kelly, Noel V.	Ritter, B.	Tennant, Chas.
Dilliard, J. A.	Levron, J. S.	Rutledge, C. S.	
Delaporte, A. J.	Lyons, L. P. C		37 members.

*Raised*—Henry Cage.

## COOL SPRINGS LODGE No. 140.

Chartered February 12th, 1856. Colquitt, Claiborne Parish. Homer P. O., La.  
Stated meetings first and third Saturdays in each month.

## OFFICERS.

E. Gray ..... W. M. G. W. Tigner ..... Secretary.  
No returns.

## DOWNSVILLE LODGE No. 143.

Chartered February 12th, 1856. Downsville, Union Parish, La. Stated meetings  
first Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

C. T. Hines .....	W. M.	J. R. Hicks .....	J. D.
B. F. Brooks .....	S. W.	C. H. Raley .....	Chaplain.
E. M. Richardson .....	J. W.	W. B. Ethridge .....	} Stewards.
E. T. Sellers .....	Treasurer.	M. Hammond, Jr. ....	
N. G. Watson .....	Secretary.	J. M. Henry .....	Marshal.
E. D. Wallace .....	S. D.	R. Y. Maxwell ..	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

Dr. C. T. Hines, P. D. D. G. M., John R. Schultz, B. F. Brooks,  
G. L. Gaskins.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

C. H. Raley, P. M., John Carter, M. McFarland, T. J. Greer, E. Taylor—5.

## MEMBERS.

Tucker, M. P., P. M.	Ellis, G. H.	McKenzie, W.	Rinehart, W. L.
Ashcroft, R. S.	Futrell, W.	Miles, E.	Roberts, Jesse
Brewster, W.	Henry, H. C.	Miles, F. F.	Simpson, Alfred
Britton, Geo. W.	Henry, R. H.	Mosley, H. E.	Smith, W. J.
Butler, Wm. W.	Henry, G. P.	Norris, W. S.	Thompson, G. W.
Calloway, A. J.	Hicks, D. L.	Owens, G. W.	Tidwell, J. H.
Chapman, H. G.	Hayle, John	Pardue, L.	Wilson, H. F.
Cox, T. W.	Leggett, S. P.	Pardue, B. W.	Wilson, H.
Colvin, C C	McCormick, W. B.	Patterson, M.	Whitecomb, W. W.
Dring, J.	Miles, H. K.	Peevey, M.	56 members.

*Initiated, Passed and Raised*—S. S. Colvin, W. H. Whitcomb.

*Affiliated*—John Hayle. *Died*—W. W. Butler, John Carter.

## OCEAN LODGE No. 144.

Chartered February 10th, 1857. Polar Star Hall, corner Rampart and Kerlerec streets,  
New Orleans. Meets first Wednesday.

## OFFICERS.

Wm. Eslew .....	W. M.	Pat. Carey .....	S. D.
Wm. Kneale .....	S. W.	.....	J. D.
A. S. Hebert .....	J. W.	M. Ellsperman .....	} Stewards.
Martin J. Schwarm .....	Treasurer.	Jas. Ginart .....	
Jas. Parker .....	Secretary.	Pat. Donnelly .....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

J. Robinson, C. A. Adams, Jas. Parker.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

James P. Warner, P. M., A. Goldnan, P. M., H. Millspaugh, P. M., Jos. Diggs, Wm. Smith, O. Anfoux, M. Boyne, Joseph Cooper, John A. Letten, Webster Long, R. L. Meekins, Mark Peterson, M. O. Tracy, Henry Wright, A. Bunck—15.

## MEMBERS.

Arnet, Wm. F.	Gutierrez, F.	Melder, Wm.	Stow, Geo. W.
Blazer, F.	Gerken, Hy.	Neill, Thomas	Theodore, N.
Carroll, Thos.	Hunter, R. E.	Ohse, H.	Teens, Henry
Cain, John	Hall, Chas. B.	Post, Hy.	Weeks, S.
Dumas, Theo.	Johnson, Peter	Power, Louis	Walker, Jos. W.
Deal, Charles E.	Mehle, Chas. A.	Raymer, F. W.	Wichhovens, D.
Frothingham, S. Mayer, D.	Roig, Frank		53 members.

*Initiated*—Patrick Carey, Silas Frothingham, William Nyborg, Peter Youngblood.

*Passed*—P. Carey, Silas Frothingham, Peter Johnson, Peter Youngblood.

*Raised*—P. Carey, S. Frothingham, P. Johnson.

*Died*—Jos. Diggs, Samuel Weeks, A. Ohse.

*Suspended*—John Cain. *Reinstated*—Louis Power.

## HOPE LODGE No. 145.

Chartered February 10th, 1857. Vermilionville, Lafayette Parish, La. Meets on Saturday on or before the full moon.

## OFFICERS.

M. E. Girard, .....	W. M.	Wm. B. Bailey .....	S. D.
D. A. Cochrane .....	S. W.	Jean Vigneaux .....	J. D.
J. A. Chargois .....	J. W.	Fidele Lombard .....	} Stewards.
M. P. Young .....	Treasurer.	Jean Brun .....	
John Clegg .....	Secretary.	J. N. Judice .....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

W. B. Bailey, F. S. Mudd, L. M. Roger.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

M. E. Girard, P. G. M., Alex. Mouton, P. M., J. J. Caffrey, R. Dugat, A. V. Martin, H. Eastin, W. Brandt, E. Bernard—8.

## MEMBERS.

Arcenaux, L. J.	Deblanc, A.	Monege, E.	Trahan, J. D.
Boudreau, Jos.	Garnier, A.	Moss, A. J.	Webb, Thos. F.
Cain, E. A.	Haas, A.	Nix, Thos. E.	Wilkinson, F. D.
Caitor, Ed.	Martin, F.	Plonsky, Leon	Wallis, S. R.
			35 members.

*Initiated*—Jean Vigneaux, Fidele Lombard, — Courtney, Wm. H. Cunningham.

*Passed*—J. Vigneaux, F. Lombard, W. H. Cunningham.

*Raised*—J. Vigneaud, F. Lombard.

*Affiliated*—Edward Caitor, Leon Plonsky.

*Dimitted*—E. A. Cain, E. Monge.

## SILENT BROTHERHOOD LODGE No. 146.

Chartered February 10th, 1857. Coushatta, Red River Parish, La. Meets first Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

Daniel M. Giddens.....	W. M.	D. H. Hayes.....	Secretary.
James M. McLemore.....	S. W.	John R. Hayes.....	S. D.
George H. Russell.....	J. W.	James A. Bell.....	J. D.
Joseph M. Brown.....	Treasurer.	George W. Singleton.....	Chaplain.
		W. T. Wilkinson.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

Duke H. Hayes, J. R. Hayes.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

Julius Lisso, P. M. and D. D. G. M., John E. Murph, P. M., R. A. L. McCurdy, P. M., E. C. DeBruhl, Benjamin S. Lee—5.

## MEMBERS.

Abney, Thos. W.	Clayton, James	Love, L. E.	Selby, Thos. B.
Bell, Thos. J.	Capers, R. L.	Lindsey, M. J.	Terry Thomas L.
Brown, Rob't H.	Cawthorn, G. W.	Manghan, J. G.	Twitchell, M. H.
Baird, J. H.	Hailey, John F.	Penny, O. S.	Tooke, Hardy T.
Bosley, J. R. Sr.	Hainey, R. B.	Pior, A. S. B.	Wolfson, Ben.
Brown, A. C.	Lisso, Samuel	Russ, S.	37 members

*Passed*—James N. Brown. *Affiliated*—Thomas L. Terry.

*Died*—M. J. Lindsay.

## ANACOCO LODGE No. 147.

Chartered February 10th, 1857. Anacoco, Vernon Parish, Leeville P. O. Stated meetings Saturday before first Sunday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

Thomas J. Richardson.....	W. M.	Zach. Y. Craft.....	Secretary.
Cavil Bray.....	S. W.	R. A. Brown.....	S. D.
J. I. Kirk.....	J. W.	David Bray.....	J. D.
J. W. Franklin.....	Treasurer.	W. P. Cain.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

John Franklin, J. A. Brown.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

Cavil Bray, R. A. Brown, J. M. Brown, A. Wright—4.

## MEMBERS.

Evans, A. F.	Mitchell, W. T.	Sandel, L. D.	Whitaker, J. C.
Franklin, S. J.	Smart, W. H.	Winfree, J. O.	19 members.

*Dimitted*—T. J. Franklin, W. T. Mitchell

*Suspended*—J. A. Brown, John Franklin, W. H. Smart.

## RED LAND LODGE No. 148.

Chartered February 10th, 1857. Red Land, Bossier Parish, La., Collingsburg, P. O.  
Stated meetings third Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

J. G. Allen .....	W. M.	J. B. Crawford.....	Secretary.
Samuel J. Boggs.....	S. W.	J. A. Martin.....	S. D.
John A. Bowles.....	J. W.	J. F. McLeMore.....	J. D.
F. M. Barnett.....	Treasurer.	J. N. Bryan.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

J. J. Swindle, M. H. Brock, J. G. Allen, F. M. Barnett.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

John B. Campbell, P. M., C. S. O. Daniel, P. M., A. J. Spurlin,  
P. M.—3.

## MEMBERS.

Swindle, C., P. M.	Edens, A. K.	Heifner, John	Stroud, W. A.
Benthall, W. T.	Fish, William J.	Mading, J. B.	Tipton, C.
Byram, J. C.	Halloway, W. R.	Lynn, B. F.	Wyche, Robt. E.

25 members.

*Affiliated*—John A. Bowles, Joseph A. Bryan.

## DARLINGTON LODGE No. 149.

Chartered February 10th, 1858. Darlington, St. Helena Parish, La. Stated meetings  
second Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

O. L. Collins.....	W. M.	J. L. Nettles.....	Secretary.
R. M. Collins.....	S. W.	Wiley Williams.....	S. D.
Wm. F. Roberts.....	J. W.	Asa A. Adams.....	J. D.
T. J. Rogers.....	Treasurer.	H. K. Strickland..	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

O. L. Collins, D. D. G. M., Henry C. Newson.

## MEMBERS.

Adams, Albert C	Hurst, W. J.	Nettles, J. M.	Skinner, Wm. A.
Allen, T. D.	Hodges, John H.	Nettles, S. S.	Story, W. L.
Allen, Wm. D.	Heap, Benj. F.	Pipkin, H. W.	Stewart, L.
Bradford, T. C.	Johnston, J. W.	Quin, B. C.	Stone, Wm. M.
Brumfield, Wm. C.	Jackson, I. L.	Ramsay, W. H.	White, A. J.
Carruth, A. W.	Kemp, D. C.	Raborn, Quincy	Williams, R. W.
Doughty, Hy. C.	Kemp, W. B.	Robins, W. Alex.	White, John A.
Doughty, W. F.	Lee, W. L.	Stewart, F. M.	White, G. W.
Hobgood, J. W.			42 members.

*Dimitted*—Q. R. Raborn. *Died*—B. F. Heap.

*Suspended*—W. M. Stone, J. H. Hodges, L. Stewart.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE

## PERKINS LODGE No. 150.\*

## MEMBERS.

W. W. Buford, \$38; John J. Claverie, \$38; H. Bean Claverie, \$38.  
John D. Canty, \$38; Chas. Geeks, \$39; Hy. Loeb, \$56; Morrice Marks,  
\$40; Sol. Weinchenk, \$39.

\* Charter forfeited February, 1878.

## EASTERN STAR LODGE No. 151.

Chartered February 10th, 1858. Winnfield, Winn Parish, La. Stated meetings,  
second Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

Sol. M. Brian.....	W. M.	Jos. Smith.....	S. D.
J. P. Cook.....	S. W.	R. L. Tannehill.....	J. D.
S. M. Smith .....	J. W.	Daniel Kelly.....	Marshal.
J. A. Mathis.....	Treasurer.	M. E. Jackson.....	} Stewards.
J. M. Abel.....	Secretary.	Richard Womack.....	
		W. E. Stevens.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

J. R. Bevill, J. P. Cook, S. M. Brian, D. D. G. M.

## MEMBERS.

Abel, Jos.	Evans, S.	Machen, M. F.	Peters, William
Bevill, W. D.	Eagles, Ed.	McCarty, Allen	Rentz, James
Beale, W. J.	Huthnance, Henry	McCarty, A.	Radescich, A. W.
Bryan, J. C.	Jackson, S.	McGinty, R. B.	Reeve, J. R.
Banks, A. C.	Jackson, Jas. M.	Maloy, W. L.	Swain, J. W.
Berstein, M.	James, Christian	Morris, D. P.	Stevens, W.
Carter, G. B.	Jackson, Wyatt F.	Milling, T. D.	Smith, W. A.
Carter, William	Jones, R. C.	Martin, Enoch P.	Schumake, E. T.
Drewitt, J. T.	Kelly, G. A.	Nugent, Chas. R.	Smith, W. D.
Drewitt, W. J.	Killen, John	Pinkston, Hy.	Teddie, W. J.
Drewitt, W. H.	Kelly, John F.	Pierson, D.	Wall, R. D.
Dean, Seaborn			57 members.

*Initiated*—John Randolph Reeve.

*Passed*—P. R. Reeve, M. F. Machen, J. T. Drewitt.

*Raised*—J. R. Reeve, M. F. Machen, W. D. Smith, J. T. Drewitt.

*Suspended*—A. C. Banks.

## HOMER LODGE No. 152.

Chartered February 10th, 1858. Homer, Claiborne Parish, La. Meets first Saturday  
in each month.

## OFFICERS.

J. R. Ramsey .....	W. M.	B. D. Harrison.....	Secretary.
W. F. Aycock .....	S. W.	Hays R. Smith.....	S. D.
John Young .....	J. W.	M. R. Brian.....	J. D.
Alexander Weil.....	Treasurer.	P. Demetz.....	Tyler.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

M. H. Lippmins, P. M., J. Ferguson, John S. Young, John Young—4.



## MEMBERS.

Otto, W. P., P. M.	Hightower, T. J.	Nalle, M.	Tinsley, J. B.
Blackburn, W. J.	Hood, Hy. T.	Obier, John	Thigpen, Jos. H.
Bryan, M. R.	Hayes, John W.	Price, G. W.	Tankersly, J. O.
Clingman, A. K.	Jordan, J. H.	Richardson, J. A.	Vaughan, R. T.
Egan, J. C.	Lewis, Theo. C.	Scott, N. J.	Weil, M.
Ellenbrook, C.	Martin, W. C.	Simmons, G. W.	Winsett, J. H.
Ferguson, H. M. D.	Mitchell, H. C.	Sleigh, T. S.	40 members.
Hyde, J. S.	Neely, J. D.	Sanders, B. B.	

*Initiated, Passed and Raised*—H. M. D. Ferguson, T. C. Lewis.

*Affiliated*—Byron B. Sanders, Hays R. Smith, John O. Tankersly, Joseph H. Thigpen. *Dimitted*—J. H. Jordan.

## SAINTS JOHN LODGE No. 153.

Chartered February 10th, 1858. Algiers, Orleans Parish, La. Meets every Tuesday evening.

## OFFICERS.

John G. Dyer .....	W. M.	Rich. H. Hooper .....	Secretary.
Julius A. Peterson .....	S. W.	Joseph F. DeSeamus .....	S. D.
John F. Follett .....	J. W.	W. H. Martin .....	J. D.
William Sarazin .....	Treasurer.	J. O. McLean .....	M. of C.
		R. Haight .....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

Leonard F. Gish, W. Henry Martin, John F. Follett.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

A. B. Seger, P. M., J. McClusky, P. M., J. O. McLean, P. M., J. F. DeSeamus, P. M., John Forrest, L. J. Dodge, L. W. Dodge, Thomas Hasam, R. Haight, William Sarazin, John McCann, T. K. Porter, William Powell, George W. Sloan, John Mahoney, H. Schwarzinbach, George Kriger—17.

## MEMBERS.

Armstrong, J. B.	Herbert, Geo.	Martin, F.	Robb, Richard
Barclay, W.	Hall, F. B.	Muirehead, T.	Schroder, John
Baumer, Emile	Holland, J. M.	Mitchell, James	Swanson, A. H.
Crane, K. C.	Hill, Charles	Morse, M. A.	Sherwood, P. W.
Colbert, W. S.	Hughes, Joseph	Miller, Robt. O.	Thibodeaux, F.
Donnelly, M. J.	Krussman, W.	Mooney, James	Truswell, Wm.
Dorn, W. J.	Killeen, F. P.	Mackie, Thos. G.	Unsworth, Peter
Fink, Peter	Lennox, A.	Nelson, T. F.	Van Brook, J. M.
Francis, M. W.	Lindenger, F.	Russell, M. C.	Wilson, R. M.
Fee, William	Landry, S.	Riley, W. H.	Witherow, James
Gish, John L.	Layton, Jas. W.	Richardson, J.	
Hotard, A. E.	Langenbecker, C. O.		67 members.

*Initiated*—Wm. S. Colbert. *Passed*—W. S. Colbert, Peter Unsworth.

*Raised*—W. S. Colbert, Peter Unsworth, Joseph M. Van Brook.

*Dimitted*—R. O. Miller, F. P. Killeen. *Died*—L. F. Gish, W. M.

*Suspended*—Joseph Hughes, F. B. Hall.

## FILLMORE LODGE No. 154.

Chartered February 12th, 1858. Fillmore, Bossier Parish, La. Stated meetings first Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

H. Barncastle.....W. M. W. H. Bledsoe.....Secretary.

15 members.

No returns for 1878.

## CHERRY RIDGE LODGE No. 155.

Chartered February 12th, 1858. Zion Hill Church, Union Parish, Farmerville P. O., La. Stated meetings Saturday before first Sunday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

W. D. Regan.....W. M. Jesse Odom.....Secretary.  
T. W. Price.....S. W. Frank Freeman .....S. D.  
John N. Boatright .....J. W. S. P. Ward.....J. D.  
W. W. Grace.....Treasurer. John Phelps.....Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

E. J. Lee, S. J. Beard.

## MEMBERS.

Davis, W. E.      Elkins, H. K.      Glasgow, F. B.      Regan, W. H.  
13 members.

*Dimitted*—H. K. Elkins.

## KISATCHIE LODGE No. 156.

Chartered February 12th, 1858. Mount Carmel, Mill Creek P. O., Sabine Parish, La. Stated meetings first Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

J. H. Tynes.....W. M. D. W. Self.....Secretary.

No returns for 1878.

## RAPIDES LODGE No. 158.

Chartered February 16th, 1859. Huddleston, Vernon Parish, Alexandria P. O., La. Stated meetings second Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

C. K. Oakes.....W. M. H. W. Scroggins.....Secretary.

No returns for 1878.

## MORGANZA LODGE No. 159.

Chartered February 14th, 1859. Morganza, Pointe Coupee Parish, La. Meets first and third Saturdays of each month.

## OFFICERS.

Ovide Lejeune.....W. M. Alf. Morgan.....Secretary.  
Wm. B. Archer.....S. W. S. S. Hoyt.....S. D.  
A. J. Claiborne.....J. W. Wm. Hess.....J. D.  
Adelind Vignes.....Treasurer. J. B. St. Cyre.....Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

J. W. Newson, A. Morgan, Jr., Ovide Lejeune.

## MEMBERS.

Blanchaud, A. Cassole, Simon Hayman, John Marden, Jas. A.  
Brown, Geo. W. Hosea, J. Morgan, J. A.

16 members.

*Initiated*—E. A. Fisher, Robert Semple, George Hyman.*Passed*—E. A. Fisher (in 1879), Robert Semple.*Affiliated*—J. Hosea. *Died*—Wm. B. Archer.*Dimitted*—A. Blanchard, C. D. Herbert, John Yoist.

*Surrender of Charter* accepted March 21st, 1879. In arrears—Bros  
G. W. Brown, \$4; W. A. Harbonn, \$7; J. C. Hosea, \$7; J. A  
Morgan, \$7.

## LIVINGSTON LODGE No. 160.

Chartered February 16th, 1860. Pontchatoula, Tangipahoa Parish, La. Meets  
fourth Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

William Akers.....W. M. Leon Ellzey.....Secretary.  
W. H. Holden.....S. W. E. J. Murphy.....S. D.  
Z. Tucker.....J. W. Hy. Anderson.....J. D.  
C. Wainwright.....Treasurer. S. M. Bankston.....Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

C. Wainwright, C. W. White, Wm. H. Holden, C. J. Bradley.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

Wm. Akers, P. M., A. B. Robertson, P. M., S. M. Bankston, W. W.  
Rankston, D. T. Robertson, A. Bradley, J. P. Helmick—7.

## MEMBERS.

Cole, Thomas R. Hansford, A. W. Stevens, E. B. Windham, J.  
Dunnington, R L Johnson, H. Stewart, K. Wall, W. C.  
Evans, C. D. Lyell, J. J. Terry, T. M. Wood, J. H.

26 members.

*Initiated, Passed and Raised*—Leon Ellzey. *Died*—E. B. Stevens.

## BROOKVILLE LODGE No. 161.

Chartered February 16th, 1860. Oak Ridge, Morehouse Parish, La., Point Jefferson,  
P. O. Stated meeting first Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

J. M. Huffman.....W. M. Leroy E. Lee.....Secretary.  
G. W. Higginbotham.....S. W. Wm. J. McCord.....S. D.  
T. W. Williams.....J. W. M. F. Smith.....J. D.  
A. W. Bridges.....Treasurer. J. W. McCord.....Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

G. W. Higginbotham, G. W. Dannals, T. W. Baird, William J.  
McCord, T. W. Williams.

## MEMBERS.

Bridges, W. H.	Eason, J. J.	Madison, J. F.	Thomas, N. B.
Baker, John H.	Fitch, W. P.	McGowen, J. E.	Wise, J. M.
Blakemore, J. C.	Hefner, August	McGowen, P.	Wallace, T. H.
Blakemore, P. M.	Hansey, T. L.	McCormick, J. H.	Wynn, R. A.
Crisler, George	Hansey, W. R.	Philips, R. E.	Wynn, C. G.
Cook, John W.	Jones, John	Puckett, E. B.	Whetstone, R.
Dunham, W. G.	Larkin, M. K.	Stark, L. R.	
Davis, James W.			38 members.

*Initiated*—J. M. Wise, J. P. Thomas, W. A. Hatch.

*Passed and Raised*—J. M. Wise. *Affiliated*—J. H. Baker.

*Dimitted*—T. L. Hansey.

*Died*—J. P. Thomas (E. A.), G. W. Dannels, E. B. Puckett.

## BURNSVILLE LODGE No. 162.

Chartered February 16th, 1860. Shangaloo, Webster Parish, La. Stated meetings third Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

G. J. Wise	W. M.	N. A. Thornton	Secretary.
W. B. Simms	S. W.	J. W. P. Adams	S. D.
D. M. Haynes	J. W.	B. F. O'Neal	J. D.
J. A. Burns	Treasurer.	James Burns	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

G. J. Wise, D. H. Courtney, W. F. Wingfield.

## MEMBERS.

Amons, James.	Formby, M. M.	McDonald, W. S.	Sandlin, T. A.
Bancum, D. C.	Gall, Jacob	Nations, L.	Wagoner, E. P.
Campbell, J. M.	Lewis, J. M.	Rankins, J. A.	Wise, O. P.
Day, J. W.	Morgan, C. K.	Roseburry, Jas.	25 members.
Doyle, D. P.	Marshall, C.	Sikes, Jesse	

*Died*—L. Nations. *Reinstated*—Jacob Gall.

*Suspended*—D. P. Doyle, J. A. Rankin, C. K. Morgan.

## ATCHAFALAYA LODGE No. 163.

Chartered February 16th, 1860. Simmsport, Avoyelles Parish, La. Meets on Saturday before full moon.

## OFFICERS.

T. P. Harmanson	W. M.	S. R. Harmanson	Secretary.
W. H. Thompson	S. W.	W. T. Pauncey	S. D.
J. S. W. Harmanson	J. W.	S. R. Stribling	J. D.
S. Barbre	Treasurer.	W. S. Boone	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

T. F. Sitton, T. P. Harmanson, T. S. Denson.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

H. G. Calihan, S. Barbre—2.

## MEMBERS.

Buck, W. O.	Harmanson, A. D.	Keller, G. W.	Simpson, C. C.
Casey, Z.	Howard, J. D.	Keller, James Q.	Way, J. W. C.
Douthier, A.	Heatherwick, C.	Norwood, S. J.	Winstead, S. M.
Holden, H. V.	Johnson, J.	Rogers, W. B., Sr.	Wright, Robert

27 members.

*Dimitted*—A. Douthier. *Died*—Z. Casey, G. W. Keller, R. Wright.

*Suspended*—W. Rogers, J. D. Howard, H. V. Holden.

## COLUMBIA LODGE No. 164.

Chartered February 16th, 1860. Columbia, Caldwell Parish, La. Stated meetings first Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

T. E. Meredith.....W. M. J. B. Rutland .....Secretary.  
No returns for 1878.

## LAKE CHARLES LODGE No. 165.

Chartered February 16th, 1860. Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, La. Stated meetings third Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

Geo. S. Benson .....W. M. S. T. Clement .....Secretary.  
Jehr. O. Brian .....S. W. Wm. C. Fricke .....S. D.  
A. Ringmaiden .....J. W. Charles Miller .....J. D.  
J. W. Bryan .....Treasurer. W. E. Whately.....Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

James W. Bryan, L. Leveque, O. F. Lyons, Geo. H. Wells, D. D. G. M.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

Ed. R. Sims, P. M., D. J. Reid, J. O. Lacoque—3.

## MEMBERS.

Goos, Dan'l, P. M.	Fitzgerald, Pat.	Johnson, H. W.	Perkins, Ivan A.
Andrus, Cal.	Gill, Wm. E.	Lyons, D. H.	Perkins, A. J.
Benoit, Mich'l	Giffers, Henry	Lyons, E. J.	Prather, Wm. H.
Barbe, Raphael	Griffith, Joshua	Lyons, M. M.	Reeves, Geo. W.
Blair, James	Gray, J. G.	Lyons, O. F.	Ryan, Jacob
Cole, Ewell L.	Haskell, W. H.	Lyons, T. J.	Vincent, D.
Derouen, Leo.	Hebert, Desire	Miller, John	Vincent, Aladin
Fancher, Jas. M.	Hawkins, J. A. S.	McCorquedale, D. D.	Voudry, John
Fairchild, W. L.	Hansford, Nix.	Nix, H. D.	West, Able
Farris, Moses P.	Hampton, C. P.	Platz, Peter	
Fountain, J. M.			

53 members.

*Initiated*—D. W. Jessom.

*Passed*—Thos. D. Reeves, R. Barbe, James B. Quinn.

*Raised*—Wm. C. Fricke, R. Barbe *Affiliated*—Henry Giffers.

*Dimitted*—J. Griffith. *Died*—Louis Levêque, E. R. Sims.

## EXCELSIOR LODGE No. 166.

Charter surrendered February 12th, 1878.

For list of members and amounts due, see page 126, Proceedings of 1878.

## LINN WOOD LODGE No. 167.

Chartered February 13th, 1861. 163 Camp street. Meets first and third Thursday evenings.

## OFFICERS.

John W. Madden.....W. M.	Theo. A. Beck.....S. D.
John Booth.....S. W.	C. W. Keating.....J. D.
Frank H. Wilson.....J. W.	J. P. McArdle.....M. of C.
C. W. Davisson.....Treasurer.	Pat. Keenan.....
E. E. Adams.....Secretary.	N. Burbank.....
	P. C. Nessin (not a member)..Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

C. A. Scott, George Baldey, E. E. Adams, J. J. McGinnis.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

Wm. McDuff, P. M. and P. J. G. W., Joseph Gitzinger, Simon Wolf—3.

## MEMBERS.

Whitaker, W. R., P. Campbell, Benj. M., P. S. G. W. Curry, E. S.	Ladley, Geo. H.	Rodgers, Thos. J.
Shackleford, S. B. P. M. Combs, G. W.	Merritt, C. H.	Romine, H. H.
Wilson D., P. M. Evans, Henry	Mainegra, R. J.	Robinson, W. M.
Barkdull, E. J., P. M. Fish, W. R.	Mehaffey, J. H.	Slabowski, Gasp.
Cooper, J. B., P. M. Frederick, C. S.	Myers, C. C.	Samuels, Abram
Andrews, Greenleaf Gaudet, C. A.	Meyers, Samuel	Sinclair, N.
Aldrich, D. C. Gray Jacob	May, Thos. P.	St. Clair, C. H.
Aikman, W. M. Gifford, Edmond	Memminger, G.	Staples, Geo.
Aikman, J. B. Gruneberg, C. H.	McNeil, Duncan	Sypher, A. J.
Bovee, Geo. E. Galt, Henry	Marks, Sam. M.	Smith, Wm.
Bendernagle, John Hall, W. B.	Mehnert, E. G.	Sabourin, E.
Ballard, J. B. Helffinch, L.	Milne, Henry	Swift, John A.
Billings, E. C. Hart, M.	Miller A. M.	Sweet, Owen J.
Bernheim, Jos. Harrison, W. H.	McMains, John	Thomas, R. B.
Barrett, A. J. Hooper, F. A.	Marks, Alex.	Tuttle, Thomas
Brooks, Samuel Herwig, J. L.	McAlpin, T.	Tureman, T. Y. P.
Barringer, H. V. Hart, Daniel	Murphy, W. H.	Taylor, J. G.
Burbank, S. N. Harris, John S.	Mayer, A.	Virgin, E. F.
Buttrick, George Ingalls, C. E.	Morey, Frank	Wright, S. B.
Buhler, Theo. Keene, A.	Neveu, Carl	Woolfley, F. A.
Babcock, A. C. Kreutz, A.	Ohlendorff, J. G.	Wilder, James
Cellos, John V. Lusse, Henry	Parker, J. M. G.	White, J. C.
Crawford, Jno. D. Lewis, A. C.	Porter, C. S. D.	Weber, H.
Coxe, F. M. Lowengardt, I.	Pearson, Geo.	Weingart, Chas.
Coupland, T. V. Lydon, M.	Rice, Chas. S.	Wigner, W. D.
	Russ, E. K.	Young, A. J.

119 members.

*Initiated and Passed*—Samuel Myers, Philogene Marrionneaux.*Raised*—S. Meyers. *Affiliated*—Abram Samuels.*Dimitted*—Henry Galt, R. B. Thomas, A. J. Sypher, Theo. Buhler, C. S. D. Porter.*Died*—C. Neven, Daniel Hunt, Anton Mayer, A. M. Miller, Joseph Bernheim.*Dropped*—Henry Evans, William Smith, Thomas Tuttle.*Suspended*—E. S. Curry, S. N. Burbank, G. S. Bovee, T. McAlpin, F. Morey, A. J. Sypher, J. C. White, J. V. Cellos, S. B. Wright.*Reinstated*—S. N. Burbank, A. J. Sypher.

## MONTGOMERY LODGE No. 168.

Chartered February 13th, 1861. Montgomery, Grant Parish, La. Meets fourth Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

H. Van McCain.....	W. M.	John H. Hardy .....	S. D.
E. M. Tilton.....	S. W.	M. A. Dunn .....	J. D.
Thos. T. Shumate.....	J. W.	R. Wesley Horn.....	M. of C.
F. McCain.....	Treasurer.	J. W. Simmons.....	} Stewards.
J. McCain .....	Secretary.	James Megison.....	
		D. M. Smith.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

S. Bernstein, J. S. Payne, Jas. W. Jones, H. Van McCain, J. G. W.

## MEMBERS.

J. C. Gordy, P. G.	Deen, S. A.	Jackson, R. E.	Strong, W. A.
S. W., Hy. M.	Fletcher, G. W.	Killingsworth, R.	Strickland, I. R.
Atwood, W. J.	Fletcher, D. T.	Lang, John	Sharp, F. M.
Bernstein, P.	Gans, Mich.	Muirhead, P.	Scott, Benj. R.
Boggs, John	Gonder, Jno. P.	Marks, Samuel	Shumate, D. H.
Bloxom, Alfred	Holston, McK.	Newman, S. B.	Wilson, W. J.
Barnes, W. R.	Hardy, Chas. W.	O'Neil, W. W.	Williams, S. K.
Christy, James	Hardee, Jesse	O'Quin, J. C.	Waddell, D. S.
Conley, A. B.	Hardy, David	Plunkett, J. M.	Walker, H. R.
Craig, Francis L.	Harrison, T. O.	Plunkett, R. M.	Walker, H. C.
Davidson, G. W.	Holloway, Sam'l	Reeks, Alfred D.	Walters, H. R.
Davidson, Hugh	Harrison, W. O.	Roe, John	Weaver, W. R.
Dunn, C. C.	Hardy, Thos. H.	Richard, L.	

65 members.

*Initiated and Passed*—R. Wesley Horn, R. M. Horn, Jesse Hardee.*Raised*—R. Wesley Horn, Jesse Hardee.*Dimitted*—David Hardy, R. W. Barnes, R. S. McLemon, E. B. Conley, J. S. Payne, B. R. Scott, W. J. Wilson.*Died*—G. W. Fletcher. *Suspended*—McK. Holston.

## HAYNESVILLE LODGE No. 169.

Chartered February 13th, 1861. Haynesville, Claiborne Parish, La. Stated meetings on Saturday before the third Sunday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

A. H. Payne.....	W. M.	Thomas Price.....	Secretary.
W. L. Oakes.....	S. W.	O. H. P. Dawson.....	S. D.
A. W. Monerief.....	J. W.	W. H. Tinsley.....	J. D.
John R. Sherman .....	Treasurer.	John Gipson.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

W. L. Oakes, A. H. Payne, W. H. Kirkpatrick.

## LIFE MEMBER.

N. W. Peters, P. M.

## MEMBERS.

Bond, R. P.	Camp, J. M. W.	McLeod, C. C.	Valentine, N. J.
Brooks, H. G.	Collier, P. C.	Neal, B. R.	Winn, R. A. N.
Brown, J. L.	Dyer, I. M.	Nelson, W. J.	Warren, Jno. G.
Brazzelton, H.	Deloach, A. T.	Narmore, John	Wallace, Jno. T.
Camp, W. H. H.	Hall, F.	Phillipps, D. M.	
Camp, Jos. W.	Heffin, J. H.	Smith, A. J.	32 members.

*Initiated and Passed*—John T. Wallace, Hack Brazzelton, John W. Tinsley, Jr. *Raised*—J. T. Wallace, H. Brazzelton.*Affiliated*—P. C. Collier, David M. Phillipps.*Suspended*—N. J. Valentine. *Reinstated*—B. R. Neal.

## ORUS LODGE No. 170.

Chartered February 9th, 1864. Consolidated with Perfect Union Lodge No. 1  
February, 1879.

## KOSMOS LODGE No. 171.

Chartered February 9th, 1864. Odd Fellows' Hall, N. O. Meets second and fourth  
Mondays.

## OFFICERS.

T. F. Falkenheinner.....	W. M.	Charles H. M. Schmitt.....	M. Ex.
L. A. Lehman.....	S. W.	T. Freidof.....	M. of C.
A. Estein.....	J. W.	H. Kick.....	S. D.
L. P. Heintz.....	Orator.	T. Baltz.....	J. D.
V. Fabian.....	Treasurer.	B. Rombach.....	Econom.
C. Lorch.....	Secretary.	W. F. Kugel.....	I. G.
		Wendell Dressel.....	Tyler

## PAST MASTERS.

Ludwig P. Heintz, V. Fabian, T. F. Falkenheinner, F. C. Clerc,  
John Keller.

## MEMBERS.

Armbruster, B.	Grote, L.	Loeffler, J.	Voegtler, Joseph
Behme, T.	Grasser, Jacob	May, F. G.	Weihing, J.
Behr, F. W.	Holzer, R.	Merz, L.	Walch, Charles
Dubroc, L.	Hinrichs, J. H.	Nick, L. C.	Weishaar, C. Jr.
Engelhardt, P.	Heckler, Fred.	Pluemer, F.	Waldsauer, F.
Ellerman, C.	Hufft, J. F.	Ritter, G.	Weisborn, W.
Eylandt, J. E.	Kohl, F. A.	Schallert, Louis	Yalets, G.
Enemoser, J. E.	Kochler, F.	Schweizer, J.	Zimmermann, A.
Forschler, H.	Kuchst, J. M.	Thorhauser, C.	
Guhman, J.	Larch, H.		52 members.

*Initiated*—Charles Walch, Phillip Engelhardt, Adam Schaad.

*Passed*—George Ritter, Charles Walch, P. Engelhardt.

*Raised*—H. Kick, George Ritter, C. Walch, P. Engelhardt.

*Died*—Charles Weishaar, John Kuchst, Adam Zimmermann, Jacob  
Grasser, Jonas Weihing, F. Koehler.

*Suspended*—John Guhmann, L. C. Nick, F. Waldsauer.

## UNION LODGE No. 172.

Chartered February 17th, 1865. Odd Fellows' Hall, Camp street, New Orleans.  
Meets first and third Thursday evenings.

## OFFICERS.

Ernest Morel.....	W. M.	Gus. Troy.....	M. Expert.
M. L. Costley.....	S. W.	Paul Schneidau.....	M. of C.
John Charles.....	J. W.	W. H. Wheeler.....	S. D.
Geo. H. Pabst.....	Orator.	Emile Boehler.....	J. D.
S. W. Moore.....	Treasurer.	W. W. Duty.....	Steward.
C. Assenheimer.....	Secretary.	A. Leibe.....	I. G.
Septime Brocard.....	Almoner.	Alexander Caughey.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

G. H. Pabst, Charles Assenheimer, E. Morel.



## MEMBERS.

Bohne, Geo. C.	Helm, Philip	Pfeifer, E.	Taylor, John
Breen, J. W.	Henthorn, W. S.	Potter, Jothan	Wilson, C.
Burnine, Jasper	Karstendiek, J. A.	Stark, Hy.	Wolverton, N W
Collins, Thos. S.	Morel, A. C.	Singleton, R.	Walsh, John
Clark, John	Moriarity, J. W.	Schneider, C.	Yates, W. H.
Dussell, J.	Mulder, Daniel	Sypher, J. H.	Zeigler, H. S.
Frey, John	Offner, E.	Shearer, John T.	
Hughes, David	O'Conner, Thos.		43 members.

*Died*—Daniel Mulder.

*Suspended*—W. S. Henthorn, Thos. O'Connor, W. H. Yates, J. H. Sypher.

## ORIENT LODGE No. 173.

Chartered February 17th, 1865. Odd Fellows' Hall, Camp street, New Orleans.  
Meets every Monday evening.

## OFFICERS.

Alfred Shaw .....	W. M.	Vincent Mielly.....	Secretary.
Louis Lillenthal .....	S. W.	Edw. Baker.....	S. D.
Zacharie T. Black.....	J. W.	Geo. M. Hire.....	J. D.
Theo. Lillenthal.....	Treasurer.	Edw. Heath.....	M. of C.
		William Tell.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

Joseph P. Hornor P. D. G. M., E. Baker, W. S. Benedict.

## MEMBERS.

Abell, Edmond	Dewhurst, G. W.	Mudge, Carson	Todd, W. P.
Adams, John W.	Edwards, J. D.	Martin, Chas. T.	Turner, W. R. B.
Andersen, Julius	Ehrlich, Samuel	Madden, Chris.	Todd, W. M.
Armitage W. G.	Earhart, F. B.	McCubbin, Wm.	Tomlinson, J. M.
Brown, B. L.	Froimshon, S.	Murdock, A. R.	Thorn, John
Benjamin, L.	Green, Jos. H.	Oplatek, J.	Thorn, Charles
Benjamin, J. K.	Graham, A. S.	Orr, Ph. A.	Timbrell, G H W
Bensel, Hy., Jr.	Halder, Theo.	Page, Edward	Taylor, David
Black, C., Sr.	Hessel, M.	Pace, F., Jr.	Valentine, J. W.
Barret, J. T.	Hire, W. H.	Perrot, Charles	Weiman, J. M.
Bernius, Hy.	Houston, James	Perry, Henry	Watson, Robert
Burbank, J. A.	Hartzell, Jos. C.	Perry, H. A.	Wilson, Thomas
Callinan, D. F.	Hero, Andrew	Rusha, E. M.	Winteler, M.
Chadwick, E. A.	Hutchinson, D J	Rykoski, John	Wangenheim, A.
Colton, C. W.	Hubschmann, C.	Street, Henry	Wells, A. C.
Dalferes, Joseph	Kuntzman, Jno.	Shearer, D. L.	White, R. A.
Dowling, J. A.	Leopold, S.	Scott, John H.	Wilson, J. H., Jr.
Drysdale, John	Lugenbuhl, R A	Stein, Jos.	Wilson, Jos. H.
			83 members.

*Initiated*—Zacharie T. Black, Richard A. White, George M. Hire, John B. Martin, Edwin E. Shanks, Thomas E. Madden, Geo. Knight.

*Passed*—Z. T. Black, R. A. White, G. M. Hire, J. B. Martin.

*Raised*—Z. T. Black, R. A. White, G. M. Hire.

*Affiliated*—Jos. C. Hartzell, Chas. Hubschmann.

*Died*—E. E. Shanks (E. A.), John Kuntzman, Charles. W. Coiton, Albert Wangenheim.

## DANTE LODGE No. 174.

Chartered February 14th, 1866. Polar Star Hall, corner Rampart and Kerlerec streets, New Orleans, La. Meets first and third Mondays.

## OFFICERS.

P. Pozzi.....	W. M.	F. Colombo.....	M. Expert.
G. Berzone .....	S. W.	G. B. Persenico .....	M. of C.
S. Ratto.....	J. W.	L. Ferrari .....	S. D.
G. B. Rossi .....	Orator.	G. Menghini .....	J. D.
G. Trisconi .....	Treasurer.	Gaetano Figalo.....	Econom.
A. Cardon.....	Secretary.	S. Pattini .....	I. G.
A. Debarbieris .....	Almoner.	B. Cazeris (not a member).....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

G. Radovic, G. B. Rossi, P. Pozzi, Emilio Bassini.

## MEMBERS.

Antony, B.	Drouet, Leon	Limongi, F.	Palmieri, D.
Busoni, Dario	Daneele, Tomaso	Laneri, D.	Pozzi, C.
Buja, Vin.	Daniele, T.	Mengheni, G.	Saredo, G.
Balastracci, A.	Fabbrone, C.	Majoli, L.	Sbarbaro, G. B.
Bregazzi, G.	Firpo, B.	Morice, S.	Scalamara, P.
Broggi, G.	Ferrea, F.	Nicholich, Ellia	Trois, E.
Berzoni, A.	Garbini, N.	Ossogant, A.	Torre, G.
Bugna, S.	Garibaldi, C. L.	Perrelli, A.	Tomasi, G.
Cetti, Angelo	Gazzano, P.	Pippo, F.	Toranelli, G.
Cattenaro, A.	Grendoni, L.	Planetta, G.	Villa, C.
Caccorvich, M.	Ivichevich, Dom.	Pedretti, Ant.	56 members.

*Initiated*—Pietro Gazzano, Ant. Dellatorre.

*Passed and Raised*—P. Gazzano, M. Caccorvich.

*Dimitted*—P. Gazzano, A. Pedretti, L. Drouet.

*Suspended*—A. Cetti, S. Morice. *Reinstated*—A. Borzone.

## AMITE CITY LODGE No. 175.

Chartered February 14th, 1866. Amite City, Tangipahoa Parish, La. Stated meetings, Saturday on or before full moon of each month.

## OFFICERS.

C. S. Stewart .....	W. M.	S. D. Ellis.....	Secretary.
J. W. Addison.....	S. W.	B. T. Millican.....	S. D.
L. Bankston .....	J. W.	J. Booth .....	J. D.
D. B. Cason .....	Treasurer.	D. H. Bankston .....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

S. D. Ellis, C. S. Stewart.

## MEMBERS.

Aby, Chas. H.	Duncan, Wm.	Gullett, B. D.	Weigle, John
Amecker, J. P.	Durnin, J.	Gullett, A. A.	Waller, R. M.
Carpenter, J. M.	Ellis, E. J.	Goldsby, Jos. H.	Wilson, Wm. D.
Cotheran, J. W.	Ellis, E. P.	Price, Thomas	Zachary, T. D.
Crane, A. C.	Ellis, T. C. W.	Settoon, J. B.	27 members.

*Initiated and Passed*—Warren Stevens. *Affiliated*—Chas. H. Aby.

*Suspended*—J. P. Amacker, A. C. Crane, W. Duncan, J. Weigle, T. D. Zachary. *Died*—J. B. Sittoon.

## TULIP LODGE No. 178.

Officers elected and Installed March 22d, 1878.

## OFFICERS.

C. L. Hays .....	W. M.	J. T. Baker .....	Secretary.
T. A. Watson .....	S. W.	W. J. Carr .....	S. D.
B. R. Coleman .....	J. W.	J. L. Davis .....	J. W.
J. Watts .....	Treasurer.	F. R. Chandler .....	Tyler.

## PERFECT HARMONY LODGE No. 176.

Chartered February 14th, 1867. Grand Lodge Hall, corner St. Charles and Perdido streets New Orleans. Stated meetings, second and fourth Monday evenings.

## OFFICERS.

Montague Aarons.....	W. M.	L. F. Salomon .....	Secretary.
George Robb.....	S. W.	Joseph Burke.....	S. D.
George W. Booth.....	J. W.	John O'Rourke .....	J. D.
James Benton.....	Treasurer.	R. S. Burke.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

E. Booth, C. A. Kaufman, T. H. Handy.

## MEMBERS.

Trelford, A., P M	Eschezabel, J.	Kahn, G.	Samuels, M. M.
Hon. Member.	Firnberg, S.	Levy, A.	Solomon, W.
Melder, William	Forcheimer, R.	Levy, M.	Schwartz, M.
Hon. Member.	Hollander, A.	McDonald, H. P.	Schwartz, N. J.
Blum, M.	Hart, S. J.	Miller, L. L.	Traub, E.
Benjamin, E.	Hart, M. J.	Meyer, M.	White, W. A.
Bloom, L.	Kaufman, M. M.	Mackray, P.	Weil, Alfred M.
Block, S.	Kloppenber, H W	Stern, Henry	
Cammack, R. C.	Keiffer, J.	Schatzky, L.	42 members.

*Initiated, Passed and Raised*—John O'Rourke.

*Reinstated*—M Hiller.

*Dimitted*—M. J. Hart, S. J. Hart, R. C. Cammack, M. Hiller, Moses Mayer.

## EUREKA LODGE No. 177.

Chartered February 14th, 1867. Bonner, Lincoln Parish, La. Stated meetings, fourth Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

W. J. Mitchell.....	W. M.	W. E. Redwine.....	Secretary.
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No returns for 1878.

## TULIP LODGE No. 178.

Chartered February 14th, 1867. Tulip, Claiborne Parish, La., Homer P. O. Stated meetings, fourth Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

C. L. Hays.....	W. M.	James T. Baker.....	Secretary.
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## PAST MASTERS.

J. Watts, C. L. Hays, J. Atkinson.

## MEMBERS.

Britt, L. M. C.	Davis, Jas. L.	Mask, John	Wafer, T. B.
Coleman, Ben. R.	Fields, R. H.	Spurlock, R.	Wafer, W. C.
Carr, Wm. R.	Hood, B.	Spurlock, W. D. L.	Watson, W. A.
Cooksey, W. C.	Hood, W. S.	Tyler, R. S.	Windsor, H. D.
Chandler, F. R.	Marsalis, P.	Watson, Thos. A.	22 members.

*Dimitted*—J. L. Davis, W. R. Carr, W. C. Cooksey, P. Marsalis, R. Spurlock.

*Suspended*—B. Hood, W. S. Hood, W. D. L. Spurlock, R. S. Tyler, T. B. Wafer, H. D. Windsor.

*Reinstated*—J. Mask.

### CADDO LODGE No. 179.

Chartered February 14th, 1867. Shreveport, Caddo Parish, La. Stated meetings, first and third Saturdays of each month.

#### OFFICERS.

W. T. D. Dalzell.....W. M. J. G. Campbell.....Secretary.  
N. C. Blanchard.....S. W. R. B. Burns.....S. D.  
A. B. Weaver.....J. W. S. F. Gordon .....J. D.  
John G. McWilliams...Treasurer. H. Linman, (not a member)..Tyler.

#### PAST MASTERS.

W. Robson, P. D. G. M., John W. Jones, Samuel M. Morrison, N. B. Murff, P. W. H. Cummings, R. R. Burns, J. G. McWilliams, F. J. Alcecke.

#### MEMBERS.

Turner, W. M., P M	Dewing, W. T.	Leonard, A. H.	Ratcliff, Jas. W.
Gilmore, J. B., P M	Eskridge, N. A.	Lindsay, R. H.	Reynolds, J. H.
Dyer, H. D., P M	Ford, W. P.	Moss, J. R.	Rogers, J. V.
Cawthorne, J. D.,	Ford, R. W.	McKinney, G. M.	Robson, W. V., Jr.
P. M.	Gregg, N.	Montgomery, H H	Simmons, W C Jr.
Austin, E. M.	Hamilton, W. B.	Martin, D. B.	Scovell, M. L.
Allen, N. S.	Hunter, Ike C.	Maples, W. E	Staples, J. D.
Buckner, J. C.	Henning, H. E.	Mills, G. H.	Sewall, J. A.
Bercher, F.	Hamilton, W. E.	McMahon, W. T.	Schaffner, A.
Booty, J. A.	Iler, Thomas H.	McCutchen, S. B.	Sour, A.
Buckner, R. T.	Johnson, T. C.	Newman, B. F.	Tomkies, L. L.
Bludworth, Wm.	Jordan, Jas. H.	Newman, A. J.	Thurmond, C. G.
Bogel, A. J.	Jones, John R.	Painter, J. P.	White, B. M.
Calhoun, J. C.	Jacobs, T. E.	Patterson, R. B.	Woodward, G. L.
Compton, Jas S.	Kahn, R.	Phillips, L. B.	Womack, J. M.
Duffau, B.	Lewis, W. S.	Peres, L. A.	Wise, W. H.
Dillard, H. T.	Lewis, J. B., Jr.	Randall, J. S.	Williams, F. R.

81 members.

*Initiated*—E. J. Hinkle, J. D. Alston, J. J. Rayburn.

*Affiliated*—N. A. Eckridge. *Died*—B. F. Newman, F. Bucher.

*Reinstated*—W. M. Turner.

### LITTLE FLOCK LODGE No. 180.

Chartered February 14th, 1867. Columbus, P. O., Sabine Parish, La. Stated meetings, first Saturday of each month.

#### OFFICERS.

William M. Antony.....W. M. J. W. Speight .....Secretary.

No returns for 1878.

## SAM TODD LODGE No. 182.

Chartered February 14th, 1867. Sugar Town, Calcasieu Parish, La. Stated meetings, first Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

James J. W. Miller.....	W. M.	A. V. Singletary.....	S. D.
H. P. Penninger.....	S. W.	Joseph D. Siglar.....	J. D.
L. A. Miller.....	J. W.	B. J. Ford.....	Chaplain.
D. Iles.....	Treasurer.	A. J. Watson.....	} Stewards.
I. H. Smith.....	Secretary.	James M. Hanchey.....	
		S. Gill.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

B. J. Ford, G. W. Richardson.

## MEMBERS.

Simmons, D. L., P. M.	Frazier, Moses C.	Landry, Robert	Simmons, V.
Baggett, A.	Gill, Jessie	May, John W.	Stracner, Ben.
Bailey, Isam	Green, Wm. O.	Morrow, D. W.	Singletary, A. C.
Bailey, A. L.	Heard, George W.	Morrow, Wm. M.	Simmons, Calib
Bennett, E. M.	Hester, Wm. J.	Madox, Charlie	Siglar, James M.
Cole, D. A.	Heard, J. H.	Mitchell, Ira B.	Thielmann, G.
Cole, V. D.	Hanchey, J. W.	Moore, Joseph W.	Tarver, G. E. J.
Cole, Jacob	Heard, J. T.	Meadows, S. J.	Welsh, B. W.
Cain, S. M.	Hall, Joseph	Noland, T. M.	Wingate, Labon
Carraway, C. B.	Harper, Jesse	Nichols, L. M.	Wisby, William
Cole, Sol. S.	Hamilton, J.	Pearson, Elisha	Woods, Calaway
Corkrans, Lewis	Iles, John	Rolins, Levi	Whatley, W. H.
Dear, James W.	Iles, H. W.	Roberts, Jas. S.	Weldon, Jacob
Deason, John J.	Kemp, W. H.	Simpson, W. P.	Young, Jefferson
Faris, Albert	Kent, J. T.	Seigler, R. E.	
Ford, L. A.	Lablanco, Loui	Simons, John T.	73 members.

*Affiliated*—Alexander V. Singletary, Loui Lablanco.

*Dimitted*—B. W. Welsh, C. Wood. *Suspended*—G. E. J. Tarver.

## LONGWOOD LODGE No. 183.

Chartered February 14th, 1867. Mooringsport, Caddo Parish, La. Meets first Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

Duncan W. Powell.....	W. M.	W. H. B. Croom.....	Secretary.
John Newberry.....	S. W.	Wm. M. Jectors.....	S. D.
John M. Moore.....	J. W.	John C. Mooring.....	J. D.
James G. Henderson.....	Treasurer.	D. J. Thompson.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

R. T. Cole, B. H. Bickham.

## MEMBERS.

Currie, J. A.	Henderson, J. G.	Miller, J. R.	Newberry, J. G.
Forston, W. P.	Logan, B. F.	Noel, W. E.	Self, S. M.
			17 members.

## SPRING CREEK LODGE No. 184.

Chartered February 14th, 1867. Spring Creek, Tangipahoa Parish, La. Meets second Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

H. W. L. Lewis.....	W. M.	A. C. Williamson.....	Secretary.
J. R. Givens.....	S. W.	W. T. Ott.....	S. D.
J. M. Breland.....	J. W.	W. W. Ricks.....	J. D.
T. F. Tynes.....	Treasurer.	B. F. Lea.....	Chaplain.
		Albert G. Fussell.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

H. Richardson, C. P. Bailey.

## MEMBERS.

Alford, J. N.	Ford, J. D.	Lewis, W. J.	Welch, J. P.
Breland, W. G.	Hodge, N. N.	Mixon, S. C.	Wall, J. P.
Dayson, G. W.	Holton, Andrew	Morris, James	Westmoreland, J.
Eady, F. W.	Jenkins, H. Z.	McDaniel, W.	
Edwards, N. S.	Kennon, C. E.		28 members.

## ORPHANS' FRIEND LODGE No. 185.

Chartered February 16th, 1867. Big Cane, St. Landry Parish, La. Meets on Saturday before full moon of each month.

## OFFICERS.

S. C. Fleshman .....	W. M.	C. W. Havard.. ....	S. D.
L. S. Havard... ..	S. W.	Peter Jacobs .....	J. D.
John J. Smith .....	J. W.	S. P. Ward .....	Chaplain.
T. A. Hicks .....	Treasurer.	P. G. Callihan.....	} Stewards.
L. G. Sloan .....	Secretary.	A. A. Hebert .....	
		John S. Fogleman.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

S. C. Fleshman, A. A. Hebert.

## MEMBERS.

Cason, F. W.	Gouchaux, L.	Morrow, E.	Scherrouse, J. M.
Davis, R. A.	Gay, B. S.	Pender, Jos.	Scherrouse, C. R.
Fisher, J. W.	Kahns, A.	Reynolds, W. B.	Simmons, C.
Foote, Wm.	Lester, J. H.	Richard, M. J.	Walls, O. H. P.
			27 members.

## KISATCHIE UNION LODGE, No. 186.

Chartered February 13th, 1863. Kile's Mills, Natchitoches Parish, La., Natchitoches P. O. Stated meetings, Saturday before fourth Sunday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

James J. Key .....	W. M.	A. R. Dowden.....	Secretary.
Jacob Kile.....	S. W.	J. M. Kile.....	S. D.
A. W. Marshall.....	J. W.	L. J. Pate.....	J. D.
Stephen Grant .....	Treasurer.	R. Brazzeal.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

Jacob Kile, J. J. Key, Alex. Airhart.

## MEMBERS.

Airhart, Wm.	Bush, E. A.	Owens, M. J.	Powell, Isaac
Bush, J. C.	Franklin, Thos.		14 members.

*Dimitted*—E. A. Bush. *Died*—Isaac Powell, Stephen Grant.

## FLAT LICK LODGE No. 187.

Chartered February 13th, 1868. Flat Lick Bayou, Claiborne Parish, La., Minden P. O.  
 Stated meetings, Saturday before full moon of each month.

## OFFICERS.

Benjamin T. Mosely.....	W. M.	S. M. D. Webb.....	Secretary.
Lem. Z. Grigsby.....	S. W.	J. F. Sykes.....	S. D.
James W. Reagan.....	J. W.	Wm. Ragan.....	J. D.
Wm. S. Maddox.....	Treasurer.	Louis Aubry.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

Lem. Z. Grigsby, John E. Burch, John A. Miller, D. D. G. M.

## MEMBERS.

Boydstein, R. W.	Deloche, W. W.	Lewis, J. G.	McBride, Jas. M.
Blackburn, Jas.	Engram, James	Miller, J. A.	Pair, Israel.
Colbert, John A.	Gryder, H.	Mims, Henry	Sykes Jackson
Curry, J. H.	Kirkpatrick, Sam.		14 members.

*Initiated Passed and Raised*—Louis Aubry.*Affiliated*—James Blackburn, Ben. T. Mosely, Israel Pair.*Dimitted*—R. W. Boydstein, John A. Colbert.*Died*—James Engram. *Suspended*—John E. Burch.

## COVINGTON LODGE No. 188.

Chartered February 15th, 1868. Covington, St. Tammany Parish, La. Stated meetings  
 second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

## OFFICERS.

J. M. Thompson.....	W. M.	F. B. Martindale .....	Secretary.
John Theobald.....	S. W.	W. B. Cook.....	S. D.
M. H. Talley .....	J. W.	F. Lossett.....	J. D.
William Kennedy.....	Treasurer.	F. Dusse (not a member).....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

J. M. Thompson, E. P. Martindale, Milton Burns, C. W. Bradley.

## MEMBERS.

Allison, J. M.	Bowen, H. P.	Hosmer, W. F.	Mizell, Stephen
Abney, J. M.	Goodbee, T. B.	Heintz, C.	Purvis, W.
Aubry, Charles	Hosmer, W. B.	Hutchinson, W. G.	Thompson, J. T.
Bridges, J. C.	Hosmer, J. R.	Lenel, Frank	Vickers, Theo.
Badon, W.			26 members.



*Initiated*—W. E. Parker, C. Aubry, M. H. Talley, W. B. Cook, R. Badon.

*Passed*—W. E. Parker, C. Aubry, M. H. Talley, W. B. Cook, P. Welsh.

*Raised*—C. Aubry, M. H. Talley, W. B. Cook.

*Affiliated*—J. M. Abney. *Died*—H. P. Bowen.

### EVERGREEN LODGE No. 189.

Chartered February 13th, 1868. Evergreen, Avoyelles Parish, La. Meets Saturday, on or before full moon of each month.

#### OFFICERS.

Jesse J. Toon.....	W. M.	Isaac C. Johnson...	Secretary.
A. B. Williams.....	S. W.	H. C. Kemper.....	S. D.
J. A. Hollingshead .....	J. W.	S. O. Easton .....	J. D.
Thomas D. Weir.....	Treasurer.	D. Fennel .....	Tyler.

#### PAST MASTERS.

M. Bennett, D. M. K. Campbell, H. A. Ditto, William M. Ewell, H. C. Kemper, S. S. Pearce, A. B. Williams.

#### MEMBERS.

Marshall M R., P M	Easton, S. O.	Irion, R. R.	O'Quinn, John
Bordelon, G. A.	Foster, R. W.	Johnson, John T.	Perkins, D. M.
Barnhill, B. S.	Frith, C. E.	Knight, C. W.	Pearce, W. O.
Bouie, B. H.	Frith, T. P.	Keller, C. W.	Rushing, S. H.
Bass, A. S.	Griffin, J. F.	Leoper, P. M.	Smyth, S. H.
Branch, L. K.	Gillcoat, W. G.	Mathews, C. J.	Thorp, S. R.
Brice, B. K.	Giles, J. M.	Middleton, T. G.	White, Fred.
Cheney, W. F.	Hudson, J. J.	Messick, W. A.	Winn, W. H.
Chappel, Joseph	Hudson, D. B.	Mathews, Claude	Walden, S.
Culpepper, L. B.	Hadley, O. F.	McCain, R. J.	Wilson, G. W.
Curry, D. A.	Heard, T. J.	Miles, L. T.	West, Isham
Duval, C. W.	Hardin, Joseph	Muse, J. T.	Wright, P. B.
Ewell, J.	Irion, A. B.	Oliver, W. H.	58 members.

*Initiated and Passed*—Spencer R. Thorp, Peter B. Wright, John A. Hollingshead.

*Raised*—S. R. Thorp, P. B. Wright, John A. Hollingshead, G. A. Bordelon.

*Affiliated*—C. J. Mathews. *Suspended*—W. H. Oliver, P. M. Leoper.

### CORINTHIAN LODGE No. 190.

Chartered February 9th, 1869. Odd Fellows' Hall. Stated meetings every Tuesday.

#### OFFICERS.

Wesley E. Lawrence.....	W. M.	Alfred Goldthwaite.....	S. D.
James R. Howell.....	S. W.	Alvin M. Hill.....	J. D.
John Stumpf, Jr.....	J. W.	Harry S. Douglas.....	M. of C.
Van R. K. Hilliard.....	Treasurer.	Wm. W. Charlton.....	} Stewards.
Charles H. Charlton.....	Secretary.	S. G. Vogt.....	
		E. B. O'Sullivan(not a member),	Tyler,

## PAST MASTERS.

W. G. James, W. L. Stanford, R. D. Bovard, W. A. Brainerd, D. D. G. M.

## MEMBERS.

Allen, L. L.	Doherty, T.	Kellogg, H.	Stich, Charles
Bragdon, O. D.	Falconer, W. R.	King, T. C.	Sturtevant, C. D.
Benedict, W. T.	Foster, Everett W	Logan, Henry	Stringfellow W R
Badger, A. S.	Gerber, Charles	Marques, Joseph	Saxon, Walter L.
Brode, T. H.	Howell, Chas. W.	McQuoid, W.	Thomas, Edgar
Bovard, W. J.	Hayward, Jas. A.	Moores, G. W.	Tannehill, J. T.
Collins, H. C.	Howze, H. L.	Packard, W. N.	Vaurigand, A. T.
Chapman, W. W.	Hopkins, G. W.	Pursell, D. E.	Wrotnowski A F
Clarke, T. D.	Hanna, J. M.	Parmellee, F. F.	Ziuser, F.
Collins, Edward	Ingalls, John D.	Snow, W. A.	53 members.

*Initiated and Passed*—Walter Henry Hoffman.

*Initiated, Passed and Raised*—Joseph Marques, Alvan Meredith Hill, Alfred Goldthwaite.

*Affiliated*—William Ramsey Falconer, Everett Worthington Foster.

*Dimitted*—Lewis L. Allen. *Died*—Henry L. Howze.

*Suspended*—O. D. Bragdon, W. N. Packard, George W. Hopkins.

## JEFFERSON LODGE No. 191.

Chartered February 9th, 1869. Louisiana Avenue between Magazine and Constance.  
Stated meetings every Friday evening.

## OFFICERS.

S. F. Parmelee .....	W. M.	T. A. Klebs .....	S. D.
W. G. Murtagh .....	S. W.	G. Weiss .....	J. D.
J. A. Smith .....	J. W.	W. H. Perry .....	M. of C.
C. Schopp .....	Treasurer.	H. Lochte .....	} Stewards.
Hugh Breen .....	Secretary.	H. Tebbe .....	
		J. S. Wright .....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

Hugh Breen, H. C. Brown, H. C. Duncan, J. P. Collins, J. A. Smith.

## MEMBERS.

Aycock, J. T.	Coggeshall, S. W.	Kramer, W.	Roach, Jas.
Beers, J. S.	Colton, C. H. C.	Levy, Aaron	Samuels, F.
Blessey, Peter	Donaldson, J.	Lenea, C. P.	Schmittle, J.
Bourdette, J. P.	Frank, W.	Landry, J.	Seymour, S.
Bruns, J. H. C.	Friend, T.	Lashly, M.	Schopp, C. L.
Block, Charles	Flanagan, T. J.	Myers, F.	Stendel, J., Jr.
Bensel, George	Geir, Geo.	Martin, H. J.	Throunk, Philip
Chambers, S. R.	Hay, A.	Mansburg, Jos.	Wagner, A. P.
Cohn, J.	Hails, R. M.	Phillips, H. P.	Winn, I. Z.
Campbell, R.	Joachim, J.	Patton, I. W.	Whitesides, J.
Caraher, F. M.	Katz, Joseph	Robertson, H. L.	Wefelsberg, A. B.
Commagere, E.			57 members.

*Initiated*—Joseph F. Knollman, Conrad Heuchert, Mathan Doudy, Josiah Lane, Wm. Young. *Passed*—J. Lane.

*Affiliated*—Hy. Tebbe, Thos. K. Flanagan.

*Dimitted*—Charles. L. Schopp.

*Died*—Jas. Whitesides, S. W. Coggeshall,

*Suspended*—P. A. Wagner,

## ABBEVILLE LODGE No. 192.

Chartered February 9th, 1869. Abbeville, Vermilion Parish, La. Stated meetings, Saturday on or before full moon of each month.

## OFFICERS.

W. D. White.....	W. M.	G. B. Shaw .....	Secretary.
J. T. Labit.....	S. W.	J. W. Harrington.....	S. D.
H. B. Lyons .....	J. W.	W. A. Burris .....	J. D.
A. G. Maxwell.....	Treasurer.	J. A. Brookshire.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

W. D. White, C. H. Remick, J. T. Labit, H. H. Bartels.

## MEMBERS.

Faulk, Benj.	Lafleur, Wm.	Roger, E. C.	Stansbury, S.
Henry, Wm.	Morgan, J. T.	Stansbury, U W	Trahan, Joseph
			18 members.

*Affiliated*—W. A. Burris.

*Dimitted*—Benjamin Faulk, William Lafleur.

*Suspended*—Wm. Henry, Thomas J. Morgan.

## AURORA LODGE No. 193.

Chartered February 10th, 1869. New Iberia, Iberia Parish, La. Meets First and third Saturdays of each month.

## OFFICERS.

Joseph A. Breaux.....	W. M.	Joe. Indest.....	Secretary.
Joseph P. Russell.....	S. W.	J. C. Fuller.....	S. D.
Charles Lehman .....	J. W.	J. B. Roberts .....	J. D.
H. Cougenhiem .....	Treasurer.	David Friend.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

John F. Wyche, Joseph A. Breaux, Michel Heyman, J. C. Fuller.

## MEMBERS.

Auding, E. E.	Eisenmann, E.	Henry, E.	Pharr, E. A.
Berry, John G.	Eisenmann, G.	Harris, George	Ribbeck, A.
Baurne, E.	Erath, August	Jessup, L. Y.	Robertson, Wm.
Bazus, Laurant	Fuller, H. L.	Longnecker, E.	Roberts, J. N.
Cyr, Joseph	Fagot, J. A.	Lourd, W.	Simoneaud, A.
Cade, Chas. T.	Grousset, A.	Levy, D.	Simon, George
Cade, Overton	Gougenheim, A.	Millard, N. P.	Saintes, Jean
Crossley, Samuel	Hart, H.	Perry, Robt. S.	Vuillemot, J. A.
DeValcourt, J. T.	Henry, P. F.	Pharr, John N.	Wise, J. H.
			46 members.

*Initiated and Passed*—David Friend, Henry L. Fuller, Aaron Gougenheim.

*Raised*—D. Friend, H. L. Fuller, A. Gougenheim, E. E. Auding, J. B. Roberts. *Affiliated*—August Erath.

*Dimitted*—A. J. Simoneaud, John N. Pharr. *Died*—E. E. Auding.

*Suspended*—E. Baurne, L. Y. Jessup, John F. Wyche, P. M., A. Ribbeck, E. Longnecker, H. Hart.

*Reinstated*—Ambrose Grousset.

## MT. OLIVET LODGE No. 194.

Chartered February 10th, 1869. Bayou Boeuf, St. Landry Parish, La. Stated meetings first Saturday after each full moon.

## OFFICERS.

D. S. Edwards ..... W. W. Louis Staggs ..... Secretary.  
No returns. 15 members.

## LAKE VILLAGE LODGE No. 196.

Chartered February 10th, 1869. Lake Village, Natchitoches Parish, La. Natchitoches P. O. Meets fourth Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

D. J. Dupre ..... W. M. H. H. Hathorn ..... Secretary.  
Benj. F. Britain ..... S. W. B. Rushing ..... S. D.  
H. F. Weaver ..... J. W. J. M. Clinton ..... J. D.  
A. A. Hathorn ..... Treasurer. Isaac H. Walker ..... Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

James H. Allen, W. C. Ross, D. M. Simmons, E. T. Edgerton, H. H. Hathorn, B. Rushing.

## MEMBERS.

Bridger, J. J.	Moody, M.	Rentz, S. P.	Sullivan, D. F.
Coffee, Patrick	Meyers, John J.	Rains, S. P.	Teer, B. F.
Dupre, John	McFarland, J. P.	Rushing, A. G.	Weaver, J. R.
Holman, E. F.	Pitts, W. W.	Sweat, B. S., Jr.	Weaver, H. W.
Joyner, M. R.	Reidheimer, J G	Stephens, L. W.	Walker, G. H.
Luckey, G. W.			33 members.

*Affiliated*—Benjamin F. Britain, John Dupre.

*Died*—John J. Meyers.

## MAGNOLIA LODGE No. 197.

Chartered February 16th, 1870. Washington, St. Landry Parish, La. Stated meetings on Saturday before full moon of every month.

## OFFICERS.

J. G. Campbell ..... W. M. Jacob Plonsky ..... Secretary.  
G. Baillio ..... S. W. Jacob Ehrhardt ..... S. D.  
Leon Wolf ..... J. W. Wm. Gardner ..... J. D.  
E. Plonsky ..... Treasurer. Sam. Kaufman ..... Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

G. O. Elms, W. A. Robertson, T. Fontenot, J. G. Campbell.

## MEMBERS.

Curley, Wm.	Gantt, E.	Kaufman, Jos.	Stagg, Alf.
Crawford, Wm.	Gay, W. E.	Muller, Joseph	Trainor, John O.
Daire, P.	Hicks, J. J.	Pitre, F. L.	Thoms, R. W.
Doucet, P.	Isaacs, Jacob	Porter, W. W.	Tate, Emile
			27 members.

*Initiated and Passed*—Louis Mintz.

*Died*—Joseph Kaufman. *Dimitted*—Jacob Isaacs, W. W. Porter.

## BROOKLINE LODGE No. 198.

Chartered February 16th, 1870. Hood's Mills, Jackson Parish, La. Stated meetings first Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

J. S. Fowler.....	W. M.	S. D. Kennedy .....	Secretary.
W. R. Womack .....	S. W.	B. H. Brown .....	S. D.
J. S. Sykes .....	J. W.	A. R. Campbell .....	J. D.
W. Hood.....	Treasurer.	A. F. Hearn.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

J. L. Hearn, J. S. Fowler, W. R. Womack.

## MEMBERS.

Andrews, T. J.	Hatton, J. L.	McKahill, D. M.	Weems, J. J.
Covington, J. M.	Hatton, P.	Smart, T. J.	Womack, Wm.
Goleman, B. A.	Hearn, Thos.	Williams, Wilson	20 members.

*Affiliated*—Wm. Womack. *Dimitted* (in 1875) J. J. Weems.  
*Died*—Wm. Womack.

## OAK GROVE LODGE No. 200.

Chartered March 28th, 1870. Oak Grove, Carroll Parish, La. Stated meetings second Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

J. H. Robinson .....	W. M.	.....	S. D.
J. D. Herring .....	S. W.	.....	J. D.
S. Witkowski .....	J. W.	.....	Chaplain.
Andrew Jackson.....	Treasurer.	.....	} Stewards.
John McKay .....	Secretary.	.....	
		C. Lafarge .....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTER.

J. L. Hurley.

## MEMBERS.

Bennett, J. A.	Farmer, E.	Martin, J. H.	Reneau, T. B.
Bradley, W. H.	Galloway, F. D.	Nash, C. H.	Sutton, B. L.
Counts, C. M.	Herring, R. D.	Russell, W. A.	Shyriagh, J. D.
Castleman, D. F.	Lewis, Geo. S.	Ravan, J.	Sage, T. J.
			24 members.

*Affiliated*—W. H. Bradley.

*Dimitted*—T. J. Sage, T. A. Bennett, J. H. Martin.

*Reinstated*—T. J. Sage. *Died*—E. Farmer.

## SUMMERFIELD LODGE No. 201.

Chartered April 25th, 1870. Summerfield, Claiborne Parish, La. Stated meetings fourth Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

D. J. Sayers.....	W. M.	C. J. Cargile.....	Secretary.
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No returns for 1878.

## HOLLY SPRINGS LODGE No. 202.

Chartered April 25th, 1870. Holly Springs, Claiborne Parish, Minden P. O., La.  
Stated meetings, second Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

G. W. Alexander.....	W. M.	J. O. Knighton.....	Secretary.
G. W. Fry.....	S. W.	W. D. Beauchamp.....	S. D.
G. M. C. Raney.....	J. W.	Francis M. Anderson.....	J. D.
John Murrell.....	Treasurer.	Robert Alexander.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTER.

G. W. Alexander.

## MEMBERS.

Greer, John F. 9 members.  
*Dimitted*—W. M. Alexander.

## ASSUMPTION LODGE No. 203.

Chartered February 15th, 1871. Napoleonville, Assumption Parish, La. Stated  
meetings, second and last Thursday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

Pierre Juliat.....	W. M.	P. J. Gilbert.....	Secretary.
F. W. Pike.....	S. W.	Ezra B. Cox.....	S. D.
Abraham Block.....	J. W.	Octave Simeneau.....	J. D.
Charles Dupathy.....	Treasurer.	Dr. Joseph D. Ford.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

E. B. Cox, Pierre J. Gilbert, J. E. Moseman, Thomas D. Cox.

## MEMBERS.

Aucoin, Edgard	Drury, George	Klotz, Abraham	Silber, Louis
Ayrand, John H.	Folse, L. U.	Lauve, A. D.	Samuel, A.
Atkin, O.	Gaudin, F.	Munson, Tim. B.	Schwaar, C. A.
Badeau, Adolph	Jones, T. H.	McNeil, Thos. R.	Simoneau, Jos.
Blanchard, S.	Kling, Gabriel	Nichols, F. T.	Vives, Edward
Bourg, A. J.	Kling, Alphonse	Newchurch, H M	Whittington, J B
Carver, H. H.	Klotz, Sol.	Parnel, Levy	Whitaker, W. A.

38 members

*Initiated, Passed and Raised*—Edgard Aucoin. *Died*—F. Gaudin.  
A. Kling, W. A. Whitaker, A. P. Lauve.

## CORNER STONE LODGE No. 204.

Chartered February 15th, 1871. Lewisburg, Winn Parish, La. Stated meetings,  
first Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

Dennis M. Stone.....	W. M.	N. M. Moffett.....	J. D.
W. C. McDonald.....	S. W.	Samuel L. Deen.....	Chaplain.
W. M. Moffett.....	J. W.	G. S. Stovall.....	Marshal.
Newton Hagler.....	Treasurer.	J. T. Milam.....	} Stewards.
A. F. Stone.....	Secretary.	S. H. Wyatt.....	
J. M. Embry.....	S. D.	R. C. Sims.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

D. M. Stone, B. Warren Stone.

## MEMBERS.

Box, W.	Jones, Allen H.	Stone, William	Walsworth, W.
Rarnes, John W.	Jones, Seaborn	Satcher, Isaac N.	Walsworth, B. F.
Durbin, J. W. W.	Murphy, W. M.	Savage, H. W.	Wyatt, Peter
Embry, R. S.	Pyburn, J.	Talbot, E. M.	Whatley, W. R.
Garlington, D. F.	Peevy, E. J.	Tannehill, L. M.	
Gans, Isaac	Radescich, L. P.	Wasson, J. M.	35 members.

*Initiated, Passed and Raised*—Peter Wyatt.*Dimitted*—William R. Whatley, L. M. Tannehill, J. M. Wasson, J. N. Satcher, Jackson Pyburn.*Dropped*—John W. Barnes.

## DORIC LODGE No. 205.

Chartered February 15th, 1871. Morgan City, St. Mary Parish, La. Stated meetings first and third Wednesday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

Wm. Drews.....	W. M.	P. H. Mentz.....	Secretary.
Milton J. Hamilton.....	S. W.	Gustave Drews.....	S. D.
J. R. Jolly .....	J. W.	Wm. J. Bateman.....	J. D.
Eugene A. Landry.....	Treasurer.	M. W. Bateman.....	M. of C.
		C. Brown.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

M. W. Bateman, Wm. Drews.

## MEMBERS.

Allen, J. M.	Gerver, Xavier	Moch, Solomon	Solomon, N.
Cowan, James L.	Harrison, T. W.	McAuliff, Wm.	Smith, R. H.
Clay, A. E.	Hart, M.	Moos, A.	Storm, B.
Crawford, H. W.	Joret, A.	McGuffy, H.	Smith, Geo. W.
Davis, J. B.	Loeb, L.	Reichman, L.	Vallier, Joseph
Ermann, A.	Morgan, Thos.	Redmond, M. J.	Williams, Geo.
Fiddis, J. L.	Moran, James	Reinauer, J.	Walker, Chas. F.
Gathright, Z. P.	Morse, Thos. L.	Rothscamp, H G	Walters, J. L. T.
Greenwood, J. J.	Malcom, James	Roach, M. A.	
Gougenheim, L.	Mathews, W. M.	Shannon, D.	44 members.

*Initiated*—W. J. Bateman, P. H. Mentz, Gustave Drews, John Shinn, Geo. W. Smith, Duncan Malcom.*Passed*—W. J. Bateman, P. H. Mentz, G. Drews, G. W. Smith.*Raised*—Xavier Gerver, A. E. Clay, W. J. Bateman, P. H. Mentz, G. Drews, G. W. Smith. *Affiliated*—H. McGuffy.*Died*—H. McGuffy.

## TYRIAN LODGE No. 206.

Chartered February 15th, 1871. Williamsport, Pointe Coupee Parish, La. Meets Thursday on or before full moon of each month.

## OFFICERS.

D. Leatherman .....	W. M.	Is. Blum.....	Secretary.
Ben. Moore.....	S. W.	A. C. Gayle.....	S. D.
S. Stribling .....	J. W.	Maurice Levy.....	J. D.
C. W. Baker.....	Treasurer.	F. M. Yoist.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

D. Leatherman, D. D. G. M., W. H. Coyle, C. W. Baker.

## MEMBERS.

Babbett, F. H.,	P Haber, Jos.	Levy, A.	Meobius, J., Sr.
M., Hon. Mem.	Horton, B. F.	Lacour, O.	Meobias, Hy.
Bundick, Ewell	Kingsbury, J. L.	Miles, B. F., Sr.	Sauter, M.
Chandler, J. P.	Kornbacher, E E	Merrick, D. T.	Whitley, P. J.
Hale, C. G.	Lenihan, T. E.	Miller, Hy. G.	26 members.

*Initiated and Passed*—Maurice Levy.

*Raised*—J. Philip Chandler, Maurice Levy.

*Dimitted*—Achille Levy. *Died*—H. W. Coyle, B. F. Miles, Sr.

## HOWARD LODGE No. 207.

Chartered February 15th, 1871. Macedonia Church, Springfield P. O., Livingston Parish, La. Meets Saturday on or before full moon of each month.

## OFFICERS.

John B. Mack.....W. M. Geo. W. Spiller.....Secretary.

No returns for 1878.

## N. H. BRAY LODGE No. 208.

Chartered February 15th, 1871. Walnut Hill, Vernon Parish, La. Meets third Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

James Groves.....	W. M.	W. B. Wales.....	Secretary.
W. H. Weeks.....	S. W.	J. T. Hagan.....	S. D.
P. C. Long .....	J. W.	Uriah T. Allen .....	J. D.
Calvin D. Collins.....	Treasurer.	Benjamin F. Hagan.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

Jas. Groves, W. A. Holton.

## MEMBERS.

Allen, Abram	Groves, L. P.	Owens, Barney O	Self, John
Bolton, F. M.	Glass, John D.	Parker, M. G.	Spurgen, James
Bolton, John M.	Garland, J J McD	Roberts, Samuel	Thompson, W.
Coleman, W. J.	Hunt, I. H.	Swet, L. C.	White, A.
Davis, W. A.	Hicks, James	Stephens, Thos.	West, Madison
Dyas, Edmund	Knight, R. W.	Stanley, M. H.	Weldon, Elias.
Gordon, B. F.	Martin, S.	Spurgen F.	36 members.

*Initiated, Passed and Raised*—Joseph Jasper McDonald Garland.

*Affiliated*—Elias Weldon, John M. Bolton.

*Suspended*—Thomas Stephens. *Expelled*—Frank Spurgen.



## PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE

## R. F. McGUIRE LODGE No. 209.

Chartered February 15th, 1871. Rayville, Richland Parish, La. Stated meetings  
second Wednesday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

D. R. Pettit .....	W. M.	F. G. Hudson .....	Secretary.
W. L. Jones .....	S. W.	J. S. Summerlin .....	S. D.
B. R. McLemore .....	J. W.	J. T. Archibald .....	J. D.
W. T. Mangham .....	Treasurer.	J. A. Liddell .....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

J. G. Richardson, W. T. Oliver, P. M. Ryan, D. R. Pettit.

## MEMBERS.

Archibald, J. B.	Harmes, H.	Morgan, W. J.	Potts, W. N.
Balfour, C. P.	Hicks, W. G.	Myrick, Benj.	Scott, Elijah
Burke, L. O.	McCalip, W. F.	Mangham, T. J.	Smith, O. T.
Duke, J. W.	McDonald, E.	Prewitt, J. H.	Vickers, H. F.
Davis, W. W.	McCorkle, J. D.	Polk, Leon N.	31 members.
Fletcher, J. D.	Moore, C. H.		

## MISSIONARY LODGE No. 210.

Chartered February 14th, 1872. Missionary Ridge, Catahoula Parish, La. Columbia  
P. O. Stated meetings Saturday before second Sunday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

R. S. Slemons .....	W. M.	W. P. Maxwell .....	Secretary.
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No returns for 1878.

## BEACON LODGE No. 211.

Chartered February 14th, 1872. Arizona, Claiborne Parish, La. Stated meetings,  
second Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

A. H. Brown .....	W. M.	J. D. Calhoun .....	Secretary.
T. J. Whitehead .....	S. W.	J. D. Pennington .....	S. D.
E. M. Oaks .....	J. W.	W. M. Baker .....	J. D.
H. A. Robinson .....	Treasurer.	M. S. Goodson .....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

Augustus H. Brown, W. J. Leslie, J. D. Pennington, E. M. Oaks,  
J. F. Peterson.

## MEMBERS.

Baker, J. C.	Coleman, W. G.	Meniffee, H. W.	Nicholson, M. T.
Boring, W. C.	Harris, J. W.	Nelson, J. T.	Taylor, J. H. M.
Corey, J. W.	Moreland, J. F.	Nicholson, W. B.	21 members.

*Initiated*—William Henry Leslie. *Affiliated*—W. C. Boring.

*Dimitted*—H. W. Meniffee, J. W. Corey.

## BLAZING STAR LODGE No. 212.

Chartered February 14th, 1872. West Baton Rouge, Parish of West Baton Rouge, La. Meets first Thursday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

James L. Lobdell.....	W. M.	A. V. Dubroca.....	Secretary.
Albert J. Loudon.....	S. W.	W. H. Esque.....	S. D.
David Devall.....	J. W.	Max Frankel.....	J. D.
Cordelius J. Barrow .....	Treasurer.	M. Dubroca.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

A. Valerian Dubroca, C. J. Barrow, James L. Lobdell.

## MEMBERS.

Barrow, A. D.	Grossman, J.	LeBlanc, O. M.	McKay, A.
Grabenheimer, H	Hereford, R. F.	McKay, Angus	Meyer, Max
			14 members.

*Initiated*—Francois Edmond Trepagnier.

*Passed*—David Devall, James M. Chambers. *Raised*—David Devall.

## KEY STONE LODGE No. 213.

Chartered February 14th, 1872. Sicily Island, Catahoula Parish, La. Meets first and third Saturdays in each month.

## OFFICERS.

Henry S. Doniphan.....	W. M.	H. Bondurant.....	Secretary.
Samuel C. Trahern.....	S. W.	John Spann.....	S. D.
Gotlieb Krause.....	J. W.	Andrew J. Ensminger.....	J. D.
David Roach.....	Treasurer.	T. Wash. Hanks.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

Henry S. Doniphan, John H. Lovelace.

## MEMBERS.

Ensminger, D W	Gibson, J. B.	Lorant, Charles	Racine, O. L.
Fass, M. J.	Harrington, W H	Peck, J. G.	Spann, Geo. W.
Ferrington, J. K.	Higgins, John	18 members.	

*Initiated, Passed and Raised*—George W. Spann.

*Affiliated*—John K. Ferrington. *Died*—John G. Peck.

## LANDMARK LODGE No. 214.

Chartered February 14th, 1873. Spring Ridge, Caddo Parish, La. Meets fourth Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

Wm. Mulhall.....	W. M.	W. J. Alexander .....	S. D.
W. J. Sullivan.....	S. W.	T. D. Hudnall .....	J. D.
J. M. Alexander.....	J. W.	J. M. Davidson.....	} Stewards.
J. W. Wilson .....	Treasurer.	C. C. Robinson.....	
W. G. Boney .....	Secretary.	James Bozeman.....	Tyler.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE

## PAST MASTERS.

J. T. Colquitt, Israel W. Pickens, William G. Boney.

## MEMBERS.

Allen, W. W.	Gamblin, J. S.	Lee, David R.	Mooring, T. M.
Bozeman, G. H.	Hagens, E. M.	McCutchen, T. E.	Sayers, J. L.
Butler, W. D.	Hendrick, John	Metcalf, W. V.	Scott, W. J.
Clark, W. G.	Irvine, B. J.	Mims, R. O.	Shepherd, J. Hy.
Davidson, L.	Jones, S. O.	Miller, Isaac J.	Welborn, J. M.

31 members.

*Initiated, Passed and Raised*—C. C. Robinson.*Dimitted*—W. D. Butler.

## FRIENDSHIP LODGE No. 215.

Chartered February 14th, 1873. Friendship P. O., Bienville Parish, La. Meets second Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

T. M. Blackwood .....	W. M.	A. W. Bishop .....	Secretary.
L. J. Readheimer .....	S. W.	H. B. Pullen .....	S. D.
W. H. Gunn .....	J. W.	W. A. Pullen .....	J. D.
H. G. Pool .....	Treasurer.	A. Shively .....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

L. J. Readheimer, L. M. Pullen.

## MEMBERS.

Bradley, A.	Caldwell, W. M.	Narred, W. M.	Shively, C.
Butler, W. T.	Easley, R. B.	Quarrels, S. J.	Williams, J. M.

17 members.

*Initiated, Passed and Raised*—W. T. Butler.*Affiliated*—W. H. Gunn. *Died*—J. M. Williams.

## GOOD INTENT LODGE No. 216.

Chartered February 14th, 1873. Loggy Bayou, Red River Parish, La. Meets second Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

Stanislaus F. Spencer .....	W. M.	James E. Kenney .....	Secretary.
John Anderson Hunter .....	S. W.	And. J. Lawson .....	S. D.
Thad. C. Wamsley .....	J. W.	Thomas W. Howell .....	J. D.
Warren S. Williams .....	Treasurer.	James Foley .....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

B. G. Kenney, A. J. Lawson.

## MEMBERS.

Allums, B. F.	Davidson, A. M.	Stallings, M. H.	Scarborough, W P
Baird, A. W.	Houghton, M. W.	Salter, James.	Stringfellow, H C
Burnich, Isaac	Hammett, Geo.	Scherer, Geo.	Treadwell, W. H.

21 members.

*Affiliated*—Thomas W. Howell.

## FELLOWSHIP LODGE No. 217.

Chartered February 14th, 1873. Hineston P. O., Rapides Parish, La. Meets fourth Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

J. F. Hathaway.....	W. M. John A. Dixon .....	Secretary.
J. J. Barnidge.....	S. W. E. W. Laird.....	S. D.
O. E. Barnidge.....	J. W. F. VonScarbroek.....	J. D.
S. D. Willams.....	Treasurer. John H. Carruth.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTER.

Benjamin F. Scott, D. D. G. M.

## MEMBERS.

Dove, John, P M	Dodge, E. E.	Melder, Felix	Van Squires, W. L.
Barnidge, L. Q.	Hardin, G. R.	Marler, M. M.	Smith, A.
Cruse, J. S.	Hogan, J. W.	Nash, H. B.	Stokes, S. W.
Crawford, T. J.	Hatch, Joseph T.	Nash, C. C.	Swann, A. G.
Chevalier, M.	James, J. D.	Neal, T. R.	Sorrell, James H.
Crowder, S. G.	Koone, John	Paul, David C.	Woodard, J. D. K.
Dunnan, F. J.	Lawson, R. W.	Squyres, Z. P.	36 members.

*Passed*—Felix Van Melder. *Raised*—F. Van Melder, Joseph W. Hogan.

## ADONIJAH LODGE No. 219.

Chartered February 13th, 1874. Smoot's Store, Caddo Parish, La. Meets first Saturday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

L. A. Walton.....	W. M. R. H. Harrell.....	Secretary.
L. F. Hartz.....	S. W. J. E. Browing.....	S. D.
W. D. Browning.....	J. W. J. R. R. Harrison.....	J. D.
W. D. Browning, Jr.,	Treasurer. A. N. Glover.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

R. K. Harrison, W. H. May.

## MEMBERS.

Hood, W. W.	Osborn, Lee	Perkins, Daniel	Russell, James M.
Meredith, W. H.			14 members.

*Initiated*—Walter William Hood.

*Passed and Raised*—W. W. Hood, Lee Osborn.

*Dimitted*—W. W. Hood, Lee Osborn, W. H. May, J. M. Russell.

*Died*—R. K. Harrison, P. M.

## LIVONIA LODGE No. 220.

Organized under Charter March 18th, 1874. Woolff Store, False River, Pointe Coupee Parish. Meets Saturday previous to full moon of each month.

## OFFICERS.

Peter Randolph.....	W. M. Marshall P. Phillips.....	Secretary.
Emile Joffrion.....	S. W. E. G. Benker.....	S. D.
C. L. Andrews.....	J. W. Edwin Vigne .....	J. D.
Ovide Lieux .....	Treasurer. Charles Villeret.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

J. M. Bailey, E. B. Turner, Paul Joffrion.

## MEMBERS.

Altman, C. Douthier, A. McKneely, S. W. Watkins, L. B.  
 Allian, A. P. Delano, Adelbert Mathews, J. L. Wolf, Cerf  
 Bonauchand, A. Gumbel, C. Pickett, J. Knox Watson, Geo. W.  
 Babin, Alphonse Hebert, C. D. Robertson, Jas. Yoist, Jno.  
 Deplaigne, Jacob Joffrion, St. James Sigler, Hiram  
 Demourelle, Z. Lebeau, Oreste 32 members.

*Initiated*—Cerf Wolf, Edwin Vigne, Marshall P. Phillips, Francois, Lieux, John E. Breaux.

*Passed*—Cerf Wolf, E. Vigne, M. P. Phillips, J. E. Breaux.

*Raised*—C. Wolf, E. Vigne, M. P. Phillips.

*Affiliated*—Oreste Lebeau, Zenon Demourelle, Alcide Bonauchand, George W. Watson, Peter Randolph, C. D. Hebert, John Yoist, Alcide Douthier.

*Dimitted*—A. Delano, S. W. McKneely. *Died*—Jacob Deplaigne.

*Reinstated*—Cornelius Gumbel.

## SOLOMON LODGE No. 221.

Chartered February 13th, 1874. Organized March 19th, 1874. Pineville, Rapides Parish, La. Meets second and fourth Saturdays of each month.

## OFFICERS.

W. A. Griffin.....	W. M.	G. W. Bolton.....	Secretary.
L. Abadie .....	S. W.	E. J. Hartner.....	S. D.
C. H. Dozier .....	J. W.	Henry Walhling.....	J. D.
Robt. Aaron.....	Treasurer.	T. D. Johnston.....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

G. W. Bolton, L. Abadie, W. A. Griffin.

## MEMBERS.

Johnston, G. S. Peart, F. L. Richerson, J. H. Slocum, G. W.  
 Johnston, J. W. Ogden, A. N. 15 members.

*Affiliated*—John H. Richerson.

## PECAN GROVE LODGE No. 222.

Chartered February 14th, 1874. Goodrich's Landing, Carroll Parish, La. Illawara P. O. Meets first Wednesday in each month.

## OFFICERS.

Hy. Goodrich.....	W. M.	Geo. Foster.....	Secretary.
Ferd. Bernd.....	S. W.	E. Mayer.....	S. D.
Gerald G. Lynch.....	J. W.	F. D. Chapline.....	J. D.
Jacob Stein.....	Treasurer.	Hy. Marks .....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

John C. Bass, Wm. M. Aiken.

## MEMBERS.

Devine, E. M. Hedrick, C. A. Ritter, Geo. D. Spann, E. M.  
 Hass, Isaac Mayer, L. 16 members.

*Dimitted*—George D. Ritter, C. A. Hedrick.

## BETHANY LODGE No. 223.

Chartered February 17th, 1876. Bethany Church, Natchitoches Parish, La. Campte  
 P. O. Meets on Thursday before third Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

John O. Williams.....W. M. R. E. Hammett.....Secretary.  
 Isaiah Jones.....S. W. B. F. Burley.....S. D.  
 Thos. C. Brown.....J. W. Jas. O. Maybin .....J. D.  
 Joslin Jones.....Treasurer. Chas. G. Marbacher .....Tyler.

## PAST MASTERS.

J. A. Carroll, Isaiah Jones.

## MEMBERS.

Bandaries, M. Cooley, Jas. M. 11 members.

*Affiliated*—Chas. G. Marbacher, Thos. C. Brown.

## ALABAMA LODGE No. 224.

Organized U. D. 1873. Chartered February 17th, 1877. Claiborne Parish, La.  
 Alabama Church, Cane Ridge P. O. Meets third Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

John Aiken.....W. M. A. C. Harper .....Secretary.  
 No returns for 1878.

## CENTENNIAL LODGE No. 225.

Chartered February 17th, 1877. Waterproof, Tensas Parish, La. Meets on the Tuesday  
 preceding the Wednesday nearest full moon.

## OFFICERS.

S. H. Mobberly.....W. M. Will. Moss.....Secretary.  
 Hartwig Moss.....S. W. A. J. Gibson, Jr.....S. D.  
 John K. Guice.....J. W. Ben Yamer.....J. D.  
 A. S. Yamer.....Treasurer. J. G. Harris.....Tyler.

## PAST MASTER.

A. H. Kendrick.

## MEMBERS.

Andrews, Mark Graves, E. E. Heller, B. B. Newton, W. H.  
 Burnett, W. T. Hopkins, S. F. Moss, Charles Stripling, Wm. M.  
 Brown, H. W. Hays, Thos. J. McCullough, H. Wise, David  
 Gorton, Joseph Harris, J. G. Moss, L. H. Yeager, W. C.

24 members,

*Dimitted*—Chas. Moss. *Died*—A. H. Kendrick, P. M.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE

## CLEAR SPRING LODGE No. 226.

Chartered February 17th, 1877. Longwood, Caddo Parish, La. Meets second Saturday of each month.

## OFFICERS.

Thomas R. Vaughan.....	W. M.	W. W. Hood .....	Secretary.
J. P. Hearne .....	S. W.	T. J. Hearne .....	S. D.
T. L. Barnes .....	J. W.	J. F. Currie.....	J. D.
L. Rhodes.....	Treasurer.	W. J. Taylor....	Tyler.

## PAST MASTER.

Thomas R. Vaughn.

## MEMBERS.

Bicham, T. H.	Linsey, W. H.	Monroe, Dan'l	McCafrey, E. M.
Huttoe, G. W.	Laughlin, E. M.		14 members.

*Affiliated*—W. W. Hood. *Died*—W. H. Linsey.

## BLUE BUCK LODGE No. 227.

Chartered February 15th, 1879. (Organized U. D. April 27th, 1878) at Johnson's Bayou, Cameron Parish, La. Meets Saturday before full moon.

## (RETURN U. D.)

## OFFICERS.

Geo. A. Smith.....	W. M.	John P. Eddleman .....	Secretary.
Geo. W. McDuffie.....	S. W.	Richard B. Harrison .....	S. D.
Joshua Griffith.....	J. W.	Abraham P. Baker .....	J. D.
Joseph B. Pevoto.....	Treasurer.	Chas. C. Pletzing .....	Tyler.

## MEMBERS.

Anderson, J. W. Harper, R. B. G. Lindsey, Jno. T. Saunders, James Eddleman, W H Jett, John R. Pevoto, Caswell 14 members.

*Initiated*—William H. Eddleman, John T. Lindsey, Caswell Pevoto, Charles C. Suttles, John A. Doxey, Charles M. Thaire.

*Passed and Raised*—W. H. Eddleman, J. T. Lindsey, C. Pevoto, J. R. Jett. *Affiliated*—James Saunders.

*Died*—R. B. G. Harper, who signed petition for Dispensation, but died before chartering.

## LOUISIANA RELIEF LODGE No. 1.

Meetings first Sunday in each month.

## OFFICERS—1879.

HENRY WINSLOW, of Lodge 68.....	W. M.
ALFRED SHAW, of Lodge 173.....	S. W.
OWEN GERON, of Lodge 65.....	J. W.
S. M. TODD, P. G. M., of Lodge 68.....	Treasurer.
RICHARD LAMBERT, of Lodge 59.....	Secretary.
S. F. PARMELEE, of Lodge 191.....	S. D.
GEORGE ROBB, of Lodge 176.....	J. D.
W. H. HUTCHINGS, of Lodge 72.....	Tyler.

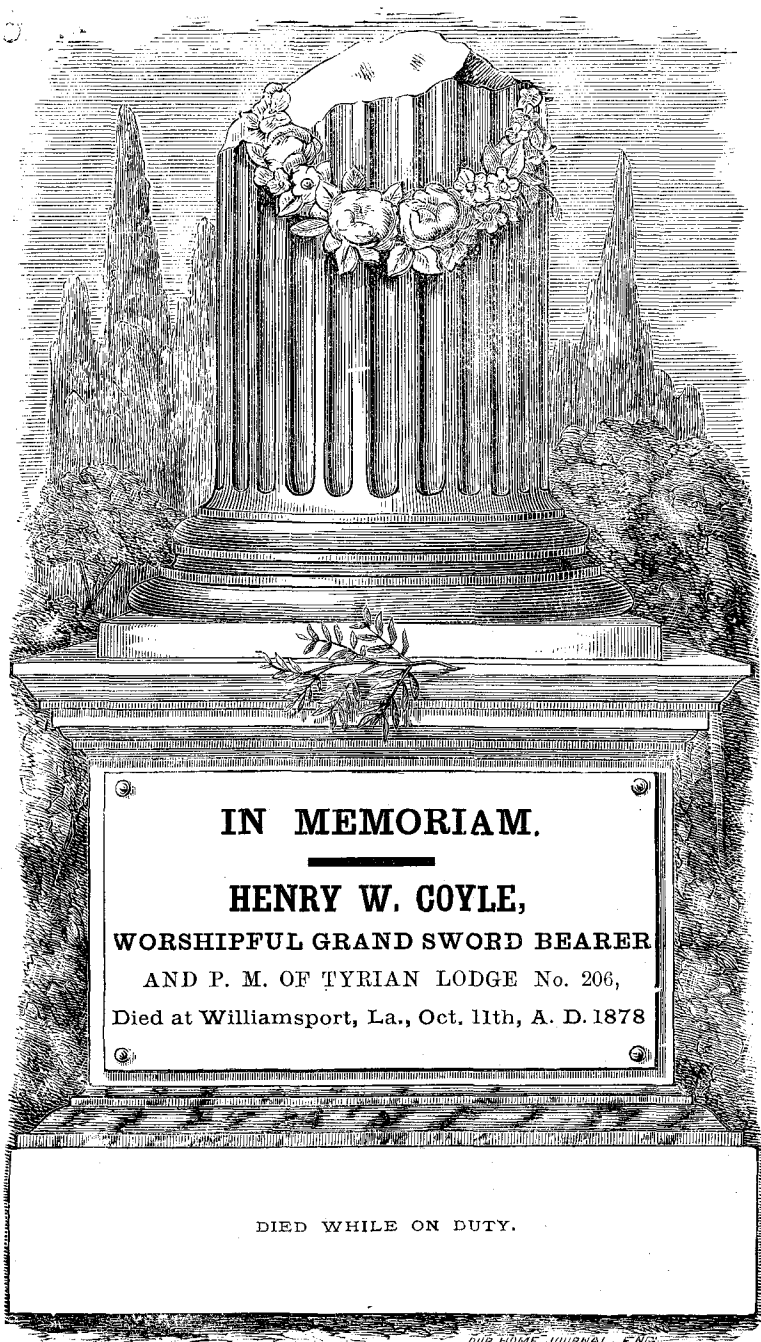
## PAST MASTERS.

J. Q. A. FELLOWS, of Lodge 68, P. G. M.  
 J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D., of Lodge 72, Grand Secretary.  
 JOHN A. STEVENSON, of Lodge 66.  
 H. P. BUCKLEY, of Lodge 68.  
 JOS. P. HORNOR, of Lodge 173, P. D. G. M.  
 HENRY HAMBURGER, of Lodge 65.  
 RICHARD LAMBERT, of Lodge 59.  
 WM. H. HUTCHINGS, of Lodge 72.  
 A. B. SMALL, of Lodge 68.  
 GEO. J. PINCKARD, of Lodge 72.  
 HILEL MARKS, of Lodge 58.  
 G. L. HALL, of Lodge 77.  
 A. L. ABBOTT, of Lodge 102.  
 HENRY WINSLOW, of Lodge 68.

## LODGES AND REPRESENTATIVES—1879.

PERFECT UNION LODGE No. 1—Louis Prados, W. M.; A. L. Tissot, S. W.; Theo. Guyol, J. W.  
 SILENCIO LODGE No. 9—F. de P. Villasana, W. M.; J. Alibau y Prats, S. W.; Y Suarez, J. W.  
 FRIENDS OF HARMONY LODGE No. 58—John H. Clarke, W. M.; P. P. Paul, S. W.; Joseph Ross, J. W.  
 GEORGE WASHINGTON LODGE No. 65—Owen Gernon, W. M.; D. W. C. Peck, S. W.; A. S. Cutler, J. W.  
 DUDLEY LODGE No. 66—E. M. Ivens, W. M.; E. Lalmant, S. W.; George Stroud, J. W.  
 MARION LODGE No. 68—Henry Winslow, W. M.; J. L. Swan, S. W.; R. A. Bayley, J. W.  
 HIRAM LODGE No. 70—P. H. Leonard, W. M.; James Reid, S. W.; Charles McKenzie, J. W.  
 ALPHA HOME LODGE No. 72—J. C. Batchelor, M. D., W. M.; Thos. Kearns, S. W.; J. G. Sumner, J. W.  
 QUITMAN LODGE No. 76—John K. Collins, W. M.; A. G. Armstrong, S. W.; Wm. S. Hansell, J. W.  
 HERMITAGE LODGE No. 98—Jos. D. Taylor, W. M.; W. Gerstner, S. W.; Wm. Webler, J. W.  
 LOUISIANA LODGE No. 102—Victor Meyer, W. M.; Jas. Rainey, S. W.; John D. Scott, J. W.  
 OCEAN LODGE No. 144—Wm. Erslew, W. M.; Wm. Kneale, S. W.; A. S. Hebert, J. W.  
 UNION LODGE No. 172—E. Morel, W. M.; M. L. Costley, S. W.; John Charles, J. W.  
 ORIENT LODGE No. 173—Alfred Shaw, W. M.; L. Lilienthal, S. W.; Z. T. Black, J. W.  
 PERFECT HARMONY LODGE No. 176—M. Aarons, W. M.; Geo. Robb, S. W.; Geo. W. Booth, J. W.  
 CORINTHIAN LODGE No. 190—W. E. Lawrence, W. M.; James R. Howell, S. W.; John Stumpf, Jr., J. W.  
 JEFFERSON LODGE No. 191—S. F. Parmelee, W. M.; W. G. Murtagh, S. W.; G. A. Smith, J. W.





# IN MEMORIAM.

## OUR DEAD OF 1878.

JOHN W. HIGMAN,  
P. M. MOUNT GERIZIM LODGE No. 54. DIED JULY 13TH.

FRANK W. DELESDERNIER,  
P. M. MOUNT MORIAH LODGE, No. 59. DIED JUNE 6TH.

ORSEN S. BABCOCK,  
P. M. GEO. WASHINGTON LODGE No. 65. DIED SEPT. 9TH.

HENRY CEARNS,  
W. M. HIRAM LODGE No. 70. DIED JANUARY 25TH.

JOHN KELLETT,  
P. M. HIRAM LODGE No. 70. DIED MARCH 8TH.

JOHN T. PETTIGREW,  
P. M. ORLEANS LODGE No. 78. DIED JUNE 4TH.

W. W. CARTER,  
P. M. ST. HELENA LODGE No. 96. DIED OCTOBER 14TH.

H. W. STRICKLAND,  
P. M. ST. HELENA LODGE No. 96. DIED SEPTEMBER 13TH.

LEONARD F. GISH,  
W. M. SAINTS JOHN LODGE No. 153. DIED JANUARY —.

G. W. DANNALS,  
P. M. BROOKVILLE LODGE No. 161. DIED JULY 21ST.

LOUIS LEVIQUE,  
P. M. LAKE CHARLES LODGE No. 165. DIED MARCH 21ST.

R. K. HARRISON,  
P. M. ADONIJAH LODGE No. 219. DIED SEPTEMBER 18TH.

ANSEL H. KENDRICK,  
P. M. CENTENNIAL LODGE No. 225. DIED SEPTEMBER 9TH.

## EXPULSIONS, SUSPENSIONS AND REINSTATEMENTS.

### LIST OF EXPULSIONS FOR 1879.

St. Albans Lodge No. 28, J. D. Delery.  
 St. Joseph Lodge No. 79, John P. Harlow.  
 Thomas Jefferson Lodge No. 113, L. P. McDonald.  
 N. H. Bray Lodge No. 208, Frank Spurgen.

### LIST OF SUSPENSIONS FOR 1879.

Perfect Union Lodge No. 1, Chas. Delassus, Paul Forstall.  
 St. Andre Lodge No. 5, G. Lusse, V. Dazet, E. Masquera, A. Leiche,  
 U. Dieuzede.  
 Los Amigos Del Orden Lodge No. 5, Jose Planellas, V. Padilla, A. F.  
 Baheler, Hy. Turner.  
 Silencio Lodge No. 9, Cayetano Ferrer, Louis A. D'Estrampes.  
 Feliciana Lodge No. 31, Thomas Bethany, L. A. Burgess.  
 Phoenix Lodge No. 38, W. P. Morrow, T. Pettijean, W. H. Jack, O.  
 Capmartin, J. H. Hill.  
 Foyer Magonnique Lodge No. 44, L. Lambert.  
 Germania Lodge No. 46, Sam. Cohen, Aug. Henle, Charles Martens,  
 Rob. Neudascher, J. H. Schoritz, H. Spiro, Jac. Zollinger.  
 Mount Gerizim Lodge No. 54, R. W. Cotton, Josiah Davenport, Geo.  
 M. Sandedge, F. W. Turpin, W. B. Taylor.  
 Friends of Harmony Lodge No. 58, P. M. Borges, Charles E. Whit-  
 more.  
 Mount Moriah Lodge No. 59, J. B. Chandler, J. B. Dodart, G. W.  
 Gregor, W. H. Henning, Wm. McMasters, B. Montgomery, I. E.  
 Roberts, Frank P. Smith, J. F. Seguin.  
 George Washington Lodge No. 65, J. O. Wright.  
 Dudley Lodge No. 66, James Barker, C. A. Parker, J. H. Burton, J.  
 Benedict, J. B. Davis, John T. Reeder, S. J. Seymour, A. Thomas, Hy.  
 Taylor, M. F. Woods, M. W. Evans, Bertrand Roberts, John W. Bing-  
 ham, David Davidson, Thomas Henry, Henry E. Fine, James Cham-  
 berlain, W. A. Jordan, Washington Marks, G. P. Work.  
 Marion Lodge No. 68, M. Cohen, A. B. Small.  
 Hiram Lodge No. 70, Patrick Savage.  
 Sabine Lodge No. 75, W. Y. Barnhill, Samuel D Crump, J. H. Boze-  
 man, J. H. Martin, Jonathan Clarke, J. T. Lynch, Henry J. Mims, J.  
 W. Walker.  
 Quitman Lodge No. 76, G. W. Church.

Orleans Lodge No. 78, Adolph Rosenberg, Thomas Fernon, John Powers.

Oliver Lodge No. 84, Abram Martin, W. J. Rogers.

St. Helena Lodge No. 96, C. E. Strickland, John Branigan, John H. Williams, E. Yarborough, J. E. Smith, W. A. Smith.

Hermitage Lodge No. 98, Charles Biarle, Nic. Mohr.

Louisiana Lodge No. 102, A. W. Perry, John Magee, Thos. Flanagan, W. P. Clarke.

Sparta Lodge No. 108, Phillip Allen, Isadore Blum, W. C. Preslar, W. J. Pearce, T. F. Ruff, L. B. Wardlow.

Harrisonburg Lodge No. 110, C. R. Blackman, R. F. Hodges, P. E. H. Lovelace, John Prichard, Carter Thompson, W. F. Womack, Thomas Rhineheart.

Urim Lodge No. 111, W. Bryan, G. W. Brady, G. W. Butler, C. C. Collins, J. M. Griggs.

Shreveport Lodge No. 115, J. H. Kilpatrick, E. B. Martin, J. S. Shendon.

Delhi Lodge No. 120, J. R. Carlton, J. W. Couch, H. W. McLemore.

Pearl River Lodge No. 125, T. J. Warner, J. F. Ard, H. Ryall, A. J. Forbes, W. E. Ralls.

Plains Lodge No. 135, W. E. Atkinson, A. D. Sloan, W. B. Young.

Ocean Lodge No. 144, John Cain.

Anacoco Lodge No. 147, J. A. Brown, John Franklin, W. H. Smart.

Darlington Lodge No. 149, Wm. M. Stone, J. H. Hodges, L. Stewart.

Eastern Star Lodge No. 151, Austin C. Banks.

Saints John Lodge No. 153, Joseph Hughes, F. B. Hall.

Burnsville Lodge No. 162, D. P. Doyle, J. A. Rankin, C. K. Morgan.

Athafalaya Lodge No. 163, W. Rogers, J. D. Howard, H. V. Holden.

Linnwood Lodge No. 167, E. S. Curry, S. M. Burbank, George E. Bovee, T. McAlpin, F. Morey, A. J. Sypher, J. C. White, J. V. Cellos, S. B. Wright.

Montgomery Lodge No. 168, McK. Holston.

Haynesville, Lodge No. 169, N. J. Valentine.

Orus Lodge No. 170, C. Mayer.

Kosmos Lodge No. 171, John Guhmann, Louis C. Nick.

Union Lodge No. 172, W. S. Henthorn, Thomas O'Connor, W. H. Yates, J. H. Sypher.

Dante Lodge No. 174, Ant. Cetti, Morice Simon.

Amite City Lodge No. 175, J. P. Amacker, A. C. Crane, W. Duncan, J. Weigle, T. D. Zachary.

Tulip Lodge No. 178, B. Hood, W. S. Hood, M. D. L. Spurlock, R. S. Tyler, T. B. Wafer, H. D. Windsor.

Sam Todd Lodge No. 182, J. E. J. Tarver.

Spring Creek Lodge No. 184, John P. Wall.

Flat Lick Lodge No. 187, John E. Burch.

Evergreen Lodge No. 189, W. H. Oliver, P. M. Loper.  
Corinthian Lodge No. 190, Owen D. Bragdon, Wm. N. Packard,  
Geo. W. Hopkins.  
Jefferson Lodge No. 191, P. A. Wagner.  
Abbeville Lodge No. 192, Wm. Henry, Thomas J. Morgan.  
Aurora Lodge No. 193, E. Bourne, L. Y. Jessup, John F. Wyche, A.  
Ribbeck, Eli Longnecker, H. Hart.  
Corner Stone Lodge No. 204, J. W. Barnes.  
N. H. Bray Lodge No. 208, Thos. Stephens.  
Pecan Grove Lodge No. 222, C. A. Heddrick.

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## LIST OF REINSTATEMENTS FOR 1879.

Perseverance Lodge No. 4, Pascal Sarthou.  
Silencio Lodge No. 9, Jose Menendez.  
Humble Cottage Lodge No. 19, B. A. Martel.  
Germania Lodge No. 46, J. B. Boh, Peter Herman.  
Minden Lodge No. 51, Joseph N. Bryan.  
Olive Lodge No. 52, Henry Vaughan.  
Mount Moriah Lodge No. 59, Benjamin Houghton, W. C. Smith, A.  
Granon.  
Dudley Lodge No. 66, C. A. Parker, J. B. Davis, Thomas Henry,  
Jacob Meyer, Washington Marks.  
Marion Lodge No. 68, C. N. Welshans.  
Hiram Lodge No. 70, Thomas D. Turner.  
Alpha Home Lodge No. 72, Martin Fisher, W. W. Wharton.  
Orleans Lodge No. 78, G. M. Lally.  
St. Joseph Lodge No. 79, James Hennessey.  
St. Helena Lodge No. 96, C. E. Strickland, John Branigan.  
Delhi Lodge No. 120, H. W. McVey.  
Liberty Lodge No. 123, G. W. Wayland, D. J. Cates.  
Pearl River Lodge No. 125, J. M. Moody.  
Arcadia Lodge No. 126, R. T. Goff.  
Ocean Lodge No. 144, Louis Power.  
Burnsville Lodge No. 162, Jacob Gall.  
Atchafalaya Lodge No. 163, A. Douthier.  
Linnwood Lodge No. 167, S. M. Burbank, A. J. Sypher.  
Haynesville Lodge No. 169, B. R. Neal.  
Dante Lodge No. 174, Ant. Borzone.  
Perfect Harmony Lodge No. 176, M. Hiller.  
Tulip Lodge No. 178, J. Mask.  
Caddo Lodge No. 179, W. M. Turner.  
Aurora Lodge No. 193, A. Grousset.  
Oak Grove Lodge No. 200, T. J. Sage.  
Livonia Lodge No. 220, Cornelius Gumble.

## LIST OF GRAND LODGES.

GRAND LODGE.	MEETS.	GRAND SECRETARY.	RESIDENCE.
Alabama .....	Dec...	Daniel Sayre .....	Montgomery.
Arkansas .....	Oct...	Luke E. Barber, P.G.M. ....	Little Rock.
Argentina .....	.....	E. M. Castro.....	Buenos Ayres, A.
Brazil .....	.....	Dr. A. Friere do Ameral ..	Rio de Janeiro.
British Columbia...	Feb...	Coote M. Chambers .....	Victoria.
California .....	Oct...	Alex. G. Abell.....	San Francisco.
Canada .....	July...	J. J. Mason.....	Hamilton, Ontario.
Colorado .....	Sept...	E. C. Parmelee .....	Georgetown.
Connecticut .....	May...	Joseph K. Wheeler.....	Hartford.
Delaware.....	Oct...	W. S. Hayes .....	Wilmington.
District of Columbia...	Nov...	Wm. R. Singleton .....	Washington City
Dakota Territory...	July...	Charles T. McCay .....	Bon Homme.
England .....	Quarterly...	John Hervey .....	London.
Florida .....	Jan. .	De Witt C. Dawkins, P.G.M. ....	Jacksonville.
Frankfort-on-the-Main ..	.....	Karl Paul .....	Frankfort, Prussia.
Georgia .....	Oct...	J. E. Blackshear, M. D. ....	Macon.
Idaho .....	Sept...	Chas. Hinrod.....	Boise City.
Indiana.....	May...	Wm. H. Smythe.....	Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	June...	Theo. S. Parvin, P.G.M. ....	Iowa City.
Illinois .....	Oct...	John F. Burrel .....	Springfield.
Indian Territory ..	Sept...	R. P. Jones .....	Caddo.
Ireland .....	Monthly...	S. B. Oldham, Dep. G. Sec.....	Dublin.
Kentucky.....	Oct...	Hiram Bassett .....	Louisville.
Kansas .....	Oct...	John H. Browne .....	Wyandotte.
Louisiana .....	Feb...	J. C. Batchelor, M. D. ....	New Orleans.
Maine .....	May...	Ira Berry.....	Portland.
Maryland .....	Nov...	Jacob H. Medairy .....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Dec...	Tracy P. Cheever.....	Boston.
Michigan .....	Jan...	Wm. P. Inness .....	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota .....	Jan...	A. T. C. Pierson, P.G.M. ....	St. Paul.
Mississippi .....	Feb...	John L. Power .....	Jackson.
Missouri .....	Oct...	John D. Vincil, P. G. M. ....	St. Louis.
Montana .....	Oct...	Cornelius Hedges.....	Helena,

GRAND LODGE.	MEETS.	GRAND SECRETARY.	RESIDENCE.
Manitoba .....		John H. Bell .....	Thumpeg.
Nebraska .....	June...	Wm. R. Bowen .....	Omaha.
Nevada .....	Sept...	John D. Hammond .....	Carson.
North Carolina .....	Dec..	Donald W. Bain .....	Raleigh.
New York .....	June...	James M. Austin, M. D. ...	New York City.
New Jersey .....	Jan...	Joseph H. Hough .....	Trenton.
New Hampshire .....	May...	George P. Cleaves .....	Concord.
New Brunswick .....	Sept...	William F. Bunting .....	St. John's.
Nova Scotia .....	June...	Benj. Curren .....	Halifax.
Ohio .....	Oct...	John D. Caldwell .....	Cincinnati.
Oregon .....	June...	R. P. Earhart .....	Portland.
Pennsylvania .....	Dec...	John Thomson .....	Philadelphia.
Prince Edward Island .....		B. Wilson Higgs .....	Charlottetown.
Quebec .....	Sept...	I. H. Isaacson .....	Montreal.
Rhode Island .....	June...	Edwin Baker .....	Providence.
Royal York of Friendship .....		Karl Paul Bouche .....	Berlin, Prussia.
South Carolina .....	Dec...	Charles Inglesby .....	Charleston.
Saxony ..		Carl Gustav Western .....	Dresden.
Tennessee .....	Nov...	John Frizzell .....	Nashville.
Texas .....	Dec...	George H. Bringham .....	Houston.
Three Globes .....		G. Peterson .....	Berlin, Prussia.
Utah .....	Nov...	Chris. Diehl .....	Salt Lake City.
Virginia .....	Dec...	Wm. B. Isaacs .....	Richmond.
Vermont .....	June...	Henry Clark .....	Rutland.
Wisconsin .....	June...	John W. Woodhull .....	Milwaukee.
West Virginia .....	Nov...	O. H. Long .....	Wheeling.
Washington Territory .....	Sept...	Thomas M. Reid .....	Olympia.
Wyoming Territory .....	Oct...	W. G. Town .....	Cheyenne.

GRAND MASONIC BODIES OF LOUISIANA  
HOLDING THEIR MEETINGS IN GRAND LODGE HALL,  
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.

1879.

GRAND LODGE F. AND A. MASONS.

EDWIN MARKS, New Orleans.....M. W. Grand Master.  
HENRY CLAY YOUNG, Port Hudson.. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.  
J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D., New Orleans .....R. W. Grand Secretary.  
Second Monday in February of each year.

GRAND CHAPTER R. A. MASONS.

WM. SOMMER BENEDICT, New Orleans, M. E. Grand High Priest.  
EDWIN H. FAY, Clinton.....R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest.  
J. C. BATCHELOR, M. D. New Orleans.....R. E. Grand Secretary.  
Tuesday after the second Monday in February.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD.

JOSEPH P. HORNOR, New Orleans .....President.  
WILLIAM ROBSON, Shreveport.....Vice President.  
JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D., New Orleans .....Recorder.  
During the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

GRAND COUNCIL R. AND S. MASTERS.

GEORGE JOSIAH PINCKARD, New Orleans.....M. Ill. G. M.  
RICHARD LAMBERT, New Orleans .....G. Recorder.  
Thursday after second Monday in February.

GRAND COMMANDERY, K. T.

EDWIN BAKER, New Orleans.....R. E. G. Commander.  
RICHARD LAMBERT, New Orleans.. .....G. Recorder.  
Friday after second Monday in February.

GRAND CONSISTORY S. PP. R. S. 32°.

JOSEPH P. HORNOR, 32°, Kt. Com., New Orleans,  
Venerable Grand Master of the Kadosh.  
BIANCO CAMPIGLIO, 32°, New Orleans.....Grand Prior.  
ALFRED SHAW, Hy. I. G., 33°, New Orleans.....Grand Preceptor.  
THOS. CRIPPS, Hy. I. G. 33°, New Orleans... .....Grand Registrar.  
Second Wednesday in January, January 21, March 24, June 21, Sep-  
tember and December 27,



## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS—1879.

## FIRST DISTRICT—FIRST DIVISION.

R. W. DAVID R. GRAHAM.....New Orleans.

Friends of Harmony 58; Dudley 66; Marion 68; Hiram 70; Alpha Home 72; Ocean 144; Union 172; Perfect Harmony 176; Corinthian 190; Saints John 153.....Lodges, 10.

## FIRST DISTRICT—SECOND DIVISION.

R. Wor. W. A. BRAINERD.....New Orleans.

Mount Moriah 59; George Washington 65; Quitman 76; Orleans 78; Hermitage 98; Louisiana 102; Linn Wood 167; Orient 173; Jefferson 191; Saints John 153.....Lodges, 10.

## FIRST DISTRICT—THIRD DIVISION.

R. W. BIANCO CAMPIGLIO .....New Orleans.

Perfect Union 1; Polar Star 1; Concorde 3; Perseverance 4; St. Andre 5; Los Amigos del Orden 5; Silencio 9; Foyer Maçonnique 44; Germania 46; Kosmos 171; Dante 174.....Lodges, 11.

## SECOND DISTRICT.

R. W. ORLANDO L. COLLINS, M. D .....Darlington.

*St. Helena Parish*—St. Helena 96; Darlington 149. *Washington Parish*—Franklinton 101; Pearl River 125. *Tangipahoa Parish*—Livingston 160; Amite City 175; Spring Creek 184. *Livingston Parish*—Howard 207. *St. Tammany Parish*—Covington 188.....Lodges, 9.

## THIRD DISTRICT.

R. W. HOWELL CARTER.....Plains Store.

*East Baton Rouge Parish*—St. James 47; Milford 117; Plains 135. *East Feliciana Parish*—St. Albans 28; Olive 52; Kellertown 124. *West Feliciana Parish*—Feliciana 31.....Lodges, 7.

## FOURTH DISTRICT.

R. W. SOL. M. BRIAN .....Winnfield.

*Catahoula Parish*—Trinity 105; Harrisonburg 110; Missionary 210; Keystone 213. *Caldwell Parish*—Columbia 164; Corner Stone 204. *Tensas Parish*—St. Joseph 79; Centennial 225. *Winn Parish*—Eastern Star 151. *Franklin Parish*—Stonewall U. D.....Lodges, 10.

## FIFTH DISTRICT.

R. W. DR. WM. E. ATCHINSON ..... Delhi.  
*Carroll Parish*—Providence 50; Monticello 92; Oak Grove 200; Pecan Grove 222. *Richland Parish*—Delhi 120; R. F. Maguire 209. Lodges, 6.

## SIXTH DISTRICT.

R. W. CHURUBUSCO NEWTON ..... Bastrop.  
*Ouachita Parish*—Western Star 24. *Caldwell Parish*—Mt. Gerizim 54; Castor 109. *Union Parish*—Napoleon 94. *Morehouse Parish*—Bartholomew 112; Brookville 161. Lodges, 6.

## SEVENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. DR. ROBERT ROBERTS ..... Shiloh.  
*Union Parish*—Union Fraternal 53; Thomas Jefferson 113; Shiloh 131; Downs ville 143; Cherry Ridge 155; Alabama 224. *Ouachita Parish*—Urim 111. Lodges, 7.

## EIGHTH DISTRICT.

R. W. JAMES BRICE ..... Arcadia.  
*Jackson Parish*—Lafayette 56; Brookline 198. *Lincoln Parish*—Vienna 106; Eureka 177. *Bienville Parish*—Mount Lebanon 104; Arcadia 126; Friendship 215. *Claiborne Parish*—Terryville 118. Lodges, 8.

## NINTH DISTRICT.

R. W. JOHN JEFFERSON CARTER ..... Minden.  
*Claiborne Parish*—Burnsville 162; Holly Springs 202. *Webster Parish*—Minden 51. *Bossier Parish*—Bellevue 95; Fillmore 154. Lodges, 5.

## TENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. DR. JOHN J. SCOTT ..... Shreveport.  
*Caddo Parish*—Jackson 45; Shreveport 115; Caddo 179; Long Wood 183; Landmark 214; Adonijah 219; Clear Spring 226. *DeSoto Parish*—Liberty 123. *Bossier Parish*—Cypress 89; Red Land 148. Lodges, 10.

## ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. JULIUS LISSO ..... Coushatta.  
*Red River Parish*—Silent Brotherhood 146; Good Intent 216. *Bienville Parish*—Sparta 108; Mackey 122. *Natchitoches Parish*—Phœnix 38; Lake Village 196. *Winn Parish*—Montgomery 168. Lodges, 7.

## TWELFTH DISTRICT.

R. W. BENJ. F. SCOTT ..... Lamourie Bridge.  
*Rapides Parish*—Oliver 84, Gordy 133; Fellowship 217; Solomon 221. *Avoyelles Parish*—Evergreen 189. *Grant Parish*—Cloutierville 103. Lodges, 6.

## THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

M. W. MICHEL ELOI GIRARD, P. G. M.....Vermilionville.

*St. Landry Parish*—Humble Cottage 19; Orphans' Friend 185; Mount Olivet 194; Magnolia 197. *Lafayette Parish*—Hope 145. *Vermilion Parish*—Abbeville 192. *Iberia Parish*—Aurora 193....Lodges, 7.

## FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. ISAAH D. MOORE.....Thibodeaux.

*St. Mary's Parish*—Franklin 57; Lafayette 87; Doric 205. *Lafourche Interior Parish*—Thibodeaux Benevolent 90. *Terrebonne Parish*—Houma 139. *Assumption Parish*—Assumption 203.....Lodges, 6.

## FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. DAVID LEATHERMAN.....New Texas Landing.

*West Feliciana Parish*—Tunica 63. *Iberville Parish*—Acacia 116. *West Baton Rouge Parish*—Blazing Star 212. *Pointe Coupee Parish*—Tyrian 206; Livonia 220. *Avoyelles Parish*—Atchafayala 163...Lodges, 6.

## SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. REV. JOHN A. MILLER.....Flat Lick Bayou.

*Claiborne Parish*—Lisbon 121; Athens 136; Cool Spring 140; Homer 152; Haynesville 169; Tulip 178; Flat Lick 187; Summerfield 201; Beacon 211.....Lodges, 9.

## SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. BOLING WILLIAMS.....Mansfield.

*DeSoto Parish*—DeSoto 55; Mount Vernon 83; Jeffersonian 138. Lodges, 3.

## EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. DR. JOHN D. ADDISON .....Natchitoches.

*Sabine Parish*—Sabine 75; Kisatchie 156; Little Flock 180. *Vernon Parish*—Anacoco 147; Rapides 158; N. H. Bray 208. *Natchitoches Parish*—Kisatchie Union 186.....Lodges, 7.

## NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. GEORGE H. WELLS.....Lake Charles.

*Caleasieu Parish*—Lake Charles 165; Sam Todd 182; *Cameron Parish*—Blue Buck 227.....Lodges, 3.

## COMMITTEES OF GRAND LODGE—1879.

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### ON AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS.

R. W. GEORGE JOHNSTON, Quitman Lodge No. 76.  
W. GEO. J. PINCKARD, Alpha Home Lodge No. 72.  
W. GEORGE SOULE, Quitman Lodge No. 76.

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### ON WORK AND RETURNS OF CHARTERED LODGES.

#### *First Section.*

W. JOS. D. TAYLOR, Hermitage Lodge No. 98.  
W. D. STOCKING, Feliciana Lodge No. 31.  
W. M. A. CALOGNE, Perseverance Lodge No. 4.

#### *Second Section.*

W. JOHN H. CLARKE, Friends of Harmony Lodge No. 58.  
W. F. M. BROOKS, Saint James Lodge No. 47.  
W. CHAS. F. BUCK, Germania Lodge No. 46.

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### ON WORK AND RETURNS OF LODGES U. D.

W. ALFRED SHAW, Orient Lodge No. 173.  
W. S. F. PARMELEE, Jefferson Lodge No. 191.  
W. BENJ. G. KENNEY, Good Intent Lodge No. 216.

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### ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

R. W. WM. W. LEAKE, Feliciana Lodge No. 31.  
R. W. GILBERT L. HALL, Quitman Lodge No. 76.  
W. WILMOT H. GOODALE, St. James Lodge No. 47.  
W. HY. WINSLOW, Marion Lodge No. 68.  
W. F. de P. VILLASANA, Silence Lodge No. 9.  
W. EWD. BOOTH, Perfect Harmony Lodge No. 176.  
W. A. B. BOOTH, Milford Lodge No. 117.

## ON MASONIC LAW AND JURISPRUDENCE.

- M. W. SAMUEL JAMES POWELL, Past Grand Master.  
M. W. JOHN GRAHAM FLEMING, Past Grand Master.  
M. W. MICHEL ELOI GIRARD, Past Grand Master.  
M. W. SAMUEL MANNING TODD, Past Grand Master.  
R. W. ALBERT LITTLE ABBOTT, Past Grand Junior Warden.  
R. W. W. R. WHITAKER, Past Grand Senior Warden.  
R. W. GEO. HORACE BRAUGHN, Grand Senior Warden.

## ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

- R. W. WM. RITCHIE WHITAKER, Past Senior Grand Warden.  
R. W. ERNEST MOREL, Union Lodge No. 172.  
W. WESLEY E. LAWRENCE, Corinthian Lodge No. 190.
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## ON WORK.

- M. W. SAMUEL MANNING TODD, Past Grand Master.  
M. W. M. E. GIRARD, Past Grand Master.  
R. W. JOHN C. GORDY, Past Grand Senior Warden.  
M. W. SAMUEL J. POWELL, Past Grand Master.  
R. W. B. CAMPIGLIO, District Deputy Grand Master.
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## ON MASONIC HISTORY.

- M. W. EDWIN MARKS, Grand Master.  
M. W. S. M. TODD, Past Grand Master.  
M. W. J. Q. A. FELLOWS, Past Grand Master.  
R. W. JOSEPH P. HORNOR, Past Deputy Grand Master.  
R. W. ERNEST MOREL, Master Union Lodge No. 172.
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## ON BUILDING COMMITTEE.

- M. W. SAMUEL M. TODD, Past Grand Master.  
M. W. J. Q. A. FELLOWS, Past Grand Master.  
M. W. JOHN G. FLEMING, Past Grand Master.  
W. MICHEL MUSSON, Past Master.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GRAND LODGE HALL.

*Ex-officio.*

- M. W. EDWIN MARKS, Grand Master.  
R. W. ARTHUR W. HYATT, Grand Treasurer.  
R. W. JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D., Grand Secretary.

*Members for 1879.*

- M. W. JOHN G. FLEMING, P. G. M., Quitman Lodge No. 76.  
W. CHARLES CHAFFE, Marion Lodge No. 68.  
R. W. BIANCO CAMPIGLIO, W. M., Foyer Maçonique Lodge No. 44.

*Members for 1879, 1880.*

- R. W. GEO. HORACE BRAUGHN, Dudley Lodge No. 66.  
W. ALBERT BALDWIN, Louisiana Lodge No. 102.  
W. ALFRED HY. ISAACSON, Quitman Lodge No. 76.

*Members for 1879, 1880, 1881.*

- M. W. SAM'L M. TODD, P. G. M., Marion Lodge No. 68.  
R. W. WM. R. WHITAKER, P. S. G. W. Linn Wood Lodge No. 167.  
W. WM. SOMMER BENEDICT, Orient Lodge No. 173.

# GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

BODY.	COUNTRY.	REPRESENTATIVES FROM.	APP'D.	REPRESENTATIVES AT.	RESIDENCE.	APP'D.
Grand Lodge...	Alabama.....	M. W. Samuel M. Todd.....	1857	M. W. David Klopton.....	Montgomery.....	1871
"	Arkansas.....	R. W. George A. Pike.....	1870	M. W. Luke E. Barber...	Little Rock.....	1857
S. C. 33d.....	Argentina.....	R. W. Segui y Gahona.....	1870			
Grand Orient...	Brazil Unido.....	R. W. U. Marinoni.....	1871	Dr. A. Freire do Amaral.	Rio Janeiro.....	1871
Grand Lodge...	British Columbia.....	R. W. Amos Kent.....	1874	R. W. Fred. Williams.....	Esquimath.....	1874
"	Chili.....	R. W. U. Marinoni.....	1868			
Grand Lodge...	California.....	M. W. J. Q. A. Fellows.....	1869	M. W. Isaacs Titus.....	Stockton.....	1869
"	Connecticut.....	R. W. Charles M. Emerson...	1860	M. W. James L. Gould...	Bridgeport.....	1869
"	Canada.....	R. W. J. C. Batchelor, M. D.	1877	M. W. T. D. Harrington..	Ottawa.....	1877
"	Colorado.....	R. W. Chas. B. Wheeler.....	1874	R. W. Roger W. Woodbury	Denver.....	1874
"	District of Columbia...	M. W. Samuel M. Todd.....	1869	R. W. Albert Pike.....	Washington City	1870
"	Delaware.....	R. W. John C. Gordy.....	1874	M. W. Jno. A. Nicholson	Dover.....	1874
"	England.....					
"	Florida.....	M. W. J. Q. A. Fellows.....	1861	M. W. De Witt C. Dawkins	Jacksonville.....	1869
"	Frankfort-on-the-Main.	R. W. George H. Braughn....	1871			
"	Georgia.....	R. W. Jno. George 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. Charles W. Newton.....	1861	M. W. H. G. Hazelrig...	Lebanon.....	1860
"	Iowa.....	R. W. L. E. Reynolds.....	1861	M. W. Jas. R. Hartsock...	Iowa City.....	1860
"	Idaho.....	M. W. A. J. Norwood.....	1874	R. W. S. B. Connolly.....	Pioneer City.....	1874
"	Ireland.....	R. W. Robert Babbington.....	1878	R. W. Lucius H. Deering	Dublin.....	1860
"	Kentucky.....	R. W. Jas. C. Batchelor, M. D.	1870	R. W. Fred. Webber.....	Louisville.....	1872
"	Kansas.....	R. W. Howell Carter.....	1877	R. W. Erasmus T. Carr...	Leavenworth.....	1869
"	Maryland.....	M. W. J. Q. A. Fellows.....	1869	R. W. Rev. J. A. McKenney	Baltimore.....	1874
"	Maine.....			M. W. J. H. Drummond.	Portland.....	1839
"	Minnesota.....	M. W. J. Q. A. Fellows.....	1863	M. W. Charles H. Nash...	St. Paul.....	1869
"	Missouri.....	R. W. John A. Stevenson.....	1869	M. W. Thos. E. Garrett...	St. Louis.....	1869
"	Michigan.....	R. W. Wm. R. Whitaker.....	1875	M. W. S. C. Coffinbury...	Constantine.....	1869

Grand Lodge...	Mississippi.....	M. W. J. Q. A. Fellows.....	1869	M. W. Chas. T. Murphy..	Durant.....	1874
"	Montana.....	M. W. M. E. Girard..	1875	R. W. J. R. Alden.....	.....	1875
"	Manatoba.....	R. W. Charles Chaffe.....	1876	.....	.....	.....
"	North Carolina.....	M. W. Samuel M. Todd.....	1869	M. W. Robert B. Vance..	Asheville.....	1869
"	New Jersey.....	R. W. Emmet D. Craig.....	1860	R. W. Josiah H. Hough...	Trenton.....	1860
"	New York.....	M. W. Samuel M. Todd.....	1874	R. W. Jas. 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
"	New Brunswick.....	M. W. Ed. Marks.....	1874	R. W. Rev. E. J. Wetmore	.....	1874
"	Nova Scotia.....	R. W. William Robson.....	1875	R. W. J. Taylor Wood...	Halifax.....	1874
"	Ohio.....	.....	.....	M. W. William B. Dobbs	Cincinnati.....	1860
"	Oregon.....	R. W. Jas. C. Batchelor, M. D.	1869	R. W. S. F. Chadwick....	Roseburg.....	1869
G. 3 Globes.....	Prussia (Berlin).....	R. W. George H. Braughn.....	1871	.....	.....	.....
G. R. Y. of Fr.	Prussia (Berlin).....	R. W. George H. Braughn.....	1871	R. W. C. F. Weilprecht...	Berlin.....	1867
Grand Lodge...	Pennsylvania.....	M. W. John G. Fleming.....	1875	M. W. Samuel C. Perkins	Philadelphia.....	1869
"	Prince Edward Island...	R. W. Henry P. Buckley.....	1876	R. W. Wm. T. Hunt.....	Ft. Elenor.....	1876
"	Quebec.....	R. W. Joseph Potts Hornor.....	1876	R. W. Thos. W. Wood...	Durham.....	1872
"	Rhode Island.....	R. W. G. L. Hall.....	1874	M. W. Thomas A. Doyle.	Providence.....	1860
"	South Carolina.....	R. W. Ernest Morel.....	1874	M. W. Henry Buist.....	Charleston.....	1869
"	Saxony.....	R. W. George H. Braughn.....	1871	.....	.....	.....
"	Scotland.....	.....	.....	Withdrawn 1879.....	.....	.....
"	Tennessee.....	R. W. Isaac W. Homan.....	1877	R. W. Hy. L. Claiborne..	Nashville.....	1869
"	Texas.....	R. W. A. L. Abbott.....	1874	R. W. Fr. B. Sexton.....	Marshall.....	1860
S. C. 33d.....	Uruguay.....	.....	.....	Ill. Juan de la Sierra.....	Monteviedo.....	1869
Grand Lodge...	Utah.....	R. W. Wm. R. Whitaker.....	1874	R. W. C. W. Bennett.....	Salt Lake City...	1874
"	Vermont.....	M. W. J. Q. A. Fellows.....	1858	R. W. Frank H. Bascom...	Montpelier.....	1877
"	Virginia.....	R. W. S. J. Flatow.....	1876	M. W. James Evans.....	Richmond.....	1869
"	West Virginia.....	M. W. Samuel J. Powell.....	1874	M. W. W. J. Bates.....	Wheeling.....	1869
"	Wisconsin.....	R. W. Joseph P. Hornor.....	1874	M. W. Henry L. Palmer.	Milwaukee.....	1869
"	Washington Territory...	R. W. Joseph H. DeGrange.....	1874	M. W. D. H. Rothschild..	Olympia.....	1874
"	Wyoming.....	R. W. Edward Bell.....	1876	.....	.....	.....



**List of Past and Present Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana, from its Organization to the Present Year.**

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LIST OF PAST AND PRESENT GRAND OFFICERS.

YEAR.	GRAND MASTERS	DEP. GR. MASTERS	SEN. GR. WARDENS	JUN. GR. WARDENS	GRAND TREASURERS	GRAND SECRETARIES
1812	*P Fran DuBourg	*LCMoreau Lislet	*J Blaque .....	*Francis Pernot.....	*Jean Baptiste Pinta	*J B Gregoire Veron
1813	P Fran DuBourg	LCMoreau Lislet	J Blaque .....	*J B DesBois.....	Jean Baptiste Pinta	J B Gregoire Veron
1814	P Fran DuBourg	LCMoreau Lislet	*J Soulié.....	Dominique Roquette	Jean Baptiste Pinta	J B Gregoire Veron
1815	*J Soulié.....	LCMoreau Lislet	*Dom Roquette...	*JB Mod Lefebvre	Jean Baptiste Pinta	*Auguste Guibert
1816	J Soulié.....	LCMoreau Lislet	*JB ModLefebvre	*Y Lemonnier.....	Jean Baptiste Pinta	Auguste Guibert
1817	J Soulié.....	LCMoreau Lislet	JB ModLefebvre	Y Lemonnier.....	Jean Baptiste Pinta	Auguste Guibert
1818	*LCMoreau Lislet	*JB ModLefebvre	*Jean B DesBois..	Y Lemonnier.....	Jean Baptiste Pinta	Auguste Guibert
1819	*JB ModLefebvre	*Jean B Desbois..	*Y Lemonnier.....	*Aug Macarty.....	Jean Baptiste Pinta	*N Visnier, *F Dissard
1820	*Y Lemonnier....	*Aug McCarty....	*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.....	*LCMoreau Lislet	*L A deBodin.....	G W Morgan .....	F Dissard
1824	*J F Canonge.....	*Y Lemonnier....	*L A deBodin .....	*A Longer.....	G W Morgan .....	F Dissard
1825	*John H Holland	*L A deBodin.....	*A Longer.....	*Charles Maurin...	*C Miltenberger.....	F Dissard
1826	John H Holland	M Fleitas.....	A Longer.....	Charles Maurin...	C Miltenberger .....	F Dissard
1827	John H Holland	M Fleitas.....	*Charles Maurin..	*A Morphy.....	C Miltenberger.....	F Dissard
1828	John H Holland	*A Morphy .....	Charles Maurin..	*A Longer.....	C Miltenberger. . .	F Dissard
1829	*J F Canonge.....	*D F Burthe.....	*A Longer.....	*J B Fagot.....	C Miltenberger.....	F Dissard
1830	*John H Holland	*A Longer.....	*M FouchéCougot	J B Fagot.....	*L H Feraud .....	F Dissard
1831	John H Holland	*J B Fagot.....	*Seth W Nye.....	Jean Lamothe .....	L H Feraud.....	F Dissard
1832	John H Holland	*Aug Douce.....	Seth W Nye.....	*Thos 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.....	*Chas Revoille....	Alex Phillips .....	F Dissard
1835	John H Holland	Aug Douce.....	*F J Verrier.....	*J B F Giquel.....	Alex Phillips .....	F Dissard
1836	*L H Feraud.....	*J F Canonge.....	*J B F Giquel....	Jean Lamothe.....	Joaquin Viosca.....	F Dissard
1837	L H Feraud.....	*F J Verrier.....	J B F Giquel....	F Coquet.....	Joaquin Viosca.....	F Dissard
1838	*John H Holland	*J J Mercies.....	*J B Lambert .....	*Zenon Colson.....	*Francois Coquet....	F Dissard
1839	John H Holland	*Alex 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
1141	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 Canon.....	*Robert Preaux...	A D Guesnon ....	*H Kidel.....	Fleury Generelly...	P Dubayle *F J Verrier
1844	E A Canon.....	Robert Preaux...	Lucien Hermann	*Francis Calongne.	*Ramon Vionnet...	*F J Verrier

1845 *Robert Preaux...	*Felix Garcia.....	Lucien Hermann	Francis Calongne	Ramon Vionnet.....	F J Verrier
1846 *Felix Garcia.....	Lucien Hermann	*Francis Calongne.	*Joseph Lisbony...	Ramon Vionnet.....	F J Verrier
1847 Felix Garcia.....	*Robert Preaux...	*Francois Meilleur.	†Roman Brugier...	Ramon Vionnet.....	F J Verrier
1848 { *Felix Garcia...	{ Lucien Hermann	{ *Thos B Patten	{ *Alex Derbes.....	{ †Ramon Vionnet..	{ F J Verrier
GLL { *M R Dudley...	{ *Thos H Lewis.	{ *W P Coleman.	{ G Gorin.....	{ Daniel Blair.....	{ *W H Howard
1849 { Lucien Hermann	{ *F Calongne.....	{ *Ant Mondelli..	{ Simon Meilleur..	{ †Ramon Vionnet..	{ *F J Verrier
GLL { *John Gedge....	{ *JnoWCrockett	{ *WmM Perkins	{ *J W McNamara	{ Daniel Blair.....	{ *W H Howard
1850 { Lucien Hermann	{ F Calongne.....	{ AntoineMondelli.	{ *Geo W Catlett....	{ †Ramon Vionnet..	{ *J J E Massicot [nett
1851 *John Gedge.....	*Geo W Catlett....	*R F McGuire.....	W L Knox.....	*S Herriman.....	JJ E Massicot*EBar-
1852 *H R W Hill.....	*Robt F McGuire	Wm L Knox.....	S M Hart.....	S Herriman.....	*Edward Barnett
1853 H R W Hill.....	Wm L Knox.....	S M Hart.....	*W H Huntington	S Herriman..{mann	Edward Barnett
1854 *Wm M Perkins..	Wm L Knox.....	*HW Huntington	*Geo D Shadburn..	S Herriman & Good-	*Samuel G Risk
1855 Wm M Perkins..	*Geo D Shadburn	*M H Dossou.....	*Law P Crain.....	*Stephen C Michell..	Samuel G Risk
1856 Wm M Perkins..	*M H Dossou.....	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....	*HenryRegenburg	SCMichell&SM Todd	Samuel G Risk
1861 J Q A Fellows...	A G Carter.....	John C Gordy....	HenryRegenburg	Samuel M Todd.....	Samuel G Risk
1862 J Q A Fellows...	A G Carter.....	*B G Thibodeaux	Samuel J Powell...	*Harmon Doane.....	Samuel M Todd
1863 J Q A Fellows...	A G Carter.....	B G Thibodeaux	Samuel J Powell...	Harmon Doane.....	Samuel M Todd
1864 J Q A Fellows...	A G Carter.....	B G Thibodeaux	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.....	John L Barrett....	*Henry R Swasey...	Jas C Batchelor, M D
1870 Samuel M Todd...	Amos Kent.....	Wm Robson.....	John B Sorapuru...	Henry R Swasey...	Jas C Batchelor, M D
1871 Samuel M Todd...	Amos Kent.....	Wm Robson.....	John B Sorapuru...	Henry R Swasey...	Jas C Batchelor, M D
1872 Samuel M Todd...	Jos P Hornor.....	M E Girard.....	Edwin Marks.....	Henry R Swasey...	Jas C Batchelor, M D
1873 MichelEloiGirard	John G Fleming.	Edwin Marks.....	Wm R Whitaker..	*Wm Stephen Pike..	Jas C Batchelor, M D
1874 MichelEloiGirard	John G Fleming.	Edwin Marks.....	Wm R Whitaker..	Wm Stephen Pike..	Jas C Batchelor, M D
1875 John G Fleming..	William Robson..	Wm R Whitaker.	Julius Lisso.....	A W Hyatt.....	Jas C Batchelor, M D
1876 John G Fleming..	William Robson..	Wm R Whitaker.	Julius Lisso.....	A W Hyatt.....	Jas C Batchelor, M D
1877 Sam'l Jas Powell.	Edwin Marks.....	Wm R Whitaker.	Albert L Abbott...	A W Hyatt.....	Jas C Batchelor, M D
1878 Sam'l Jas Powell.	Edwin Marks.....	Hy C Young.....	Geo H Braughn....	A W Hyatt.....	Jas C Batchelor, M D
1879 Edwin Marks.....	Hy C Young.....	Geo H Braughn....	J Van McCain.....	A W Hyatt.....	Jas C Batchelor, M D

\*Dead.

†Expelled by Grand Lodge for Defalcation and Swindling as Grand Treasurer.

‡Not in good standing.

# Register and Work of Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana F. and A. M., 1878.

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REGISTER AND WORK OF CHARTERED LODGES.

NUMBER.....	NAMES OF LODGES.	LOCATION.	PARISH.	NAME OF W. M.	NAME OF SECRETARY	NUMBER OF MEMBERS.	INITIATED.....	PASSED.....	RAISED.....	REINSTATED.....	APPLIATED.....	DIED.....	SUSPENDED.....	EXPULSED.....	DROPPED.....	BALANCE DUE FEBRY 28TH, 1878.	BALANCE CH FEBRY 28TH, 1878.
1	Perfect Union.....	1 New Orleans.....	Orleans.....	Louis Prados.....	Ralph Barbier.....	41	1	1	12	3	1	2				180 75	
2	Polar Star.....	1 New Orleans.....	Orleans.....	Silvain Chanfrau.....	Charles R Fagot.....	43	1	1	1							11 30	
3	Concorde.....	3 Now a part of P. U. No. 1	Orleans.....														
4	Perseverance.....	4 New Orleans.....	Orleans.....	M A Calongne.....	J Magendie.....	33				1	1						
5	St. Andre.....	5 New Orleans.....	Orleans.....	R Lafontaine.....	L Bossonney.....	40	10	8	8		1	4				129 00	
6	Los Amigos del Orden	5 New Orleans.....	Orleans.....	Carlos Bens.....	Juan Chabao.....	50	3	3	3	2	1	3					
7	Silencio.....	9 New Orleans.....	Orleans.....	F de P Villasana.....	Diego B Martinez.....	32				1	1	5	1	2		101 00	
8	Humble Cottage.....	19 Opelousas.....	St. Landry.....	Alphonse Levy.....	J W Jackson.....	43	1	1		3	1	1				50 00	
9	Western Star.....	24 Monroe.....	Ouachita.....	J E Hanna.....	J H Milling.....	67			2		1	4					
10	St. Albans.....	28 Jackson.....	East Feliciana.....	H L Pond.....	W F Norseworthy.....	47	1	1			2				1	80 50	
11	Feliciania.....	31 St. Francisville.....	West Feliciana.....	J G Plettinger.....	Lazard Weil.....	51		1	2	1	3	2					3 00
12	Phoenix.....	38 Natchitoches.....	Natchitoches.....	C Chaplin.....	Thomas P Chaplin.....	33	1	1	1				5			30 00	
13	Foyer Magonnique.....	44 New Orleans.....	Orleans.....	B Campiglio.....	J B Sorapuru.....	34								1			
14	Jackson.....	45 Greenwood.....	Caddo.....		No returns.....											4 00	
15	Germania.....	46 New Orleans.....	Orleans.....	Jacob Gougenheim.....	Ed Ehrhard.....	102	3	3	4	3		3	7	1			
16	St. James.....	47 Baton Rouge.....	E. Baton Rouge.....	F M Brooks.....	G Henderson.....	51	1			2		1					
17	Providence.....	50 Lake Providence.....	Carroll.....		No returns.....											10 00	
18	Minden.....	51 Minden.....	Webster.....	Thomas O Benton.....	W H McGee.....	72	2	3	3	4	1	2	1				
19	Olive.....	52 Clinton.....	East Feliciana.....	J B Wall.....	J P Knox.....	62	1	1	1	1		3				78 00	
20	Union Fraternal.....	53 Farmerville.....	Union.....	J E Trimble.....	Isaac Shuste.....	35	2	1	1	1						27 00	
21	Mount Gerizim.....	54 Bastrop.....	Morehouse.....	James M Turpin.....	August Simon.....	69	1	1	2			1	5			73 00	
22	DeSoto.....	55 Mansfield.....	DeSoto.....	J H Sutherland.....	S M Potts.....	39						3					10 00
23	Lafayette.....	56 Vernon.....	Jackson.....		No returns.....												
24	Franklin.....	57 Franklin.....	St. Mary.....	Murphy J Foster.....	C P Hine.....	69	1	1	1		1					1 00	
25	Friends of Harmony.....	58 New Orleans.....	Orleans.....	John H Clarke.....	W H Holland.....	62	3	2	2		1	1	2	2		263 50	
26	Mount Moriah.....	59 New Orleans.....	Orleans.....	A W Hyatt.....	James Furneaux.....	160	1	1	1	1	3	1	8	9	1		
27	Tunica.....	63 Tunica.....	West Feliciana.....		No returns.....												
28	George Washington.....	65 New Orleans.....	Orleans.....	Owen Gernon.....	Sol Sandak.....	92	6	5	6	1	1	5	1			80 00	
29	Dudley.....	66 New Orleans.....	Orleans.....	E M Ivens.....	John McFarland.....	100	2	3	2	6	5	3	2	20		181 25	
30	Marion.....	68 New Orleans.....	Orleans.....	Henry Winslow.....	Thomas Cripps.....	102				1	1		5	2			
31	Hiram.....	70 New Orleans.....	Orleans.....	P H Leonard.....	William D Taylor.....	66	3	3	2		1	1	2	1		410 00	
32	Alpha Home.....	72 New Orleans.....	Orleans.....	J C Batchelor.....	William Starr.....	50	3	2	2		2	2				234 25	
33	Sabine.....	75 Fort Jessup.....	Sabine.....	J M Franklin.....	C Broom.....	32	1	1	1	1			8			3 00	
34	Quitman.....	76 New Orleans.....	Orleans.....	John K Collins.....	Fred Eyle.....	144	1	2	2		2	4	1				4 00
35	Orleans.....	78 New Orleans.....	Orleans.....	P Goldstein.....	James R Flood.....	70	4	4	3		1		2	3	4		537 00

36 St. Joseph.....	79 St. Joseph.....	Tensas.....	D P January.....	C G Nichols.....	45	3	4	4	2	1	1	1	1	22 00
37 Mount Vernon.....	83 Logansport.....	DeSoto.....	A M Morris.....	J L Cole.....	19	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	42 00
38 Oliver.....	84 Alexandria.....	Rapides.....	J G White.....	A Hilton.....	48	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	32 00
39 Lafayette.....	87 Pattersonville.....	St. Mary.....	B Levy.....	H J Hooper.....	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	92 00
40 Cypress.....	89 Benton.....	Bossier.....	No returns.....	F L Mead.....	38	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	3 00
41 Thibodeaux Benevoit.....	90 Thibodeaux.....	Lafourche Inter.....	Isaiah D Moore.....	J T Motley.....	32	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	35 00
42 Monticello.....	92 Floyd.....	Carroll.....	L J Land.....	Isaac F Wise.....	24	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1 00
43 Napoleon.....	94 Ouachita City.....	Union.....	A S Helmick.....	W H Hill.....	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	109 00
44 Bellevue.....	95 Bellevue.....	Bossier.....	J A Snider.....	G R Taylor.....	80	3	2	3	1	2	5	6	2	93 00
45 St. Helena.....	96 Greensburg.....	St. Helena.....	J M Carter.....	J H H Taylor.....	67	3	2	2	2	1	3	2	2	2 00
46 Hermitage.....	98 New Orleans.....	Orleans.....	Joseph D Taylor.....	S W Bickham.....	47	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	29 25
47 Franklinton.....	101 Franklinton.....	Washington.....	J M Simmons.....	J B Wasson.....	71	1	1	1	1	2	4	1	1	47 10
48 Louisiana.....	102 New Orleans.....	Orleans.....	Victor Meyer.....	W L Richardson.....	22	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	45 00
49 Cloutiersville.....	103 Colfax.....	Grant.....	A I. Grow.....	J D Holstien.....	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	96 00
50 Mount Lebanon.....	104 Mount Lebanon.....	Bienville.....	F Courtney.....	No returns.....	29	3	3	3	3	1	6	1	1	189 00
51 Trinity.....	105 Trinity.....	Catahoula.....	No returns.....	H M King.....	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 00
52 Vienna.....	106 Vienna.....	Lincoln.....	No returns.....	W L DeGraffenreid.....	50	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 00
53 Sparta.....	108 Sparta.....	Bienville.....	S B DuBose.....	Edward Doshier.....	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	39 00
54 Castor.....	109 Cuba.....	Caldwell.....	A A Lacey.....	J M Fuller.....	40	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	136 00
55 Harrisonburg.....	110 Harrisonburg.....	Catahoula.....	James Forsyth.....	S F Leavel.....	22	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 00
56 Urim.....	111 Forksville.....	Ouachita.....	J M Brooks.....	W D Henderson.....	48	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13 00
57 Bartholomew.....	112 Plantersville.....	Morehouse.....	Wm F Watt.....	M Ripinsky.....	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	No returns.....
58 Thomas Jefferson.....	113 Spearsville.....	Union.....	B V Hayes.....	Wm Schlater.....	27	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	32 1
59 Shreveport.....	115 Shreveport.....	Caddo.....	John J Scott.....	O Bullion.....	32	1	2	1	1	2	1	3	1	82 00
60 Acacia.....	116 Plaquemine.....	Iberville.....	D N Barrow.....	No returns.....	45	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1 00
61 Milford.....	117 Manchac.....	E Baton Rouge.....	Andrew B Booth.....	W S Logan.....	32	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5 00
62 Terryville.....	118 Terryville.....	Claiborne.....	No returns.....	Joseph Ard.....	31	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	194 00
63 Delhi.....	120 Delhi.....	Richland.....	D S Travis.....	J C Brice.....	36	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	124 00
64 Lisbon.....	121 Lisbon.....	Claiborne.....	No returns.....	J C B White.....	43	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5 00
65 Mackey.....	122 Ringgold.....	Bienville.....	J H Scott.....	O Wilson.....	23	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1 00
66 Liberty.....	123 Keachie.....	DeSoto.....	W H Davis.....	Howell Carter.....	54	1	1	1	1	4	3	3	3	28 00
67 Kellertown.....	124 Clinton P. O.....	East Feliciana.....	No returns.....	R J Bridges.....	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	61 00
68 Pearl River.....	125 Line Academy.....	Washington.....	W H Adams.....	E W Lacey.....	13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 00
69 Arcadia.....	126 Arcadia.....	Bienville.....	James Brice.....	Wm R Davis.....	37	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	32 70
70 Shiloh.....	131 Shiloh.....	Union.....	R Roberts.....	No returns.....	56	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	73 50
71 Gordy.....	133 Cheneyville.....	Rapides.....	H F Long.....	John Parker.....	53	3	4	3	3	1	3	1	1	98 00
72 Plains.....	135 Plains Store.....	E. Baton Rouge.....	E L Woodside.....	James Clegg.....	35	4	3	2	2	1	2	2	2	73 00
73 Athens.....	136 Athens.....	Claiborne.....	W F Bridges.....	D H Hayes.....	37	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	115 50
74 Jeffersonian.....	138 Kingston.....	DeSoto.....	L F Scott.....	Thos J Richardson.....	19	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	46 00
75 Houma.....	139 Houma.....	Terrebonne.....	J B Bisland.....	Z T Craft.....	25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	34 00
76 Cool Spring.....	140 Colquitt.....	Claiborne.....	No returns.....	J B Crawford.....	42	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	34 00
77 Downsview.....	143 Downsview.....	Union.....	N G Watson.....	J L Nettles.....	57	1	3	4	4	4	1	1	1	
78 Ocean.....	144 New Orleans.....	Orleans.....	Wm Erlewy.....	J M Abel.....										
79 Hope.....	145 Vermillionville.....	Lafayette.....	M E Girard.....											
80 Silent Brotherhood.....	146 Coushatta.....	Red River.....	Thos M Giddens.....											
81 Anacoco.....	147 Anacoco.....	Vernon.....	Daniel M Giddens.....											
82 Red Land.....	148 Red Land.....	Bossier.....	J G Allen.....											
83 Darlington.....	149 St. Helena.....	St. Helena.....	O L Collins.....											
84 Eastern Star.....	151 Winnfield.....	Winn.....	S M Brian.....											

# REGISTER AND WORK OF LODGES—CONTINUED.

NUMBER.	NAME OF LODGES.	NUMBER.	LOCATION.	PARISH.	NAME OF W.M.	NAME OF SECRETARY.	NUMBER OF MEMBERS.	INITIATED.....	PASSED.....	RAISED.....	APPLICATED.....	REINSTATEMENT.....	DEMITTED.....	DECEASED.....	SUSPENDED.....	DROPPED.....	EXPELLED.....	BLANCE DEPORT FEBRUARY 28, 1879.	BLANCE CREDIT FEBRUARY 28, 1879.
85	Homer.....	152	Homer.....	Claiborne	J R Ramsey.....	B D Harrison.....	39	2	2	2	4	1	1						1 00
86	Saints John.....	153	Algiers.....	Orleans	John G Dyer.....	R H Hooper.....	67	1	2	3		2	1	2					
87	Fillmore.....	154	Fillmore.....	Bossier	No returns.....	No returns.....													
88	Cherry Ridge.....	155	Zion Hill Church	Union	Wm D Regan.....	Jesse Odum.....	13						1					26 00	
89	Kisatchie.....	156	Mount Carmel.....	Sabine	No returns.....	No returns.....													
90	Rapides.....	158	Huddleston.....	Vernon	No returns.....	No returns.....													
91	Morganza.....	159	Morganza.....	Point Coupee.....	O Lejune.....	A Vignes.....	16	2	2		1	3	1					2 00	
92	Livingston.....	160	Pontchatoula.....	Tangipahoa.....	Wm Akers.....	Leon Elzey.....	26	1	1	1			1						
93	Brookville.....	161	Oak Ridge.....	Morehouse.....	J M Huffner.....	Leroy E Lee.....	38	3	1	1	1	1	3					33 75	
94	Burnsville.....	162	Shangaloo.....	Webster.....	C J Wise.....	N A Thornton.....	25					1	1	3				50 00	
95	Atchafalaya.....	163	Simmsport.....	Avoyelles.....	T P Harmanson.....	S R Harmanson.....	27					1	1	3	3			1 00	
96	Columbia.....	164	Caldwell.....	Caldwell.....	No returns.....	No returns.....													
97	Lake Charles.....	165	Lake Charles.....	Calcasieu.....	Geo S Benson.....	S H Clement.....	53	1	3	2	1	1	2						
98	Linn Wood.....	167	New Orleans.....	Orleans	John W Madden.....	E Adams.....	119	2	2	1	1	2	5	9	3			525 00	
99	Montgomery.....	168	Montgomery.....	Grant.....	H V McCain.....	J M McCain.....	64	4	3	2			7	1	1			9 00	
100	Haynesville.....	169	Haynesville.....	Claiborne.....	A H Payne.....	Thomas Price.....	32	3	3	2	3			1			48 00		
101	Orus.....	170	New Orleans.....	Orleans	E Antoine.....	No returns.....	14	1	1	2			1	1	1				
102	Kosmos.....	171	.....	.....	J F Falkenheimer.....	C Lorch.....	52	3	3	4				6	3				
103	Union.....	172	.....	.....	Ernest Morel.....	Chas Assenheimer.....	43							1	4				
104	Orient.....	173	.....	.....	Alfred Shaw.....	Vincent Mielly.....	83	7	4	3	2		4				180 00		
105	Dante.....	174	.....	.....	Pasquale Pozzi.....	Alessandro Cardon.....	56	2	2	2	1	3		2			28 00		
106	Amite City.....	175	Amite City.....	Tangipahoa.....	C S Stewart.....	S D Ellis.....	27	1	1	1	1		1	5					
107	Perfect Harmony.....	176	New Orleans.....	Orleans	Montague Aarons.....	Lewis F Salomon.....	42	1	1	1		1	5				92 25		
108	Eureka.....	177	Bonner.....	Lincoln.....	No returns.....	No returns.....											26 00		
109	Tulip.....	178	Tulip.....	Claiborne.....	C L Hayes.....	J T Baker.....	22					1	5		6		44 00		
110	Caddo.....	179	Shreveport.....	Caddo.....	W T D Dalzell.....	J B Campbell.....	81	3			1	1	2				2 00		
111	Sam Todd.....	182	Sugar Town.....	Calcasieu.....	J J W Miller.....	J H Smith.....	73				2	2		1			40 25		
112	Longwood.....	183	Mooringsport.....	Caddo.....	Duncan W Powell.....	W H B Croom.....	17										33 00		
113	Spring Creek.....	184	Spring Creek Ch.....	Tangipahoa.....	W H L Lewis.....	A C Williamson.....	28							2	1			90	
114	Orphans' Friend.....	185	Big Cane.....	St. Landry.....	S C Fleshman.....	L G Sloan.....	27											8 00	
115	Kisatchie Union.....	186	Kile's Mills.....	Natchitoches.....	J J Key.....	A R Dowden.....	14						1	2			26 00		
116	Flat Lick.....	187	Flat Lick Bayou.....	Claiborne.....	Benj T Moseley.....	S M D Welb.....	24	1	1	1	3		2	1	1		10 00		
117	Covington.....	188	Covington.....	St. Tammany.....	J M Thompson.....	F B Martindale.....	25	5	5	3	1		1						
118	Evergreen.....	189	Evergreen.....	Avoyelles.....	Jesse J Toon.....	I C Johnson.....	58	3	3	4	1			2					
119	Corinthian.....	190	New Orleans.....	Orleans	W E Lawrence.....	Chas H Charlton.....	53	4	4	3	2		1	1	3				
120	Jefferson.....	191	.....	.....	S R Parmelee.....	Hugh Green.....	57	5	1		2		1	2	1			1 00	



## EDICTS OF GRAND LODGE, AND GRAND MASTERS' DECISIONS, HAVING FORCE OF LAW.

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1. *Amity. Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Louisiana extends the right hand of Masonic amity and friendship to all the legal governing bodies of the higher degrees of Masonry, of whatever Rite.

2. *Representatives. That* the Grand Master is hereby authorized to make such appointments as he may deem fit, of representatives at or near the various Grand Lodges with which we are in fraternal correspondence. 1856, page 74.

3. *Charters. Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Louisiana will grant charters and dispensations to hold Symbolic lodges, and work in the various languages, and according to the forms prevalent in our State and jurisdiction, so long as such lodges recognize the supremacy of the Grand Lodge, and do not violate the "Landmarks or Constitution," as understood and practiced by this Grand Lodge since its organization in 1812, and comply with the general regulations which may from time to time be made. *Adopted February 14, 1858.*

4. *Edicts and Resolutions previous to 1858. That* (Section 85) by-laws of the Grand Lodge abrogates and repeals all former rules, resolutions and edicts of this Grand Lodge, and therefore leaves them with only force of precedent. *Todd, 1860.*

5. *Obedience. 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.

6. *Grand Lodge of Hamburg. Resolved*, That Masonic intercourse between Masons of this jurisdiction and the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, and the Masons of its obedience, be suspended until that Grand Lodge shall cease to interfere with the jurisdiction of other Grand Lodges. 1856, page 73.

7. *G. O. France. Resolved*, That all Masonic correspondence and fraternal relations between the Grand Lodge of the State 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. *Com. For. Cor., 1869.*

(a) *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. *For. Cor., 1869.*

8. *Non-Intercourse and Affiliation. A member of a lodge with whose jurisdiction the Grand Lodge has issued an edict of non-intercourse, cannot be received as a profane and re-initiated; but one who has been regularly dimitted from such a lodge may be affiliated. Girard, 1875, page 32.*

9. *Extinct Lodges. 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.*

10. *Electioneering. Resolved*, That the resolution adopted February 18, 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.*

(a) *Elections. Nominating candidates at elections of officers should not be permitted. Fleming, 1876.*

11. *Emblems. 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.*

12. *On Reconsideration. That it would be improper to reconsider any resolution of the lodge at any meeting subsequent to the one on which it was adopted, no notice being given at the time of the adoption of said resolution, (without full notice to the members of said intended action). Todd, 1860.*

13. *Accounts. 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 11, 1868.*

14. *Photographs. Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized and instructed to procure a handsome colored photograph of the M. W. Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, after the installation, and of such Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge as can be obtained (whose portrait or photograph is not now in possession of the Grand Lodge), to be placed in the Grand Lodge library. *Adopted February 17, 1871.*

15. *Quorums. Resolved*, That no business of a character affecting the financial affairs of the lodge, the disposal of its property, the standing of any of its members, or the election of its officers, shall be transacted, unless there be present seven members of the lodge, one of these being its Master or a Warden. *Adopted February 12, 1873.*

16. *Quorum—Work. Under our regulations, any work done at a meeting held in the absence of the W. Master and both Wardens, is illegal and null. Girard, 1875, page 32.*

17. *On Charges. Charges may be preferred to the lodge in whose jurisdiction the brother resides, though not a member of that lodge, under Sec. 50 of Trials; although Sec. 45 of Constituent Lodges seems to restrict the penal jurisdiction of a lodge over Masons living within its jurisdiction who do not belong to another lodge of this Grand Lodge. In construing together these two sections, somewhat inconsistent, unless we construe the words, "another lodge of this Grand Lodge," to mean or apply to lodges of concurrent jurisdiction, as in the city of New Orleans, for instance, I adopted this interpretation, that gave effect to both sections. I considered also that it would be best to direct such course that would insure not only some trial, but an effective one, the witnesses being mostly in the jurisdiction of the lodge at the residence of the brother complained of—if the two lodges be at long distance apart, the courtesy due to his lodge might and should yield to the general good of the Craft. Girard, 1874.*

18. *Trials, Defense in. That the Wardens of a lodge cannot properly undertake the defense of a brother under charges. Fleming, 1874, page 51.*

(a) *Prosecutions in Court. A Masonic lodge should not be governed by the action of a criminal court, either in case of conviction or acquittal. Fleming, 1876.*



19. *Charges, Withdrawal of.* The charges against a brother when openly made in the lodge, cannot be withdrawn against the consent of the accused. *Fleming*, 1875, page 44.

(a) That when charges have been preferred and a trial ordered, the charges cannot be withdrawn without the consent of the Lodge. *Powell*, 1878.

20. *Appeal. Resolved*, That when an appeal is allowed, the appellant shall within thirty days after the same has been granted, furnish to the lodge in which trial was had, for the use of the appellee, a full and complete copy of the grounds for reversal of the verdict and sentence of the lodge. *Committee Masonic Law and Jurisprudence*, 1875.

21. *Non-Affiliates* of over twelve months cannot prefer charges in a lodge against a brother in good standing; and as such has but one *absolute right*, viz: to apply for affiliation. *Fleming*, 1874, page 52.

22. *Debts, Offenses.* The simple fact that an account claimed is not paid and even denied, does not constitute a Masonic offense, and a lodge would not be wrong in refusing to entertain charges based only on such a *complaint*. *Girard*, 1875, p. 34.

(a) *Malfeasance in Office.* A lodge should not take the note of a Secretary or Treasurer in settlement for funds of the lodge used without authority, or converted to their own use—and if it be done, it is a nullity, and the party may still be tried for the offense. *Fleming*, 1876.

23. *Reinstatement.* "I decided that 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. And that the proper vote of the lodge to recommend the reinstatement of a brother who had been expelled should be three-fourths; but the vote should not be taken in either case, unless due notice be previously given to all members within hail of such intended action." *Todd*, 1870.

24. *On Advancement.* A candidate for advancement having been rejected, must wait six months before he can again be balloted for. *Proceedings*, 1865, pages 102 and 103.

(a) The ballot for the second and third degrees are as unrestricted, and have for their objects and within their purveyance as large a scope as the ballot for the first. The ballot is not on the *satisfaction* of the examination; this is expressed verbally, but upon the *worthiness* or *unworthiness* of the applicant for the higher degree, where new duties are enjoined and much stronger obligations assumed. *Com. Masonic Law and Jur.* Adopted 1865.

25. *On Transfer of Jurisdiction.* "An E. A. or F. C., moving out of the jurisdiction, may obtain the consent of his lodge to be transferred to the lodge within whose jurisdiction he has acquired a permanent residence. *Todd*, 1870.

(a) *Transfer of Jurisdiction, or Permission Given to Apply to Another Lodge.* Where one is given, it should be delivered to the lodge, and not to the party applying for it—be he E. A., F. C., or profane. *Fleming*, 1876.

(b) A lodge cannot meet or be convened, outside of its territorial jurisdiction. *Powell*, 1878.

(c) That the fee for conferring degrees by a lodge *without* jurisdiction, belong to the lodge whose jurisdiction has been *invaded*. *Powell*, 1879.

26. *Dissemination of Work. Resolved*, That the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars be annually appropriated to meet the expense 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 Feb. 12, 1868*.

27. *On D. D. Grand Masters.* 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. *Proceedings of 1866, page 154.*

(a) *Resolved*, That so much of the edict adopted February 11, 1862, as makes the appointments of District Deputy Grand Masters permanent, be repealed, and said officers shall be henceforth appointed by the Grand Master, and hold their office at his pleasure. *Adopted February 14, 1871.*

(b) They should only exercise such powers as are expressly delegated to them by the Grand Master, and they cannot properly exercise any of the prerogatives of the Grand Master without special authorization. That the summons of the members of a lodge for the trial of a brother, or for any other purpose, should emanate from the M. W., or in case of his absence or inability to act, from the Warden in charge. *Todd, 1871, (See edict, 1873).*

(c) *Resolved*, That District Deputy Grand Masters be authorized to grant dispensations for the election and installation of officers of such constituent lodges as may have failed to elect and install within the time prescribed by the Grand Lodge by-laws. *Adopted February 11, 1873.*

28. *Resolved*, That the several District Deputy Grand Masters shall summons semi-annually to some convenient lodge room in their respective districts (said lodge room to be as central as practicable), the Masters and Wardens of all the lodges, under their respective jurisdictions, to attend a District Lodge of Instruction; said lodge shall be open to the Fraternity; be presided over by the District Deputy Grand Master, or, in case of his enforced absence, by some brother, Master, or Past Master of a lodge, selected and empowered by him, and shall be composed of the District Deputy Grand Master, or his substitute so appointed, and the Masters and Wardens of the several lodges of the district. The Wardens and other officers of such Lodge of Instruction shall be appointed by said deputy or his substitute from among the said members; said Lodge of Instruction shall not have authority to confer degrees or to take charge of any business appertaining to the constituent lodges or the Grand Lodge.

The District Deputy Grand Masters shall in person, or by some brother, by them selected for the purpose, instruct the members of the said Lodges of Instruction in the work and lectures of the three several degrees, as taught by the Committee on Work of the Grand Lodge. The times for holding such Lodges of Instruction shall be respectively fixed by the several District Deputies, and ample notice of their meeting shall be given to the different lodges of the respective districts by the several District Deputies.

The D. D. Grand Masters shall make due report of their proceedings, under this resolution, to the Grand Lodge at its next annual communication. *Adopted, February 13, 1874.*

(a) *Lodges of Instruction* have no legislative powers, and cannot sit in judgment on the acts or decisions of the Grand Master, or the enactments of the Grand Lodge, or pass resolutions approving or disapproving them. *Fleming, 1876.*

29. *On New Masonic Temple.* *Resolved*, That the Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge Hall be, and are hereby authorized, in their discretion, to sell the property known as the Grand Lodge Hall, and to purchase other property upon which to erect a Masonic Temple in the City of New Orleans, and that in case of such sale or purchase, the Grand Master be authorized to execute all the necessary notarial acts in the premises. *Adopted 1867.*

(a) *Resolved*, That the Grand Master, by and with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge Hall, be authorized to sell, at such time and at such price as he and they may deem proper and advisable, any and all property belonging to the Grand Lodge, except the Grand Lodge Cemetery.

(b) *Resolved*, That the revenues of the Grand Lodge, derived from any and every source whatever, after deducting therefrom the necessary expenses of the Grand Lodge, and of the property from which the revenues may be derived, as also the proceeds of all property which may be sold by the Grand Lodge, shall be reserved for and exclusively appropriated to the construction of a Masonic Temple in New Orleans, and the payment of the cost thereof, and shall so continue to be appropriated and used until the debts which may thus arise shall be paid.

(c) *Resolved*, That the selection of a plan, the contracting for, and the entire supervision of the construction of the proposed Temple, be, and is hereby entrusted to a committee of five, to be composed of the present Grand Master, and four others, to be by him appointed from the fraternity at large, and that the bills for the construction of said Temple, on their approval by the Building Committee, shall be paid out of the treasury of the Grand Lodge, on the order of the Grand Master, not to exceed in the aggregate the amount fixed in the following resolution :

(d) *Resolved*, That the Building Committee of the proposed Masonic Temple shall not commence the foundation of the building, nor enter into any contract for its construction, until the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars is subscribed by good and reliable members of the fraternity and other responsible citizens, as a donation for the construction thereof; nor shall the entire cost of the Temple when completed exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

(e) *Resolved*, That when the Masonic Temple, hereby authorized to be erected shall be completed and paid for, its revenues shall be subject to the provisions of the resolution submitted by P. G. Master John Gedge, and adopted by the Grand Lodge, at its communication of January 31, 1853, for the disposition of the revenues of the Grand Lodge Hall, and for this purpose said resolution is hereby re-adopted, and which reads as follows :

(f) *Be it resolved*, That in order to fully satisfy the minds of our brethren, and others who may be disposed to give their aid to the purchase of the Grand Lodge Hall, this Grand Lodge does now solemnly declare and proclaim that said purchase is to be made for the purpose and object of creating a fund for charitable purposes, in the relief of worthy distressed members of the Order, their wives, children and families. And this Grand Lodge solemnly pledges itself that so soon as the said property shall be paid for, the whole of the revenue which may be derived from it, after deducting necessary and unavoidable expenses on its account, shall be devoted to these objects. And it further pledges itself that should it ever be expedient to sell said property, the proceeds thereof shall be re-invested as a permanent charity fund, and the revenue thereof applied in the some manner.

(g) *Resolved*, That the perpetual loan from Masonic bodies for construction of the Temple shall not be considered as one of the debts incurred by its construction, to be paid off before the revenues are to be distributed as charity. *Adopted*, 1871.

(h) *On Assessment*. 1. *Resolved*, That the several lodges under this jurisdiction be required to collect (for the Temple Fund) the sum of

three dollars for each degree conferred; provided that this regulation shall not apply to degrees for which applications shall have been filed previous to the adoption of this resolution.

(j) *Contributions.* 2. *Resolved*, That the several lodges of this State be requested to solicit and collect contributions for the Temple Fund of the Grand Lodge from their own members and others, payable annually or otherwise, and that each lodge be requested to add subscriptions of such sums from its general funds as may be within its power to give.

(k) *Subscription.* 3. *Resolved*, That books of subscription (to be provided by the Grand Lodge) be opened and permanently kept by each lodge in the State, and that the W. Masters be specially charged to have them carefully and neatly preserved, and the signatures of the donors taken in writing for reference by those who shall follow us. Nos. 1, 2 and 3. *Adopted February 14, 1872.*

(l) *Grand Lodge Assessment.* Candidates must pay three dollars to the Grand Lodge, in addition to whatever amount is fixed to be paid to the lodge by its by-laws for any degree conferred, and it is a direct violation of an edict of the Grand Lodge to not collect three dollars *extra* from the candidate, and have to use the funds of the lodge to pay to the Grand Lodge the amount that should have been paid by the candidate to the Temple Building Fund. *Girard, 1874.*

30. *Temple Fund.* That it is entirely unnecessary for any lodge to change its by-laws in order to collect from candidates the assessment in aid of the Temple Fund, as required by the resolution adopted in Grand Lodge, February 24, 1872. *Todd, 1873.*

31. *On Visitation.* I have given my 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. Master and the lodge, and may be refused if the W. Master and members see proper to do so. It is the bounden duty of the W. Master to prevent any visitor from entering the lodge whose presence would cause dissension or difficulties therein, or in any manner disturb the harmony of the lodge, and particularly if any member of the lodge should object to the admission of such visitor. A member who objects to sit in a lodge 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. *Todd, 1870.*

32. In answer to a communication from a brother in San Francisco, a member of a lodge in this jurisdiction, stating that upon visiting a regular lodge in that city he had there met a man of color, said to have been regularly made in a lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, and who was received as such by the lodge in San Francisco, and asking whether he was right in leaving the lodge, and refusing to sit with such brother, and asking whether our Grand Lodge recognized lodges receiving such visitors, I replied that our Grand Lodge did recognize all regular lodges holding in San Francisco, under charter from the Grand Lodge of California; and that all regular lodges were the proper judges of whom they should admit as visiting brethren, and that when such brethren were so received by such a lodge they must be presumed to be regularly made Masons, and no visitor had the right to object to sitting with any brother whom the lodge chose to admit. *Hornor, 1873.*

33. *On Membership.* "Every candidate raised to the third or Master's degree in a lodge, becomes a member of it without further action on the part of the lodge; the newly admitted member should, however, sign the by-laws of the lodge in order to place his signature

on record; but this is not absolutely necessary, as he has previously, in the most solemn manner, agreed to stand to and abide by them." *Todd*, 1871.

34. That the edict quoted (*on life membership of February, 1870, see note, page 5, Constitution*), and all other edicts or resolutions concurring therewith, be, and are hereby repealed. *February 14, 1877.*

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36. *On Dimits.* That as a general principle, every Mason in good standing has the right to dimit from his lodge, should he desire to do so, upon his payment of all dues, and his proportion of all liabilities of the lodge (should it be involved in debt), if nothing in his character or conduct can be alleged against him to debar him from this privilege. *Todd*, 1860.

37. That the W. Master has not the power to grant dimits. The right belongs only to the lodge. *Todd*, 1873.

38. A dimit, properly speaking, is the recommendation of a lodge given to one of its members to another lodge; recently, however, not addressed to any particular lodge, but the fraternity generally, and dissolving his connection with the lodge, though this was not formerly the case. When a lodge has granted this dimit (formerly a recommendation to a particular lodge, now for the purpose of dissolving the connection with the lodge, with a recommendation to all lodges and Masons), the officers of the lodge, generally the Secretary and Master, give a certificate of this action of the lodge, which by the way, must be unanimous, and this document is called a certificate of dimit. No brother can withdraw from a lodge without its consent; any brother can make application to withdraw. The application may be withdrawn prior to its being acted upon, and until the application is acted upon by the lodge, no one objecting, there is no dimit. The granting of a dimit of whichever kind, therefore, is an act of the lodge. 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 lodge, on the matter being brought before it, grants the dimit, the certificate of the Master becomes good; but if the lodge refuses, the Master is subject to severe censure. We would add, incidentally, a word or two on the subject of dimits, and as growing out of the question decided by the Grand Master, concerning E. A.'s or F. C.'s completing their degrees in another lodge. The question is mooted, can an E. A. or F. C. dimit? In former times, when there were no dues, when every E. A. was a member of a lodge, and when all business, except conferring degrees or balloting for higher degrees was done in a lodge of E. A.'s, there were no dimits, such as are now granted in Louisiana. The brother initiated was a member of the lodge as well as of the fraternity for life. There was no occasion for a dimit, 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 lodge to which the brother wished to attach himself. This recommendation was called a certificate of dimit; the brother still remaining a member of his old lodge until he had been balloted for and elected a member of the new one. This was the course pursued even within the Masonic remembrance of the writer of this report, and applied alike to E. A., F. C. and Master Masons. *Com. M. L. and J.*, 1870.

39. *Dimit.* A lodge cannot grant a dimit to a party whom it had declared suspended, and the Grand Lodge had restored to rights and privileges. *Fleming*, 1874, page 51.

40. *Dimits.* A lodge cannot by simple resolution reinstate a member dimitted, though the certificate *had not been* issued by the Secretary. *Todd*, 1860.

41. *Dimits and Liabilities of Lodge.* A lodge may remit (where due notice is given) any part of the dues or pro rata of the liabilities of the lodge, to a brother (in good standing) and unable to pay. *Com. M. L. Jur.*, 1876.

(a) That the dimission amounts in such cases to a remission of the indebtedness of the brother. *M. L. and Jur.*, February 15, 1877.

(b) That a unanimous vote is not required to grant a dimit. *Ib.*

42. *On Installations.* That an installation by proxy is no installation at all. No brother can properly be installed unless present and agreeing to the same.

43. In a case where a brother was elected a Worshipful Master, and installed by proxy, during his absence, and who afterwards refused to accept that position in the lodge, I decided that the election and installation were null (as before stated), and that the former Master must retain his position until his successor was duly elected and installed. That in the new election for W. M. the brother elected must have served as Warden, unless it should happen that no member so eligible, would consent to serve; in which case a selection may be made from among the other members of the lodge. *Todd*, 1873.

44. *Eligibility of Grand Officers.* That the Seventeenth Regulation adopted by the Grand Lodge of England in the year 1721, has not the force of law in this jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge never having adopted its provisions. There are several instances on record where the Grand Master and other officers of this Grand Lodge have been elected to and held offices in the constituent lodges of this jurisdiction. *Todd*, 1873.

45. *On Lodge Rooms.* That the room in which a lodge holds its meetings should be duly dedicated and consecrated in accordance with Masonic usage, and that it is improper for a lodge to continue to hold its meetings in a place which has not been thus devoted to Masonic purposes. That it is improper for lodges to hold their meetings in a place jointly occupied with them by other *secret* associations. *Todd*, 1871.

46. *Lodge Rooms.* Under the law of the Grand Lodge, that it is improper to allow any secret associations not Masonic, to hold meetings in a lodge room, I have refused to allow any lodge room to be used for Grangers or Patrons of Husbandry, limiting the prohibition to the rooms used for Masonic purposes. I do not believe any good can result to our Craft from *throwing open* our lodge rooms to profanes. *Girard*, 1875, page 33.

47. *Masonic Halls.* That there is no impropriety in building a Masonic Hall in connection with a religious association, and that both associations might hold their meetings in the same room under proper restrictions; but that it would not be proper, under the rulings of this Grand Lodge, to allow any secret association, not Masonic, to hold meetings in a lodge room. *Todd*, 1873.

(a) That Lodges are not allowed to solicit aid for building halls or other purposes, without the permission of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

48. It is not proper to allow our lodge rooms, dedicated to Universal Benevolence and Masonic purposes, to be used as ball rooms. *Girard*, 1874.

49. *Processions.* That E. A. and F. C. Masons may be admitted in all public processions, with the exception of funerals, and assigned to positions as laid down in the Monitors and Trestle Boards. *Todd*, 1873.

50. *Processions.* Lodges and Masons are prohibited by Grand Lodge regulations from joining, in regalia, a procession of I. O. O. F. and under their control or that of any other secret society. Masons should

not appear in public or in any ceremony not controlled by Masons, and should not be willing to make a show of themselves in a subordinate character to please any body. *Girard*, 1875, page 32.

51. *Resignation (of Office)*. While it is generally conceded that an officer once installed, cannot resign, yet extraordinary circumstances may arise under which a resignation should be accepted; and the prerogative of the Grand Master alone entitles him to judge whether or not such circumstances exist. *Com. M. L. and J., February*, 1875.

52. *By-Laws*. That a provision in a by-law of a lodge, permitting it to suspend the by-laws by a unanimous vote, is void—null. *M. L. and J., February* 12, 1875.

(a) By an Edict of this Grand Lodge, adopted in 1874, it was made unlawful to suspend the By-Laws of a Lodge by any vote whatever, or for any purpose. *M. L. and J.*, 1878.

(b) *Amendments to, By-Laws of a Lodge*, are not operative or in force, until they have been approved by the Grand Lodge. (Grand Lodge 1872, 1874, 1876, 1877). *Ib.*

(c) That where there was a conflict between the by-laws of a lodge and those of the Grand Lodge, the latter must control the former. *Fleming*, 1877, page 22.

53. *Dues, Forfeiture of Membership*. The dues of a member must have been demanded over twelve months before he can be subjected to discipline under the law about non-payment of dues, passed at the last Annual Grand Communication; and the forfeiture of membership being declared equivalent to suspension, entails upon the brother at fault suspension from all the rights and privileges of a Mason. *Girard*, 1875, page 32.

54. *Non-payment of Dues*. That they have carefully considered the points presented by the Grand Master, and find that in all essentials they are sufficiently covered by our laws as it now stands, and that due Masonic trial is secured to delinquents under present enactments, and they therefore report that no necessity exists at this time for further legislation upon the matter. *Special Committee Grand Lodge*, 1875.

(a) We cordially approve and endorse the opinion of the Grand Master upon this subject, as expressed in his address. *Com. A. and G.*, 1876.

(b) *Remission of Dues*. A lodge cannot remit the dues, or any part thereof, of a brother suspended for non-payment of dues, nor can it assist him from the funds of the lodge. *Fleming*, 1876.

(c) The remission of dues is not the payment of it. *Fleming*, 1876.

(d) That a party dropped from the roll, after the adoption of the By-Laws in 1874, must pay the amount due before he can be reinstated. *Marks*, 1879.

55. *Lodge Tax*. Where it is for strictly Masonic and strictly lodge purposes, must be paid. *Fleming*, 1874, page 52.

56. *Dues and Assessments*. A lodge cannot demand of a brother or enforce the payment of any sum in the form of dues or assessments that is not provided for by law, or made general by regular enactment, or voluntarily subscribed. *Fleming*, 1875, page 44.

57. *Committees, power of*. That a lodge cannot elect or in any manner make a committee that can be invested with power superior to, or independent of, the control of the W. Master. *Fleming*, 1874, page 50.

58. *Circulars*: That under no circumstances can a lodge under this jurisdiction apply by circular for pecuniary aid to brethren in this State or elsewhere, without first having obtained the consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master. *Todd*, 1873. (See Grand Master's Address in 1860, page 26.)

59. That in addressing circular letters they should bear the imprint of the seal of the lodge, and also the certificate of the Grand Secretary that the appeal has been sanctioned by the proper authority, or, if the latter be inconvenient to obtain, a statement that such sanction had been granted should be added to the circular. *Todd*, 1873.

60. A Masonic lodge should not make any offer of a moneyed reward for the apprehension of any criminal; however worthy the object or intention of the members of the lodge might be, and however appropriate in individuals, yet it certainly is not an act of Masonic character, and was never contemplated in the attributes of a Masonic lodge, and not directly or impliedly empowered by the charter. Besides, it might be a source of much trouble to the lodge, and perhaps drag it into law suits. *Girard*, 1874.

61. *Ballot at Special Meetings.* Although there is no law expressly prohibiting balloting at special meetings, it cannot be permitted, unless all the members within hail have been duly notified and are aware of the intended action; that no new material be accepted without the knowledge of any one or more of the members, as it is not always possible or probable that all the members have been or can be notified; it is much more prudent, not to ballot for initiation or degrees at called meetings. There are stated meetings enough during the year to do all the balloting required; it ought to be strictly prohibited at called meetings. *Girard*, 1875, page 32.

62. *Calling off. Refreshments.* I decided that a lodge cannot at a stated meeting call to refreshment, or to call off to some day or night between that and the next stated meeting, and to consider such intervening or special meeting a continuation of the regular stated meeting, for if a lodge can do so for a day or night, why not for a month, or even indefinitely? *Fleming*, 1875, page 43.

63. *Candidates Elected.* In the case of an F. C. who had been elected to receive the Master's degree, but who had been estopped by the written protest of a member of the lodge, alleging that the candidate was unworthy, I held that the W. Master was bound to respect the protest, and that the objecting member could not be required to make known the particular reasons which influenced his action. *Todd*, 1873.

64. *On Rules.* That a resolution offered and received, could not be withdrawn without consent of the Grand Lodge. *Girard*, 1874.

65. *Lodge Representation. Resolved,* That the Grand Secretary shall notify the lodges reported by the Grand Master as derelict in duty, in failing to be represented in the Grand Lodge, and notify them of the penalty to which they are liable for such failure of duty, and notify them to be represented in Grand Lodge, at its next Annual Grand Communication under penalty of forfeiture of charter. *Adopted unanimously February 11, 1874.*

66. That the Grand Secretary shall notify the lodges that have failed to be represented in the Grand Lodge of their dereliction of duty, and to their liability to forfeiture of their charters, and require them to be represented at the next Annual Grand Communication, under penalty of forfeiture of charter. *February 12, 1875.*

67. *Unfinished Business. Resolved,* That the committees that may have failed to report to the Grand Lodge, during any grand communication, upon any matter referred to them, are hereby directed to report within thirty days from the close of the Grand Lodge to the M. W. Grand Master, and such reports shall be published with the proceedings, if approved by the Grand Master. *Adopted February 13, 1874.*

68. *Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1.* The Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1 is to all intents and purposes a regular lodge; that its Master



when installed is the legal Master of a legal lodge, and has all the rights and privileges as such, and all the powers which the warrant of Constitution gives him. *February 12, 1875.*

69. That the balance unexpended of the "Overflow Fund" be invested under the auspices of the Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge Hall, the income thereof to be annually turned over to Louisiana Relief Lodge No. 1. *Provided*, that should occasion require, such as the late or another overflow or an epidemic, the Board of Directors be authorized to expend of the principal such portion as may by them be deemed necessary. *February 12, 1875.*

70. *Printing.* That the Grand Secretary, until otherwise instructed by the Grand Lodge, omit from our printed proceedings such matter as the M. W. Grand Master may direct. *February 10, 1875.*

71. *Summons.* A brother M. Mason is as much bound to obey the summons of another lodge as of his own, and if he cannot obey, he must give a satisfactory excuse to the W. M. of the lodge issuing the summons. *Fleming, 1876.*

72. *Protesting.* No brother has the right to protest against the ruling of the Grand Master, or the enactments of the Grand Lodge. His only right is that of appeal—and his duty in the meantime to submit and obey. *Fleming, 1876.*

73. *Burial Service.* Can conceive of no reason why the burial ceremonies peculiar to our Order should not be performed at the grave of a deceased brother, when it was not possible to perform them at the time of his burial. *Com. M. L. and J., 1875.*

74. *Burials, Edict on.* Can conceive of no reason why the edict should be repealed or changed. *Com. M. L. and J., 1876.*

75. *Officers and Proxies.* That Section 20 of the Constitution gives to the representative or officer present, the right to cast the vote of the the absent representative, and not to the proxy. *Com. M. L. and J., 1876.*

76. *Suspension, etc.* That it is the inherent right of the Grand Master to arrest the charter of any lodge, or suspend any brother, for just cause. *Ruling of Grand Master.*

77. *Debts—Funds.* Where funds of a lodge are to be loaned or invested, or extraordinary debts incurred, it should only take place after due notice has been previously given. *Com. M. L. and J., 1876.*

78. *Surrender of Charter.* A lodge charter cannot be surrendered, except to the Grand Lodge. *Powell, 1878.*

79. *Qualification.* An E. A. with but one eye, is eligible for advancement. *Powell, 1878.*

(a) *Defects.* An applicant with a defect in the hip that prevents putting his heel to the ground, and one who has lost the three first fingers of the right hand are ineligible. *Ib.*

80. *New Trials.* Not being prohibited (in the Constitution), are necessarily within the sound discretion of the lodge to allow or refuse it, and may exercise that power until the lodge has lost jurisdiction. *M. L. and J., 1878.*

(a) That an appeal to the Grand Lodge and final action thereon, precludes a new trial. *Powell, 1879.*

81. *Per Capita Assessment.* *Resolved*, That each constituent lodge of this Grand Lodge be, and is hereby required to pay annually for the next five years, a *per capita* sum of one dollar for each member borne upon the lodge roll. All life members shall be included in this assessment, and the Grand Secretary, as well as the secretary of the lodge of which the paying brother is a member, shall be authorized to receive and receipt for the same. *Provided*, that the Grand Secretary shall, in

each and every instance report to the constituent lodge of which the brother is a member, the amount received. *Pro. Grand Lodge*, 1878, page 85.

(a) That the Grand Lodge holds the lodges responsible for the amount of the Per Capita Assessment of 1878, and that members refusing to pay their *per capita* assessment, after a resolution of the lodge requiring it, are liable to Masonic discipline by the lodge. *Marks*, 1879.

82. *Past Master's Degree*. That it is *not* necessary for a W. Master *elect* to have the Past Master's Degree before *installation*. *Powell*, 1879.

(a) Your Committee, as such, can have no knowledge of the Past Master's Degree. (*Pro.* 1852, page 79). *Com. M. L. and J.*, 1879.

83. *Petition*. The destruction of a petition, after it has been referred to a committee, does not destroy the evidence of the application having been made, and that it should be reported upon and be submitted to the ballot. *Marks*, 1879.

EDITS DE LA GRANDE LOGE ET DÉCISIONS DU GRAND  
MAÎTRE AYANT FORCE DE LOI.

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1. *Amitié.* Résolu, Que la Grande Loge de l'Etat de la Louisiane tend sa main droite en signe d'amitié Maçonnique, à tous les hauts corps Maçonniques légalement constitués à quelque rite qu'ils appartiennent.

2. *Représentants.* Résolu, Que le Grand Maître soit par la présente autorisé de faire telles nominations qu'il jugera convenable à, ou près des différentes Grandes Loges avec lesquelles nous sommes en relations fraternelles. 1856, page 74.

3. *Chartres.* Résolu, Que la Grande Loge de l'Etat de la Louisiane octroiera des chartres et des dispenses pour établir des Loges Symboliques, et que le travail pourra se faire en diverses langues, pourvu que le dit travail soit conforme aux formes adoptées et existantes dans notre Etat et sous notre juridiction, tant que ces loges reconnaîtront la suprémacie de la Grande Loge, et ne violeront pas les *landmarks* et les constitutions, tels que la Grande Loge les entend et les pratique depuis son organisation en 1812, et qu'elles se conformeront aux règlements généraux, qui de temps à autre pourraient être décrétés. *Adopté le 14 Février, 1858.*

4. Sur les édits et résolutions antérieures à 1858. Que (la section 85,) des règlements de la Grande Loge annule et rappelle tous règlements antérieurs, résolutions et édits de cette Grande Loge, et par conséquent les laisse seulement avec force de précédent. *Todd, 1860.*

5. *Grande Loge de Hambourg.* Résolu, Que toutes relations Maçonniques entre les Maçons de cette juridiction et la Grande Loge de Hambourg, et les Maçons sous son obéissance soient suspendues jusqu'à ce que cette Grande Loge cesse d'intervenir dans la juridiction des autres Grande Loges. 1856, page 73.

6. *Obéissance.* 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. *Adopté en 1858.*

7. *G. O. de France.* Résolu, Que toute correspondance Maçonnique et relations fraternelles entre la Grande Loge de la Louisiane et le Grand Orient de France, cesse et soit discontinuée, et qu'aucun Maçon devant obéissance à ce Grand Corps soit reconnu dans cette juridiction. *Com. Cor. Etrangère, 1869.*

A Résolu, Que nos représentants en Europe soient requis de s'enquérir si d'autres Grands Corps Maçonniques que le G. O. de France, ont reconnu des organisations Clandestines parmi nous, et qu'en recevant notice que tel est le cas, le Grand Maître lance un édit cessant toutes relations. *Cor. Etrangère, 1869.*

8. *Pas de Relations et Affiliations.* Un membre d'une loge avec laquelle cette Grande Loge a lancé un édit cessant toutes relations, ne peut-être reçu que comme un profane et initié de nouveau. Mais s'il est démissionnaire d'une loge qui se trouve dans ce cas il peut être affilié. *Girard, 1875, page 32.*

9. *Loges en Sommeil.* 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 laquelle elles ont cessé d'exister, et de mentionner si quelques vieux numéros ont été réintégrés. *Adopté en 1861.*

10. *Des Cabales.* Résolu, Que la résolution adoptée le 18 Février, 1861, savoir : "Que la Grande Loge réproouve et déclare anti-maçonique la cabale pour les emplois Maçoniques," 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, Février 1867.*

(a). *Elections.* La nomination des candidats à l'élection des officiers ne devrait pas être permise. *Fleming, 1876.*

11. *Des Emblèmes.* Résolu, Qu'il est défendu à tout Maçon de cette juridiction de se servir d'emblèmes Maçoniques 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.*

12. *Des Reconsidérations.* Résolu, Qu'il ne serait pas légale de reconsidérer une résolution de la loge à une séance postérieure à celle à laquelle elle a été adoptée, n'ayant pas demandé une reconsidération de la résolution à la séance à laquelle elle a été adoptée, (sans en donner avis aux membres). *Todd, 1860.*

13. *Comptes.* Résolu, Que le Grand Secrétaire transférera au compte principal, et de la à un "livre noir," tous les comptes maintenant portés sur les livres de la Grande Loge contre les loges dont les chartes ont été forfaites ou rendues ; ainsi que tous autres crédits de la Grande Loge qui seront de temps en temps considérer, par le comité des contrôles et comptes, comme perdus. *Adopté le 14 Février, 1868.*

14. *Photographies.* Résolu, Que le Grand Secrétaire ait à se procurer une photographie coloriée du Très Ill. G. M. après son installation, et de tels Ex-Grands Maîtres de cette Grande Loge (dont les portraits ne sont pas en notre possession) si toute fois il peut se les procurer, afin de les placer dans la bibliothèque de cette Grande Loge. *Adopté le 17 Février, 1871.*

15. *Quorum.* Résolu, Qu'aucune loge ne pourra s'occuper d'affaires de finances de la loge, ni d'affaires pour disposer de sa propriété, ni s'occuper de la condition de ses membres, ni faire l'élection de ses officiers, à moins qu'ils ne soient sept membres présents et que l'un d'eux soit le Vénérable ou l'un des surveillants. *Adopté le 12 Février, 1873.*

16. *Travail.* D'après nos règlements, tout travail fait en l'absence de Vén. M. et des deux Surveillants est illégal et nul. *Girard, 1875, page 32.*

17. *Des Accusations.* Des accusations peuvent être portées dans une loge dans la juridiction de laquelle un frère habite, quoiqu'il ne soit pas membre de cette loge, sous la Sec. 1, Art. III. des jugements, quoique la Sec. 7, Art. II. des loges constituentes, semblent restreindre la juridiction pénale d'une loge sur les Maçons habitant sous sa juridiction qui n'appartiennent pas à une autre loge de cette Grande Loge. En réunissant ces deux sections, quelque peut incnsistentes, à moins que nous n'admettions les mots : Une autre loge de cette Grande Loge ne signifient ou ne s'appliquent à des loges qui ont la même juridiction, comme dans la ville de la Nouvelle Orléans par exemple, j'adopte cette interprétation, qui donne effet aux deux sections. Je considère aussi qu'il serait bon d'adopter telle mesure qui assurerait non-seulement un jugement, mais le rendrait effectif, la plus grande partie des témoins habitant sous la juridiction de la loge où est la résidence du frère dont on se plaint—si les deux loges sont très éloignées, la politesse due à sa loge devrait faire place au bien générale de l'ordre. *Girard, 1874.*

18. *Accusations, les retirer.* Que des accusations contre un frère, quand elles ont été faites en loge ouverte, ne peuvent être retirées contre le consentement de l'accusé. *Fleming, 1875, page 44.*

*Poursuites en Cours.* Les loges Maçonniques ne devraient pas être guidées par les actions d'une cour criminelle, soit en cas de condamnation ou d'acquiescement. *Fleming*, 1876.

19. *Jugements, défense dans.* Que les Surveillants d'une loge ne peuvent prendre la défense d'un frère accusé. *Fleming*, 1874, p. 51.

(a) Quand des accusations ont été portées et qu'on a ordonné un jugement, on ne peut retirer les accusations sans le consentement de la loge. *Id.*

20. *Les non-Affiliés.* Pendant plus de 12 mois ne peuvent portés des accusations contre un frère régulier, et comme tel n'ont qu'un droit absolu, c'est de faire application pour s'affilier. *Fleming*, 1875, page 52.

21. *Appel.* Résolu, Que quand un appel a été accordé, l'appellant devra dans les trente jours qu'il aura été accordé, fournir à la loge dans laquelle le jugement a eu lieu, une copie complète et entière des raisons pour lesquelles le verdict et la sentence de la loge seraient renversés. *Com. Lois et Jur. Mac.*, 1875.

22. *Dettes, Offences.* Le simple fait qu'un compte réclamé n'est pas payé ou est même nié ne constitue pas une offense Maçonnique, et une loge n'aurait pas tort de rejeter des accusations fondées sur une telle plainte. *Girard*, 1875, page 321.

*Malversation en Place.* Une loge ne devrait pas prendre le billet d'un secrétaire ou d'un trésorier en règlement des fonds de la loge dont il s'est servi sans en avoir été autorisé ou qu'ils ont converti à leur propre usage—et si cela a été fait, c'est une nullité maçonnique, et la personne peut être jugée pour l'offense. *Fleming*, 1876.

23. *Pour Réintégrer.* "J'ai décidé que pour réintégrer, il fallait le même vote que pour suspendre, étant les deux tiers des membres présents quand on prend le vote. Et que le vote recommandant de réintégrer un frère qui a été chassé devrait être des trois-quarts; mais dans aucun cas on ne devrait prendre le vote, sans en notifier tous les membres, à qui on peut le faire, de cette intention." *Todd*, 1870.

24. *De l'Augmentation du Salaire.* Tout candidat pour augmentation de salaire et qui aurait été rejeté, devra attendre six mois avant que l'on ne ballotte pour lui de nouveau. Pages 102 et 103 des minutes de 1866.

Le ballottage pour le second et troisième degré, est aussi peu restreint, et a pour objet et sous leur contrôle autant de surveillance que le ballottage pour le premier degré. Le ballottage n'est pas pour savoir si l'examen est *satisfaisant*, ceci se dit verbalement, mais pour savoir si le candidat est *digne* ou *indigne* des plus hauts degrés ou il a de nouveaux devoirs à remplir, et des serments plus forts à prêter. *Com. de Lois et Jur. Maç. Adopté*, 1865.

25. *Du Transfer de Jurisdiction.* "Un Apprenti ou un Compagnon peuvent en changeant de juridiction être transféré à la loge sous la juridiction de laquelle il a établi une résidence permanente. *Todd*, 1870.

(a) *Transfer de Jurisdiction ou Permission de faire Application à une autre loge.* Quant cela a lieu, la permission devrait être délivrée à la loge et non à la personne faisant application. *Fleming*, 1876.

(b) Une loge ne peut s'assembler ou être appelée à se réunir hors de sa juridiction territoriale. *S. J. Powell*, 1878.

(c). Que le montant payé pour les degrés à une loge qui n'a pas juridiction appartient à la loge dont la juridiction a été envahie. *Powell*, 1879.

26. *Du Travail.* 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. *Adoptée le 12 Février*, 1868.

27. *Des D. D. G. Maîtres.* 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 partie de l'édit, adopté le 11 Février, 1862, qui rend permanente la nomination des D. D. G. M., soit rappelée; et que dorénavant ces officiers seront nommés par le G. M., et garderont leurs place *selon son plaisir*. *Adopté, Février, 1871.*

Résolu, Que les Députés Grands Maîtres de Districts soient autorisés à accorder des dispenses pour l'élection et l'installation des officiers de telles loges constituentes qui auraient négligées d'élire ou d'installer les officiers au temps prescrit par les règlements de la Grande Loge. *Adopté le 11 Février, 1873.*

Qu'ils devraient seulement exercer tels pouvoir qui leurs sont spécialement délégués par le Grand Maître, et qu'ils ne peuvent exercer aucunes des prérogatives du Grand Maître, sans une autorisation spéciale. Que les sommations aux membres d'une loge pour le jugement d'un frère ou dans n'importe quel cas doivent émaner du V. M., ou en cas d'absence ou d'incapacité d'agir du Surveillant qui a charge de la loge. *Todd, 1871. (Voyez les Edits de 1873.)*

28. Résolu, Que les différents D. D. G. Maîtres, sommeront semi-annuellement à un local convenable dans leurs districts respectifs, (le dit local devant être aussi central que possible). Les Vén. et les Surv. de toutes les loges, sous leurs juridictions respectives, pour assister à une loge d'instruction de district, la dite loge sera ouverte à tous les frères, sera présidée par le D. D. G. M., ou en cas d'une absence forcée par un Vén. ou ex-Vén. d'une loge choisi par lui et sera composée du D. D. G. M., ou du substitut qu'il aura choisi, et des Vén. et des Surv. des différentes loges du district. Les Surv. et autres officiers de la dite loge d'instruction seront choisis par le dit député ou son substitut parmi les membres. La dite loge d'instruction n'aura pas le droit de conférer des degrés ou de s'enquérir d'affaires appartenant aux loges constituentes ou à la Grande Loge. Les D. D. G. M., devront eux-mêmes, ou par le frère par eux choisi, instruire les membres de la dite loge d'instruction, dans le travail et les lectures des trois différents degrés, tel que les enseigne le Comité de Travail de la Grande Loge. Les D. D. G. M. fixeront le temps où ils tiendront les dites loges d'instructions, et ils devront en donner notice aux différentes loges de leurs districts. Les D. D. G. M. feront un rapport de leurs séances sous cette résolution, à la prochaine grande communication annuelle. *Adopté le 13 Février, 1874.*

(a) *Loge d'Instruction.* Elles n'ont aucun pouvoir législatif, et ne peuvent siéger en jugement sur les actes ou les décisions du Grand Maître, ou sur les actes de la Grande Loge, ou passer des résolutions, les approuvant ou les désapprouvant. *Fleming, 1876.*

29. *Sur le nouveau Temple Maçonnique.* Résolu, Que le conseil des directeurs de la Bâtisse de la Grande Loge soit, et est par le présent autorisé à leur discrétion, à vendre la propriété connue sous le nom de "Bâtisse de la Grande Loge," et d'acheter d'autres propriétés pour construire un temple Maçonnique dans la ville de la Nouvelle Orléans, et en cas de vente ou d'achat, le Grand Maître est autorisé à passer tous les actes notariés à cette effet. *Adopté, 1867.*

(a) Résolu, Que le Grand Maître, avec le consentement du conseil des directeurs de la Bâtisse de la Grande Loge, est autorisé à vendre quand ils le croiront convenable et aux prix qu'ils jugeront, toutes propriétés de la Grande Loge, excepté le Cimetière Maçonnique.

(b) Résolu, Que les revenus de la Grande Loge, venant de n'importe quelle source après en avoir déduit les dépenses nécessaires de la Grande Loge, et les propriétés desquelles elles dérivent, ainsi que le montant des propriétés qui peuvent être vendues par la Grande Loge, soient exclusivement réservés pour la construction d'un Temple Maçonnique à la Nouvelle Orléans, et pour en payer les frais, et continueront à être réservés de la sorte jusqu'à que toute dette encourue de la sorte soit éteinte.

(c) Résolu, Que le choix d'un plan, le contrat, et la surveillance de la construction du temple proposé soit confié à un comité de cinq, se composant du Grand Maître actuel et de quatre autres choisis par lui d'entre les frères, et que les comptes pour la construction du temple étant approuvés par le comité de construction, soient payés du trésor de la Grande Loge sur l'ordre du Grand Maître, ne devant pas surpasser en moyenne la somme fixée par la résolution suivante.

(d) Résolu, Que le comité de construction du Temple Maçonnique projeté, ne commencera les fondations de la bâtisse ni ne fera aucun contrat pour sa construction avant que la somme de vingt-cinq mille piastres ne soit souscrite par de bons et fidèles membres de la société et d'autres citoyens responsables, comme dons pour la construction ; et le temple une fois construit, ne devra pas dépasser la somme de deux cent mille piastres.

(e) Résolu, Que le Temple Maçonnique qui par la présente est autorisé à être bâti, sera construit et payé, ses revenus seront sujet aux résolutions soumises par le P. G. M., John Gedge, et adoptées par la Grande Loge à sa communication du 31 Janvier, 1853, pour disposer des revenus de la bâtisse de la Grande Loge, et à cet effet la dite résolution est adoptée de nouveau, et est comme suit :

(f) Qu'il soit Résolu, Que pour pleinement satisfaire les frères et les étrangers qui peuvent être disposés à accorder leur aide à l'achat d'une bâtisse pour la Grande Loge, cette Grande Loge déclare maintenant d'une manière solennelle et proclame que le dit achat a pour but de créer un fond de charité pour le secours des membres de l'ordre qui en sont dignes et en ont besoin, leurs femmes, leurs enfants et leurs familles, et cette Grande Loge s'engage solennellement, aussitôt qu'elle aura payé cette propriété, tout revenu qui en dérivera après en avoir déduit les dépenses nécessaires et inévitables qu'elle occasionnera, seront dévoués à cet effet. Et elle s'engage de plus, si il devenait nécessaire de vendre cette propriété, le montant qui en résultera sera investi de nouveaux comme un fond de charité permanent, et que l'on disposera des revenus de la même manière.

(g) Résolu, Que le prêt perpétuel des corps Maçonniques ne sera pas considéré comme une des dettes encourues pour sa construction, et devant être payé avant que les revenus soient distribués en charité. *Adopté, 1871.*

(h) *Assessment de la Grande Loge.* Les candidats doivent payer à la Grande Loge trois piastres par degré conféré, outre le montant fixé qui doit être payé à la loge d'après ses règlements, et c'est une violation directe d'un édit de la Grande Loge de ne pas collecter trois piastres *extra* du candidat et de s'être servi des fonds de la loge pour payer à la Grande Loge le montant qui aurait dû être payé par le candidat aux fonds du temple. *Girard, 1874.*

(h) *Assessments.* Résolu, 1. Qu'il soit requis des différentes loges de cette juridiction de collecter (pour la construction du temple) trois piastres pour chaque degré conféré ; pourvu que ce règlement ne frappe pas ceux qui auraient fait application avant l'adoption de ce règlement.

(i) *Contributions.* Résolu, 2. Que les loges de cette juridiction soient requises de solliciter et de collecter des souscriptions pour la construction du temple, soit de leurs propres membres soit des étrangers, payable annuellement ou à leurs convenances ; et chaque loge soit requise de souscrire de ses fonds généraux, telle somme qu'il sera en son pouvoir de donner.

(j) *Souscriptions.* Résolu, 3. Que des livres de souscriptions (que la Grande Loge fournira) seront ouverts et tenus continuellement dans chaque loge de cet Etat, et que le Ven. Maître voit à ce qu'ils soient tenus proprement et que le nom des souscripteurs soient pris par écrit, pour référence par nos successeurs. Nos. 1, 2, 3, *Adopté le 14 Février, 1872.*

30. *Fond pour le temple.* Qu'il est inutile qu'une loge change ses règlements pour collecter des candidats l'assessment pour aider le fond du dit temple, tel qu'il est requis par la résolution adoptée par la Grande Loge le 14 Février, 1872. *Todd, 1873.*

31. *Des Visites.* J'ai donné plusieurs fois mon opinion, qu'un Maçon n'a pas le soit-disant *droit* de visite. C'est une politesse faite par le Vén. d'une loge aux visiteurs, et que l'on peut refuser si le Vén. ou les membres le désirent. Il est du devoir absolu du Vén. de refuser l'entrée de la loge à un visiteur dont la présence amènerait des difficultés, ou troublerait l'harmonie de la loge en aucune manière, et surtout si un des membres faisait objection à admettre le dit visiteur. Un membre refusant de siéger dans une loge avec un frère visiteur, n'est pas obligé de porter des accusations contre lui, à moins qu'il ne le juge convenable. Le droit de refuser l'entrée à un frère visiteur ne doit pas se traiter d'une manière légère, ni sans raison suffisante; mais le frère faisant objection en est le seul juge, et l'affaire reste entre lui et sa conscience. *Todd, 1870.*

32. En réponse d'une lettre d'un frère à San Francisco, et membre d'une loge de cette juridiction disant, qu'en visitant une loge régulière dans cette ville, il y avait rencontré un homme de couleur se disant avoir été reçu régulièrement dans une loge sous la juridiction de la Grande Loge d'Angleterre, et qui a été reçu comme telle par la loge de San Francisco, et demandait s'il a eu raison de sortir de la loge et refuser de siéger avec un tel frère, et demandant si notre Grande Loge reconnaît les loges recevant de tel visiteurs. J'ai répondu que notre Grande Loge reconnaît toutes les loges régulières siégeant à San Francisco, et tenant leurs chartes de la Grande Loge de Californie; et que ces loges étaient les juges de savoir qui elle recevraient comme frères visiteurs, et que quand des frères y sont il est à présumer qu'ils sont des Maçons réguliers, et qu'aucun visiteur n'a le droit de refuser de siéger avec un frère que la loge a cru devoir admettre. *Hornor, 1873.*

33. *Des Membres.* "Tout candidat élevé au troisième degré ou Maître dans une loge, devient membre de cette loge sans aucune autre action; le membre admis devrait signer les règlements de la loge de manière à avoir sa signature aux archives, mais cela n'est pas absolument nécessaire, car il a précédemment, de la manière la plus solennelle 'juré de les observer.'" *Todd, 1871.*

34. Que l'édit appelé, (*Des Membres à Vie, de Février, 1870,*) voyez la note page 5 de la Constitution, et tous les autres édits ou résolutions qui s'y rapportent soient rappelés. 14 *Février, 1877.*

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36. *Des Démissions.* Que comme un principe général que tous Maçons en règle à le droit de demander sa retraite de sa loge s'il le désire, et en payant toutes quotités et sa proportion de toutes les dettes de la loge (si elle était endettée) si l'on ne peut rien alléguer contre lui pour lui enlever ce privilège. *Todd, 1860.*

37. Que le Vénérable n'as pas le droit d'accorder les retraites. Ce droit appartient seulement à la loge. *Todd, 1873.*

38. Une retraite est proprement dit, une recommandation donnée par une loge à un de ses membres à une autre loge; quoique récemment elle ne soit adressée à une loge en particulier, mais à la fraternité en général, et dissolvant tout rapport avec la loge, quoique autrefois ce n'était pas le cas. Quand une loge accorde une retraite, autrefois une recommandation à une certaine loge, maintenant pour dissoudre tout rapport avec cette loge et une recommandation à toutes les loges et à tous les Maçons; les officiers de la loge, généralement le Secrétaire et le Vénérable, donnent un certificat à cet effet, qui doit être une action unanime de la loge; et ce document est appelé un certificat de retraite; aucun frère ne pouvant se retirer d'une loge sans son consentement; tout frère peut demander sa retraite. La demande peut être retirée avant qu'on n'y ait pris aucune action, et avant d'avoir agi sur la demande, personne ne faisant objection, il n'y pas de retraite. Il faut dans n'importe quel cas l'action de la loge avant d'accorder une retraite. Sous aucune circonstance le Vén. ne peut l'accorder. Il peut prendre la responsabilité d'accorder un *certificat*, mais il le fait à son péril. Si la loge l'accorde lorsque l'affaire est portée devant elle, le certificat du Vén. est bon, mais si elle refuse, le Vén. est sujet à une censure sévère. Nous ajouterons quelque mots au sujet de retraites et venant



de la question décidée par le Grand Maître au sujet des Apprentis et des Compagnons prenant leurs autres degrés dans une autre loge. La question est posée, un Apprenti ou un Compagnon peuvent-ils demander une retraite ? Autrefois, quand il n'y avait pas de quotités, quand tout apprenti était membre d'une loge et quand toutes les affaires excepté de conférer les degrés supérieurs avaient lieu dans une loge d'apprenti il n'y avaient pas de retraites tel qu'on en donne aujourd'hui en Louisiane. Le frère initié était un membre de la loge ainsi que de la fraternité pour la vie. Il n'y avait besoin de retraite que pour un changement de domicile actuel et non pour l'intention alors à demander par écrit; on accordait au frère une recommandation pour la loge à laquelle il désirait s'affilier. Cette recommandation s'appelait un certificat de retraite. Ce frère était toujours membre de son ancienne loge jusqu'à ce qu'on ait balloté pour lui et qu'il été élu membre de la nouvelle loge. Ceci était l'action suivie, même dans la mémoire Maçonnique du rédacteur de ce rapport, et s'appliquait de même aux Apprentis et aux Compagnons. *Comité de Lois et Jurisprudence Maçonnique*, 1870.

39. *Des Démissions.* Une loge ne peut accorder un Démit à une personne qu'elle a suspendue, et que la Grande Loge a rétablie dans tous ses droits et privilèges. *Fleming*, 1874, page 51.

40. *Des Démissions.* Une loge ne peut par une simple résolution réintégrer un membre démissionnaire, quoique le certificat *n'ait pas été* délivré par le Secrétaire. *Todd*, 1860.

41. *Démissions et Dettes Envers la Loge.* Une loge peut remettre, quand notice en a été donnée, n'importe quelle partie des quotités, ou pro rata des dettes de la loge, à un frère, (en good standing), qui est incapable de les payer. *Com. L. et J. M.*, 1876.

(a) Que dans ce cas la Démission équivaut à la remise de la dette du frère. *Com. L. et Jur. Mac.* 15 Février, 1877.

(b) Qu'un vote unanime n'est pas nécessaire pour accorder une démission. *Idem.*

42. *Des Installations.* Qu'installer par proxy n'est pas installer. Aucun frère ne peut être installer à moins d'être présent et d'y agréer.

43. Dans le cas d'un frère élu et installé par proxy pendant son absence et qui a refusé d'accepter la place ensuite, j'ai décidé que l'élection et l'installation étaient nulles, (comme je l'ai dit avant), et que l'Ex. Vén. devait conserver sa place jusqu'à ce que son successeur soit légalement élu et installé. Que dans la nouvelle élection pour Vén. le frère élu devrait avoir été élu, et avoir servi comme surveillant, à moins qu'un membre ainsi éligible ne consente à servir; et dans ce cas l'on peut choisir parmi les autres membres de la loge. *Todd*, 1873.

44. *Eligibilité des Grands Officiers.* Que le dix-septième règlement adopté par la Grande Lodge d'Angleterre en 1721, n'a pas force de loi dans cette juridiction, la Grande Loge ne l'ayant pas adopté. Il y a beaucoup de cas où les Grands Maîtres et autres officiers de cette Grande Loge ont été élus et ont eu des places dans les loges constituentes de cette juridiction. *Todd*, 1873.

45. *Des Locaux.* Que tout local où siège une loge, doit être dédié et consacré d'après les usages Maçonniques, et qu'il est mal d'une loge de continuer ses séances dans un endroit qui n'a pas été dédié à des usages Maçonniques. Qu'une loge ne doit pas tenir ses séances dans un endroit occupé conjointement par d'autres sociétés secrètes. *Todd*, 1871.

46. *Des Locaux.* D'après les lois de la Grande Loge, on ne doit pas permettre à des sociétés secrètes non-Maçonniques, de se réunir dans le local d'une loge. J'ai refusé de permettre que les Granges ou Protecteurs de l'Agriculture s'y réunissent, limitant la prohibition à la salle dont on se sert pour un but Maçonnique. Je crois qu'aucun bien ne peut résulter d'*ouvrir* nos loges aux profanes. *Girard*, 1875, page 33.

47. *Salles Maçonniques.* Qu'il n'y a pas de mal à construire une Salle Maçonnique en société avec une association religieuse, et que les deux sociétés peuvent s'assembler dans la même salle, sous certaines restrictions; mais il n'est pas bien selon les lois de la Grande Loge de permettre à une société secrète, non-Maçonnique de siéger dans une loge. *Todd, 1873.*

(a) Que les loges ne peuvent demander des secours pour construire des salles ou pour d'autres besoins sans la permission de la Grande Loge ou du Grand Maître.

48. Il n'est pas bien que nos loges soient, étant dédiés à la bienfaisance universelle et à des objets Maçonniques, converties en salle de bal. *Girard, 1874.*

49. *Processions.* Les Apprentis et Compagnons peuvent assister aux processions publiques, excepté aux enterments, et étres assignés aux positions désignées dans les moniteurs. *Todd, 1873.*

50. *Des Processions.* Il est défendu aux loges et aux Maçons par les règlements de la Grande Loge, de se joindre en uniforme, à une procession de I. O. O. F., et sous leur contrôle, ou à celle d'aucune autre société secrète. Les Maçons ne doivent pas paraître en public ou dans des cérémonies qui ne sont pas Maçonnique ou sous le contrôle des Maçons, et ne devraient pas se montrer dans un caratère subordonné. *Girard, 1875, page 32.*

51. *Résignation des Places.* Quoiqu'il soit généralement accordé qu'un officier une fois installé ne peut résigner, il peut arriver des circonstances extraordinaires qui fassent accepter une résignation, et les prérogatives du Grand Maître lui donnent seul le droit de juger si ces circonstances existent. *Com. Lois et Jur. Maç., Février, 1875.*

52. *Règlements.* Qu'un article dans les règlements d'une loge permettant de les suspendre par un vote unanime est nul et non avenu. *Com. Lois et Jur. Maç., 12 Février, 1874.*

(a) Par un édit de cette Grande Loge en 1874, il a été déclaré illégal de suspendre les règlements d'une loge par quelque vote et dans quelque but que ce soit. *Com. L. et J. Maç., 1878.*

(b) Les amendments aux règlements d'une loge n'ont aucune force jusqu'à ce qu'ils soient approuvés par la Grande Loge. (Grande Loge 1872-74-76-77.) *Id.*

(c) Lorsqu'un conflit existe entre les Règlements d'une loge et ceux de la Grande Loge, les derniers doivent contrôler les premiers. *Fleming.*

53. *Quotités pertes de ses droits.* Il faut qu'on ait eu le droit de demander le paiement des quotités d'un membre depuis douze mois, avant qu'il ne soit sujet à une remonstration d'après la loi au sujet de non-paiement de quotités, passée à la dernière grande communication annuelle. Et la perte de ses droits étant déclarée égale à une suspension fait peser sur le frère en défaut la suspension de tous ses droits et privilèges Maçonniques. *Girard, 1875, page 32.*

54. *Non-paiement de Quotités.* Qu'ils ont considéré avec soin les points présentés par le G. M., et qu'ils trouvent que tous les points essentiels sont suffisamment couverts par notre loi telle qu'elle existe, et qu'un jugement Maçonnique est fourni au délinquant sous la présente loi, et rapporte par conséquent qu'il n'y a pas besoin de nouvelle loi à ce sujet pour le moment. *Com. Spécial de la Grande Loge, 1875.*

(a) *Non-paiement de Quotités.* Nous approuvons cordialement et endossons l'opinion du Grand Maître à ce sujet, telle qu'il l'exprime dans son adresse. *Com. A. et G., 1876.*

(b) *Remise de Quotités.* Une loge ne peut remettre les quotités, en plein ou en partie, d'un frère suspendu pour non-paiement de quotités ni elle ne peut l'aider des fonds de la loge. *Fleming, 1876.*

(c) La remise des quotités n'ont est pas le paiement. *Fleming, 1876.*

(d) Qu'une personne rayée (*dropped*), du contrôle, après l'adoption des Règlements en 1874, doit payé le montant dû, avant qu'il ne soit réintégré.

55. *Quotités, Assessments et taxe de Loge.* Qui sont strictement pour les besoins de la loge doivent être payés. *Fleming, 1874, page 52.*

56. Une loge ne peut demander d'un frère ou forcer le paiement d'une somme sous forme de quotités ou d'assessment qui n'est pas pourvu par les règlements ou fait général par des actes réguliers ou une souscription volontaires. *Fleming*, 1875, page 44.

57. *Comités, de leurs pouvoirs.* Qu'une loge ne peut nommer ou en aucune manière créer un comité, qui puisse être investi de pouvoirs supérieurs à, ou indépendant du Vénérable Maître. *Fleming*, 1874, page 50.

58. *Des Circulaires.* Que sous aucune circonstances une loge de cette juridiction ne peut par circulaire demander assistance pécunier à des frères de cet Etat ou ailleurs, sans avoir d'abord obtenue le consentement de la Grande Loge ou du Grand Maître. *Todd*, 1873. (Voyez le discours du Grand Maître en 1860, page 26.)

59. Qu'en adressant des lettres circulaires, elles devraient avoir le sceau de la loge, et aussi le certificat du Grand Secrétaire que la demande a été sanctionnée par l'autorité, ou si on ne pouvait mettre ce dernier, ajouter qu'on en a obtenu la sanction. *Todd*, 1873.

60. Une loge Maçonnique ne doit pas offrir d'argent en récompense de l'arrestation d'un criminel, quelque digne que soit l'intention des membres de la loge, et quoique juste parmi des particuliers, ce n'est certainement pas un acte d'un caractère Maçonnique, et cela n'a jamais été contemplé comme un des attributs d'une loge Maçonnique, et n'est pas directement compris dans sa charte. En outre cela pourrait être une source de beaucoup de tracas pour une loge et l'entraîner dans des procès. *Girard*, 1874.

61. *Ballottage à des Séances Spéciales.* Quoique qu'il n'y ait pas de loi défendant expressément de balloter à une séance spéciale, on ne doit pas le permettre à moins que tous les membres qui sont dans la juridiction de la loge n'aient été notifiés et ne connaissent l'intention de la loge, de manière à ce qu'aucun nouveau matérielle ne soit admis sans qu'un ou plusieurs membres ne le sachent, comme il n'est pas toujours possible ou probable que tous les membres puissent être notifiés, il est plus prudent de ne pas balloter pour l'initiation ou le degré à une séance spéciale. Il y a assez de séances régulières pendant l'année pour faire passer le scrutin, et cela devrait être *expressément* défendu à des séances spéciales. *Girard*, 1875, page 32.

62. *Ajournements.* J'ai décidé qu'une loge à une séance régulière ne pouvait s'ajourner à une autre jour entre cette séance spéciale ou intermédiaire comme une séance régulière; car si une loge peut faire cela pour une séance, pourquoi ne le ferait elle pas pendant un mois ou même indéfiniment. *Fleming*, 1875, page 43.

63. *Candidats Élus.* Dans le cas d'un Compagnon qui a été élu à recevoir le degré de Maître, mais qui en a été empêché par un protêt écrit d'un membre de la loge, disant que le candidat était indigne, j'ai soutenu que le Vén. était forcé de respecter le protêt et que l'on ne pouvait forcer le membre objectant, de faire connaître les raisons qui l'ont mené à cette action. *Todd*, 1873.

64. *Des Règlements.* Qu'une résolution offerte et reçu ne pouvait être retirée sans le consentement de la Grande Loge. *Girard*, 1874.

65. *Des Représentants.* Résolu, Que le Grand Secrétaire notifiera les loges rapportées par le Grand Maître comme manquant à leur devoir en manquant d'être représentées à la Grande Loge, et de les notifier de la peine à laquelle elles sont sujettes pour manquer à ces devoirs et de les notifier d'être représentées à la Grande Loge à sa prochaine Communication annuelle sous peine de forfaire leur charte. *Adopté unanimement le 11 Février*, 1874.

66. Que le Grand Secrétaire notifiât les loges qui n'ont pas été représentées à cette Grande Loge, de leur manque au devoir, et qu'elles courent le risque de forfaire leur charte, et qu'il les requiert de se faire représenter à la prochaine Grande Communication sous peine de forfaire leur charte. *12 Février*, 1875.

67. *Affaires non Terminées.* Résolu, Que les comités qui n'auront pas fait leurs rapport à la Grande Loge pendant une Grande Communication, sur les affaires qui leurs seront référées, devront faire leur rapport au Grand Maître dans les trente jours qui en suivront la fermeture, et ces rapports seront publiés avec les minutes, s'ils sont approuvés par le Grand Maître. *Adopté le 11 Février, 1874.*

68. *Loge de Secours Louisiana No. 1.* Que la Loge de Secours Louisiana No. 1, et à tous sujets une loge régulière, que son Vénérable Maître une fois installé, et le vénérable légal d'une loge légale, et a tous les droits et privilèges comme tel, et tous les pouvoirs que la charte lui donne. *12 Février, 1876.*

69. Que la balance non dépensée du "Fond des Inondés," soit investie sous les auspices du conseil des Directeurs de la Bâtisse de la Grande Loge, le revenu devant en être versé annuellement dans la Loge de Secours Louisiana No. 1; pourvu, que si l'occasion l'exige tel que la dernière inondation, ou une autre, ou une épidémie, le conseil des Directeurs puisse dépenser tel portion qu'il le jugeront nécessaire. *12 Février, 1875.*

70. *Impressions.* Que le Grand Secrétaire, jusqu'à ce qu'il en soit ordonné autrement par la Grande Loge, omette de nos procès verbaux imprimés telle matière que le Très Ill. Grand Maître indiquera. *10 Février, 1875.*

71. *Sommations.* Un frère Maître Maçon doit aussi bien obéir les sommations d'une autre loge que de la sienne, et si il ne peut obéir, il doit donner une excuse satisfaisante au Vén. Maître de la loge qui a émit la sommation. *Fleming, 1876.*

72. *Protêt.* Aucun frère n'a le droit de protester contre la décision du Grand Maître, ou les actes de la Grande Loge. Son seul droit est de se soumettre et d'obéir. *Fleming, 1876.*

73. *Service Funèbre.* Ne peut concevoir de raison pourquoi le service funèbre de notre ordre n'aurait pas lieu à la tombe d'un frère décédé, quand il n'a pu avoir lieu au moment de son enterrement. *Com. L. et J. M., 1876.*

74. *Enterrements, Edit sur.* Ne peut concevoir de raison pour lesquelles l'édit devrait être changé et rappelé. *Com. L. et J. M., 1876.*

75. *Officiers et Proxys.* Que la section 20 de la Constitution donne au représentant ou officier présent, le droit de voter pour le représentant absent, et non au proxys. *Com. L. et J. M. 1866.*

76. *Suspensions, etc.* Qu'il est du droit absolu du Grand Maître d'arrêter la charte d'une loge, ou de suspendre un frère, pour une cause juste. *Décision du Grand Maître.*

77. *Dettes, Trésor.* Quand le trésor d'une loge doit être prêté, ou que l'on doit contracter des dettes, cela ne devrait avoir lieu qu'après en avoir donné avis. *Com. L. et J. M. 1876.*

78. *Rédiction de Charte.* Une Loge ne peut rendre sa charte qu'à la Grande Loge. *Powell, 1878.*

79. *Qualification.* Un apprenti qui n'a qu'un œil peut être élu à recevoir les autres degrés. *Powell, 1878.*

(a) *Défectuosités.* Un candidat ayant une défectuosité à la hanche qui l'empêche de poser son talon à terre, et celui qui a perdu les trois premiers doigts de la main droite, ne sont pas éligibles. *Id.*

80. *Nouveaux Jugements.* Les nouveaux jugements, n'étant pas défendus, (dans la constitution) sont par conséquent laissés à la discrétion judiciaire de la Loge afin de savoir si on l'accordera, et elle peut exercer ce pouvoir jusqu'à ce qu'elle ait perdu juridiction. *Com. L. et J. M., 1878.*

(a) Qu'un appel à la Grande Loge et son action finale empêche un nouveau jugement. *Powell*, 1879.

81. *Assesment*. Résolu, Que chaque loge constituante de cette Grande Loge soit, et ait, par la présente, à payer annuellement, pendant les cinq années prochaines, la somme d'une piastre pour chaque membre porté sur son rôle. Tous les membres à vie seront inclus dans cet assesment, et le Grand Secrétaire, ainsi que le Secrétaire de la Loge dont le Frère payant sera membre, seront autorisés à recevoir et à donner un reçu pour le montant. Pourvu, Que le Grand Secrétaire, dans chaque cas, rapporte à la Loge constituante, dont le Frère est membre, le montant reçu. P. V. G. L., 1878, page 85.

(a) Que la Grande Loge tient les loges constituantes responsables du montant de l'assesment, Per capita, de 1878, et que les membres qui refuseront de payer leur assesment, après une résolution de la loge l'ordonnant, sont sujets à la discipline Maçonnique de la loge. *Marks*, 1879.

82. *Degré de Passé Maître*. Qu'il n'est pas nécessaire qu'un Vén. Maître élu reçoive le Degré de Passé Maître avant son installation. *Powell*, 1879.

(a) Votre comité, comme tel, ne peut avoir aucune connaissance du Degré de Passé Maître. (Pro. verb. 1852, p. 79.) *Com. L. et J. M.*, 1879.

83. *Application*. La destruction d'une application, après qu'elle a été référée à un comité, ne détruit pas l'évidence que l'application a été faite, on doit faire un rapport sur cette application et elle doit être soumise au scrutin. *Marks*, 1879.

## APPENDIX.

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### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

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*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana :*

A protracted absence from home of the writer, covering a period of five months, together with a *desire* to curtail our work somewhat, will explain the brevity of the following report. While we shall endeavor to review the proceedings of our sister Grand Bodies as thoroughly as possible, we will be compelled to omit much matter, which heretofore has been more fully quoted.

The annual address of the M. W. Grand Master will, no doubt, touch upon the fearful pestilence, which, during the past summer, afflicted some of the Southern States, especially our own, and, therefore, without further introduction, we will at once enter upon the commencement of our labors.

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#### ALABAMA.

Fifty-seventh Grand Communication, Montgomery, commencing December 3d, 1877; 182 subordinate Lodges represented, and 7829 members reported. Number of Lodges within the jurisdiction, 423, out of which 248 paid their dues, and the charters of 96 were forfeited, revoked or consolidated. Raised during the past year, 242; affiliated, 251; rejected, 64; dimitted, 381; died, 148; expelled, 21; suspended, 584; reinstated, 250.

R. W. D. G. M. Henry C. Armstrong presided in the absence of the M. W. G. M., P. J. Pillans; Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary. The latter read the Annual Address of the absent Grand Master. The address shows Masonry in our immediate sister jurisdiction to be in a healthy, and, apparently, satisfactory, condition. Grand Master Pillans decided "that public meetings, balls, etc., cannot be tolerated in a Masonic hall." We presume that this ruling only applies to Lodge rooms, and not to "halls," which Masonic bodies may possess in their buildings. To public uses of the latter we can see no possible objection. The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin having complained of an invasion of its jurisdiction, proper explanations were made by Alabama, which were satisfactory. Bro. Pillans, in connection therewith, made the following suggestion, which we approve: "This, however, suggests the necessity

of the Grand Lodge issuing an edict requiring every Lodge to insert in its petition for initiation, a statement to be signed by petitioner, to the effect that he has, or has not, been rejected by any other Lodge." The Grand Master was sustained in his refusal to accept the proposition of the Grand Master of Tennessee, to make Masons of citizens living within the jurisdiction of one or the other. This action was correct. Resolutions expressive of the regret of the Grand Lodge on the death of Past Grand Master Wiley, were adopted.

Bro. Henry Clay Armstrong, of Tuskegee, was elected Grand Master, and Bro. Daniel Sayre re-elected Grand Secretary.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted:

"*Resolved*, That in the recognition heretofore accorded to the 'Grand Orient of Brazil, Valley of Lavradio,' and in the intercourse since maintained and still existing with that Most Worshipful Body, this Grand Lodge disclaims any intention to pronounce a decision, or to be understood as expressing or implying an opinion, upon the merits of any existing controversy, or the conflicting claims of different Grand Bodies to Masonic jurisdiction in the Empire of Brazil.

"*Resolved*, That, under present circumstances, it is inexpedient to disturb the relations already existing, or to enter into a consideration of questions which, nevertheless, should practical occasion arise, may be legitimate factors for the determination of future action.

"*Resolved*, That, while deploring the dissensions, as to matters of organization and government, prevailing among our brethren of Brazil, we are happy to bear witness to their signal exemplification, in conduct, of the true spirit and genuine principles of Masonic fraternity and charity."

On the petition of Bro. W. T. Walthall, Master of Bienville Lodge No. 348, reciting, that since his election, he has been necessarily absent from home, and therefore unable to attend to his duties, and asking permission to resign, the Committee on "Propositions and Grievances" reported *adversely*. The Grand Lodge concurred in the report. This was correct. Worshipful Masters cannot resign.

Bro. Beers, again, as *acting* chairman, presented an interesting report on correspondence. We observed, with pleasure, that Bro. Beers now occupies the position, the duties of which he has for several years so ably discharged for another. While we regret the absence of Bro. Walthall from a position he adorned for the benefit of the Craft, we congratulate our sister of Alabama on the possession of Bro. Beers.

#### ARKANSAS.

Thirty-ninth Annual Communication, Little Rock, commencing October 8th, 1877. M. W. M. M. McGuire, Grand Master; R. W. L. E. Barber, Grand Secretary. Out of 337 chartered Lodges, 100 were represented. Membership, 8291. Affiliated during year, 335; raised, 347; dimitted, 395; died, 210; suspended, 347; expelled, 22; reinstated, 100.

Our brethren in Arkansas met with a terrible loss during the year in the burning of the Masonic Temple, in Little Rock. All the records,

books and papers of the Grand Secretary's office, together with the library, were consumed. Much embarrassment has been caused by the fact that large sums of money cannot be properly credited by the Grand Secretary. Circulars, asking for information, were issued, but the responses, when received, contained many inaccuracies. We rejoice the *money* was saved, and hope Bro. Barber will be able to fix it up in some satisfactory way. The Grand Master, in his address, reports that, notwithstanding the accident just referred to, that Masonry in Arkansas is bright and advancing. Bro. McGuire decided that if a Lodge is satisfied *manifest injustice* has been done an accused, it may, at a subsequent meeting, grant a new trial. We should say so! The Committee on Masonic Law and Usage *differed*, holding "that the proper time for making and acting upon the motion for a new trial, is at the Communication *at which the trial is held*, etc., and that after that the accused must seek his redress by an appeal. We can never share in this conclusion. If a Lodge commits *manifest injustice* toward one of its members, *it commits a wrong*, and the sooner it is rectified the better, whether at the same Communication or at a later one. The Lodge owes it to itself as well as to the injured member. Arkansas follows in the wake of Alabama, and says, through Bro. McGuire, that a Master or Warden cannot resign during term of office. He also said, that a Lodge cannot charge for a dimit. In this we differ. While a member "must be square upon the books," we know of nothing that prevents a Lodge from charging a fee for issuing the dimit. The Grand Master reported the death of Past Grand Master E. H. Whitfield. He was Grand Master of Arkansas in 1850—51. The address of Bro. McGuire is full and very interesting. We regret that St. John's College is not flourishing as it should. Brother J. F. Hill was elected Grand Master, and Bro. L. E. Barber, re-elected Grand Secretary. Bro. Dodge presented an excellent report on correspondence, which is far too brief for its many merits. He quotes extensively from Grand Master Fleming's address, and pays us many undeserved compliments. We like Bro. Dodge, as we did Bro. Bell, and hope we shall see *more* of him. We do not complain this time, because we are at fault ourselves.

#### CALIFORNIA.

Twenty-eighth Annual Communication, commencing October 9th, 1877. John Mills Brown, Grand Master; Alex. G. Abell, Grand Secretary. One hundred and seventy-seven chartered Lodges, and delegates from four Lodges, U. D., in attendance.

The Grand Master commences an excellent and beautiful address with the following legend, which he happily and aptly applies. We cannot forego the pleasure of clipping it:

"In Normandy, so runs the legend, some hundreds of years ago, a mighty lord had called together his retainers and set them to work in building a castle. While thus employed an excessive drought prevailed over the land, and the scarcity of water, with which to mix the mortar,



put a stop to the work on the building. The mighty lord had vaults well filled with wine, and in order that the work might go on, and the workmen be relieved from the distress succeeding its cessation, he ordered the vaults to be opened and the wine to be brought forth and used in place of water to prepare the mortar. The work continued, the castle was completed and became the wonder and pride of the province, and for centuries afterward, the wind, in passing over the castle, became laden with the fragrance of the old wine used in its building, and was wafted through the valleys and over the plains like unto the incense of a breeze that wanders among sweet scented plants, and was conveyed to the people, who partook of the fragrance which unceasingly told of its origin in the olden time, of its undiminished strength and perpetuity, and evoked reverential emotions and called forth grateful recognitions of the power and goodness of the mighty lord, who, in his wisdom and consideration, had thus favored a people.

"Masonry is our castle, and the realization of its lofty and ennobling principles is the wine used to cement the unity of brotherhood, the fragrance of which is the grand, though unseen, influence which has ever elevated and refined communities, and been acknowledged and fostered by the recipients of its blessings.

The Grand Master visited nearly all of the Masonic districts, and speaks highly of the harmony and good feeling prevalent throughout the jurisdiction. He rendered many decisions, which, while disclosing nothing new, evince sound Masonic knowledge.

In the proceedings we found nothing of general interest.

Bro. Wm. H. Hill presented an excellent report on correspondence, in which he ably reviews the proceedings of fifty Grand Lodges, among them Louisiana, for 1877. Our confrere quotes extensively from Grand Master Fleming's report, and, apparently, joins him in all his important conclusions. For the compliment paid us, we return our thanks, and hope that, in future, we may merit his favorable opinion. Total number of Lodges, 246. Membership, 12,168. Raised during the year, 574; affiliated, 558; dimitted, 486; suspended, 364; expelled, 8; died, 162; reinstated, 104.

#### C A N A D A .

In our last report we reviewed the proceedings of the Twenty-second Annual Communication, held in September, 1877. Those of 1878 have not reached us. We have before us a very excellent report on correspondence (the first from Canada in several years), prepared by Bro. Henry Robertson, in which fifty-two American Grand Bodies are reviewed. We are glad to see Canada in line again, and hope that she may so continue. We agree with Bro. Robertson, that "these reports have now become almost a necessity," and we are unwilling to miss so capable a co-laborer. Our proceedings of 1877, are approvingly noticed, our colleague devoting nearly five pages to us. The address of Grand Master Fleming is quoted from liberally, and his allusion to Canada is given in full. The Twenty-third Annual Communication was held in Toronto in September, 1878. There is no reason that we can see, why the proceedings should not now, in December, be in our possession.

1878.

Since writing the foregoing, and just in time for the printer, the proceedings of 1878 have been received. The Twenty-third Annual Communication, as we have already stated, was held in Toronto, in September, 1878, Bro. W. H. Weller, Grand Master; Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary. Quite a number of special communications had been held during the year in various parts of the jurisdiction, for the purpose of laying corner-stones, dedicating edifices, etc., etc. Our brethren of Canada seem to be fond of this kind of work, and they generally have enough of it.

The Grand Master, in his address, reported the finances of the Grand Lodge in a very satisfactory condition. The balance on hand was \$60,094 12, invested principally in government stocks. Quite a handsome showing. He reported that he had disapproved many of the by-laws submitted to him during the year, because, in most cases, they imposed duties or limited the powers of Masters of Lodges. In this the Grand Master was right. Masters should only be governed by the ancient landmarks and by the constitutions, regulations and by-laws of their Grand Lodges. The by-laws of subordinates *must conform* to these. Bro. Weller simply alludes to the difficulty between the Grand Lodges of Quebec and Scotland, and hopes that it may be settled amicably by the bodies themselves. We fear that this will not be the case, and that the American Grand Bodies will be forced to take decisive action in the premises. He does not favor the recognition of either of the two Grand Bodies in Cuba, and submitted the applications of Egypt and Spain for recognition. He also reports having withdrawn the credentials of their Grand Representatives to the Grand Orient of France. The address of the Grand Master was not lengthy and somewhat *too* conservative in its character.

The District D. G. M. made reports showing that they have not been idle during the past year. Among a number of Grand Representatives that presented their credentials, and were received with the usual honors, we note with much pleasure our own, R. W. Bro. T. D. Harrington, who was in attendance during the entire session.

Brothers W. H. Weller and J. J. Mason were, respectively, re-elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

Upon motion of the "Committee of General Purposes," the Grand Lodges of Spain and Egypt were duly recognized.

Number of Lodges on roll, 324; represented at Annual Session, 224; initiations during year, 1200; raisings 1099; deaths, 162; suspended, 535. Total members in goodstanding, 17,418.

#### COLORADO.

An Emergent Grand Communication was held at Fort Collins on the 17th of July, 1878, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the State Agricultural College, at that point. Bro. C. J. Hart, M. W.

Grand Master, officiated. The ceremonies were of the usual impressive order.

A second Emergent Communication was held at Denver, on the 5th of August following, for the purpose of conferring Masonic burial rites upon the remains of M. W. Bro. George E. Lounsbury, P. G. M. of Illinois, who had died in Colorado, whither he had gone for the benefit of his rapidly declining health. The distinguished brother was buried with all the honors befitting his high station, in the Masonic Cemetery of Denver.

The Eighteenth Annual Communication was held in the city of Denver, on the 17th and 18th September, 1878. Bro. Cornelius J. Hart, Grand Master, and Bro. Ed. C. Parmelee, Grand Secretary. Representatives from twenty-one Lodges in attendance. In his address, the Grand Master thus speaks of his own jurisdiction: "Peace and prosperity prevail. The God of the harvest has smiled upon the land, and the labors of the husbandman have been abundantly blessed. Harmony prevails throughout the entire jurisdiction, and the Lodges are all in a healthy and prosperous condition." These are good tidings for us from the West. The Grand Master thus announces the death of P. G. M. Lounsbury, of Illinois:

"But I must be pardoned for mentioning one, our late friend and genial brother, George E. Lounsbury, Past Grand Master of the State of Illinois, whose personal associations with many of the members of this Grand Lodge, and many Masons throughout this jurisdiction, and whose bright intellect, genuine moral worth, and earnest devotion to the Craft has secured to him a place in the affections of all who knew him.

"Early in '76, Brother Lounsbury was attacked by that fell destroyer, consumption, while presiding over the Craft in Illinois, and although warned by his physician, continued to discharge the onerous duties resting upon the Grand Master of that large and important jurisdiction, until, utterly prostrated, he was compelled to surrender his work to the hands of another, and in the invigorating climate of Colorado, endeavor to regain the health which was denied him in his own State. In '77, he moved with his family to Denver, where for a while he seemed to improve, and strong hopes were entertained of his recovery; but late in the fall of that year, while on a visit to Pueblo, he was taken with a hemorrhage, which was followed by a series of others, and after lingering, utterly prostrated and helpless for many months, on the morning of the 4th of August, '78, at his residence in Denver, surrounded by his family and a circle of friends, he was released from his sufferings, and gently passed from labor in this earthly Lodge, to refreshment and rest in the Lodge above.

"Kind and courteous, with a great loving heart in which there was room for the entire Craft, clinging with a devotion unsurpassed to the institution that he delighted to honor, and in whose service he had spent his strength, he has left an example worthy of our imitation, and a name honored and revered by the Craft in his own jurisdiction."

The Grand Master also announced the death, at Central City, D. T., on the 31st October, 1877, of P. G. M. Andrew Mason, of Colorado. Brother Mason was Grand Master in 1865. The remainder of the address, as well as the proceedings, contained nothing of general interest.

Bro. Roger W. Woodbury, of Denver, was elected Grand Master, and Bro. Parmelee, re-elected Grand Secretary. Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf, chairman, presented an excellent report on correspondence, containing 144 pages. In his opening, Bro. Greenleaf says: "There is a wise saying to the effect, that, when you have important business to entrust to another, never leave it to one with plenty of time, but to him of all others, who has never a moment to spare." This *may* be a good principle in the abstract, but not so *practically*. If he has "never a moment to spare" from his own business, how can he devote any time to the business of others? We, ourselves, have such little time for our work this year, that it would have been better to have conferred the task we are now performing upon some brother "with plenty of time" to do it in. Bro. Greenleaf notices our proceedings of 1878. We congratulate our brother on his election as Grand Junior Warden. Had he retained his position as chairman of Correspondence Committee, we would have been colleagues in a *double* sense. Sorry to lose him in the latter capacity.

#### CONNECTICUT.

Ninetieth Grand Communication, held in Hartford, and commencing January 16th, 1878. Edward B. Rowe, M. W. Grand Master, and Joseph K. Wheeler, R. W. Grand Secretary. Out of 119 subordinates, 110 were represented. The address of Grand Master Rowe is full and comprehensive. He very tritely says:

"Do we assemble with a consciousness that during the weeks and months of the past year, we have, individually, done *something* to exemplify before the world the practical purposes of Masonry? Do we come together with the positive assurance within us, that we each have endeavored to fulfill our whole duty to ourselves and to our fellow men?"

"If so, then have we done well indeed, and well may we be assured of a harmonious and profitable convention."

So may it be with all Grand Bodies. Bro. Rowe states that the utmost harmony and prosperity prevails among his jurisdiction, but strongly condemns the action of the German Grand Lodge in admitting, as visitors, members of clandestine Lodges in the United States.

The proceedings were quite brief, and contain nothing of general importance.

Bro. Jos. K. Wheeler, who is also Grand Secretary, furnished an excellent report on correspondence. He is the entire committee. He notices our proceedings of 1877, and does not except to anything we did.

In alluding to the "German Masonic Diet," and its recognition of the African Grand Lodges of Ohio and Massachusetts, Bro. Wheeler very justly says: "It seems they are not satisfied in sustaining their own Lodges among us, but must attempt to decide who shall occupy our territory; and upon this principle we may expect, ere long, to see a German Grand Lodge erected in the States, upon the pretext of nationality." The deduction is quite logical, and its realization, in the near future, would not surprise us. As a warm friend, and Grand Rep-

representative of several of the German Grand Bodies at our Grand East, I have watched their action with sincere regret, because their aim, if adhered to, must, eventually, lead to a severing of all Masonic intercourse with them. We hope our German brethren will see the error of their ways, and, speedily, through proper and *pronounced* action, avert the climax that appears so near at hand. Raised during the year, 441; affiliated, 78; reinstated, 28; dimitted, 162; stricken from roll, 138; suspended, 9; expelled, 8; died, 155; rejected, 149. Total members, 15,016.

#### DELAWARE.

Seventy-first Annual Communication, held at Wilmington, on the 3d and 4th of October, 1877. Bro. Thomas N. Williams, Grand Master; Bro. Wm. S. Hays, Grand Secretary. *All the Lodges*, twenty-two in number, were represented.

The Grand Master reported, that, as far as he knew, harmony and peace prevailed throughout the jurisdiction; that nothing had occurred to mar the fraternal feeling, so long existing among the members. He very properly deprecates the over-anxious desire of some Lodges to make Masons.

Proceedings confined to matters of local interest only.

Bro. Thomas N. Williams was elected Grand Master, and Bro. Wm. S. Hays, re-elected as Grand Secretary.

Raised during the year, 36; affiliated, 6; reinstated, 6; dimitted, 16; suspended, 2; rejected, 3; died, 12. Total membership, 1266.

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Semi-annual Communication was held in Washington City, May 9th, 1877. Bro. E. G. Davis, Grand Master; Bro. W. R. Singleton, Grand Secretary. All the subordinate Lodges, twenty-one, were represented. At this session but little business was done. The Grand Lodges of Prince Edward's Island, Manitoba, Dakota, Indian Territory and Wyoming, were recognized.

Several special Communications were held for various purposes.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Communication was held at Washington City, November 14th, 1877. The officers previously mentioned in attendance, and twenty subordinates represented.

The Grand Master announced Masonic prosperity throughout his jurisdiction, and stated that he had no decisions to report.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were re-elected, and the Grand Lodge of Cuba was recognized.

Bro. W. R. Singleton again greets us as Masonic reviewer, and passes upon our proceedings of 1877. He notices us kindly, and we regret that lack of time compels us to pass him over so briefly this year. We have *read* his report with both pleasure and profit, though we don't *write* as extensively about it as it deserves.

Raised during the previous year, 126; affiliated, 28; reinstated, 48;

dimitted, 46; dropped, 149; expelled, 2; died, 38. Total membership, 2895.

### D A K O T A .

Fourth Annual Grand Communication, held at Sioux Falls, June 11th, 1878; Geo. H. Hand, G. M. presiding, and present Representatives from six chartered Lodges.

*Grand Master's Address.*—This document is an elaborate and able one, and reflects credit on its author for its conservative spirit. He congratulates his constituency on the steady progress of the institution in the Territory. He notes the constitution of Deadwood Lodge and the installation of its officers by his commissioned proxy, and states that the Lodge is situated "at an outpost of civilization, hundreds of miles from any other." "Two years before there was scarcely a white man in all the country; but now, members of the Great Fraternity gathered from distant homes to erect a new altar from whence shall radiate the beautiful and eternal truths of Masonry." The ceremonies were assisted by P. G. M. Sinder of Wyoming, and P. G. M. Starr, of Montana, whose services on the occasion are duly acknowledged. The principal portion of the address is directed to a review of the continued infringement by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota of the jurisdictional limits of Dakota—an infringement which has lasted three years, though earnestly protested against from time to time by Grand Lodge action and Grand Masters' communications. And in addition to this unpardonable treatment on the part of the sister Grand Lodge of Minnesota, he justly finds it aggravated by a want of official recognition of Dakota as a Grand Body, and dwells on the studied silence and the cool and supercilious manner in which she has treated their just complaints of continued interference within their Territorial lines. He fully, ably and impartially reviews the whole subject, and to the candid reader demonstrates the fact, that in the Convention of Lodges (five), which convened by delegates at Elk Point in Southern Dakota, on the 21st of June, 1875, and organized the Grnd Lodge of Dakota, the action held was regular. The Convention, after adopting a constitution and by-laws and electing officers, adjourned to meet at Vermilion, July 21st, of the same year. As a guarantee of the regularity of the proceedings held on the latter date, he notes the presence thereof of that distinguished and learned Mason, P. G. M. Parvin, of Iowa. At this and the original Convention, no delegates were present from the northern portion of the Territory, though the Lodges at Fargo and Bismarek thus situated, though constantly invited, failed to respond.

The G. R. immediately issued circular letters asking the recognition of all Grand Lodges in America, Minnesota included, and which has been accorded by nearly all, Minnesota excepted. The northerly located Lodges in the jurisdiction have failed up to this time to yield obedience, and have exhibited a contumacy of a very remarkable character,

and adhere in their allegiance to Minnesota, which continues its fraternity over them.

In addition to these aggravating circumstances, Minnesota, *six months after* the formation of the Grand Lodge of Dakota, chartered Bismarck Lodge within the latter's territory. Our limited space forbids us to further epitomize from the address of the G. M. on the wanton conduct of their uncharitably disposed neighbors, yet we cannot forbear quoting his closing remarks on the subject.

"The Grand Lodge of Minnesota cannot shield itself behind the fact that it has not recognized the Grand Lodge of Dakota. The fact that it has not done so does not give it the right to trespass upon our jurisdiction. Neither does the existence of the Grand Lodge of Dakota depend upon the question of whether it is recognized by Minnesota or not. Its existence is a fixed fact. That it has entered the fraternal relations with most of the Grand Lodges of America is also a fact. Though small in numbers, it is entitled to the same rights and privileges that are accorded to every other Grand Lodge. It has modestly and quietly conducted itself since its formation, and made no pretensions to greatness or knowledge. It has endeavored to promote the principles of Masonry within its borders, and live in peace with its neighbors. I trust, however, that the Grand Lodge of Dakota is possessed of enough self-respect to defend its rights and its honor. There was a time when the Grand Lodge of Minnesota was composed of but three Lodges—smaller even than the Grand Lodge of Dakota—and yet I do not recollect to have seen that any of its sister Grand Lodges ever treated it in a supercilious or haughty manner, or charged it with not knowing as much as it ought, or would know, when it grew older.

"When the Grand Lodge of Dakota shall become as great as Minnesota, I trust its members will not forget their days of adversity, and the endeavors of the founders of this Grand Lodge to foster the sublime principle of Masonry here upon the confines of civilization. Should such time ever come, I hope that those to whom we shall leave the work we have commenced, will not uncharitably turn from the struggling brethren who are planting the banners of our great fraternity in desert places, but, instead, will gather with them about the new-made altars, whose holy incense shall permeate every heart and strengthen every tie.

"Were it not, my brethren, for the great interest that is felt in this jurisdiction over this unfortunate and painful controversy with the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, I should feel it my duty to apologize for the time I have devoted to it in this address. I would have been glad could I have put the unpleasant subject behind me, and not have felt that I was called upon to allude to it. The honor, dignity and independence of this Grand Body are involved in the controversy. To you, then, with this statement of facts and these views, I remit the whole subject, that you may take such action as you, in your judgment, may deem prudent and wise."

The committee, to whom were referred the portion of the Grand Master's Address on the subject, made a careful and exhaustive report, fully corroborating his views, and, as a result of their labors, presented the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That in the matter of the Lodges, located at Fargo and Bismarck, in this Territory, organized and working under the jurisdic-

tion of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, this Grand Lodge of Dakota firmly insists:

"1. That its jurisdiction is sovereign and exclusive throughout the whole extent and to the boundaries of Dakota Territory.

"2. That two Lodges cannot occupy the same field without confusion, and that the one which is foreign and but temporary should yield to that which is at home, is established and permanent.

"3. That we know no other rule in the United States, but that jurisdiction of the several Grand Lodges is limited, territorially, by the boundaries of the political subdivisions within which they work, and after which they are named; but,

"4. That in Masonry, unlike political organization, the Grand Lodge of a Territory has all the dignity, sovereignty and exclusive power that pertains to the Grand Lodge of any State.

"5. That we could proceed to reduce to order the material within our jurisdiction, but prefer, without passion, to reason with the Grand Lodge, behind which they claim protection, as a body with sovereign powers and perfect freedom with ourselves."

*Resolved*, That we again, fraternally, appeal to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota to cancel all charters from it within our jurisdiction, or take other action such as will release Lodges on our soil, and direct their fealty to this Grand Lodge, and to refrain, in future, from the exercise of extra-territorial jurisdiction within Dakota.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby directed to forward a copy of the proceedings of the present Communication of this M. W. Grand Lodge, when duly printed and attested by the seal, to the M. W. Grand Master and the Grand Secretary of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and at the same time to invite the attention of the Grand Secretary to these proceedings and resolutions, by an official letter to that officer, and request that they be laid before his M. W. Grand Lodge at the next Annual Communication.

*Resolved*, That the course and several acts in this matter, by our several Grand Masters, meet the hearty approval of this Grand Lodge, for their prudence and justice; that the offer of M. W. G. M. Brown, to certify the charters, was correct, and we further request, and hereby fully authorize the M. W. Grand Master to sign said charters of the Fargo and Bismarck Lodges, and the Grand Secretary to attest them in due form, and they be at once accordingly indorsed and reissued to said Lodges, upon their surrender, as from this Grand Lodge, with current numbers of our series, and that, thereupon, said Lodges be received, and become entitled to all the rights, privileges and benefits of Lodges within and under this jurisdiction, the same to all intents and purposes as if they had originally joined with us in constituting this Grand Lodge; and that the M. W. Grand Master be, and is hereby requested to continue his correspondence with the M. W. G. M. of Minnesota, should courtesy offer occasion, and that he and the Grand Secretary are authorized and requested to do whatever shall be lawfully necessary to an early and fraternal solution of this question.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary also communicate an attested copy of the printed proceedings of our present Communication to the Lodges at Fargo and Bismarck, for their information.

"W. H. H. BEADLE,  
"H. H. BLAIR,  
"R. C. HAWKINS,  
"Committee."

We are necessarily copious in our extracts about this unfortunate and unpardonable invasion of the vested and inalienable rights of a sover-



eign Grand Body, for we deem it both wise and proper that room should be given for our emphatic condemnation of it. Each year since the gross infringement of our own jurisdiction by the Grand Orient of France, and on which our action of non-intercourse has been so universally endorsed and joined in by all Grand Lodges on this Continent, has demonstrated the inestimable value of the principle it crystallizes. In the nature of our governmental relations, one to the other, it is impossible that peace and co-fraternity can be maintained, unless the cardinal idea of self-government is upheld. Destroy the lines that separate Grand Lodge Territorial power, and you will break down the barriers that enforce a complete accord and an harmonizing, courteous comity, that should distinguish our great Order in its general governing capacities. You subvert order—introduce chaos.

In connection with this subject, we feel we owe an apology for our remissness in failing to offer a resolution at the conclusion of our report last year, covering the recognition of our young Grand sisters, and will make amends by doing so at the close of this.

Bro. G. N. Hand, was re-elected Grand Master, and Bro. Chas. T. McCoy, Grand Secretary.

The Committee on Grievances reported that they *had no business to report upon*. Happy Dakota!

Total number of chartered Lodges, 7; initiated during year, 49; passed, 33; raised, 27. Total membership, 281. Increase since previous year, 28. No report on correspondence.

#### FLORIDA.

Forty-ninth Annual Communication, held at Jacksonville, in June, 1878. Bro. Enos Wasgate, M. W. Grand Master; Bro. DeWitt C. Dawkins, R. W. Grand Secretary. The representatives of fifty-three Lodges in attendance.

We regret the want of time will not permit a more lengthy review of the Grand Master's most excellent and beautiful address. He reports the death, on the 21st of February, 1878, of Bro. Samuel Benezet, who, in 1849, was Grand Junior Warden; in 1855, Deputy Grand Master, and in 1865, M. W. Grand Master. A number of other distinguished brethren are reported as on the roll of the dead in our sister jurisdiction.

The Grand Lodge of Indian Territory was duly recognized; but upon the application of the two rival bodies in Cuba, our neighbors refused "to sit in judgment," preferring to remain "neutral," and permitting such of their members as may visit Cuba, to exercise their own judgment in the situation there of "their Masonic associations."

Bro. Charles A. Fulwood, Grand Orator, delivered a beautiful and elegant oration.

The thanks of the Grand Lodge were tendered Grand Master Wasgate, in a befitting resolution, "for the able manner in which he has fulfilled the duties of his office, and specially that, while suffering from

ill health and its consequent debility, he has visited such a large number of Lodges, extending over a large portion of the State, and which he has been too modest to mention in his annual report." The tribute was well deserved.

Again we find no extended report on correspondence, from our sister jurisdiction. Bro. Dawkins, chairman of the committee, made a report, in which he says, "that for several reasons, it has been deemed advisable to *refrain* from the pleasant, yet arduous work of preparing and presenting such a report as common usage has established." We cannot, of course, imagine what the *reasons* were, but we know, that while the work would have been *arduous* to Bro. Dawkins, it would have been very *pleasant* and profitable to the Masonic fraternity abroad. We hope that next year the *reasons* will no longer prevail, and that our colleague will give us the full benefit of his Masonic erudition.

Bro. William A. McLean, of Jacksonville, was elected Grand Master, and Bro. Dawkins, re-elected Grand Secretary.

Raised during the year, 89; affiliated, 74; reinstated, 20; dimitted, 69; died, 24; suspended, 98; expelled, 5; rejected, 37. Total number of Lodges, 82; membership, 1842.

#### IDAHO, 1877.

Tenth Annual Communication, held in Boise City, in September 1877. Bro. E. A. Stevenson, Grand Master; Bro. Chas. Himrod, Grand Secretary. The entire number of subordinate Lodges, eleven, were represented. The Grand Master delivered, in the main, a good address, but erred in some of his decisions. For instance:

"Question.—'What is the status of a Mason who has been suspended from all the rights and privileges in Masonry, for unmasonic conduct by the Grand Lodge, and restored by the same power?'

"Answer.—He is a non-affiliated Mason. The restoration by the Grand Lodge does not restore him to membership in the subordinate Lodge from which he was suspended."

We differ. The restoration places him in the same position he occupied prior to the suspension. The Grand Master was also in error when he decided that *one* ballot on a petition to be made a Mason, if fair, entitles the applicant to the three degrees, without further balloting. A separate ballot is required for each degree. The Grand Master very properly condemns "electioneering" for Masonic office. The Grand Lodge of Cuba was recognized. Idaho takes a decided stand in favor of her jurisdiction. Bravo!

Bro. O. H. Purdy again came to the front with a good report on correspondence, to which we would like to pay our respects at greater length, but the short space of time at our command this year forbids. Bro. Purdy received our proceedings of 1876 in the kindest manner, approving and complimenting both P. G. M. Flemming and ourselves.

Total membership, 405.

Bro. E. A. Stevenson was re-elected Grand Master, and Charles Himrod, re-elected Grand Secretary.

Bro. A. Heed succeeds Bro. O. H. Purdy as Committee on Correspondence.

1878.

Eleventh Annual Communication, held at Boise City, September 10th, 1878. Bro. E. A. Stevenson, Grand Master; Bro. Charles Himrod, Grand Secretary. Nine out of eleven subordinate Lodges in attendance. The most prominent, and to us very sad, announcement, contained in the Grand Master's address, is the death of R. W. Brother

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### OLIVER HAZARD PURDY.

The Grand Master said:

"It becomes my painful duty to announce the decease of Past Grand Senior Warden, and Past Grand Secretary, Bro. Oliver Hazard Purdy. He was killed by Indians on the 8th day of June last, at Battle Creek, near South Mountain.

Bro. Purdy was born in Barre, Orleans County, New York, on the 12th day of September, 1824, and was one of the pioneers of this Territory. He was a devoted and earnest Mason. His long and faithful attachment to the Craft was acknowledged and rewarded by you, in making him Grand Secretary, Senior Grand Warden, and chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and you know the fidelity with which he filled these offices and discharged their important trusts. At the time of his death, he was the Master of Owyhee Lodge. He was a brave man; when death stared him in the face, he did not shrink, but endeavored to rally his fleeing comrades to make a stand against his cruel foes. The Grand Lodge will adopt suitable resolutions attesting their appreciation of our lamented brother, as a man, and as a Mason, and a page of our records with a suitable inscription, will be dedicated to his memory."

Our readers will, no doubt, remember in what veneration we held Brother Purdy, as a Masonic writer, and can, therefore, appreciate our feelings when made aware of his sad and cruel death. To our sister of Idaho, the loss of Bro. Purdy is almost irreparable. As the special committee said in their report: "His death has created a chasm in this Grand Lodge which cannot easily be filled."

Bro. E. A. Stevenson re-elected Grand Master, and Charles Himrod, re-elected Grand Secretary.

Bro. A. Heed, successor to the lamented Bro. Purdy, presented an interesting report on correspondence, of about forty pages. Our proceedings of 1878 are noticed, and the address of our Grand Master quoted from quite liberally. We are glad to have made Bro. Heed's acquaintance, and hope to know him long. With him, we hope that Bro. Purdy has "gone to the Grand Lodge above," and that he may there find everlasting peace! *Fata viam invenient.*

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## INDIAN TERRITORY.

The Third Grand Jurisdiction was held in Vinita, Cherokee Nation, September 4th, 1877. Bro. Granville McPherson, Grand Master; Bro. R. T. Jones, Grand Secretary. All the subordinates, ten in number, were represented. The Grand Master's Address (his third) indicates ability and sound judgment. No decisions were reported. The proceedings were purely of a local nature. Bro. J. S. Murrow, of Atoka, was elected Grand Master, and Bro. Jones was re-elected Grand Secretary. A short, but good, report on correspondence was submitted by Bro. Murrow, the new Grand Master, in which Louisiana, for 1877, receives mention. Bro. J. B. Jones was appointed chairman of the new committee. Raised, during previous year, 36; affiliated, 17; dimitted, 23; died 2; suspended, 4. Total membership in 1877, 241. At our next Annual Communication we shall recommend the recognition of our young sister.

## INDIANA.

Sixty-first Annual Grand Communication, Indianapolis, commencing May 28th, 1878. Bro. Andrew J. Hay, Grand Master; Bro. John M. Bramwell, Grand Secretary. Five hundred and thirty-seven Lodges represented. Grand Master Hay read an excellent address, well written and systematically arranged. He presents the action of the Grand Orient of France in proper but temperate language. He concludes as follows. Though our space is limited, we will be pardoned for making the quotation :

"As early as the era of the Fifteen Points, it has been inculcated that 'Every Mason shall cultivate brotherly love, and the love of God, and frequent holy church.' The ancient installation charges required 'that ye shall be true men to God and the holy church.' While the ancient charges say a Mason can 'never be a stupid atheist, nor an irreligious libertine,' these principles are the foundation stones of Free Masonry, and we cannot countenance any institution claiming to be Masonic, which does not recognize them as such. Stricken from the constitution, they must be removed from the ritual, and all allusion to them blotted from the Master's carpet. The all-seeing eye can no longer remain in watchfulness over the fraternity. The mystical letter G, that hieroglyphic bright, so fraught with meaning to every true craftsman, must no longer appear in the Lodge room. The lesson of reverence so impressively taught the fellow craft must be omitted. The Holy Bible must be taken from the altar, and its place supplied by the book of constitutions, emasculated so as specially to pander to the French materialist, and purposely arranged to admit within our charmed circle 'the stupid atheist and irreligious libertine.'

"Minor acts on the part of this Grand Orient, acts which conflicted with American ideas of jurisdiction and Grand Lodge supremacy, have heretofore severed friendly relations between American Grand Lodges and the Grand Orient of France. And while we have been so energetic in resenting the interference of this Grand Orient with a sister jurisdiction, we can do no less in vindication of those great fundamental principles so ruthlessly torn from the foundation of Free Masonry, than to express our indignation in plain, forcible and unmistakable terms."

The Grand Master (in this respect coinciding with the Committee on Correspondence) recommended postponement on the application for recognition by the Cuban Grand Bodies, expressing the hope that, with lapse of time, the two Grand Lodges might harmonize and form one Grand Body. The recommendation was adopted by the Grand Lodge. Recognition of New Mexico and New South Wales was also deferred. Membership in Indiana has decreased for the two previous years. The Grand Master thinks that the financial stringency which so seriously affects all the Western and Southern States, and the increased vigilance of Lodges in regard to the admission of new members, are the causes. While we regret the first cause, we hail the second with pleasure. We have always contended that Masonry has become too cheap and too common. Past Grand Master Hazelrigg died at his residence, near Lebanon, Boone County, on the 15th December, 1877. Our brethren of Indiana had to do as we did last year—levy an assessment to relieve the Grand Lodge. Out of 166 subordinate Lodges that voted *against* the assessment, all but thirty-eight had paid up to the time the Grand Lodge assembled. This shows the proper spirit. In the levying of an assessment, Lodges, of course, will differ; but once assessed, and knowing that it is for the honor and credit of a whole jurisdiction, the difference should cease. We hope that our own Lodges have followed the example of our brethren of Indiana.

Bro. Robert Van Valzah, of Terre Haute, was elected Grand Master, and Bro. William H. Smythe, of Indianapolis, was elected Grand Secretary.

Bro. E. L. McLallen presented another excellent and comprehensive report on correspondence, which was adopted, but which, *from motives of economy*, was not printed by the Grand Lodge. The proceedings, therefore, do not contain the report of Bro. McLallen, and we are indebted to him, personally (with the approval of the Grand Master), for a copy of his most excellent work. We note that our able colleague has retired from the position on the Committee of Correspondence, a position that he has filled with great credit to himself, and honor to the fraternity. We have, frequently, in our humble pages, deprecated the system of *paying* delegates to the Grand Lodge sessions, out of the treasury, and here we have a strong illustration of the evil effects that follow the system. In order that brethren *may be paid* their *mileage and per diem*, an important adjunct of Masonic proceedings is cut off, and the fraternity deprived of a ripe and able Masonic teacher. We do not believe that many committees would follow the patriotic example of our colleague in Indiana, and pay for the printing of their own reports, while Masters and Wardens were receiving *compensation* for their attendance on the Grand Lodge. The labor of a committee usually devolves upon one of its members, and the amount of the work and the time required for its performance, entail quite a sacrifice upon the brother undertaking the charge. While we do not appreciate ourselves

very highly, we consider our labor beyond all compensation. We regard it as a labor of love in our instance, performed while most of our fraternity are "at refreshment," our professional duties giving us no other time. Should the hour ever come when Louisiana shall follow the example of our Western sister, we desire, as no doubt Bro. McLallen did, to be "called off" from our humble but earnest labor. Bro. McLallen commenced his career, as a Masonic reviewer, contemporaneously with ourselves, but after his first effort, we, at once, recognized his marked ability, and read his works with both pleasure and profit.

We trust, in answer to his leave-taking from the "Craft," that his "adieu" should have been "au revoir." Now that our distinguished brother has more leisure, may we not hope for that promised visit soon?

Bro. McLallen's report reviews nearly all the American Grand Bodies, including our session of 1878. Of the assessment levied by our Grand Lodge, he speaks as follows. The attention of our immediate brethren is specially called to the words of our colleague:

"They have, as we have, a financial problem to solve, and we must make a virtue of necessity, as the Grand Lodge of Louisiana did when after due report, discussion, and naturally enough, in the face of pretty strong opposition, they passed a resolution, requiring each subordinate Lodge to pay to the Grand Lodge, annually, for the next five years, a *per capita* sum of one dollar for each member borne on the Lodge rolls. This is the manful way that our Louisiana brethren, struggling under the results of disastrous war, crippled by social and political troubles, disturbed in the relation between capital and labor, hindered in their agricultural and commercial interests, overborne by floods, and suffering by unpropitious seasons for staple products, meet their obligations. How much more promptly ought we, surrounded by plenty, blessed in basket and in store, to meet our obligations. *Excuse the digression, brethren.*"

We think the parallel drawn eminently just. Our Committee on Obituaries was deservedly and highly complimented by Bro. "Mac," for their really beautiful report.

As usual, our own effort was kindly received and undeservingly praised.

Raised during year, 921; affiliated, 549; reinstated, 124; died, 366; dimitted 1091; suspended, 606; expelled, 201. Total membership, 26,665.

#### I O W A .

Thirty-fifth Annual Communication, held at Cedar Rapids, in June, 1878. Bro. Z. C. Luse, Grand Master; Bro. Theo. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary. Two hundred and eighty-six out of the three hundred and eighty-four subordinate Lodges were represented.

The Grand Master read an able and a very modest address. He stated that in his jurisdiction they were blest with peace, health and plenty. Bro. Luse appears to be a business man, and presented his views in a succinct and business-like way. He reports having sent a "Memorial Stone," prepared by direction of the Grand Lodge, to the

Washington Monument Association. Among his decisions are the following :

"4. *Query*.—Can an atheist be legally made a Mason ?

"*Answer*.—No, unless it be in France, where both God and the Holy Bible have recently been ignored.

"5. *Query*.—Can a man who has a stiff knee be made a Mason ?

"*Answer*.—That depends somewhat on the degree of stiffness."

The Grand Lodge of Cuba was recognized. Grand Master Luse, being a pronounced "one term" man and Mason, declined a re-election. Iowa has inaugurated the mode of reporting the condition of sister Grand Lodges by the resident Representatives, near its Grand East. In accordance with this custom, R. W. Bro. Hartsock, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Iowa made the following report. We need make no apology for presenting this report in full.

"GRAND LODGE OF LOUISIANA.—By order of the Grand Master, the following report of Bro. Hartsock, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, is here presented :

"*To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Iowa*—Fellow Craftsmen :—I have the honor, as well as the pleasure, of appearing before you as the Representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana near this Grand Lodge.

"On this occasion I have the pleasure to represent one among the oldest Grand Lodges in the United States—a Grand Lodge of which I have had the honor to be a member—with a membership of over six thousand Masons, residents of the 'Sunny South,' who greet you.

"The Grand Lodge of Louisiana was organized in 1812, by five chartered Lodges, four of which were chartered by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and one (Perfect Union) by the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. This was the first Lodge organized in Louisiana, in 1793. Three of these five Lodges are yet in existence, and in good working order.

"The Grand Lodge has numbered on her register, from 1812 to 1878, two hundred and thirty-five Lodges ; for various causes, seventy-four Lodges have become extinct, leaving, to-day, one hundred and sixty-one regular working Lodges, with a membership of six thousand and thirty-four.

"The Grand Lodge commenced with the old substantial 'work' of South Carolina and Pennsylvania, which had a good foundation, its corner-stone being the old 'landmarks.' After continuing in said 'work' about thirty years, the Grand Lodge commenced to accumulate the so-called French and Scotch rites on its 'work,' and to unlawfully use books (in some jurisdictions called 'mnemonics'), thus removing the old landmarks, which came very nearly destroying the Grand Lodge and the influence of Masonry for good in the State. A few faithful Masons comprehended the situation of things, appealed to the Masonic world for help. The attention of various Grand Lodges being called in that direction, they could scarcely discover any Masonry there ; if there was any, it had been so changed, and the landmarks become so obliterated, that it was scarcely discernible, and Masonry (as at the present day in some other States) 'was not what it used to be.' Hence Louisiana was declared vacant territory by various Grand Lodges. Then a few faithful Masons, residing in New Orleans, viz : Thomas H. Lewis, John Gedge, M. R. Dudley, W. P. Coleman and about fifty others appealed to the Masonic world for protection. The Grand Lodge of Mississippi, being the nearest and most familiar with the situation of affairs in Louisiana, granted seven dispensations, and subsequently charters, to

the brethren in Louisiana to form new Lodges. These Lodges in due time, met in convention, framed a new constitution, and organized a Grand Lodge and elected Grand Officers, and your humble servant was called upon to install the same by virtue of his being a Past Deputy Grand Master of Iowa. We gave to these Lodges and brethren the same 'work' we then had in Iowa, as we received it from Rev. Bro. Jonathan Nye, in Des Moines Lodge, Burlington, Iowa, in the year 1842.

"For about three years, there were two Grand Lodges claiming jurisdiction over the same territory. The old Grand Lodge began to realize her peculiar situation with her accumulated rites, and began to sue for reconciliation, and consented to discard her accumulations, mnemonics, etc., and return to and restore the old landmarks. In consideration of this, a union was agreed upon by the two Grand Lodges, which was consummated by the assembling of their delegates in joint convention in 1851, when a new constitution was adopted, and John Gedge elected M. W. Grand Master, thereby healing all former difficulties and misunderstandings. Since that time the Grand Lodge has continued in peace and prosperity, her line of Grand Masters from 1851 being John Gedge, H. R. W. Hill, William Perkins, Amos Adams, (these three now dead), S. M. Todd, J. Q. A. Fellows, A. J. Norwood, M. E. Girard, J. G. Fleming, and the present Grand Master, S. J. Powell. Of the twenty-eight Grand Masters from 1812 to 1878, (sixty-six years), only six are now living. There have been eleven Grand Secretaries in the sixty-six years. Brother James C. Batchelor, M. D., the present efficient Grand Secretary, has been his own successor for eleven years. So far as I can ascertain from the records, every Grand Secretary has held the office from the date of his election until removed by death, with but one exception, Brother S. M. Todd, who was relieved by being elected Grand Master.

"In 1860 I was appointed and recognized as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana near this Grand Lodge. Louisiana having adopted the system of representation, has a representative in or near fifty-two Grand Lodges; has *none*, at present, in England, Frankfort-on-the-Maine, Manitoba, Saxony, or Wyoming. England, Scotland, Maine, and Ohio are not represented near the Grand Lodge of Louisiana; fifty-five Grand Lodges are represented.

"The Grand Lodge of Iowa having taken the initiatory step to do away with the old plan of reporting by Committees on Foreign Correspondence, will bring into practical operation the system of resident representatives reporting such things as are of interest to the fraternity, thereby accomplishing the original design of this mode of communication. I would, therefore, ask that all communications between this Grand Lodge and that of Louisiana (except on official business, which, of course, will be conducted by the Grand Masters, through their Grand Secretaries), be made through the respective representatives.

"The Grand Lodge of Louisiana still maintains her Relief Lodge, through which thousands of dollars are distributed to the immediate relief of many indigent Masons, widows and orphans, from all countries, whose lot may be cast in that jurisdiction.

"Knowing the Masons of Louisiana, as I do, you will permit me, as their representative, and in their behalf, again to present to the Grand Lodge, and the Masons of Iowa, their most cordial greeting. Thanking you for this kind reception and attention,

"I am, fraternally,

"JAMES R. HARTSOCK,

*"Representative of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana."*

Bro. Jeremiah N. Wilson, of Newton, whose portrait is annexed to



the printed proceedings, was elected Grand Master, and Bro. Parvin, was, of course, re-elected Grand Secretary.

The report on correspondence was prepared and submitted by Bro. Parvin. Bro. Gorgas, of Maryland, looks upon the form of this report as a new departure, and terms it a "Message." That which we "call a rose," etc.

We must again compliment our sister of Iowa, and the printers, (Egbert, Fidler & Chambers, of Davenport), for the beautiful specimen of the printers' art before us. In this respect, no Grand Lodge has approached Iowa. Raised during previous year, 799; affiliated, 487; reinstated, 3; died, 117; suspended, 27; expelled, 18; dimitted, 761. Total membership, 18,486.

#### ILLINOIS.

Thirty-ninth Grand Communication, held in Chicago, October, 1878. Joseph Robbins, Grand Master; John F. Burrill, Grand Secretary. The Grand Master announced the death of "the Junior Past Grand Master of Illinois," (who died at Denver, Colorado), as follows:

"George E. Lounsbury, the Junior Past Grand Master of Illinois, died at Denver, Colorado, August 4, 1878, and was there buried, with the rites of Masonry, by the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

When Grand Master Lounsbury, was compelled by failing health to relinquish the duties of his office, two years and two months ago, his friends hoped that the climate of Colorado might prove curative, and his improved condition for a time after his arrival there, gave them great encouragement; but it soon became evident that his malady was too deeply seated, and that he could not recover. Reduced in circumstances in consequence of his protracted illness, his sensitive nature forbade his making his condition known, and it is to be feared that he and his family suffered from actual want, before the kind hearted Craftsmen of Denver became aware of his necessities. From that time on, they were unremitting in their ministrations. From them, information came to me of his situation, and on the 10th of June last I made it known to the Craft in Illinois, by a circular letter, and your bounty made his last days free from want and anxiety. The report of the Grand Treasurer, as the custodian of the fund contributed for his relief, is submitted as an appendix to this report.

"Our thanks are due to the Masons of Colorado for their kindness to our Brother and his family, and especially due to Union Lodge No. 7, W. Bro. Aaron Gove, Master, Denver, as the direct almoner of your contributions."

The Grand Master reported that in November, 1877, Bro. A. A. Glenn, Grand Treasurer, who was engaged in the banking business at Mount Sterling, failed, owing the Grand Lodge \$15,060.52, the balance in his hands. It appears that the moneys of the Grand Lodge had not been deposited as *trust funds*, but mixed with his own, thereby compelling the Lodge to share, pro rata, with the other ordinary creditors. The sureties upon the bond of the Treasurer, residing in the same place with him, were heavily involved by the failure, so that little, if anything, can be collected from them. The Grand Master thinks that about fifty per cent. will be realized from the claim. This is a serious

loss for Illinois, for which we are deeply sorry. It teaches the officers of our fraternity another lesson, from which, we hope, they will derive some advantage.

As the following occurrence is somewhat *novel*, we concluded to give the Grand Master's recital of the same. Assuming the "purple," is good:

"On the 23d of February, 1878, my attention was attracted to a special telegram from Mt. Morris, appearing in the Chicago daily paper, giving the details of the dedication, on the 21st of that month, of the new hall of Samuel H. Davis Lodge No. 96, at that place, by a brother prominent in civil life, from a neighboring city. As the dedication had not been authorized by me, I immediately made inquiries of the brother who had assumed the purple, and in due time received his answer through the Master of the Lodge, who had invited him to perform the ceremonies. The correspondence satisfied me that both were ignorant of the fact that such work is the prerogative of the Grand Master alone, and can only be performed by him or by his deputy specially authorized by him. There would be more excuse for ignorance of this fact if the Craft could learn it by tradition only, but it is explicitly recognized in the constitution, which is in the possession of every Lodge, and with which every Master at least should be familiar.

"I was satisfied that the brother who officiated as the dedicating officer without authority, was sufficiently punished for his error by the mortification which its discovery brought with it.

"The Master of the Lodge was censured for his ignorance of the law, and he was required to place the letter containing the censure, and a declaration that the assumed dedication was irregular, unlawful and void, upon the record.

"Subsequently, upon petition, I issued my dispensation healing the irregularity."

The address of Grand Master Robbins throughout, indicates that he has been a faithful and very competent worker, and we regret that we must take leave of him so soon.

The Grand Lodges of Indian Territory and New Mexico were duly recognized, and the recognition of the Grand Lodge of "Cuba" declined, all upon resolutions offered by Bro. Gurney, chairman Committee on Correspondence, and *now* Grand Master of Illinois. Bro. Joseph Robbins, P. G. M., was appointed as the successor of our whilom and very distinguished confrere. A good selection. The report on correspondence includes a review of our proceedings of 1878, and begins with a modest compliment to our deserving Grand Secretary, and eulogizes the address of Grand Master Powell as one "of much ability."

All the decisions of our Grand Master are approvingly quoted. Coming from Bro. Gurney, the quotation is quite a compliment to Brother Powell.

The report of our Committee on Jurisprudence, in reference to expulsions and subsequent action of Lodges, was "homologated" by our Brother of Illinois. Another valuable indorsement; in fact, Bro. Gurney seemed to be pleased with Louisiana, for he ends his kind and fraternal notice by a flattering compliment to our humble selves.

Congratulating our learned brother upon his deserved advancement, and the Grand Lodge on the acquisition of such a Grand Master, we now bid Illinois a reluctant farewell.

Total number of chartered Lodges, 692; U. D., 1. Number represented at Annual Communication, 628; number of representatives present, 664; rejected during the year, 470; initiated, 1607; passed, 1535; raised, 1550. Total membership, 38,610. Decrease from previous year, 770.

Bro. John F. Burrill was re-elected Grand Secretary, of course.

### KANSAS.

Twenty-third Annual Communication, held in the City of Atchison, October 16th and 17th, 1878. John Guthrie, M. W. Grand Master; John H. Brown, R. W. Grand Secretary. A full complement of Lodges in attendance, and R. W. Bro. E. T. Carr, Representative of Louisiana, also present.

The Grand Master read an able and business-like address of fourteen pages. He stated that during the past year his jurisdiction had been blessed with peace and general prosperity; that the Supreme Architect has vouchsafed to it abundant harvests and protected its people in a marked degree, "while pestilence has filled thousands of graves in some of the States of the Union." He is opposed to granting dispensations for conferring degrees in less than constitutional time, and thinks that Grand Masters should exercise this prerogative *only* in cases of emergency. The Grand Master reported having made several addresses and lectures on Masonry in public during the year. An excellent employment, but one which few Grand Masters follow. Were the practice more general, much good would be accomplished. Instead of filling their annual addresses with Masonic Lectures, Grand Masters might occasionally give profanes the benefit of their Masonic learnings and profit by their teachings. Bro. Guthrie devotes some space to the subject of electioneering in Masonic bodies, and as a good Mason deprecates the habit, of course.

We produce the following allusion to the generous action of our sister in Kansas with fraternal pride and pleasure.

#### "YELLOW FEVER.

"During the past summer and fall, thousands of our brethren and fellow-citizens have fallen victims to the yellow fever in the Southern States of the Union. The deeds of mercy, the heroic valor and the self-sacrifice of the philanthropic, challenge the admiration of mankind. To alleviate the suffering, to relieve the distressed and to administer consolation to the dying, noble men and women have rushed into the very jaws of death as to a feast. The more favored sections of our country have generously, with open hand and fraternal hearts, contributed to the pestilence-stricken people of their abundant plenty. I am gratified to record the fact that the generosity of the people of our commonwealth has been equal to the demands of humanity. On the twenty-ninth of August I drew on our Grand Treasurer for \$150 in favor

of Bro. J. C. Batchelor, of New Orleans, Louisiana; for \$150 in favor of Bro. A. J. Wheeler, of Memphis, Tennessee, and for \$100 in favor of Bro. J. L. Power, of Jackson, Mississippi. Owing to the financial state of our Grand Treasury, I could not draw for more. Many of our subordinate Lodges have generously, and to the full extent of their financial ability, contributed from their treasuries."

Bro. Wheeler, of Memphis, alas, did not live to acknowledge the kindness of Kansas. He fell as a martyr in the good cause of nursing the sick and succoring the distressed. Grand Master Guthrie alluded to him in feeling terms in his address.

Bro. Brown, chairman Committee on Correspondence, to whom the subject had been referred, made a special report, accompanied by resolutions on the Grand Orient of France, directing that Kansas will not recognize, as true and lawful Masons, persons hailing from Lodges under T. G. O. O. F., and all Lodges in the jurisdiction are prevented from admitting them. The report and resolutions were adopted. The following will be read with interest by the brethren of this jurisdiction, among whom Bro. Pike is so well known:

"Bro. M. S. Adams, on the part of the Committee on Invitation, introduced and, with a few well-chosen remarks, presented Bro. Albert Pike, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the A., and A. S. Rite, of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America. This illustrious Craftsman is the most distinguished Masonic author and historian of the present age; a savant, lawyer, poet, and in addition to being the highest Masonic dignitary in the Southern jurisdiction, he is Provincial Grand Prior of the Great Priory of Canada, of the united religious and Military Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta, Provincial Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland in the United States, and an honorary member of nearly every Supreme Council in the world. He favored the Grand Lodge with an address of over one hour on the "Symbolism of Masonry." During which time he held his hearers completely spell-bound by the matchless power of his eloquence, replete with beautiful imagery and instruction in the hidden meanings of the Mystic Art, and delivered with the peculiar grace and deep earnestness for which he is so deservedly famed. The worthy Craftsmen of Kansas will not soon forget this rich intellectual treat, which was, to every listener, 'a feast of reason and a flow of soul,' pure and unadulterated."

The *rights of Past Masters* have agitated our Kansas brethren somewhat, and their Committee on Jurisprudence, in a special report made to the Grand Lodge, say, that Kansas should follow the *general rule*, which is, that Past Masters *possess no rights* and privileges in a Master Mason's Lodge not possessed by any Master Mason, except those specifically granted them by their particular Grand Lodge, or extended to them by courtesy. In one of our recent reports we devoted some space to this subject, and contended that the rights of Past Masters should be more clearly established; not alone their rights in the subordinates, but also in the Grand Lodge. This can only be done by the different Grand Bodies. Where no legislation has taken place on the subject, much confusion is occasioned in the subordinates in conse-

quence. The committee has stated the *general rule* correctly. We are glad to note that other States are becoming aroused upon the subject.

Bro. Edwin D. Hillyer was elected Grand Master, and Bro. Brown re-elected Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge of Indian Territory was duly recognized. We note from the report of our colleague, Bro. Brown, that *Alpha Lodge* has concluded to unite its fortunes with the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, thereby settling one cause of past difficulties in that jurisdiction. P. G. M. John Guthrie was presented and recognized as its Grand Representative near Kansas. The Grand Master welcomed him "to the mansions of the *pale faces*."

The Grand Lodge was invited to attend a banquet and ball by the brethren of Atchison, and the invitation was accepted. A happy ending to an harmonious gathering.

Fifty-two Grand Bodies were ably reviewed by our esteemed colleague, Bro. John H. Brown, who, as is usual with him, devotes much space to Louisiana, this time bestowing his attention upon our work of 1878. Bro. Brown is much pleased with the omission of the returns of Lodges, but thinks they should be given once in every five years, so that members might "see their names in print occasionally, even if printed wrong." The address of Grand Master Powell is complimented, and considerable quotation made therefrom. That portion of Grand Secretary Batchelor's last report, in which he argued the *cheap* standard of Masonry in Louisiana so ably and graphically, is copied entire by our brother of Kansas, who thinks that Bro. Batchelor "hit the nail squarely on the head," and that such nails can be found in Kansas as well as in Louisiana. They abound in all jurisdictions, and should be driven home wherever found. Let the value of Masonry, morally as well as in every other sense, be elevated, and it will prosper and continue to benefit mankind; but let it continue to degenerate, and its beneficent mission will belong to the past. We, in common with other brethren, have written much upon this subject, and hope to see some good come out of it.

The following is in answer to our opening remark upon Bro. Brown's report for 1877: "The report on correspondence covers one hundred and fifty-six pages of the proceedings, about fifty of which are devoted to Masonry in the Old World, and is exceedingly interesting. Bro. George H. Braughn is the author. He opens with the following complimentary notice of the undersigned, and *hints that we have been absent from the reportorial table*, (the italics are our own), which is not the case. For the last six years *we have filled a chair, and done our best at each annual feast*."

How did we hint your absence, Brother Brown? By referring to our language as reproduced by yourself, you will find that we congratulated ourselves upon seeing "Kansas once again as a welcome guest upon our table," from which it had been absent by a non-

receiptal of its proceedings by the committee. In nowise, directly or indirectly, did we "hint" that Bro. Brown had been absent from the "annual feast," at which he is so welcome and brilliant a guest, and where he not only "eats, but where he is eaten;" a certain convocation of politic worms, (we are one), are e'en at him.

Bro. Brown agrees with us fully in our last remarks upon Nebraska, touching "Colored Masonry," and adds that, "like an Irish row, they (the Grand Masters) keep knocking as long as there is a head up to knock at." The following handsome compliment is paid our committee: "The report on Foreign Grand Bodies is most instructive, giving us much valuable information concerning the workings of Grand Bodies in foreign countries." Our article on Brazil is quoted in full.

We have given Kansas her full share of the limited space at our command, and take leave of her regretfully. We hope that Bro. Brown will always fill *that chair*, and that we will long enjoy the pleasure of both *eating with* and "being eaten" by him.

Initiated during the year, 328; raised, 281; dimitted, 251; reinstated, 50; died, 50; suspended, 264; expelled, 10. Total chartered Lodges, 166. Total membership, October 30th, 1878, 6687.

#### KENTUCKY.

Seventy-eighth Grand Communication, held at Louisville, in October, 1877. Bro. R. M. Fairleigh, M. W. Grand Master; Bro. John M. Todd, R. W. Grand Secretary. Four hundred and forty-five of the five hundred and forty Lodges represented.

Systematically arranged and well bound is the volume now before us, from our sister of Kentucky. The following quotation from the Grand Master's address, is heartily endorsed by us in this remotesection of the "Mississippi Valley."

"The Grand Lodge, of which each of you is a factor, is the Mother Grand Lodge of the Mississippi Valley. She created various Lodges throughout the Southern States, until they became numerous enough to form Grand Lodges for themselves. Wherever her votaries are found they proudly acknowledge her maternity. She stands to-day the peer of any grand jurisdiction—ancient, noble, honorable. Her destiny is in your hands, and right well will her glory be sustained in the hands of such a body of intelligent representatives."

The address, while abounding with beautiful sentiments, is, at the same time, practical and instructive. Fifty-nine decisions were reported, none of them, however, containing anything novel or contrary to accepted theories. He very properly said: "the Masonic dead are to be buried Masonically"—that no affiliation with other rites can be allowed. In speaking of a Grand Secretary's duties, he says, that this officer has no more right to hold moneys, when collected, than the Grand Tyler; that it is his duty to transfer them to the Grand Treasurer, as soon as collected. This is correct. A *per capita* tax of one dollar was imposed for *five years* in aid of the "Widows' and Orphans' Home."

We did the same thing, at our last Communication, only for another equally worthy purpose.

The total resources of the Grand Lodge are reported to be \$24,029 29. The session of this Grand Lodge was as short as it appears to have been pleasant.

In our last, we touched upon Bro. Todd's report on correspondence for 1877, a copy of which had reached us in advance of the printed proceedings. This year, (it is nearly the middle of December), we have not been so fortunate. This we regret exceedingly, because we do not like to pass Bro. Todd by. Hope we will be more fortunate in the future.

Raised during year, 890; affiliated, 363; reinstated, 227; died, 271; dimitted, 862; suspended, 1484; expelled, 40. The dimits and suspensions, appear unusually large. Presume that Kentucky feels the hardness of the time as much as we do down here. Total membership, 19,914.

#### MARYLAND.

We have recived the proceedings of the Annual Communication, held in Baltimore, on the 20th and 21st of November, 1877, and through the kindness and with the compliments of "F. J. S. Gorgas, M. D., chairman of committee," the report on correspondence, submitted at the Annual Communication, held at Baltimore, in November, 1878. We thank Bro. Gorgas for his kind attention.

At the Grand Communication, in 1877, Bro. John H. B. Latrobe presided as Grand Master, and Bro. J. H. Medairy acted as Grand Secretary. The Grand Master read his seventh annual address, which, like most of its predecessors, contained "much in little." We thank thee, Brother Gorgas, for the word. Bro. Latrobe confined himself closely to the matters that had to be brought before the Lodge, and did not indulge in flights of fancy, nor preach Masonic homilies. He positively declined a re-election in the conclusion of his address, but was no doubt "bulldozed" during the proceedings, for we find him re-elected, and acting Grand Master for the current year. We congratulate our brethren of Maryland on having been able to retain so competent and faithful an officer. Bro. Medairy was likewise re-elected Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge of New Mexico was duly recognized. The remainder of the proceedings, contain nothing of general interest.

As we have before stated, the report on foreign correspondence is from the pen of Bro. Gorgas, who, by his first effort, shows himself a worthy successor to Brother Tyson. The report epitomizes the proceedings of nearly all the American Grand Bodies, and of seven foreign Grand Bodies. Our own session of 1878 is favorably and kindly noticed. We anticipate much pleasure in a further acquaintance with Bro. Gorgas.

## MASSACHUSETTS.

The Annual Grand Communication was held in Boston, in December, 1877. Bro. Percival L. Everett, Grand Master; Bro. Chas. H. Titus, Grand Secretary. Total number of Lodges, 219; represented, 160. The Grand Master, in his address, stated that peace and harmony prevailed throughout that jurisdiction. Several dispensations for new Lodges were granted during the year. He reports the "Trial Commission" as a great success, and said the wisdom of the Grand Lodge in establishing the same has been fully vindicated. When Grand Master Everett first occupied the East, he found an utter want of uniformity in the work of the subordinate Lodges. Determined to correct such a defect, he appointed a committee of able and experienced brethren to endeavor to restore the Ritual to its original purity. He reported that the result has been most gratifying; that throughout the jurisdiction the Lodges are working with the greatest uniformity, and vie with each other as to who can work with the greatest excellence. He also reported the appointment of a committee, which prepared a "trestle board," installation, dedication and burial service, and he thanks the brethren forming the committee for the good work they had done. The entire address of Bro. Everett was excellent, as has been customary with him.

Bro. Charles A. Welch, of Waltham, was *unanimously* elected Grand Master; Charles H. Titus was re-elected Grand Secretary.

We note that the installation ceremonies of this Grand Lodge are always very impressive, especially when a Grand Master is installed. After M. W. G. M. Welch was solemnly inducted into the Oriental Chair, M. W. Bro. Everett, the *junior* P. G. M., then presented to the new Grand Master the *Golden Urn*, containing a lock of Washington's hair, informing him that in the year 1801 this urn was presented to Grand Master Dunn, at his installation, and that at every succeeding installation it had been confided to the care and custody of the Grand Master, with most solemn and imperative injunctions to carefully preserve it, and when his term of office expired, to transmit it to his successor with the following charge:

"This sacred relic, which I received from my predecessor in 1874, I now place in your hands, and I charge you to religiously preserve it, and when your Grand Mastership terminates, to deliver it to your successor with a charge similar to that with which you now receive it."

The relic was sent by Mrs. Martha Washington, after the death of Bro. George Washington, to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, as above stated. The correspondence, together with an eulogy on Washington, delivered in the year 1800, to which is added two addresses to the deceased, when President of the United States, and his answers, together with the letter of condolence of the Grand Lodge to Mrs. Washington, and her answer. If we had the space we would have published these interesting proceedings in full, The usual "Grand



Feast" was held, one hundred and sixty-nine brethren participating. We have heretofore described this annual celebration, which, upon its last recurrence, was marked by the usual zest, joy and fraternization.

Since the Annual Communication, special sessions were held, July 10th and September 13th, 1878. The former for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the Town Hall in Holbrook, and the latter for the performance of Masonic burial rites over the remains of Hon. Frank Welch, Past Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, a member of Congress, and a distinguished citizen of that State, who had died in Massachusetts. Another special Communication was held October 3d, 1878, to attend the funeral of R. W. Bro. John McClellan, who, for seventeen years, had held the office of Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge.

Quarterly Communication, held in the Masonic Temple, Boston, on the 11th of September, 1878. Charles Alfred Welch, M. W. G. M.; Torrey T. Cheever, Grand Secretary *pro tem.* Nothing of interest to us transpired at this session, except the following communication by the Grand Master:

"The Grand Master stated that, in anticipation of a ratification of his action by the Grand Lodge, he had forwarded to Memphis, New Orleans, Vicksburg, Jackson (for Grenada), and Port Gibson, the sum of five hundred dollars, one hundred dollars being sent to each of these places, (except to Port Gibson, where the amount was increased by the sum of two dollars and a half, which had been contributed by a brother), to be distributed for the relief of our Masonic brethren who were suffering with the yellow fever. Letters of acknowledgment and thanks from Jackson and Port Gibson were read by the Grand Master."

We regret that Louisiana has not yet acknowledged the generous conduct of Grand Master Welch; but she will do so in an appropriate manner when the time comes. In this respect we are indebted to our brethren throughout the country, whose kindness in our hour of need will be duly reported at our next Annual Communication.

The action of Grand Master Welch was ratified by his Grand Lodge, and R. W. Bro. Wm. Sutton spoke approvingly, and added one hundred dollars from his own purse to the benevolent fund. Well done, Bro. Sutton! May Heaven's choicest blessings flow upon you and all our generous brethren!

As usual, no report on correspondence.

We have been informed, unofficially, that R. W. Bro. Charles H. Titus, who has been Grand Secretary of Massachusetts for many years, died in Boston on the 29th of October last. This is a serious loss to our Eastern brethren, and our sympathies are to them extended in their sad affliction.

#### MANITOBA.

This young Grand Lodge met in Third Annual Communication in June, 1878, at Winnipeg, the session enduring three days. Bro. George F. Newcomb, Grand Master; Bro. John H. Bell, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address was quite lengthy, covering about twenty-two pages. Bro. Newcomb congratulated the Grand Lodge upon the condition of the Order, and specially upon the fact that not a single familiar face had been removed from the Grand Lodge circle since the last Communication. He also furnishes a brief outline of Free Masonry in the province, showing that it had its commencement in 1864. The Lodges appear to be still a little troublesome, not having become quite accustomed to pulling in the traces. This will soon be remedied under wise management, and coming Grand Masters be enabled to write about the "harmony prevailing in the jurisdiction" *ad libitum*. A great deal of space in the Grand Master's report is taken up by a correspondence between him and the "troublesome" Lodges. Bro. Newcomb does not intend to have any drones or incompetent brethren filling positions in the Ledges. He intends that every member elected to office shall be *competent* to fill it. Our experience has taught us, that, while he may have gone a little further than any Grand Master has ever traveled before in making the following "recommendations," he has taken steps in the right direction. There has been too much incapacity in those holding office in our more ancient jurisdictions, and the sooner they adopt the recommendations of Bro. Newcomb, the better it will be for them. This is what Grand Master Newcomb recommends:

"To guard the 'Oriental Chair' against inefficient occupants, and encourage a higher knowledge of our noble science among the Worshipful Masters, the following are respectfully submitted:

"*First*. That in the future Grand Masters elect shall appoint, soon after their installation, a committee to examine the Worshipful Masters elect, and only upon the certificate in writing from the majority of this committee shall they be installed.

"*Second*. That all future Past Masters, before receiving a diploma, jewel of office, or being permitted to take rank as such, shall be required to produce, when called for by the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master, a certificate in writing from a majority of said committee to the effect that they have been enrolled upon the list of efficient Past Masters.

"*Third*. That every brother who shall receive the three established degrees in this jurisdiction, shall be expected to pass a thorough and searching examination in open Lodge within twelve months of the date of raising; and only when a certificate, signed by the Worshipful Master and one of the Wardens of the Lodge in which the brother was raised, has been filed in the Grand Secretary's office, shall he be eligible to office.

"*Fourth*. All brethren who affiliate will require to pass the same character of examination in open Lodge, to render them eligible to office."

One dispensation for a new Lodge was granted during year, and one for reception of an application from a candidate under 21 years of age, was declined. The Grand Master recommended that Manitoba follow the action of most American Grand Lodges, in severing all connection with the Grand Orient of France, and the recommendation was subsequently most emphatically adopted by the Grand Lodge. The Grand

Master and Grand Secretary were both re-elected. We noticed with pleasure that our worthy Representative, Bro. John H. Bell, who is also Grand Secretary, took a very prominent part in the deliberations of his Grand Lodge. As he seems to be both a zealous and well-informed Mason, his energy will redound to the benefit of the Craft in his jurisdiction.

The report on correspondence covers *one* page of the printed proceedings, and amounts simply to an acknowledgment of the receipt of proceedings from American Grand Bodies, Louisiana among the number, and an apology for not making a more *extended* report.

Number of Lodges, 7. Total membership, 324.

#### MAINE.

Fifty-ninth Annual Grand Communication, held in Portland, in the month of May, 1878. Bro. Edward T. Burnham, M. W. Grand Master; Bro. Ira Berry, R. W. Grand Secretary. One hundred and sixty-nine Lodges represented. Total number of Lodges, one hundred and seventy-nine. The address of Grand Master Burnham was brief, and closely confined to the business of his office. We take it that the fraternity in Maine is still in a prosperous condition. The death, on March 4th, 1878, of Past Grand Master Renel Washburne is announced. The deceased was as distinguished in the civic walks of life as he was in Masonry. He was born in Massachusetts, in 1793, and was a Mason for over sixty years. The Grand Master decided that a Past Master can, in the absence of the Master and Wardens, open a Lodge and transact all of its business. The following decision we cannot concur in.

"2. A Lodge cannot properly confer the Master Mason's degree at the request of another Lodge, the requesting Lodge not having waived jurisdiction of the candidate. The constitution does not authorize the conferring of degrees or admitting to membership without a previous application and a ballot being had thereon. The conferring of the third degree constitutes the recipient a member of the Lodge. One Lodge cannot elect members for another Lodge."

We believe that a Lodge can, when properly requested to do so, act as the representative of another, without conferring membership upon the candidate in the officiating Lodge.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, we noticed, offered the following modification, which was concurred in: "One Lodge cannot confer a degree at the request of another Lodge, unless the requesting Lodge waives jurisdiction, and the other Lodge accepts the candidate in the usual manner, and for its usual fees." In the Ritual of Maine, the word "compasses" will hereafter be used instead of "compass." We believe the change a correct one. Action on the recognition of Cuba and New South Wales was postponed. Brothers Burnham and Berry were, respectively, re-elected as Grand Master and Grand Secretary. P. G. M. Drummond's report on the recent action of the Grand Orient of France, will be read with interest by the brethren of our jurisdiction:

"The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to which was referred so much of the address of the Grand Master as relates to the Grand Orient of France, have considered the matter, and ask leave to report:

"That there is no question that the Grand Orient of France has so far yielded to the demands of French atheism as to strike from the required qualifications of candidates, a belief in God, the Father.

"For this reason, the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, Canada, and many of the States of our Union, have abolished all Masonic intercourse with the Grand Orient.

"The motto of the Grand Orient now is, 'Freemasonry holds to the principle of an absolute freedom of conscience, and to the brotherhood of mankind. It excludes no one on account of his belief.'

"While this Grand Lodge yields to no man or body of men, in its emphatic belief in the freedom of conscience and the brotherhood of man, it recognizes these as the result of a belief in the Fatherhood of God. From time immemorial, a belief in God, the Creator and Father, has been the fundamental principle of Freemasonry, and from *this* principle *all others* flow as results. To abandon this principle, therefore, is to destroy the deep-laid foundation upon which our whole Masonic Temple is builded. Our reply to the Grand Orient is: 'No man or body of men can make innovations in Masonry. To attempt this does not change Masonry, but puts those who make the attempt outside the pale of the Institution.'

"We therefore recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

JOSEPH H. DRUMMOND, *for the Committee.*"

The report was adopted.

Brother Drummond, chairman of the committee, favored the fraternity with another able and instructive report on correspondence. In his introduction, our distinguished colleague congratulates himself that, for the first time in his experience (which has been a long one), he was able to review every one of the North American Grand Bodies. In our comparative short career we have not been so fortunate. Our proceedings of 1878 received, as usual, kind and considerate treatment from the pen of Bro. Drummond. He thinks that the reduction in size of our pamphlet, caused by omitting the returns of Lodges, has not made it less valuable. He quotes liberally and approvingly from the address of Grand Master Powell. Not so in regarding the report of our Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, relative to the power of Lodges to grant new trials. On this point Bro. Drummond says:

"The committee have here precisely reversed the correct principle; if they examine the history of Masonry, the forms of charters, and the ancient usages of the Craft, they will find that the Grand Lodge is the fountain and source of power, and the Lodges have what is *granted* to them, and no more. The theory of the federal government might possibly be a good one in Masonry, but the fact is, Masonic government was in existence long before that theory was originated, and, moreover, is essentially despotic in its character."

We part from Maine and Bro. Drummond this year sooner than usual, because our time is short. We thank him for the kind encouragement he bestows upon our humble labor, and hope always to merit his approval. Raised during year, 572; affiliated, 775; reinstated, 54; dimitted, 296; died, 211; suspended, 266; expelled, 7; rejected, 201. Total membership, 19,436.

## MICHIGAN.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Michigan was held at Grand Rapids on the 22d January, 1878.

Present the M. W. Grand Master, Wm. Dunham, a full complement of officers, and representatives from three hundred and forty-six chartered Lodges.

The address of the Grand Master is a well considered document and will bear the test of criticism. He reports eighteen decisions, which appear to have been mainly endorsed by the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence. He states that eight new Lodges have been constituted, which were previously chartered by the Grand Lodge; also, that six new halls had been dedicated during the year. The address evidences a close attention to the interests of his jurisdiction.

Reports were received from *all* the District Deputy Grand Masters, ten in number, who (judging from their fulness), did not neglect any matters directly under their charge. We should like to see *all* of Louisiana's District Deputy Grand Masters arranged numerically and consecutively in *our* proceedings, to see how it would look. The gaps in the numbers are generally too wide. The Committee on Temperance, appointed at the previous Annual Communication, reported that they found no need of any legislation on the subject; that moral suasion and example from the temperate and well balanced, would bring to bear the influence necessary to reform those thereto addicted. Bearing on the temperance question, however, the Grand Lodge subsequently adopted the following:

"*Resolved*, That the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage by Masons is a Masonic offense; and if a brother persists therein as a business after being duly admonished, it is the duty of the Lodge of which he is a member to suspend or expel him at its discretion."

We regret to notice such a narrow and exclusive spirit as the above resolution evidences, pass over the portals of any of our Grand Lodges. If wars against the avocations of individuals are to result from our annual assemblages, then better hold them triennially. Masonry's mission is not that of being adjunctive to temperance crusades; its mission and field of labors is a far wider one. Temperance is but *one* of its cardinal features, and is entitled to its proper weight; and the bearings of the institution to foster and encourage it is to be found in the moral suasion recommended by the special committee above alluded to. The enactment of prohibitory laws on intemperance, or rather on liquor traffic, will be but the introductory steps to prejudicial legislation, to end, perhaps, in some sectarian direction. Better to view a subject like it in a broad and catholic spirit, and conclude that Masonry, as powerful as it is, cannot do away with a something that men's appetites, habits and proclivities either invite or discard.

The Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence made several special reports on matters of special local government, which were adopted.

*Foreign Correspondence.*—This report is the work of Bro. Wm. P. Innes, Grand Secretary, the Grand Lodge having recommended that that officer be "*ex officio* a Committee on Correspondence." He ably reviews the proceedings of twenty Grand Bodies, Louisiana included. He extracts moderately from Grand Master Fleming's address, and complimentarily notices our reviews for 1877. Thanks.

There are many portions of this valuable report we should like to quote, but must forbear the pleasure.

John W. Finch, Adrian, Grand Master.

Wm. P. Innes, Grand Rapids, Grand Secretary.

Raised during the year, 919; affiliated, 398; reinstated, 90; dimitted, 735; died, 240; suspended, 901; expelled, 32; rejected, 355. Total membership, 25,944.

#### MINNESOTA.

A Special Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in St. Paul, on December 16th, 1877, R. W. E. W. Durant, D. G. M. presiding, for the purpose of attending the remains of M. W. Grand Master, James C. Braden, and consigning them to the silent tomb. Brother Braden died in San Antonio, Texas, whither he had gone in the vain hope of strengthening his rapidly declining health, on the 9th of December, 1877. The ceremonies were performed in a very impressive manner. The deceased Grand Master was an able, learned, and *conservative* Mason, and his untimely death is to be deplored, not alone by Minnesota, but by the Masons of America. In our last report, we had occasion to express our admiration for the deceased, little, then, thinking how soon we would be called upon to mourn his loss.

Twenty-fifth Annual Communication, St. Paul, January 15th and 16th, 1878. Bro. E. W. Durant, acting Grand Master; Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, Grand Secretary. Lodges in the jurisdiction, 129; represented, 101. The acting Grand Master, in officially announcing the death of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. J. C. Braden, pays a fitting tribute to our brethren of San Antonio, saying:

"Our brethren of San Antonio, with loving hands performed the last sad offices due from the living to the dead; and the widow and the fatherless, though in a strange land, found in the fraternity true and affectionate friends in the dark hour of their affliction."

Bro. Durant alluded most feelingly to the life and Masonic career of the deceased Grand Master, and among other things, he said:

"As a citizen, Bro. Braden was strictly moral and of rare ability; as a soldier, our State and country can testify of his worth, recorded as it is, in the history of hard fought battles; as a husband, devoted and affectionate, and solicitous always for the happiness and welfare of her whom in early life he had chosen to walk with him life's pathway hand in hand."

"Those whom the gods love die young!" Bro. Braden was only 42. The death of the Grand Tyler, Bro. A. Richardson, was also announced by the Deputy Grand Master. The address of Bro. Durant (whom we

met at our last session in this city) was able, and allows us to expect much from him in the future. E. D. B. Porter, late Grand Secretary, who had embezzled the funds of the Grand Lodge in his official capacity, was expelled. The majority of the committee to whom were referred the resolutions of R. W. Bro. Goodrich, in relation to certain colored Masons applying for recognition, and which were mentioned in our last report, recommended that, inasmuch as the Grand Lodge of Minnesota had taken *very decided* action in the premises, the farther consideration of the resolutions should be indefinitely postponed. The recommendation was adopted, and this will end the "Prince Hall" business, so far as Minnesota is concerned. Among other principles enunciated by the committee of which we have just been writing, are the following: Speaking of the rights of subordinate Lodges, they say:

"They are the *exclusive* judges of who they will recognize, or make Masons, and are subject only to the Ancient Landmarks of the Craft; and so far as *color* is concerned, *it is just as competent for a Lodge to initiate a negro as it is a white man.*"

And further:

"We would extend to the negro every right, benefit, and privilege which his *manhood* entitles him to, but are *not* in favor of extending to him, *because* he is a negro, privileges that we could not grant to the white man."

This covers the entire case, and every Mason of ordinary understanding should so comprehend it.

Bro. Pierson, Grand Secretary, as is usual with him in all things he is concerned in, made an excellent report, in which he stated: "eighteen years ago, while on an official visitation in the southern part of the State, I presided at the making of James C. Braden, and to-day it becomes my official duty to record his death." Bro. E. W. Durant was elected Grand Master, and Bro. Pierson re-elected Grand Secretary. The latter again presented an able and very interesting report on correspondence, on which we would like to dwell for some time, but our limited quantity of that article forbids. Our proceedings of 1877 receive kind and considerate treatment, especially our report for that year. We are glad to state that, for the last two years, Minnesota has not alone been a prompt, but also a very welcome exchange upon our table. Raised during past year, 374; affiliated, 204; reinstated, 28; dimitted, 232; suspended, 160; expelled, 4; died, 44. Total membership, 6,730.

#### MISSOURI.

Fifty-eighth Annual Communication, held in St. Louis, October, 1878. Thomas C. Ready, M. W. Grand Master; John D. Vincil, Grand Secretary. One hundred and sixty-two Lodges represented.

When we commenced our report this year, we fully determined not to employ the shears at all, and to quote as little as possible. In reading the address of Grand Master Ready, we are again tempted to make an exception, and as proved we find the temptation cannot be resisted.

The following is so beautiful and interesting that we deem our pardon for the insertion certain :

"As the weary, way-worn pilgrim o'er life's rugged travel-path, ever and anon, halts amid the green herbage and cooling shades, beside the sparkling waters of the bright oases that rise up beside his pathway, and there finds rest and refreshment for his wearied limbs, and gathers renewed strength and courage for the onward march, so may we, as Masons, after the toils of the year have passed, lay aside the working-tools of our daily avocations; for a season dispense with the labor of the Lodge, and, gathering about the clear, pellucid fountain of Truth, with hearts filled with love towards our brethren, and devotion to our mystic Order, enjoy a period of rest and refreshment which shall renew our zeal, quicken our energies, and give us new strength and courage for the duties that lie before us in the future.

"A retrospect of the past fifty-seven years of the history of the Grand Lodge in Missouri, presents facts and incidents full of interest to the good Mason.

"What a bright record do these years of labor present, and how full of encouragement to us is the success which has crowned the patient, earnest and faithful labor performed by our distinguished brethren and fathers of Missouri Masonry!

"In April, 1821, the Grand Lodge was organized by the union of but three subordinate Lodges, with an aggregate membership of scarce one hundred.

"The city of St. Louis contained about 5000 inhabitants; the country beyond was almost a wilderness—but sparsely settled; the material from which to draw additions to her membership, was limited.

"But the bold, daring, earnest men who had inaugurated this new enterprise, faltered not, nor suffered themselves to be discouraged. They trusted in the Supreme Architect to guide them in the path of right, and to preserve and build up their Mystic Temple. 'Their trust being in God, their faith was well founded.'

"The State had just passed the barrier of State and Territorial government, and had just been admitted into the Union.

"The news of her rich and fertile lands and salubrious climate reached the inhabitants of the land east of the Mississippi, and soon emigrants from all the Southern and Middle States came flocking in and scattering over her beautiful prairies, and her grand timbered lands, and quickly transformed the wilderness into well-cultivated fields, teeming with rich products.

"Towns were located, merchandise was imported, tradesmen opened busy workshops. Temples of justice were built, soon followed by churches, and anon, besides these, earnest, zealous and true men erected altars dedicated to virtue and to Masonry; and the success of the inauguration of a distinct Grand Lodge organization was assured.

"Year after year Lodges were added to the number on the Registry, until, to-day the three Lodges of 1821, with one hundred members, have increased to 500 Lodges, with an aggregate membership of 24,000.

"Our fathers have, indeed, left us a rich legacy of honor and good deeds, and it behooves us to guard well the sacred trust. It has been transmitted to us pure and unsullied, and it remains for us to be careful that no stain shall mar its purity, either by act of omission or commission by us.

"The noble men who labored so faithfully to establish the Grand Lodge in its earlier years, have gone to rest, but have bequeathed to us the bright record of their useful lives, as exemplars for our guidance. May we be faithful to the high trust confided to us.



“ ‘Let’s toll, then, cheerfully; let’s die in hope;  
The wall in wondrous grandeur riseth up.  
They who come after shall the work complete,  
And they and we receive the wages meet.’

“ One by one have our fathers passed away, in melancholy procession, to the tomb, at the bidding of the inexorable destroyer, leaving to us the memory of their virtues.

“ They do now rest from their labors. There is with them no more occasion for level or plumb line, for trowel or gavel, for compass or square.

“ They stand upon the level of eternity, in the midst of the redeemed. The cement of heavenly love, spread by the hand of the Supreme Architect, holds them secure in unbroken union, and in endless communication with the fraternity accepted of God.”

The Grand Master reports a long list of Masonic dead for his own and other jurisdictions, among them Bro. A. J. Wheeler, P. G. M. of Tennessee, and editor of the *Masonic Jewel*, at Memphis, Tenn. Bro. Wheeler died of yellow fever, contracted while nursing the sick, and died after a few days’ illness.

Bro. Ready speaks in most appropriate terms of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in relation to its invasion of Quebec, and recommends that a committee may be appointed to report upon the matter, and that Scotland may be “isolated” from the American Masonic Bodies. The Grand Orient of France is also properly discussed.

With the warmest feelings of gratitude and high appreciation do we insert the following from the Grand Master’s address :

“YELLOW FEVER SUFFERERS.

“ In response to the cry of distress which, in August last, came from our plague-stricken brethren in the Southland, I promptly ordered a draft for three hundred dollars to be forwarded in the name of the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

“ This amount was sent in equal proportions to New Orleans, Memphis and Greenville.

“ My only regret was that I could not send more.

“ I also ordered a circular letter addressed to all the Lodges in the State, asking donations in aid of the sick, the dying and destitute ones.

“ From the well-known liberality of the Craft in the State, I am sure a large donation was made, but I am unable to say what the amount was, as I have received no official report upon the subject.

“ I much regret my inability to give an official report of the sum raised, and the disposition made of it, as was to have been expected I should do, but doubtless the report will come in due time and prove satisfactory.

“ I am pleased, however, to be able to report the action of the Lodges composing the Sixteenth District, upon the call made by R. W. Bro. James B. Austin, D. D. G. M.

“ At his suggestion, a relief committee was formed, with P. G. M. Jno. W. Luke as chairman, who presented the call to the various Lodges.

“ That call needed not to be repeated, but with their usual promptness, they forwarded their donations to Bro. Luke, and in a few days the sum of about two thousand dollars was received and forwarded to the various points demanding relief.

“ The extreme stringency of the times and the great depression in business, has necessarily crippled the financial resources of the Lodges

in the city and county of St. Louis to such an extent as to render them unable to make such contributions, as they would have been pleased to do under more favorable circumstances, to such a deserving cause.

"But they did what they could, and with a Mason's blessing and most sincere sympathy for their suffering freres, they placed their offering upon the altar of Brotherly Love and Charity."

Numerous decisions were rendered by the Grand Master, among which we note the following:

"Nor can Entered Apprentices or Fellow Crafts appear in *any* public processions of Masons."

This is a new doctrine, for which no authority is given by the Grand Master. It is incorrect.

"The ante-rooms of a Masonic hall should not be rented to lawyers, physicians, or for any other purpose, whether the renters be Masons or not."

Of course, not. We presume the Grand Master means what he says, and does not include *basements*, or other distinct portions of Masonic buildings, in his ruling. Might as well rent a Lodge room to a lawyer or doctor, as the ante-room of a Lodge.

Again:

"The Worshipful Master elect of a Lodge must receive the degree of Past Master prior to his installation."

Would not that make him a *Past Master before* he becomes a Worshipful Master?

The Grand Master strongly advocates the payment of Lodge dues, and suggests the following programme:

"I would suggest the following course to be pursued:

"1st. Notice to appear and show cause why dues are not paid.

"2d. Notice to appear and show cause why the delinquent shall not be suspended until dues are paid.

"The delinquent failing to appear at the specified time, let the Master put the question to the members present, viz:

"Shall Bro. A. be suspended until his dues are paid?"

"No one can complain of this. The delinquent is given timely notice; he knows why he has been notified to appear, and failing to comply with these two notices, he must abide the consequence of his failure.

"The Lodge thus protects her financial rights; the member can reinstate himself by payment of dues, and justice is done to the Lodge, and to the members."

Bro. Ready made a lengthy and, in the main, an able report, which we would like to follow further, did our limited time permit. He has been a diligent and conscientious Grand Master. The Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence approved the decisions of the G. M. we have quoted. We still adhere to our opinion. The remainder of the proceedings were of a local and not general interesting character. The report on foreign correspondence is from the pen of Grand Secretary, Bro. John D. Vincil, chairman of committee, who has, in both positions, become the successor of the lamented *Gouley*. Forty-nine American Grand Bodies are ably reviewed in a report of 156 pages. Our proceedings of 1878 are extensively discussed by Bro. Vincil, who in allud-

ing to the letters "B. B.," as used by our Grand Secretary, and not by Grand Master Durant, of Minnesota, flies off into a learned, though somewhat funny, inquiry as to their Masonic meaning. Our colleague, in the discussion of this very *important* subject, discusses with equal wisdom about "black balls," "base ball," "burning bushes," etc., and does not find any application of the mythical "B. B." therein. Truly "much ado about nothing." We cannot understand how worshipful Brother Durant could have used the letters which aroused the Masonic lore of our distinguished brother in an *oral* address; therefore, we take it for granted that our worthy Grand Secretary is the malefactor. As we understand the signification of the letters "B. B.," they simply mean *brethren*. Brother Vincil will find them so employed in all the Continental Lodges. If Brother Durant *could* have employed them, they would have designated the "Brethren of Minnesota." "Only this, and nothing more."

Bro. Vincil writes approvingly of the decision rendered by Grand Master Powell, and compliments Grand Secretary Batchelor for "a well arranged systematic journal." Our last report is kindly and favorably noticed by our colleague. Noah M. Gwan, of Harrisonville, elected M. W. Grand Master; John D. Vincil, of St. Louis, re-elected Grand Secretary.

A tabular statement annexed to the proceedings, shows that \$4867 10 were contributed by our brethren of Missouri to the "yellow fever fund," of which Louisiana received the sum of \$800 00, and for which we are deeply grateful.

Total number of Lodges, 496; initiated, 893; raised, 860; dimitted, 856; died, 256; suspended, 460; expelled, 52; reinstated, 74. Total membership, 22,646.

### MISSISSIPPI.

The Sixtieth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi was held at Grenada, commencing February 6th, 1878, and lasting three days.

M. W. John Y. Murry, Grand Master, and all officers present, and representative from 229 chartered Lodges.

The address of the Grand Master is a lengthy and interesting one. He congratulates his jurisdiction upon the harmony that had prevailed throughout during the year; notes that their numbers had not increased in the ratio of previous years, which he considers mainly ascribable to the "hard times," but partly so, happily, to the evident more rigid scrutiny of applicants; views what he considers several serious drawbacks to the institution, mentioning membership on the part of many of its votaries with other secret societies, the separate and higher degrees as drawing numbers from Lodge work and duty, and, finally, the proneness of many of the fraternity to let the secrets get out of the Lodge and be communicated to the world. These are all depre-

cated, but no remedy suggested. His decisions, as far as we can observe, present no new points, but are sound. He reports a large amount of local business, and details several visitations, during the year, to subordinate Lodges.

He mentions the following peculiar doings of Lodge No. 362. "Bro. Foster, Secretary of No. 362, informed me that a brother had obtained a dimit from the Lodge, and, in a few days thereafter, abandoned his wife and eloped with another woman, whereupon the Lodge had called a meeting and *rescinded* its action granting the dimit, and also resolved to publish the unworthy brother to the world, by sending out circular letters. After which the brother had written insulting letters to the Lodge, using much profanity. Bro. Foster also stated that the brother had been arraigned for trial before the Criminal Court, and confined in jail, within the jurisdiction of another Lodge, and asked whether Lodge No. 362 or the Lodge in whose jurisdiction the offender was at the time, should try him. Answer: 1st, the action of the Lodge rescinding its former act of dismission, is null and void; 2d, the Lodge, in whose jurisdiction the accused resides, has the right to try him; but if it refuses or fail to do it, then No. 362 may try him; but in either case he must be tried as a non-affiliate." A proper decision, say we. We would like to court more fully from this able address, but our space and time forbid it.

The Deputy Grand Master, Bro. E. George DeLap, also handed in an interesting resumé of his official acts.

The Grand Secretary, Bro. J. L. Power, presents a full report of his department. In regard to payment of dues, he suggested *monthly* instead of *annual* payments, believing the small amounts thus required would be more conveniently and promptly paid than the aggregate yearly sum. He commends the Protestant Orphan Asylum, Natchez, to the support of the Order, and praises its management.

In the report of the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence we note the following:

"Question 16—A soldier in the United States Army, was initiated and passed in Holly Springs Lodge No. 35, in the year 1877. Subsequently he was ordered to New Orleans, Louisiana, where he applied to Alpha Home Lodge No. 72, for the third degree. After examination by Alpha Home Lodge No. 72, as to his proficiency and his election by Holly Springs Lodge, he received the Master's degree at the hands of Alpha Home Lodge. The work was done in the name of Holly Springs Lodge No. 35. In December last, a communication was read to Holly Springs Lodge from the brother, who was thus made a Master Mason, containing his annual dues. The question of jurisdiction was raised, and the opinion of your committee is asked as to which Lodge he owes dues.

"Answered.—It is clear that the work done by Alpha Home Lodge No. 72, was for, and in the name of, Holly Springs Lodge No. 35; that

Alpha Home Lodge did not, at the time it conferred the degree, consider that by this act he became a member of that Lodge. Nor is there any evidence that it claims him now as a member. The balloting was done by Holly Springs Lodge, and it thereby assumed the responsibility of vouching for his worthiness to receive the degree; the act of conferring the degree by Alpha Home Lodge was simply a favor to Holly Springs Lodge, and the brother's membership is, by right, in Holly Springs Lodge No. 35, and to it he owes annual dues."

## FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The report is from the pen of Bro. J. M. Howry, which he opens with an apology for his short-comings in his new field of labor. None needed, our dear brother, we can assure you, for, without any desire to bandy compliments, we have met with none sounder or more readable. He reviews the full line of jurisdictions, our own included for 1877. He copies largely from Grand Master Fleming's address of that year. He differs with him on the question of allowing Lodges new trials, "and thinks no harm can arise from permitting it," if justice can be served.

He makes extended reference to our report for 1877; indulges in a lengthy dissertation on the Past Master's degree; likes it, and believes in it, but concludes "that a Master elect, or the Senior Warden, can preside without receiving the degree by being installed according to the ceremonies laid down in all our manuals, and if the sacred ceremony can be had by a convocation of the Past Masters, let it be communicated."

We hope to hear for many a year to come from Bro. Howry. We like his style, and, did our space permit, we would quote extensively from him.

Bro. Chas. T. Murphy, of Durant, Grand Master; Bro. J. L. Power, of Jackson, Grand Secretary.

Raised during the year, 265; affiliated, 274; reinstated, 159; dimitted, 427; suspended, 630; expelled, 13; died, 148. Total membership, 10,242.

## M O N T A N A .

Thirteenth Annual Grand Communication, held in Helena, October 2d and 3d, 1877. Bro. Julian M. Knight, M. W. Grand Master; Bro. Cornelius Hedges, R. W. Grand Secretary. The entire number of subordinate Lodges, nineteen, represented.

The Grand Master appeared satisfied with the prospering condition of his jurisdiction. The following, from his address, we deem worthy of insertion, though our space be limited:

"It is often said that we make religion of Masonry. 'Religion is the golden cord that unites man to God; Masonry the silver line which runs from man to man.' We do not pretend to place Masonry on a par with religion; but its mission is one of peace; it unites men of every country, sect and opinion, and brings them to one common altar. And while it does not compel a belief in any particular creed or religion, it

does require of each initiate that he profess a belief in the existence of God, the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe. It teaches reverence to God—that there is a life beyond the grave—a hope in immortality.”

While the Grand Master deplores the misuses the ballot is liable to, believes that Masonic bodies cannot be too particular in balloting for new members. So say we. The address throughout, is scholarly and highly commendable from a Masonic standpoint.

The Grand Lodge emptied its treasury, (it contained \$369 20), to enable one of its subordinates to discharge a debt it owed a California Lodge for assistance rendered a sick member. Noble action.

New Mexico was recognized, and action upon the two bodies in Cuba postponed, in the hope that they themselves would harmonize.

William A. Clark was elected M. W. Grand Master, and Cornelius Hedges is again the R. W. Grand Secretary.

An excellent engraving of Past Master Knight adorns the proceedings, which are elegantly printed and bound.

A terse, but excellent report on correspondence, was furnished by Bro. Cornelius Hedges. He, evidently, “within the scope and meaning” of our Kansas colleague, Bro. Brown, is a good Masonic *eater*, and he *digests* his food remarkably well. Our proceedings of 1877 are ably and flatteringly discussed. Bro. Hedges thought that Bro. Fleming’s address, in consequence of “the civil disorder and financial depression,” was rather despondent in tone, and tries to cheer us with the following :

“He little realized the relief so close at hand, evidences of which we shall expect to see in the next report. The political deliverance since wrought, and the improvements in opening the channel of the Mississippi to navigation, are destined to work a speedy revolution in the fortunes of New Orleans. Not twenty-five years will pass away before it will have outstripped the prosperity of its palmiest days. We almost wish Bro. F. had retained his position another year, to have had his heart gladdened by the clear dawn of the new era.

“Few Grand Lodges have had such heavy burdens so long to bear, and few, too, could have borne them so bravely and successfully. Their Grand Masters have been men of pre-eminent ability. Their annual volumes have maintained the superior excellence attained in days of prosperity. They have carried a burden of debt without default or repudiation, that would have crushed many stronger Grand Lodges. Their improved present prospects will carry joy to every Masonic heart in the land.”

Since our brother wrote the following, we have been compelled to suffer another terrible affliction, the effects of which are even now upon us. Still we hope for the best, and trust that “a speedy revolution in the fortunes of New Orleans” will bring us to the end of all our troubles.

Our colleague must be assured that when Montana is omitted from our report, as it was in 1877, it is not the writer’s fault. No proceedings are read with greater pleasure, and when they fail to come, we sincerely deplore the loss. Hereafter, when the “West” is delinquent or behind time, we, as good Masons, will look to the “East” for light. If the mail-

ing were done in the former by Bro. Hedges himself, we would feel assured of their regular coming.

We highly appreciate the pretty compliment paid us by our brother, and hope that we shall always merit it. Again, we must express our high appreciation of Bro. Hedges, not alone as a Masonic reviewer, but as an excellent Grand Secretary, whose work reflects credit upon himself and upon his Grand Lodge.

Last session, held in October, 1878, but proceedings not yet received.

Raised during year, 25; affiliated, 24; reinstated, 1; dimitted, 34; died, 12; suspended, 19; expelled, 1; rejected, 15. Total membership, 664.

#### N E V A D A .

Fourteenth Annual Grand Communication, held in Virginia City, in the month of June, 1878. Bro. M. T. Freeman, Grand Master; Bro. S. W. Chubuck, Grand Secretary. Nineteen out of twenty subordinate Lodges were represented. One Lodge, U. D., which received a charter during the communication, was also represented.

The Grand Master, in his address, congratulates the Grand Lodge upon the status it occupies, considering its comparatively short existence, and thinks that Masonry, in Nevada, has fully kept pace with the increase of population in the State. Bro. Freeman joins the worthy brethren in America, who believe that, *numerically*, our progress should be slow and careful. No good is done by a too rapid acquisition of members. The Grand Master held that the decision of a Grand Master was *law*, until changed by the Grand Lodge. True! but the Grand Lodge can change such a law easily, and in different ways. The moment another Grand Master decides the reverse, and his decision is sustained, the previous dissenting opinion is no longer of any force. The address of the Grand Master, while brief in space, is ample in substance.

Bro. Henry L. Fish was elected Grand Master, and Bro. John D. Hammond, Grand Secretary. For some reasons this Grand Lodge makes frequent changes in the latter office. An efficient Grand Secretary is a good thing, and when you find one, you ought to keep him. This has been our experience.

The proceedings were not of general interest. We noticed, with pleasure, that our colleague, Bro. Robt. H. Taylor, took an active part in the deliberations of his Grand Lodge, appearing as Grand Representative, chairman of several important committees, orator *pro tem.*, etc. As Grand Orator, Bro. Taylor made a sensible and comprehensive address, at the conclusion of which the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

An interesting and elaborate review of about 140 pages was submitted by Bro. Taylor. Louisiana, for 1878, is briefly, but fraternally, noticed. The address of our Grand Master and his decisions are tritely approved. We are taken to task for applying the word "Order" to Masonry. Why, Bro. Taylor? Give us a good reason, and we will join your crusade

against it. The remainder of our last review of Nevada is very kindly treated, indeed. Raised during the year, 62; affiliated, 75; reinstated, 10; dimitted, 79; suspended, 59; expelled, 2; died, 16; rejected, 59. Total membership, 1510.

#### NEW BRUNSWICK.

This Grand Lodge met in Tenth Annual Communication, at St. John, in September, 1877. Bro. Rob. T. Clinch, Grand Master; Bro. Wm. F. Bunting, Grand Secretary. Eighteen Lodges represented. The Grand Master commenced his address by a graphic allusion to the disastrous fire, which overtook our brethren on the 20th of June, 1877, in the city of St. John, and to which we alluded fully in our last report. It will be remembered, that the Lodges in the city lost, with their place of meeting, all their regalia and Masonic property, and that three-fourths of the entire city were consumed. The valuable library of the Grand Lodge was also destroyed. We note that the efficient Grand Secretary, Bro. Bunting, is already busy collecting a new one. Up to the meeting of the Grand Lodge, the sum of \$5048 57 in gold, had been contributed by sister jurisdictions, in America and abroad. The Grand Master made appreciative acknowledgments for the fraternal assistance already received, and stated that more was coming.

Brothers Clinch and Bunting, were, respectively, re-elected Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

There is no report on foreign correspondence.

Raised during year, 139; affiliated, 49; reinstated, 7; dimitted, 104; suspended, 100; expelled, 1; died, 20. Total number of Lodges, 32. Total membership, 2236.

#### NEBRASKA.

The Twenty-first Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Omaha, in the month of June, 1878. Bro. Geo. W. Lininger, Grand Master, and Bro. Wm. R. Bowen, Grand Secretary. Fifty-seven subordinate Lodges represented.

The Grand Master read an excellent address, marked by devotion of duty and originality of thought. He thinks that Grand Masters are too prone to flatter their jurisdictions, by giving only the bright side of the picture and hiding the other. An efficient Grand Master should be intimately acquainted with the Lodges of his jurisdiction, and *know* the character and the nature of the work they do. Bro. Lininger seems to be such a Grand Master, and while he found much to praise, he also discovered a good deal he was forced to condemn. He reported that the records of some of the Lodges showed that nothing has been given to charity throughout the year. He thinks (and so do we) that this is decidedly unmasonic, and he ascribes the cause to be "lack of discipline," and he recommends as a remedy, that the brethren "live up to their professions." For true charity, there must be more than mere *profession*, which we think our brethren of Nebraska possess.



Among the decisions of the Grand Master there are none new or of general interest.

A special committee, of which P. G. M., R. C. Jordan, was chairman, reported upon the well known action of the Grand Orient of France, and in their report incorporated the action of the Grand Lodge of England upon the subject. As the latter report contains in French and English the laws of the Grand Orient, *as they formerly stood*, and *as they stand now*, we produce the entire report of the Nebraska committee. We have many French-speaking brethren in our jurisdiction, and our desire to present the matter to them, in the plain and intelligible form adopted by the English committee, must be our apology to the Grand Lodge for taking up so much space upon a subject already so well understood generally, and, upon which the action of American Grand Bodies has been so uniform. The action of our Nebraska brethren, like that of the Grand Lodge of England, has, however, a peculiar signification to us of Louisiana.

"Your special committee, to which was referred the communication of the Grand Lodge of England, His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales. M. W. Grand Master, relating to the recent action of the Grand Orient of France, wherein the constitution of the said Grand Orient was changed so as to make it unnecessary for candidates for the mysteries of Masonry to believe in the existence of God, and which are set forth more fully in the report of the Grand Lodge of England, in the words of said report, as follows:

"The committee appointed at the last Grand Lodge, on Wednesday, the 5th December, 1877, to consider the recent action of the Grand Orient of France, beg to report that the Grand Lodge of England has received information that the Grand Orient of France has resolved, by a considerable majority, to rescind the first and second paragraphs of its constitution, and to substitute for them the following laws:

"The laws as they formerly stood, read thus:

"La Franc-Maçonnerie, institution essentiellement philanthropique, philosophique et progressive, a pour objet la recherche de la vérité, l'étude de la morale universelle, des sciences et des arts; et l'exercice de la bienfaisance.

"1. Elle a pour principes l'existence de Dieu, l'immortalité de l'âme, et la solidarité humaine.

"2. Elle regarde la liberté de conscience comme un droit propre à chaque homme et n'exclut personne pour ses croyances.

"3. Elle a pour devise: Liberté, Égalité, Fraternité.

As they now stand, they are as follows:

"Le Franc-Maçonnerie, institution, essentiellement philanthropique, philosophique et progressive, a pour objet la recherche de la vérité, l'étude de la morale universelle, des sciences et des arts, et l'exercice de la bienfaisance.

"1. Elle a pour principes la liberté absolue de conscience et la solidarité humaine.

"2. Elle n'exclut personne pour ses croyances.

"3. Elle a pour devise: Liberté, Égalité, Fraternité."

"Fremasonry, an institution essentially philanthropic, philosophical and progressive, has for its object the inquiry after truth, the study of universal morality, sciences and arts, and the practice of benevolence.

"1. Its principles are the existence of God, the immortality of the soul, and human solidarity.

"2. It regards liberty of conscience as the common right of every man, and excludes no person on account of his belief.

"3. Its motto is Liberty, Equality and Fraternity.

"Fremasonry, an institution essentially philanthropic, philosophical and progressive, has for its object the inquiry after truth, the study of universal morality, sciences and arts, and the practice of benevolence.

"1. Its principles are absolute liberty of conscience and human solidarity.

"2. It excludes no person on account of his belief.

"3. Its motto is Liberty, Equality and Fraternity."

"The committee have carefully considered this action on the part of the Grand Orient of France, and having regard to all the circumstances of the case, they have unanimously agreed to recommend the following resolutions for the adoption of Grand Lodge :

"1ST RESOLUTION.—That this Grand Lodge views with profound regret the step taken by the Grand Orient of France in thus removing from its constitution those paragraphs which assert a belief in the existence of T. G. A. O. T. U., because such an alteration is opposed to the traditions, practice and feelings of all 'true and genuine' Masons from the earliest to the present time.

"2D RESOLUTION.—That this Grand Lodge, whilst always anxious to receive in the most fraternal spirit the brethren of any foreign Grand Lodge whose proceedings are conducted according to the ancient landmarks of the Order, of which a belief in T. G. A. O. T. U. is the first and most important, cannot recognize as 'true and genuine' brethren any who have been initiated in Lodges which either deny or ignore that belief.

"3D RESOLUTION.—That in view of the foregoing resolutions, the W. Masters of all Lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of England, be directed not to admit any foreign brother as a visitor, unless—

"1st. He is duly vouched for, or unless his certificate shows that he has been initiated according to the ancient rites and ceremonies, in a Lodge professing belief in T. G. A. O. T. U.

"2dly. Not unless he himself shall acknowledge that this belief is an essential landmark of the Order.

"4TH RESOLUTION.—That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be transmitted to the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland, to each Grand Lodge with which this Grand Lodge is in communication, and to the W. Masters of all Lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of England, and that it be an instruction to the W. Master of each Lodge to read these resolutions at the first meeting of his Lodge after the reception thereof, and to direct that they shall be entered upon the minutes.'

"LONDON, 22d February, 1878.

"Beg leave to report that your committee are in this connection reminded that some four or five years ago communication between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Orient of France was severed in consequence of the said Grand Orient unlawfully invading the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and establishing Lodges in territory belonging exclusively to said Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

"Your committee does not deem it necessary to take any further action relative to any intercommunion with the Grand Orient of France, but feel it a duty specially incumbent on them, to condemn in the strongest possible manner this action of the said Grand Orient in thus abolishing the first and most important of all Masonic principles, and that this Grand Lodge hereby affirms its intention to ever hold to all the landmarks and principles of Masonry, this one in particular, and hereby declares that its abolishment renders some of the most important ceremonies in the ritual entirely meaningless."

Bro. Edward K. Valentine, of West Point, was elected Grand Master, and Bro. W. R. Bowen, of Omaha, re-elected Grand Secretary.

There is no report on foreign correspondence, which we regret. Nebraska has some very capable brethren, whose labor in this field would be beneficial to the Craft. We hope that they will soon be invoked.

Raised during the year, 151; affiliated, 223; reinstated, 19; dimitted,

147; died, 20; suspended, 88; expelled, 9. Total number of Lodges, 63. Total membership, 3117.

The Grand Secretary has officially announced, by circular, the death of Past Grand Master Frank Welch. This is a sore loss for our sister jurisdiction. The particulars of the death of P. G. M. Welch will be given in our next report.

#### NORTH CAROLINA.

This Grand Lodge held its Ninety-first Annual Communication at Raleigh, in the month of December, 1877; Bro. Horace H. Munson, Grand Master, and Bro. Donald W. Bain, Grand Secretary. One hundred and twenty-six Lodges represented. Grand Master Munson read an interesting address. Like his predecessors, he speaks glowing of the Masonic Orphan Asylum, an institution of which our neighbors can well be proud. The Grand Master wants the District Deputy Grand Master system introduced in his jurisdiction, and thinks from what he knows of it that it will work well. The death of P. G. M. William Geddy Hill, of North Carolina, was feelingly reported. The brother died on the 4th of May, 1877. The following closes the eulogy of the deceased Past Grand Master. As no quotation marks appear, we presume the beautiful lines are from the gifted pen of Grand Master Munson. There is a vein of sentiment and real poetic feeling in many portions of his address. We quote the verses with much pleasure:

"Mournfully, chant mournfully, the requiem for the dead,  
Mourn for a brother fallen, a lofty spirit fled;  
Strike the harp strings sadly, and hush the voice of mirth,  
The form that moved in manhood's pride, lies mould'ring in the earth.

"Aye, mournfully, chant mournfully, the requiem for the dead,  
While the night winds moan in dirge-like tone around his lowly bed;  
Yet let it not be hopelessly, for the pathway that he trod,  
While here in life—our faith is strong, hath led him up to God."

The following decisions, while they present nothing very new, are of general interest, hence we produce them:

"8. Illicit distilling is sufficient ground upon which to base charges against a brother, and no hesitancy should be had in acting accordingly.

"9. Financial difficulties between Masons should, if possible, be adjusted amicably; but it is not unmasonic, when other means fail, to bring an action at law.

"10. A Master has the power to summon orally; but otherwise the summon should be issued through the Secretary, in writing, with seal of Lodge attached."

There is a report of not quite *two pages* on foreign correspondence, from the pen of Bro. E. G. Reade, who either did not relish the necessary labor, or does not believe in such reports at all. We lean to the latter opinion, for upon reading Bro. Reade's report we find that, in his belief, each Masonic reviewer *repeats what another has said*. If such is the case, then we are ready to drop our pen; but until we are so convinced, we will continue to labor in a cause that we consider beneficial to Masonry. Our only regret is that our limited capacity does not permit us to do all the good we desire.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

The remainder of the proceedings contain nothing of general interest.

Raised during year, 245; affiliated, 82; reinstated, 35; suspended, 265; expelled, 17; dimitted, 173; died, 114; rejected, 86. Total number of Lodges, 237; total membership, 8017.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Eighty-ninth Annual Communication, held at Concord, in May, 1878. Bro. John J. Bell, Grand Master; Bro. Geo. P. Cleaves, acting as Grand Secretary. The representatives of fifty-three Lodges in attendance.

From the Grand Master's address, we judge that prosperity exists in the jurisdiction, though the membership has not materially increased. The Grand Master pays a most fitting tribute of respect to the memory of R. W. Bro. John Atherton Harris, who died on the 3d of September, 1877, and who, at the time of his demise, was Grand Secretary of all the Masonic Bodies in New Hampshire. A number of other deaths are fraternally alluded to. The Grand Master decided that a Master Mason, failing to sign the by-laws for six months after his election and raising, becomes a non-affiliate! How would it be if the brother had not been guilty of "carelessness" or "inadvertance," but had been absent or prevented from illness? Nothing else of general interest in the report.

Bro. Solon A. Carter, of Keene, was elected Grand Master, and Bro. Geo. P. Cleaves, of Concord, was elected Grand Secretary.

There is a very interesting report on correspondence, prepared by Bro. A. S. Wait, which we have read with pleasure and profit. Louisiana, for some reason, is not reviewed.

Raised during the year, 231; affiliated, 308; reinstated, 40; dimitted, 123; died, 86; suspended, 72; expelled, 1; forfeited membership, 24; rejected, 87. Total number of Lodges, 75; total membership, 7688.

#### NOVA SCOTIA.

Thirteenth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Halifax, in the month of June, 1878; session three days. Bro. John Winburn Laurie, Grand Master; Bro. Benj. Curren, Grand Secretary. The Grand Master, in his address, reports an interesting ceremony performed by the Grand Lodge in laying the corner-stone of an educational edifice at Truro, in the province. He reports the presence of many distinguished profanes. He stated also that illness had prevented him from visiting the subordinates as much as he desired.

The action of the Grand Orient of France was properly rebuked by the Grand Master, who said that the members thereof can only now be regarded "as a body of men, but no longer as a body of Freemasons." Bro. Laurie thinks that the duties of Grand Representatives should be defined; we think so, too. As the matter now stands, they have little or nothing to do. The address of this Grand Master, while brief,

evinces a thorough knowledge of the duties appertaining to his station, and shows that his jurisdiction is in a fairly prosperous condition.

The Grand Lodge decided that no Worshipful Master of a subordinate Lodge had the right to appoint a chaplain for his respective Lodge, thereby virtually and correctly *reversing* a decision rendered by Past Grand Master Crowe. The latter is chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and in that capacity made a special report recommending postponement on the application of the Cuban Grand Lodges for recognition. The report was adopted.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both re-elected. The remainder of the proceedings were not of a general interest.

An excellent report on foreign correspondence, from the pen of Bro. A. H. Crowe, is published in the proceedings. Ours of 1878 receive fraternal treatment, and everything we did of any importance seems to have been acquiesced in by Bro. Crowe. Our tribute to the Halifax ladies, as well as our appeal to our own, (in regard to furnishing and decorating Grand Lodge room), were quoted by our colleague. We are sorry to add that our appeal has remained unanswered.

#### NEW YORK.

This Grand Lodge held its Ninety-seventh Annual Communication in New York City, in June, 1878. Bro. Joseph J. Couch, Grand Master, and Bro. James M. Austin, Grand Secretary. Six hundred and sixty-six Lodges represented.

The Grand Master opened his address as follows:

"In conformity with established custom, and prompted by sentiments of fraternal regard, I salute you, one and all, with a hearty welcome to the Ninety-seventh Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge. As the organization in this State approaches the close of its first century, the developed strength, in numbers and influence, together with the general harmony that prevails within our borders, afford just cause for congratulation; but we are also reminded that increased opportunities bring with them corresponding responsibilities."

The Grand Master then immediately proceeded with the consideration of the business matters appertaining to his high station, first recounting a long line of deceased Masons, to whose memory loving attention is fraternally paid. The following part of the address is of general interest, and specially so to our German brethren in this jurisdiction:

#### "FOREIGN RELATIONS.

"In all essential particulars our foreign relations remain unchanged. I learn, however, through our representatives, that misapprehension exists, to a considerable extent, in some of the European Grand Lodges, regarding the true force and effect to be given to the reports of our Committee on Foreign Correspondence. It appears that, prior to the opening of the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia, a committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania made a lengthy report upon the relations of that body with other Grand Lodges, concluding with certain specific regulations for the guidance of the Pennsylvania Lodges in the recep-

tion of visitors from other jurisdictions. This report was reviewed by our Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and some of its positions strongly approved. The bodies composing the German Grand Lodge Diet felt themselves aggrieved by the action of their brethren in Pennsylvania, and when the commendatory report of our committee reached them, the impression arose that the Grand Lodge of New York had assumed the same attitude towards them as that taken by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Our representative near the Grand Lodge of Saxony, R. W. Bro. Von Mensch, promptly combatted this erroneous impression and pointed out the fact that this Grand Lodge had taken no action whatever upon the matter. In support of our distinguished representative, I submit for your consideration the statement: That the reports of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence are considered by us as matter of information only; that the brethren who make these reports are distinctly understood to give us, in a condensed form, the opinions and acts of Grand Lodges in correspondence with us, and also such individual comments thereon as they may deem wise; that the publication of these reports in our transactions is solely for the information of the brethren; that, in merely accepting and publishing these reports, the Grand Lodge does not undertake to pass judgment upon their contents; that, in fact, these reports cannot have any official or binding character, except when the Grand Lodge shall give such force and effect to the whole, or any portion thereof, by special resolution or other express enactment. Fully appreciating the valuable services of our committee in collating facts and opinions from other jurisdictions, and conceding to them all that is due to the individual judgment of well-informed brethren, we, at the same time, readily distinguish between the running comments of a committee and the deliberate acts of the Grand Lodge. If, in their translation of our proceedings, our German brethren shall make this distinction as clear and comprehensive as it appears to us, they will be relieved of a grave misapprehension regarding our relations to themselves."

As New York is the "Empire State" of America, in a profane sense, so is she the largest and most important jurisdiction in Masonry; not alone in America, but, in our humble opinion, based upon what we have seen in our travels abroad, in the world. Its Grand Masters and writers on correspondence are, and always have been, men and Masons of high standing and great learning. Such an one is Grand Master Couch, whose address is replete with sound Masonic teachings, and fairly sparkles with beautiful thoughts and sentiment. We feel (though we have determined to quote as little as possible) that we would do our brethren of this jurisdiction *a wrong* if we were to withhold from them the following beautiful *conclusion* of Bro. Couch's address—especially, as it includes something upon the Grand Orient of France which, to us, and coming from New York, must be doubly interesting:

"Taking this occasion to thank those brethren who have been officially associated with me during the past year, for their valuable support of my administration, I pass on to a conclusion.

"In this hall, now becoming familiar as the place for our annual meetings, more than seven hundred Lodges are this day represented. Here we legislate for over one hundred thousand Masons residing within the State. Our laws have no sanction of physical force. Their execution depends solely upon the loyal sentiment of the Craft. We are, therefore, directly concerned with those moral principles and forces which give significance to all our Masonic labors.

"While it is assumed that we come with manly purpose to the deliberations of this Grand Lodge, it is also important that we carry from this place to our respective homes such thoughts and influences as shall nobly inspire the brethren whom we represent. A just regard for our own good name and consistent standing in this enlightened community, makes the duty of the hour perfectly clear.

"Some years ago we severed our connection with the Grand Orient of France, because of their persistent infringement of the jurisdiction of an American Grand Lodge. The matter in issue at that time was purely governmental. Since then strange reports have reached us, from time to time, of departures from the traditions and customs of our fraternity; until, finally, the information comes that they now profess to practice a Masonry that ignores the existence of God. This raises the question, whether such rite can truthfully be denominated Masonic. In prompt reply to this question, let us from the abundant material at hand take, for example, the familiar symbol of the burning bush, with its impressive story, as related in the Old Hebrew Bible. In simplicity of faith, one interprets the record literally; another, differently constituted, sees in it a beautiful metaphor, which the imagination expands to cosmical proportions; and behold the fiery light of the morning sun fills the tree tops on the eastern hills with a flame of glory. Whether the pastoral or cosmical interpretation be adopted, the lesson is the same. In either, there is present to the imagination an impenetrable mystery, and out of that mystery, to the reverential beholder, there comes the voice of God.

"Turning now from this picture of the early days, and moving without pause along the pathway of man's journey through the ages, let us mingle for a moment in the wonderful activities of the present time. With the geologist, we essay to trace the handwriting of time in the composition of the earth; we penetrate the mass, and try to guess the secrets of the 'Old Red Sandstone' and the Granite Rock. We turn our eyes heavenward, and, through the telescope, seek to explore the infinity of stellar space. Through the microscope we prolong the vision in an opposite direction, and strive to comprehend the universe in the molecule. With the spectroscope we analyze the molten contents of the crucible; and determine the component parts of incandescent suns and stars. We speculate upon various theories of light and heat, the correlation of physical forces, and the origin of species. Then we follow the application of science to the arts; we recall the famous boast in the fairy tale, that a girdle should be put around the earth in forty minutes; and lo! in this matter-of-fact age, the telegraph performs the feat in as many seconds.

"Finally, we direct our attention to man himself. We apply all the accumulated knowledge of this remarkable age to solve the problem of his life; we mark his mental capacities; we discriminate his intellectual faculties, his social and moral sentiments, and his religious emotions; we note his marvelous achievements in the realms of mind and matter, and follow him through the entire domain of human research. But whether our attention be directed to man or his environments, we still encounter an ever-present, impenetrable mystery; and as in the olden time, so now, out of this mystery, to the devout observer, there comes the voice of God. Though the wonderful progress of the past shall be accelerated in the future, man will continue to find disclosures of God in nature, God in history, and God in humanity. Thus it appears that this symbol of the burning bush retains its sublime significance through all the changes of time, through all the vicissitudes of man's earthly experience. When, therefore, the report comes to us that certain parties profess to practice a Masonic rite in which there is

no God, we unhesitatingly declare that such rite is not Masonic, and to call it so is an utter perversion of terms; for, in the full light of our symbolism of our traditions, and of our world-wide precepts and charges, we know full well, that no atheist can be made a Mason, and that no Godless Temple can be erected on the foundation of Ancient Freemasonry."

Three Lodges, U. D., were chartered. The little difficulty with the Grand Lodge of Michigan was settled at this communication. The latter, through its Grand Master, reprimanded the offending Lodge, and remitted the initiation fee to New York.

Four hundred dollars was allowed the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for expenses. A good investment, and of which our honored colleague, Bro. Simons, will make good use.

The proceedings, though lengthy and important, contain nothing of general interest.

Bro. Edmund L. Judson, of Albany, was elected Grand Master, and Bro. Austin re-elected Grand Secretary. A fine steel engraving of the latter's striking and handsome face is bound in the proceedings. We regret that, in October last, we did not have the pleasure of seeing the *original*. We called to pay our respects, but found the R. W. brother out. This caused a double disappointment, as we had a brother from this jurisdiction with us to whom we desired to show the beauty and grandeur of the splendid temple, which our brethren have erected in New York. In the absence of Worshipful Bro. Austin, and unguided and unknown, we could not, for some reason, make the different female attendants on the various floors look or act in any way amiable, and, reluctantly, we had to depart with our mission unfulfilled. When our new temple is built, which, we hope, will be the case some day, we will be glad to show its beauty to visiting brethren from abroad. We were tempted to hunt up Bro. Simons, on the occasion we have referred to, but one of the aforesaid female attendants wore such an uncompromising look that we gave up and unvaliantly retreated. We have related this occurrence "more in sorrow than in anger," in the hope that other brethren may be spared the disappointment we, ourselves, experienced. We are confident that asimple notification to R. W. Bro. Austin of the fact, will prevent a reoccurrence.

The report on correspondence again comes to us with all the learning, talent and experience that R. W. Bro. Simons can give it. It is a document full of interest and instruction, and one that we have dwelled upon, and one that we shall cull from *in extenso*. Bro. Simons says he writes and labors for the benefit of the Craft, and that, therefore, he likes to be copied. We appreciate the trait in Bro. Simons, and hence are never modest in enriching our report from his own.

Our sessions of 1877 and 1878 are both very fraternally reviewed by our distinguished colleague. The last address of Past Grand Master, Fleming, is called, in every respect, "a most excellent and thoroughly business-like paper." Bro. Simons digested the whole address, and



produced Bro. Fleming's article on "New Trials," entire. The report of our Grand Secretary for 1877, is termed "a masterpiece of work as an accountant." Considering that our Grand Secretary is an "M. D.," we consider this quite a compliment. We highly appreciate the favorable mention made by Bro. Simons of our first report, and thank him for his goodness. While we delight to copy much from his reports, we, as gratefully, always give him credit for it.

The address of Grand Master Powell for 1878 is very favorably mentioned, and his allusion to the Grand Orient of France, as well as many of his decisions, given in full. It is a high compliment to our Grand Master, to say that all his decisions were endorsed, by our esteemed colleague. Brother Simons prints the entire report of our Committee on Jurisprudence, on the question of *new trials*, but concurs in the dissenting opinion of Past Grand Master Fleming.

Our second report (for 1878) receives most fraternal treatment from Bro. Simons, whose kindness to us, as a new beginner, is quite encouraging. Some of our statistics were quoted by our New York co-laborer.

Raised during the past year, 2953; affiliated, 867; reinstated, 556; dimitted, 983; suspended, 5064; expelled, 40; died, 1048; rejected, 750. Total number of Lodges, 718. Total membership, 78,050.

#### NEW JERSEY.

This Grand Lodge held its Ninety-first Annual Communication in Trenton, on the 16th and 17th of January, 1878; Bro. Marshall B. Smith, Grand Master; Bro. Joseph H. Hough, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master, in his address, mentioned quite a number of prominent deaths in the Masonic family of New Jersey. He speaks as if satisfied with the condition of the Craft in his jurisdiction, and then enters upon the business portions of the address. We observed nothing new in the decisions of Grand Master Smith.

The Grand Lodge recognized the "Grand Lodge of Cuba," and refused recognition of the "Grand Lodge of Colon," on the ground that the latter "surrendered its sovereignty, and had none of the attributes of an Independent Sovereign Grand Lodge." This action was had on a report submitted by Bro. Hough, for Committee on Correspondence. We fear the Cuba matter is as much a muddle as ever. This Grand Lodge, on the suggestion of the Committee on Jurisprudence decided, that if the physical disability of any elective officer of a Lodge be of such a character as to prevent him from performing the necessary duties of his office, he should not be installed. An officer having been found "worthy and well qualified" to become a Master Mason, might well ask what "physical disability" is contemplated by the New Jersey committee? Will Bro. Hough kindly answer?

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

A finely executed engraving of Past Grand Master Bowen adorns the

proceedings. In the picture, the venerable Past Grand Master wears the splendid jewel presented him by his Grand Lodge. We note, by the way, that Bro. Hough had his picture taken by orders of the Grand Lodge, which will, no doubt, come with the next proceedings.

For some reason Bro. Hough does not appear to have prepared the report on correspondence, which evidently comes from the able pen of Bro. James A. Norton, whose acquaintance as a reviewer, we are glad to make. Louisiana, for 1877, is very kindly attended to. The political allusions in Grand Master Fleming's address are quoted in full. Our first report is kindly complimented by Bro. Norton, from whom we hope to hear again.

Raised during the year, 453; affiliated, 192; reinstated, 73; died, 154; dimitted, 201; suspended, 330; expelled, 7. Total Lodges, 148. Total membership, 12,749.

### OREGON.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Portland, in the month of June, 1878. Bro. Robt. Blow, M. W. Grand Master, and Bro. R. P. Earhart, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address betokens a healthy state of the fraternity in that remote section of our country, and evinces a capable and judicious administration of the duties of this high office. He reports having received a communication from our R. W. Bro. G. S. G. Gahona, of New Orleans, who claims to be Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Colon, seeking admission as such to the Grand Lodge of Oregon, and protesting against the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Cuba, denouncing it as an illegitimate and clandestine body, etc. As the Grand Lodge of Oregon had recognized the latter body, the Grand Master could not enter into correspondence with Bro. Gahona, and referred the matter, therefore, to his Grand Lodge. The Grand Master reported the formation of two new Grand Lodges. There is nothing novel or of general interest in the decisions of Grand Master Blow.

The action of the Grand Lodge of England, relative to the Grand Orient of France, was presented in full to the Grand Secretary. (We have already produced same in another part of this report). The communication was referred to a special committee of three, which, subsequently, offered resolutions, severing all connection with the Grand Orient. The resolutions were adopted. The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

An excellent oration was delivered by R. W. Bro. H. H. Gilfrey, Grand Orator.

This Grand Lodge paid out, at end of session, \$3266 75 for *mileage and per diem*.

Bro. S. F. Chadwick presented a brief, though well digested, report on foreign correspondence. He reviews twenty-five American Grand Lodges, but Louisiana is not among the number. The proceedings of

sixteen American Grand Bodies were "received too late for review," and a *digest* of them is promised by Bro. Chadwick "for next year." Among the food to be digested, is our little State. Initiations, during the year, 178; raised, 150; reinstated, 11; dimitted, 100; stricken from roll, 61; suspended, 3; expelled, 4; died, 27; rejected, 62. Total number of Lodges, 62. Total membership, 2514.

The proceedings of this Grand Lodge are well compiled, and beautifully printed on heavy tinted paper. The typographical work was executed by A. G. Walling, printer and book-binder, in Portland. If we lived in that city we would patronize Mr. Walling.

#### NEW SOUTH WALES.

From this colony we have received a "Manifesto," issued by the Grand Secretary, Nicholas Weekes, stationed at Sydney, and addressed "to all Master Masons throughout the Globe," generally, and especially "to our brethren in the Territory of New South Wales." The "Manifesto" shows that a Convention was held—a Grand Lodge formally organized and opened, and the Grand Master and Grand Officers elected and installed. That communications were then addressed to many Grand Lodges in England, Ireland, Scotland and the United States, and many courteous and fraternal replies received. That the recognition of the Foreign Grand Bodies we have named was *specially sought*. "No answer has, as yet, been vouchsafed." We cannot at this time *review* the proceedings of this body, or inquire into its regularity or irregularity. Nothing of the kind has been asked of us, and we simply present the facts as Masonic news. The manifesto is filled with copies of correspondence between the Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the authorities of the Grand Bodies, whose "special recognition" was sought.

Our brethren of "Wales," while deeply chagrined at the treatment they have received from their immediate and special friends, seem to be in earnest, and they will, in due time, be able to do good Masonic work. At least, we hope so.

#### PENNSYLVANIA.

The customary "extracts" from proceedings of the year 1877, have been received. They are intelligently compiled, and the frontispiece shows a beautiful engraving of the gorgeous Masonic Temple built by our brethren in the City of Brotherly Love. To look at the picture, one would imagine he was gazing upon an illustration of that portion of Westminster Palace adorned by the Queen's tower.

A Quarterly Communication was held at Philadelphia, June 6th, 1877. Bro. Robert Clark, M. W. Grand Master. Ninety-six Lodges represented at this session. Nothing of general interest was transacted.

The following Quarterly Communication was held in the same city on the 5th of September, 1877, Bro. Clark occupying the Oriental Chair, and seventy-three Lodges in attendance through their representatives.

At this session, the Committee on Correspondence, through P. G. M. Richard Vaux, made a special report, having for its object the opening of Masonic intercourse and fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The report, with appropriate resolution, was adopted. It is a great pity that Bro. Vaux did not wait a little longer, for the recent action of Scotland would, no doubt, have saved him the trouble. Bro. Vaux is sound upon the Grand Lodges "sovereignty" question.

Quarterly Communication, held December 5th, 1877. Bro. Robert Clark, Grand Master; P. G. M. John Thomson, Grand Secretary, and two hundred and five Lodges represented. At this session most of the officers and committees made their annual reports, all aggregating a healthy state of affairs in Pennsylvania.

Annual Grand Communication, held at Philadelphia, December 27th, 1877. Same Grand Officers, but only sixty-six Lodges represented. This is one of the bad effects of Quarterly Communications. We hold it more advantageous to have but *one* session during the year. The reasons, therefor, must be obvious. R. W. Bro. Samuel C. Perkins, our Grand Representative, was in attendance. The "Board of Almoners" made a report, showing that during preceding year it had expended \$2720 50 among two hundred and thirty-four Masonic applicants for charity. Among the number none were from Louisiana.

Grand Master Clark, in his annual address, speaks approvingly of one of the regulations of his Grand Lodge. He says:

"The duty in the East is full of anxious care and surrounded with great responsibilities; the wisdom of training the Grand Master for these duties, by service in the South, the West, and as Deputy Grand Master, before assuming the Oriental Chair, thereby making him familiar with the constantly recurring questions which he has to meet as your presiding officer, is manifest by the experience every year brings."

Our experience has wedded us to the belief that no brother, no matter how capable in a general sense he might be, should be elevated to the Grand Master's chair until he has served "in the South, the West, and as Deputy Grand Master." While these various positions serve to qualify a brother for the Oriental Chair, they also serve as terms of probation to the aspiring member.

Bro. James Madison Porter, M. W. Grand Master; Bro. John Thomson, R. W. Grand Secretary, and all the other Grand Officers, elected at the last Quarterly Communication, were duly installed during the Annual Session. The new M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Porter, delivered an excellent address on assuming the duties of his high station. He announced a gift of \$10,000 to the Grand Lodge charity fund, by a brother recently deceased, which donation is to be known as the "Stephen Taylor Bequest." In the language of our colleague, Gorgas, of Maryland, "have we any one in Louisiana who will do likewise?"

Complimentary resolutions, well-earned, to the retiring Grand Master, Bro. Robert Clark, were unanimously adopted.

M. W. Bro. Richard Vaux, P. G. M., has furnished his jurisdiction and the Craft at large with another excellent, though brief, report on correspondence. Bro. Vaux is an able writer, as well as one of the most distinguished Masons in America. As an introduction to his report, he furnished the following able paper, which, for the benefit of the Craft in this jurisdiction, we insert in full. Comment, on our part, is unnecessary. We endorse every word, (especially the paragraph in relation to the German "Grand Lodge League,") of what our distinguished brother has written. We are not vain enough to imitate, and not too proud to copy what he has written. Let every Mason in Louisiana read what follows :

"Before proceeding to notice each of the foregoing publications, we feel it proper to make a few suggestions that seem appropriate as prefatory to the particular duty assigned to this committee.

"With all the regular Grand Lodges of the Craft in the United States the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania holds the most fraternal relations of amity and harmony. We salute them, each and all, in the bonds of the brotherhood. It is our sincere wish that these relations may continue, and grow and strengthen. On our part nothing will be done to give reason to criticise the fullness of this wish, and its sincerity.

"The landmarks of Masonry are the foundations on which the Craft can only build for security and perpetuity. They are as the 'faith once delivered to the saints,' and apostacy as to either must invite the condemnation of those who, holding fast to the end in hope, expect the reward for being faithful. Whenever or wherever the landmarks are assailed, either covertly, insidiously, or by a combined effort, with a purpose however concealed, or for a pretext ever so plausible, or on a pretended justification colored by specious or popular delusions, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will firmly resist all such assaults, let the consequences be what they may. There can be neither unity nor harmony with those who, calling themselves by a name we reverence and honor, deny those solemn, binding obligations by which the Craft is cemented together, like stones in a great temple, by the force and value of these landmarks.

"Pennsylvania has no mission in Masonry either to proselyte or reform. As we received the faith, so we propose to hand it over to those who come after us, neither changed nor altered in jot or tittle. But Pennsylvania feels that she has a mission to preserve, conserve, protect and defend the foundations of Freemasonry. Not exulting, not proclaiming, not superserviceable, not meddlesome, not as a busy-body, seeking for a cause to intervene in the affairs of others that do not concern her, yet firm as the eternal hills, bold as truth, sincere as a Samaritan devotee, modest, earnest and unpretending, Pennsylvania will exercise her high prerogative as a Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons to enter her judgment against those who are false to Freemasonry, and within her jurisdiction put prohibition on false doctrine, heresy and schism.

"It is but too apparent, to the observing and the thoughtful of the Craft, that there does exist a restless spirit of innovation, here and there, which is seeking to 'reform,' modify, and make more acceptable to some, who regard themselves wiser in their generation than the children of light, the severe tests and binding principles of the ancient fraternity. The problematic philosophy of the student is mistaken for the teachings of the preceptor, and the glare of some scientific produc-

tion of light, which, by the untrained or impaired vision, is saluted as the sun-rise, are alike introducing mischief into Masonry. It has been said 'that error is harmless if truth is left free to combat it,' and in the exercise of this freedom is to be found the sure safeguard for the fraternity of Freemasons.

"It should ever be remembered that there must be prudence in trying to do right, if good is to come out of the effort. We accept this rule as obligatory; but right must not be put in peril by prudential inaction.

"These suggestions are made because in our view there is a necessity thus to speak, when we see that in Europe, as in some other places also, excited, mistaken and, we hope misguided men, who answer to the name of Masons, like other 'latter-day' teachers, are setting up 'new duties,' and new notions and other novelties in the Masonic Temple. The benefits which are possible from all this are infinitesimal and cannot be measured, but the evils are boundless as the circumference of their influence.

"Human genius in modern days in Masonry, cannot expect, if it does, it has failed in realizing it, to be a Solomon, either in wisdom or power, in glory or achievement; but human faith to-day can animate the zeal of the sincere and humble of the Craftsmen to stand round the foundation of the Temple, if they cannot reach its pinnacle, and prevent its profanation, or its destruction by some visionary zealot, rude skeptic, an emotional torch-bearer of a false light, or a pretender, who, mistaking error for the similitude of truth, is seeking notoriety to find only a grave and a fame, as a disciple of *Eratostratus*.

"We think, therefore, it behooves all those who believe they are resting in security on the ancient landmarks of the Craft, to be watchful, lest the outer door of the Temple is incautiously opened and the inner door entered by disturbers of the harmony, repose and integrity of the principles of the brotherhood. To eject such an intruder may be attended with trouble. To prevent his entrance depends on fidelity, courage and prudence. Such a disaster may be prevented. The remedy may be tedious, and attended with lingering perils. Security is worth the contest. The danger is concealed to the eyes of many by the plausible grounds on which it is placed by the inconsiderate. There can be no true interpretation of fundamental principles which carries in it their rejection. These fundamental principles are the outcome of the vital power which has preserved the traditions of the Craft since the earliest of days. This vital power has preserved, in full vigor, the essence of these traditions. They are our landmarks. The destructive agencies of Time have failed to impair, obscure or destroy these landmarks. Interpretation, a novel or loose construction of their strict intent and meaning, must not do what Time has failed to accomplish.

"Disruption of the Craft is more to be deplored than the loss of ends or purposes, which can only be reached by violating the accepted meaning of the fundamental law. What benefit can result from injecting into this law new features by interpretation or whims of individuals, to subserve special ends or conciliate some who seek to put mere theories into practice into localities, and by this means divide the fraternity into factions or separate bodies? But can the landmarks be impaired by either legislation or interpretation? We reject such a proposition as impossible if Freemasonry is to maintain its peculiar individual character. There is no authority which will permit it. The ancient Craft ceases to be what we regard it to be, desire to maintain, support and abide by, when it becomes something else by novelties, innovations or changes which interpretation is used to force into it.

"The result of the change thus made is disruption of the fraternity.

To awaken feud is unwisdom. The fraternity has been distracted in the past by antagonisms which have been ended after long suffering.

"We have thus written under the conviction of a duty. It may be either a warning or an invocation. We have no other purpose than to awaken the Craft to a danger which, small and inconsiderable as it may appear, if permitted to grow, may be more difficult to avoid or defeat.

"Doubtless the suggestions we have made in the spirit of single devotion to Freemasonry may not appear of paramount importance now to some of our devoted co-laborers in the Craft. To them, if there are any who will be so impressed as they read what is here written, we tender our convictions as they come to us impelling the performance of a duty. We may be too deeply impressed with what to them has yet failed to intensify itself to their minds as a possible peril to the Grand Lodges of the brotherhood. If they are wiser than us, we rejoice. If they regard the danger as neither impending, nor portending evil, nor of importance, not of possible growth to the injury of the Craft, we greatly rejoice that our views, mistaken as they are considered, have only enabled us to proclaim from the turret of our Temple what the vigilant outlook is there placed unceasingly to essay to discover, the coming of a stranger who may be seeking entrance by clandestine means.

"It was not our intention to particularize any of the causes for the words we have submitted, but we cannot forbear from noticing one or two which ought not to escape especial reference.

"When we see that a 'Grand Orient,' professing to represent Freemasonry within its geographical boundaries, established or governed by secular power, depending on the political authority of the land for its existence, without the power of exercising a right inherent in all sovereign Grand Lodges of true Masons, yielding obedience to profane dictations, engrafting in the body of Freemasonry unknown and unheard of novelties, claiming the right to disturb the harmony of Grand Lodges by violating or destroying their supreme authority, and after bringing discord and confusion within its own borders, hoping to escape condemnation by assailing other jurisdictions, and ending the catalogue of offenses against the ancient landmarks of Freemasonry by proclaiming the abolition of all acknowledgment of God as essential under its jurisdiction—then we think there is some justification for our fears. Against such a counterfeit specimen of a Grand Lodge of our Craft we utter our solemn condemnation. We denounce it as false to Freemasonry. We reject all association with it. It is a dead branch on the body of Freemasonry. Let it be a herald of its own fate.

"Without any desire to renew the expression of our views as to the condition of Masonry in Germany under the 'Grand Lodge League,' and the extraordinary proceedings styled Masonic which resulted in the formation of that 'League,' we cannot consent that the novelties which have been thus presented to the Craft in the United States should be excluded from this reference.

"The principal objection to this 'German Diet' of so-called Masonic bodies is that it arrogates to itself a sort of Teutonic supremacy over the Craft. The phlegmatic arrogance by which rationalistic dogma asserts itself in cities and citadels of the modern 'illuminati' in the land of the language of the Nibelungen Lied, the Vilkens Saga, the Empire of the Hohenshaufens and the country of Goethe, may be appreciated by the universities, defended by disciples of the doctrine of evolution, which rejects the concrete wisdom of mankind and accepts hypotheses that are made from hypothetical premises; but the ancient Craft cannot follow such examples, or defend such teachings as applicable to its landmarks.

"Freemasonry is a law unto itself. Its virtues, its principles, its peace, security and perpetuity depend on its isolation from the profane, and their ever-shifting purposes for what they term 'progress.'

"The world to-day is filled with witnesses of a destruction which has signalized consequences of new theories, in conflict with accepted truth.

"To protect our landmarks, to preserve their integrity unimpaired in our jurisdiction, we labor in that sublime faith which is 'the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen.'

"In the action of some of our sister Grand Lodges, and especially in the reports of various Committees on Foreign Correspondence, much notice has been taken lately of what is called 'Colored Masonry.' Why this designation of what can never exist? Freemasonry has neither 'color' nor any other qualifying description. It is either Freemasonry, or it is fraudulent, a false representation, a counterfeit, a cheat, and is best described by a word known to our lexicography as 'clandestine,' which means, we take it to be, false, fraudulent or counterfeit. That such a counterfeit exists is only evidence that human ingenuity does not hesitate in aiding the designs of those who desire to obtain by indirection what cannot else be secured. This subject of 'Colored Masonry' is, we think, easily understood. A Lodge, was it a regular Lodge at any time? by some defective arrangement, assumed to possess what it called Masonic rights and privileges, and to grant the power to others to use and exercise them. From this source was derived what was wrongfully and erroneously called Masonic rights. This Lodge, we believe, was neither in general phraseology, *de jure* nor *de facto* a regularly constituted Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. All it did was, therefore, 'unlawful,' void and of no effect under the jurisprudence of Freemasonry.

"This Lodge, so unlawful, granted what is called Masonic powers to men and associations to exercise them, and also to 'make Masons.' It might as well have granted a power to make presidents, princes and potentates. Among these individuals were negroes, met to exercise these unlawfully granted counterfeit rights.

"The people of this race availed themselves of an opportunity to become 'a man and a brother.' In time, numerically large as 'brothers,' they set up organizations, and in some places styled them 'Grand Lodges.'

"The question has been mooted, as to these styled associations, and if, because of *their name*, they ought not to be considered as entitled to recognition by the fraternity of Freemasonry and its regular Lodges. The answer is plain: No. When truth toys with error it loses its virtue. No act by any regular Mason, or by any lawfully constituted body of Freemasons, can make that right which is inherently wrong.

"To demonstrate that we have not expressed opinions of a new day or the obligations of a new duty to the Craft, the following minute of our Grand Lodge of March 6, 1797, fully proves. Thus more than three quarters of a century ago the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania issued her mandate and proclaimed her judgment on this subject:

"Brother Israel Israel communicated that a Lodge was said to be held in this city by a number of people of Black Color; that in consequence of an invitation, he, together with several other brethren, went to visit them last week at an house in Front street, where they were then holding a Lodge, as they called it, but that he found that they were not acquainted with the mysteries of the Craft."

"On motion made and seconded, ordered that the Masters of the different Lodges under the jurisdiction, be informed that it is the order



of this Grand Lodge that none of the members of our Lodges visit the said pretended Masons of Black Color on pain of expulsion.

"This was not 'Colored Masonry,' for it was simply a counterfeit. Thus we have taken the 'color' out of this subject, and leave it."

In his report, Bro. Vaux avoids all quotation, and confines himself to noting the important actions of the different Grand Bodies. His comments are terse, but full of pith and learning. To Louisiana, for 1877, he devotes more than his average space, and reviews our proceedings in the most kind and fraternal manner. We extract the following. Speaking of Past Grand Master Fleming's last address, he says:

"The address of the Grand Master is very interesting. His notice of the resignation of the representative of Louisiana near the Grand Mother Lodge of Elective Union, at Frankford-on-the-Main, and also its representative near the Grand Lodge of Saxony, at Dresden, shows that he fully sympathises with Pennsylvania in her views of the German Masonic Diet. These representatives resigned because they could not represent this Grand Lodge under the theory of the exclusive jurisdiction of American Masonic Grand Lodges.

"The report of the Committee on Correspondence is signed by a committee; we assume that Bro. G. H. Braughn is the young pen in an old hand, if we read correctly the first paragraph of the report. It is an elaborate, exhaustive and masterly review of the subjects on which he treats. He says he is glad he has finished his first report. If he continues as he has begun, we think he will be far more glad when he finishes his last. His notice of Pennsylvania is most fraternal. We congratulate the Craft universal on the clear-cut expression of his devotion to what is called the American doctrine, which being translated into plain English, is that the Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons in the United States will not permit foreign Grand Lodges to interfere with them, without resenting it."

Our brethren, at home and abroad, knowing our high appreciation of Bro. Vaux, will pardon the little vanity we exhibit in adding the last paragraph to the quotation. As this is *our last report*, we will not be blamed for showing what some of our colleagues have thought of our humble labors. We appreciate the compliment paid us by Bro. Vaux very highly, and trust that our later labors have given him no cause to change his kind opinion.

Admitted during the preceding year, 372; raised, 1334; dimitted, 424; suspended or expelled, 1328; died, 461. Membership, 39,942. Total number of Lodges, 375.

#### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Quarterly Communications were held by this Grand Lodge, at various places, May 12th, August 16th, and November 15th, 1876, and the Second Annual Communication was held at Charlottetown, February 21st and 22d, 1877. At the latter, Bro. John Yeo presided as Grand Master, and Bro. B. Wilson Higgs as Grand Secretary. Eight Lodges were represented. The proceedings were harmonious and calculated to advance the interests of the Craft in that jurisdiction. The same Grand Officers were re-elected,

The usual number of Quarterly Sessions were held in 1877, and the

*Third Annual Communication* was held in Charlottetown, February 20th, 1878. Bro. John W. Morrison, acting Grand Master; Bro. Higgs, Grand Secretary. Nine subordinate Lodges represented. The address of the Grand Master, Yeo, was brief, but encouraging. He reported the organization of two new Lodges since their last Annual Communication, making the number of their Lodges, now, eleven. Much space in the address is devoted to the action of Scotland in relation to the Grand Orient of France, and to a feeling eulogy on our late colleague, George Frank Gouley, of Missouri.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were again re-elected.

The proceedings were purely local, and there is no report on correspondence.

#### QUEBEC.

This Grand Lodge held its Eighth Annual Communication in Montreal, on September 26th and 27th, 1877. Bro. James Dunbar, Grand Master; Bro. John H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary. Fifty-two Lodges represented.

Immediately after the opening of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary distributed copies of the official correspondence, showing the recognition of Quebec by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the exchange of Grand Representatives between the two Grand Bodies.

The following opening of the address of the Grand Master, shows the prosperity of the Craft in Quebec, and its exalted condition in Great Britain:

*"Brethren*—Assembled at the Eighth Annual Communication, you will all be glad to be informed of the growth in numbers and financial prosperity of this Grand Lodge. The Dominion, of which our jurisdiction forms part, this year celebrated the first decade of its existence, and when we shall be able to mark a similar period in our Masonic history as a separate and distinct Province, the Craft will, no doubt, have equal cause of thankfulness for its share in the general success.

*"The increase of Freemasonry, during the past few years, has been very remarkable, and particularly in the United Kingdom, where, according to recent authority, it has been computed that nearly one out of every four or five men of the upper and middle classes is a Mason. The Grand Lodge of England has now three princes occupying the three first chairs—the Prince of Wales being Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught, Senior Grand Warden, and Prince Leopold, Junior Grand Warden."*

The address, though brief, is satisfactory. The District Deputy Grand Masters made interesting and valuable reports. During the session, work was exemplified upon different occasions. Our brethren in Canada are enthusiastic in the good work. The proceedings, themselves, were purely of a local nature. Past Grand Master Graham became the recipient of a valuable silver service for services well performed.

One new charter was granted.

Bro. Melbourne M. Tait, of Montreal, was elected Grand Master, and the efficient Grand Secretary, Bro. Isaacson, was re-elected.

There is, again, no report on correspondence. We regret this exceedingly, for the jurisdiction is an important one, and possesses the means, financially and otherwise. May we not hope for something in the future? We note, with pleasure, that a Committee on Correspondence has been appointed.

Raised during the year, 219; affiliated, 67; dimitted, 128; died, 30; suspended, 101; reinstated, 11. Total number of Lodges, 59. Total membership, 2810.

NOTE.—Since writing the foregoing, we have learned that the Grand Lodge of Scotland, notwithstanding its recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and its exchange of representatives, has refused to surrender its jurisdiction over some of the Canadian Lodges, thereby violating the doctrine of exclusive Grand Lodge jurisdiction. After having read the very fraternal correspondence that recently transpired between Scotland and Quebec, to which we alluded in our article on Quebec, we can hardly credit what we have learned. If true (and we have no good reason to doubt it) we will be found on the side of Quebec, battling for what we consider a sacred and inalienable right—the supremacy of Grand Lodge sovereignty. When this principle is attacked, then the quarrel of Quebec becomes the quarrel of Louisiana, and that of every Grand Lodge upon this Continent. As soon as we receive something definite upon the subject, we will present our views in a separate paper, and, if possible, have it printed with our report.

#### QUEBEC AND SCOTLAND.

During the year has occurred another vexatious interference with the hitherto supposed well-established principle of Grand Lodge sovereignty, and this time of so glaring a nature as to leave no middle ground to stand on, and which eminently merits severe and practical condemnation from ourselves as well as the entire family of American Grand Lodges. It would appear that the unmasonic trespassing upon the well-defined and inalienable rights of our Grand Bodies, is never to cease, and the necessity is apparent to pass such stringent edicts of non-intercourse against those who indulge in the wrong as to forever set at rest the question of such unwholesome experimentations—for such it must be—it cannot be of great duration; the sober second thought of leading brethren in the offending jurisdictions must finally come to their rescue, and demonstrate the injustice they indulge in in trampling on the rights of others. The situation between the Grand Bodies is correctly quoted and properly commented on by the M. W. Grand Master of New Brunswick. We quote from his circular letter, under date of 30th September, 1878:

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“An important question has arisen in the neighboring Province of Quebec, the discussion of which we cannot fail to watch with the deepest interest.

“At the time the Grand Lodge of Canada was recognized by the

Grand Lodge of England, and fraternal relations established between them, it was agreed by the Grand Lodge of Canada, then holding Masonic jurisdiction over what is now the Province of Quebec, to tolerate the existence in the City of Montreal of certain English Lodges and one Scotch Lodge, which had refused to submit themselves to the Grand Lodge of Canada; but this concession did not permit the formation by any foreign Grand Body whatever of any new Lodge within the territory of the Grand Lodge of Canada. After the political confederation of the provinces, the Grand Lodge of Quebec was organized and claimed exclusive jurisdiction over the province. The Grand Lodge of Canada eventually yielded that provincial jurisdiction and extended fraternal recognition to the new body, and the Grand Lodge of Quebec was recognized by this Grand Lodge and by most of the Grand Lodges on the Continent of America, as well as by many European Grand Lodges, including those of England and Scotland. The Grand Lodge of Quebec, however, repudiates this arrangement, as made between the Grand Lodge of Canada and the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, and has taken the ground that the territory is exclusively hers, and that the existence within her jurisdiction of Lodges chartered by other Grand Bodies cannot be tolerated. The Grand Lodge of Scotland, as a result of this action, has withdrawn her recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and has declared the Province of Quebec to be 'unoccupied Masonic territory,' and has erected two new Lodges there, and I believe has appointed, or is about to appoint, a District Grand Master for that province.

"We cannot view these proceedings without the greatest concern. The case of one province in this confederation to-day may be that of another to-morrow. If the withdrawal by a Grand Lodge of the commission of her representative to a sister Grand Lodge—as Scotland has in the case of Quebec—is sufficient ground upon which to declare a Grand Lodge extinct and the territory formerly occupied by it 'unoccupied,' there will soon be an end of Masonic government, and confusion and anarchy will take the place of order throughout our system.

"I commend this whole matter to your most earnest and thoughtful consideration. I pronounce no opinion as to the correctness of the attitude of the Grand Lodge of Quebec towards the foreign Lodges existing in the territory by agreement with the Grand Lodge of Canada when she took possession of the province, as I have not had opportunity as yet, of considering in all their bearings the equities of the case; but I am decidedly of the opinion that the Grand Lodge of Scotland has no right whatever to enter anew into the Province of Quebec, to declare the Grand Lodge existing there 'defunct,' and to proceed to erect Lodges within the territory of Quebec. I may add my opinion, that the Grand Lodge of Scotland owes it to herself and to the whole Masonic fraternity to act in this matter in the interests of good Masonic government, which cannot be advanced by differing and discordant authorities in one jurisdiction, giving opportunity for brethren who may be contumacious, to defy the lawful Masonic authority of the country in which they may reside."

The following resolutions, based upon the Grand Master's view, were reported from the committee, and were unanimously adopted :

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"Your committee have taken into careful consideration the important questions of Masonic jurisdiction, submitted by the M. W. the Grand Master for the action of Grand Lodge, relating to the Province of Quebec, and recommend that the following resolutions be adopted :

“ *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge does hold as a matter of unquestionable Masonic law, that when an independent Grand Lodge has been duly organized in any political territory, it has the undoubted right to exclusive Masonic jurisdiction within that territory, and that the erection or continuance of Lodges by any other Grand Body against the supremacy of the local Grand Lodge, is an invasion of Masonic territory, alike subversive of good government, and disloyal to Masonic constitutional authority ;

“ *And further Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge, having established fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and recognized her as a sister Grand Lodge with exclusive jurisdiction within the Masonic province, views with regret and concern the invasion of the territory of the Grand Lodge of Quebec by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in the attempt lately made to erect and maintain Lodges in Quebec, holding allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Scotland ;

“ *And further Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge is prepared to join with other Grand Lodges, in respectful remonstrance with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in the hope that she may reconsider her action in the true interests of Freemasonry, as a long established and eminent governing body, whose practice has hitherto been to conserve the principles of Masonic right, justice and jurisprudence.’

“ Which report and resolutions were adopted by Grand Lodge.”

We exceedingly regret on our part the arising of the unfraternal spirit on the part of the ancient jurisdiction of Scotland ; firstly, for we were indulging in the hope that misjudged European ideas on the subject of the American Grand Lodge system were being educated by the course of events in late years to a proper understanding of the subject on the views held by us ; and, secondly, as we were on the eve of fully establishing fraternal relations with them, they having gone so far as to welcome our Grand Representative, R. W. Bro. David Kinneu, at their East, and we having named a worshipful brother as theirs at this East, probably needing only the validifying of our M. W. Grand Master's act to make it firm, and cordial and enduring. But the hope appears to be vain and evanescent, “fleeting as a shadow.” Duty dictates our course ; the attack on Quebec's rights assails our own, and, shoulder to shoulder, must we stand with them to repel this barefaced intrusion on the part of their powerful, aggressive and unjust enemy. We write strongly, but no more so than the subject deserves. Is our unique and perfect system of inter-relations ever to be disturbed by such unwarranted acts as we have set forth, or must we, by the hard logic of absolute severance, teach the perpetrators to respect it ? We append a resolution at the close of this report, which we present for your adoption.

We add, with pleasure, that Illinois has followed New Brunswick, and severed all fraternal relations heretofore existing between that Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Louisiana, we think, will enroll itself on the same side in February next, and, before many months pass, the rest of the American Grand Bodies will follow.

NEW ORLEANS, January 15th, 1879.

## RHODE ISLAND.

A Special Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Providence, on the 16th of October, 1877, for the purpose of dedicating the Roger Williams Monument, with the customary Masonic services. Pending the arranging of the grand procession, the Most Worshipful Grand Master presented Brother Nicholas Van Slyck, Past Grand Master, with a Past Grand Master's jewel and apron, which was voted him at the Annual Communication in May, 1877.

The order of services was exceedingly impressive and interesting.

The Eighty-eighth Annual Communication was held at Providence, on May 20th, 1878. Brother Charles R. Cutler, Grand Master; Brother Edwin Baker, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address is brief, covering scarcely four pages of the proceedings, and is confined to the business of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

A report of the Convention, held for the purpose of organizing the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, with a petition for recognition by the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, and a protest from the Grand Lodge of Scotland against said recognition, were received and referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, together with the petition of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico for recognition, and of the Grand Lodge of Colon for a reconsideration of the resolution recognizing the Grand Lodge of Cuba, and receiving them instead.

The Rev. and Worshipful Bro. Henry W. Rugg, who is the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Cuba at this Grand East, presented a report upon the various subjects referred to his committee. He recommended that no definite action be taken on the application of New South Wales and New Mexico at this Communication, and saw no ground why the official recognition, granted to the Grand Lodge of Cuba, should be revoked. His recommendations were adopted.

Fine steel portraits of the Grand Master, Bro. Cutler, and Bro. Henry W. Rugg, are annexed to the proceedings.

There is no report on foreign correspondence.

## SOUTH CAROLINA.

This Grand Lodge held its One Hundred and First Annual Grand Communication in Charleston, December 11th and 12th, 1877.

Bro. Wilmot G. BeSaussure, Grand Master, and Bro. Charles Inglesby, Grand Secretary. The representatives of one hundred and fifty-eight subordinate Lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master's address, which is both excellent and able, devotes considerable space to the Grand Lodge of Cuba, and the recent well-known action of the Grand Orient of France. The Grand Master recommended that the former be recognized and welcomed.

A history of Masonry in South Carolina is also given by the Grand Master, which shows that, in 1777, a provincial Grand Lodge declared

itself the Independent Grand Lodge of the State of South Carolina, of which Col. Barnard Elliott, was first Grand Master. Had we the space at our command we would gladly make copious extracts from this interesting history.

The Grand Master properly decided that an applicant suffering from stricture was not possessed of a man that prevented initiation.

No dispensations for new Lodges were granted during the year.

A committee, specially appointed for the purpose, reported that they deemed it eminently proper there should be some observance of their "Centennial" year, and to this end recommended that the installation of the Grand Officers, at this Grand Communication, be made public. The recommendation was adopted, but subsequently reconsidered, it having been found inexpedient to have a public installation at this Communication.

Bro. Bofort W. Ball, of Laurens, was elected Grand Master, and Bro. Charles Inglesby, of Charleston, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that the word "arrears," in a Masonic sense, has a technical meaning. It does not, and cannot mean "borrowed money."

This view was properly concurred in by the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Charles Inglesby, Grand Secretary, prepared an excellent, though brief, report on foreign correspondence. Our proceedings for 1877 are quoted from to some extent, and noticed quite fraternally. Our report of that year, although credited to our co-laborer, Bro. Ernest Morel, is termed "a very full and able review of American Masonry." Bro. Inglesby, no doubt, was led into the error by the fact that Bro. Morel, during our absence from the Communication, presented our report.

Raised during the past year, 788; dimitted, 195; suspended, 344; died, 93; rejected, 15. Total number of Lodges, 182. Total membership, 6913.

#### T E N N E S S E E .

This Grand Lodge met in Sixty-fourth Annual Grand Communication at Nashville, in the month of November, 1877. Brother Elihu Edmundson, Grand Master; Bro. John Frizzell, Grand Secretary. The representatives of three hundred and thirty-nine subordinate Lodges in attendance. The Grand Master delivered an excellent and interesting address, and reported his jurisdiction as "free, peaceful and harmonious—no sections or divisions, but united, indivisible, inseparable and happy. Added to these great blessings, our people have been favored with propitious seasons and abundant harvests, and while many of our number have been gathered to their fathers, our jurisdiction has been abundantly blessed with health. \* \* \* Although our jurisdiction has been so free from pestilence and malignant disease, yet we have to mourn the loss of some of our number, who had been accustomed to meet with us here in this sacred retreat of friendship and brotherly love."

When our brethren met in Annual Communication *last* November, how different was the picture, and how different must have sounded the Grand Master's words! During the last year, the terrible pestilence which devastated our own State, left its track of sorrow, death and desolation upon the towns and cities of Tennessee, and carried with it thousands of precious lives. Among the Masonic dead, there was many a shining mark, now obliterated, forever. Past Grand Master, A. J. Wheeler, one of the brightest and most learned Masons in America, is among the "numbered dead," and we of Louisiana, co-sufferers, as we are, shed our tears as freely for him, martyr, as he was, as if he had been of our own immediate family. Bro. Wheeler died as he had lived, helping and solacing mankind. He contracted the pestilential fever in Memphis, while nursing and caring for the sick. This fact speaks louder in his praise than any eulogy our feeble pen can trace. Many a brother, equally deserving, no doubt, met the same sad fate. We have spoken of Bro. Wheeler most, simply because we knew him best.

Brother Edmundson rendered many decisions during the year, only one of which we will notice. He ruled "that a Lodge cannot tax the members *pro rata* to pay the debts of the Lodge." No reasons are given by the Grand Master for this decision, and we are at a loss to find them. A Lodge should pay its debts like any other organization, and if it has no money, the only and the fairest way is to tax the members equally.

The Grand Lodge of Cuba was duly recognized.

The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That while no violence is intended to the well-known modesty of Past Grand Master, A. J. Wheeler, he is respectfully requested to sit for his portrait while in this city, in order that the same may be preserved for the future use of this Grand Jurisdiction." Little did our brethren think, when adopting this resolution, how soon the original would pass away from them. For their sake we hope that the picture was secured, for it will be to them a treasure in the future.

Bro. Americus D. Warr, of Rossville, was elected Grand Master, and Bro. John Frizzell re-elected Grand Secretary.

The thanks of the Grand Lodge were voted to the retiring Grand Master. Right Worshipful Bro. George Stodart Blackie, submitted an able report on foreign correspondence; our only regret, after perusing it, being its brevity. "After a lapse of five years," he entered on his task "with pleasure and confidence."

Our proceedings for 1877 are fully, approvingly and most fraternally noticed. Much space is devoted to the excellent report of Past Grand Master Fleming for that year, and all his important conclusions concurred in.

Initiated during the year, 518; raised, 479; restored, 144; withdrawn,



864; dropped from roll, 488; suspended and expelled, 345; died, 275. Total number of Lodges, 409. Total Master Masons, 17,911.

### TEXAS.

Forty-second Annual Grand Communication, held at Houston, December, 1877. Bro. Marcus F. Mott, Grand Master; Bro. George H. Bringhurst, Grand Secretary. Representatives of one hundred and forty-five Lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master, in an excellent address, says: "From all the information I have been able to gather, I am satisfied that the moral tone of Masonry in Texas was never better than now. There has been less comparative increase of membership than at some former periods of its history, which, of itself, is an auspicious omen. Lodges have given more attention to the exclusion of unworthy material. Portals have been more closely guarded, and the moral qualifications of candidates more strictly inquired into." This is pleasing intelligence from our sister State, through which other jurisdictions, by following the example of Texas, might be benefitted. We have been contending for these principles constantly, since occupying our present position.

The Grand Master reports that, during the year, he granted thirteen dispensations to new Lodges.

As Texas is one of our nearest neighbors, and there are many brethren in our jurisdiction that were born, have lived there, or visited its Lodges, we feel satisfied that the lengthy quotation which follows will not prove amiss. Next to our own, the early Masonic history of Texas interests us most. We hope the time is not far distant when *iron* bands will more closely rivet the interests and the sympathies of Texas and Louisiana, and enable the brethren of both jurisdictions to fraternize with each other more frequently and more cordially than they have been able to do heretofore:

#### "MASONIC HISTORY.

"An interesting incident in the early history of Masonry in Texas has just been brought to light. Forty-nine years ago, and eight years before Texas achieved her independence upon the battle-field of San Jacinto, Bros. Stephen F. Austin, the father of Texas, Ira Ingram, the first Speaker of the Congress of the Republic of Texas, H. H. League, Eli Mitchell, Joseph White and Thomas M. Duke met together at the little village of San Felipe, on the Brazos river, in the first Masonic Convention ever held upon the soil of Texas. These distinguished pioneers and settlers of this great State must hereafter rank Bros. John A. Wharton, Asa Brigham, James A. E. Phelps, Alexander Russell, Anson Jones and J. P. Caldwell, as the earliest patrons and promoters of Masonry in Texas, and go down into history with this additional halo of glory around their memories.

"In November last, Bro. Guy M. Bryan of Galveston, who is the custodian of the papers and archives of Stephen F. Austin, handed me a document found by him among Gen. Austin's papers, containing the proceedings of this Convention, and desired me to present the same to this Grand Lodge. It is accompanied by a paper in Spanish, which proves to be the form of a petition or dispensation for a new Lodge.

Before removing to Texas, Bro. Stephen F. Austin was a member of St. Louis Lodge No. 3, holding a charter from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, at the town of St. Louis, in what was then the unoccupied Masonic Territory of Missouri. His status as a M. M. being established, there can be no question of the authenticity of the documents, and I have deposited them with the Grand Secretary in accordance with Bro. Bryan's request to await your pleasure.

"The Convention met for the purpose of petitioning the Grand York Lodge of Mexico for dispensation for a Lodge at San Felipe. About that time and afterwards, intense excitement existed in Mexico on the subject of suppressing the Masonic societies in obedience to a Bull fulminated against them by the reigning Pope. Indeed, in a short time, all the men of influence in the country were arrayed upon the side of one or the other of the political factions, which were said to be under the guidance of the several Scotch and English Lodges. The 'Escoses,' (or Scotch) Lodges were composed of large proprietors and persons of distinction, and were mostly men of moderate and conservative principles. The 'Yorkanos,' (or York Masons) were opposed to the Central, or Royal government, and were in favor of the entire expulsion of the Spanish from Mexico. Towards the close of 1827, Don Jose Montano published his plan for the forcible reform of the Government, in order to counteract the growing influence of the Yorkanos. Civil war soon after raged, and in the struggle that followed, the rival Masonic bodies lost their power and prestige, and were rent into fragments. Disaster will always follow when Masonry goes beyond her legitimate sphere and enters into the domain of things which concern her not. Owing to this distracted state of affairs, the enterprise of forming a Lodge at San Felipe was permitted to die out.

"The document alluded to, being an important contribution to our history, I copy it in full, so that it may be published in our proceedings for the information of the Craft in this jurisdiction, and for the benefit of the future historian of our Order in Texas:

"At a meeting of Ancient York Masons, held in the town of San Felipe de Austin, on the 11th day of February, 1828, for the purpose of taking into consideration the expediency of petitioning the Grand York Lodge of Mexico for granting a charter, or dispensation for organizing a subordinate Lodge at this place, the following brethren were present: Bros. H. H. League, Stephen F. Austin, Ira Ingram, Eli Mitchell, Joseph White, G. B. Hall, and Thos. M. Duke.

"On motion of Bro. Ira Ingram, and seconded, Bro. H. H. League was appointed chairman, and Thos. M. Duke, secretary.

"On motion of Bro. Stephen F. Austin, and seconded, it was unanimously agreed that we petition to the Grand York Lodge of Mexico for a charter or dispensation to organize a Lodge at this place, to be called the Lodge of Union.

"On balloting for officers of the Lodge, the following brothers were duly elected: Bro. S. F. Austin, Master; Bro. Ira Ingram, Senior Warden; and Bro. H. H. League, Junior Warden.

(Signed) "H. H. LEAGUE, Chairman.

"Attest:

"THOMAS M. DUKE, Secretary."

"There is something peculiarly touching and interesting in this record. Those noble men, standing upon the confines of civilization, seeking to establish an empire in the almost untrodden wilds of Texas, and looking forward with prophetic ken to the time when the 'wilderness would blossom as a rose,' and 'tower'd cities and the busy hum of men' usurp the resort of the Indian and the home of the wild beast—seemed to feel that Masonry was a necessary incident to the civiliza-

tion of the Anglo-American. They sought to invoke its beneficent teachings and humanizing influences in aid of their grand undertaking. No higher tribute was ever paid to our Order. No nobler estimate of its wisdom and truth ever imprinted upon the records of time.

"New England poets and orators have exhausted the flowers of poesy and the graces of oratory in describing the sublimity of the spectacle when the Puritans first stood on the shore of the New World and thanked God that they could worship Him according to the dictates of their conscience.

"To my mind the spectacle of Stephen F. Austin and his associates, in the village of San Felipe, in 1828, and that of John A. Wharton and his associates, in the grove of trees back of the town of Brazoria, in 1835, seeking to give direction to the vital forces of Masonry, and invoking its aid as a great lever of civilization in founding a new nation, are no less sublime and impressive. They will be dwelt upon with rapture by the coming orators and poets of Masonry, who will embalm the scenes in the genius of eloquence and inspiration of poetry.

"The sacrifices and achievements of such men as Austin, Wharton, Anson Jones, Rusk, Houston, and others in founding the magnificent empire which we now enjoy, excites our special wonder and tempts the belief 'that there were giants in the earth in those days.' And when we reflect that contemporaneously therewith they sought to establish Masonry upon a sure and firm foundation in this fair land, our wonder is converted into gratitude, and, as was so well said by Grand Master Sayers, we find the strongest incentives to preserve and perpetuate the heritage they have transmitted to us.

"Yes, brethren! the Institution of Freemasonry is worth preserving and perpetuating. It is a house not made with hands. It is a blending of the spiritual of another life with the realistic of this. It is a Temple which has its corner-stone and stable foundations in Truth and Charity; it has its mystic crypts, its sacred fanes, and its towering columns, while above bends its canopy, fretted with the tracery of Deity's hand. In the heart of every true Mason this Temple has its shrine, while its entire fabric is hallowed by God's Word, and every part made strong and lasting by the cement of brotherly love. Let us keep pure and holy this glorious structure, and we may hope to walk by the beautiful River of Life and enjoy forever the beatitudes of the Just.

We seek that City Grand,  
The House of Deity.  
By His Divine omniscience planned,  
Based through all depths by God's right hand,  
Reared to all height, whose pillars stand,  
Built for Eternity."

The Grand Master stated, during the session, that he had requested R. W. Bro. Philip C. Tucker, Past Grand Master, to give him the benefit of any information possessed by him, relative to the legitimate Lodges in Mexico. Past Grand Master Tucker, stated in answer, by letter, that there are regular Grand Lodges in several states, and in others, subordinate Lodges only; that its Freemasonry is as regular as Texas Freemasonry, and that it is in the hands of the better classes, and of men whom any Freemason should be pleased to hail as brethren.

A Grand Lodge of Sorrow was held on December 16th, 1877, in memory of a large number of brethren. An appropriate and eloquent address was delivered by Past Grand Master James F. Miller.

Bro. Norton Moses, of Stricklinge, was elected Grand Master, and Bro. Bringhurst re-elected as Grand Secretary.

The proceedings throughout the session were quite interesting, and want of space alone prevents us from further dwelling on them.

Bro. E. H. Cushing again comes to the front with an interesting and able report on foreign correspondence. Our proceedings for 1877 are fully reviewed. The following extract will, no doubt, prove of interest to our brethren of this jurisdiction :

"The Grand Master, Bro. John G. Fleming, alludes to the want of harmonious intercourse between that Grand Lodge and that of Canada. This was occasioned by the friendly relations of Canada with France, notwithstanding the unwarranted invasion by France of the territory of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. The Grand Master says :

"I trust, brethren, that you and the committee will, upon reflection, agree with me in the opinion that the condition set forth in this resolution is one of doubtful propriety, bearing, as it does, upon matters between two Grand Masonic Bodies that are equals in supremacy. No matter how sorely we may feel, or how much we may deplore the wrongs that have been done us by the Grand Orient of France, I do not think that it is either Masonic or wise in us to undertake to cut ourselves loose from friendly relations with other Grand Bodies because they will not, one and all, ignore the Grand Orient."

"The question is one that needs to be discussed. If Canada recognizes France, and admits visitors from France and also from Louisiana, the question arises, to what extent visitors from Louisiana can hold intercourse with their enemies under the hospitality of Canada. On the other hand, if the suspension and interdiction of intercourse with France by Louisiana affects all Grand Lodges with whom it has friendly relations, then it is in the power of Louisiana to dictate the relationship of all the Grand Lodges. Both these conclusions border on absurdity. What then? It is time that an understanding should be arrived at as to what is the force of withholding intercourse between Grand Bodies. There are certain so-called Masonic Lodges in the United States that are clearly clandestine, and with which no American Mason can hold any intercourse. Of this class is the whole brood that has sprung from the illegitimate Prince Hall stock, in Massachusetts. If, now, European Grand Bodies recognize these, and hold intercourse with them, can we recognize and hold intercourse with those who do so? In our opinion, clearly not. We must place the ban of non-intercourse upon all who recognize and hold fraternal relations with those whom we cannot; and this ban must extend to all the collateral relationships. If Germany recognizes Prince Hall, and Canada associates with Germany, then we must turn the back of the hand to Canada, and all American Grand Lodges will, in self-defense, be compelled to take this position. And since the membership of the genuine Masonic Lodges in the United States constitute two-thirds of the Freemasons upon the face of the globe, such a position taken and adhered to must, necessarily, in the end, govern the whole fraternity.

"It then comes to this : Is the so-called clandestine organization in Louisiana really so? Does it admit men unqualified for fraternity under the principles and conditions recognized and recognizable by us? Does it admit slave-born men, or those who are not sound in mind and member, or women, or atheists, or libertines? If so, there is no escaping the consequence. We must cut off, not only them, but all their congeners, copartners or friends. And when the Body of Freemasonry in America, or a ruling majority of the Body, agrees to pronounce anybody clandestine, it forces all others who would maintain relationship with it to do the same. Majorities are powerful, from the

nature of the case. Overwhelming majorities are bound to rule the Body."

Writing of R. W. Bro. John C. Gordy, Bro. Cushing says: "He will be remembered by Texas Masons of twenty-five years ago, as disseminating Chapter work in this State. His Lodge-work differed then somewhat from ours." Our remarks touching Mexico and Brazil, in our report for 1877, are quoted in full. Speaking generally of our first effort, Bro. Cushing kindly says: "The report on foreign correspondence is extensive and well done. It is by a new hand at the business, and he does remarkably well." We deeply appreciate the compliment, coming, as it does, from so excellent a source. We regret to note that Bro. Cushing is not on the correspondence committee for 1878.

Raised during the past year, 921; affiliated, 981; reinstated, 139; dimitted, 1134; suspended, 304; expelled, 52; died, 297; rejected, 369. Total number of Lodges, 397. Total membership, 16,856.

Since writing the foregoing, we have been informed that Brother Cushing has recently died. If the information is true, it is a calamity to our sister State. Bro. Cushing, was not alone a bright, erudite Mason, but the Nestor of Texas journalists.

#### U T A H .

This Grand Lodge held its Sixth Annual Grand Communication in Salt Lake City, in November, 1877. Bro. James M. Orr, Grand Master; Bro. Christopher Diehl, Grand Secretary. Six subordinate Lodges, the entire number in the jurisdiction, represented.

The Grand Master, in his address, says that the Supreme Grand Master has been kind to his jurisdiction; that the Angel of Death has not been in their midst; that several subordinate Lodges have increased in numbers, wealth and influence, during the last Masonic year, and that peace, comfort and happiness have attended their homes. Truly, a happy picture! We found nothing of general interest among the Grand Master's decisions. The Grand Orient of France, and its recent action, are treated in an appropriate manner by the Grand Master. His entire address reflects credit upon himself and his jurisdiction.

Bro. Diehl, Grand Secretary, as is usual with him, submitted an excellent and complete report, in which he pronounced comprehensive and eloquent eulogies on the late John Dove, of Virginia, and George Frank Gouley, of Missouri.

The Grand Lodge of Cuba was duly recognized.

Bro. John Shaw Scott, of Salt Lake City, was elected Grand Master, and Bro. Diehl, of the same place, re-elected Grand Secretary.

Bro. Diehl is not alone a good Grand Secretary, but an excellent and reliable Masonic reviewer. His opinions are always just, liberal and correct. At this session he submitted an able report on foreign correspondence, numbering about forty-five pages. Our proceedings for 1877

receive fraternal recognition and treatment. Our own humble efforts for that year were very kindly received by Bro. Diehl. With him, we regret that his proceedings for 1876 did not reach us in time for our report of the year following. For the last two years we have been more fortunate, in promptly receiving the interesting proceedings of our far-off Western sister.

Our article on the Necessity of Foreign Correspondence, in our report for 1877, under the head of Georgia, is published approvingly by Bro. Diehl in full.

Raised during the past year, 29; affiliated, 17; reinstated, 2; dimitted, 17; suspended, 3; died, 2; rejected, 12. Total membership, 367.

#### VERMONT.

This Grand Lodge met in Eighty-fifth Annual Grand Communication, in June, 1877. Bro. Henry H. Smith, Grand Master; Bro. Henry Clark, Grand Secretary. The representatives of eighty-nine subordinate Lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master's address reports the death of many bright Masons of that jurisdiction. Bro. Smith thinks it is well enough to confer the Past Master's degree on Worshipful Masters elect, but that he has never been able to find any authority for the same. Here is a portion of what he says on the subject:

"I deem it well enough to confer the Past Master's degree on a Master elect, but not essentially necessary, and I beg the privilege of enlarging upon this subject a moment, because it appears to be considered quite important, indeed, in some jurisdictions, and very much unsettled. Neither Grand nor subordinate Lodges have such a degree or the right to confer it. No one disputes that. The only Past Masters recognized in Blue Masonry are those who have been duly elected, installed and passed the chair, and, in any event, none but such actual Past Masters can confer the degree in question, should it be held to be part of the installation service or ceremony.

"The three degrees, taken together, constitute Blue Lodge Masonry, and Grand Master Eginton, of Kentucky, says, 'they form the cornerstone and foundation of the Universal Temple.'"

Bro. Smith has a great many sharers in his belief in this jurisdiction. We have a distinguished Past Grand Master, who not only believes that the degree is unnecessary and unauthorized, but says that it was never conferred upon him. We consider that the matter is not of sufficient importance for a thorough search among "Ancient Masonry," landmarks and regulations, and believe that the conferring of the degree can do no harm in any event.

The Grand Master devotes a chapter to the "Prince Hall Grand Lodge," of Boston, and to "Colored Masonry," specially. As this subject is pretty well understood by this time, we will not devote any space to it.

Grand Master Smith emphatically announces, in concluding this subject, that a Masonic Lodge cannot be established in any State, except under the authority of the legally constituted Grand Lodge of that

State. This doctrine is pretty well shared in now by *all* American jurisdictions.

Bro. Smith appears to be a firm believer in the benefits resulting from the system of foreign correspondence. In his address, he says: "I have read with the deepest interest every report received during the past year, and very many old ones, kindly furnished me by our Grand Secretary, and I can truthfully say I have gleaned from them more information than from all other sources combined." The address of Grand Master Smith is one of the best that it has been our good fortune to read this year. He appears to be thorough in his work, and states his conclusions clearly and emphatically. These are good qualities in a Grand Master. We are glad to note that Bro. Smith was re-elected.

One hundred and six pages on foreign correspondence were submitted by Bro. Henry Clark, chairman of the committee. This brother has also added a new feature, but, unlike some others, it is a good one. Preceding his report, he furnishes, in a condensed form, what is said of the Grand Lodge of Vermont by other committees, either in commendation or criticism, under the head of different jurisdictions. We rather like the method, for it presents to every reader what every other jurisdiction thinks and says of his own and its officials. Nearly four pages are devoted to our proceedings of 1876. Past Grand Master Fleming's chapters on "Ontario, Frankfurt-on-the-Maine and Saxony," were reproduced in full. The return of the boy Arthur Crane, to his home in Baltimore, by Past Grand Master Fleming, was also related. Much other matter is extracted from our proceedings of that year, and the whole most fraternally and approvingly treated.

Raised during the past year, 230; affiliated, 57; reinstated, 14; died, 76; dimitted, 135; suspended, 97; expelled, 3; rejected, 78. Total number of Lodges, 100. Total membership, 8396.

## VIRGINIA.

This Grand Lodge held its Annual Grand Communication in Richmond in the month of December, 1877. Bro. Richard Parker, Grand Master; Bro. William B. Isaacs, Jr., Grand Secretary. The representatives of one hundred and ninety-seven subordinate Lodges in attendance. In his annual address, the Grand Master said: "Since our last Annual Communication, our body has been almost entirely exempt from the ravages of our great enemy—Death; in this respect forming a striking contrast to our last assemblage, at which we had to mourn the loss of three of our most esteemed and valued officers." The Grand Master expressed the thanks of Virginia for the expressions of sympathy which came from the whole Masonic world as tributes to her departed sons. We note from the same address that the One Hundredth Anniversary of Masonry in Virginia occurred on the thirteenth of October, 1878.

The Grand Master strongly censured the action of a member of a

subordinate Lodge for having publicly and seriously avowed that no Jew should be admitted within his Lodge. The Grand Master also directed the District Deputy to warn the brother that had thus offended that unless he changed his erroneous and unmasonic principle, and conformed to what Masonry required, charges would be preferred against him. We think charges should have been preferred at once. Conduct so unmasonic in a man and a Mason is worthy of no consideration.

Bro. Beverly R. Welford, Jr., of Richmond, was elected Grand Master, and Bro. William B. Isaacs, Jr., re-elected Grand Secretary.

A brief, but able, report on foreign correspondence was presented by Bro. W. F. Drinkard, and we are glad that the "Old Dominion" is once more in line in this respect. Our proceedings of 1877 are treated in the most fraternal manner. Many extracts are made from the address of Past Grand Master Fleming and our own report.

We would fain dwell longer with Bro. Drinkard and his interesting work, but time and space forbid—therefore, farewell!

Total number of Lodges, 231. Total membership, 9234.

#### WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

The Twenty-first Annual Grand Communication was held in Olympia, in June, 1878. Robert Crosby Hill, Grand Master; Thomas M. Reed, Grand Secretary. The representatives of twenty-two Lodges in attendance. The Grand Master's address is able and interesting, and touches many subjects upon which we would like to dwell if we could. Bro. Hill truthfully says, that in the Grand Lodge there "should be no hobbies to ride, no axes to grind. The Grand Lodge is no place for the qualification of selfish motive."

Bro. Elisha Peyre Ferry, of Harmony, was elected Grand Master, and Bro. Reed, re-elected Grand Secretary.

Grand Secretary Reed again furnished the report on foreign correspondence, and did it well.

We are glad to see that the resolution, adopted by this Grand Lodge in 1874, restricting the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to a simple acknowledgment of proceedings and presentation of statistics, is no longer in force. The *explanation* made by Bro. Reed, during the session in 1876, has evidently had a good effect, for during two years past we have had the pleasure of perusing able and interesting reports on correspondence, bound with the proceedings of this Grand Lodge. In the last, our proceedings for 1878 received the most kind and considerate treatment. The name of Grand Master Powell, however, is erroneously printed Porter. The entire space devoted to Louisiana is filled with quotations from our Grand Master's able address. For the compliment paid our report, we modestly present our thanks.

Initiated during past year, 34; passed, 40; raised, 42; admitted, 47;



reinstated, 8; suspended, 8; dimitted, 19; expelled, 4; died, 6; rejected, 16. Total number of Lodges, 24. Total Master Masons, 902.

### WEST VIRGINIA.

This Grand Lodge met in Thirteenth Annual Grand Communication in Martinsburg, commencing on the 13th of November, 1877. Bro. G. W. Atkinson, Grand Master; Bro. O. S. Long, Grand Secretary. The representatives of seventy-two Lodges in attendance. The Grand Master's address was able and full of interest. He decided many questions of Masonic law, and settled many disputes, none of which, however, are of general importance. Ten dispensations to form new Lodges were granted. We will mention one decision rendered by the Grand Master. Ten brethren signed a petition for the establishment of a new Lodge, and refused to pay their dues to the old one. The Grand Master sustained them in their refusal, on the ground that they could not be members of two Lodges at the same time. This was a little hard on the old Lodge. They "should have been off with the old before they were on with the new."

Bro. George Baird, of Wheeling, was elected Grand Master, and Bro. Long re-elected Grand Secretary.

Bro. Long presented a report on foreign correspondence, covering eight pages of the proceedings, and we must pay him the compliment to say, that he crowded as much important matter into the small space as it could possibly contain. His opening is as follows:

"Your so-called Committee on Foreign Correspondence is almost ashamed to come before you again with a barren report, and again to offer in extenuation the somewhat thread-bare plea of 'unavoidable circumstances,' etc.; (for what the etc. means, see former reports of this committee.)"

We sympathize with Bro. Long, for we think we understand his feelings. West Virginia should make a "new departure" in this direction, for she can afford it in every way.

Raised during past year, 167; affiliated, 58; reinstated, 49; dimitted, 86; suspended, 151; expelled, 7; rejected, 49; died, 40. Total number of Lodges, 76. Total membership, 3308; decrease since last report, 123.

### WISCONSIN.

This Grand Lodge held its Thirty-fourth Annual Grand Communication in Milwaukee, June 11th and 13th, 1878. Bro. Jedd P. C. Cottrell, Grand Master; Bro. John W. Woodhull, Grand Secretary. The representatives of one hundred and eighty-eight subordinate Lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master, in his address, announces the glad tidings that death has not removed from the Grand Lodge, during the past year, any present or Past Grand Master. He reported but one dispensation for a new Lodge granted during the year. He thought that the formation of the new Grand Lodge in New South Wales was regular, and recom-

mends that, henceforth, all Masonic recognition be withheld from the Grand Orient of France. Three applications for dispensations were refused. It is useless for us to say that the address of Bro. Cottrell was truly able and interesting.

The Grand Secretary, as usual, made a full and comprehensive report as such.

The thanks of the Grand Lodge, and a Past Grand Master's jewel, were voted to Bro. Cottrell, who retired from the Grand Master's chair. Bro. Charles F. G. Collins, of Beloit, was elected Grand Master, and Bro. Woodhull, re-elected Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodges of Dakota, Prince Edward's Island and Manitoba, were duly recognized, and the papers and correspondence respecting the Grand Lodges of Cuba, New Mexico and New South Wales were placed on file, and recognition, for the present, withheld.

Grand Master Cottrell's recommendation to abolish affiliation fees was not sustained by the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master, perhaps, following the example of Louisiana, recommended *per capita* assessment of one dollar per year, for the purpose of building a Masonic temple. A special committee amended the recommendation so as to make it seventy cents per year for seven years, but the Grand Lodge laid the report upon the table.

While we are opposed to assessments for building new temples, we are decidedly in favor of them when the object is to pay our debts in order to keep what little useful property we now possess. In this respect Bro. Cottrell's recommendation differed from the action of Louisiana at our last Annual Communication.

Bro. John W. Woodhull again favored the Craft with an able report on correspondence, which we must insist again is entirely too brief for its merits. Bro. Woodhull seems to think that the assessment levied by our Grand Lodge, like that recommended by Bro. Cottrell, was intended for the building of a new Masonic temple. This is not so. As we have explained before, our assessment was for a different purpose.

Our colleague speaks of us as follows:

"Bro. George H. Braughn presented a very able report upon correspondence. He says 'we still feel our inexperience, and have in consequence been rather modest in combatting our more capable and older adversaries.' While it is true Bro. Braughn has been a little modest in his expression of opinions, we cannot subscribe to the latter portion wherein he talks about 'older adversaries.' (?) We don't like the words."

We fear that Bro. Woodhull has misconstrued our meaning. Masonic writers, like those on other subjects, cannot and do not always agree; therefore they contend and argue against each other, thereby becoming "adversaries." As we occasionally had to differ with colleagues older and more experienced than ourselves, we were "rather modest in com-

batting our more capable and older adversaries." We hope our able brother will "like" the explanation, and understand the meaning of our "words."

Raised during the past year, 530; affiliated, 202; reinstated, 90; dimitted, 356; suspended, 282; expelled, 3; died, 90. Total number of Lodges, 189. Total membership, 10,703.

#### W Y O M I N G.

The Third Annual Grand Communication was held in Evanston, October 9th, 1877. Bro. Frederick E. Addoms, Grand Master; Bro. William J. Tonn, Grand Secretary. The entire number of subordinate Lodges, four, were represented.

The Grand Master, in his address, announced that, during the year, peace and good-fellowship had prevailed throughout the jurisdiction; that they were gradually increasing in number and influence; that their financial condition continues to improve, and that, from a small beginning, they may, with economy and thrift, confidently look forward to great work in the future. "So mote it be!"

A dispensation for a new Lodge was granted during the year. The Grand Master recommended the formation of a Grand Lodge Library. The action of the Grand Orient of France was properly alluded to, and the Grand Master recommends the recognition of the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba. The latter recommendation was based upon a special report made by R. W. Bro. Mortimer C. Addoms, Grand Representative of Wyoming, near the Grand East of New York.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence coincided in the same view, and recognition was, therefore, accorded to the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba.

Bro. Orlando North was elected Grand Master, and Bro. William G. Tonn re-elected Grand Secretary. The latter submitted a condensed, but interesting, report on foreign correspondence, and reviews our proceedings of 1877.

The address of Past Grand Master Fleming is much commented on and approved.

Our first report (for 1877) is thus kindly noticed by our Western brother:

"The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is compiled by Bro. G. H. Braughn, (like ours, the brother's maiden effort). We see that he is to get his hand in, as he was reappointed to like duty for the coming year, and we predict that, with the past experience of the brother, and the surprising sample he has given us in his first efforts, Louisiana will have a reviewer of whom she may well be proud.

"Shake, Bro. Braughn; let us launch out together upon this, to us, unknown sea, and, if we can, help each other in our difficulties and stand by each other like men.

"Wyoming received handsome treatment at Bro. B.'s hands, he republishing her convention and part of the proceedings of the Communication of 1875."

As this is our last report, we will, no doubt, be pardoned for inserting a complimentary allusion, personal to ourselves. It is a little strange that, while reviewing Bro. Tonn's first report, we should be writing our last. We are truly sorry, for we would have liked to "help" Bro. Tonn, as he kindly and flatteringly asked us to do, had the opportunity presented itself. As it is, we are constrained to say, editorially, Bro. Tonn, good-bye!

Raised during the past year, 29; affiliated, 13; reinstated, 2; dimitted, 2; suspended, 2; expelled, 2; died, 2; rejected, 7. Total number of Lodges, 5. Total membership, 300.

## FOREIGN GRAND BODIES.

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### ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

From documents before us, and which we have received, we can safely say, that although much confusion now exists in Masonic circles in this jurisdiction, yet the time is not far distant when we will be happy to chronicle but one Grand Body, recognized by all the subordinate bodies now working separately. The efforts are strong from all sides to arrive at that conclusion, and, it is to be hoped, that in our next annual report, we will have to dwell at length upon Masonry in that country, and renew our interrupted fraternal intercourse with the only one recognized Masonic power of the country. Until then, we think it advisable for us not to depart from the course pursued by us, and suggested in our last report.

### "CUBA" AND "COLON."

Though we were empowered, by resolution, to act upon the application for recognition of these two Grand Bodies "during refreshment," we are not prepared to offer anything upon the subject. We stand where we did when our last report was made—neutral, between the two Bodies, unprepared to recognize either.

### EGYPT.

The "Memfi Resorta" of the month of May, 1878, has been carefully read by us. It contains the proceedings of the Grand Orient of Egypt, composed of the Grand National Lodge and the Supreme Council 33° in that jurisdiction. It refers, among other interesting matters to the agreement entered into between the Grand National Lodge, and the Supreme Council, under the authority of the Grand Orient, by which the administration of the three symbolic degrees is left entirely to the Grand Lodge, and that of the higher degrees from the 4°, to the Supreme Council, (p. 257.) We have not yet received the constitutions, regulations and by-laws of said Grand Body, as the same have not yet been reported by the committee, to which it was referred (p. 258.) We are anxious to have them before us, before we can recommend the recognition of said Grand Lodge. It strikes us, however, that both the "Grand National Lodge" and the "Supreme Council 33°" are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient or form the "Grand Orient of Egypt." The "Parte Officiale," (p. 249) is headed "Grande Oriente D'Egitto Gran Loggia Nazionale," and contains the proceedings of the

Grand Lodge; and on page 288 we read again, "Grande Oriente D'Egitto Supr. Cons. dei 33., per l'Egitto e dipendenza," which contains the proceedings of the said Supreme Council. Without any further comments upon the sovereignty and independence of said Grand Body, we will wait for the constitutions, and regulations which, perhaps, will throw some light on the subject. The "Memfi Resorta" refers in very flattering terms to the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and informs us that, although the Grand Orient of Egypt, two years ago, was in very friendly terms with the Supreme Council of Louisiana, still, as soon as they were aware of its unlawful, irregular and clandestine standing, they cut off all their fraternal intercourse with said body. We approve the course of our brothers in Egypt, and hope that all the Masonic Bodies, which have fallen into the same error, will, at some future time, acknowledge their great wrong. The Grand Orient complains that the proceedings of our Grand Lodge are not regularly sent to them, and to this we call the attention of our worthy Grand Secretary.

## S P A I N .

We have received the constitutions of the Grand Orient of Spain, and with them certain documents representing the necessity of an interchange of Grand Representatives. Although it would be our fervent wish to hold fraternal intercourse and interchange of representatives with well-established and recognized Masonic Grand Bodies, yet we think that the condition of Masonry in that country, so far as the supremacy of its government is concerned, will not permit us, at this present moment, to pronounce definitely upon the subject. These questions of Grand Orients and Supreme Councils have given us much trouble of late, and we do not see the reason why we should not postpone recognition until further developments in this instance.

## U R A G U A Y .

The Grand Orient of Uruguay informs us that, contrary to Masonic usages, and against all adopted laws, the Grand Orient of Italy has established two Lodges within the jurisdiction of Uruguay. They warmly protest against such action, and declare said two Lodges, viz: "Garibaldi Lodge and "E. Figli del'Unita Italiana Lodge," irregular. We approve our brothers from Uruguay, and will always denounce, as anti-masonic, such encroachments on a recognized Masonic jurisdiction.

We have also learned, with deep pain, the death of R. W. Bro. Louis Lerena, Deputy Grand Master and Lieutenant Grand Commandery. His Masonic life had endeared him to all his fellow-Masons, and his zeal, perseverance and abnegation for Masonry, were beyond parallel. To our brothers from Uruguay, we extend our most heartfelt sympathies.

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We are again indebted to R. W. Bro. John W. Simonds, of New York, for the following pages upon England, Ireland, Scotland, German

Grand Lodge League, Three Globes of Berlin, Saxony, "Zur Eintracht," at Darmstadt; "Zur Sonne," at Bayreuth; Grand Lodge of Prussia, "Royal York, Zur Freundschaft," "Eclectic Union," at Frankfort-on-the Main; Grand Lodge of Hungary and the Grand Lodge "Alpina," of Switzerland.

We have been pressed for time and could not devote ourselves to the foreign work, and then Bro. Simonds is so much abler, that our immediate brethren will, we are satisfied, readily forgive us. We know Bro. Simonds will, for he says that he works for the benefit of the Craft generally, and that he rejoices when he can help the corps "reportorial." We show by our large quotation that, in our section, his labor is very highly appreciated.

#### " E N G L A N D .

We have the Transactions at the usual Quarterly Communications of the Mother Grand Lodge, but find in them nothing of general interest, save the fact of its splendid charities and the careful administration of the brethren in charge. Our English brethren not only give with a liberal hand, but with a ready cheerfulness that enhances the gift. More than this, it is understood that the loss to the Grand Lodge, by the failure of the banking-house with which the Grand Treasurer was connected, will be promptly made good by private subscriptions. No fail in their vocabulary.

On the French Grand Orient movement, the Grand Lodge of England has adopted the following resolutions, prefaced by a copy of the law as it was, thus :

'Freemasonry, an institution essentially philanthropic, philosophical and progressive, has for its object the inquiry after truth, the study of universal morality, sciences and arts, and the practice of benevolence.

'1. Its principles are the existence of God, the immortality of the soul, and human solidarity.

'2. It regards liberty of conscience as the common right of every man, and excludes no person on account of his belief.

'3. Its motto is Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity.'

And as amended and now reads, thus :

'Freemasonry, an institution essentially philanthropic, philosophical and progressive, has for its object the inquiry after truth, the study of universal morality, science and arts, and the practice of benevolence.

'1. Its principles are absolute liberty of conscience and human solidarity.

'2. It excludes no person on account of his belief.

'3. Its motto is Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity.'

The committee have carefully considered this action on the part of the Grand Orient of France, and having regard to all circumstances of

the case, they have unanimously agreed to recommend the following resolutions for the adoption of Grand Lodge :

*'1st Resolution.* That this Grand Lodge views with profound regret the step taken by the Grand Orient of France in thus removing from its constitution those paragraphs which assert a belief in the existence of T. G. A. O. T. U., because such an alteration is opposed to the traditions, practice, and feelings of all 'true and genuine' Masons from the earliest to the present time.

*'2d Resolution.* That this Grand Lodge, whilst always anxious to receive in the most fraternal spirit the brethren of any foreign Grand Lodge whose proceedings are conducted according to the Ancient Landmarks of the Order, of which a belief in T. G. A. O. T. U. is the first and most important, cannot recognize as 'true and genuine' brethren any who have been initiated in Lodges which either deny or ignore that belief.

*'3d Resolution.* That in view of the foregoing resolutions, the W. Masters of all Lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of England be directed not to admit any foreign brother as a visitor unless—

*'First,* He is duly vouched for or unless his certificate shows that he has been initiated according to the Ancient rites and ceremonies in a Lodge professing belief in T. G. A. O. T. U., and

*'Second,* Not unless he himself shall acknowledge that this belief is an essential landmark of the Order.

*'4th Resolution.* That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be transmitted to the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland, to each Grand Lodge with which this Grand Lodge is in communication, and to the W. Masters of all Lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of England, and that it be an instruction to the W. Master of each Lodge to read these resolutions at the first meeting of his Lodge after the reception thereof, and to direct that they shall be entered upon the minutes.'

#### I R E L A N D .

At the stated Communication of this Grand Lodge, held in November last, the following resolution was adopted :

*'Whereas,* The Grand Lodge of Ireland has received official notification that the Grand Orient of France has altered the first article of its Constitution from its previous form, and omitted therefrom, as one of its fundamental principles, a belief in the existence of God, and the immortality of the soul, the Grand Lodge of Ireland hereby

*'Resolves,* 'That the Grand Orient of France having, by such alteration, rendered admissible, as members of Lodges within its jurisdiction, individuals who do not believe in the existence of a personal deity, has thereby caused a breach in the foundations of Ancient Masonry, and acted in violation of the first great principle of the Order; and, therefore, the Grand Lodge of Ireland hereby declares that it cannot continue to recognize the Grand Orient of France as a Masonic body,



and directs all Lodges, working under the Irish Constitution, to decline receiving as Masons any person hailing from the Grand Orient of France, or from any subordinate Lodge under its jurisdiction.'

Further than this we have nothing, but the resolution goes to show that our Irish brethren stand on the old ways, and affords us the opportunity to say that the Craft in this country would be glad to hear from them more frequently.

#### SCOTLAND.

We have received, and as a matter of fraternal courtesy, present the following:

'FREEMASONS' HALL, EDINBURGH, *March 7, 1878.*

'*To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York:*

'*Most Worshipful Sir and Dear Brother*—I am instructed by the Grand Master Mason of Scotland (Bro. Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart, Bart.), and the Grand Committee, to inform you that certain brethren belonging to Lodges in New South Wales, holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, have, in conjunction with others of the Irish Constitution, formed themselves into 'The Grand Lodge of New South Wales,' and now seek recognition as a lawfully constituted body.

'In asking you to withhold from this irregular and unconstitutional body recognition in any form, I beg to state that of the twenty-seven Scotch Lodges in New South Wales, eight only were represented at the meeting, at which the schismatics threw off their allegiance to their respective Grand Lodges.

'Bro. Dr. Sedgewick, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, and Bro. William Higstrim, Worshipful Provincial Grand Secretary, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of New South Wales, are doing all in their power to counteract the disloyal movement above referred to, and in this they have the cordial and fraternal co-operation of the District Grand Master and Lodges under the English Constitution.

'From information received from the Province, it appears that a great majority of the Scottish brethren are not only determined to remain staunch in their allegiance, but to repudiate the idea of severing a connection which they are so desirous to maintain with their Mother Grand Lodge.

'I have, therefore, respectfully to request that you will have the goodness to caution the Lodge under your jurisdiction against admitting, either as a member or visitor, any brother seeking to gain admission as a member of the so-called Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

'I am, Most Worshipful Sir and Dear Brother,

'Yours, faithfully and fraternally,

'D. MURRAY LYON,

'*Grand Secretary.*'

While we may so far comply with the foregoing request as to withhold recognition of the body referred to, until further advised, the history of the Grand Lodge of the Dominion of Canada would seem to indicate that sooner or later their example will be followed in all the British Colonies, and, therefore, without presuming to dictate, we respectfully suggest that the homely adage, 'What cannot be cured must be endured,' is likely to apply in this and other cases which may arise in the future.

We regret the absence of any other communication from this venerable Grand Lodge, and trust in the future to be more largely favored with its correspondence.

The address of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary will be found in the foregoing circular.

#### GERMAN GRAND LODGE LEAGUE.

No Official Protocol of the Diet of the German Grand Lodges' League, held at Dresden, May 20, 1877, has been received. We are highly indebted to the kindness of our Representative, near the Grand Lodge of Saxony, R. W. Bro. Von Mensch, for the following information :

Present, by representatives :

1. The Grand Landes Lodge of Freemasons in Germany, Berlin.
2. The Grand Lodge of Prussia, 'Royal York zur Freundschaft.'
3. The Grand Lodge of Hamburg.
4. The Grand Lodge 'Zur Sonne,' Bayreuth.
5. The Grand Lodge of Saxony, Dresden.
6. The Grand National Mother Lodge of the Eclectic Union, Frankfort-on-the-Main.
7. The Grand Lodge, 'Zur Eintracht,' Darmstadt.
8. The Grand National Mother Lodge, 'Zu den 3 Weltkugeln,' Berlin.

The above Grand Lodges of Germany were each represented by two or three brothers, among whom were seven Grand Masters and one Deputy Grand Master.

The proceedings, which commenced at 10 o'clock, A. M., and were continued, with one hour's intermission, till 4 o'clock, P. M., were conducted under the Chairmanship of the M. W. Bro. Eckstein, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saxony, in such a business-like manner that, at the closing of the session, the warmest thanks were voted to him by the brethren; for it was only with such a management possible to expedite the motions and propositions laid before the meeting in one day, particularly as there were so many diverging views and opinions.

It was to be regretted that three brothers, who were never absent from the meetings of the Grand Lodge League, and whose names are most favorably known among Masons, as well as the profane, viz :

Bros. Von Ziegler, Bluntschli, and Von Etzel, were not present to take part in the proceedings.

1. The Lodge 'Zu den 3 Schwertern,' working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Saxony, endeavored, in the year 1875, to establish a uniform procedure in the German Grand Lodges, regarding the age at which persons, desiring to join our Fraternity might be admitted, and proposed the age of twenty-four years, but sons of Masons at an earlier age.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Saxony had finally and unanimously decided that the completed twenty-first year should be the age for admission, making an exception for the sons of Masons, and appointing the eighteenth year for their admission, and had moved at the meeting of the Grand Lodge League, in 1876, to fix a rule in regard to this matter for the whole of Germany.

Although there was a general desire expressed for fixing a standard age for admission, after long debates, which took place in the meetings of the Grand Lodge League this year, and notwithstanding the acknowledged beneficial influence and the great advantages which, by admission into our Fraternity, were granted to younger brothers who devote themselves to their studies at different Universities or go on board of ships about the world; such uniformity of action, however, could not be agreed upon, for it was found almost impossible to compel the Lodges of Germany, in their independence, to change in any way their different By-Laws.

They did not regard it as a misfortune, but thought it even better if riper, more experienced, and better situated men join the Fraternity of Freemasons, than too young people, not quite conscious of their self-dependence.

The Prussian Grand Lodges were very scrupulous as to the admission of any candidate before the completion of his twenty-fifth year.

The political acknowledgment of these Grand Lodges rests on an edict of October 25, 1798. This constitutional patent requires the completion of the twenty-fifth year for admission; and the representatives of these Grand Lodges deemed it very inconsiderate, especially at the present time, to change any stipulation prescribed by this edict. Therefore they generally agree to pass this subject and proceed to the regular business, observing, however, that the adhering to or changing of the by-laws, regarding the age of admission, should be left with each Lodge in Germany, and in accordance with the constitution of the Grand Lodge to whose jurisdiction each Lodge belongs.

Only two Grand Lodges, that of Hamburg and the other of Saxony, spoke against this resolution.

2. The second subject embraced the reports of the Grand Lodges received up to the present time. The same transactions and events in the Masonic world are communicated in each report of the eight Grand

Lodges of Germany. Eight reporters are engaged in it, whose reports very often differ and have even led to misapprehensions.

In order to cause a desirable simplification of these reports, the M. W. Grand Lodge of Saxony moved, in the meeting of the Grand Lodge League, that there might hereafter be given by the eight Grand Lodges only *one* annual report of the affairs of Freemasonry and its workings in foreign countries, so that the annual reports of the German Grand Lodges could dispense with that subject entirely.

The Grand Lodge Diet unanimously adopted this motion. The several Grand Lodges are to appoint, for the acting Grand Lodge, those brothers on the affairs, relations and actions of the foreign Lodges, which reports will be compared and then published annually as the Report of the eight United German Grand Lodges. Each Grand Lodge, however, has the right to send information about its own doings. This annual report will then be sent to foreign Grand Lodges instead of the eight reports, as heretofore. The Grand Lodge of Saxony has not declared her intention to agree with it.

3. In deliberating upon this subject, a great many complained bitterly of the present state of the Masonic press, which slights the secrets of Freemasonry and thoughtlessly prints many a secret, and in doing so gives away what ought to be guarded against in the interest of a vigorous existence of the Brotherhood.

They thought to work successfully against these mistakes; it would be advisable for the German Grand Lodge League to establish a general organ for Masonic literature, which ought to be edited in a true Masonic spirit.

This matter has been laid over to be acted upon at the next annual session of the League.

4. The Grand Lodge 'Zur Sonne, in Bayreuth,' proposed a common representation of the eight German Grand Lodges near foreign Grand Lodges, by one representative, and in regard to it submitted a rule, which was to be the next subject in the regular order of business at the Grand Lodge Diet.

But the Grand Lodge, when making this motion, felt that to carry out such a proposition would be very difficult as long as there were in Germany eight Grand Lodges, each one having special interests, which could hardly be represented by one common representative near the foreign Grand Lodges, and for that reason it was in favor of sending representatives of each Grand Lodge near a foreign Grand Lodge.

This fundamental idea was in this way ventilated, and as the form of examination, instruction, the expenses, election, etc., of one general representative has not yet been settled, they fully appreciated the principle idea of the motion, but dropped it and proceeded to the regular order of business.

5. The Grand Lodge 'Zur Sonne, at Bayreuth,' had offered for

adoption a regulation, drawn by Bro. Putschkin, which contained directions in behalf of the admission of candidates.

Essential modifications of the first sketch were made by Brother Putschkin at the meeting of the League. This circumstance, and the conviction that the adoption of the first sketch without these modifications and other changes seemed to be hazardous, caused the motion, seconded by the Grand Lodge of, Saxony, as follows :

That the framing of the laws respecting admission and balloting for candidates, is within the province of the several Grand Lodges to be postponed, and the Diet proceed with its regular business.

Had this motion been adopted, there would have been time since then to renew it in a new form at some future time.

But this resolution, as well as the one of Bro Putschkin's, to drop the subject entirely, were not entertained, but the Diet proceeded to the regular order of business, and deliberated upon the proposed regulations, and discussed very thoroughly the many modifications propounded.

These regulations, adopted afterwards at the Diet, were recommended to the Grand and subordinate Lodges for the establishment of brotherly reciprocity, and read as follows :

'If a candidate resides in a place where or near which there is a Lodge, and seeks for admission in any other Lodge, such Lodge must ask for information of the former, which information should be given within six weeks.

'If in that time no answer be returned, the inference will be drawn that nothing can be said against the candidate, provided always the letter of inquiry has reached its address.

'But if, on the other hand, objections are made, the inquiring Lodge has to consider them conscientiously, but if finding them unimportant, they ought to be settled with the other Lodge in a brotherly spirit.

'Should a settlement between the two Lodges not be arrived at, the Lodge to which the application was made has to bring the subject before the Grand Lodge.

'A candidate cannot be proposed in any Lodge of another jurisdiction within a year from the day of his rejection or postponement.

'If he should apply after the elapse of one year for admission into a Lodge of another jurisdiction, this last one has to inquire of the first one whether the objections to the admission of the candidate prevail any longer, and in such a degree that they think him unworthy to be admitted into the Lodge under the other jurisdiction, and to the Masoic Fraternity.

'If this Lodge insists upon her protest, the other Lodge is not permitted to consider his application any further.

'It will then be the business of the Grand Lodge to make final decision on these propositions recommended by the Grand Lodge Diet, and which will probably be most useful to the Masonic Fraternity, and

thus settle the details between themselves and cause good understanding between their sister Lodges, so that, in this respect, there would be a perfect harmony among the German Freemasons.'

6. The Grand Mother Lodge of the Eclectic Union in Frankfort moved:

'To allow the five isolated Lodges of Germany, acknowledged in their independence at the Grand Lodge Diet, namely, 'Minerva' and 'Baldwin,' in Leipsic; 'Archimedes,' in Altenburg; 'Archimedes zum ewigen Bunde,' in Gera; and 'Karl zum Rautenkranz,' in Hildburghausen, to have a co-equal representation in the Grand Lodge League, and consequently to establish a united representation of the whole German Fraternity, and the resolutions of the Grand Lodge Diet to become binding and obligatory also on these five Lodges.'

This motion, however, carried the germ of defeat in itself, since the Grand Lodge Diet is no representative of all the German Lodges, but only a common organ for the promotion of German Freemasonry.

Therefore the resolutions of the Grand Lodge Diet are in no way binding upon the German Grand Lodges and their subordinates.

If the five isolated Lodges want a representation in the Grand Lodge Diet, they have simply to join one of the German Grand Lodges.

But they do not wish to be considered as Lodges under the jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge, and claim to be their equals.

The Grand Lodge Diet could not make such a concession, for then it would have ceased to be a Grand Lodge Diet.

The motion was rejected, with six against two votes (Darmstadt and Frankfort).

7. Another motion of the same Grand Lodge (Frankfort) was withdrawn, on recognition of the impossibility to carry it out.

It reads as follows:

'The Grand Lodge Diet requests the acting Grand Lodge to enter into connection directly or indirectly with every Grand Lodge with which it can communicate, for the purpose of establishing a full harmony and equality in all Masonic signs,' etc.

8. Action on the request of the Grand Orient of Spain for acknowledgment was postponed, because the relations, actions and spirit of that body were not sufficiently known to warrant such a step; but the acknowledgment of the (Scotch) Grand Orients of Hungary, Egypt and the Argentine Republic, in Buenos Ayres, was refused.

Finally, a general consent, very promising to German Freemasonry, was given to a suggestion pronounced by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Pfaltz, of Darmstadt, saying:

'The eight Grand Lodges of Germany should mutually communicate to each other their constitution and laws, and also their rituals used in the three degrees of St. John's Masonry.'

Such an exchange, it was asserted, will gradually overcome or

conquer, to the benefit of Masonry, the false impressions and opinions, here and there met with, in regard to St. John's Masonry, as well as the disagreeable misunderstandings often provoked by some Grand Lodges and brothers, because the respective constitutions, laws and rituals were not fully understood.

If the constitutions, laws and rituals are generally and fully understood, there is no doubt that in time they will be purified to such an extent as necessity demands, made more harmonious and better adapted to the wants of the times.

The Grand Lodge Diet took no action on the existing difficulties, right of jurisdiction, etc., between the Grand Lodge League and the Grand Lodge of New York, stating that no action could be taken before an official answer was received from our Grand Master. But we earnestly hope that all existing difficulties will be healed at the next Grand Lodge Diet, and the more so because our M. W. Bro. Couch has written to M. W. Bro. Echstein.

#### GRAND LODGE 'ZU DEN DREI WELTKUGELN' (THREE GLOBES), AT BERLIN, PRUSSIA.

The Protocols of the different sessions of this Grand Lodge, from January to December, 1877, have been received, and we state their most important features.

At the session of March 8th, the National Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Zschiesche presiding, an election of two members took place, and the Brothers J. L. E. Krug and A. B. M. Sippel were elected and installed.

Bro. Shaper made a report in which he described the celebration of the Centennial of the Lodge 'Maria zum goldenen Schwert,' in Coeslin, on January 9th, containing the Masonic sentiments and congratulatory letters of the Protectors, His Majesty, the Emperor and King and His Imperial Highness, the Crown Prince of the German Empire and Prussia, which were written and sent by them on that festive occasion, received by the Lodge with Masonic honors, and the secretary charged to answer them by telegraph.

Bro. Kindler stated on January 21st, that the M. W. Bro. Zschiesche dedicated the new Temple of the Lodge 'Zur goldenen Krone,' at Stendal, and many members of the Grand Lodge and delegates of subordinate Lodges participated in the imposing and solemn ceremonies. The Grand Master, Bro. Zschiesche, was on that occasion elected an honorary member of said Lodge.

The session of March 22d, M. W. Bro. Zschiesche presiding, was held for the purpose of celebrating the eighty-first birthday of the most illustrious Protector, His Majesty, the Emperor of Germany and King of Prussia. All the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge 'Royal York zur Freundschaft,' and many brethren of the Grand Lodge were present.

After having opened the Grand Lodge in ample form, the Grand Master addressed the brethren as follows :

*'M. W., R. W. and beloved Brothers—*Undivided joy and true Masonic gladness shall and will reign in this hall to-day ; for we have met to celebrate a festival as it never was celebrated in our Fatherland since it enjoyed the happiness of being blissfully governed by the house of Hohenzallern. A ruler, gifted with every good quality of the heart, wise, affectionate, and active, highly favored by the great Architect of the Universe, completes to-day the eightieth year of his much agitated life in God-blessed health and vigor. What he has been to his people, what to Prussia, yea, what he has been and still is to the whole of Germany, the annals of Prussia and Germany will relate, and the history of our great Emperor and King, William I., will be read when centuries have passed by, and they will refer again and again to the heroic form of our veteran King, whom we, his contemporaries, are so happy to see face to face.

*'It is not the place here to enumerate the heroic deeds of our most excellent Prince, they are still alive in our memory ; but as members of our beloved Fatherland, we shall always feel, and particularly to-day, the great happiness we have been favored with, to be witnesses of the heroic deeds done hand in hand by our King and people.*

*'If we exult at that, our joy will be doubled by knowing that our King is at the same time the illustrious protector and defender of our Fraternity, that we may call him from the bottom of our hearts brother, not on account of being placed at the head of our Fraternity, but because he has proved himself to be by all his actions a true and genuine Freemason. Indeed, my brethren, he has acknowledged the pillars of our Temple, Wisdom, Beauty, and Strength, to be the foundation of every human action, and, therefore, we find in his endeavors, crowned by so rich and blissful a success always, wisdom united with love and persevering strength and energy to accomplish the designs he aimed at for the welfare of the country, intrusted to him by the Lord.*

*'In all his manifold cares and troubles, almost too much for one man's strength, in all his labors, straining every nerve of his body and mind, he has never forgotten his duty as a brother, which he assumed voluntarily. Has he not often expressed how great his love and affection is for the Fraternity, how much he enjoyed being a link in the chain of brothers, trusting in the earnest desire of the brotherhood to be and to remain true to the spirit of Freemasonry.*

*'And who of us, my dear brothers, would not like to be led on this way? Let the spirit of our brotherhood always be our leader! Not the form, not external ceremonies, not antiquated usages can nor may hold us in chains, when searching for light and truth. Therefore we are called and are Freemasons, and in this signification our Master and King is such an illustrious, radiant example. His life was dedicated to prudent progress; he took in account the signs of the age, the progress*



in science, art and industry, and being a good judge of the time and its wants, he meditated with wisdom upon the means by which an everlasting happiness of his people might be established, and he applied them with all the power which will lead to a happy result.

'Well, then, my brothers, let us learn by his illustrious example how to work on the pillars 'Wisdom, Beauty, and Strength,' in the narrow sphere of action allotted to us in this world; let us promise to our octogenarian ruler, our illustrious Emperor and King, who leads the way for Masons as a shining example before us, to work like him, and to work as long as there is day. Scarcely a man is so highly blessed as to reach eighty years in health and strength; but whosoever is greeted with old age, let him learn by this illustrious example that we shall work as long as we can, and never cease to strive to fulfill our calling by performing faithfully our duties on earth!'

After a fervent prayer by the Grand Master, the Grand Orator delivered a very eloquent speech, in which he referred to the Masonic merits of the Protector in glowing language.

We add, also, the congratulatory letter of the three Berlin Grand Lodges to His Majesty, the Emperor and King:

*'Most Serene Emperor and King, Most Worshipful Protector—*The anniversary of the birth of your Imperial and Royal Majesty, on which you have completed your eightieth year—a case very rarely occurring—awakens the liveliest sympathy, not only in our own country, but in almost every part of the globe, for everywhere the high importance and the rich blessing of your Imperial and Royal Highness is well known and appreciated.

*'But in the hearts of your Majesty's subjects especially, feelings of the highest veneration, of the most fervent love and gratitude are awakened, and we, the most humble signers, take leave in the name of all the members of the three Prussian Grand Lodges and their subordinate Lodges to give a feeble but heartfelt expression to these feelings.*

*'God, our Lord, who has hitherto spared your Majesty's precious life so wonderfully, may grant His grace to your Highness furthermore as a blessing to your royal family, to our beloved country, and our Fraternity.*

*'In whose name we solemnly promise anew, that we shall always endeavor to be worthy of the confidence with which your Imperial and Royal Highness has honored us.'*

A report of the M. W. Grand Master containing the most prominent proceedings of the Grand Lodges of Hungary, from December 27, 1875, up to January 22, 1877, is given, from which we shall quote in a future article.

The Protocol of May 3d shows that Bros. Kleeber and Sieber, the former the representative of the Grand Lodge 'Alpina,' and the latter the representative of the Lodge 'Zu den drei eisernen Bergen,' in Siegen, were installed, obligated, and received with Masonic honors.

Nine brothers of subordinate Lodges were proposed as honorary members, and unanimously elected.

A communication from the Grand Lodge 'Royal York zur Freundschaft' was received, stating to have instituted two St. John's Lodges, 'Zum Tempel der Wahrhiet,' in Kreuzburg, Upper Silesia, and 'Zur Sœule an den Vogesen,' in Muehlhausen, Alsace, and affiliated the St. John's Lodge 'Drei goldne Anker zu Liebe and Treue,' in Stettin, formerly under the jurisdiction of the 'Grosse Landes Loge von Deutschland,' which announcement was received with due Masonic honors, and the best wishes for the welfare and prosperity of the three Lodges were expressed. Forty-three members took part in the deliberations of this session.

The session of May 12th was especially convened for the purpose of deliberating upon some proposed amendments to the Constitution, all the Grand Officers and active members of the Grand Lodge, in all fifty-three brothers and one hundred and five delegates from subordinate Lodges, were present.

A very lively discussion took place, and two amendments to the Constitution, not receiving a two-third majority of the votes cast, were rejected, and so declared by the Grand Master.

The following amendment to the Constitution was almost unanimously adopted:

'Every member in good standing of a subordinate Lodge is eligible, as a delegate, to the Grand Lodge, provided he is officiating, or has officiated as Master, Deputy Master, Warden, or Orator, or has been in possession of the Master's degree for a period of three years.'

The session of June 24th, being St. John's Day, and the 137th Anniversary of this Grand Lodge, was very numerous visited, and, indeed, a very important one.

The Deputy National Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Kleiber, opened the Grand Lodge in due and ancient form, and with a very impressive prayer, and after some introductory remarks appropriate to the occasion, he stated that the Grand Master, Bro. Zschiesche, could not take part in the festivities on account of his failing health, and that he sends through him the most cordial and fraternal greetings as salutations to the assembled brethren, as well as to all the daughter Lodges.

Bro. Kleiber gave a full statement of the activity of the 'Bundes directorium,' and the Grand Lodge during the past Masonic year.

The 'Bundes directorium' held regular sessions every fortnight.

The Grand Lodge held four regular sessions and three special ones, devoted partly to the deliberation of internal affairs, and partly to matters concerning the Fraternity at large.

A legislative conference was held May 12th.

The annual meeting of the German Grand Lodge League took place in Dresden, on Pentecost, May 20th.

On November 12, 1876, a Lodge of Sorrow, in commemoration of deceased brothers of the jurisdiction, was held.

The birthday of the Most Illustrious Protector was celebrated on the 22d day of March, in the Temple, by the three Berlin Grand Lodges, and the celebration closed by a banquet.

During the last year, two members, and thirty-two honorary members of this Grand Lodge died, and five have withdrawn. The Grand Lodge has now 57 active members, 617 honorary members, and numbers 113 subordinate Lodges, with 13,736 brethren.

During the past Masonic year, nine brothers celebrated their fiftieth Masonic anniversary, and three Lodges, under this jurisdiction, their centennials, viz: The Lodges 'Memphis,' at Memee, August 5, 1876, 'Friedrich zum Goldnen Zepter,' at Breslau, December 10, 1876, and 'Maria zum Goldnen Schwert,' at Ceslin, January 9, 1877. Five new Masonic Temples were dedicated; of the Lodges 'Zu den 3 Hammern,' in Naumberg, September 3, 1876, 'Zum Hellen Licht,' in Hamm, September 17, 1876, 'Zu den 3 Rosenkrospen,' in Bochum, September 24, 1876, 'Zur Goldnen Krone,' in Stendal, January 21, 1877, and 'Zur Deutschen Redlichkeit,' in Iserlohn, June 17, 1877.

The Grand Lodge, distributed, for charitable purposes, 24,423 marks.

Annexed to this Proctocol is Bro. Veter's excellent report of the actions and proceedings of the Grand Lodge 'Royal York zur Freundschaft,' from December 4, 1876, to May 7, 1877, Bro. Graf von Wartensleben's report of the transactions of the 'United Grand Lodge of England,' from September, 1875, to March, 1877, Bro. von Lyncker's of those of the 'Supreme Council de Belgique,' from November 1, 1875, to November 1, 1876, Bro. Kleiber's of those of the 'Confederation Masonica Simbolica del Oriente de Buenos Airos,' November 1, 1870, and of 'Grand Oriente Unido e Supreme Conselho,' of Brazil, from May to August, 1876, and M. W. Bro. Zschiesche's of the Transactions of the Grand Lodge of the State of Virginia, of 11th, 12th, and 13th December, 1876.

The session of September 20, 1877, being the regular Quarterly Communication, was presided over by the Grand Master, and thirty-six brothers participated in the deliberations. The Grand Master notified the brethren that last July, in Ohlau, Schlesien, fifteen brethren had declared their intention to petition for a charter of a new Lodge, named 'Wilhelm zur Deutschen Eiche,' which petition had been recommended by the Most Illustrious Deputy Protector, and he asked the brethren for their consent.

A motion was made to approve the resolutions of this year's Grand Lodge Diet, among which only the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

'The German Grand Lodges agree to publish every year only one accurate report of the affairs of Freemasonry, and the activity of the

Craft in the various countries, in place of the reports which were, up to the present time, published by every Grand Lodge.'

The Grand Master expressed the wish that one of the brethren might volunteer his services for this purpose.

The other resolutions of the Grand Lodge Diet were referred to the Commission on Laws.

The Grand Master communicated to the Grand Lodge an extract of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge 'Royal York zur Freundschaft,' in regard to Bro. Gustav Adolph Schiffman, in which said Grand Lodge indorsed the resolution passed by the St. John's Lodge, 'Drei Goldne Anker zu Liebe Treue,' in Stettin, whose Master he was and still is, viz :

'That we (said Lodge) have never ceased to consider Bro. Gustav Adolph Schiffman as our brother and member, and that we acknowledge him in future as a Freemason and member of our Lodge.'

The names of the newly elected Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York were communicated to the brethren of the Grand Lodge.

This Protocol contains a very elaborate report of Bro. Groh, describing the proceedings at a festive Lodge, which was held in honor of W. Bro. Scholz, Deputy Master of St. John's Lodge, 'Luise zur Unsterblichkeit,' in Meseritz, May 19, 1877, on the occasion of his fiftieth Masonic anniversary.

A report is also given of the dedication of the new Temple of the Lodge 'Zur Deutschen Redlichkeit,' in Iserlehn, which took place July 1, 1877.

Bro. V. Schweinicken's report of a festival which was celebrated July 8, 1877, in Brieg, by the Lodge 'Friedrich zur Aufgehenden Sonne,' in honor of W. Bro. Fitzner, who has presided in the East for fifteen successive years, is also attached, and speaks in glowing terms of the virtues and high merits of Bro. Fitzner.

Then follows, in the same Protocol, Bro. Boehnea's description of the Centennial of Lodge 'Eugenia zum Gekroenten Loewen,' in Danzig, July 11, 1877, held April 20, 1877, and a speech by the Imperial Crown Prince to a deputation of the Hamburg Grand Lodge and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Niedersaxony, and we deem it worth while to translate it here for the information of the brethren :

'I am rejoiced to see you before me—a deputation of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg and of the Provincial Lodge of Lower Saxony—and I thank you for the sentiments and wishes you have expressed towards me. We see each other at a serious time, and must not forget that the future may bring forth embarrassing complications in Masonic relations. I regret that things have gone so far, and I cannot deny that the situation of the latter days has touched me personally with sorrow and grief. Occurrences which, according to my convictions, were only of a subordinate nature, have been misunderstood, have been

passionately judged, purposely misrepresented, and have led to the saddest consequences.

When I assumed, as Master, the direction and management of one system, I most earnestly endeavored to promote historical investigations, relying on the principle that Freemasonry has a noble foundation, as old as the world's history itself, which, however, was hidden under heterogeneous elements, from which it must be separated, if it should promote the welfare and happiness of mankind. I am also of the opinion that, in the last century, much has been incorporated into Masonry which does not belong to it, and that no system, indeed, has been free from such later additions. At present, many voices are heard in our Grand Landes Lodge expressing the same views, and believing that their system is based on traditions which are partly without any historical foundation, while on the other hand, many of its members insist upon their dearly beloved traditions and usages, seeing therein real intrinsic worth. But in spite of the most thorough investigation, both in the archives of the Grand Lodges and in private archives opened for our disposal, and in spite of many treasures found therein—even communications on the Swedish system were brought to view—still no valid proofs for reliable historical traditions could be found there, so that this question, even to this day, remains unsettled, as the proof to the contrary is not yet given, and hardly ever will be given.

May be that many a seeker for truth has become excited by his investigations; still each one had no other aim than to advance the prosperity of the Grand Landes Lodge; while, to my regret, I have observed that such honest endeavors have been misjudged and misrepresented from many sides. I have, however, a firm belief in a final solution of this difficult question, and whether it will be a favorable one or not, depends in the first place on the coming election of a new Grand Master, and whether a brother be found who is able and willing to untie the knot. In spite of all that has happened, I feel neither antipathy nor ill-will toward the Grand Landes Lodge, but only regret to find there such conflicting opinions.

If I have thus expressed to you my views so openly and decidedly, I have done so intentionally, because I stand before the representatives of two systems, and because, since the late occurrences, this is, to-day, the first time that an opportunity offers to express my opinions about them. But I wish expressly to be understood that my words shall not indicate a preference of one system over the other, nor signify a condemnation of either one, nor has my former position, at the head of the Grand Landes Lodge, given it a preference at the expense of the others. My office as Deputy Protector imposes on me the honorable task to devote equal energy to all the Grand Lodges, for the purpose of being useful in Masonry, and to propagate with my best abilities the principles of our royal art.

Thus I can only wish that the different systems of doctrine might,

as much as possible, be reconciled; that such a studied concealment of secrets toward brothers might be dropped, and that the Grand Lodges mutually communicate all peculiarities they have and know, or believe to have and know.

'Say to your brothers, that I ask of them very urgently to act everywhere in unison with well-understood Masonic principles, always enlightening and harmonizing, for then only may we succeed in reaching the final aim of our Brotherhood; otherwise the future of Freemasonry in Germany will be sad and gloomy.'

Extracts from the Protocols of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, of the Grossen Landes Lodge of Saxony, of the Grand Lodge 'zur Eintracht,' Darmstadt, and a ritual which was used at a Lodge of Sorrow, July 15, 1877, held in commemoration of the deceased Most Illustrious Protector Ludwig III., Grand Duke of Hessen, by said Grand Lodge, are given *in extenso*.

On November 2, 1877, as the Protocol of that day says, a Lodge of Sorrow was held, at which the M. W. Bro. Zschiesche presided, assisted by the Grand Wardens, Bros. Dahms and Krueckeberg, in memory of one member and twenty-six honorary members of the Grand Lodge and fifteen brothers of subordinate Lodges of this city, who departed their lives from November 22, 1876, up to November, 1877, on which occasion Grand Chaplain Bro. Maetznar delivered a very appropriate and impressive oration.

The Quarterly session, at which the Grand Master, Bro. Zschiesche, presided, took place December 6, 1877. Bro. Von Bredow, who had been elected as representative of the Lodges 'Germania,' at Shanghai, and 'Wilhelm zur Deutschen Eiche,' at Ohrlau, was introduced and installed. Several internal matters only of local interest were transacted. A report was made that the sixteen stipends which the Grand Lodge had power to grant and distribute had been given to sixteen students at German Universities, and their names were promulgated. Reports from the proceedings of the Grand Lodge 'Royal York zur Freundschaft,' the Grand Lodge of Hungary, the Grand Lodge of New York, the Grand Lodge of Lausanne, the Grand Lodge of California, the Grand Lodge of Missouri and the Grand Lodge of Idaho are annexed to this Protocol.

Bro. Maetznar's report, our worthy and able representative near this Grand Lodge, on the proceedings of our Grand Lodge session, is very full and elaborate, and we consider ourselves under great obligations to him that he has given to his Grand Lodge such a true and clear statement of our affairs.

#### GRAND LODGE OF SAXONY.

Our representative near this Grand Lodge, R. W. Bro. Von Mensch, has kindly transmitted to us their printed transactions No. 116 (May 9, 1877), No. 117 (October 8, 1877), and No. 118 (February 16, 1878).

At the session of May 9, 1877, Grand Master Bro. Eckstein presiding, were present the Grand Officers and the representatives of several Grand Lodges and the co-representatives of the eighteen subordinate Lodges. The Grand Master announced the departure of Bro. Frederick William Pfotenbauer, the representative of the Grand Orient of the Netherlands and the Supreme Council at Luxemburg, near this Grand Lodge, and spoke in very eloquent terms of the great virtues of the deceased brother, and the loss the Fraternity suffers by this bereavement. He further communicates to the Grand Lodge, that the Grand Lodge of Louisiana had notified him of their unwillingness to exchange representatives, because the German Grand Lodge League had recognized the colored Lodges of the United States. This number, 116, contains very little of general interest, and treats more about internal affairs, excepting reports from the Grand National Mother Lodge 'Zu den 3 Willkugeln;' from the Grand Lodge of Prussia, 'Royal York zur Freundschaft;' from the Grand Lodge 'Zur Sonne,' at Bayreuth; from the Grand Lodge 'Alpina;' from the Grand Lodge of Hungary, and from several subordinate Lodges.

The session of the Grand Lodge, October 28th, 1877, as is shown in Protocol 117, to which the subordinate Lodges have been specially invited on October 10th, was presided over by the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Kaeuffer, in the absence of Grand Master Bro. Eckstein. All the representatives and those of the German and Foreign Grand Lodges, with whom this Grand Lodge interchanges representatives, were present.

After the presiding officer had satisfied the Grand Lodge that the Grand Orient of the Netherlands had elected in place of the deceased Bro. Pfotenbauer, Bro. Carl Maritz Brieske, of Lodge 'Zum Goldenen Appel,' in Dresden, as its representative near this Grand Lodge, and after the disposal of other matters of local interest, he acknowledged the receipt of reports of representatives of German and foreign Grand Lodges; of annual reports and extracts from the Protocols of Lodges at Dresden, Chemnitz, Meissen, Planer and other cities; of a report from the Grand Orient of the Netherlands, describing the celebration of the sixtieth Masonic anniversary of the National Grand Master, the Prince Frederick, and that a medal had been stamped in commemoration of that festival; of an appeal for charity from the Grand Lodge of Hungary.

The election of Grand Officers for the next triennium (1878-80) took place with the following result: Bro. Eckstein, Grand Master; Bro. Sperber, Deputy Grand Master; Bro. Kaeuffer, Grand Senior Warden; Bro. Krenkel, Grand Junior Warden; Bro. Lueder, Grand Treasurer; Bro. Springer, Grand Secretary.

To this Protocol is annexed the very able report of our R. W. Bro. Von Mensch, our representative near the Grand Lodge of Saxony, whose attention to all matters concerning the inalienable rights of our

Grand Lodge, and whose able and faithful defense of all questions, conflicting with our rights, deserve in the highest measure our most heartfelt thanks and gratitude.

In this report he announces the names of the new-elected Grand Master, Bro. Joseph J. Couch, of the new-elected Deputy Grand Master, Bro Edmund L. Judson, and of Bro. James M. Austin, Grand Secretary, and the appointment of Bro. C. F. L. Hohenthal, as District Deputy Grand Master of the twenty-eight German Lodges. After this announcement he continues as follows:

'In my present report as well as in the one of last year, I shall only confine myself to the present state of differences between my constituent, the Grand Lodge of New York and the German Grand Lodge League, and commence with the passage of the annual address of the retiring Grand Master, in which he treats of these differences. Our representative quotes that passage in full and then proceeds:

'The Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of New York, reports fully from the Protocols of the German Grand Lodges, viz: the Grand Landes Lodge of Saxony, the Grand National Mother Lodge of 3 Globes, the Grand Lodge of Prussia, Royal York, the Grand Mother Lodge of the Eclectic Union, the Grand Lodge 'Zur Eintracht,' and the German Grand Lodge League, which held its session June 4, 1876, at Berlin.

'The report from the Protocol of the last named body closes with some remarks on the present state of differences between my constituent and the German Lodge League.

'Before I quote these remarks, I feel myself in duty bound, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, to rectify a misunderstanding, emanating from the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of 1876, which, alas! threatens to destroy the promised good intentions of both parties for a mutual understanding and conciliation.

'In a report on the transactions of a Grand Lodge of Prussia, Royal York 'Zur Freundschaft,' annexed to and found in the latest Protocol of the Grand Landes Lodge of Saxony (No. 116, May 9th, this year), the Transactions of 1876, of the Grand Lodge of New York are mentioned, and from that report might be misinferred, that my constituent had declared its entire dissatisfaction with the resolutions of the Grand Lodges' Diet in regard to the often mentioned differences, when even its Committee on Foreign Correspondence had approved the sentiments, as expressed during a long discussion on a very voluminous report, made by R. W. Bro. Richard Vaux, and adopted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

'Knowing as I do the character of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, I may unhesitatingly take the responsibility of stating here most fully, that my constituent cannot be influenced or led by those not within its borders, and was especially in this matter, not led at all.



The Grand Lodge is accustomed to prove and judge independently, and is by its prominent talents and the excellent informations it seeks, enabled to consider everything without the least prejudice, and in a position to acquire every possible knowledge.

‘If the Committee of the Grand Lodge of New York, familiar as it is with the spirit and management of the German Grand Lodges, and well qualified to value rightly the statutes of the German Grand Lodge Leagues and their bearings, even approved the report of Bro. Vaux in general terms, it surely did not mean to coincide unconditionally with all the expositions of the Referee, nor, knowing the foregoing and liberal views of the Grand Lodge, to sanction in the least these expressions, which are literally quoted and censured by the Grand Lodge, Royal York, as not appropriate in more than one sense. (See New York Transactions, 1876, page 70 and 105—‘Pennsylvania.’)

‘The mere defensive attitude of the Grand Lodge of New York, and the strict rectitude of the tried members of the Committee, is at variance with such views, and it is sufficiently confirmed and supported, that the Committee did not offer a motion before its constituent, to follow the example of the Grand Lodge at Philadelphia, in the rather rough breaking of all relations with the German Grand Lodge League, without even awaiting to learn what kind of resolutions the next Grand Lodge Diet at Berlin might adopt; and then immediately before the Centennial World Exposition, which certainly was visited by many German Masons.

‘But the Committee of the Grand Lodge of New York, agrees expressly and unreservedly with the expositions of Bro. Vaux in regard to the inalienable, undivided and exclusive right of jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges of the United States, and my explanations, as made above, will not invalidate the weight of the demands of the American Grand Lodges; they are made for the purpose of preventing a more severe aggravation of the sore conflict without any just cause.’

The above mentioned remarks of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, are quoted by our representative *in extenso*, and he concludes his report as follows :

‘In closing my report I cannot omit to refer to my last annual report, and to mention that the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio has not in its session of October, 1876, taken a vote on the recognition of the colored Grand Lodge in its State, but resolved to consider this matter as an Amendment to the Constitution, which can only be acted on a year later, and must receive a two-third majority of the votes cast. This resolution is equal to a postponement of a decision on this question for an indefinite period.

‘If in Ohio, New York, and all the other States of the American Union, the existence of more than one Grand Lodge is not lawful or allowed, it may here be mentioned, that the colored race is not shut out from Masonic light. All applicants, without any regard to race,

color or nationality, if otherwise qualified, are admitted into lawfully constituted Lodges.'

In this Protocol is also found the able report of Bro. Neubert, on the proceedings of the Grand National Mother Lodge, of the three Globes, from April to June, 1877; one of Bro. Heydenreich, on the transactions of the Grand Lodge, Royal York; Bro. Rudolph's on those of the Grand Landes Lodge of Germany; Bro. Heintze's, on those of the Grand Lodge 'Zur Eintracht;' Bro. Von Teubern's, on the communications from the Grand Lodge of Switzerland, 'Alpina;' Bro. Winkler's, on the activity of the Grand Lodge of Hungary, and the reports of several subordinate Lodges.

In Protocol No. 118, we find, that in the session of February 16, 1878, the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Sperber, presided; several representatives of German and foreign Grand Lodges were present. The acting Grand Master communicated to the brethren that the most beloved Grand Master, Bro. Eckstein, could not participate in the deliberations of the Grand Lodge, he being unwell and unable to come to the meeting, and closed with a prayer that the Grand Architect of the Universe might restore his health.

The most notable occurrence at this session was, that the Presiding Officer notified the Grand Lodge that the Officers had unanimously resolved to bestow the dignified title of 'Grand Senior' on a member of the Grand Lodge, and had appointed a committee to transmit to him his diploma, when he celebrates, in the month of March, his fiftieth Masonic anniversary (Jubilee).

The R. W. Brother, who received such a proof of acknowledgment by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Saxony, is our beloved representative, Bro. Von Mensch, and we feel in duty bound to express our warmest and most heartfelt thanks to the M. W. Grand Lodge of Saxony, for having bestowed upon him such a high honor for his faithful services in the cause of true humanity during his Masonic life, and may we be permitted to remark: That the Great Architect of the Universe vouchsafe to the veteran many, many years yet of constant health and happiness.

The brethren were notified that at the next session the election of two representatives for the Grand Lodge Diet would take place.

The different resolutions of the Grand Lodge Diet were read again for the information of the brethren, and partly adopted and partly referred.

The following circular of M. W. Bro. Eckstein was read:

'The political union of our Fatherland has called forth similar exertions in the sphere of letters; we have learned by experience to estimate how valuable it is to unite isolated powers. In our Lodges, too, the idea of an entire union of all the German Lodges have found more friends and patrons, and there are many signs visible that in many places they work enthusiastically for such a union, that all the separated

members may unite under one flag and to enable them to fight more consciously and energetically against intolerance and spiritual darkness than heretofore.'

A call for the formation of a German National Lodge has been heard from different sides, and has almost everywhere been sympathetically received; but, owing to the individuality of our people, the Masonic union proceeded slowly. The present time seems to be favorable to form *one* united, powerful German Grand Lodge out of the Grand Lodge League, which every right-minded critic has been greeting as a progress; it will be so if the brothers without paltry or frivolous particularism, thoughtless self-sufficiency, or narrow-minded prejudice, will act on it with forbearance, and if the historic traditions be adapted to the times, and only that retained which is attainable.

The difficulties which work against the union of all Grand Lodges in one living body, are numerous enough, to be sure, but the gap may be bridged over, as has been done in other countries, especially in England, under quite similar circumstances, so that we can grow strong in harmony and come into more intimate connection with other elements of culture than we could under our late relations.

The following chief outlines are an attempt at solving satisfactorily this difficult question, from which German Masonry cannot withdraw any longer:

'At the head of the Fraternity is one Grand Lodge with the name 'United Grand Lodge of Germany,' with its seat in the Capital of the Empire.

'Every German Grand Lodge, as it was called heretofore, has to give up a part of its independence, and each one will continue as a Mother Lodge.

'For every Mother Lodge and St. John's Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, there will be drawn up a Constitution on a basis of the fundamental laws, to be adopted by the Grand Lodge Diet, in which Constitution only the three symbolic degrees, Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason are recognized.'

After debating this subject for some time it was referred to the subordinate Lodges for action thereon.

A report of Bro. Sperber, on the proceedings of the Grand Lodge Diet of May 20, 1877; of Bro. Kinder on the transactions of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg; of Bro. Neubert on the transactions of the Grand Lodge 3 Globes, from July to December, 1877; of Bro. Rudolph on the transactions of the Grand Landes Lodge; of Bro. Teubern on the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland, 'Alpina'; of Bro. Winkler on the communications from the Grand Lodge of Hungary, and reports from all the subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge are contained in the Protocol No. 118.

## GRAND LODGE 'ZUR EINTRACHT,' AT DARMSTADT.

Protocols Nos. 78, 79, and 80 only are in our possession. The first one gives information about the transactions of the session of the Grand Lodge, held at Alzei, April 22, 1877. The Grand Master, Bro. Pfaltz, presided. After the opening of the Grand Lodge he returned his, and the Grand Lodge's, thanks to W. Bro. Petri, Master of the Lodge 'Zum Neuen Lichte,' in Alzei, for their kind reception and the favor they bestowed on the Grand Lodge by tendering to it this beautiful hall for its session. We find in these transactions the returns of the nine subordinate Lodges, and the Grand Master announced that their returns show 980 members, an increase of twenty-five brethren over the returns of last year.

It is customary in this Grand Lodge that every year some Masonic subjects are proposed to the subordinate Lodges, which have to send in their reports thereon, and these are laid before the Grand Lodge, and there discussed, and at this session many essays on five Masonic subjects were received from the subordinate Lodges.

Several communications from foreign Grand Lodges were transmitted and read by the Grand Secretary.

We find also, in the same Protocol, extracts from the transactions of the Grand National Mother Lodge, 'Zu den 3 Walkugeln;' of the Grand Landes Lodge of Germany; of the Grand Lodge of Hamburg; of the Grand Lodge Royal York 'Zur Freundschaft;' of the Grand Lodge of Saxony; and of the Grand Lodge 'Zur Sonne,' in Bayreuth.

In Protocol 79 we find that the Grand Lodge met on the 15th day of July, 1877, in Darmstadt. Six representatives of foreign Grand Lodges, and representatives of nine subordinate Lodges, and of a Masonic club, were present, the Grand Master, Bro. Pfaltz, presiding. The Grand Lodge met as a Lodge of Sorrow, in memory of the departed Illustrious Protector, Ludwig III., Grand Duke of Hesse Darmstadt, and the ritual used on that occasion is attached. The Grand Master, after he had opened the Grand Lodge in ample form, spoke very eloquently of the late Protector. Having finished his remarks, the Grand Chaplain rose and delivered an able oration, enlarging on the great virtues, the kindness of heart, the magnanimity, the benevolence, and the heroism of the deceased Monarch, and gave a brief history of what he and his predecessors had done for our brotherhood, and closed his able speech as follows:

'He will continue to live with us all in grateful remembrance for his good intentions and deeds. Holy, thrice holy, remain in us the memory of the high Protector, and may it produce blessings to us, to Masonry and to the Fraternity at large.'

The Lodge of Sorrow was followed by the so-called 'Silicernium,' which was conducted by Bro. Hemmerde, Master of the Lodge 'Johannes der Evangelist, Zur Eintracht.'

Protocol 80 shows that, on October 7, 1877, a regular session was held at Friedberg, at which all the Grand Officers, eight representatives of foreign Grand Lodges, and the representatives of the nine subordinate Lodges, were present. Grand Master, Bro. Pfaltz, presided. He communicated to the brethren that his Royal Highness, the Grand Duke Ludwig IV., had, in a circular letter, of June 27th, addressed to the Grand Lodge, assured the Fraternity of his protection, and that he, accompanied by the Deputy Grand Secretary, had an interview with his Royal Highness and expressed to him the most heartfelt thanks for his gracious Protectorate. We find, in the same Protocol, the following concerning our Grand Lodge:

'The late representative of the Grand Lodge of New York, at the session of April 2, 1876, held at Worms, resigned his office as its representative, and stated at the next meeting that he had notified the Grand Lodge, in a long letter, not only of his resignation, but also of the fact that its insinuations that it had not received such notice were entirely unfounded.'

The Grand Lodge 'Zur Eintracht,' following the customary practice of the German Grand Lodges, believed that it could expect the Grand Lodge of New York, in case it desired a reappointment of a representative, to ask it to propose proper candidates for this vacant office. This has not yet been done; on the contrary, the transactions of the Grand Lodge of New York, for 1877, in the report on foreign correspondence, page 104, reproaches the Grand Lodge 'Zur Eintracht' for not having communicated to it the resignation of Bro. Weber, and mentions that it is rather significant that the Darmstadt Grand Master, Bro. Pfaltz, who, as executive and presiding officer of the German Grand Lodge League (1875, 1876), was ready and over-anxious to enter into correspondence with the negro Grand Lodges in America, and to communicate to the latter the spurious resolutions of the German Grand Lodge Diet, held at Darmstadt, in May, 1875, had not made any communication in reference to it to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

The presiding officer gave the explanation that he had not deemed it necessary to corroborate the communication made, as in duty bound, by Bro. Weber to the Grand Lodge of New York, nor was he bound to communicate, in the name of the German Grand Lodge League, to the Grand Lodge of New York, a resolution adopted in Darmstadt, May 16, 1875, concerning the negro Grand Lodges, Prince Hall and Ohio. A communication of this resolution to the negro Grand Lodges would not be considered incorrect by any body; it was only sent after the transactions had been printed.

In the same report, pages 91-93, the Grand Lodge of New York speaks again of the transactions of the German Grand Lodge Diet of May 16, 1875, and welcomes two private letters, no addresses being mentioned, written by two brothers, both members of the German Grand Lodge Diet, the one belonging to a Berlin and the other to a Grand Lodge of

South-Germany. It is claimed that these two letters contain a complete statement of all the proceedings, and the letter of the South-German brother contains the following:

'1. The document in question has neither been signed by the delegates nor approved by them.

'2. The minutes, as written down, were, when read, considered defective and imperfect; unimportant matters were mentioned, and those of importance were omitted. In general, the minutes were too irregular and prolix.

'3. The final correction and publication was entrusted to two brothers, but it gives neither a true account of the proceedings, nor the verbatim production of the resolution.'

The presiding Grand Master gave the following explanations:

'1. The original minutes, deposited in the archives of the Grand Lodge 'Zur Eintracht,' are signed by the delegates.

'2. The alteration of the contents is thus explained: 'Two brothers, who deserved in the highest degree the confidence reposed in them, were entrusted with the duty of making a more polished, better, and clearer composition of the original document, and they edited, like conscientious men, the Protocol as published. This composition contains the verbatim resolution that the German Grand Lodge Diet considers the Grand Lodges, Prince Hall and Ohio, as lawfully constituted. It was not the recognition of the lawful Constitution of these Grand Lodges thus expressed, that had called forth the protest of the three Berlin Grand Lodges, but only the consequences, which the Grand Lodge of Hamburg had inferred from this resolution, namely, of entering into a mutual exchange of representatives. The real purport of this resolution has, apparently, not been fully considered by the three Grand Lodges, which afterwards entered their protest.'

Bro. Roeder, who, in conjunction with Bro. Eckstein, had been charged with the review of the Protocol in question, stated that they had examined, with the most anxious accuracy, the said Protocol, and he deemed it not appropriate to respond to the attacks made against him and Bro. Eckstein from secret sources.

This Protocol contains also reports of the transactions of the German Grand Lodge Diet, of May 20th, 1877; of the Grand Lodge '3 Globes;' the Grand Lodge of Hamburg; the Grand Lodge Royal York 'Zur Freundschaft;' the Grand Lodge of Saxony; the Grand Landes Lodge of Germany; and the Grand Orient of Italy.

#### GRAND LODGE 'ZUR SONNE,' AT BAYREUTH.

We deeply regret that this Grand Lodge does not exchange representatives with our Grand Lodge; that we are not in any direct communication with it, and the more so, because such an eminent man of letters as Dr. Bluntschli, Professor at the University of Heidelberg, is the Grand Master.

By the favor of our representative near the Grand Lodge of Saxony, we are enabled to give the following statement :

The annual session of this Grand Lodge was held on the 24th day of September, at Freiburg, in Breisgan, in the Grand Duchy of Baden, in the Masonic Hall of the Lodge 'Zur edlen Aussicht.' It was opened and presided over by the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Feustel; the Grand Master, Bro. Bluntschli, being absent, and sending from Venice cordial greetings to the brethren.

The annual report of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Redlich, stated that the subordinates work regularly, and that harmony and peace prevail, that certain difficulties which arose from differences of opinion have been settled, that the number of members has increased by sixty-six; and it was especially remarked that the Lodge in Consteine causes to be printed a full report every year, which is sent to its members, while the Lodge in Freiburg, by printed quarterly circulars, informs its brothers living in the diaphora of the most interesting events in their interior circle.

With some old Lodges there is a usage, that every brother living abroad, chooses one of the brothers living at the seat of his Lodge his correspondent, whose duty, after having accepted the office, it is to inform him of every interesting event in the Lodge.

It was further stated, that the 'Bundesrath' could not entertain Bro. Findel's appeal in No. 32 of the 'Bauhette' to the Grand Lodge 'Zur Sonne,' against the Grand Landes Lodge, in Berlin, and its measures against Bro. Schiffmann, because this matter is regarded as a private matter of the Grand Landes Lodge, in which this Grand Lodge does not feel authorized to interfere.

The 'Bundesrath' declined to enter into an exchange of representatives with the colored Grand Lodge of Ohio, for the want of proper information about its regularity.

A report of the transactions of the Grand Lodge Diet was made, the resolutions passed there discussed, and then a motion made by the Lodge 'Augusta,' at Augsburg, to argue upon a common measure in regard to Masonic assistance and in regard to the position of the five independent Lodges with the German Grand Lodge League, namely, to allow them a representation in their Diet, and it was finally resolved, that the 'Bundesrath' be solicited to demand the opinions of all the Lodges on this subject; and further, that at the next meeting a resolution be introduced for the suppression of Masonic mendicancy and swindling.

In order to make more complete Part II. and III. of the Grand Lodge, the following resolutions were passed :

1. A Lodge with one hundred and seventy-five or more members is entitled to a fourth representative.

2. A Lodge can elect members of another Lodge, belonging to our jurisdiction, especially of that Lodge at whose seat the meeting of the

Grand Lodge is held for its representatives, and for that purpose empower their elected representatives to fill vacancies likely to occur at the meeting of the Grand Lodge. Such election remains only in force for the next Grand Lodge Communication.

'3. The Grand Lodge elects in the same manner the delegates to the Grand Lodge League, as Assistants of the Grand Master.

'4. If any delegate is prevented from attendance, the next highest candidate takes his place.'

The resolutions on the rights and duties of the officers, rules of order, the budget, etc., were spoken of *in extenso*, and on account of the lateness of the hour, the question of Masonic benevolence in times of public calamity was deferred. Mannheim was selected as the place for the next Annual Communication: and Bros. Puschkin and Feustel were elected delegates to the next Grand Lodge Diet.

From the report of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Redlich, on the celebration of the one hundred and thirty-sixth anniversary of founding the Grand Lodge 'Zur Sonne,' held January 28, 1877, the following communications are very interesting:

'On the 21st of January, 1741, Margrave Frederick, with a number of gentlemen of his court, consecrated the Lodge 'Zur Sonne,' which, on the 5th of December, the same year, became Mother and Grand Lodge by constituting the so-called City Lodge 'Zur Sonne,' which assumed in 1811 the name 'Eleusis Zur Verschwiegenheit;' in 1757, the Lodge Libanon 'Zur den 3 Cedern,' in Erlangen; and in 1758 the Lodge 'Zur den 3 Sternen' in Ansbach, which were all under obedience to the Grand Lodge 'Zur Sonne,' had to comply with the laws, and in cases of dissensions, to call for its decision. The Mother Lodge gave its daughters the Patent of Constitution, instructed the founders in the usages and gave them the laws. The first Daughter Lodge, the City Lodge 'Zur Sonne,' did not need a Patent, as it was founded by special order of the Margrave, the Lodge 'Libanon' is still in possession of its Patent of Constitution, while the one of the Lodge 'Zu den 3 Sternen,' through various adversities it met with, was lost in the course of time.

'The usages and ceremonies at that time must have been very simple, for there was neither a written nor a printed ritual even to this day; but the officers had to know by heart what they had to say at the opening and closing of the Lodges, as well as at initiations of candidates.

'There was nothing known of the many symbols and their spiritual definitions, nothing of an explanation of the ceremonies at the initiation, or of a catechism; the second degree was an honorary degree, which was often given to men of distinction immediately after their initiation; and not much better was the third degree, which was only given on the condition of becoming a member of the Lodge.

'The newly initiated was not greeted by 'three times three,' as customary now; but he was welcomed by shaking hands with his



brethren, and the initiation itself was over in less than half an hour, and could have been only an introduction devoid of any ceremony.

'The oldest records yet existing and regularly kept, do not mention any special ceremony, nor a Lodge of Instruction, while in those old festive orations the speaker never hinted at any symbols, which are now so largely used in our Lodges.

'The intrinsic worth of Freemasonry, even in those days, as Bro. Fessler, fifty years later, said in his writings, was not in the usage, but in the laws and social rights, which to obey and respect conscientiously every initiated brother had to promise by his own handwriting, and these laws were often read in open Lodge for the purpose of reminding the brethren of their promise.

The Daughter Lodges applied in all cases in which they needed assistance or advice to the Mother Lodge, and gave sometimes information to the latter; but in regard to their internal affairs, they were entirely sovereign and independent of the Grand Lodge of Bayreuth.

'But when going over to the strict observance, all these things were changed. Then the Daughter Lodges became more dependent upon the Grand Lodge; it brought us written rituals, which in their manifold symbols and in their total organization contain the basis of our present regulations, and more order and regularity in the work, and a strict separation of the different degrees, combined with the moral tendency in each degree.

'Although this greater order influenced the work of the Lodge very favorably and was carried out very strictly, yet the question arises whether the transposition of the known source of the nature of our brotherhood from the laws into the rituals, its extension three degrees, while for a thinking brother it is fully contained in the first degree, the addition of many ceremonies and their unchangeable signification have not entirely changed the original simple and beneficial aim of Masonry, and lowered it to those religious communities whose religion is mixed up with so much void and secondary matter that an infinite majority of its professors cling through all their lives to the exterior, and only a very few penetrate to the inside kernel—to true religion.

'Passing over a space of ninety years, we find of the former three Daughter Lodges only one, the Lodge 'Eleusis Zur Verschwiegenheit,' under obedience of the Grand Lodge 'Zur Sonne.' The Lodge 'Libanon zu den 3 Cedern' had joined the Grand Mother Lodge of the Eclectic Union, at Frankfort, and the Lodge 'Zu den 3 Sternen,' in Ansbach, had to suspend its labors on account of unfavorable circumstances.

'Instead of those, we see besides the Lodge at Bayreuth, Lodges in Hof, Fuerth, Frankenthal, Stuttgart, Mannheim, Carlsruhe, Freiburg, Ludwigsburg, and Heidelberg, united under the Grand Lodge 'Zur Sonne,' and all of them in a flourishing condition.

'The Lodges used Fessler's Ritual, and worked in consonance with

the fundamental treaty, which was made in the years 1810-1811, and revised 1829, 1843 and 1850. In the Ritual, as well as in the Constitution, were found so many obsolete and improper ceremonies, symbols, explanations and definitions, that a desire for a thorough correction and omission of everything obsolete was generally expressed.

'The Grand Lodge complied with this desire by adopting a Ritual of their own and a new Constitution, by which the annual meetings should be held in the alternate Orients of her Daughter Lodges with direct representation, and by which the hitherto existing regulations of the Grand Lodge were essentially changed and more adapted to the spirit of the age. Before, however, the Ritual was completed, deliberated upon, and finally adopted, much time passed in which several brothers made sketches of Rituals, which were introduced in several Lodges.

'The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge in Hiedelberg, approved the use of the Rituals of the Bros. Fessler, Fieke, Jinelel, Puschkin, and Redlich, while the annual meeting at Carlsruhe accepted the Union Ritual, and expressed a wish to those Lodges which had introduced other Rituals that they should, from time to time, introduce to their members the Union Ritual.

'The Constitution guarantees every Lodge freedom of using any Ritual, and it depends, therefore, on each Lodge to use at its work that Ritual which serves best the more ideal or practical tendency of its members.

'By a direct participation of the subordinate Lodges in the annual meetings of the Grand Lodge, which are always held at the seat of another Lodge, every single Orient has an opportunity of participating, through its delegates, in the deliberation concerning the welfare of all the Lodges, and of offering resolutions and making new motions. The Constitution guarantees the independence of each Lodge in its local arrangements, and demands only that they are not contrary to those constitutional regulations, which were, after a full and thorough deliberation, adopted by all the Lodges.

'But the Grand Lodge 'Zur Sonne,' managing only the affairs of its subordinate Lodges through the 'Ordensrath,' with its permanent seat in Bayreuth, need not accumulate any funds, and therefore desists from all fees arising from initiations, passings, etc., but simply wants to be indemnified for expenses caused by this management.

'On account of the rich measure of freedom granted by the Constitution to the single Lodges, the frequent personal meetings and the exchange of opinions caused thereby, and by which a vivid feeling of fraternity was awakened in the separate Lodges, in connection with the activity of the Lodges themselves, the Lodges at Kaiserslantern, Pfalzheim, Constanx, Lahr, Schweinfurt, Wurzburg, Baden Baden, Strasburg, Ausburg, Munich, Kehl, Bamberg, and Erlangen, asked the

Grand Lodge 'Zur Sonne' for admission and applied for Patents of Constitution.

'The Lodge at Strasburg, after having been constituted two years, affiliated for internal reasons with the Grand Lodge Royal York in Berlin, and at present twenty-three flourishing and active Lodges are united with the Grand Lodge 'Zur Sonne.'

'From the communications of subordinate Lodges we see that the Lodge 'Eleusis Zur Verschwiegenheit' has rejected the plan of a new building, because the brothers were convinced that, although it might be preferable for convenience sake, it would encumber the Lodge with a debt of from 50,000 to 55,000 marks. The building fund, founded by the brothers, has a capital of 5000 marks, and the Widows' and Orphans' fund is in possession of 10,000 marks, from which latter several widows and orphans are supported.

'In the meetings of the Lodge 'Carl zur Eintracht,' in Mannheim, several historical lectures were delivered, namely, on the 'Illuminates,' 'Egyptian Art,' etc., besides its regular humanistic subjects. The Lodge resolved to procure a building of its own, as its present place proved less favorable than expected. The plan was joyfully adopted by the brothers, and in the last meetings of the year, particularly, statutes were adopted and a joint stock company formed for procuring the necessary funds.

'The Lodge 'Leopold zur Treue,' in Carlsruhe, and its members are highly esteemed there, and they endeavor to vindicate and propagate more and more the principles of humanity by joining other societies. The sisters, too, partake in these endeavors, and made presents of full winter suits, etc., to twenty-six boys and girls at a Christmas festival arranged by the Lodge. The public library loaned to 2091 persons 23,091 volumes, of which only eighteen volumes were lost.

'The Lodge Reuchlin, in Pfarzheim, had to close its public kitchen, an institution which it had for years cultivated with love and which had proved a blessing, because the Socialists, by their intrigues, succeeded so far that even the free tickets were not made use of to their full extent.

'The Lodge did not hesitate for a moment to create, in place of this, another charitable institution, and entered into negotiations for erecting a 'Shelter for Poor Working-women,' for founding a 'People's Kindergarten,' and a 'Home for the Children of the Poor,' but did not arrive at a final decision, as there are opportunities offering themselves everywhere to practice the duties of charity.'

The report states further: 'The exclusion of Bro. Schiffmann, and the many inquiries about him, have painfully touched the 'Ordensrath,' for the penalty was not decreed by the Grand Landes Lodge, but by the Supreme Authority of the Order of the higher degrees, which is independent of the Grand Landes Lodge, and with which we are not in direct connection, constitutionally not knowing such authority.'

An official notice of this exclusion has not yet been received, and

Bro. Schiffmann is, therefore, to be regarded a brother and member of the Masonic Fraternity.

It would have been quite different if the Grand Landes Lodge had decreed the exclusion and given official notice of it; then, of course, all Grand Lodges would be bound to respect and vindicate the sentence of the Grand Landes Lodge, and no Grand Lodge would have the right to oppose the Grand Landes Lodge for this sentence.

As the case is now, neither the German Grand Lodges nor the Grand Lodge League are competent, while the last one comprises only the Masonic administrative authorities, *i. e.*, the Grand Lodges, and not the authorities for the Rites and higher degrees, whose laws and institutions seem to rest upon a basis quite different from that of the Grand Lodges.

#### GRAND LODGE OF PRUSSIA, 'ROYAL YORK ZUR FREUNDSCHAFT,' AT BERLIN.

We have received by the kindness of our R. W. Bro. Von Mensch, our representative near the M. W. Grand Lodge of Saxony, Protocols dated May 7, 1877, and June 11, 1877, and a Calendar of this Grand Lodge, containing lists and statements of the departments and members of the Grand Lodge, the names of all the subordinate Lodges; also the Grand Bodies interchanging representation with this Grand Lodge, and the names of these representatives.

We supply from our exchanges, mostly from the able reports of the Grand Lodge of Saxony, the deficiency.

The quarterly meeting took place September 6, 1876, at which a circular letter was received from the St. John's Lodge '3 Goldne Anker zu Liebe und Treue,' in Stettin (dated August, 1876), wherein a communication was made, that by a decree of June 27, 1876, affirmed on July 1, 1876, by the Most Illustrious Ordens, Master, the honorary member of the interior (inner) Orient, Bro. G. A. Schiffmann, hitherto Grand Architect of the Order of Freemasons of Germany, and for many years Master of said Lodge, had been expelled, as is alleged, for repeated breaches of discretion by betraying Masonic secrets. A prayer was contained therein, to assist in,

'1. Canceling the proceedings against Bro. Schiffmann, and to have him reinstated. And

'2. Procuring a new examination of the charges against him.'

A letter, dated August 28, 1876, was received from the interior Orient, stating what steps had been taken in the above matter by this Masonic body, in regard to a circular dated July 4, 1876, from the governing Ordens Chapter of the Grand Landes Lodge of Germany.

After full deliberation, the Grand Lodge taking cognizance of this matter with great regret, resolved,

'1. To abstain, for the present, from any decision of the material part of this affair, and to wait for more complete communications in regard to the pretended violation of the Masonic vow of secrecy.

'2. The Grand Lodge expresses its opinion of the formal part of this affair, that in consonance with the universally approved Masonic principle, the exclusion of a brother can only be decreed after a lawful trial in the Lodge to which he belongs, and if such sentence has been affirmed by the Grand Lodge.'

The Grand Master drew the attention of the brothers to the transactions of our Grand Lodge (State of New York), and especially to that part of the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence in which the relations between the German and American Grand Lodges were designated as 'unsatisfactory,' and he explained that such a statement arose from a report of Bro. Vaux, which lacked, as he thought, all knowledge of our relations and of the tendency of the Grand Lodge League. He stated further, that he hoped the Grand National Mother Lodge 'Three Globes,' being now at the head of the Grand Lodge League, would be successful in healing all differences, without enlarging on the misrepresentations of German Masonry, viz: 'It would be tedious to recount all the errors now prevalent in many of the so-called Grand Lodges on the Continent of Europe. It would appear from a careful reading of the proceedings of some of them, that the essential principles of Freemasonry are ignored, or so mutilated, or watered with isms, that they can with difficulty be recognized.'

At this session several reports of Daughter Lodges and Grand Lodges were received, viz: 'Temple der Eintracht,' in Osterode, 'Paxinimica Males,' in Emmerech, 'Auguste zum Goldnen Zinkel,' in Gottingen, in which G. A. Burger was Chaplain, and General Von Scharnhorst, the founder of the Prussian militia, was initiated in the year 1779, and the Grand Lodge of England.

At the session held December 4, 1876, the Grand Master presiding, a most complimentary letter from the Crown Prince, Frederick William, was received, wherein he expressed his most heartfelt thanks for the friendly congratulations of the three Prussian Grand Lodges on his birthday, and assures them of his continued sympathy for the Masonic Fraternity, as long as he is convinced that they follow Masonic principles and entertain conscientious inquiries, which he had encouraged.

Some rules were adopted in regard to candidates who were Israelites.

On the 2d day of February, 1877, a Lodge of Sorrow was solemnized, at which the M. W. Bro. Herrig, Grand Master, presided. Upon opening the Grand Lodge, in due form, he made very feeling remarks upon the moral worth of the departed brothers, and endeavored to show that their memory could not be more honored than by trying to imitate their virtues and to be as useful in this world as they had been.

The Grand Orator, Bro. Jenish, delivered a very elaborate oration on this occasion, taking for his text the words of the immortal old master, Goethe:

'How, when, and where? The gods remain mute!  
Hold on to 'while' and do not ask 'why?'

In the session of March 5, 1877, Bro. Schiffmann's affairs were spoken of again, the Grand Lodge agreed to maintain its decision of December 6, 1876. Under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge are forty-nine subordinates, with a membership of 6969.

At the session of May 7th, M. W. Bro. Herrig presided. Twelve representatives of Grand Lodges exchanged representations with this Grand Lodge. All the Grand Officers and the delegates of the daughter Lodges were present.

An election for Grand Officers was held, with the following result: S. G. W., Bro. Haasbrucker; J. G. W., Bro. Pickert, I.; Grand Chaplain, Bro. Genisch; Grand Master of Ceremonies, Bro. Hamel; Grand Treasurer, Bro. Collani, II.; Grand Stewards, Bros. Loebel and Dreitzel. W. Bro. Herrig, Master of Lodge 'Zu den 3 Zirkeln,' at Stettin, was elected an honorary member.

The Grand Master laid before the meeting the questions which will be brought before the consideration of the next Grand Lodge Diet:

'1. Are historical investigations of the traditions of the Fraternity, in general or in single documents, admissible?

'2. When brothers occupy themselves voluntarily with historical investigations, or when they are charged therewith lawfully, is it their duty to communicate to brothers of the respective degrees the result of their investigations?

'3. Do they need the permission of the competent authority of the Fraternity?

'4. Are they, in case they cause these results to be stereotyped or printed, responsible to the 'Ordens' authority?

'5. Is the communication of the results gained by such historical investigations, in prints, published and distributed as manuscript for brethren of the respective degrees, to be considered as a breach of Masonic secrecy?'

The most memorable event of this session was the report of Bro. Pauli, of the festivity at the affiliation of the Lodge '3 Goldne Anker zu Liebe und Treue,' in Stettin.

We find, in this Protocol, reports of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Silesia, at Breslau, and its subordinates, of the Grand National Mother Lodge three Globes, of the Grand Lodge Alpina, and of the Grand Lodge of Hungary.

The session of June 11, 1877, was held under the gavel of the Grand Master, assisted by his Grand Officers. Thirteen representatives of sister Grand Lodges were present, and a very numerous representation of the subordinates.

Bros. Seidel and Schumacher were installed as Representatives of subordinate Lodges.

The affiliated Lodge 'Zu den 3 Goldnen Ankern,' at Stettin, had moved in a former session of the Grand Lodge to ratify the resolution it adopted in regard to Bro. Schiffmann.

The Commission, to which the matter was referred, reported as follows:

'The 'Ordensrath' of the Grand Landes Lodge of Freemasons, of Germany, has expelled the W. Bro. Schiffmann, of Stettin, from the Masonic Fraternity. We cannot judge of the reasons of the expulsion, since, it is said, they rest in the relations of the higher degrees of the Grand Landes Lodge, and, on the other hand, we have no knowledge of the Constitution and laws of the Grand Orient.

'The Lodge '3 Goldne Anker zu Liebe und Treue,' in Stettin, in which Bro. Schiffmann has been officiating during many years and with great activity as Master, has instantly protested and entered an appeal against his expulsion, relying on the universal Masonic right, that that Lodge alone, which has initiated a candidate, and whose member he is, has the right of expulsion. And this principle was sustained by the Grand Lodge at the meeting of September 4, 1876.

Since the Lodge '3 Goldne Anker zu Liebe und Treue,' in Stettin, has unanimously declared in their minutes of May 3d, last year, 'that they had never ceased to regard Bro. Schiffmann as their brother and a member of the Lodge, that they will henceforth regard him as a Mason, and one of their brothers,' the Grand Lodge Royal York 'Zur Freundschaft' sees, by virtue of its statutes, no reason to oppose this declaration, and therefore proclaims said Bro. Schiffmann as a regular brother Master Mason and member of the W. St. John's Lodge, '3 Goldne Anker zu Liebe und Treue,' in Stettin, within its jurisdiction.

This Protocol contains a report of the W. Bro. Brandenburg about the reception of a deputation of the Lodge 'Zum Temple des Friedens,' which appeared before his Majesty the Emperor of the German Empire and of Prussia, and his Imperial and Royal Highness, the Crown Prince of the German Empire and Prussia, the Most Illustrious Deputy Protector, Frederick William, at Metz, on the 5th to the 9th of May, 1877.

When his Majesty, the Emperor of Germany, and his Imperial Highness, the Crown Prince of the German Empire, paid Metz and Strassburg visits, deputations of both Lodges were received by them.

The Lodge 'Zum Temple des Friedens,' sent through the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Bro. Herrig, an invitation to his Majesty, the Most Illustrious Protector, to receive a deputation of their Lodge, and was notified by Bro. Bark, that his Majesty would give them a hearing, if time would permit.

On May 6th, the Emperor and the Crown Prince visited the battle-fields of Gravelotte and St. Privat.

To this Protocol are annexed the reports of the transactions of the Grand National Mother Lodge three Globes, of the Grand Lodge 'zur Sonne,' at Bayreuth, of the Grand Mother Lodge of the Eclectic Union, at Frankfort-on-the-Main, the Grand Lodge of Hungary, at Badapest.

the Grand Lodge Alpina, in Switzerland, and of the Supreme Council of Belgium.

MOTHER GRAND LODGE OF THE 'ECLECTIC UNION,'  
FRANKFORT-ON-THE-MAIN.

Protocols Nos. 44-49, embracing the period from February 23, 1877, to August 31, 1877, are before us.

The quarterly session of February 23, 1877, was opened, in the absence of the M. W. Grand Master, by the Deputy, R. W. Bro. Martini, assisted by the Grand Wardens, R. W. Bros. Picus and Auerbach.

The newly appointed representative of the Lodge 'Socrates zur Stanelhaftigkeit' was introduced and installed. The Grand Treasurer, R. W. Bro. Vander Heyden, laid before the Grand Lodge his report for 1876. Bros. Paul and Weingaeitner were duly elected as Delegates to the next Grand Lodge Diet, and the Grand Secretary requested to notify the brothers of their election.

On Bro. Paul's motion, it was resolved to appoint a commission for the purpose of revising the rules of the Order which are now in existence. The Grand Master was also requested to have the order of business, in its principal points, printed and sent at least six weeks before the quarterly meeting, to the representatives of the subordinate Lodges.

We find, in this Protocol, a communication, dated January 31, from the Representative near the Grand Lodge of Italy, in which he describes the Masonic condition as follows:

'The development of Masonry succeeds very slowly; it meets with too many difficulties, which nowhere else are known, or are very difficult to comprehend. The nobility, the military, and the public officials, with very few praiseworthy and courageous exceptions, refuse to enter the fraternity; the former is mostly in the hands of the Jesuits. The military officers and the public officials fear in it odious political movements and persecutions of the direct superiors, because the leaders in the northern part are mostly old carbonaires. The members are almost exclusively men of letters, lawyers, physicians, and merchants, only free and independent men, and even those have to use the utmost caution, that their names are not published in the clerical papers, and their domestic peace be not disturbed. There is in my Lodge at least one-third of married brethren, whose wives do not know that they are members of our brotherhood.'

The Grand Orient of Italy has on its Register nearly one hundred and fifty lodges, but there are hardly one hundred which work regularly and pay their dues; one-third of those are foreign Lodges in Turkey, Egypt, Roumania, etc.

There is also a continual commencing and disappearing of small Lodges; for example, an old, able, and active brother, under the impulse of doing something beneficial to the Fraternity, tries to induce some good friends and acquaintances to apply for a Patent, and fifty



lres are immediately sent to the Grand Orient at Rome; the Charter and the necessary documents are sent and received, and the new Lodge is created. It works in the beginning delightfully, but if the least thing happens, which prevents the founder from participating regularly in the work of the Lodge, the beautiful edifice tumbles down in a trice, nobody pays dues, and very often Masonry is exposed on account of profane debts; but what is more, the financial situation of the Grand Orient is suffering thereby.

The Grand Orient permits the several Lodges a praiseworthy and entirely free action within the limits of the statutes. It does not even ask for an annual return, and on that account is powerless to secure for itself the small annual dues. In this respect the general meeting, which is to take place next summer, will and must take decisive steps. A measure proposed by me, adopted unanimously by the Grande Consiglio, is already in operation, namely, to have a list printed and distributed among the Lodges, wherein the names of the regular Lodges, of those in arrears, and of the negligent ones are published under three divisions.

The Grand Orient, although using great efforts and making liberal concessions, did not succeed in uniting the formerly existing and self-governing Masonic authorities; they really consist only of a few persons, as, for example, the 'Supreme Consiglio di Torino dei 33°', not even having a Lodge of its own, tries to find acknowledgment in foreign lands by pretending to be in possession of important documents.

There was made, as you know, last year in Catania, Sicily and Naples, the experiment of creating new Masonic authorities, the first one working the Memphis system and entirely unimportant, and the last one, at whose head an ex-clergyman, Anghera, stands, favors the high degree system in the most orthodox manner.

All this can only be set aside gradually by a quiet and correct management of the Grand Orient at Rome, and it will, as can be foreseen, die out in several Lodges, and by the indolence and weariness of the leaders.

Since these so-called centres exercise exclusively the high degree system, there is a wonderful pressure for the symbolic system of St. John's Lodges; there are about twenty such Lodges in existence; in more than ten others, Scotch Lodges, the question of joining is the order of the day; and although all the active members of the Grand Orient belong to St. Andreas' Lodges, they admit that the symbolic Lodges are their best ones.

We find in this Protocol also Bro. Collischonn's report of the transactions of the Grand Landes Lodge, at Berlin, from December 13, 1876; Bro. Paul's, of the transactions of the Grand National Mother Lodge, Three Globes; Bro. Hohagen's, of the transactions of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, 6th to 8th June, 1876, quoting

very extensively from the Grand Master's address ; Bro. Heyden's, of the transactions of the Grand Lodge Royal York 'Zur Freundschaft,' at Berlin ; Bro. Lenchs', of the transactions of the Grand Oriente Unido e Supremo Consello de Brazil, and of several subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Mother Grand Lodge of the 'Eclectic Union.'

Protocol 45 states, that in the session of March 27, 1877, internal affairs only were considered, and that the subordinate Lodges were notified by circulars of the transactions.

The session of April 28, 1877, as stated in Protocol 46, was convened for the purpose of celebrating Easter, in conjunction with all the Eclectic Lodges of Frankfort. The M. W. Bro. Appel, Grand Master, presided. After the opening of the Grand Lodge in ample form, the Grand Master spoke as follows :

'We celebrate this day a festival in conjunction with our Lodges of this Orient, and it behooves us to cast a glance at our brotherhood, which includes hundreds of thousands of men, zealous and inspired for every good and noble deed, as a chain which brings men in friendly relations, who would otherwise have remained apart and estranged forever ; the magic band that unites men in love, and inspires them to magnanimous deeds towards those of whom they, perhaps, have never heard, and only know that they are Masons.

'The aim of our brotherhood is the happiness of the whole human family, based on wisdom and virtue. Our chief endeavor must, therefore, be to enlighten our brethren, to warm their hearts for every virtue, to strengthen their will, so that it executes only what has been acknowledged as right. Enlightenment, inspiration, energy, we will promote with our brothers. We know that we contribute thereby indirectly to the true happiness of men, for every brother is a part of the human family, and if we perfect the several parts we elevate thereby the whole. This is the true work of our Fraternity, of which Lessing says : 'The true actions of Freemasons are so great, so far-reaching, that whole centuries can pass before one can say, 'This they have done.' Yet they have practiced virtue, and will continue to do it. The real actions of the Freemasons have mostly the tendency to dispense what is generally termed 'good deeds.'

'Besides this grand aim, which we can approach in centuries, we have a second, modest, and newer one. We build on the temple of the human family, which will inclose the millions in its holy walls, and conceal them under its protecting roof ; many, many generations will appear and disappear before the cupola of this proud edifice is erected. But in order that the brothers of our generation may be made happy through our brotherhood, we build for them a comfortable, cosy home, a family house without figure. The Freemasons of the present day have to thank the status of civilization we enjoy now ; our predecessors and ourselves, their contemporaries, offer them true brotherly

love. These are the two aims of our works: Improvement of the human family, procuring the brother's happiness.

'And on this last aim we will especially dwell. He would be a bad brother who would use only beautiful words, but could not be found if a brother needed assistance. He would be so, if he should say, 'You are dear to me and I love you, but you must not demand anything of me; Freemasonry is beautiful and venerable, but it must not annoy me.' With the same decision with which we object, if one intends to join our ranks for material advantage, and with which we demand that the door of a Lodge be not opened to a profane, if he is not convinced that nobler motives move him, we insist and ask that the brother's duty be exercised in its fullness and entirety.

'The question coming from the hearts of the younger brothers sounds loudly and audibly before my ears: 'It shall be practiced, that we know; but is it really practiced? that we should like to know,' my brothers! I give you an unequivocal, precise answer: 'Freemasonry is a human institution, and as such, not perfect; its members are human beings, who, when tried and initiated, are neither omniscient, nor exempt from weakness. Therefore, not every Freemason is an ideal, a perfect brother; but generally and wholly brotherly love is practiced with great willingness, resignation, and sacrifice. I refrain from recounting the examples of energetic and unremitting brotherly love, which have passed my spiritual eye from the time when the Master's gavel made me a Freemason. I am unable to say how often I have seen that relief was granted before it was asked for. And for that reason my confidence is not diminished, if I should even once see that brotherly love is comprehended less ideally. The thirty years which I have passed as a Freemason preach audibly: 'There is such a thing as brotherly love! It is not an empty word, it is a tangible fact.'

'It stands the test, not only in trifles, coined metal, or favors, but also in the most serious situations of life. A Brother Apprentice put the question to me, 'We are instructed in the sign for assistance; is that ever used?' I answer it in a few examples.

'You all know how renowned the powerful, indefatigable Bavarian troops have been in the late German-French war. When the first French captives were sent to the homes of the blue devils (*diabes bleus*), they were in great fear that they would be ill-treated, for they had only seen this terrible people in deathly conflict. The train stopped at the depot in Munich, which was filled by 1,000 curious people; one of the captives, an officer, made a certain sign, and half a dozen spectators ran to the window of the car, shook hands with the brother, assisted him in alighting, and during his whole stay the officer resided with a Mason, and found happy days where he only feared to find dread and horror. At that time the news came from Munich. A new proof of the kindness of the inhabitants of our city was given lately at the railroad depot. When the first French prisoners arrived, an officer,

who expected to find in the home of the feared Bavarians only 'devils,' tried to awaken the sympathy of the crowd by stating that he was the son of a poor widow. Immediately citizens of this city stepped to his car, stretched out their hands, and one of them took him to his residence, etc. We, my brothers, know what the prisoner said; the profane, indeed, did not understand it.'

He continued to relate similar occurrences in the year 1866, 1813, and he even traveled over to this continent, and speaks of such deeds performed in 1860, in Texas, and on July 4th, 1873, in New Haven, and concludes as follows:

'Brotherly love proves itself in the hour of danger; it duplicates joy, alleviates grief; it is the sun that spreads happiness over the whole universe, wherever brothers meet.

'And why have I, to-day, unfolded before your eyes all these facts? Because, to-day, all the brothers of the four Eclectic Lodges of this Orient, and a great multitude of visiting brethren, are assembled here, and I wish to close with the admonition, 'go and do likewise!'

The Grand Chaplain then delivered an oration, which is so beautiful that we cannot refrain from giving it *in extenso*.

'Since the commencement of this century there has been a good deal of work done on the edifice of humanity. But only slowly did the building proceed to its perfection, for the material was not always of the right kind. Good stones, as well as bad ones, were used, the style itself even changed and degenerated in the course of the last decenniums, and it was no wonder if breaches, crevices, and gaps were to be seen, and the building commenced to totter and even threatened to fall to ruins.

'Vigilant architects, however, fortunately noticed the danger in time, and lent a helping hand. They encouraged the lazy workmen to labor more zealously, improved the tools, provided new and sound stones, and the building was not only saved, but it rose more magnificent than ever before.

'And so it stands to-day, supported by strong pillars, and defying every tempest hurled against it.

'You know, my beloved brethren, these pillars, which the M. W. Grand Master has set forth so solemnly to-day, resting on such foundations, the temple of the royal art, cannot vacillate, and on its frontal might shine, with more propriety than on any other edifice, the inscription, 'To the Beautiful, True, and Good.'

'But it is our duty, as Masons, to protect and preserve these pillars. No hostile power will ever be able to shake them, if we, my brethren, watch carefully over them. No morass can undermine them, if we are always on our guard. No arrow of hatred or defamation can reach us, the Masons; for these weapons are getting dull when striking our walls. The poisoning word of falsehood will become powerless by the power of truth. That cast of people, striving to make men dull and

stupid, will be silenced in the holy struggle, called so justly, 'struggle for civilization,' and which was fought long before the worldly powers took hold of it by the disciples of the royal art, knowing the only and true aim of Freemasonry.

'Yes, my brethren! let our shibboleth be forever: 'No standing still in finishing our temple! Spirited perseverance in the struggle for civilization!'. Let us continue to work with untiring, even increasing strength! Let us never open a breach to our watchful enemies! Let us never show them any weakness, any relaxation, to nourish their malicious hopes! Let us stretch out our hands, as we have always done, to form the fraternal chain; and may this chain never be torn asunder; on the contrary, may it be a bulwark against external and internal enemies! You know these enemies, for the most part. In many of my former addresses I have endeavored to point them out and unmask them. I warned you particularly of those apostates, who never understood the word of the Master, who misinterpreted it, and even made it the target of their profane remarks. Of those I am not speaking to-day. Let them feel comfortable in their indifference.

'Neither do I mention, to-day, those noted for secretly hiding obscure persons, who see in every progress of the human race a retrogression of their ignoble endeavors. I warned you sufficiently against that sneaking brood that tries to wield more and more the thoughtless bigoted multitude, upon which they impose a gloomy idol, a threatening phantom, instead of a being filled with love for the whole world.

'But also from other quarters, Masonry is threatened by various dangers, and on those, my brethren, I intended to dwell to-day.

'Perhaps you will be astonished, may be incredulously listen to my words, if I try to disclose these dangers to you. For we are threatened from those quarters which you are accustomed to honor and to venerate as the mightiest promoters of progress, and of which you are entitled to expect intellectual light in the most important questions for the human race.

'I speak of the disciples of science; I allude to the men of letters. With sorrow and reluctance I utter these reproaches, made to them; but truth demands her rights.

'Since the wonderful investigations and discoveries of the modern leaders have granted us deeper insight into the mysterious workshop of nature, some, even prominent philosophers, were transported to the saddest extremes. In the primitive elements of the organic texture cells, only visible to the eye by the help of a microscope, they saw the first cause of the whole organic creation, even the origin of life itself; and by subtilizing sophistry pretended to have found even the emanation of the spirit, such as conscience, perception, intellect, temper, etc., in the mixture of substantial atoms. In a conceited paroxysm of science, they reject whatever philosophers and investigators of every

century have built up, or at least point out as unattainable for human investigation.

'Do not misconstrue my words, brethren! I, too, with my whole being, stand upon the ground of modern science. I honor and esteem many modern views and intuitions that are justly irreconcilable with former views. The infinite progress in the knowledge of Nature's phenomena, is holy to me. I, too, do not deny the necessity of removing and exterminating every unnecessary *debris*, heaped up through many centuries. The foundation of a new edifice demands, in the first place, the removal of useless rubbish.

'Many antiquated traditions, even in the Holy Scriptures, many philosophical and theological subtleties, controlling the thinkers for a long time, had to vanish behind natural science, which unveils what is real and doubtlessly true. In other words, the dreams of phantastic speculation, the delusions of sophistic and priestly fallacious arguments, had to recede behind the convincing truth of thorough and sound investigation.

'Praise, therefore, to those who have unravelled many dark veils from the mysterious workings of Nature! Praise to those who have disclosed matter in its smallest visible atoms! But praise be particularly to those heroes of science, who cautiously observe in the visible matter only the crude material, and who candidly confess that they entered only into the foremost vestibule of the workshop of Nature, and that they hopelessly knock at the door leading to its sanctuary! 'So far and not farther!' is the call to the philosopher thirsting for truth. With pity they smile at the insolence of those who pretend to have opened that door, to have passed that mysterious bridge, which connects the spiritual activity with matter. And modern history shows us so much of it, I shall not name any. It belongs to the tribunal of strict science, that knows how to criticize such self-deceptions, and has condemned, for the most part, those extremes which pass the boundaries of our knowledge. But by this, my brethren, the thing is not yet settled, for us. Like every other scientific question, this, also, would touch the royal art only in so far, for it would be fought out in another sphere, if those philosophers had laid down their fallacious arguments only upon the altar of science. But they go farther. They know the masses of people and their inclination for novelties and miracles. They know what impression a popular manner of speaking and writing makes upon sensible minds, upon weak thinkers and superficial wiseacres, and they have cunning enough to proclaim their dogmas and doctrines in such a palatable and wily way, that a great number of followers soon bow down before the seemingly obvious truths of this new religion.

'Trivial as it may be, I can compare these pseudo-scientific founders only with those financial founders who, having been condemned by the solid mercantile world, soon meet their downfall and ruin.

'I, too, anticipate the speedy downfall of these fashionable truths. They are not the first ones deserving this name. Alas, my brethren, when having observed the progress and retrogression of science during the last six decenniums, when having seen magnificent edifices of systems quickly rising and quickly falling to ruins, when having noticed one system honored to-day and despised to-morrow and soon forgotten, we can quietly look upon such phantasms of science and be consoled by the hope that they will soon vanish like their predecessors.

'Perhaps you see already the connection of my uncomfortable reflection with the royal art and its higher and nobler principles. I need not repeat here the word, so often repeated in these halls, instilled into the mind of every neophyte, that the true Freemason must acknowledge a higher spiritual Being, not perceptible to our senses, but penetrating and permeating the whole universe, a primitive power, which we call in our symbolic language the Grand Master of the Universe.

'Of course, this original Being is unattainable to our reasoning power! And if, therefore, the rough materialism will place its self-created 'Natural Powers,' bound to matter and developed from it, upon the throne of that impenetrable 'Original Power,' if it derives the highest spiritual manifestations from the commingling of atoms, is there not still the question left: 'Which power created the atoms and shaped their form and mixture?' But such questions are never answered by the creators of our age; they direct the so-called unscientific skeptic to the milliards of years in which every form of life has developed itself and assumed in a natural way, by degrees, new forms and new formations.

'Woe to such, I might say, immoral tendency of the mind, destroying every higher feeling.

'If the history of creation, as it was taught for thousands of years, is, indeed, only a beautiful myth (and what sound thinker would not declare it such?) have the exact natural philosophers, therefore, any right to banish the higher spiritual Original Power from their system of evolution of organisms?

'When lately a proud Darwinian, or rather (I should not like to assail the noble name of Darwin) an exalted follower of Haeckel (a Freemason himself), tauntingly asked of me: 'How do you get along with your Master of the Universe, the old Bible God having been dethroned?' I replied: 'This question makes you unworthy to be a disciple of the royal art, and morally excludes you from our Fraternity; but your eyes will be opened when you earnestly and not superficially acknowledge those aberrations of science, destroying so coldly, so contemptibly, the emotions of the human heart and mind. You, too, will search (may be too late) for those invisible threads, violently torn, which connect the transitory matter with an infinite spiritual Being. Call this Being as you like, call it Original Power, Godhead (Deity), Master of the Universe! 'name is but a sound and smoke;' but do not deny, do

not reject it, for the sake of a transient, seductive, fashionable philosophy. We can easily combine the acknowledgment of an Original Power, penetrating and maintaining the universe, with the highest progress of science. Indeed, science ceases to be science, if it denies thoughtlessly or dares to open frivolously the door which was locked to our spiritual eye. Belief in a higher Being, in a higher order of the world, is, therefore, and remains, the basis of the royal art.'

'But, indeed, my-brethren, the pure faith is defiled and darkened (as the cosmic sun by a heavy cloud), darkened from time immemorial not only with uncivilized, enslaved nations, but even those of our own generation, which boasts of a higher civilization. Wherever you look, you find delusion and superstition brought forth and nourished by indiscretion, religious ceremonies, confessional fanaticism, pseudo-philosophy, false interpretation of antiquated traditions, customs, and self-delusion.

'Oh, my brethren, how much rubbish, how much waste matter is to be removed that has accumulated these thousands of years, with the simple, pure belief in an inscrutable higher Power! To remove this waste matter is the solemn duty of every noble man, and particularly of a true Freemason. Let him not cling to the enslaving chains of confessional formulas! Let him consider creed-dogmatism, which destroys our mind, as an emanation of one-sided illusions. Let him acknowledge a Deity, without prostrating before him, slave-like, in the dust. Just this aberration, commanded by all religions without any exception, is contrary to the belief of a thinking man in an eternally ruling Original Power.'

In Protocol No. 47 we find the proceedings of the regular Quarterly Communication, held June 1, 1877, the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Oppel, presiding. Besides the internal affairs, important only for the brethren of the jurisdiction, a number of petitions and reports were laid before the Grand Lodge, among them a circular letter from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, declining for the present an exchange of representation; a petition from the Grand Orient of Catania, which was referred; a letter from the Grand Secretary for German correspondence of the Grand Lodge of England, Bro. Ernst Emil Wendt; a letter from the Grand Lodge of Denmark, in which it notified the Grand Lodge that it had proposed three candidates, of whom it might select one as its representative. The Grand Secretary was charged to announce to the Grand Lodge of Denmark the selection of R. W. Bro. Andreas Frederick Hoest; a letter from the Grand Lodge 'Zur Eintracht,' notifying this Grand Lodge of the selection of R. W. Bro. Johann Frederick Mack, as representative; also several communications from several subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction.

On the 24th day of June, 1877, as is shown in Protocol No. 48, the Grand Lodge celebrated St. John's day in the temple of the Lodge 'Socrates zur Standhaftigkeit.' The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Oppel,



presided. We regret very much that the space allotted to us will not permit to lay before our brethren the beautiful oration delivered by the Grand Master, and by Bro. Auerbach, Deputy Grand Orator. We give here only the introductory remarks of welcome of the Grand Master:

'We greet you as visiting brethren, and not as strangers. That you tarry in our temple is not a favor we grant you, it is a right you have. But that you made use of this right to enter unmolested everywhere where Masons are assembled; that you have shown yourselves in our midst, we thank you with a sincere heart. Every year the gavel calls us to work, and the workmen hasten to the place allotted to them for their task; they work for the increase of light, love and energy, and rejoice that they are united in such endeavors. Once every year we celebrate this festive day in union with our brothers, which shall remind the brothers that they are not only members of their own Lodge, but links also of that great chain which surrounds the whole globe; and for this festival we wish and desire the visit of brothers of other Orients, so that our bodily eye may see what our heart feels, and behold before us that the belonging together of Masons is not a hollow word, but a reality and truth. You have to-day granted us this satisfaction! May we all leave this temple wiser and better than we were when we entered.'

In this Protocol we find Bro. Leuchs' very able reports of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge Zur Sonne, for 1876, and of the Grand Orient Nationale Egiziano, from August, 1876, to January, 1877, and also reports of several Daughter Lodges.

By Protocol No. 49, we see that the regular Quartely Communication was held August 13, 1877. As usual, the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Oppel, presided.

The Grand Lodge of Hungary communicated by letter that the representative of the Grand Lodge 'Eclectic Union,' Bro. Theodore Bakody, had resigned, and that it hereby nominates three brothers for that position, of whom the Grand Lodge might select one, and it elected Bro. Franz Schmitt its representative, and the Grand Secretary was requested to notify the Grand Lodge of Hungary of this election, and to express the most heartfelt thanks to Bro. Bakody for his valuable services.

A communication of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York was received and read, announcing the election of Grand Officers for the year 1877-78.

The Grand Lodge of Italy, at Rome, sent in a Lodge calender, wherein the names of its subordinate Lodges are given, among which we find one in Russia with the name 'Stella della Guestizia,' without designating the Orient.

The Grand Master informs the Grand Lodge that a congratulatory letter had been sent to its representative, near the Grand Lodge 'Zur Eintracht,' M. W. Bro. Leykam, wherein this Grand Lodge expressed

to him the most sincere thanks for his faithful services as their representative for the period of twenty-five years.

The Grand Master communicates to the brethren the resolutions adopted at the last Grand Lodge Diet.

Bro. Mack transmits the Protocols 78 and 79 of the Grand Lodge Zur Eintracht.

Bro. Von der Heyden's reports from the Protocols of May 7 and June 11, 1877, of the Grand Lodge Royal York Zur Freundschaft, all of which is given above in its proper place; Bro. Colischon's report on transactions of the Grand Landes Lodge of 7th, 12th, and 16th March, which does not contain anything of great importance to our Grand Lodge; and Bro. Paul's report on the transactions of the Grand National Mother Lodge Three Globes, at Berlin, of April, May, and June, 1877, are annexed to this Protocol, and we must confess that all these reports show great ability on the part of the respective representatives.

#### GRAND LODGE OF HUNGARY.

We are in receipt of Protocols of the sessions of May 27 and July 1, 1877, and of an official address of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Alexander Uhe, dated November 8, and published November 24, 1877.

If this Grand Lodge had not exchanged representatives with the clandestine 'Prince Hall' Grand Lodge, of Massachusetts, we would be in favor of acknowledging the Grand Lodge of Hungary, but under the present circumstances, no matter how the Grand Lodge and its subordinates are conducted, we cannot entertain any Masonic relations with them. We see by these Protocols that it has twenty-four subordinate Lodges, with a membership of 1057, showing an increase from the previous year of two hundred and nineteen. M. W. Bro. Pulzky is Grand Master.

#### GRAND LODGE 'ALPINA,' OF SWITZERLAND.

We regret not to be in possession of any documents from this Grand Lodge, and to be under the necessity of clipping from the reports to other Grand Bodies, the most important matters of this Grand Lodge. The annual sessions are held in the month of October, but during the recess the business of the Grand Lodge is conducted by the so-called 'Administrative Council,' 'Verwaltungsrath,' which holds sessions whenever necessity demands. We find Bro. Von Teubern's report of such session, at Bern, January 28, 1877, annexed to Protocol No. 116, of the Grand Lodge of Saxony, and quote from it the following:

*Resolved*, That no member of a subordinate Lodge of this jurisdiction be allowed admission, who appears decorated with emblems designating higher degrees than the third. It was the custom in this Grand Lodge that at the annual session a yearly pass-word was promulgated, but by a resolution of the Grand Lodge it was abolished.

The 'Verwaltungsrath' resolved to transmit to all the subordinates certain questions, and demand of them answers, which questions were sent to the subordinates January 30, 1877. They were as follows:

'1. Shall, when the Constitution is to be revised, the commission yield to the increased demands of our days? and in what manner can it be done?

'2. Shall the Swiss Lodges take a stand against the attempts of the Roman clergy, which is hostile to Masonic principles, and in what manner can it be done?'

The Lodge, 'Modestia cum Libertate,' wishes the following two questions to be propounded to the subordinates:

'1. What precautions can be employed when candidates seek admission? and what measures used for obtaining the most possibly correct information?

'2. What obligations can be imposed on absent brothers of every degree? and in what way can a certain control be exercised for securing their Masonic activity for the benefit of the Lodge?'

On the 4th of March, 1877, the Lodge, 'Freier Rhein,' Orient Schaffhausen, was installed and affiliated with the Grand Lodge 'Alpina.'

On May 27, 1877, another session of the 'Verwaltungsrath' was held, and some discussions had about exchange of representatives with the Grand Orient, at France, but no result arrived at.

Several former members of the dormant Lodge, Regeneree, at Friburg, made application for reconstitution, and the 'Verwaltungsrath' appointed a committee to inquire into the circumstances and report at a future session.

The Lodge, 'Freundschaft und Bestaendigkeit,' at Basle, made a motion that the Grand Lodge might resolve to change Article 26 of the Statutes, so that the regular sessions of the Grand Lodge take place biennially, and to abolish decree xxvii, Lemma 1, of October 1, 1851, and to make in the above named Article 26 the alteration, that in those years in which no regular session takes place and an election for Grand Master must be held, a special meeting for such purpose be called.

The 'Verwaltungsrath' did not entertain this motion. A communication from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Orient of Italy was received, wherein it was stated, that a number of true brothers, residing in Lugano, mostly all Italians, had petitioned their Grand Orient for the establishment of a Lodge; that they had given notice to their brethren that the Masonic laws did not permit it, but that if the Grand Lodge 'Alpina' would consent, they would be willing to take such Lodge under their jurisdiction. After deliberating upon this matter, it was resolved to write to the Grand Secretary, that the Grand Lodge 'Alpina' would be very much pleased to see a Masonic Lodge established in Lugano, but they could, under no circumstances, give up their national right of jurisdiction, which they always had claimed and held

sacred, and are therefore forced to deny the application for the establishment of a Lodge under foreign jurisdiction.

Another session of the 'Verwaltungsrath' was held September 9, 1877, in which only internal matters were spoken of and several communications received from a few Grand Lodges and subordinate Lodges.

The annual session was held on the 16th, 17th and 18th of November, 1877, at Veney. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Ischarner, presided. On the first day of the session the order of business was determined on, and the first business before the Grand Lodge was the matter of the resuscitation of the Lodge 'La Regenerée,' which was decided according to the report of the 'Verwaltungsrath.' The same sent in a resolution, by which pecuniary assistance was refused to Lodge 'Courage et Perverance,' and several others, which had been closed by the Government of France. This was also adopted. The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

At the second conference, Bro. Dueret Pittet, Master of the Lodge 'Liberte,' at Lausanne, was elected a member of the 'Verwaltungsrath' in place of the late Bro. Carrevon, and then, after a long debate, the Grand Lodge deliberated upon the proposed amendments to the Constitution, and it was finally resolved, that a Commission be appointed to compile it and have it ready for the next Grand Lodge meeting.

At the third session, the Grand Master remarked, that at the beginning of the deliberations on the amendments to the Constitution, he had been filled with anxiety and fear, and thanks to the intelligence, moderation and self-sacrifice of the beloved brethren, his fear and anxiety had vanished, and he could, with great rejoicings, congratulate the brothers upon the successful result. The principles of the new Constitution had now been determined upon, and the Commission, he had not the least doubt, would, by conscientious compilation, lay before the next Grand Lodge the Constitution in its amended form. It would then be the duty of the subordinate Lodges to enliven the written letter with a true Masonic spirit, for the benefit and happiness of the several Lodges, the Mother 'Alpina' and the whole dear Fatherland. To this end, he closed, may the Great Architect of the Universe give His blessings.

We must not omit to state, that one of the amendments to the Constitution makes the tenure of office of the Grand Master and of the members of the 'Verwaltungsrath' five years, with the condition that they cannot be re-elected.

Several communications from the central organ of the Swiss Lodges Union, were submitted to the Grand Lodge, especially one, about the status of the Grand Orient of France, in regard to amendments to its Constitution, Article 1, §2, which reads, 'Freemasonry proclaims the principle of freedom of conscience and *solidarité* among men.' We

have spoken about this matter in former years so extensively, that we deem it a waste of time to enlarge upon it any more.

The M. W. Bro. Ischarner is Grand Master still, and we hope that under his able and wise administration all former impediments may be removed."

### MISCELLANEOUS.

We have also received the proceedings of the Grand Orient of Belgium for the year 1875, and those of the Grand Orient of France, for the year 1878. They contain only matters of a local character.

No documents or proceedings have reached us from Brazil, and we regret it very much, for we expected to hear of a better feeling in Masonic circles, and a union of the two Masonic Grand Bodies now contending supremacy in that country.

### CONCLUSION.

And now, our labor, which we have performed as chairman of this committee, for three successive years, approaches its final end. For this year we have *endeavored* (unsuccessfully, we fear,) to review the following Grand Bodies:

Alabama,	Maryland,	North Carolina,
Arkansas,	Massachusetts,	Oregon,
Canada,	Maine,	Pennsylvania,
California,	Manitoba,	Prince Edward's Island,
Colorado,	Michigan,	Quebec,
Connecticut,	Mississippi,	Rhode Island.
Dakota,	Missouri,	South Carolina,
Delaware,	Minnesota,	Tennessee,
District of Columbia,	Montana,	Texas,
Florida,	Nebraska,	Utah,
Indiana,	Nevada,	Vermont,
Illinois,	New Brunswick,	Virginia,
Iowa,	New York,	Washington Territory,
Idaho,	Nova Scotia,	West Virginia.
Kansas,	New Jersey,	Wisconsin,
Kentucky,	New South Wales,	Wyoming.

The following Grand Bodies have also been reviewed by your committee:

Argentine Republic:	Egypt,	Ireland,
'Alpina' of Switzerland,	France,	Scotland,
Colon,	Germany,	Spain,
Cuba,	Hungary,	Uruguay.
England.		

We regret to say, that the proceedings of the following Grand Bodies have not been received by this committee: British Columbia, Georgia, New Mexico, Ohio, Brazil and Italy. While we are not in immediate correspondence with all these bodies, it would have given us much pleasure to have given them room in our columns.

The foregoing table of proceedings reviewed, as well as our previous reports, will show that we have not shirked the laborious duty we assumed, when called to the important station from which we are now about to retire. On the contrary, we fear that the result of our labor has been more distinguished for its *quantity* than its *quality*. We lay down our pen with sincere regret, because there is no position within the gifts of a Masonic Grand Lodge, more congenial to our taste, or more profitable to a Masonic Student, than the one we have earnestly tried to fill. The onerous duties of an exacting profession, as well as the obligations we owe to our family and to ourselves, all demand the sacrifice at our hands, and, unwillingly, we obey.

To our colleagues throughout this great Continent, we return our sincere thanks for the kind and fraternal treatment we have always received at their hands, and for the many benefits and advantages we have derived during our intercourse with them. In after years, and as time rolls on, we shall always look back upon our editorial career as the brightest and happiest experience in our Masonic life. And now (dropping the editorial and official "we," and becoming simply the writer), to you, as a Grand Lodge, and individually, I offer my thanks and high appreciation for the kindness you have extended to me, and for the leniency with which you received my many errors and overlooked my shortcomings.

To our Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Batchelor, I owe special thanks for the fraternal kindness and uniform courtesy I have received during my official intercourse with him.

I am under obligations to the various R. W. Brethren, that have served on the Committee with me at various times, for the support and kind encouragement I always received from them. R. W. Bro. Ernest Morel is entitled to an expression of my high appreciation for the assistance he has rendered me during the last three years, and to my thanks for the able contributions on foreign Grand Bodies, with which he has favored my reports.

And now, brethren of the Grand Lodge, kind readers and indulgent colleagues, farewell!

GEO. H. BRAUGHN,  
*Chairman.*  
ERNEST MOREL,  
JOHN CLEGG,

*Committee on Foreign Correspondence.*

NEW ORLEANS, January 25th, 1879.

We have the honor to submit the following resolutions:

*Resolved*—That this Grand Lodge, in view of the violation, on the part of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, of the jurisdictional rights of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, do request the Most Worshipful Grand Master to recall the commission, now held by Right Worshipful Bro. David Kinnear, as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana at the East of Scotland.

*Resolved*—That the Grand Lodge of Louisiana heartily welcomes the Grand Lodges of Dakota, Indian Territory, and New Mexico, into the Sisterhood of American Grand Lodges, and has great pleasure in extending to them fraternal relations.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. H. BRAUGHN,  
*Chairman.*

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 W. WESLEY E. LAWRENCE .....New Orleans.

Ordered to be read in all the Lodges.

## Notice to W. Masters and Secretaries of Constituent Lodges.

Each Chartered Lodge shall make Annual Returns to the Grand Lodge of all their Proceedings for the year ending the 31st day of December, and pay their dues, which shall be delivered to the Grand Secretary, at least one week prior to the time fixed for the Annual Grand Communication, under liability of the suspension of the Lodge.  
 —By-Laws Grand Lodge, Sec. 36.

The Grand Annual Communication in 1880 will commence on February 9th. Dues and returns due at the Grand Secretary's Office on February 2d, 1880,

The Grand Secretary's Address is—

*Drawer No. 872, New Orleans P. O.*