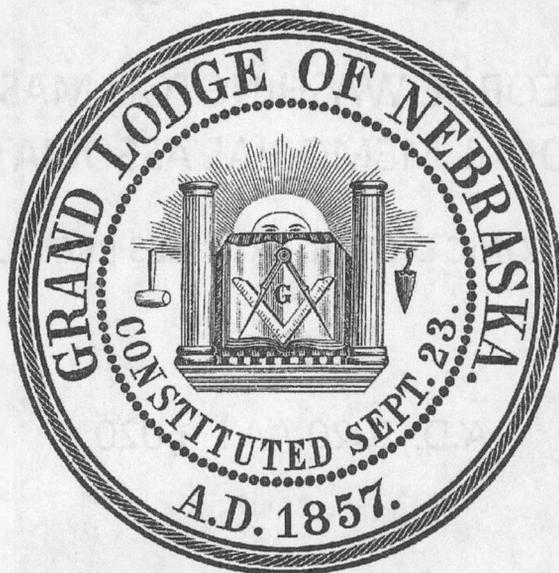


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LODGE No. 10, FT. CALHOUN, NEBRASKA, APRIL 6th, 1906,
AND AT THE
FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,
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 MON LODGE No. 10, A.:F.:&A.:M.:, FT. CALHOUN,
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The Grand Lodge, A.:F.:&A.:M.: of Nebraska, met in emergent communication, Friday, April 6th, 1906, at 2:30 P. M., there being present:

- M.:W.:ROBERT E. FRENCH, 46, proxy for the Grand Master,
- W.:OLIVER M. IRELAND, 10as Deputy Grand Master,
- W.:LEE SMITH, 10as Grand Senior Warden,
- R.:W.:WILLIAM A. DEBORD,Grand Junior Warden,
- W.:FRANK JAHNEL, 232.as Grand Treasurer,
- R.:W.:FRANCIS E. WHITE,.....Grand Secretary,
- V.:W.:GEORGE A. BEECHER,.....Grand Chaplain,
- W.:FRANK E. WARD, 31.as Grand Marshal,
- W.:DAVID W. MOOR, 10.....as Grand Senior Deacon,
- W.:CHARLES W. CLARK, 10.as Grand Junior Deacon,
- BRO.:PARK BEALES, 10.....as Grand Tyler,

and a number of brethren from Solomon Lodge No. 10, Washington Lodge No. 21, and John S. Bowen Lodge No. 232. A lodge of Master Masons was opened in due form, whereupon the acting Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge open, and due proclamation was made thereof by the Grand Marshal. The acting Grand Master stated that the emergent communication was called for the purpose of paying the last tribute of res-

pect to the remains of Brother Elias H. Clark, Past Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge, A.: A.:F.:&A.:M.: of Nebraska. A procession was formed and marched to the depot and conveyed the remains of Brother Clark to the church, where the service of the Episcopal Church was conducted by Very Reverend George A. Beecher, Dean of Trinity Cathedral, Omaha, after which the procession was again formed and proceeded to the cemetery, where with the full ceremonial of the Fraternity, Past Grand Master Robert E. French committed to the earth the body of one of our brothers who had served the Fraternity faithfully and well. After the service at the grave was concluded, the procession returned to the lodge room and the emergent communication was closed in ample form.

MELVILLE R. HOPEWELL,

Grand Master.

Francis Ell White

Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS
 OF THE
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 OF NEBRASKA,
 AT THE
 FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,
 HELD IN OMAHA, JUNE 5th and 6th, 1906.

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska met in annual communication in Freemasons Hall, on Tuesday, June 5th, 1906, A. L. 5906, A. D. 1906, at ten o'clock in the morning, there being present:

- M. W. MELVILLE R. HOPEWELL Grand Master,
- R. W. ZUINGLE M. BAIRD Deputy Grand Master,
- R. W. ORNAN J. KING Grand Senior Warden,
- R. W. WILLIAM A. DEBORD Grand Junior Warden,
- M. W. JOHN B. DINSMORE Grand Treasurer,
- R. W. FRANCIS E. WHITE Grand Secretary,
- V. W. GEORGE A. BEECHER Grand Chaplain,
- W. RODERICK D. SUTHERLAND Grand Orator,
- M. W. ROBERT E. FRENCH Grand Custodian,
- W. MICHAEL DOWLING Grand Marshal,
- W. HARRY A. CHENEY Grand Senior Deacon,
- W. HENRY GIBBONS Grand Junior Deacon,
- BRO. JACOB KING Grand Tyler,

and representatives from two hundred and seven of the two hundred and thirty-four chartered lodges of the jurisdiction.

A lodge of Master Masons was opened in ample form, as required by the Law of Freemasonry in Nebraska. The Grand Lodge sang the first verse of "America," followed by prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Dean Beecher.

The roll of lodges being called, a constitutional number was found to be represented, whereupon the Most Worshipful Grand Master declared the forty-ninth annual communication open for the transaction of such business as might properly be brought before it, and the Grand Marshal made due proclamation thereof.

It was ordered that all Freemasons properly clothed and vouched for be admitted to seats in the gallery during the session, unless objected to by members of the Grand Lodge.

Most Worshipful Melville R. Hopewell, Grand Master, thereupon delivered his address, as follows:

ADDRESS.

Brethren:

A year has come and gone, and we are again assembled in annual communication to greet each other, and inquire, what of the hour?

The world has been moving since our last meeting. The greatest war of modern times has closed, making many changes on the chess-board of nations. The unexpected has happened, and the consequent readjustment has brought about new alignments that will affect the welfare of many people. In our own country, momentous questions have been under consideration. Just now a peaceful revolution in the interest of the people is in progress and much good will no doubt result therefrom.

We are in the midst of an epoch-making period. History will be replete with the happenings of today. In the march of events, the Masonic world is keeping pace. The proceedings of other Grand Lodges show an era of unexampled prosperity. Never before has there been greater activity among the brethren, or more interest manifested in the principles of our Fraternity. In our Grand Jurisdiction, there is much to gratify and encourage. The great majority of the subordinate lodges have been well attended and are growing in membership. The lodge rooms, as a rule, are supplied with up-to-date furniture and paraphernalia. Many of the lodges own their buildings, and what is better still, the brethren are imbued with the true spirit of Masonry, and are earnest in their endeavors to be worthy members of the Fraternity.

THE CALIFORNIA CALAMITY.

The calamity at San Francisco called for immediate aid. I at once wired M. W. Motley H. Flint, Grand Master of California, to draw a sight draft on R. W. Francis E. White, Grand Secretary, for \$500.00, to be used at his discretion for the suffering brethren of his jurisdiction, and to advise me as to further needs. I received a telegraph acknowledgment from the

scene of the disaster, expressing sincere thanks for the remittance, and later received a letter saying that the money had been used to relieve distress and to feed the starving. Some of our lodges have already sent remittances to the Grand Secretary to be forwarded through the proper channels, and these are being held until it can be determined how best to dispose of them. The following, taken from the letter of Grand Master Motley H. Flint, dated May 16th, 1906, gives the situation at the date named:

At this time I feel that I have sufficient funds to meet the conditions as they now exist and I sincerely trust that these funds will prove sufficient. Should this, however, be not a fact I will advise you, but at this writing I am under the impression that the generosity of our beloved brethren of the Grand jurisdictions of the United States have been sufficient for the needs of our stricken brethren.

I suggest that some action be now taken by this Grand Body, expressive of our active sympathy for our unfortunate brethren.

VISITATIONS.

It has not been my good fortune to visit many of the lodges. Like too many of my predecessors, my private affairs have taken my time. And I have endeavored to discharge the duties of this high office, catching a day here and there as I could. I hope to see the day when the Grand Master can take a vacation, as to private affairs, and devote his whole attention to the business of his office. He will find plenty to do. Then we may expect the ideal executive, one who, besides being well versed in the law, the teachings and traditions of Masonry, is an enthusiastic lover of the work. Such a one, in addition to routine work, would be able to make a large number of visitations, become personally acquainted with the membership of the different lodges, observe their work, obtain a knowledge of local conditions, and thus acquire information that would enable him to deal intelligently with all matters referred to him.

I have met with the brethren of Washington Lodge No. 21, Oliver Lodge No. 38, Star, No. 88, Oakland, No. 91, Bloomfield, No. 218, and George Armstrong, No. 241. These are all well equipped and good working lodges, except Star, No. 88 at Decatur, which by reason of its environment, is limited in good material to draw from, and consequently is not increasing in membership very rapidly. I would especially commend the work, as well as the brotherly spirit, manifested by the brethren of Washington, No. 21. In so doing, I am not to be understood as making a comparison to the detriment of other lodges, but an illustration of what appeared to the Grand Master, on the night of his visit, to be a model working lodge. In the first place, the lodge room was appropriately furnished and scrupulously clean. The officers and members were promptly in their places at the hour of opening. There was no tobacco spitting or smoking, no lounging upon the seats, undue whispering, or confusion of any kind. All were quiet, alert, and at-

tentive. In conducting the work, special attention was given to details. Those taking part knew what to do and did it without hesitancy. The ceremonies were such as to make the right impression on the mind of the candidate.

Oakland, No. 91, and George Armstrong, No. 241, I feel a peculiar interest in, for the reason that I assisted in starting them. They are both excellent lodges. Each has at its head a genuine Masonic crank, who labors incessantly for the good of the Craft, and obliges his subordinate officers to do likewise. The consequence is, there is no loitering or indifference in the lodge room; but all is activity and enthusiasm.

Here let me say I wish we had more cranks in the master's chair. We would have more good lodges. The master cannot do all the work; but he can do a great deal. A lodge never dies of inanition that has a wide-awake master. It is an impossibility. He will not only do his part, but he will stir up the brethren to do theirs, and when officers and members alike do their full duty, the lodge grows and prospers, just as surely as sunshine and rain bring forth vegetation.

We have a few chartered lodges, I am sorry to say, where Masonry is dead. The officers and members seem to have forgotten their vows. They manifest no interest in the principles of the Fraternity, or the work of the lodge. The business is limited to a perfunctory opening and closing. They do nothing to attract membership, or merit the respect of the community. Official communications are too often unanswered. Such lodges are a detriment to the Fraternity. They should not be permitted to continue such a slothful and useless existence. There should be a regeneration or they should become extinct.

CIPHERS AND KEYS—SO-CALLED.

One of my first acts, was to issue an edict on July 5th, 1905, to the masters, wardens, and brethren of all chartered lodges within this Grand Jurisdiction, forbidding the sale or use of so-called keys and ciphers, relating to the ritualistic work of Ancient Craft Masonry. I caused copies thereof to be sent to all the lodges, and directed that the same be read at the first and second regular meetings after they were received, and that the fact of such readings be certified to by the master and secretary and the edict returned to me. Over two hundred lodges have complied with this request. The names of the few that have failed to answer, will be given my successor to be dealt with as he thinks best. I am satisfied that the pernicious habit of using spurious publications heretofore indulged in by some of the brethren, has been almost if not entirely broken up. Only at one point, _____ have I found that works of this character were used. Immediately upon receiving notice of the fact, I directed our Grand Custodian, M. W. Brother Robert E. French, as my representative, to make an investigation, take up all such publications, and report to me. This he did, and procured and sent me a number of alleged keys and ciphers, which I have turned over to the Grand Secretary. The brethren, when the matter was properly explained to them, expressed regret and promised to refrain from their use in the future.

CONSTITUTING LODGES.

Assisted by the Grand Custodian, M. W. Robert E. French, Brother Sam S. Whiting, of Lancaster Lodge No. 54, and a number of brethren from Oliver Lodge No. 38, I constituted Bee Lodge No. 259, at Bee, Nebraska, on July 13th, 1905. I also on July 14th, 1905, with the assistance of the Grand Custodian, Brother Whiting, and a number of brethren from Broken Bow, constituted Anselmo Lodge No. 258, at Anselmo, Nebraska. The brethren at both of these points are few in number, but promise to give a good report of their doings as the years go by.

TRUSTEE OF THE ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.

I have appointed Brother Frank H. Young, 207, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund, for the term ending June, 1908.

OMISSION IN THE LAW.

Soon after my installation, attention was called to an omission in our law relating to the time between conferring the three degrees of Masonry. The law in force, prior to the adoption of the compilation in 1904, contained the following provision under the head of work:

"Paragraph 3, Section III. An interval of one lunar month shall intervene between the elections of a petitioner for advancement." By some oversight the paragraph was not included in the edition of our law of 1904, and as nothing had been inserted covering the same point, I issued an edict declaring the above provision of our law to be still in force, and forbidding any lodge in the jurisdiction to advance any brother contrary to the above quoted paragraph.

I recommend the inserting in our law of the paragraph referred to, and call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the condition of the proviso which does not mean that a lunar month shall intervene between the conferring of the degrees, but between the elections of the petitioner. Under the law a brother could be elected to receive the Entered Apprentice degree on the first of the month, receive it on the twenty-eighth, and the Fellow Craft degree on the twenty-ninth. I call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the above in order that a change can be made if it is deemed advisable.

CORNER-STONES.

At the request of the proper authorities, I have laid corner-stones as follows:

On September 20th, 1905, the corner-stone of the new court house at Seward, Nebraska. I was assisted by the Grand Custodian, M. W. Robert E. French, and other Grand Officers, and the brethren of Oliver

Lodge No. 38. The day was fine and there was a very large attendance of people. The ceremonies were performed in accordance with ancient usages. The members of Oliver Lodge and the citizens of Seward were especially attentive and courteous.

On October 10th, 1905, I laid the corner-stone of the addition to the Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth, Nebraska. The ceremonies were conducted amid a steady downpour of rain. Past Grand Master George W. Lininger delivered an address, in which he gave a history of the Home, stating the purpose of the Grand Lodge to make a real home for the unfortunate who have claims have upon it. There was a large attendance of the brethren, members of the Eastern Star, and citizens. All remained until the services were concluded, protecting themselves from the wet as best they could with raincoats and umbrellas.

On October 29th, 1905, with the assistance of Omaha brethren, I successfully laid the corner-stone of the Tenth Street Methodist Church, in the presence of a large assemblage.

On November 21st, 1905, the corner-stone of the Congregational Church at Aurora, Nebraska, was laid with due ceremonies by Past Grand Master Charles J. Phelps, acting as my duly appointed representative. He reports a cordial reception, and a pleasant meeting with the brethren of Aurora Lodge No. 68.

REPRESENTATIVES.

I have recommended the following named brothers as representatives of other Grand Lodges, near our own:

June 17th, 1905, Brother George W. Little, 240, of Ohio.

June 17th, 1905, Brother Frederick M. Weitzel, 78, of New South Wales.

June 17th, 1905, Brother Frank E. Ward, 31, of New Zealand.

June 17th, 1905, Brother George A. Day, 1, of Mexico.

COMMISSIONS.

I have issued commissions to the following named brethren to represent this Grand Lodge near other Grand Lodges:

June 29th, 1905, Thomas Hillson, of New York.

July 10th, 1905, Rufe C. March, of Mexico.

Aug. 12th, 1905, Edward P. Hubberd, of Colorado.

Aug. 25th, 1905, Frederick A. Banks, of New South Wales.

Oct. 3d, 1905, William B. Haygood, of Georgia.

Apr. 7th, 1906, Alfred G. Pinkham, of Minnesota.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted special dispensations as follows, receiving the fee of ten dollars in each instance, which has been turned over to the Grand Secretary:

June 9th, 1905, to Gavel Lodge No. 199, to elect officers.

June 27th, 1905, to Jordan Lodge No. 27, to elect and install the treasurer.

July 17th, 1905, to Siloam Lodge No. 147, to install the secretary.

July 17th, 1905, to Merna Lodge No. 171, to install the senior warden.

July 17th, 1905, to Bee Hive Lodge No. 184, to install the master.

July 17th, 1905, to Parian Lodge No. 207, to install the treasurer.

Sept. 16th, 1905, to Washington Lodge No. 21, to confer the three degrees on Arthur H. Marsh, without regard to time.

Oct. 19th, 1905, to Lancaster Lodge No. 54, to elect and confer the Fellow Craft and Master Masons degrees on Brother John C. Stevens, without regard to time.

Nov. 11th, 1905, to Geneva Lodge No. 79, to elect and confer the Fellow Craft and Master Masons degrees on Brother Arthur S. Elmore, without regard to time.

November 16th, 1905, to Covert Lodge No. 11, to elect and confer the Fellow Craft and Master Masons degrees on Brother Frederick S. Rawcliffe, without regard to time.

November 18th, 1905, to Tecumseh Lodge No. 17, to confer the degree of Master Mason on Brother Frank A. Snyder, without regard to time.

November 22d, 1905, to East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 to install the junior warden.

January 27th, 1906, to Bartley Lodge No. 228, to install the junior warden.

May 14th, 1906, to Gothenburg Lodge No. 249, to elect officers.

May 16th, 1906, to Unity Lodge No. 163, to elect officers.

May 16th, 1906, to Justice Lodge No. 180, to elect officers.

May 18th, 1906, to Western Star Lodge No. 2, to elect officers.

I have issued a dispensation without collecting a fee, to Orient Lodge No. 13, to hold meetings without a charter, their charter having been destroyed by fire.

Application was made to me for a special dispensation to authorize a Past Master of Covert Lodge No. 11, to open and preside over the lodge at a regular meeting, the master and senior warden being unable to be present on account of illness, and the junior warden being absent from the city. I could find no authority for setting aside the law in such cases. It being the regular meeting for the annual election of officers of the lodge, it seemed desirable that the meeting should be held, and the only way for this to be done was for me either personally or by proxy, to attend the meeting, and preside over it. Being unable to go in person, I gave my proxy to Past Grand Master George W. Lininger, who accepted the trust, and reported having convened the lodge and presided during the meeting.

SEALS APPROVED.

On August 4th, I approved the design for a seal for Anselmo Lodge No. 258.

On August 19th, I approved the design for a seal for Bee Lodge No. 259.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

I have approved amendments to by-laws of lodges as follows:

Lincoln Lodge No. 19, Washington Lodge No. 21, Pawnee Lodge No. 23, Lone Tree Lodge No. 36, Mosaic Lodge No. 55, York Lodge No. 56, Friend Lodge No. 73, Tyre Lodge No. 85, Wymore Lodge No. 104, Square Lodge No. 151, Trestle Board Lodge No. 162, Barneston Lodge No. 165, Arcana Lodge No. 195, Golden Rule Lodge No. 236, and George Armstrong Lodge No. 241.

FUNERAL CEREMONIES.

The Grand Lodge, Most Worshipful Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, as my representative, conducting the ceremonies, laid to rest the remains of Brother Elias H. Clark, a member of this Grand Body, in the cemetery at Fort Calhoun, his old home.

Brother Clark was one of the early settlers of Nebraska, a Past Deputy Grand Master, and a regular attendant at the sittings of the Grand Lodge. My recollection is, that he stated to me at the last session that he had not missed a meeting since its organization.

I have officiated at the obsequies of Captain Silas T. Leaming, a member of Tekamah Lodge No. 31, who was buried at Decatur. Also of Brother Melbourn J. Kenyon, a Past Master of Star Lodge No. 88, who was buried at Lyons.

There have been numerous calls for the services of our Grand Custodian in conducting funeral rites, because of his wide acquaintance and personal friendships. It has been impossible for him to respond in all instances; but under my direction, he has done so whenever he could without interfering too much with his official business.

EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF GRAND LODGE DUES.

In my opinion the law as originally presented did not contemplate exempting brethren who are amply able to contribute to the support of the Grand Lodge, or of the lodge in which they hold membership, but to relieve only those who are unable to pay, or those to whom it would mean a hardship to pay their annual dues. Many of the lodges and brethren are beginning to look upon exemptions as a roll of honor, and the list is growing a little larger each year. One lodge with a membership of a little over one hundred and fifty has thirty-nine members on the list of those exempt from the payment of Grand Lodge dues. The proportion

of the expenses which these brethren should bear has to be paid by the others. Many of them are not as able to bear it as some of those who are exempt. Again, a brother who is exempt from the payment of dues too often soon ceases to take any interest in the affairs of the lodge. I know of no good reason why a brother who is able to pay his dues should be exempt. Masonry is worth the small sum charged as annual dues, and it is worth it each and every year, regardless of a brother's age or the number of years he has been a member. Think of the injustice of exempting a brother who is abundantly able to pay, and suspending one who feels that it is a hardship for him to pay not only his own proportion of the expenses of his lodge, but that of his well-to-do brother, also.

In my judgment there should be only one reason for exempting members from the payment of dues, and that is their inability to pay them. I recommend that the law be changed so as to exempt from payment only when the lodge of which they are members will certify that they are unable to pay or that it would be a hardship for them to do so.

For thirty-eight years I have been a Master Mason, and I have always deemed it a privilege to pay lodge dues. I hope the law as it now stands will be repealed before I change my mind.

DUES OF DEMITTING MEMBERS.

The question of the payment of dues when brethren desire to demit for the purpose of joining other lodges is one that comes up frequently, and it should be considered and definitely settled. Most of our lodges require the payment of dues in advance. Section 141 of our law provides that when dues are paid in advance the lodge need not refund them. It would seem only just that when a brother demits for the purpose of joining another lodge he should be required to pay only a proportionate sum. In other words, payment of dues should end with membership in a lodge. To do otherwise is to require a brother to pay dues in two lodges if he complies with the spirit of our law in regard to affiliation. Some lodges require a brother to pay Grand Lodge dues for the current year before they will grant him a demit, and you will note in my decision I have decided that they must do so. This part of the question should also be considered in connection with the payment of lodge dues.

DECISIONS.

I have rendered the following decisions:

1. A brother, demitting from a lodge in this jurisdiction, must pay his Grand Lodge dues to the end of the Masonic year.
2. A duplicate demit may be issued on a satisfactory showing that the original has been lost and has not been used for affiliation elsewhere.
3. An Entered Apprentice-elect, who is stopped by objection from receiving the degree, is entitled to have the initiation fee which he has paid refunded.

4. There is no provision in our law for an honorable withdrawal of membership from a Masonic lodge. Membership can only be severed by suspension, expulsion, demission, or death.

5. Entered Apprentice Masons are not entitled to appear in funeral processions.

6. A person living just across the line in Kansas, but closer to a Nebraska lodge than any other, is not material for a lodge in this jurisdiction.

7. The ceremonies in the Master Masons degree cannot be suspended to permit a profane to sing in the presence or hearing of the brother.

8. Where jurisdiction is waived over an Entered Apprentice in favor of a lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction, to elect and confer the remaining degrees, making him a member of that lodge, such waiver cannot be recalled after the brother has been rejected in the foreign lodge.

9. Where a brother belonging to a lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction desires to affiliate with a lodge in this jurisdiction, but cannot get a demit for that purpose until after he has been elected here, a certificate from his lodge to the effect that he is in good standing and will be demitted upon proof that he has been elected, is equivalent to a demit as required by Section 133 of the law.

10. Section 108 of the law is not open to two constructions. It means that after a petition has been received and referred to a committee, it cannot be withdrawn but must be acted on by the lodge.

11. Where a brother having lost his demit, applies for affiliation to the lodge that granted it, his application may be acted on when he shows that it is lost and has not been used to join elsewhere.

12. The action of a lodge in electing to membership a brother who does not present with his application a demit or its equivalent and who in fact is not demitted, is a nullity.

13. An applicant for the Entered Apprentice degree should be twenty-one years old at the time of signing the petition. It is not enough that he would be twenty-one years old before his petition could be acted on.

14. Where fees have been paid for any of the degrees, and the candidate has been ready to receive them but dies without receiving them, the fees should be refunded to his estate.

15. Where a lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction asks a lodge in the jurisdiction of Iowa to confer, for it, the Master Masons degree upon a Fellow Craft, it submits to the law of that jurisdiction, as to the question of fees, and must pay to the Iowa lodge the fee to which it is entitled under its own law for doing the work.

16. Where a lodge receives a petition, and objection is made to initiation before ballot, and the master does not order a ballot, the lodge holds jurisdiction over the party the same as though he had been rejected by ballot. The master erred in such case in allowing the petition to be withdrawn without ballot.

the fact that a lodge is weak, or is not trying to do any work, justify a sister lodge in encroaching upon its territory. Its position must be respected as long as it retains its charter.

LODGES U. D. S.

I have issued dispensations to the following named brethren for the formation of new lodge at Spencer, Nebraska, under the name of Ornan Lodge U. D. S., appointing William D. Spicknall, Master; George E. Armour, Senior Warden; James S. Woods, Junior Warden:

Sanford Parker, Eugene E. Bradstreet, James S. Woods, Hardy A. Skelton, John N. Sturdevant, George E. Armour, William D. Spicknall, Charles L. Spicknall, James K. Moore, William Oscar Fields, William J. Isaacs, George W. Short, and James S. Adkins.

I have also issued a dispensation to the following named brothers to form a lodge U. D. S. at Springview, Nebraska, under the name of Springview Lodge U. D. S., naming John W. McLeran, Master; Lewis A. Wilson, Senior Warden; and Clarence A. Ripley, Junior Warden:

William A. Austin, Walton A. Kenaston, George H. Lamoreaux, John W. McLeran, Severt E. Josiassen, Lewis A. Wilson, Charles E. Lear, James G. Ackerman, Sam Deitrick, Harry D. Heiges, and Clarence A. Ripley.

Considering the short time intervening between the issuance of these dispensations and the meeting of the Grand Lodge, I suggested to the brethren that they do not apply at this session for charter, but that they continue under dispensation until another meeting of the Grand Lodge.

INDIANOLA.

Early in my term of office, I received a petition from a number of brothers at Indianola, Nebraska, asking that a dispensation be granted them for a lodge U. D. S. at that place. The charter of Indianola Lodge No. 123 was arrested by Grand Master Bullard for reasons that were approved by the Grand Lodge. My predecessor, Grand Master Burnham, refused to grant a dispensation because of the unsavory condition developed by the investigation. In view of the late date at which the examination of these brethren was made by the Grand Custodian, consequent upon the delay requested by the petitioners to prepare for examination, and for the further reason that I feel that I ought not to act in this matter without making a personal examination of the present condition of Masonic matters at Indianola, I have decided to leave the matter for determination by my successor.

PROPOSED LODGES.

I have also received a petition from Martin Bristol and other brethren for the formation of a lodge U. D. S. at Mitchell, Nebraska. I have referred the matter to the Grand Custodian to make the necessary examination. This will also go over for the action of the incoming Grand Master.

A petition for a dispensation to form a lodge at Lynch was received and afterward withdrawn. The fee of twenty-five dollars has been turned over to the Grand Treasurer, and I recommend that an order be drawn for this amount and the fee returned.

WAIVERS OF JURISDICTION.

Upon request of Ionic Lodge No. 87, I waived jurisdiction over Brother Ray Schofield, an Entered Apprentice of Summit Lodge No. 141, extinct, for the purpose of enabling him to receive the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees and become a member of Ionic Lodge.

I also waived jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska over Brother George A. Graves, an Entered Apprentice of Plumb Lodge No. 186, extinct, in favor of Weber Lodge No. 6 of the Grand Jurisdiction of Utah, to be elected and receive the degrees of Fellow Craft and Master Mason and become a member of that lodge.

OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS.

From M. W. Thomas N. Davis, Grand Master of Virginia, I received letter enclosing correspondence had between our St. Johns Lodge No. 25, and Pleasants Lodge No. 63, of Roanoke, Virginia, in regard to a bill of \$68.00, incurred by Pleasants Lodge in the burial of a member in good standing of St. Johns Lodge at the time of his death. Upon investigation, I decided that the bill ought to be paid and so informed St. Johns Lodge. The master thereupon caused a remittance to be made to Pleasants Lodge of the full amount claimed.

On May 11th, 1906, complaint was made to me by Brother George W. Little, Master of Pilot Lodge No. 240, of unmasonic conduct of a brother who claimed he was a member of a Masonic lodge at Excelsior Springs, Missouri. I at once referred the correspondence to Most Worshipful A. S. Houston, Grand Master of Masons of Missouri, for his consideration, and such action as he may deem proper. The matter is as yet undetermined.

PAWNEE LODGE NO. 23.

Word came to me that the brethren of Pawnee Lodge No. 23 were endeavoring to raise money for the benefit of their lodge, by the endless chain system of letters; deeming this a polite way of seeking alms that ought not to be indulged in by Masonic lodges, I ordered its discontinuance, and the repayment of moneys received. My order was at once complied with, except as to the refunding of money which, being received in donations of ten cents, was impracticable. At the suggestion of the brethren I modified my order, directing the amount received, \$24.45, to be turned over to the Grand Secretary for the benefit of the Masonic Home, which was done.

On January 8th, 1906, I received a complaint from Brother C. F. Ridings, Worshipful Master of Hamilton Lodge, No. 224, at Hamilton,

Missouri, against the master of Pawnee Lodge No. 23, for his refusal to pay expenses incurred upon his order, by Hamilton Lodge, in the funeral rites over the remains of Brother James W. Orr. I wrote the master, asking his version of the matter. Receiving no reply to this letter, I sent Brother Robert E. French, as my representative, to make an examination and report to me the facts. This resulted in establishing the truth of the charges made by Brother Ridings. The bill was at once paid by order of Pawnee Lodge, and I caused the jewel of the master to be taken up and given to Brother Frank S. Colwell, the junior warden, who has since had charge of the lodge, the senior warden being absent from the city at the time of such action.

In April, 1906, further complaint was made to me that the deposed master was interfering with the harmony of the lodge, and was guilty of unmasonic conduct that was bringing disgrace upon the name of Masonry. I again caused Brother Robert E. French, as my representative, to make another visit and investigate and report to me the facts. This he has done and I submit his report and all correspondence, for such action as may be advisable.

I also received a request from Pawnee Lodge for permission to occupy their new lodge room and to dedicate it. Not being able to attend in person, Past Grand Master Davidson kindly acted as my representative, and made a favorable report, and the brethren were permitted to occupy the room for a meeting place. Owing to the want of Masonic harmony in the lodge, I have taken no steps in regard to the dedication of the hall.

COMPASS AND SQUARE LODGE NO. 212.

I received reports to the effect that the master of Compass and Square Lodge No. 212 was committing acts in violation of his obligation as a Mason, and as master of a lodge, which if true, unfitted him to preside in the east. I caused an investigation to be made by Brothers Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, and Henry Gibbons, Grand Junior Deacon, as my representatives, took up the master's jewel, and suspended the master from the performance of further official duties, and placed the lodge in charge of Brother John Holthem, the senior warden. The report of the committee is submitted for such further action as may be for the good of Masonry.

BLOOMFIELD LODGE NO 218.

Upon complaint being lodged with me that stories derogatory to the good name of the master of Bloomfield Lodge No. 218, were being circulated by a prominent brother of the lodge, I went in person and made a searching investigation as to the facts. The result was a complete vindication of the master. I ordered charges preferred against the brother who caused the reports to be circulated. Trial was had, the brother confessed his guilt, and asked the mercy and forgiveness of the

lodge and of the master. The trial resulted in conviction, the penalty imposed being a reprimand by the Grand Master, which was read by Most Worshipful Brother French, at a special communication of the lodge called for that purpose.

JOHN S. BOWEN LODGE NO. 232.

Complaint was made to me by a brother of John S. Bowen Lodge No. 232, that the acting master was guilty of numerous infractions of Masonic law, for the purpose of assisting an Entered Apprentice Mason to receive the Fellow Craft and Master Masons degrees, over objections made against his advancement. I caused an investigation to be made by Brother Robert E. French as my representative, at which a large volume of testimony was taken; this with the report of Brother French, and my findings, is submitted for the action of this Grand Body. I found the trouble to be a feud between two brothers, that threatened to disrupt the lodge, and seemed to demand the arresting of the charter. Upon the earnest request of the brethren, and the promise that they would forget their differences and hereafter labor for the good of Masonry, I refrained from taking their charter. My judgment is, that there is good material in this lodge, and that it ought to be a prosperous one, and that it will be, if the brethren keep their promise. The master had removed to a distant point, leaving the senior warden in charge. Finding the charges against him to be true, I took from him the master's jewel and gave it to the junior warden, Brother John B. Burgess, who has since been in charge of the lodge. The whole matter is submitted for action by the Grand Lodge.

HILDRETH LODGE NO. 252.

It coming to my notice that one of the officers of Hildreth Lodge No. 252 was believed to be guilty of violating Masonic law, by the sale of intoxicating liquors, I caused an investigation to be made which resulted in his trial and indefinite suspension.

HESPERIA LODGE NO 178.

Conditions in this lodge being of such a nature that the good name of Masonry was suffering, I took up the charter, and caused the furniture and records of the lodge to be turned over to the custody of the Grand Secretary.

WEAK LODGES.

There are a number of weak lodges that are doing no good. They are not only weak in numbers, but in every other way. Their officers manifest no interest. It is difficult to decide what course to pursue with regard to them. The Grand Custodian under my direction has visited the most of these lodges. His reports I submit. They will be found of advantage to my successor and will fully advise him as to conditions.

THE MASONIC HOME.

The Masonic Home I am glad to report is in a flourishing condition. The new building, erected at a cost of about \$15,000.00, furnishes accommodations for twenty additional guests. It is heated with steam and has all the modern improvements and accessories. There are now twenty-five residents, all contented and happy so far as I am advised.

ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.

This fund is in splendid condition, nearly the whole of it being invested in farm mortgage loans. Some undesirable city lots, that were taken on foreclosures a few years ago, have recently been disposed of and the money put out at interest. The amount is steadily growing from year to year, and is now considerably over \$40,000.00. We frequently hear the query, what is to be done with it? That is a matter that can safely be left for future consideration. Just now we may content ourselves to let it grow. In my opinion it can properly be used for any charitable purpose. Why not? It belongs to the Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction. They can do with it as they like, keeping in mind the general purpose it is intended to promote.

I call attention to the services that are being rendered by the treasurer of this fund, Past Grand Master Charles K. Coutant. Without stopping to think, you do not realize the amount of work, painstaking care, and business prudence, required in keeping this amount of money safely invested in interest-bearing securities. While there are two other members of the Board of Trustees, they are chiefly ornamental. Brother Coutant is both secretary and treasurer, and does the work. He should receive the credit, and he should also be paid an adequate compensation for his services, which he is rendering year after year.

CLOSING.

In closing, I desire to express my appreciation of the uniform kindness and courtesy extended me by all with whom I have had official communication. I especially wish to thank the Grand Secretary and Grand Custodian for assistance rendered. I have taken advantage of my position and their knowledge and experience to make large calls upon them, and my drafts have always been honored.

In laying down the scepter, I also extend to the Craft my heartfelt thanks for the support given me during my administration. I have undoubtedly committed errors; but they were not intentional.

I deem my elevation to be Grand Master the greatest honor I have ever received. It is a high and honorable position and one of great responsibility. I have tried to do my duty. To the extent that I have fallen short, I ask my brethren to extend that Masonic charity that never faileth.

MELVILLE R. HOPEWELL,
Grand Master.

The papers referring to relief for East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 were referred to the Committee on Relief; those referring to the refund of the special dispensation fee to East Lincoln Lodge No. 210; to the refund of penalty and rebate to Parallel Lodge No. 152; to the claims of Western Star Lodge No. 2, Siloam Lodge No. 147, and Parian Lodge No. 207, for refund of special dispensation fees, and the correspondence in regard to costs in the case of taxes, were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The address of the Grand Master, together with the following reports of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Custodian, Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund, and Committee on Returns, were referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

John B. Dinsmore, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

GENERAL FUND.	
On hand as per last report.....	\$16,677.59
Received from the Grand Secretary.....	24,307.85
Total.....	\$40,985.44
Paid orders Nos. 2331, 2355 to 2399, 2500 to 2564 inclusive	\$21,763.03
Balance on hand.....	\$19,222.41
RELIEF FUND.	
On hand as per last report.....	\$2,969.71
Received from the Grand Secretary.....	1,635.01
Total.....	\$4,604.72
Paid orders Nos. 2437 to 2481.....	\$2,530.92
Balance on hand.....	\$2,073.80
RECAPITULATION.	
General fund on hand.....	\$19,222.41
Relief fund on hand.....	\$2,073.80
Total.....	\$21,296.21

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. DINSMORE,
Grand Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

To the M. W. L., the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska:

I submit herewith my report as Grand Secretary for the year ending June 4th, 1906.

The charter of Hesperia Lodge No. 178 was surrendered September 9th, 1905. Eleven members have taken demits, leaving six members on the roll, and there are nine suspended members. The amount due the Grand Lodge, amounting to \$5.48, has been charged to Profit and Loss. \$481.43 to the credit of Arapahoe Lodge No. 109, extinct, has been credited to the same account.

As per the instructions of the Grand Lodge at the last session, I changed the name in the charter of Hope Lodge No. 29, from Hillsdale to Hope, being the name under which the lodge was chartered.

A petition for a charter, with the necessary books and papers of Ornan Lodge U. D. at Spencer, and a petition for the continuance of the dispensation to Springview Lodge U. D. at Springview, have been handed to the Chairman of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

An application for relief from Bennet Lodge No. 94 has been given to the Chairman of the Committee on Relief.

Appeals from the action of Lancaster Lodge No. 54, Western Lodge No. 140, Elwood Lodge No. 167, and Trestle Board Lodge No. 162, were sent to the Committee on Grievances.

A petition for restoration to the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, from a former member of Tecumseh Lodge No. 17, has also been sent to the chairman of the Committee on Grievances.

RETURNS FROM LODGES.

Returns from each and every chartered lodge in the state have been received, and are included in the table compiled by the Committee on Returns. All accounts between lodges and the Grand Lodge have been settled, and the books balanced. It is gratifying to be able to make this report. It required considerable labor to induce some of the secretaries to send in their returns. The last were received May 12th, and the last payment of indebtedness was made on May 17th. Seven letters were necessary in one case before I could induce the secretary to comply with the law in regard to sending in returns. The penalty of ten per cent. which is added for neglect of this kind is not, in my judgment, sufficient.

CARD REGISTER.

From the returns made by the several lodges, I have completed the registry to the end of the Masonic year, March 31st, 1905. Owing to many incomplete returns, the register is not finished, there being much uncertainty about names. Conflicting dates frequently appear; much

data is missing; and many given names in full are omitted. In some instances there is nothing to show how or when members were received into the Fraternity, and some names are left off the rolls without any apparent reason.

Some secretaries have made no response to requests for information, and as it cannot be obtained from any other source, not as much progress has been made as could have been done with a little assistance from those who will receive the greatest benefit from the work. So far as my labors are concerned, I have accomplished more than I expected one year ago. Nearly 80,000 cards have been prepared, checked with the returns, and much correspondence was necessary. Should the Grand Lodge desire to do so, it can take the system as it is, and by continuing from year to year can relieve the secretaries of the lodges from the duty of including the names on the several rolls, giving only full and complete data for the year. In my judgment, the Grand Secretary should be required to send to each lodge a statement compiled from the cards, showing everything relating to membership, and the secretaries should be compelled to supply from their records as much of the missing information as possible, and to do it within a reasonable time.

The following shows the appropriations made, and the amounts expended:

	Appropriated	Expended
Pay-roll	\$3,784.05	\$3,808.21
Chairman, Committee on Returns	100.00	100.00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence	100.00	100.00
Grand Master's expense	300.00	163.15
Grand Master's clerk hire	600.00	286.85
Grand Secretary's salary	1,800.00	1,800.00
Grand Secretary's clerk hire	1,000.00	1,000.00
Grand Treasurer's salary	50.00	50.00
Grand Custodian's salary	1,200.00	1,200.00
Grand Custodian's expense	600.00	500.00
Treasurer, Orphans Educational Fund, salary	5.00	5.00
Treasurer, Orphans Educational Fund, clerk hire	60.00	60.00
Grand Lodge office, rent	200.00	200.00
Grand Lodge office, heat and light	50.00	50.00
Grand Lodge office, janitor	60.00	60.00
Grand Lodge office, telephone	40.00	30.00
Grand Secretary's surety bond	15.00	15.00
Grand Treasurer's surety bond	30.00	30.00
Postage, telegrams, telephone calls, and expressage	300.00	228.53
Stationery	50.00	51.30
Incidentals	50.00	41.61
Blanks	200.00	75.00
Purchasing supplies for sale and issue	700.00	739.97
Printing and electrotyping proceedings of 1905	900.00	772.75
Library, purchasing and binding	50.00	.....
Printing parchment charters	40.00	40.00
Premium, Kent Insurance	750.00	.....
Grand Tyler	50.00	44.00

	Appropriated	Expended
Grand Treasurer's assistants at Grand Lodge, \$5.00 each.....	10.00	10.00
Stenographer for session.....	10.00	5.00
Printing the Law of Freemasonry.....		
For shelving and arranging books in store-room	40.00	40.00
100 ledgers.....	390.00	390.00
Printing and binding Volume 8 (portraits).....	600.00	19.60
Cards and cabinets (no sum named).....		464.36
Expense of Grand Treasurer.....	2.64	2.64
Refund to Lodges No. 158, and No. 231.....	20.00	20.00
Balance due Grand Master Burnham, for expense	2.97	2.97
5,000 copies of the burial service, no sum named.....		202.38
Clerk hire for card register.....	400.00	400.00

EXPENDITURES FOR WHICH NO APPROPRIATION WAS MADE.

Expense of Grand Treasurer for 1905-6.....	\$2.70
Amount overpaid by Tecumseh Lodge No. 17.....	5.00
Transferred to the Relief Fund.....	1,605.01
Paid to the Treasurer of the Nebraska Masonic Home.....	7,139.50
Total paid out during the year.....	\$21,760.53

CASH RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING SOURCES.

Fees on 1,024 initiations at \$5.00 each.....	\$5,120.00
From dues on 14,542 members, less 15 in Hesperia Lodge No. 178, at \$1.50, less \$3,349.07 rebate credit, and \$310.00, members exempt.....	18,130.18
From supplies paid for by lodges to Grand Secretary.....	6.15
From supplies sold to lodges during the year.....	676.84
From special dispensation fees.....	190.00
From dispensation fees for 5 new lodges.....	125.00
From Gothenburg Lodge No. 249, 1 set jewels.....	3.00
Received from Blue River Lodge No. 30, amt. due for 1905..	16
Received from Hesperia Lodge No. 178 when it became extinct.....	29.15
Received from Tecumseh Lodge No. 17, overpaid on fees....	5.00
Penalty from lodges Nos. 30, 90, 108, and 152.....	22.37
	\$24,307.85

RELIEF FUND.

RECEIPTS.

May 20th, 1905, balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer ..	\$2,969.71
Dec. 9th, 1905, amount returned by Mystic Tie Lodge No. 166 .	30.00
May 20th, 1906, transferred from the General Fund, by order No. 2562.....	1,605.01
Total.....	\$4,604.72

DISBURSEMENTS.

Edgar Lodge No. 67, relief of Mrs. Eliza Bunn.	\$80.00
Parian Lodge No. 207, relief of Mrs. Martha Pike.	60.00
Rawalt Lodge No. 138 relief of William T. Lindsay.	120.00
Mystic Tie Lodge No. 166, relief of Washington G. Russell. . .	90.00
George Armstrong Lodge No. 241, relief of Mrs. Mary Gray. .	120.00
Bloomfield Lodge No. 218, relief of Arthur N. Doane.	60.00
John S. Bowen Lodge No. 232, relief of Jabez Charles.	120.00
Pomegranate Lodge No. 110, relief of Charles P. Hackney. . .	300.00
Lincoln Relief Board.	25.00
Mrs. Isabel Springer and son.	60.00
Aurora Lodge No. 68, for relief of Wm. E. McCain of No. 223	180.00
Frank H. Young, for relief of Mrs. Mary E. Russell.	30.00
Parian Lodge No. 207, relief of Mrs. Dickson.	24.00
Bassett Lodge No. 254, relief of Mrs. Herrington.	15.00
Frank H. Young, relief of Mrs. Longstreet.	15.00
Crete Lodge No. 37, relief of Elbert H. Cochrane.	30.00
Falls City Lodge No. 9, relief of Edward P. Glines.	25.00
Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co., premium on policy 65814,, life of Lewis A. Kent.	676.92
Grand Master of California, relief.	500.00
Balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.	2,073 80
Total.	\$4,604.72

NOTES BELONGING TO THE RELIEF FUND.

July 31, 1901, Lewis A. Kent and wife.	\$879.57
Jan. 31, 1902, " " "	857.37
May 1, 1902, " " "	913.46
July 31, 1902, " " "	857.42
Jan. 31, 1903, " " "	857.37
July 31, 1903, " " "	850.19
Jan. 31, 1904, " " "	850.17
July 31, 1904, " " "	842.26
Jan. 31, 1905, " " "	842.26
July 30, 1905, " " "	703.76
July 31, 1905, " " "	834.39
Jan. 31, 1906, " " "	1,538.35
Total.	\$10,826.57

NOTE BELONGING TO THE GENERAL FUND.

July 1, 1905, Lewis A. Kent and wife.	917.60
Total amount of bills receivable.	\$11,744.17

NOTES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

July 31, 1905, renewal of note, Lewis A. Kent and wife, dated July 30th, 1900, with interest at 7 per cent. for five years.	\$703.76
July 31, 1905, Lewis A. Kent and wife, renewal of note dated July 31st, 1900, with interest at 7 per cent. for five years	\$495.93
Semi-annual premium on policy No. 65814, life of Lewis A. Kent.	338.46
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	\$834.39
Jan. 31st, 1906, Lewis A. Kent and wife, renewal of note dated Jan. 31st, 1901, with interest at 7 per cent. for five years	\$1,199.89
Semi-annual premium on policy No. 65814, life of Lewis A. Kent.	338.46
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	\$1,538.35
July 1st, 1905, Lewis A. Kent and wife, general fund, renewal of note dated Aug. 13th, 1891, with interest at 7 per cent. from date of note	\$917.60
The note of Indianola Lodge No. 123, extinct, amounting to \$60.50 has been charged to Profit and Loss.	

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Balance on hand last report.	\$3,579.49
Purchased during the year.	1,351.95
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	\$4,931.44
Sold during the year.	\$682.99
Issued free, during the year.	85.00
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	\$767.99
On hand, March 31st, 1906.	\$4,163.45

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Postage and exchange, Grand Treasurer Dinsmore.	\$5.34
Committee on Returns.	100.00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.	100.00
Assistants to Grand Treasurer Dinsmore, \$10.00; Grand Tyler, \$44.00.	54.00
Stenographer, \$5.00; Pay-roll \$3,808.21	3,813.21
Premiums on bonds, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary..	45.00
Charters for two lodges \$20.00, charter for Pawnee Lodge No. 23, \$20.00.	40.00
Printing and electrotyping proceedings of 1905, officers reports, etc.	772.75
Rent of office, \$200.00; heat and light, \$50.00.	250.00
Expense of Grand Custodian, \$500.00; janitor, \$60.00	560.00
Blanks, \$75.00; telephone, \$30.00; stationery, \$51.30	156.30
Shelving in store-room, \$40.00; incidental expenses, \$41.61..	81.61

Postage, telephone calls, and expressage	228.53	
Expense of Grand Master, \$163.15; card register, \$464.36	627.51	
Special dispensation fee returned to lodges No. 158 and No. 231	20.00	
Clerk hire, Grand Master, \$286.85; Grand Secretary, \$1,400.00	1,686.85	
Treasurer, Orphans Educational Fund	60.00	
Salaries,—Grand Secretary, \$1,800.00; Grand Custodian, \$1,200.00	3,000.00	
Grand Treasurer, \$50.00; Treasurer, Orphans Educational Fund, \$5.00	55.00	
		<u>\$11,656.10</u>

TRIAL BALANCE, MAY 20TH, 1906.

Grand Lodge jewels	\$227.50	
Grand Lodge office furniture	859.35	
Grand Lodge library furniture	1,664.64	
Grand Lodge library	913.73	
Inventory		\$18,810.89
Jordan Medal Fund		33.15
Relief Fund cash	2,073.80	
69 shares stock Nebraska Masonic Home	6,900.00	
Dispensation fee for a lodge at Indianola		25.00
Dispensation fee for a lodge at Lynch		25.00
Dispensation fee for a lodge at Mitchell		25.00
Supply account	4,163.45	
Bills receivable	11,744.17	
Profit and Loss		28,850.01
General Fund cash	19,222.41	
	<u>\$47,769.05</u>	<u>\$47,769.05</u>

Continuation of the list of Nebraska Freemasons who have been placed on the retired list:

Crt. No.	NAME AND LODGE	BORN	1°	2°	3°
351	C. Dana Sayrs, 158.	May 15,'38	July 1,'59	July 1,'59	July 1,'59
352	Cyrus Abel, 134.	Sep. 23,'30	Nov. 10,'70	Dec. 2,'70	Dec. 14,'70
353	Anson S. Williams, 19.	Feb. 7,'40	Aug. 14,'73	Sep. 16,'73	Oct. 18,'73
354	Andrew J. Fanning, 217.	Feb. 14,'37	May 2,'68*		*
355	Phillip J. Gossard, 21.	Sep. 2,'33*	'67*	'67*	'67*
356	James Jackson, 211.	Apr. 21,'37	Oct. 21,'71	Apr. 17,'72	Jan. 9,'73
357	Andrew Austine, 96.	Mar. 29,'24	Apr. 1,'71	July 1,'71	Sep. 13,'71
358	Doctor Lowery Lane, 54.	Feb. 7,'28	Sep. 5,'73	Oct. 3,'73	Nov. 28,'73
359	George W. Riseley, 54.	July 1,'40	May 20,'65	June 23,'65	Aug. 19,'65
360	Richard Dibble, 26.	Mar. 1,'36	Oct. 10,'74	Aug. 7,'75	Sep. 4,'75
361	Joseph R. Nelson, 35.	Jan. 16,'39	Jan. 16,'62	Feb. 12,'62	Mar. 22,'62
362	Thomas B. Davis, 19.	Sep. 21,'26	Nov. 13,'56	Dec. 22,'56	Dec. 22,'56
363	Charles B. Norris, 33.	Aug. 19,'39	July 17,'66	July 24,'66	July 31,'66
364	Andrew J. Anderson, 71.	Nov. 14,'37	July 21,'63	May 17,'64	Aug. 2,'64
365	Albert Carpenter, 46.	Apr. 10,'40	Nov. —'65	Apr. 29,'67	May 6,'67
366	Joseph B. White, 36.	July 24,'38	Apr. 12,'73	June 11,'73	July 5,'73
367	Newton R. Persinger, 36.	May 15,'38	About 1863	Nov. 16,'71	Dec. 16,'71
368	Ashbel P. Hazard, 43.	Mar. 31,'38	Dec. 27,'59	Feb. 16,'60	Mar. 15,'60
369	William J. Green, 43.	June 22,'34	July 16,'67	June 9,'68	Nov. 10,'68
370	Frederick E. Roper, 43.	Oct. 10,'35	June 10,'72	Aug. 19,'72	Jan. 6,'73
371	John L. McKim, 71.	Aug. 20,'39	Sep. 2,'65	Sep. 30,'65	Oct. 28,'65
372	Clark W. Hoge, 2.	Nov. 10,'40	Mar. 23,'72	Apr. 24,'72	May 29,'72
373	Edward Sheldon, 2.	May 4,'40	Mar. 29,'61	Apr. 20,'61	May 4,'61
374	William Duncan, 51.	Oct. 28,'38	Sep. 22,'66	Oct. 20,'66	Nov. 17,'66
375	Leander Irons, 3.	Apr. 4,'40	Sep. 16,'63	Oct. 14,'63	Nov. 25,'63
376	George William Becker, 51.	Apr. 8,'40	Mar. 7,'65	Mar. 28,'65	Apr. 18,'65
377	George F. Marsh, 172.	Oct. 20,'40	Feb. 18,'62	Feb. 25,'62	Mar. 11,'62
378	James A. Walker, 6.	Sep. 10,'38	May 14,'66	June 11,'66	Aug. 13,'66
379	Velosco V. Leonard, 6.	Sep. 12,'40	Nov. 1,'65	Nov. 29,'65	Feb. 28,'66
380	Francis A. Craig, 36.	July 1,'34	Sep. 4,'66	Apr. 21,'68	Dec. 15,'69
381	Robert Martin, 224.	May 18,'33	Sep. 27,'71*		*
382	Richard F. Rambo, 26.	July 28,'31*		*	Oct. 19,'53
383	Edmund B. Smith, 53.	Mar. 27,'39	Mar. 14,'67	Apr. 18,'67	May 28,'67
384	Benjamin D. Harkrader, 26	Mar. 22,'41	Jan. 12,'72	Feb. 20,'72	Mar. 13,'72
385	Wellington Harrington, 31.	Mar. 18,'39	Oct. 10,'67	Dec. 5,'67	Mar. 5,'68
386	William Monahan, 157.	Nov. 14,'10	Sep. —,'47	Jan. 25,'48	Feb. 15,'48
387	Hiram Curtiss, 42.	May 6,'36	Aug. 6,'67	Aug. 24,'67	Oct. 12,'67
388	Albert M. Cool, 71.	Mar. 24,'41	July 10,'65	Aug. 8,'65	Sep. 5,'65
389	John M. Miller, 36.	Dec. 14,'38	July 20,'72	Sep. 14,'72	Oct. 12,'72
390	Henry Smith, 56.	Dec. 9,'34	Aug. 6,'69	Sep. 3,'69	Nov. 6,'69
391	Joshua P. D. Small, 56.	Oct. 28,'35	May 31,'64	June 9,'64	Dec. 12,'64
392	Rumsey Saling, 39.	Nov. 12,'36	Oct. 27,'68	Jan. 2,'69	Feb. 27,'69
393	James E. North, 58.	Sep. 11,'38	Oct. 24,'63	Feb. 17,'64	Mar. 6,'66
394	Fredrick W. Riemer, 58.	Nov. 9,'35	Sep. 15,'75	Oct. 20,'75	Dec. 15,'75

*No data.

RELIEF FOR CALIFORNIA.

The following contributions have been voluntarily sent in and are held awaiting information from the Grand Master of California:

King David Chapter No. 30, R. A. M., David City.....	\$25.00
Mt. Zion Lodge No. 161, Shelby.....	15.00
Delta Lodge No. 230, St. Edward.....	25.00
Tekamah Lodge No. 31, Tekamah, appropriated.....	50.00

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The plates from which to print Volume 8. were given to the printer early in January, 1906, but owing to the printer's strike, the volume has not been printed. I am assured that it will be ready in a short time. The Grand Secretary should be instructed as to whether the volume when ready for distribution should be sent to lodges, expressage prepaid, or to be paid by the lodges at destination.

NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME.

The cost of maintaining the Home from January 1st, 1905, to December 31st, 1905, was as follows:

Printing.....	\$22.75
Postage.....	12.50
Expense.....	28.92
Funeral expenses.....	5.00
Maintenance.....	1,770.62
Salaries and labor.....	830.45
Medical supplies.....	124.74
Clothing.....	40.75
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	\$2,835.73

Total number in the Home during the year, 26; 1 resident died; 1 left the Home to take a situation; and 4 left the Home, having been there only temporarily. The above cost of maintaining the Home, computed on actual time for one person, viz: 13 years, 9 months, and 0 days, would be at the rate of \$206.36 for one person a year.

An addition to the Home has recently been built at a cost of about \$15,000.00. The furnishing of the addition has cost so far \$915.02. There are now in the Home eleven men, ten women, three boys, and one girl; total twenty-five. This is an increase of five since December 31st, 1905. The building and grounds have cost up to date \$19,831.48. 159 shares of stock have been issued, and the amount received therefrom is \$15,900.00. There has been paid on subscriptions to stock \$498.00.

Rooms in the addition have been furnished as follows:

Samuel Long of South Bend, Nebraska.....	\$111.33
Alliance Lodge No. 183, A. F. & A. M., Sheba Chapter No. 54, R. A. M., Bunah Commandery No. 26, K. T., and Aloyah Chapter No. 185, O. E. S. Alliance.....	100.00
The Grand Chapter of Nebraska, R. A. M.....	\$50.00
Oscar R. Allen, Omaha.....	79.77
Fremont Lodge No. 15, A. F. & A. M. Fremont.....	84.02
Mr. and Mrs. Samuel P. Davidson, Tecumseh.....	75.00
Jordan Commandery No. 15, K. T. Blair.....	75.00
Bethlehem Commandery No. 18, K. T. Hebron.....	50.00
Gethsemane Commandery No. 21, K. T. Columbus.....	50.00
King David Chapter No. 30, R. A. M. David City.....	75.00
North Bend Lodge No. 119, A. F. & A. M., and Ruth Chapter No. 119, O. E. S. North Bend.....	100.00
The Grand Commandery K. T. of Nebraska, to furnish the hall on the second floor.....	250.00

From January 1st, 1906, to May 1st, 1906, the following items have been paid:

Betterments.....	\$267.75
Fuel and light.....	381.07
Maintenance.....	660.29
Salaries and labor.....	326.00
Expense account.....	33.85
Clothing for residents of the Home.....	29.70
Medical supplies.....	61.51
Commanderies of Knights Templar contributed as a Christmas offering to purchase medical supplies.....	96.30
There has been collected from members of extinct lodges since January 23d, 1905.....	565.34
Interest collected.....	2.50
Hon. John B. Dinsmore donated to the Home.....	50.00
Cash on hand May 30th, 1906.....	\$5,469.48

The Home owes to the Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Nebraska, \$500.00. I know of no other indebtedness except for current expenses.

FRANCIS E. WHITE,
Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

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

I submit herewith my sixth annual report as Grand Custodian, ending May 10th, 1906.

CUSTODIAN'S SCHOOLS.

By order of the Grand Master, Custodian's Schools of Instruction have been held as follows:

Anselmo, Sept. 21st, Arnold, Sept. 25th, Gandy, Sept. 28th. Cozad, Oct. 3rd, Curtis, Oct. 12th, Stockville, Oct. 16th, Bartley, Oct. 19th, McCook, Oct. 23rd, Wauneta, Oct. 26th, Republican City, Nov. 10th, Oxford, Nov. 11th, Bloomington, Nov. 13th, Aurora, Nov. 21st, Geneva, Nov. 24th, Harvard, Nov. 29th, Alma, Dec. 2nd, Minden, Dec. 5th, Doniphan, Dec. 11th, Fairfield, Dec. 16th, Kenesaw, Dec. 19th, Hebron, Jan. 8th, Beatrice, Jan. 11th, Crete, Jan. 15th, Sterling Jan. 18th, Humboldt, Jan. 22nd, Falls City, Jan. 25th, Douglas, Jan. 29th Seward, Febr. 1st, David City, Febr. 5th, Rising City, Febr. 8th, Osceola, Febr. 12th, York, Febr. 15th, Ainsworth, Febr. 23rd, Creighton, Mar. 1st, Stanton, Mar. 5th, Blair, Mar. 8th, Dakota City, Mar. 19th, Wakefield, Mar. 22nd, Bloomfield, Mar. 26th, Randolph Mar. 29th.

Twenty-one of the above lodges have a membership of fifty or more. Nineteen have a membership of fifty or less. Each of the above places were dated for three days, three sessions a day, less the time it takes in traveling from one lodge to the other. By reason of conditions the attendance in the earlier fall months (September and October), and the late spring months (April and May) is not what it is during the months of November, December, January, February, and March.

By order of the Grand Master no schools were held from December 20th to January 8th.

If the officers could arrange their affairs to take individual instruction through the day, and ceremonial instruction at the evening session, more beneficial results would follow than under the past and present methods. There are lodges that are not proficient so as to confer the degrees in a suitable and impressive manner,—cannot give the several sections of the lectures as required by the Grand Lodge. These conditions are all reported to the Grand Master in my formal report made from each lodge. May I humbly ask, are we keeping up the standard of Masonic instruction where it rightfully belongs? Are we imparting to our candidates what is justly their due? May I ask that you carefully investigate these conditions, and take such steps as your combined wisdom may suggest to bring about a more satisfactory condition? You require a rigid examination and a high grade of proficiency of your lodges under dispensation,—should not a chartered lodge be required to main-

tain equally as high a plane of perfection in the ritualistic work? Or be put out of commission until they do? Consult your Grand Master and these reports made to him, and see where we are. We believe it to be our sacred duty to maintain the pure principles of Ancient Craft Masonry, and to see that they are so taught and promulgated as to convey with them the importance of the sublime truths they impart, to those who are truly prepared in their hearts to receive them. Otherwise our labor is for naught. No more "than a tinkling cymbal or sounding brass."

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

At the request of the Grand Master, under date of August 1st, as his representative to visit as many lodges as time and circumstances would permit,—to ascertain their conditions and needs, and to report to him fully, making such suggestions as were proper in each case, under this official order I have visited the following lodges, giving formal instructions in the Work, Jurisprudence, Symbolisms and many other subject matters of interest and vital importance in the management of lodges. From expressions I have heard I believe lodges appreciate these visitations, and that good results will follow in many, if not all cases.

North Platte, Sept. 30th, Gothenburg, Oct. 2nd, Holbrook, Oct. 18th, Orleans, Nov. 9th, Riverton, Nov. 17th, Red Cloud, Nov. 18th, Lexington, Dec. 9th, Table Rock, Jan. 23rd, Tekamah, Mar. 10th, Lyons, April 2nd, Oakland, April 3rd, Craig, April 4th; Grand Island, April 12th, Rulo, April 18th, Elk Creek, April 19th, Firth; April 20th.

Some of the above lodges held three sessions.

SCHOOLS AND VISITATIONS CANCELLED.

By order of the Grand Master, for sufficient cause, schools for the following places were cancelled: Broken Bow, Merna, Elwood, Beaver City, Danbury, Craig, Decatur, Hastings, Gibbon, and Elm Creek. Five of the above were for custodian's schools, and five were for official visitations.

OFFICIAL INVESTIGATIONS.

By the orders of the Grand Master, under specific dates and as his representative, I have made rigid investigations of certain conditions formerly complained of to him, and have made full report to him in each case:

North Bend, June 23rd, Kennard, Sept. 1st, Shickley, Sept. 8th, Phillips, Oct. 11th, Sumner, Oct. 31st, Hildreth, Nov. 4th, Pawnee City, Jan. 25th, Bloomfield, Mar. 31st, Pawnee City, April 16th and 17th.

At Shickley I took up the charter by order of the Grand Master and shipped it and all the effects of the lodge to the Grand Secretary. At Phillips I took up certain unlawful works prohibited by the Grand Lodge, and expressed the same to the Grand Master. At Sumner I arrested the jewel of the master, and placed the lodge in charge of the senior warden. At Pawnee City I arrested the jewel of the master and placed the lodge

in charge of the junior warden, the senior warden being absent from the city. At Bloomfield I delivered a formal reprimand to a member of said lodge. All the above acts were in compliance with, and under formal orders of the Grand Master, and in no case have I assumed his prerogative, by any supposed opinion of my own. I simply obeyed his orders. No more, no less.

FUNERAL CEREMONIES.

By an order of the Grand Master, under date of July 31st, and at the formal requests of the masters of the several lodges represented, and the relatives of the deceased, I have performed the rites of burial in accordance with the usages and customs of Freemasonry as follows:

At Hastings, two; Shelton, one; Arnold, one; Kearney, one; Ft Calhoun, one; Gibbon, one; Lexington, one. The actual expenses incurred were paid by the lodge visited. I regret that conditions were such that I could not comply with requests from the following lodges: Ansley, McCook, Hastings, Alma, and Niobrara.

Masters of lodges, please bear it in mind, it is not my prerogative to perform the rites of burial, except at your official request.

OFFICIAL EXAMINATIONS.

By official orders of the Grand Master and in compliance with Article XII, Paragraph 2, of the Constitution, formal examinations for lodges U. D. were made at the following named places:—Springview, Keya Paha County, Febr. 20th, 1906; Spencer, Boyd County, Febr. 26th, 1906; Indianola, Red Willow County, Mar. 13th, 1906. All of the above named places having fully complied with the law as to number, proficiency, suitable and safe lodge room, they have my formal recommendation. These three points are all the Grand Custodian has to pass upon; as to the manifest propriety of creating a new lodge, that is purely for the Grand Master to decide, not the Grand Custodian. A full and complete report of all conditions, environments, etc. are always submitted to the Grand Master with my formal report. I hope they will be thoroughly investigated; if the present method is not entirely satisfactory, suggest one that will be.

CONSTITUTING NEW LODGES.

By an order of the Grand Master I was present at, and assisted in constituting Bee Lodge No. 259, July 13th, 1905; Anselmo Lodge No. 258, July 14th, 1905. The expense incurred was paid out of the Grand Lodge appropriation.

CORNER-STONES.

By an order of the Grand Master I made and perfected all the preliminary arrangements, and was present at the laying of corner-stones at Seward, Sept. 18th, 1905; Plattsmouth, Oct. 10th, 1905, and Aurora, Nov. 21st, 1905. Part of the expense incurred was paid from the Grand Lodge appropriation.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Since the closing of the Grand Lodge, June 7th, 1905, I have held three convocations for the purpose of conferring the official Past Master's degree on the masters-elect of Lincoln Lodge No. 19; Rob Morris Lodge No. 46; and Shelton Lodge No. 99.

I also publicly installed the officers of Ashlar Lodge No. 33, Grand Island; Eminence Lodge No. 223, Giltner; and Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney. I have assisted in conferring the master's degree on seven different occasions.

FINALE.

You will observe that all of my work has been done under, and by the official orders of the Grand Master, as provided for, and in compliance with Chapter II. of Section 8, By-Laws of the Grand Lodge. It has been my sincere desire to cheerfully obey every mandate issued from his hand, and I hope my efforts have met not only with his approval, but with yours as well.

May I again call your attention to the matter of correspondence relative to decisions, law, and the interpretation of the same? The Grand Custodian has no prerogatives in any such matters whatever. All such correspondence should be sent direct to the Grand Master; it only causes delay and unnecessary expense, as I invariably forward all such communications to him.

Where conditions are such that the attendance of the officers and members will not warrant the Grand Lodge in holding a three days' school, the secretary should notify the Grand Master on receipt of formal date notice. The official programme of Custodian's School requires three sessions each day, two hours and a half to each session, and never less than six sessions to complete it in detail. I think it is due to the Craft, and for the best interest of Masonry that the present method of promulgating the work be carefully observed, and investigated, and if practical results are not being obtained, suggest some method that will bring about the desired end. Such matters of vital importance should not be left to the judgment of the Grand Custodian. It is my humble opinion that the husks of rote ritualism and formal ceremonies not understood, have not in the past, do not at the present, and will not in the future feed the hungry soul that is seeking for the rich grain that lies so deeply, yet wisely concealed in the arcane vaults of philosophy, contained in the symbols of Ancient Craft Masonry. How many of us who bear the "Thyrsus" demonstrate in our lives, that we are really in possession of the Secrets of a Master Mason?

God's name he never takes in vain,
 Who in his soul doth bear
 The pure principles that are contained
 Within the "Compass and the Square."

No flowing bowl to the lips ascend
 Of him who hath found "Truth's" fountain clear—
 Straight in the "Narrow Path" he trends
 His "Trust in God," he knows no fear.

"Image and likeness" of God above,
 As created by his Father's hand,
 He has found the secret "Divine Love."
 (Power of Control)—A Master stands.

ROBERT E. FRENCH,
Grand Custodian.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

Amount of appropriation for expenses.	\$600.00
Amount unexpended May 13th, 1905.	90.52
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Total amount expenses to May 6th, 1906.	\$690.52
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May 10th, amount unexpended.	\$183.48
May 10th, amount in Grand Custodian's hands.	\$ 83.48

ITEMS.

Transportation.	\$134.46
Hotel.	242.67
Bus, baggage, and express.	10.85
Telegrams and telephones.	30.47
Printing, stationery, and supplies	25.30
Stamped envelopes and postage.	21.85
Attending forty-eighth communication Grand Lodge.	22.80
Constituting two lodges U. D.	18.64
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	\$507.04

There has been \$53.35 less expense account than last year. Expense money is only drawn as it is expended. I recommend that the appropriation for the Grand Custodian's expense account be reduced to \$500.00 per annum, instead of \$600.00.

Wherever we are sent by order of the Grand Master to investigate formal complaints of violations of Masonic law, the expense incurred in all such matters is collected from the lodge making the request, as provided for in Section 218 of Chapter XXIV., but no expense is ever charged the lodge visited for time employed.

It is hereby certified that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that the several amounts have been actually expended. I have used no free transportation. I receive no mileage and per diem as Past Grand Master.

ROBERT E. FRENCH,
Grand Custodian.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ORPHANS
EDUCATIONAL FUND.

OMAHA, NEBRASKA, May 15th, 1906.

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

The following report is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund:

Securities on hand as per last report.		\$42,238.46
Purchased since:		
1905 July 11, Latta, No. 131.	\$1,300.00	
Oct. 21, Neuman, No. 132	600.00	
1906 Jan. 2, Mauk, No. 133	1,000.00	
Jan. 12, Hansen, No. 134	1,200.00	
Jan. 8, Witmas, No. 135	1,000.00	
Jan. 29, Brown, No. 136	600.00	
Feb. 1, Waldecker, No. 137	900.00	
Feb. 20, Jensen, No. 138	2,500.00	
Mar. 14, Thiele, No. 139	1,200.00	10,300.00
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		\$52,538.46
Received on account of securities paid since last report:		
1905 June 19, Larsen, No. 114	\$200.00	
June 26, Grady, No. 34	750.00	
Aug. 1, Tjaden, No. 108	1,200.00	
Aug. 16, Goodrich, No. 101	100.00	
Aug. 21, Neisendorfer, No. 48	50.00	
Aug. 23, Northern Light Lodge, No. 39	150.00	
Sept. 1, Romano, No. 106	100.00	
Oct. 16, Grentmann, No. 10	300.00	
Nov. 1, Petersen, No. 15	600.00	
Nov. 9, Kennedy, No. 130	1,500.00	
Dec. 22, Lomax, No. 107	1,000.00	
1906 Jan. 3, Andersen, No. 109	300.00	
Jan. 11, Gallaher, No. 86	600.00	
Jan. 23, Lomax, No. 107	500.00	
Feb. 17, Northern Light Lodge, No. 39	50.00	
Mar. 1, Romano, No. 106	50.00	
Mar. 6, Pospisel, No. 102	1,500.00	
Mar. 6, Ord Village, No. 35	800.00	

Mar. 26, Kelley, No. 112	500.00	
Mar. 26, Walker, No. 119.....	1,000.00	
April 2, Lomax, No. 115	1,200.00	
May 2, Homan, No. 127	400.00	
May 14, Bundy, No. 121	500.00	
May 14, Thiele, No. 139	40.00	13,390.00

Securities on hand \$39,148.46

LIST OF SECURITIES ON HAND.

NO.	BORROWER	AMOUNT	RATE	INT. PAID TO
9,	Voss.....	\$1,000.00	6 per cent	Dec. 1, 1905
35,	Ord Village.....	800.00	7 " "	Jan. 1, 1906
39,	Northern Light Lodge No. 41	650.00	6 " "	Feb. 27, 1906
44,	Cole.....	800.00	6 " "	Mar. 15, 1906
51,	School Dist. 246.....	300.00	7 " "	Sept. 1, 1905
62,	Warren.....	138.46	6 " "	Jan. 20, 1905
97,	Robinson.....	1,800.00	5 " "	Mar. 1, 1906
100,	Hogeboom.....	400.00	8 " "	Jan. 13, 1905
101,	Goodrich.....	300.00	6 " "	Feb. 1, 1906
105,	Sklenar.....	1,000.00	5 " "	Mar. 24, 1906
106,	Romano.....	250.00	6 " "	Mar. 1, 1906
110,	Westerfield.....	1,500.00	5 " "	Jan. 20, 1906
111,	Bacon.....	2,000.00	5½ " "	Mar. 1, 1906
112,	Kelley.....	1,500.00	5½ " "	Apr. 1, 1906
113,	Richardson.....	1,100.00	5½ " "	Apr. 1, 1906
114,	Larsen.....	1,150.00	8 " "	Apr. 1, 1906
116,	Colsen.....	400.00	6 " "	Dec. 1, 1905
118,	Tekamah Lodge No. 31	300.00	6 " "	Feb. 17, 1906
120,	Bilby.....	2,400.00	5 " "	Aug. 1, 1905
121,	Bundy.....	1,000.00	6 " "	Mar. 1, 1906
122,	Hopewell.....	1,100.00	5½ " "	Jan. 12, 1906
123,	Kelley.....	1,000.00	5½ " "	Feb. 18, 1906
124,	Jensen.....	2,000.00	5½ " "	Mar. 1, 1906
125,	Thomas.....	2,000.00	5½ " "	Mar. 16, 1906
126,	Kelley.....	1,000.00	5½ " "	Mar. 29, 1905
128,	Thomas.....	2,000.00	5½ " "	Mar. 22, 1906
129,	Van Antwerp.....	1,000.00	8 " "	Mar. 1, 1906
131,	Latta.....	1,300.00	5½ " "	Int. not due.
132,	Neuman.....	600.00	8 " "	Int. not due.
133,	Mauk.....	1,000.00	8 " "	Int. not due.
134,	Hansen.....	1,200.00	5 " "	Aug. 1, 1905
135,	Witmas.....	1,000.00	9 " "	Int. not due.
136,	Brown.....	600.00	8 " "	Int. not due.
137,	Waldecker.....	900.00	5½ " "	Int. not due.
138,	Jensen.....	2,500.00	5 " "	Int. not due.
139,	Thiele.....	1,160.00	6 " "	May 15, 1906

\$39,148.46

CASH.

Cash on hand last report.		\$1,621.45
Received on securities paid	\$13,390.00	
For interest.	2,309.78	
Sale of Lots 37 and 38, Briggs Place	1,700.00	
Rent of lots.	142.12	
Rent 609 No. 32d St.	120.00	
Refund recording mortgage.	2.00	17,663.90
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		\$19,285.35

DISBURSEMENTS.

For securities purchased.	\$10,300.00	
Interest on securities purchased.	32.50	
Expenses, special assessments and taxes during year.	315.53	10,648.03
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Cash on hand to balance.		8,637.32
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		\$19,285.35

Respectfully submitted,
 CHAS. K. COUTANT,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska:

After I had accepted the position of Chairman of the Committee on Returns, owing to sickness and death in my family, I was unable to continue the work. It was then too near the time of the meeting of the Grand Lodge for any change to be made in the committee, or for me to ask the Grand Master to relieve me of the duty. I therefore called to my assistance our faithful brother, Michael Dowling, Grand Marshal, who never hesitates in responding to the call of duty, and it is to his labors that you are largely indebted for this report. I hereby tender my thanks to Brother Dowling for his assistance. It came at a time when I was passing through the troubled waters and the hand of affliction was heavy upon me.

The returns of all lodges have been checked, and the numbers, etc., will be found on the tables under the several headings.

Number of chartered lodges.	234
Number of lodges under dispensation.	2
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Total.	236

Number initiated during the year.	1024
Number passed during the year.	935
Number raised during the year.	882
Number affiliated during the year.	362
Number reinstated during the year.	116
Number gained by other causes during the year.	55
Total gross increase.	1415
Number demitted during the year.	499
Number deceased during the year.	189
Number suspended during the year.	243
Number expelled during the year.	8
Number lost by other causes during the year.	17
Total loss	956
Net gain for the year ending March 31st, 1906.	459
Number of Master Masons on the rolls April 1st, 1905.	14,719
Total.	15,178
Less loss of 15, Hesperia Lodge No. 178, extinct.	15
Number on the rolls March 31st, 1906.	15,163

FEES, DUES, AND OTHER ITEMS.

Fees on 1,024 initiated during the year at \$5.00 each.	\$5,120.00
Dues on 14,719 members, less 168 members of extinct lodges, Hesperia, No. 178, extinct, 15, and 9 members of lodges U. D. ., 14,527 at \$1.50 each.	\$21,790.50
Due the Grand Lodge for supplies, etc.	6.94.62
Total.	\$27,605.12
Due lodges for rebate credit, exemption, etc.	\$3,660.32
Due Nebraska Masonic Home.	7,147.00
	\$10,797.80
Net amount due the Grand Lodge March 31st, 1906.	\$16,797.80

Two hundred and fourteen lodges had their returns in the office of the Grand Secretary in time to earn the maximum rebate credit, seventeen lodges whose returns were not received until after April 6th, have been credited with a proportionate amount. In figuring the rebate credit your committee has been more than just, realizing that in many instances the secretaries were new and not familiar with the work. We regret to say that the returns are not as complete and well made as last year. The amount of rebate credit allowed by your committee is \$3,554.57 as per table attached. This sum we recommend be placed to the credit of the several lodges. Hay Springs Lodge No. 177 did not send in its returns until May 12th, and in addition to the loss of rebate an assessment of ten per cent., amounting to \$3.45, is charged against the lodge. One hundred and sixty-four lodges report

having insurance on their property, forty-three lodges report no insurance, and twenty-six lodges make no report on the subject. Lodges Nos. 77, 100, 104, 118, 125, 148, 153, 171, 228, 252, and 259, make no report of mileage. In view of the fact that the card register is nearly completed, we recommend that in the returns for next year the names of members on the several rolls be omitted, and that only a statement of the work of the year be required from the secretaries; and if not complete in every detail, with one given name in full, correct dates of all work done, the duplicate to agree with the original, the name, number, and location of the lodges from which all brethren who are received on demits come, the lodges should not be granted any rebate credit. We renew our recommendation of last year that the Committee on Returns be not required to include in its statistics the financial portion as now published.

JOHN J. MERCER,
Chairman.

Statement showing rebates, recommended by the Committee on Returns

No. of Lodge	No. of Days	No. of Members	Amount	No. of Lodge	No. of Days	No. of Members	Amount	No. of Lodge	No. of Days	No. of Members	Amount
1	25	261	\$65.25	61	25	76	\$19.00	114	25	50	\$12.50
2	25	151	37.75	62	25	45	11.25	116	25	64	16.00
3	25	386	96.50	63	25	17	4.25	117	25	47	11.75
4	25	29	7.25	64	25	50	12.50	118	25	19	4.75
5	25	85	21.25	65	25	65	16.25	119	17	80	13.60
6	25	111	27.75	66	25	13	3.25	120	25	62	15.50
9	25	95	23.75	67	25	72	18.00	121	25	73	18.25
10	25	41	10.25	68	25	104	26.00	124	25	67	16.75
11	25	353	88.25	70	25	40	10.00	125	13	69	8.97
13	25	15	3.75	71	25	71	17.75	126	25	54	13.50
14	25	53	13.25	72	22	52	11.44	127	25	40	10.00
15	25	218	54.50	73	19	42	7.98	128	19	30	5.70
17	25	86	21.50	74	25	22	5.50	129	25	57	14.25
19	25	399	99.75	75	25	69	17.25	130	25	36	9.00
21	25	85	21.25	76	25	57	14.25	132	25	39	9.75
23	25	103	25.75	77	25	50	12.50	133	25	31	7.75
25	25	472	118.00	78	25	50	12.50	134	25	51	12.75
26	25	164	41.00	79	25	96	24.00	135	25	117	29.25
27	25	37	9.25	81	25	21	5.25	136	25	40	10.00
29	25	33	8.25	82	25	109	27.25	137	25	40	10.00
30	25	40	10.00	83	25	33	8.25	138	25	57	14.25
31	25	93	23.25	84	25	66	16.50	139	25	44	11.00
32	25	140	35.00	85	25	45	11.25	140	25	55	13.75
33	25	170	42.50	86	17	32	5.44	143	25	30	7.50
34	25	63	15.75	87	25	56	14.00	144	25	26	6.50
35	25	138	34.50	88	25	43	10.75	145	25	37	9.25
36	25	93	23.25	89	25	68	17.00	146	25	69	17.25
37	25	78	19.50	90	25	25	6.25	147	25	35	8.75
38	25	102	25.50	91	25	56	14.00	148	21	91	19.11
39	25	38	9.50	92	25	35	8.75	149	25	31	7.75
40	25	30	7.50	93	25	80	20.00	150	25	32	8.00
41	25	43	10.75	94	25	42	10.50	151	25	36	9.00
42	25	42	10.50	95	25	49	12.25	152	25	41	10.25
43	25	86	21.50	96	25	31	7.75	153	25	34	8.50
44	25	51	12.75	97	25	35	8.75	154	25	25	6.25
46	25	147	36.75	98	25	33	8.25	155	25	60	15.00
48	25	50	12.50	99	25	49	12.25	156	25	37	9.25
49	25	47	11.75	100	25	68	17.00	157	25	49	12.25
50	25	195	48.75	101	25	54	13.50	158	25	61	15.25
51	25	106	26.50	102	25	47	11.75	159	25	49	12.25
52	25	56	14.00	103	3	59	1.77	160	25	24	6.00
53	25	77	19.25	104	25	90	22.50	161	25	35	8.75
54	25	315	78.75	105	25	50	12.50	162	25	61	15.25
55	25	93	23.25	106	25	44	11.00	163	25	37	9.25
56	25	233	58.25	108	16	30	4.80	164	25	27	6.75
57	25	53	13.25	110	25	74	18.50	165	25	49	12.25
58	25	98	24.50	111	25	53	13.25	166	25	24	6.00
59	25	78	19.50	112	25	70	17.50	167	25	53	13.25
60	25	41	10.25	113	25	51	12.75	168	25	38	9.50

No. of Lodge	No. of Days	No. of Members	Amount	No. of Lodge	No. of Days	No. of Members	Amount	No. of Lodge	No. of Days	No. of Members	Amount
169	25	51	\$12.75	200	25	70	\$17.50	229	25	40	\$10.00
170	25	46	11.50	201	25	50	12.50	230	25	37	9.25
171	12	57	6.84	202	25	72	18.00	231	25	35	8.75
172	25	30	7.50	203	25	49	12.25	232	25	40	10.00
173	25	25	6.25	204	25	37	9.25	233	25	49	12.25
174	25	31	7.75	205	25	38	9.50	234	25	43	10.75
175	25	32	8.00	206	25	46	11.50	235	25	42	10.50
176	25	51	12.75	207	25	39	9.75	236	25	17	4.25
177	25	27	.....	208	25	31	7.75	237	25	36	9.00
179	25	45	11.25	209	25	70	17.50	239	25	28	7.00
180	25	46	11.50	210	25	103	25.75	240	25	33	8.25
181	25	58	14.50	211	25	63	15.75	241	25	62	15.50
182	25	28	7.00	212	25	17	4.25	243	25	34	8.50
183	25	114	28.50	213	25	27	6.75	244	25	29	7.25
184	25	141	35.25	214	25	29	7.25	245	25	35	8.75
185	25	49	12.25	215	25	56	14.00	246	25	34	8.50
187	25	84	21.00	216	25	25	6.25	247	17	45	7.65
188	25	58	14.50	217	25	31	7.75	248	25	36	9.00
189	25	53	13.25	218	25	71	17.75	249	25	20	5.00
190	25	22	5.50	219	25	32	8.00	250	25	51	12.75
191	25	37	9.25	220	25	69	17.25	251	25	27	6.75
192	25	72	18.00	221	25	28	7.00	252	20	31	6.20
193	25	36	9.00	222	17	32	5.44	253	25	36	9.00
194	25	28	7.00	223	20	48	9.60	254	25	40	10.00
195	19	50	9.50	224	25	24	6.00	255	25	35	8.75
196	25	28	7.00	225	25	35	8.75	256	25	19	4.75
197	25	39	9.75	226	25	35	8.75	257	16	19	3.04
198	13	48	6.24	227	25	42	10.50				
199	25	20	5.00	228	25	24	6.00				
											\$3,554.57

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES								FELLOW CRAFTS									
		GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 5906	GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 5906		
		No. March 31, 5905	By Initiation		By Passing	Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes		Total Loss	No. March 31, 5905		By Passing	By Raising	Adv. elsewhere	By Death		Other Causes	Total Loss
			Other Causes											Other Causes					
Nebraska.	1	28	20	3	51	20			20	31	7	20	2	29	18	1	1	19	10
Western Star.	2	15	7	3	25	6			6	19	4	6	1	11	8			8	3
Capitol.	3	45	34	4	83	41			41	42	11	41	1	53	33		1	34	19
Nemaha Valley.	4	3	2	3	8	1	1		2	6		1		1					1
Omadi.	5	12	4	1	17	3			3	14	7	3		10	3			3	7
Plattsmouth.	6	20	8	1	29	9	1		10	19	4	9		13	9			9	4
Falls City.	9	17	4		21	3		1	4	17	5	3		8	3			3	5
Solomon.	10	8	1		9	3			3	6	2	3		5	4			4	1
Covert.	11	57	32		89	29	1		30	59	9	29	2	40	20			20	20
Orient.	13	8			8					8									
Peru.	14	1			1					1	2			2	1			1	1
Fremont.	15	9	9	1	19	11			11	8	5	11		16	14		1	15	1
Tecumseh.	17	18	6		24	10			10	14	6	10		16	10			10	6
Lincoln.	19	30	33		63	24	2		26	37	5	24		29	18			18	11
Washington	21	4	10		14	7			7	7	3	7		10	8			8	2
Pawnee.	23	10	16	1	27	17			17	10	5	17	1	23	17			17	6
St. Johns.	25	69	28	7	104	31			31	73	14	31		45	29		1	30	15
Beatrice.	26	28	6		34	6			6	28	9	6		15	3	1		4	11
Jordan.	27	9	1	2	12	2			2	10	3	2		5	2			2	3
Hope.	29	4	1		5	1			1	4	2	1		3					3
Blue River.	30	4		1	5					5	1			1					1
Tekamah.	31	5	6		11	4			4	7	3	4		7	6			6	1
Platte Valley.	32	16	5		21	7			7	14	7	7		14	8			8	6
Ashlar.	33	20	4	1	25	2			2	23	6	2	2	10	2	1		3	7
Acacia.	34	11			11					11	5			5					5
Fairbury.	35	15	5		20	3	1		4	16	7	4		11	6		1	7	4
Lone Tree.	36	5	3		8	3			3	5	1	3		4	4			4	
Crete.	37	9	2		11	1	1		2	9	7	1		8	3			3	5
Oliver.	38	13	5		18	4			4	14	2	4		6	5			5	1
Papillion.	39	5	6		11	6			6	5	3	6		9	6			6	3
Humboldt.	40	6			6					6	3			3	1			1	2
Northern Light.	41	4	1		5	1			1	4	2	1		3	1			1	2
Juniata.	42	12	1		13	2			2	11	1	2		3	1			1	2
Hebron.	43	12	5		17	5		1	6	11	2	5		7	6			6	1
Harvard.	44	4		1	5					5	1			1					1
Rob Morris.	46	12	9		21	9			9	12	2	9		11	6			6	5
Fairmont.	48	10	10		20	6			6	14	2	6		8	6			6	2
Evening Star.	49	9	1		10	3			3	7	1	3		4	3			3	1
Hastings.	50	16	9		25	8			8	17	4	8		12	7			7	5
Fidelity.	51	17	2		19	2			2	17	4	3		7	3		1	4	3

* Expelled years ago.

OF NEBRASKA FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31st, 5906.

SUSPENDED				MASTER MASONS				MASTER MASONS													
No. March 31, 5905	GAIN		Total	LOSS			No. on Rolls, March 31, 5906	No. Mar. 31, 5905	GAIN				Total	LOSS					No. on Rolls, March 31, 5906	No. of Lodge	
	By Suspension	Other Causes		Reinstatement	By Death	By Expulsion			Total Loss	By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement		Other Causes	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion			Other Causes	Total Loss
28	8	1	37	1	1	2	35	261	18	3	1	1	284	7	4	8	19	265	1		
33			33		*	1	32	151	8	2			161	2	8		10	151	2		
93	1		94	1		3	91	386	33	14	1		434	8	8	1	17	417	3		
13	2		15	1		1	14	29		2			31	1	1		2	29	4		
15	3		18	1		1	17	85	3		1		89	6			6	83	5		
27			27	1		1	26	111	9	2			122	4	2		6	116	6		
20	1		21	1		1	20	95	3	4			102	5	2	1	8	94	9		
4			4	1		2	2	41	4		1		46				1	45	10		
132	1		133	†		8	125	353	20	6	7	1	387	4	5		9	378	11		
8			8				8	15					15				1	14	13		
12			12				12	53	1	1			55	1			1	54	14		
39	3		42				42	218	14	8			240	1	2	3	7	233	15		
31			31	1	2	3	28	86	10	2	1		99	6			6	93	17		
86	5		91	1		1	90	399	18	11	1	1	430	7	9	5	21	409	19		
16			16	1		1	15	85	8	1	1		95	1	4		5	90	21		
19	10		29	1		1	28	103	17	3	1		124	4	4	10	18	106	23		
107	17		124	1		1	123	472	29	8	1		510	12	6	17	35	475	25		
67	1		68	1		1	67	164	3		1	2	170	8	5		13	157	26		
18	1		19	1		1	18	37	2		1		40	2	1	1	4	36	27		
22			22				22	33					33					33	29		
7			7				7	40					40	3			3	37	30		
17			17	1		1	16	93	6	3			102		2		2	100	31		
35			35	1	1	2	33	140	8	5	1		154	5	1		6	148	32		
58	1	1	60	2		2	58	170	2	5	2		179	3	2	1	6	173	33		
39			39	5		5	34	63			5		68	5	2		7	61	34		
24			24	2		2	22	138	5	3		1	147	1	2		3	144	35		
25	5		30				30	93	4	2			99	3	2	5	10	89	36		
28			28	1		1	27	78	3		1		82	4			4	78	37		
25			25				25	102	5	5		1	113	8	1		9	104	38		
17			17	1		1	16	38	6		1		45					45	39		
16	3		19	1		1	18	30	1				31	1		3	4	27	40		
20			20	1		1	19	43	1		1		45	1			1	44	41		
24			24				24	42	1	2			45					45	42		
30			30				30	86	6	1			93	2			2	89	43		
14			14	1		1	13	51			1		52	2	1		3	49	44		
39			39	3		3	36	147	6	4	3		160	2	1		3	157	46		
26	2		28	1		1	27	50	6	2		1	59	1	2		3	56	48		
25	1		26	2		2	24	47	3	2	2		54	2	2	1	5	49	49		
28	3		31				31	195	7	7			209	2	3	3	8	201	50		
27			27				27	106	3	3			112	1	1		2	110	51		

†One demitted, but carried on suspended roll.

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES							FELLOW CRAFTS												
		No. March 31, 5905	GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 5906	No. March 31, 5905	GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 5906		
			By Initiation	Other Causes		By Passing	Adv. Elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes			Total Loss	By Passing		Other Causes	By Raising	Adv. Elsewhere	By Death		Other Causes	Total Loss
Hiram	52	7	2	9	1		1	8	2	1	3	1		1	2						
Charity	53	7	3	11	2		2	9	1	2	3	3		3							
Lancaster	54	39	23	62	20	1	21	41	13	21	34	22	2	24	10						
Mosaic	55	6	4	10	2		2	8	1	2	3	2		2	1						
York	56	14	6	20	7	1	8	12	2	7	9	8		8	1						
Mt. Moriah	57	9	2	11	1		1	10	4	1	5	2		2	3						
Lebanon	58	12	7	19	6		6	13	2	6	8	6		6	2						
Wahoo	59	7	5	12	2		2	10	3	2	6	3		3	3						
Melrose	60	9	2	7	18	2	2	16	1	2	3	1		1	2						
Thistle	61	8	2	10	2		2	8	1	2	3	2		2	1						
Keystone	62	8	4	12	5		5	7		5	5	5		5							
Riverton	63	6	3	9	3		3	6	1	3	4	3		3	1						
Blue Valley	64	3	3	6	2		2	4	1	2	3	2		2	1						
Osceola	65	11	2	13	3		3	10	3	3	6	2		2	4						
Livingstone	66	2		2				2													
Edgar	67	5	3	8	2		2	6	4	2	6	5		5	1						
Aurora	68	12	7	19	8	1	1	10	9	4	12	6		6	6						
Sterling	70	11		12	1		1	11	2	1	3				3						
Trowel	71	18		18			1	17	6		6	2		2	4						
Hooper	72	7	1	8	2		2	6		2	2	2		2							
Friend	73	5	5	12	7		7	5	2	7	9	8		8	1						
Alexandria	74	3	3	6	4		4	2	2	4	6	6		6							
Frank Welch	75	9	4	13	6		6	7	5	6	11	6		6	5						
Joppa	76	9	3	12	5		5	7	1	5	6	3		3	3						
Nelson	77	9	3	12	5		5	7	1	5	6	5		5	1						
Albion	78	6	2	8	1	1	2	6	2	2	4	1	1	2	2						
Geneva	79	6	10	16	6		6	10	2	6	8	3		3	5						
Composite	81	4	3	7	3		3	4	1	3	4	2		2	2						
St. Paul	82	3	11	15	9		9	6	1	9	10	8		8	2						
Corinthian	83	6	1	7	2		2	5	2	2	4	2		2	2						
Fairfield	84	8	2	10	2	1	3	7		3	3	2	1	3							
Tyre	85	10	2	12	2		2	10	2	2	4	1		1	3						
Doniphan	86	3	1	4	1		1	3	2	1	3	1		1	2						
Ionic	87	8	8	18	8		8	10	2	8	10	7		7	3						
Star	88	3	1	4				4													
Cedar River	89	8	7	16	7		7	9	2	7	9	5		5	4						
Elk Creek	90	3	2	5	2		2	3		2	2	1		1	1						
Oakland	91	1	2	3	1		1	2		1	1				1						
Hubbell	92	2	2	4	1		1	3		1	1				1						
Beaver City	93	11	9	20	8		1	9	11	2	8	10	8	8	2						

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	SUSPENDED			MASTER MASONS				MASTER MASONS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1906	No. of Lodge			
	GAIN		Total	LOSS		Total Loss	GAIN			LOSS				Total Loss		
No. Mar. 31, 1905	By Suspension	Other Causes		Reinstatement	By Death		By Expulsion	No. Mar. 31, 1905	By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes
25	1	..	26	2	1	23	56	1	2	59	3	3	1	4	55	52
32	8	..	32	1	..	31	77	3	2	83	1	1	..	1	82	53
48	8	..	56	3	1	52	315	24	7	349	8	4	8	22	327	54
27	8	..	35	..	..	35	93	2	7	102	4	2	8	14	88	55
27	3	..	30	1	..	29	233	8	8	250	3	3	3	8	242	56
11	..	..	11	1	..	10	53	2	..	56	1	2	..	4	52	57
7	..	..	7	..	..	7	98	6	1	105	3	2	..	5	100	58
14	1	..	10	1	..	9	45	5	..	50	..	..	1	1	49	62
17	..	..	14	1	2	11	17	3	1	21	1	..	..	1	20	63
7	..	..	7	..	..	17	50	2	..	52	..	..	..	5	52	64
7	..	..	7	..	..	7	65	2	3	70	3	2	..	5	65	65
9	1	..	10	..	..	9	13	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	13	66
15	..	..	15	1	2	12	72	5	3	81	3	3	..	3	78	67
19	3	..	22	1	..	21	104	6	3	114	2	1	3	7	107	68
6	1	..	7	..	..	7	40	2	2	42	3	1	..	4	38	70
18	3	..	21	2	..	19	71	2	1	76	1	1	3	5	71	71
9	..	..	9	..	..	9	52	2	..	55	..	..	..	1	54	72
18	1	..	19	..	..	19	42	8	3	53	2	..	1	3	50	73
4	..	..	4	..	..	4	22	6	..	28	..	1	..	1	27	74
15	..	..	15	..	..	14	69	6	..	75	4	1	..	4	71	75
9	..	..	9	..	..	9	57	3	2	62	1	1	..	2	60	76
16	..	..	16	..	..	16	50	5	1	56	3	..	..	3	53	77
14	..	..	14	..	..	14	50	2	3	55	1	2	..	3	52	78
33	7	..	40	4	..	36	96	3	9	112	6	1	7	14	98	79
9	..	..	9	..	..	9	21	2	..	24	1	..	..	23	81	81
38	..	..	38	1	..	37	109	8	2	121	5	..	..	116	82	82
8	..	..	8	..	..	8	33	2	..	35	1	..	..	34	84	83
7	..	..	7	..	..	7	66	3	1	70	1	1	..	2	68	84
21	..	..	21	2	1	18	45	1	1	47	3	1	..	4	43	85
19	..	..	19	..	..	19	32	7	1	34	..	..	..	4	34	86
12	..	..	12	1	..	11	56	7	2	66	4	1	..	5	61	87
6	..	..	6	..	..	6	43	..	..	43	..	1	..	1	42	88
13	1	..	14	..	..	14	68	5	3	76	2	..	..	2	74	89
8	3	..	11	1	..	10	25	1	1	27	1	..	3	4	23	90
5	3	..	8	..	..	8	56	..	..	57	1	..	..	1	56	91
5	3	..	8	..	..	8	35	1	1	36	..	..	3	1	33	92
9	7	..	16	..	..	16	80	8	7	95	1	..	7	8	81	93

ABSTRACT OF THE RETURNS TO GRAND LODGE

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES							No. on Rolls, March 31, 5906	FELLOW CRAFTS							No. on Rolls, March 31, 5906	
		GAIN		Total	LOSS					GAIN		Total	LOSS					
		No. March 31, 5905	By Initiation		By Other Causes	By Passing	Adv. elsewhere	By Death		By Other Causes	By Passing		By Other Causes	By Raising	Adv. elsewhere	By Death		By Other Causes
Bennet	94	3	10	13	7			7	6	1	7	8	1			1	7	
Garfield	95	7		7	2			2	5	1	2	3	2			2	1	
Utica	96	5	14	19	13			13	6		13	13	11			11	2	
Euclid	97	7	2	1	10	3		3	7		3	3	2			2	1	
Republican	98	8	2		10	1		1	9	4	1	5	2		1	3	2	
Shelton	99	9	1		10				10	2		2					2	
Creighton	100	6	7		13	7		7	6	2	7	9	6			6	3	
Ponca	101	8	3		11	5		5	6	2	5	7	5			5	2	
Waterloo	102	6	1	1	8	1		1	7	1	1	2	1			1	1	
Ord.	103	6	4	2	12	2	1	3	9	2	2	4	2			2	2	
Wymore	104	10	6		16	6		6	10	5	6	11	5			5	6	
Stella	105	9	2		11	5	1	6	5		5	5	4			4	1	
Porter	106	8	2		10	6		6	4	2	6	8	5			5	3	
Table Rock	108	2	1		3				3	4		4	2			2	2	
Pomegranate	110	3	3		6	2		2	4	4	2	6	4			4	2	
De Witt	111	8	1		9	1		1	8	4	1	5	2			2	3	
Springfield	112	6	2		8	1	1	2	6	1	1	2	1			1	1	
Globe	113	10	3		13		1	1	12	4		4	1			1	3	
Wisner	114	6	3	1	10	2		2	8	1	2	3	2			2	1	
Harlan	116	7	11		18	9		9	9	4	9	13	11			11	2	
Hardy	117	3	2		5	1		1	4		1	1	1			1		
Doric	118	3			3				3	1		1					1	
North Bend	119	5	6		11	7		7	4	2	7	9	7			7	2	
Wayne	120	11	3		14	2		2	12	3	2	5	2			2	3	
Superior	121	3	3		6	2		2	4	1	2	3	1			1	2	
Auburn	124	4	4		8	5		5	3	2	5	7	7			7		
Mt. Nebo	125	9	3		12	4		4	8	4	4	8	2			2	6	
Stromsburg	126	2	8		10	3		3	7		3	3	3			3		
Minden	127	5	1		6	1		1	5	3	1	4	1			1	3	
Guide Rock	128	3		1	4				4	2		2	1			1	1	
Blue Hill	129		2	1	3	2		2	1	1	2	3	1			1	2	
Tuscan	130	1	3		4	2		2	2	1	2	3	2			2	1	
Scribner	132	2	1		3				3	2		2	1			1	1	
Elm Creek	133	5	3	1	9	3		3	6	1	3	4	3			3	1	
Solar	134	4	5		9	2		2	7		2	2	2			2		
McCook	135	9	2		11	1		1	10	3	1	4	1			1	3	
Long Pine	136	7	5		12	3		3	9	3	3	6	2			2	4	
Upright	137	4	2		6				6									
Rawat	138	2	4		6	3		3	3		3	3	2			2	1	
Clay Centre	139	1	4		5	5		5			5	5	4			4	1	

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NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES						FELLOW CRAFTS													
		GAIN			LOSS			GAIN			LOSS										
		No. March 31, 5905	By Initiation	Other Causes	Total	By Passing	Adv. Elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes	Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 5906	No. Mar. 31, 5905	By Passing	Other Causes	Total	By Raising	Adv. Elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes	Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 5906
Western	140	2	1	3	2			2	1	2	2	1	5	3			2	5			
Crescent	143	4	2	6	4			4	2	1	4		5	1				1	4		
Kenesaw	144	6	7	13	7	1		8	5		7		7	5				5	2		
Bancroft	145	9	6	15	5			5	12	3	5		8	5				5	3		
Jachin	146	11	8	19	5			5	14	5	5		10	6				6	4		
Siloam	147	4	1	5					5	1			1	1				1			
Emmet Crawford	148	10	4	14	3			3	11	3	3		6	3				3	3		
Jewel	149		2	2	2			2		3	2		5	3				3	2		
Cambridge	150	2	2	4	2			2	2	1	2		3	1				1	2		
Square	151	10	3	13	2			2	11	4	2		6	4				4	2		
Parallel	152	10	3	13	1			1	12	4	1		5						5		
Evergreen	153	1	4	5	3			3	2	3	3		6	3				3	3		
Lily	154	1	3	4	3			3	1		3		3						3		
Hartington	155	9	6	15	5	1		6	9	1	5		6	4				4	2		
Pythagoras	156	8	1	9	1			1	8	4	1		5	1				1	4		
Valley	157	7	3	10	3			3	7	1	3		4	3				3	1		
Samaritan	158	4	8	12	6			6	7	2	6		8	3				3	5		
Ogallala	159	2	2	4	2			2	2	2	2		4	1				1	3		
Zeredatha	160	1	2	3	2			2	1	1	2		3	2				2	1		
Mt. Zion	161	2	1	3	1			1	2		1		1	1				1			
Trestle Board	162	4	6	10	3			3	7		3		3	3				3			
Unity	163	3	1	4	1			1	3	1	1		2	1	1			2			
Atkinson	164	3		3					3	1			1						1		
Barneston	165	4	1	5	6			6	5		1		1	1				1			
Mystic Tie	166	8	1	9	1			1	8	3	1		4	1				1	3		
Elwood	167	3	8	11	8			8	3	1	8		9	6				6	3		
Curtis	168	3		3					3												
Amity	169	5		5					5	2			2						2		
Mason City	170	3	2	5	1			1	4	6	1		7	3				3	4		
Merna	171	8		8	1			1	7	2	1		3	1				1	2		
Grafton	172	7	6	13	4			4	9	2	4		6	3				3	3		
Robert Burns	173	7	1	8					8	1			1						1		
Culbertson	174	3	1	4	1			1	3	1	1		3	1				1	2		
Temple	175	1		1					1	3			3						3		
Gladstone	176	6	4	10	3	1	1	5	5	1	3		4	3				3	1		
Hay Springs	177	4		4					4	1			1						1		
Prudence	179	1	6	7	4			4	3	1	4		5	1				1	4		
Justice	180	2	2	4	1			1	3		1		1	1				1			
Faith	181	8	10	18	9			9	9	5	9		14	13				13	1		
Incense	182	3		3					3	4			4	3				3	1		

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	SUSPENDED			MASTER MASONS			MASTER MASONS			No. on Rolls, March 31, 5906	No. of Lodge												
	No. Mar. 31, 5905	By Suspension	Other Causes	Total	Reinstatement	By Death	By Expulsion	Total Loss	No. Mar. 31, 5905			By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss	
9	2			11	1		1	10	55	3				59	1		2			2	4	55	140
6	3			9			1	9	30	1				32	1		3			4	4	28	143
14				14	1		1	13	26	5	1			32	2		2			3	4	30	144
17	1			18				18	37	5				42	2		1			3	3	39	145
20				20				20	69	6				75	3	2				5	5	70	146
7				7				7	35	1				36							4	36	147
13				13				12	91	3	3	1		98	5	1				6	6	92	148
8				8				8	31	3				34	1					1	1	33	149
7				7				7	32	1				33	2					2	2	31	150
13				13				12	36	4		1		41	1					1	1	40	151
17				17				16	41		1	1		43	5					5	5	38	152
8				8				4	34	3				40							4	40	153
4				4				4	25	2	2			27							4	27	154
9				9				8	60	4	3	1		68	4					4	4	64	155
12	3			15				13	37	1				38			3			3	3	35	156
3	2			5				5	61	3				64	1	1	2			4	4	60	162
15				15				14	37	1	1	1		39	1					3	3	35	163
5	2			7				7	27	1				28	1	1	2			4	4	24	164
9	1			10				10	49	1	2			52	4	1	1			6	6	46	165
10				10				9	24	1		1		26		1				1	1	25	166
15				15				13	53	6	1	1		61	2			1		3	3	58	167
15				15				18	38		2			40	1	2	3			6	6	34	168
4	9			13				13	51		2			53	1					10	10	43	169
6	4			10				9	46	3		1		50	2		4			6	6	44	170
12				12				12	57	1	1	1		60	4					4	4	56	171
7	3			10				9	30	3		1		34	3		3			6	6	28	172
13				13				12	25		1			26	1					1	1	25	173
4				4				4	31	1	1	1		33						8	8	33	174
15	3			18				17	32		1	1		34	2		3			5	5	29	175
4	6			10				10	51	3				54	1	1	6			8	8	46	176
5				5				5	27		1			28						2	2	28	177
13				13				12	45	1		1		47	2					2	2	45	179
4				4				4	46	1				47						5	5	47	180
23				23				21	58	13		2		73	4	1				1	1	68	181
10				10				10	28	3				31		1				1	1	30	182

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NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES							FELLOW CRAFTS												
		GAIN			LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1906	GAIN			LOSS								
		No. March 31, 1905	By Initiation	Other Causes	Total	By Passing	Adv. elsewhere	By Death		Other Causes	Total Loss	No. March 31, 1905	By Passing	Other Causes	Total	By Raising	Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes	Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1906
Alliance...	183	20	13	33	11	1	12	21	5	11	16	7	7	9							
Bee Hive...	184	13	22	35	23		23	12	4	23	27	25	25	2							
Boaz...	185	4		4	1		1	3	1	1	2	1	1	1							
Israel...	187	1	1	2	1		1	1	2	1	3	1	1	2							
Meridian...	188	3	5	8	4		4	4	2	4	6	4	4	2							
Granite...	189	2		2	1		1	1	3	1	4		4								
Amethyst...	190	1	3	4	2		2	2	2	2	4	3	3	1							
Crystal...	191	6	4	10	2		2	8		2	2	1	1	1							
Minnekadusa...	192	10	3	13	3		3	10	3	3	6	2	2	4							
Signet...	193	5	2	7	2		2	5	1	2	3	3	3								
Highland...	194	2		2				2	2		2			2							
Arcana...	195	3	2	5	2		2	3		2	2	2	2								
Level...	196		3	3	1		1	2	3	1	4	1	1	3							
Morning Star...	197	3		3				3	1		1			1							
Purity...	198	11		11	2		2	9	4	2	6	3	3	3							
Gavel...	199	1	4	5	3		3	2	2	3	5	2	2	3							
Blazing Star...	200	1	3	4	3		3	1	1	3	4	3	3	1							
Scotts Bluffs...	201	11	4	15	8		8	7		8	8	7	7	1							
Golden Sheaf...	202	5	7	14	7		7	7	2	7	9	6	6	3							
Roman Eagle...	203	10	4	14	3		3	11	2	3	5	3	3	2							
Plainview...	204	1	3	4	2		2	2	2	2	4			4							
Golden Fleece...	205	1	1	2				2	2		2			2							
Naphthali...	206	3	2	5	1		1	4	1	1	2	1	1	1							
Parian...	207	6	4	10	4		4	6		4	4	3	3	1							
Gauge...	208	8	4	12	4		4	8	2	4	6	6	6								
Canopy...	209	5	8	13	9		9	4	3	9	12	8	8	4							
East Lincoln...	210	8	7	15	8		8	7	2	8	10	7	7	3							
Cement...	211	2	5	7	5		5	2	2	5	7	5	5	2							
Compass and Square...	212	4	2	6	1		1	5	2	1	3	1	1	2							
Square and Compass...	213	2	5	7	3		3	4		3	3	3	3								
Plumbline...	214		5	5	4		4	1		4	4	4	4								
Occidental...	215	2	2	4	2		2	2		2	2	2	2								
Palisade...	216	6		6				6	1		1			1							
Wauneta...	217	1		1				1	3	2	1	2	3	5							
Bloomfield...	218	8	11	19	7	1	8	11	1	7	8	7	7	1							
Relief...	219	2	3	5	4		4	1		4	4	2	2	2							
Magnolia...	220	3	3	6	3		3	3		3	3	3	3								
Wood Lake...	221		3	3	1		1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1							
Landmark...	222		7	7	6		6	1		6	6	6	6	6							
Eminence...	223	2	2	4	2		2	2	2	2	4	2	2	2							

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SUSPENDED	MASTER MASONS			MASTER MASONS									
	GAIN		Total	GAIN				LOSS			No. on Rolls, March 31, 1906	No. of Lodge	
No. March 31, 1905	By Suspension	Other Causes		By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death			By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss
12	2	14	7	6	2	129	6	2	2	8	121	183	
12	1	14	8	8	174	2	1	5	1	5	169	184	
13	3	3	1	1	50	2	1	3	1	3	47	185	
5	5	5	1	1	85	3	3	1	1	5	80	187	
11	11	11	4	3	65	2	1	1	1	3	62	188	
16	4	20	53	1	54	4	4	4	8	46	189		
3	1	4	22	3	26	1	1	1	2	24	190		
9	9	9	37	1	38	5	1	1	6	32	191		
14	12	26	2	2	77	2	2	12	14	63	192		
6	6	6	3	3	41	3	3	3	3	38	193		
18	5	18	28	1	29	3	1	5	9	20	194		
7	3	10	50	2	52	4	1	3	8	44	195		
4	4	4	28	1	33	1	1	1	1	32	196		
6	6	6	39	3	39	1	1	1	1	38	197		
2	2	2	48	2	54	3	3	6	9	45	198		
13	1	14	3	2	54	1	2	1	4	50	203		
7	7	7	20	2	23	3	3	1	3	20	199		
4	4	4	70	2	75	4	1	1	5	70	200		
12	12	12	50	7	59	4	4	1	5	70	200		
8	8	8	72	6	82	4	2	2	6	76	201		
13	1	14	49	3	54	1	2	1	4	50	203		
3	3	3	37	1	39	1	1	1	1	38	204		
5	5	5	38	1	39	1	1	1	1	39	205		
7	7	7	46	1	47	1	1	1	2	45	206		
3	3	3	39	3	43	3	1	1	3	40	207		
14	1	15	31	6	39	1	1	1	3	36	208		
2	2	2	70	8	79	1	1	1	1	78	209		
8	8	8	103	7	114	2	2	1	2	112	210		
1	1	1	63	5	69	5	1	1	6	63	211		
9	9	9	17	1	20	1	1	1	3	17	212		
8	8	8	27	3	30	1	1	1	2	28	213		
4	4	4	29	4	33	1	1	1	1	32	214		
4	4	4	56	2	59	1	1	1	1	58	215		
11	11	11	25	1	27	1	1	1	1	26	216		
10	10	10	31	2	34	3	3	3	3	31	217		
5	5	5	71	4	82	1	1	1	1	81	218		
1	1	1	32	2	37	1	1	1	1	37	219		
6	6	6	69	3	72	4	4	4	4	72	220		
1	1	1	28	1	30	4	1	1	4	26	221		
1	1	1	32	1	33	2	1	1	4	29	222		
2	2	2	48	2	50	1	2	1	3	47	223		

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NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES							FELLOW CRAFTS												
		GAIN			LOSS				GAIN			LOSS									
		No. March 31, 1905	By Initiation	Other Causes	Total	By Passing	Adv. Elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes	Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1906	No. Mar. 31, 1905	By Passing	Other Causes	Total	By Raising	Adv. Elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes	Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1906
Silver Cord.	224	5	5	3	3	2	1	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Cable.	225	2	1	3	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Grace.	226	3	8	11	8	1	9	2	1	8	9	8	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
North Star.	227	5	7	12	3	3	3	9	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Bartley.	228	1	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Comet.	229	2	6	8	5	5	5	3	2	5	7	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Delta.	230	5	4	9	4	1	5	4	1	4	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Mt. Hermon.	231	1	4	5	4	4	4	1	1	4	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
John S. Bowen.	232	3	1	4	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Gilead.	233	16	2	18	4	4	4	14	3	4	7	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Zion.	234	4	5	9	4	4	4	5	5	4	9	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Fraternity.	235	8	8	8	8	2	2	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Golden Rule.	236	3	4	7	7	7	7	7	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Cubit.	237	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Friendship.	239	3	1	4	3	3	3	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Pilot.	240	4	5	9	9	9	9	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
George Armstrong.	241	8	8	8	8	8	8	2	8	10	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Tyrian.	243	5	1	6	1	1	1	5	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Sincerity.	244	2	2	4	1	1	1	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Hampton.	245	4	1	5	1	1	1	4	2	1	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Nehawka.	246	3	3	3	2	2	2	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Corner-stone.	247	7	3	10	4	4	4	6	2	4	7	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Laurel.	248	3	6	10	6	6	6	4	1	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Gothenburg.	249	1	2	3	2	2	2	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
George Washington.	250	2	15	17	13	13	13	4	2	13	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Wausa.	251	3	3	3	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Hildreth.	252	2	8	10	8	8	8	2	1	8	9	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Beemer.	253	4	4	8	2	2	2	6	3	2	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Bassett.	254	4	3	7	4	4	4	3	3	4	7	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Bradshaw.	255	3	3	6	5	5	5	1	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Hickman.	256	1	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Holbrook.	257	1	6	8	3	3	3	5	1	3	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Anselmo.	258	1	13	14	8	8	8	6	1	8	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bee.	259	3	5	8	8	8	8	1	8	9	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Extinct Lodges.	69	6	75	6	6	6	6	69	16	1	17	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Springview, U..D..		5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Ornan, U..D..		4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Grand Totals.		1678	1024	6727	69927	1910	9965	1804	518	935	151468	878	8	6	8	900	568				

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GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA.

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OF NEBRASKA FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31st, 1906.

	SUSPENDED			MASTER MASONS			MASTER MASONS			No. on Rolls, March 31, 5906	No. of Lodge									
	GAIN			LOSS			GAIN					LOSS								
No. Mar. 31, 5905	By Suspension	Other Causes	Total	Reinstatement	By Death	By Expulsion	Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 5906	By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement	Other Causes	Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss	
6	2	2	4	1	1	1	3	5	24	4	7	1	36	1	1	1	1	1	1	35
2	2	2	4	2	2	2	6	2	35	2	1	1	38	1	1	1	1	1	1	37
2	2	2	4	2	2	2	6	2	35	7	1	1	42	2	2	2	2	2	2	46
2	2	2	4	2	2	2	6	2	42	2	3	3	47	1	1	1	1	1	1	46
1	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	1	24	1	3	1	28	1	1	1	1	1	1	26
3	3	3	6	3	3	3	9	3	40	4	1	1	44	1	1	1	1	1	1	48
3	3	3	6	3	3	3	9	3	37	3	1	1	41	2	2	3	1	1	1	35
2	2	2	4	2	2	2	6	2	35	1	1	1	37	1	1	1	1	1	1	35
3	3	3	6	3	3	3	9	3	40	1	1	1	41	1	1	1	1	1	1	40
3	3	3	6	3	3	3	9	3	49	5	2	1	56	2	2	2	2	2	2	54
1	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	1	43	6	1	1	49	1	1	1	1	1	1	48
1	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	1	42	1	1	1	43	1	1	1	1	1	1	43
1	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	1	17	2	1	1	19	1	1	1	1	1	1	18
2	2	2	4	2	2	2	6	2	36	3	1	1	36	3	3	3	3	3	3	35
4	4	4	8	4	4	4	12	4	33	9	1	1	34	1	1	1	1	1	1	32
2	2	2	4	2	2	2	6	2	62	9	1	1	73	3	3	3	3	3	3	69
2	2	2	4	2	2	2	6	2	34	2	1	1	36	1	1	1	1	1	1	36
2	2	2	4	2	2	2	6	2	29	2	1	1	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	30
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The roll of committees appointed by the Grand Master in a circular dated May 1st, was called, and the following entered upon the discharge of their duties:

Codification of the Law.—Bros.: William A. DeBord, 3; Milton J. Kennard, 1.

Foreign Correspondence.—Bros.: Francis E. White, 6; Charles J. Phelps, 34.

Relief.—Bros.: James R. Cain, Jr., 105; Albert W. Crites, 158; Charles H. Sloan, 79; Charles A. Barnes, 224.

Printing Volume 8.—Bros.: John J. Mercer, 3; Charles K. Coutant, 11; Bradner D. Slaughter, 89.

New Pay-Roll.—Bros.: Bradner D. Slaughter, 89; John J. Mercer, 3; Francis E. White, 6.

Errors in Charters and Seals.—Bros.: Charles K. Coutant, 11; George H. Thummel, 33; John J. Mercer, 3.

Fraternal Dead.—Bros.: Edwin F. Warren, 2; Edward K. Valentine, 27.

Grievances.—Bros.: Charles H. Epperson, 84; Robert R. Dickson, 95; James G. Thompson, 116; Samuel H. Smith, 144.

Doings of Grand Officers.—Bros.: Daniel H. Wheeler, 1; Theophilus I. Minier, 241; Ira E. Tash, 183; Charles E. Gallagher, 251.

Accounts.—Bros.: George W. Little, 240; George J. Boucher, 5; Frederic L. Temple, 61; John F. Housman, 255; Sherman Saunders, 218.

Charters and Dispensations.—Bros.: Lewis H. Blackledge, 53; Eben Rogers, 62; McLeod M. Chappell, 127; Lewis E. Smith, 136.

Credentials.—Bros.: Charles M. Keefer, 19; Clemens A. Spellman, 26; John D. French, 50; George H. Holdeman, 56; Isaiah W. Haughey, 68.

Ways and Means.—Bros.: Roy S. Shahan, 46; Claude C. Sackett, 248; John G. McIlvaine, 32; George B. Berry, 135; James G. Mines, 120.

Grand Lodge Office.—Bros.: George H. Thummel, 33; Marion B. Foster, 113; Emerson R. Purcell, 148.

Returns.—Bros.: John J. Mercer, 3; William A. Forbes, 2; August J. Albers, 15; Roy A. Davis, 189.

Pay-Roll.—Bros.: Frank E. Ward, 31; George G. Eisenhart, 174; Lynn A. Quivey, 247; Roscoe Pound, 54; John S. Bishop, 54.

Visiting Brethren.—Bros.: Millard M. Robertson, 3; Paul A. Froelich, 11; Charles A. Tracy, 25; William H. Myers, 91.

Unfinished Business.—Bros.: Thomas W. Eustice, 124; George C. Marshall, 21; Barclay M. Hickman, 38; Alvah W. Loomis, 48.

Jurisprudence.—All Past Grand Masters present, with the junior as chairman.

The following report of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers was presented by Past Grand Master Wheeler, and on motion on Past Grand Master France was adopted:

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

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

Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers fraternally reports, and recommends that the following matters be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

All decisions made and special dispensations issued by the Grand Master; his approval of amendments to by-laws of lodges; the edict issued in regard to the omission in the law; his recommendation in regard to exemption from the payment of Grand Lodge dues; that portion of the Grand Master's address relating to the Orphans Educational Fund; that portion relating to dues of members who desire to demit; the question of issuing a duplicate charter to Orient Lodge No. 13, with the request that the committee consider whether the lodge should be discontinued or a copy of the charter issued; the question of additional data for the card register, referred to in the report of the Grand Secretary; that portion of the report of the Committee on Returns relating to making up returns from lodges; also mentioned in the report of the Grand Secretary.

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations is referred the petition for a charter for Ornan Lodge U.:D.: at Spencer, and the application for a continuance of the dispensation issued to Springview Lodge U.:D.:, at Springview.

To the Committee on Accounts, the report of the Treasurer of the Orphans Educational fund, the report of the Grand Treasurer, and all financial matters in the report of the Grand Secretary.

To the Committee on Ways and Means, the question of publishing the law and its distribution; also the prepayment of expressage on Volume 8 when it is ready to send to the lodges; and the refunding of the fee for dispensation to form a lodge at Lynch.

To the Committee on Grievances, that portion of the Grand Master's address referring to Pawnee Lodge No. 23, Compass and Square, No. 212, Bloomfield, No. 218, John S. Bowen, No. 232, and Hildreth, No. 252.

We recommend that all matters relating to the Nebraska Masonic Home be referred to a special committee of three Past Grand Masters. We recommend that the reference to the California calamity, in the Grand Master's address, be referred to a committee of three Past Grand Masters. We recommend that the portions of the address of the Grand Master and the report of the Grand Custodian relating to cyphers and keys—so-called,—and irregular work, be referred to all incoming masters of lodges, with instructions to comply with the law as it now exists. We again call attention to missing dates of death, and refer the subject to the Grand Lodge to decide whether names of deceased brethren, where dates are not given, shall be published.

We recommend that all matters not specially referred to committees or otherwise disposed of in this report be approved.

We congratulate the Grand Lodge on the prosperity existing throughout the jurisdiction as shown by the report of the Committee on Returns. We commend Grand Master Hopewell for the close attention that he has given to the affairs of the Grand Lodge, and for his faithful discharge of the duties of Grand Master.

Past Grand Masters Burnham, France, and Wilson were appointed a special committee on the Nebraska Masonic Home.

Past Grand Masters Mercer, Slaughter, and Wheeler were appointed a special committee on the California calamity.

On motion of Brother Davies, 96, it was ordered that a record of all deaths be published in the proceedings, regardless of the dates being furnished by the secretaries of lodges.

Brother Keefer, 54, presented the report of the Committee on Credentials, and it was adopted, subject to changes during the session. As finally adopted the report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the M.:W.:., the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your Committee on Credentials reports that all Nebraska lodges are represented with the exception of lodges numbered 4, 30, 34, 39, 63, 66, 72, 81, 92, 103, 106, 111, 112, 118, 137, 138, 156, 160, 174, 180, 182, 190, 191, 216, 227, 246, and 250.

GRAND OFFICERS.

M.:W.:Melville R. Hopewell.....	Grand Master.
R.:W.:Zuingle M. Baird.....	Deputy Grand Master.
R.:W.:Ornan J. King.....	Grand Senior Warden.
R.:W.:William A. DeBord.....	Grand Junior Warden.
M.:W.:John B. Dinsmore.....	Grand Treasurer.
R.:W.:Francis E. White.....	Grand Secretary.
V.:W.:George A. Beecher.....	Grand Chaplain.
W.:Roderick D. Sutherland.....	Grand Orator.
M.:W.:Robert E. French.....	Grand Custodian.
W.:Michael Dowling.....	Grand Marshal.
W.:Harry A. Cheney.....	Grand Senior Deacon.
W.:Henry Gibbons.....	Grand Junior Deacon.
Bro.:Jacob King.....	Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Past Grand Masters: M.:W.:Brothers Daniel H. Wheeler, Harry P. Deuel, Martin Dunham, George H. Thummel, George W. Lininger, Edward K. Valentine, Edwin F. Warren, Charles K. Coutant, George B. France, John J. Mercer, Robert E. French, Bradner D. Slaughter, James P. A. Black, John A. Ehrhardt, Henry H. Wilson, Charles J. Phelps, John B. Dinsmore, Frank H. Young, Albert W. Crites, Robert E. Evans, Nathaniel M. Ayers, Charles E. Burnham. Past Deputy Grand Master Henry Brown.

REPRESENTATIVES.

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska	No. 1	Edward A. Northup	Albert W. Jeffries	
Western Star	" 2	William A. Forbes		
Capitol	" 3	Millard M. Robertson		
Nemaha Valley	" 4			
Omadi	" 5	George J. Boucher		
Plattsmouth	" 6	*Velosco V. Leonard		
Falls City	" 9	*Ralph P. Roberts		
Solomon	" 10	Oliver M. Ireland		
Covert	" 11	Paul A. Froelich	Charles L. Porter	
Orient	" 13	George N. Ocamb	John C. Shepherd	
Peru	" 14	Joseph S. Robinson		
Fremont	" 15	August J. Albers	Eugene A. Schullian	
Tecumseh	" 17	*Michael E. Cowan	Edgar H. Grist	
Lincoln	" 19	Charles M. Keefer	Howard J. Whitmore	Elmer W. Brown.
Washington	" 21	George C. Marshall		*Edward C. Jackson.
Pawnee	" 23	*Frank S. Colwell		Frank S. Colwell.
Saint Johns	" 25	Charles A. Tracy	Everett R. Woods	Matthew E. Muxen.
Beatrice	" 26	Clemens A. Spellman	J. Edward C. Fisher	
Jordan	" 27		Charles F. Nitz	
Hope	" 29	Benjamin T. Skeen		William W. Sanders.
Blue River	" 30			
Tekamah	" 31	*Harry K. Clark		Harry K. Clark.
Platte Valley	" 32	John G. Mellvaine		
Ashlar	" 33	*Delos Ryder	George H. Miller	
Acacia	" 34			
Fairbury	" 35	Charles H. Denney		
Lone Tree	" 36			Elmer E. Ross.
Crete	" 37	Lucius H. Denison	George L. Meissner	
Oliver	" 38	Barelay M. Hickman	Orrin D. Wicks	
Papillion	" 39			
Humboldt	" 40	*Edgar S. Norton		
Northern Light	" 41	John A. Ehrhardt		
Juniata	" 42	Frank R. Hughes	*William G. Saddler	
Hebron	" 43	*Jacob J. Werner		
Harvard	" 44	*Ezra Brown	*Ezra Brown	*Ezra Brown.
Rob Morris	" 46	Roy S. Shahan		
Fairmont	" 48	Alvah W. Loomis		
Evening Star	" 49	Nathan A. Tyler		
Hastings	" 50	John D. French	Willis A. Reynolds	
Fidelity	" 51	Alex E. Etting		
Hiram	" 52	Joseph C. Chapman		
Charity	" 53	Lewis H. Blackledge		
Lancaster	" 54	Roscoe Pound	Claude S. Wilson	Robert O. Wolf.
Mosaic	" 55	Joseph Alberry		
York	" 56	George H. Holdeman	George R. Reed	
Mour't Moriah	" 57	James R. Alexander		
Lebanon	" 58	*James E. North	W. Irving Spiece	*Carroll D. Evans.
Wahoo	" 59	Joseph N. Davis		
Melrose	" 60	George S. Austin		
Thistle	" 61	Frederic L. Temple		
Keystone	" 62	Eben Rogers	John T. Price	
Riverton	" 63			
Blue Valley	" 64	Porter F. Dodson		

*Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES—CONTINUED.

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Osceola	No. 65	Frederick H. Ball		
Livingstone	" 66			
Edgar	" 67	John Sugden		
Aurora	" 68		Amos D. Travis	
Sterling	" 70	Fred Catchpole		
Trowel	" 71	Hugh L. McGinitie		
Hooper	" 72			
Friend	" 73	Owen E. Champe		
Alexandria	" 74	William C. Beers		
Frank Welch	" 75	Herman Schroeder		
Joppa	" 76	James B. Sumner, Sr.	William F. Humphreys	
Nelson	" 77	Roderick D. Sutherland	John T. Dysart	
Albion	" 78	William C. Weitzel		
Geneva	" 79	*Charles P. Weston	Charles P. Weston	*Charles H. Sloan
Composite	" 81			
Saint Paul	" 82	Cassius B. Manuel		
Corinthian	" 83	*Herbert P. Shumway		
Fairfield	" 84	Charles H. Epperson	Thornton P. Shively	*William M. Wheeler
Tyre	" 85	Elmer L. Hevelone	*Albert R. Morris	
Doniphan	" 86	*Albert B. Smith		
Ionic	" 87	*Frank Nelson		
Star	" 88		Larimo D. Lambert	
Cedar River	" 89	William F. Prowett		
Elk Creek	" 90	William A. Davis		
Oakland	" 91	William H. Myers	August C. Holmquist	Charles P. Lang
Hubbell	" 92			
Beaver City	" 93	Thomas M. Davis		
Bennett	" 94	*William Nelson		
Garfield	" 95	Robert R. Dickson		
Utica	" 96	*Thomas L. Davies		
Euclid	" 97	*Philemon S. Barnes		
Republican	" 98	George H. Woolman		
Shelton	" 99	William C. Bentley		
Creighton	" 100	Harry A. Cheney	John K. Brown	
Ponca	" 101	*Robert H. Pomeroy		
Waterloo	" 102	John E. Einfald		
Ord	" 103			
Wymore	" 104	*Harrison F. Vernon		
Stella	" 105	James R. Cain, Jr.		
Porter	" 106			
Table Rock	" 108	*Adam C. Allinson		
Pomegranate	" 110	*Willis M. Butler		
De Witt	" 111			
Springfield	" 112			
Globe	" 113	Marion B. Foster		
Wisner	" 114	Andrew R. Oleson	Oscar R. Thompson	
Harlan	" 116	James G. Thompson		
Hardy	" 117	Henry W. Gunnison		
Doric	" 118			
North Bend	" 119	Fred A. Howe		*Joseph E. Newsom
Wayne	" 120	James G. Mines		
Superior	" 121	*Marcellus L. Pierce		
Auburn	" 124	Thomas W. Eustice		

*Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES—CONTINUED.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Mount Nebo..... No. 125	*James M. Kennedy.....		
Stromsburg..... " 126	Hamilton R. Hardy.....		
Minden..... " 127	McLeod W. Chappell.....		
Guide Rock..... " 128	*Edwin E. Burr.....		
Blue Hill..... " 129	Robert A. Simpson.....		
Tuscan..... " 130		Herbert A. Fair.....	
Scribner..... " 132	John F. Drenguis.....		
Elm Creek..... " 133	George L. Richards.....		
Solar..... " 134	William H. Mockridge.....		*John W. Key.
McCook..... " 135	George B. Berry.....		
Long Pine..... " 136	Lewis E. Smith.....		
Upright..... " 137			
Rawalt..... " 138			
Clay Centre..... " 139	Jesse G. Jessup.....		
Western..... " 140	Charles E. Rhynalds.....		
Crescent..... " 143	*Frank C. Compton.....		
Kenesaw..... " 144	Samuel H. Smith.....	*Ezra E. Schultz.....	
Bancroft..... " 145	J. Herman Russman.....		
Jachin..... " 146	*Charles C. St. Clair.....		
Siloam..... " 147	Edward A. Walker.....		
Emmet Crawford..... " 148	Emerson R. Purcell.....		*Alpha Morgan.
Jewel..... " 149		George W. Cabel.....	
Cambridge..... " 150	George A. Remington.....	*Ernest B. Perry.....	
Square..... " 151	Fred S. Parker.....		
Parallel..... " 152	Harley E. Bowhay.....		
Evergreen..... " 153	William W. Quivey.....		
Lily..... " 154	*Robert Tweed.....	Edward Sedgewick.....	
Hartington..... " 155	*Frank O. Robinson.....	Fred W. Barnhart.....	*Wilson S. Weston.
Pythagoras..... " 156			
Valley..... " 157	*La Vern L. Brown.....	La Vern L. Brown.....	
Samaritan..... " 158	George H. Willis.....		
Ogalalla..... " 159	*James K. Allen.....		
Zeredatha..... " 160			
Mount Zion..... " 161	Henry Burritt.....		
Trestle Board..... " 162	Addison C. Maynard.....	*Benjamin H. Bailey.....	*Benjamin H. Bailey.
Unity..... " 163	William E. Hand.....		
Atkinson..... " 164	Alexander Searl.....		
Barneston..... " 165	Seth S. Ratliff.....	*Jacob Swanson.....	John A. Anderson.
Mystic Tie..... " 166		John D. Askwith.....	
Elwood..... " 167	Charles A. Yeoman.....		
Curtis..... " 168	*William H. Latham.....		
Amity..... " 169	Joseph Bell.....		
Mason City..... " 170	John Walker.....	Guy F. Frazier.....	
Merna..... " 171	Francis Jacquot.....		
Grafton..... " 172	Albert Holmes.....		
Robert Burns..... " 173	*Charles A. Besack.....	Charles A. Besack.....	
Culbertson..... " 174			
Temple..... " 175	*Lewis C. Caley.....	Lewis C. Caley.....	
Gladstone..... " 176	Albert F. Pinkley.....	John W. Scott.....	
Hay Springs..... " 177	*Charles Weston.....		
Prudence..... " 179	William H. Ritchie.....		
Justice..... " 180			

*Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES—CONTINUED.

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Faith	No. 181	Paris G. Cooper.		
Incense	" 182			
Alliance	" 183	Ira E. Tash.		
Bee Hive	" 184	* <i>Frank W. Slabaugh.</i>	Frank W. Slabaugh.	* <i>James A. Hall.</i>
Boaz	" 185	* <i>Solomon W. Stilgebouer.</i>		
Israel	" 187	James M. Stephens.	Edward Northway.	
Meridian	" 188	* <i>Edgar C. Stanley.</i>	Edgar C. Stanley.	
Granite	" 189	* <i>Charles A. Putnam.</i>		Charles A. Putnam.
Amethyst	" 190			
Crystal	" 191			
Minnekadusa	" 192	John T. Kelley.		
Signet	" 193	* <i>Charles E. Beaty.</i>		
Highland	" 194	* <i>Luther C. Kurtz.</i>		
Arcana	" 195	Ulia Powell.		
Level	" 196		John L. Sanders.	
Morning Star	" 197	William Davidson.		
Purity	" 198	Perlee W. Scott.	Albert C. Clayburg.	
Gavel	" 199	* <i>Elmer E. Wheeler.</i>		Elmer E. Wheeler.
Blazing Star	" 200	* <i>Robert P. Oliver.</i>		
Scotts Bluff	" 201	Henry M. Thornton.		
Golden Sheaf	" 202	Arthur E. Cook.		
Roman Eagle	" 203	* <i>Thomas L. Sloan.</i>		
Plainview	" 204	George H. Hecht.		Archie G. Cole.
Golden Fleece	" 205	Frederick Sudman.		
Napthali	" 206	A. Delbert Stotts.	* <i>Thomas Nelson.</i>	
Parian	" 207	Jacob D. Troyer.	August Jaeger.	* <i>Frank L. Haycock.</i>
Gauge	" 208	Clyde C. Hawthorne.		
Canopy	" 209	John P. Gonzales.	John C. Brown.	* <i>William Atchison.</i>
East Lincoln	" 210	John Forburger.		
Cement	" 211	* <i>Charles E. Towne.</i>		
Compass & Square	" 212		John Holthem.	
Square & Compass	" 213	* <i>Erie W. Northrup.</i>		
Plumbline	" 214	Daniel J. Killen.		
Occidental	" 215	Jesse Gidley.		
Palisade	" 216			
Wauneta	" 217	Austin C. Pence.		
B'oomfield	" 218	Sherman Saunders.		* <i>Will A. Needham.</i>
Relief	" 219	* <i>Frank H. Peck.</i>		
Magnolia	" 220	Morris H. Evans.		
Wood Lake	" 221	Joseph P. Kreycik.		
Landmark	" 222	Floyd Van Valin.	Charles R. Gray.	
Eminence	" 223	* <i>Alfred V. Cunningham.</i>		
Silver Cord	" 224	Walter H. Williams.	Charles A. Barnes.	
Cable	" 225	John Finch.	* <i>Lewis F. Sallee.</i>	
Grace	" 226	* <i>Charles W. Morrow.</i>	Charles W. Morrow.	
North Star	" 227			
Bartley	" 228			* <i>John E. Hathorn</i>
Comet	" 229	* <i>John W. Clark.</i>		John W. Clark.
Delta	" 230	Elmer W. McFarland.		
Mount Hermon	" 231	William Whalen.		
John S. Bowen	" 232	* <i>John B. Burgess.</i>		John B. Burgess.
Gilead	" 233	William Dereg.	Donald A. Sinclair	* <i>John Antrin.</i>
Zion	" 234	* <i>William H. Nickles.</i>		

*Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES—CONTINUED.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Fraternity..... " 235			Jacob H. Prescott.
Golden Rule..... " 236	*William F. Filley.		
Cubit..... " 237	Judson A. Schoenthal		
Friendship..... " 239	*John P. Lamb.	John P. Lamb.	
Pilot..... " 240	George W. Little.	Thomas Hanson.	
George Armstrong. " 241	Theophilus I. Minier.		
Tyrian..... " 243	*Ernest Myers.		
Sincerity..... " 244	*Frank E. Martin.		
Hampton..... " 245	*Stephen C. Houghton.	Stephen C. Houghton.	
Nehawka..... " 246			
Corner-stone..... " 247	Lynn A. Quivey.	Earnest W. Fisher.	
Laurel..... " 248	Claude C. Sackett.		
Gothenburg..... " 249	Edwin J. Spaulding.		
Geo. Washington. " 250			
Wausa..... " 251	Charles E. Gallagher.	George L. Bosse.	
Hildreth..... " 252			George M. Myers.
Beemer..... " 253		James J. Fenelon.	
Bassett..... " 254	*Adon O. Smith.	Adon O. Smith.	
Bradshaw..... " 255	John F. Houseman.	Emile C. Roggy.	
Hickman..... " 256	Cyrus Black.		
Holbrook..... " 257	Albert M. Keyes.	*Albert W. Schroeder.	
Anselmo..... " 258	John J. Tooley.		
Bee..... " 259	Albert Terwilliger.		

*Proxy.

Your committee also reports the presence of representatives near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska from the following Grand Lodges: Alabama, Alpha Morgan, 148; Colorado, Charles J. Phelps, 34; Delaware, Carroll D. Evans, 58; District of Columbia, Bradner D. Slaughter, 89; England and Egypt, George W. Lininger, 3; Georgia, Edwin F. Warren, 2; Illinois, George H. Thummel, 33; Indiana, Harry P. Deuel, 3; Indian Territory, James M. Kennedy, 125; Kansas, James P. A. Black, 50; Louisiana, Robert E. Evans, 5; Maine, Thomas K. Sudborough, 25; Maryland, Henry Gibbons, 46; Michigan, Daniel H. Wheeler, 1; Minnesota, George A. Beecher, 32; Missouri, George B. France, 56; Montana, John J. Mercer, 3; Nevada, John B. Dinsmore, 49; New Hampshire, Roscoe Pound, 54; New York, Edward K. Valentine, 27; New Zealand, Frank E. Ward, 31; North Carolina, Melville R. Hopewell, 31; North Dakota, John A. Ehrhardt, 41; Nova Scotia, Henry H. Wilson, 19; Ohio, George W. Little, 240; Oklahoma, Zuingle M. Baird, 155; Oregon, Henry Brown, 3; Prince Edward Island, Charles E. Burnham, 166; Rhode Island, Michael Dowling, 119; Tennessee, Francis E. White, 6; Texas, Martin Dunham, 3; Utah, Robert E. French, 46; Vermont, Frank H. Young, 207; Victoria, John S. Bishop, 54; Washington, Charles K. Coutant, 11; Western Australia, Ornan J. King, 54; Wisconsin, Albert W. Crites, 158.

At twelve M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, until three o'clock P. M.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Tuesday, June 5th, 1906.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at three o'clock, with officers and members as at the morning session, except that Brother Thomas, 1, was in the station of the Grand Senior Deacon.

Past Grand Master Phelps presented a special report on the application for recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, and moved that the report be adopted, as follows:

To The Grand Lodge:

Your committee on the application of the Grand Lodge of Queensland for recognition, last year recommended a postponement of the same, expressing the earnest hope that our brethren in Queensland, their lodges, the several Provincial Grand Lodges interested, and the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland might settle their differences, and harmoniously erect another Grand Lodge in Australasia.

At that time a few Grand Lodges, recognizing the regularity of its organization, had extended recognition; others had, like our Grand Lodge, out of deference to the Grand Lodges in the British Isles, postponed recognition. Since then, and as appears in the proceedings reviewed, other Grand Lodges have entered into fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Queensland. Those that have not done so, but still postpone, express, with only one exception, sympathy with Queensland.

As we said last year: In that province there were in April, 1904, 152 lodges, sixty-two under the English constitution, sixty-four under the Scottish, and twenty-six under the Irish. Of these, twenty-five Irish and fourteen Scottish lodges, thirty-nine in all, proceeded and organized a Grand Lodge. By common consent the organization met, in every particular, all that is required in any American Grand Lodge. It is noteworthy that the rules governing the creation of sovereign, independent Masonic Grand Lodges are largely those promulgated in the early organization of the Grand Lodges in our country.

Very generally have the questions involved been discussed in Grand Lodges, whose proceedings your committee reviews for the current year, and the comments of correspondents have covered every phase of the question involved; and your committee unhesitatingly recommends that the Grand Lodge of Queensland be fraternally recognized, and that an exchange of representatives be tendered her.

Past Grand Master Lininger moved that the report be deferred until the next session, and his motion prevailed.

Past Grand Master Phelps presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, relating to the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, as follows, and moved its adoption:

To the Grand Lodge:

October 12th, 1905, in the city of Calgary, in the province of Alberta, R. W. Brother George H. Hogbin, Master of the oldest lodge in the jurisdiction, presiding, with masters and wardens representing seventeen lodges in the new province, the sovereign independent Grand Lodge of Alberta was organized agreeably to ancient custom, recognizing the ancient landmarks as inviolable and the basis of Masonry for all time.

Your committee, finding the foregoing facts upon the application of said Grand Lodge for recognition, fraternally recommends that our Grand Lodge extend to the Grand Lodge of Alberta recognition and an exchange of representatives.

Past Grand Master Ehrhardt moved that consideration of the report be deferred until the next annual communication. The motion to defer recognition was lost, and the motion of Brother Phelps to adopt the report was carried.

Past Grand Master Wilson stated that he had been selected by the Nebraska Veteran Freemasons association to present for the consideration of the Grand Lodge the question of celebrating the semi-centennial of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas, the semi-centennial of the organization of this Grand Lodge will occur September 23d, 1907,

Resolved, that a committee of fifteen be appointed by the Grand Master to arrange for the appropriate commemoration of that event, and that \$300.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to defray the necessary expenses of such committee.

The following were appointed as the committee: Past Grand Masters Wilson, Wheeler, Deuel, Dunham, Thummel, Lininger, Valentine, Warren, Reese, France, Mercer, Davidson, Ehrhardt, Phelps, and Dinsmore.

Past Grand Master Warren, Chairman of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, read the following report, which was adopted by a silent rising vote:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

The Grim Reaper, with his remorseless scythe, has gathered his usual harvest of death during the past Masonic year, and our hearts have bled anew over the loss we have sustained. While at home we have been measurably spared, other jurisdictions have felt his heavy hand, and we are called upon to chronicle the loss of many eminent men, and the extinguishing of many brilliant lights. However perfect our trust and confidence in the loving kindness of God we nevertheless lament the loss of those whom He has taken from our midst. There comes from the aching heart the same cry:

“And O, for the touch of a vanished hand,
And the sound of a voice that is still.”

Our Grand Secretary has received official notice of the death of the following named distinguished brethren of foreign jurisdictions; among whom are found the names of Past Grand Masters:

THOMAS TWEED.	Alberta.
RICHARD THOMAS WALKEM.	Canada.
ALBERT H. BRANCH.	Colorado.
LUKE A. LOCKWOOD.	Connecticut.
GEORGE HAROLD WALKER.	District of Columbia.
ANGUS PATERSON.	Florida.
FRANK S. DEVOL.	Indiana.
JOHN RENNIE.	Indian Territory.
HENRY C. LOOMIS.	Kansas.
GEORGE WASHINGTON PECK.	Michigan.
WILLIAM DUNHAM.	Michigan.
JOHN W. McGRATH.	Michigan.
WILLIAM H. PHILLIPS.	Michigan.
JOHN W. FINCH.	Michigan.
ANDREW HANNAH BARKLEY.	Mississippi.
IRVIN MILLER.	Mississippi.
JOSEPH S. BROWNE.	Missouri.
THOMAS W. TILDEN.	New Jersey.
REUBEN C. LEMMON.	Ohio.
EDSON FITCH.	Quebec.
THOMAS A. HAMILTON.	Tennessee.
THOMAS M. REED.	Washington.

Also the following brethren who had held subordinate offices :

JOHN G. FLETCHER, President of the Board of
Control, Masonic Temple. Arkansas.
JOHN HUMPHREYS, Grand Senior Warden. Colorado.
THOMAS REARDON, Senior Grand Deacon. Michigan.
JOHN J. FREEMAN, Past Grand Treasurer. North Dakota.
CHARLES INGLESBY, Grand Secretary. South Carolina.

In this list of twenty-seven distinguished brethren who have been called from labor to refreshment during the past year, we note with peculiar sorrow that our sister jurisdiction of Michigan has suffered the loss of no less than six of its eminent members, five of whom were Past Grand Masters, while none other has been called upon to mourn the departure of more than two.

When we stand in the presence of the Dread Angel, with hearts bowed down with grief, we realize to the fullest how empty and powerless are words to express the depth of our sorrow and the measure of our sympathy. But a living faith in the tenets of our beloved Fraternity alone can soften the poignancy of that grief and lift our souls from the depths of despondency to the heights of hope. That a blessed immortality awaits the true and faithful Mason we all believe, and it is that belief that brightens with its silver lining the otherwise dark clouds of hopelessness and despair.

“Oh Grave! a sacred trust
To thee is given! No common ashes sleep
Within thy guardian arms, securely keep
This consecrated dust,
Till, quickened with new life, it shall arise
A glorious body, fitted for the skies.”

Past Grand Master Wilson read the following memorial of Past Grand Master Robert Wilkinson Furnas, and it was ordered published with the proceedings:

ROBERT WILKINSON FURNAS.

On June 1st, 1905, at Lincoln, Nebraska, our revered and honored friend and brother, Robert Wilkinson Furnas, died. On June 4th, 1905, this Grand Lodge took charge of his mortal remains, and conveyed them to Walnut Grove Cemetery at Brownville, Nebraska, and there laid them to rest among the hills overlooking the majestic river forming the eastern border of this state, with the full burial ceremonies of this venerable Order, in the presence of a large concourse of the people who has loved and honored him while he lived, and who mourned over the great loss they had sustained in his death.

Our illustrious Brother Furnas, was born in Miami County, Ohio, on the 5th day of May, 1824; he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Franklin Lodge No. 14, at Troy, Ohio, on the 13th day of April, 1852; he was exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Mason in Franklin Chapter No. 24, R. A. M. in November, 1853; he was made a Royal and Select Master in Franklin Council No. 14 in Troy, Ohio, in October, 1854; he was dubbed and created a Knight Templar and Knight of Malta in Columbia Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar, in Washington, D. C., in March, 1865; he also received the degrees of Scottish Rite Masonry up to and including the 32d degree in Washington, D. C., in 1867, and received the 33d degree in Omaha, Nebraska, in 1870. He served as Most Worshipful Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, which he assisted in forming, from 1865 to 1867; he was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska from November, 1873, to January, 1875; he was Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in Nebraska from December, 1877, to May, 1879, and then after the reorganization of the Grand Council, from March, 1886, to December, 1886; he was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Nebraska from June, 1872, to November, 1873. He assisted in the organization of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Nebraska, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Nebraska, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in Nebraska, and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in Nebraska. He also assisted in the organization of the Grand Convention of the Order of High Priesthood, and served as Most Excellent President of that Grand Convention for several years. He also served one year as Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. And while all the Grand Honors of Masonry were conferred upon him at various times, he always bore those honors with grace and dignity, and filled every station to which he was called, with efficiency and ability.

In the state he was ever a useful citizen. He aided largely in the development of this magnificent Commonwealth. When the dread call to arms was made, he promptly tendered his services to his country, and was appointed by the President, Colonel in the regular army, and did valiant service for his country, for which he was signally honored. In civil life he efficiently filled many important offices, and from January, 1873, to January, 1875, he nobly served this state as its Governor.

Brother Furnas was twice married, and he left surviving him, a wife, three sons, and two daughters, all of whom are married and well settled in life.

As we look over the life and achievements of Brother Furnas, we are impressed with the fact that he was truly a great and a good man. How truly it may be said of him, "a great man in Israel has fallen." The best heritage of the race is the memory of the lives of its great men and women. The rich and the poor alike, are the heirs of him who has lived a useful and honorable life. As the years roll on the influence of the noble life of Past Grand Master Furnas will continue exerting a helpfu^l

and uplifting power in the great state he did so much to develop. His active and truly remarkable life of a little more than eighty-one years came to a fitting and peaceful close on June 1st, 1905. On Sunday, June 4th, a special train carried his remains and hundreds of sorrowing friends to the very spot where forty-nine years before he had stepped from the steamer, all aglow with hope and ambition, to aid in the conquest of a wilderness. The long struggle was now over. The brave heart that had counted the moments of this long and busy life was now silent forever. It was an impressive sight to behold; his remains being borne up the slope of the hills to the cemetery he was largely instrumental in selecting and ornamenting, by loving hands, followed by a large concourse of his neighbors and friends, and there laid to rest among the evergreens overlooking the majestic river whose waters had so kindly borne him to our shores. There, this Grand Lodge, representing this great civic Order which he had served so long, and whose noble principles he so fully exemplified, performed the solemn and impressive burial ceremonies over his silent remains; a fitting close to such a noble life.

Past Grand Master Coutant presented the report of the Committee on Errors in Charters and Seals, and moved its adoption. The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ERRORS IN CHARTERS AND SEALS.

To the M. W., the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

Your Committee on Errors in Charters and Seals respectfully reports as follows:

NEBRASKA LODGE No. 1.

That the charter of said lodge be sent to the Grand Secretary to have endorsed thereon the authorization for its removal from Bellevue to Omaha.

CAPITOL LODGE No. 3.

That the matter be referred to the lodge itself for such action as it deems advisable.

OMADI LODGE No. 5.

That the charter be referred to the Grand Secretary to make proper endorsement as to the name of the town.

FALLS CITY LODGE No. 9.

That the lodge be directed to refer the charter to the Grand Secretary to change the date from June 22d, 1865, to June 23d, 1865.

ORIENT LODGE No. 13.

That the lodge be directed to have a new seal made to conform to the approval dated July 23d, 1896.

TECUMSEH LODGE No. 17.

That the lodge be directed to forward the charter to the Grand Secretary to change the date of charter to October 28th, 1869.

WASHINGTON LODGE No. 21.

That the present charter be referred to the Grand Secretary who is authorized to endorse on the same the change of name and authority to remove to Blair, heretofore granted; and that the lodge prepare a design for a new seal and present the same for the approval of the Grand Master.

PAWNEE LODGE No. 23.

That the lodge be directed to forward the charter to the Grand Secretary for correction of date.

LONE TREE LODGE No. 36.

That the charter be forwarded to the Grand Secretary to endorse thereon the change of name of town.

HUMBOLDT LODGE No. 40.

That the lodge be directed to prepare a new design for a seal, and submit the same for the approval of the Grand Master.

ROB MORRIS LODGE No. 46.

That the lodge forward its charter to the Grand Secretary to correct the name of town to correspond with the facts.

HIRAM LODGE No. 52.

That the charter be sent to the Grand Secretary to endorse thereon the change of name of town; and it is suggested to the brethren of the lodge that they change the seal to correspond with the facts as to names.

MOSAIC LODGE No. 55, YORK LODGE No. 56, MT. MORIAH LODGE No. 57, LEBANON LODGE No. 58, AND WAHOO LODGE No. 59.

That the charters of said lodges be sent to the Grand Secretary to change the dates to correspond with the date of issue. That Wahoo Lodge No. 59 be directed to change the date on its seal to June 23d, and when changed that the seal be approved.

THISTLE LODGE No. 61.

That the charter be sent to the Grand Secretary for endorsement thereon of the change of the name of the town.

KEYSTONE LODGE No. 62.

That the charter be sent to the Grand Secretary for endorsement showing the change in the name of the town, and to have the date of the charter changed to correspond with the facts.

NELSON LODGE No. 77.

That the lodge be directed to change the date of the seal to conform to the date of the charter.

COMPOSITE LODGE No. 81.

That the charter be referred to the Grand Secretary to have endorsed thereon the change of the name of town to Rising City.

CORINTHIAN LODGE No. 83.

That the charter be sent to the Grand Secretary to have the date of issue changed to correspond with the facts; and to endorse thereon permission heretofore granted to remove the lodge from La Porte to Wakefield.

FAIRFIELD LODGE No. 84.

That the charter be sent to the Grand Secretary to have the date changed to correspond with the facts.

TYRE LODGE No. 85.

That the lodge be directed to prepare and submit a design for a seal, and use the same on approval of the Grand Master.

PORTER LODGE No. 106.

That the lodge be directed to prepare a design for a seal, submit the same for approval, and when approved use the same.

MINDEN LODGE No. 127.

That the lodge be directed to secure a seal in accordance with the original approved design.

VALLEY LODGE No. 157.

That the lodge send the charter to the Grand Secretary for correction of date.

MYSTIC TIE LODGE No. 166.

That the lodge send the charter to the Grand Secretary for endorsement thereon of the change of the name of the town; and that the lodge be recommended to change the seal to show the present name of the town.

GAUGE LODGE No. 208.

That the lodge be directed to have a new seal prepared to correspond with the one authorized.

WOOD LAKE LODGE No. 221.

That the lodge be directed to submit a design for a seal, and have the same approved, and use it after approval.

CABLE LODGE No. 225.

That the seal of the lodge be changed to correspond with the date of the charter, and that the same be approved by the Grand Master.

COMET LODGE No. 229.

That the seal be changed to correspond with the date of the charter, and that the same be submitted for the approval of the Grand Master before use.

GEORGE WASHINGTON LODGE No. 250.

That the lodge be directed to have its seal changed to correspond with the design approved, showing the "All seeing eye."

Past Grand Master Phelps moved that a telegram be sent to the Grand Lodge of Delaware, which would celebrate its centennial on June 7th, expressive of the fraternal congratulations of this Grand Lodge. The motion was adopted, and Past Grand Master Phelps was requested to formulate the message, which was as follows:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Delaware:

The Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, in annual communication assembled on this day fifth of June, 1906, sends fraternal greetings to her elder sister of Delaware, and congratulates her upon having reached her centennial year; and this Grand Lodge is glad to know that she is to properly celebrate the important event.

At six o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until eight o'clock.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

TUESDAY, June 5th, 1906.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, with officers and members as at the preceding session, except that Brother Samuel S. Whiting, 54, occupied the station of the Grand Senior Deacon.

W. Brother Roderick D. Sutherland delivered the oration, and on motion of Past Grand Master Ehrhardt, the thanks of the Grand Lodge were tendered him, and he was requested to furnish a copy for publication with the proceedings.

ORATION.

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska:

Once more, under the most pleasant circumstances and with peace and harmony prevailing, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska meets in annual communication in the metropolis of our state. The records disclose, that in health and prosperity, our Fraternity has much to be grateful for, and as we sit in lodge on this occasion, it seems to me that there ought to be a spirit of deep appreciation of the many good things, as Masons we enjoy. At peace at home and abroad, with material blessings and prosperity, on every side, dwelling under the swelling folds of the flag of liberty, justice, and honor, as citizens we have much to appreciate. And as Masons are taught to be loyal and patriotic to all just governments, let us with bared heads and thankful hearts dedicate ourselves anew in earnest allegiance to the flag of flags, whose glory is not dimmed by an unworthy act, and whose stars and stripes hold out hope and encouragements to the oppressed of every land.

In obedience to custom and law, I accept the trust imposed of meeting you upon this most happy occasion, and saying something upon our order and its purposes, its motives and beliefs. If I am able to call to your mind anew, with the fragrance of a truth immortal some of the things dear to Masons' hearts, then I shall feel that my efforts will not be in vain, and I will rejoice that the opportunity has been mine.

Out in the sunlight, on the eternal hills, drops of water quietly float away on their voyage to the sea. Now they meet like voyagers to the great unknown and with increased velocity swing out in their downward course. Now dashing against rocks and stones and then swishing around obstructions, the rivulet grows into a mighty raging torrent, as it rushes through gorges, falls over precipices, roaring and moaning, as it seeks

release from its mountain home. Safer now, the gathering forces unite in a steady sweep as the fighting waters flow into a gentler current through the leveler lands.

Gathering strength here, taking unto itself additions there, it finally becomes a strong and mighty river, carrying on its surface burdens of commerce of incalculable value to the country, through which it flows. Peaceful homes rest securely on its banks, and villages and cities abide within the sphere of its influence, as with sure and steady impulse it moves majestically on, to be lost at last in the great ocean itself, its force and volume giving life and strength to the surging sea, whose waves beat in mighty splendor and thunderous roll against the rock bound coasts of every land.

I may indulge the hope that my presumption will be forgiven, if I liken Masonry to the river, and urge that its origin was with the great builder on Mt. Moriah. Legends and tradition warrant me in saying that for me the evidence is sufficient, that on that splendid day, in a time of peace, after the great warrior of Israel had laid down the sword and gave up the pen to write no more, his son with the aid of him who gave up his life rather than betray a trust, built a temple and founded a fraternity.

In Jerusalem, the city of David, tradition says our order was instituted, and while a temple was being built in which worship might be offered to the Grand Architect of the Universe, an institution was established that has been of benefit to humanity and an aid to civilization.

Mt. Moriah is symbolically called the ground floor of the lodge, and therefore it is said, that "The lodge rests upon holy ground." For it was here that occurred the "three grand offerings of Masonry."

Abraham sojourned in the land of the Philistines many days. His faith in the Almighty and his obedience to divine law, his grand character and ideal life, give him a place among the great ones of this earth. When the command was given him, "Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah and offer him there for a burnt offering, upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of," his heart failed him not, and in the twilight hours of the morning he rose up and with the faith sublime of one believing in the wisdom of divine command, prepared to make the awful sacrifice.

When they had arrived at the place of divine selection, Abraham erected the altar, laid wood in order and bound his only son, and with knife uplifted stood ready to obey the command, when a voice from out of the deep heavens stayed his hand.

The first of the grand offerings of Masonry on Mt. Moriah and an object lesson to all generations in faith and obedience to law, human and divine.

When Pestilence stalked through David's principality, turning day into night, and bringing death and sorrow into every home, when the sword of punishment was stretched out even over Jerusalem, and the city of kings and the capital of David was in danger, he built an altar on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, and with tears of sorrow and pro-

fessions of repentance, the people averted further punishment. The grim goblin of death held his hand, and the danger was past. And the second of the grand offerings of Masonry on Mt. Moriah was made.

Time that spares no one and that befriends no one passed rapidly on. The wisdom of Solomon, the wealth of Hiram the king, and the masterful purpose of the Builder, crowned the mount with the wonderful temple of Israel's day, and Israel's glory. They leveled the mountain top and laid the foundations deep and strong. Down in the bosom of the earth the foundation stones were laid, and marble of the whitest hue walled the mountain sides. Seventy thousand bearers of burden, and four score thousand of hewers of wood in the mountains, under three thousand and three hundred masters, wrought for the glory of Israel and the crowning of Mt. Moriah. Mighty blocks of polished stones were laid in courses true and square. With polished beams of cedar from the forests of Lebanon and with virgin gold from Ophir's mines, the cunning workers fashioned and followed the plans of the widow's son.

The temple was laid with plates of gleaming gold within, and cherubim of outstretched wing of golden splendor touched wing of cherubim. And after seven years of labor, marred at the end by the traditional tragedy of Masonry, the work was finished and Mt. Moriah was crowned with a diadem of glory that has not been rivaled since that day.

In the morning rays of the rising sun, it flashed and gleamed and dazzled the sun in his majesty. In the evening hours as the sun went down in the west, his rays rested for a moment on the beautiful temple, and touching each pillar and flashing plate of burnished gold, gave way to the mellow silvery light of the moon that breathed on Moriah's crown, the spirit light of a better world.

Then the day of rejoicing arrived, and although the master mind had gone to rest, King Solomon dedicated the magnificent structure to the service of the Grand Architect of the Universe, amid the pious rejoicings of the people. When the great king, clothed in the splendid garments of his office, and in the full strength of wisdom and manhood, stood up before the great Jehovah and with solemn prayer dedicated the temple to the service of the king of kings, it was the third and last of the three grand offerings of Masonry on Mt. Moriah.

From that day the stream of Masonry has swept on, flinging out of the highlands of Judean history in a rushing torrent, sweeping and flowing on with increasing power, until in a more peaceful day it flows with more even current and steady swing.

Nations have come and gone, cities have risen and passed into dust disturbed only by the jackal's cry, and civilization has burned out many of the dark places of earth, since that day, when tradition tells us, our order was instituted on Israel's mountains.

It has given strength and comfort to thousands, aided in the extension of civilization, taught the immortality and the resurrection of the soul, and blessed untold numbers by the Fraternity of its purpose. It is moving, deepening, widening, and gathering force and wisdom as it sweeps

and flows on with majestic power, its votaries believe its waters at last will merge and be lost only in the great ocean of truth, and touch at last the other shore.

Why are we Masons, and what are the purposes of our association as a fraternal brotherhood? Can anyone justly say but that the most exalted ideals control our hearts as we assemble in our lodge rooms or meet our brethren in daily intercourse? If the aim of our order was but a sensual one, then we would be only a passing whim, and a thing of reproach. The hour-glass of our day would rapidly mark the time, and the sands of Masonic life would speedily pass away.

If nothing higher than mere enjoyment marked the end and purpose of our union as men and Masons, soon would we be living only in the dreams of the past, and history would speak of us as we were, not as we are.

But surely no one will knowingly contend, that anything but the noblest and best moves us to higher and better things. No one realizes better than we, that we fail, but as it is the truth that we strive for, our failures only make us more zealous, and we try to live up to the high purpose of Masonic life.

The mysteries of life and death are as vital today as they were in the beginning. Life is but a measure, and swiftly the end comes to all. One step and the mystery of yesterday becomes the knowledge of tomorrow. No human life has been too poor, no intellect too limited, but some groping after the sublime truth of existence and its meaning has been felt. Throughout all the ages, in struggle for life itself while searching for truth and light, there has been a continued effort to solve the great mysteries of Why, Whence, and Where. The best men of all ages have thought it honorable and right to allow the mind to dwell on things better than mere bread and shelter. Scholars in their cells, shepherds on the hill sides, and philosophers in the schools, have thought and delved and pondered upon the reasons for it all, and tried to pierce the future and understand man's final destiny.

This world is but an atom in the universe of suns, and stars, and worlds round about us. It is probably lost in the wonderful swing and flight of untold stars and systems, but still it carries a precious cargo.

Love and hate, life and death, have been the portion of earth since the days of the first man, and it has been one of struggle and mystery, yet I rejoice tonight that the trend of everything is upward and onward. I feel that sometime, in some way right and true, the philosopher and the humble one shall be made to know and understand it all, and that Masons after centuries of earnest effort shall be given to see, that the vital things of life now and hereafter have not been sought for in vain.

And as Masons, having a serious view in life, in our search after truth and wisdom, we can surely be pardoned for saying, that finite beings as we are, in a reverential way we are fitting ourselves for a clearer understanding in a better day.

Passing lonely at times indeed has been man's journey in life and sad his condition. No light but the promptings of his own soul to guide or aid him, and as his feet were planted on unknown ground, superstition and ignorance marked him for their own. Deep quagmires of doubt assailed him on the one side, and enemies that brood and hide by night on the other.

Did he look to the heavens for light, his eyes failed him, and in obedience to his mournful cry for the truth, sad environment held him in the prisoner's chain. The desert places were his home, and the mournful cry of the ill favored birds of ignorance and superstition, they of dark and dreary plumage, met his ear.

It was not for him to say that he was not afraid, "for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day." As he gathered his family into the safe retreat of his cave home, or built his castle from the waste timbers of the forest, well might he ask if that was the end of it all.

Inspiration and the revelation of divine truth came at last. The courage and nobility of a few brave souls, who would not die in the endless contest between truth and error, have marked the fight as almost won at last. Humanity is out in the sunlight, and truth and right have won such a foothold, that the powers of darkness cannot overcome them.

All the greater honor should be paid to those mighty ones, who so early in the contest grasped the truth, that man is immortal and cannot die, and that the line between man and beast is as great as that of present decay and life eternal.

Strange as it may appear, it seems that each of the pagan gods had, beside the open and public worship paid him, a secret one to which none were admitted except the initiated, who underwent preparatory ceremonies, and this secret worship was termed the Mysteries.

Go we back to the land of the Sphinx, the home of the pyramid, where Old Father Nile brought life and strength to the soil? Then it is to meet a priesthood of high character, of wonderful cultivation, ruling in the pride of their intellectual strength, in the midnight hour teaching the initiates into the Mysteries, the sublime truth of the immortality of the soul, and the resurrection into life eternal. In that ancient land ruled by the priesthood in the days so far gone, that they cannot be numbered, the lessons of immortality were taught in the initiatory ceremonies of the Mysteries.

In Persia, the worshipers of Mithras, the worthy ones, initiated by appalling ceremonies, were at last instructed as to the truth that this life is but a fleeting dream, and the life to come is the one of eternal duration.

In Britain and Gaul there existed a sacred order of priests who lived a life of purity and by initiation into the Druidical Mysteries the unlearned and untaught were brought into closer touch with the life-giving principles of immortality. For to teach that this life ends it all is stagnation and death. To teach immortality is to give life to the world, to breathe the whisper of hope into the human ear, and turn the earth and its in-

quiring souls from the death of the desert touch to the beautiful land, where only peace and joy may be found.

A noted author says, that "The doctrines of the Druids were the same as those entertained by Pythagoras. They taught the existence of One Supreme Being; a future state of rewards and punishments, the immortality of the soul; and the object of their mystic rites was to communicate these doctrines in symbolic language, an object and a method common alike to Druidism, to the Ancient Mysteries, and to Modern Free Masonry."

Masonry teaches its members to be law abiding and patriotic, giving cheerful support to the authorities of the government, to be just to our fellow-men, and true to ourselves, to be worthy members of society, giving a full measure of our goods to those who may have just claims upon us, to be temperate in all things, preferring the society of the learned, and those versed in the arts and sciences, rather than to those who would debauch and destroy, to challenge the attention of all to the wisdom of living, not for this world alone, but for the higher and better one to come.

And while we admit that many fail, and that we are not as we are taught to be, yet because of the fact that we do try to be better, and to better the world, we feel that the approval of our conscience for the effort we make is not unjust.

And when the history of the world and its final chapters shall be written by the hand of Infinity, we believe the story of the centuries will tell that Masonry has performed no insignificant part in the world's redemption.

Masons know full well, that the story of the cross and the hill of Calvary is the world's final salvation, and we are glad indeed that by precept and belief we can give to it loyal and earnest support as truth incarnate.

And I speak for Masonry earnest and honest investigation. I urge Masons to study its principles and enshrine them in faithful hearts. To remember that the story we tell is grand, and that opportunities unnumbered meet us on every hand. Most earnestly do I speak for even a greater fraternity, and for the cultivation of the principles of brotherhood on the part of those banded together for these noble purposes. Without fraternity the world would become a place of darkness and the abomination of men.

Without brotherhood between men it would be only a sepulcher of dead and blasted hopes. The cry of the jackal, or the mocking laughter of the grinning hyena would be its only music, and the hiss of the serpent its measure of happiness.

With whole-hearted fraternity and genuine brotherhood, such as Masons can fully know and have, this old world would blossom out like the fairy garden of an Eden. Every day would be filled with happiness and every hour with love. The trees would bloom with flowers and the bitter fruit of sorrow would fall and wither before the time of ripening. The birds would sing all the more sweetly and the hours of man's happiness pass on the wings of the lightning. The stars in their courses would watch over and guard a spot in the Universe where only happy laughter

and joy, where peace and glory reigned, and without longer delay the sons of men would come into their natural heritage.

Then why should any brother become weary and sit down to rest himself? Let us be up and doing, doing right, being just, bearing in our hearts fraternity, helping the sick and needy, seeking knowledge rather than wickedness, searching after truth in all things, preparing ourselves for the inevitable change.

For life is but a narrow bridge soon to be crossed. A whisper, a word, and the end of all. We know not from whence we came, but faith tells us where we may go. Mystery all round us, but light above. For centuries the Masonic army has been marching on, and when the last day's journey is done, I trust and believe it will be intact, and banded together as never before.

We have passed the Isle of the Long Ago. Just before us are the portals of the Somewhere Land. When we pass them, all of life as it has been will be over, and life as it shall be will begin.

The temple eternal on Mt. Moriah will be for us. The Grand Architect of the Universe will explain it all. The temple in its beauty will shine with a spiritual splendor and with marble walls and plates of gleaming gold, with towers of eternal strength and minarets of glory it will greet us. Rivers of entrancing purity will ebb and flow and music ineffable will greet the ear.

Masons will give thanks that at last, the Fraternity without one member missing, I hope, may gather and seek truth and wisdom from Him who planned it all, and who at last restoreth life and joy to one and all.

Past Grand Master Crites moved that 500 copies of the law be published. Past Grand Master Phelps moved to amend by striking out 500 and inserting 1,000. The amendment was adopted, also the motion as amended.

At nine-thirty P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until nine o'clock A. M., Wednesday.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, June 6th, 1906.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at nine o'clock A. M., Grand Master Hopewell presiding, with all of the officers in their stations.

The following telegram from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa was read:

Iowa Masons in Grand Lodge assembled send to our brethren of Nebraska fraternal greetings. May the dawning of the semi-centennial year bring continued peace and prosperity.

On motion of Past Grand Master Thummel, the Grand Master was requested to send a suitable reply. The following was sent:

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska, A. F. & A. M., in forty-ninth annual communication assembled, reciprocates the fraternal greetings from the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and expresses the hope that harmony and brotherly love may be meted out to you continually.

Brother Little, 240, presented the following report which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska:

We your Committee on Accounts, report as follows:

We have checked the books, vouchers, receipts, and securities of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Treasurer of the Orphans Educational Fund, and find them correct.

Amount in the hands of the Grand Treasurer:

General Fund.	\$19,222.41
Relief Fund.	2,073.80
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	\$21,296.21

Amount in the hands of the Treasurer of the Orphans Educational Fund:

Securities on hand.	\$39,148.46
Cash on hand.	8,637.32
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	\$47,785.78

We find that the books of the Grand Secretary are kept in a comprehensive manner, and commend their extreme neatness and accuracy.

We commend the manner in which the Treasurer of the Orphans Educational Fund cares for the securities of that fund.

We extend our thanks to the Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer, and the Treasurer of the Orphans Educational Fund, for the careful and accurate manner in which their reports were presented to this committee.

We find that no inventory of the personal property of the Grand Lodge has been taken since 1899, and that the items of Grand Lodge jewels, Grand Lodge furniture, Grand Lodge library furniture, and

Grand Lodge supplies, do not properly represent their actual cash value. We recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to make a new inventory, showing the present value of these items, and that any difference be closed into Loss and Gain Account.

Brother Shahan, 46, for the committee, presented the following report, and it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

We, your Committee on Ways and Means, respectfully submit the following report, and recommend the following appropriations:

Pay-roll (the necessary amount).....	\$3,552.04
Chairman, Committee on Returns.....	100.00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	100.00
Grand Master's expense.....	300.00
Grand Master's clerk hire.....	600.00
Grand Secretary's salary.....	1,800.00
Grand Secretary's clerk hire.....	1,200.00
Grand Treasurer's salary.....	50.00
Grand Custodian's salary.....	1,200.00
Grand Custodian's expense.....	600.00
Salary of Treasurer, Orphans Educational Fund, 1905-6....	100.00
Clerk hire, Treasurer Orphans Educational Fund.....	60.00
Grand Lodge office, rent.....	200.00
Grand Lodge office, heat, and light.....	50.00
Grand Lodge office, janitor.....	60.00
Grand Lodge office, telephone.....	40.00
Grand Secretary's surety bond.....	15.00
Grand Treasurer's surety bond.....	30.00
Postage, telegrams, telephone calls, and expressage.....	300.00
Stationery.....	50.00
Incidentals.....	50.00
Blanks.....	200.00
Purchasing supplies for sale and issue.....	700.00
Printing and electrotyping proceedings of 1906.....	900.00
Library, purchasing and binding.....	50.00
Printing parchment charters.....	40.00
Premium Kent Insurance.....	750.00
Printing and binding 700 copies, Vol. 8, express charges on same.....	675.00
Printing 1,000 copies of the Law of Freemasonry.....	.....
Grand Tyler.....	50.00
Grand Treasurer's Assistants at Grand Lodge, \$5.00 each..	10.00
Stenographer for session.....	10.00

Refunding money advanced by the brethren of Lynch for dispensation.	25.00
Costs in Tax Case, Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6 vs. Cass County	100.00
Celebration of semi-centennial.	300.00
Furniture and Supplies for Grand Secretary's office.	200.00
	\$14,467.04

Total. \$14,467.04
 We further recommend that copies of Vol. 8 be sent out prepaid to the subordinate lodges, and have made such appropriation above.

In addition to the sums appropriated by the Committee on Ways and Means, the following appropriations were made:

Refunding special dispensation fees to lodges Nos. 2, 147, 207, and 210.	\$40.00
Transferred to the Orphans Educational Fund.	2,000.00
Total amount appropriated during the session, not including publication of the law.	\$16,507.04

On Motion of Past Grand Master Crites the Committee on Pay-roll was instructed to make up the pay-roll for three day's attendance, with an additional day for the committees convened in advance. The report of the Committee on Pay-roll was presented by Brother Ward, 31, and as finally adopted showed a total of \$3,555.26 for mileage and per diem.

Past Grand Master Thummel offered the following report, and moved its adoption. The motion prevailed, and the report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE OFFICE.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Grand Lodge Office would most respectfully report that we find the office of the Grand Secretary in a highly satisfactory condition. The card register authorized one year ago has been completed in one year (instead of two as authorized), so far as the Grand Secretary can do it until additional data is furnished by the lodges. The task has been great and the Grand Lodge is to be congratulated upon having an up-to-date card register of every member of this Grand Body.

Additional room was needed for the storage of printed matter. The Masonic Temple Craft promptly met the emergency by providing rent free an additional room for this purpose, convenient and ample,

and provided at its own expense insurance to the amount of \$2,000.00, loss payable to the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended to the Masonic Temple Craft for its action in this regard, and that the Grand Secretary so inform them.

There is needed in the Grand Lodge office, one rug for the east room in the office of the Grand Secretary, linoleum on the floor from the hall to the vault, a new addressograph in the office of the Grand Secretary, with some general repairs to chairs and other office furniture.

Resolved, that the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) be appropriated for the foregoing, together with such sum as may be realized from the sale of the old addressograph, which the Grand Secretary is hereby authorized to sell.

On motion of Past Grand Master Thummel the Grand Lodge proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, with Brothers Pound, 54; Evans, 220; Van Valin, 222; Howe, 119, and Jackson, 21, as tellers. The election resulted as follows:

BRO..ZUINGLE M. BAIRD, 155.....Grand Master.
 BRO..ORNAN J. KING, 54.....Deputy Grand Master.
 BRO..WILLIAM A. DEBORD, 3.....Grand Senior Warden.
 BRO..MICHAEL DOWLING, 119.....Grand Junior Warden.
 BRO..JOHN B. DINSMORE, 49.....Grand Treasurer.
 BRO..FRANCIS E. WHITE, 6.....Grand Secretary.

Later in the communication appointment was made of:

BRO..FRANK M. DRULINER, 220.....Grand Chaplain.
 BRO..ROBERT L. WHEELER, 184.....Grand Orator.
 BRO..ROBERT E. FRENCH, 46.....Grand Custodian.
 BRO..HARRY A. CHENEY, 100.....Grand Marshal.
 BRO..HENRY GIBBONS, 46.....Grand Senior Deacon.
 BRO..JAMES R. CAIN, JR., 105.....Grand Junior Deacon.
 BRO..JACOB KING, 3.....Grand Tyler.

Bros..William A. DeBord, 3; Benjamin F. Thomas, 1; Lorenzo D. Woodruff, 19; Committee on Codification of the Law.

Bros..Francis E. White, 6; Charles J. Phelps, 34; Frederick W. Kenny, 21; Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Bros..Edwin F. Warren, 2; Edward K. Valentine, 27; Frank M. Druliner, 220; Committee on Fraternal Dead.

Bros..Samuel S. Whiting, 54; Albert W. Crites, 158; Charles H. Sloan, 79; Committee on Relief.

Bros..Charles K. Coutant, 11, (term expires June, 1907); Frank H. Young, 207, (term expires June, 1908); Melville R. Hopewell, 31, (term expires June, 1909); Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund.

Brother Blackledge, 53, read the following report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations to which was referred the matters herein mentioned respectfully report as follows:

In the matter of Springview Lodge U. D., located at Springview, Nebraska, in accordance with the suggestion of the M. W. Grand Master, and by the request of the brethren of Springview Lodge U. D., we recommend that the dispensation be continued until April 30th, 1907.

In the matter of Ornan Lodge U. D., located at Spencer, Nebraska, we find that said lodge was granted a dispensation March 5th, 1906, and has submitted its report, together with a request for a charter. Considering the short time this lodge has had to work, we recommend that the lodge continue under dispensation until April 30th, 1907.

Past Grand Master Phelps presented the report on correspondence, and on motion it was ordered published with the proceedings.

Brother Eustice, 124, offered the following report, and on motion it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

To the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business has examined the proceedings of the last session of the Grand Lodge, and would respectfully report:

The following proposed amendment to the law was laid over until this session.

Amend Section 5, Chapter I., by striking from line seven the words "most direct," and insert the words "usually traveled."

Said amendment appears on page 84, proceedings of 1905.

We further report that a report is due from a special committee to whom was referred the matter of correction of charters and seals.

The motion to appoint said committee appears on page 74, of the Grand Lodge proceedings for 1905.

The report of the special committee referred to in the report had been presented and adopted.

The proposed amendment to Section 5, Chapter I., was read by the Grand Secretary, but no action was taken thereon.

Brother Robert R. Dickson, 95, presented the report of the Committee on Grievances. The report was considered section by section, and separately adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

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

Your Committee on Grievances begs leave to submit the following report:

In the matter of the appeal of a brother from Western Lodge No. 140, we find that the brother was charged and tried on three specifications. That said lodge found him guilty as to specifications one and two, and that he was indefinitely suspended by said lodge.

We find that specification No. 1 is not sustained by the evidence, but we further find that specification No. 2, is fully sustained by the evidence, and we recommend that the action of the lodge be confirmed, and that the brother be indefinitely suspended, by reason of the proof of the charges contained in specification No. 2.

After having carefully investigated the action taken by the Grand Master against the master of John S. Bowen Lodge No. 232, the taking up of his jewel, the turning of the same over to the junior warden, and suspending the senior warden from office, we recommend that said action be approved, the investigation fully warranting the action of the Grand Master in said matter.

After having carefully examined the specifications and accusations made against a brother of Pawnee Lodge No. 23, for violating his Masonic obligation, your committee recommends that charges be preferred against said brother in accordance with the recommendation and report in said matter.

After having carefully examined the report of the Grand Master had in the matter of Compass and Square Lodge No. 212, your committee finds that said brother has been guilty of acts and conduct which tend to impair the good name of Masonry and which violate his Masonic obligations, and the laws and regulations of Masonry, and recommend that charges be preferred against him in accordance with Section 147, Chapter XXI., and that he be tried by said lodge for the offense.

In the matter of the appeal by the junior warden of Trestle Board Lodge No. 162, relative to a trial had on specifications preferred against a brother having been charged with various Masonic offenses, your committee would respectfully report that we have examined the evidence and the record, and the admissions made by the accused, and we find and recom-

mend that the appeal be sustained; we also find the brother guilty of specifications 4, 5, and 7, and further find that he plead guilty to them, and recommend that his punishment be indefinite suspension.

Your committee, having carefully examined the report of the investigation made by the Grand Master relative to the conduct of a brother of Hildreth Lodge No. 252, who had been engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, in violation of the law, and the arresting of the jewel of the officer of said lodge, who was the member engaged in such illegal practice, and the placing of the brother on trial for said offense, fraternally recommend that the actions of the Grand Master be approved.

Your committee after carefully examining the investigation had by the Grand Master, and his action in taking up the jewel of the master of Pawnee Lodge No. 23, and turning the same over to the junior warden, the senior warden being absent, respectfully recommend that the action be approved. Said investigation fully warrants the action taken by the Grand Master in said matter.

Your committee would recommend that the report of the Grand Master as to the investigation had by him upon charges preferred against a member of Bloomfield Lodge No. 218, for traducing the good name of the master of said lodge, be approved; the trial having been had, and the reprimand given in accordance therewith.

Your committee after having carefully investigated the proceedings had in the matter of the appeal of a brother from the action of Elwood Lodge No. 167, do find that the charges are conclusively proven, and we recommend that the action taken by said lodge in the expulsion of the brother be affirmed.

We recommend that Brother ----- be reinstated as a member of the Fraternity, as recommended by Tecumseh Lodge No. 17, from which he was expelled.

Your committee to whom was referred the matter relative to the appeal asked for by a brother of Amethyst Lodge No. 190 from a trial had by said lodge, do recommend that the secretary of said lodge be required to transmit to this Grand Lodge the evidence and all proceedings relative to said matter, and that the same be referred to the Grand Lodge at its next session for final disposition.

In the matter of the appeal taken by a brother of Lancaster Lodge No. 54 relative to the specifications and the trial had, charging a brother with having violated the Masonic law, and having engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and of being intoxicated and intemperate, do find and recommend that the appeal be sustained.

We further find that the evidence taken in said matter fully warrants a conviction upon specifications A and B of the first charge, and on specifications B and C of the second charge, and specification B of the third charge. And we find after having carefully investigated said record, that the brother is guilty as charged in said specifications as herein set forth, and we recommend and find that the brother should be expelled.

At twelve M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until two P. M.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, June 6th, 1906.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, Grand Master Hopewell presiding, with officers and members as at the preceding session, except that Past Grand Master Burnham was excused from further attendance after 3 P. M. Past Grand Master Slaughter was appointed to serve in his stead on the Committee on the Nebraska Masonic Home. On motion of P. :G.:M.: Dinsmore the committee was instructed to make a report at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

A letter was read from Brother Charles P. Hackney, 110, thanking the Grand Lodge for its assistance, and tendering good wishes for the welfare and prosperity of the Fraternity.

Past Grand Master Young presented the following report, which was adopted on motion of Past Grand Master Dinsmore:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.

To the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on the Orphans Educational Fund would fraternally report that after the close of our last Grand Lodge, it organized, selecting Frank H. Young, as chairman, and Francis E. White, as secretary. It mailed a letter to the master of each lodge in the jurisdiction, requesting a complete list of the orphans of deceased members of our jurisdiction, and from information thus furnished, it has investigated the condition of 78 orphans and has paid out \$167.00, and authorized the expenditure of \$1,575.00 for the current year upon the education of 47 children in 18 families, an average of \$33.51 per child, per annum, or \$87.50 per family. In addition to this the Committee on Relief has appropriated the sum of \$375.00, bringing the total up to \$41.50 per child, or \$108.23 per family.

In every case where aid is requested, the committee first make a

personal investigation, visiting the families and talking with each and every child, and getting the suggestions of the masters and brethren of the various lodges who are directly interested; and it is the intention of the committee to keep in close touch with every case, by personal visitation from time to time during the year.

I wish that the members of this Grand Lodge could have been present at these visits, that they might have seen the silent heroism so evident in many of these families.

It should make us devoutly thankful that by the wise forethought and self sacrifice of the members of our Fraternity in the years past, we are now enabled to in a measure fulfill our obligation to the widows and orphans of this jurisdiction.

The amount of money available for use this year is \$1,692.27.

Brother Cain, Jr., 105, presented the report for the Committee on Relief which was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIEF.

To the M. W., the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your Committee on Relief has carefully considered all matters referred to it, and makes the following recommendations:

We recommend the payment of \$10.00 per month for the relief of Mary Gray, the widow of Rev. Albert S. Gray, who was an honored member of George Armstrong Lodge No. 241 at the time of his death.

We recommend the payment of \$80.00 to Edgar Lodge No. 67 for the relief of the aged widow of Brother Granville Bunn, who was a worthy member of that lodge.

We recommend the continuance of \$5.00 per month to Bloomfield Lodge No. 218 for the relief of Brother Arthur N. Doane.

We recommend the payment of \$5.00 per month to Parian Lodge No. 207 for the relief of the widow of Brother James A. Pike.

We recommend the payment of \$10.00 per month to Rawalt Lodge No. 138 for the relief of Brother William T. Lindsay, a member of said lodge.

We recommend the payment of \$5.00 per month to Bennet Lodge No. 94 for the relief of Brother Job Hiatt.

We recommend the payment of \$10.00 per month to East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 for the relief of Brother Baltzar Mowan.

We recommend the payment of \$10.00 per month to Mystic Tie Lodge No. 166, for the relief of Mrs. Adelia Russell, widow of Brother Washington G. Russell.

We recommend the payment of \$5.00 per month to Parian Lodge No. 207 for the relief of Mrs. James Dickson.

We recommend the payment of \$10.00 per month to the Masonic

Board of Relief of Omaha, for the relief of Brother Elbert H. Cochran of Crete Lodge No. 37. Brother Cochran now resides in Omaha.

We recommend the payment of the following amounts to Brother Frank H. Young, Past Grand Master:

For Mrs. Ida Holden.	\$50.00
For Mrs. Serena E. Harvey.	50.00
For Mrs. Mary Russell.	75.00
For Mrs. L. I. King.	50.00
For Mrs. Lizzie Wendell.	50.00
For Mrs. Lillian Longstreth.	50.00
For Mrs. Minnie Herrington.	50.00

The above named sums are to be used by M. W. Brother Young in connection with his work as chairman of the Committee on Orphans Educational Fund.

Since the last annual communication of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, your committee has, from time to time, as emergencies arose, made recommendations to our M. W. Grand Master for relief for applicants whom your committee deemed worthy and deserving.

For a list of the recipients of relief, together with the amounts expended, we fraternally refer to the printed report of the R. W. Grand Secretary.

On motion of Past Grand Master Lininger, the Committee on Returns was instructed to omit from its printed statistical tables, all reference to financial matters.

Past Grand Master Wheeler moved that the bond of the Grand Treasurer be increased \$3,000.00, and that of the Grand Secretary be reduced a similar amount, and it was carried.

The following queries were submitted to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and both were answered in the affirmative.

From the Master and Senior Warden of Crete Lodge No. 37.:

“A lodge asked for a waiver of jurisdiction over an Entered Apprentice, and it was granted providing that the fees are paid to the lodge granting the waiver. Can the lodge receiving such conditional waiver confer the degrees and retain the fees?”

From the Master of Hampton Lodge No. 245:

“Can a brother who was physically perfect when initiated and who afterwards had an operation performed on his knee which left it stiff, be advanced?”

Past Grand Master Burnham presented the following report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, and moved its adoption. The Grand Master called the Deputy Grand Master to the Grand East to preside during the consideration of the report. After it had been read Grand Master Hopewell moved that the portion of the report of the committee disapproving decision No. 14 be not concurred in, and that the decision as made be approved. The motion prevailed and the report as amended was, on motion of Past Grand Master Burnham, adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, beg leave to report as follows:

We approve decisions of the Grand Master as follows: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, and 17.

We disapprove decision No. 14 for the reason that our law contemplates that upon a favorable ballot, the fee for the degree becomes the property of the lodge. See Section 86, page 40, Law of Freemasonry.

As to decision No. 15, we approve the same. The approval of this ruling is the only thing that can be consistently done; but your committee expresses the hope that the action taken by our sister lodge will not be used as a precedent by any lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, whether dealing with a constituent lodge, or a lodge of another Grand Jurisdiction, but continue that long standing custom of performing the courtesy without fee.

We recommend the approval of all special dispensations issued by the Grand Master.

We recommend the approval of the action of the Grand Master in approving amendments to the by-laws of subordinate lodges.

We approve the Grand Master's edict as regards the omission in the new law; and recommend that the following be incorporated into our law:

"An interval of one lunar month shall intervene between the elections of a petitioner for advancement."

That said edict be considered the law until the above is incorporated.

We do not concur in the recommendation of the Grand Master as to dues of demitting members, believing that our law as it now stands is proper.

We approve the action of the Grand Master in the issuance of a warrant to Orient Lodge No. 13, whose charter was destroyed by fire, to work until this session of the Grand Lodge, and recommend the issuance of a duly certified copy of the charter, without fee.

We recommend that the Committee on Ways and Means appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars, or as much thereof as is necessary, for the purpose of paying the costs of prosecution in the case of Plattsmouth Lodge No. 6, vs. Cass County, known as the tax case.

We recommend the following amendment to Section 5, entitled mileage and per diem, page 18 of the law of Freemasonry, by inserting after the words "Grand Lodge" the following: "Provided that no member shall be paid for mileage traveled out of this state, nor for a greater distance than from the location of his lodge in this state."

We recommend that all officers re-elected be duly installed.

We recommend that Section 7, Chapter II., By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, be amended by striking out the word "is" in line 21, on page 20, and inserting the words "and all data called for in said diploma, including the signatures of officers with one given name in full, are."

Resolved, That we hereby request the Committee on Codification of the Law to introduce the following resolution:

That Section 12, of Chapter III., be amended by striking out the following: "Such decisions shall be the law of the cases wherein they were made, but shall not have the effect of general laws, for the regulation the Craft, nor be incorporated as such in the printed proceedings until adopted by the Grand Lodge."

We recommend that the request of Parallel Lodge No. 152 for payment of rebate credit disallowed by the Committee on Returns in 1906, and annulment of penalty for incorrect returns for the same year, be not allowed.

We recommend that the fees for special dispensations issued to Western Star Lodge No. 2; Siloam Lodge No. 147; Parian Lodge No. 207; East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, be remitted.

In the matter of the application of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 for the reinstatement of a deceased brother who was suspended for non-payment of dues, we respectfully return the same without action.

We recommend that an allowance in the sum of one hundred dollars be paid to the Treasurer of the Orphans Educational Fund for his services during the past year, and further recommend an allowance to such Treasurer for ensuing years upon a basis of one per cent. of the monies invested during the current year.

Past Grand Master Phelps offered the following amendment to the law, and on motion of Past Grand Master Wheeler, it was referred to a committee consisting of Past Grand Masters Warren, Valentine, and Phelps:

Be it resolved, that Chapter IV., Section 27, of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, A. F. & A. M., be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 27. The Orphans Educational Fund of this Grand Lodge

shall be in charge and control of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home, and shall constitute an endowment fund, the income alone of which shall be used by said board for the maintenance of said Home.

Past Grand Master Ehrhardt offered the following motion and it was carried:

Resolved, That the sum of \$2,000.00 be appropriated out of the general fund, and transferred to the Orphans Educational Fund, and make it a permanent endowment.

In due time Past Grand Master Warren, for the committee, reported as follows, on the amendment offered by Past Grand Master Phelps:

Section 27, Chapter IV., shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 27. (1) The Orphans Educational Fund of this Grand Lodge shall be the sum of \$50,000.00, which is hereby constituted an endowment fund, the interest alone of which shall be used for the education of orphans and the support of orphans and widows of Master Masons of Nebraska.

(2) This fund shall be under the management and control of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home.

The above amendment to the law was adopted.

Brother DeBord, 3, for the Committee on Codification of the Law, presented the following report; Past Grand Master Crites called for a division of the report, and it was adopted section by section. During consideration of the report some amendments were offered, but the Grand Master ruled that no amendment that would change existing law and had not laid over since the last annual communication, could be considered without unanimous consent:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska:

The Committee on Codification of the Law report that they have digested the approved decisions of the Grand Master and the Committee on Jurisprudence as reported in the proceedings for 1905, and have harmonized the same with the provisions of the code, and submit them for the consideration of the Grand Lodge in the following proposed amendments:

(1) Amend Section 124 by adding thereto the following:

"Nor can any lodge by waiver of jurisdiction in favor of another lodge destroy the force of an objection. Where from failure of a master to communicate the name of an objector to his successor, or from any other cause, a master does not know the name of an objector, the candidate may petition for the remaining degrees in the regular manner."

(2) Add to Section 59 the following:

"The secretary shall make all proper certificates of the standing of a brother of his lodge upon proper request made by the brother himself, or by any chapter, commandery, chapter of the Eastern Star, or any regular Masonic body."

(3) Amend Section 38 so as to read, when amended, as follows:

"Only those who are named in a dispensation creating a new lodge, together with those raised therein, are members thereof and entitled to vote therein. Other Master Masons may join in the petition for a charter provided they are unobjectionable to the members."

(4) Amend Section 132 by inserting after the words "admit him" the following:

"Nor can he be permitted to visit a lodge, nor can any lodge or brother treat him as a Mason."

(5) Amend Section 70 by inserting after the words "as a public hall" the following:

"Nor for public dancing."

(6) Amend Section 81 by adding after the words "for each member" the following:

"Except those exempt from dues as provided in Section 84."

(7) Amend Section 77 by adding before the same as it now stands, the following:

"The ceremonies recommended by this Grand Lodge for use in the burial of a deceased brother symbolize the final consummation of the great truths set forth in the ceremonies of the Fraternity."

The following amendments to the law were proposed by the Committee on Codification of the Law. Unanimous consent was asked for and granted to consider them and they were separately considered and adopted:

Amend Section 5, page 18 by adding:

"Provided that no member shall be paid for mileage traveled out of this state, nor for a greater distance than from the location of his lodge in this state."

Amend Section 7, by inserting after the words "until such signature is attached" the following "and the diploma complete as to date, seal, and signature of officers. All names on the diploma must be written with one given name in full."

Amend Section 12, Chapter III., by striking out the following:

"Such decisions shall be the law of the cases wherein they were made, but shall not have the effect of general laws for the regulation of the Craft, nor be incorporated as such in the printed proceedings, until adopted by the Grand Lodge."

Add to Section 27, Chapter IV.:

(3) The Grand Master and in his absence from the meetings, the Deputy Grand Master, or the ranking Grand Warden, shall represent the Grand Lodge at all meetings of the stockholders of the Nebraska Masonic Home."

Amend Section 51, by adding thereto the following:

"The senior Past Master of the lodge present may open a lodge and preside therein, in the absence of the master and wardens, at any special meeting regularly called by the master, or warden acting as such, or at a meeting called for the purpose of conducting a funeral."

Amend Section 57, so as to read when amended as follows:

Section 57. RETURNS TO GRAND LODGE.

"The secretary of each chartered lodge shall include in the annual returns, which shall be made out on or before April 30th (see Section 85 relating to rebate credit) a statement of all work done during the preceding Masonic year, including the names of all those elected, initiated, passed, raised, affiliated, suspended, expelled, reinstated, rejected, and deceased, with dates of same; also the name, number, and location of the lodge from which each member may come by affiliation. Each name shall be written with one given name in full.

The returns shall also show the amount of insurance on real and personal property belonging to the lodge, the name of the companies in which the insurance is carried, with the amount in each, and the dates to which the premiums thereon are paid."

Amend by adding after Section 64 the following as Section 64 (a):

Section 64 (a) RE-INSTALLATION.

"An officer re-elected or re-appointed to succeed himself need not be re-installed, but the Grand Lodge urges that it be done."

Amend Section 68 to read as follows:

"A brother who was a member in good standing of a lodge at the time such lodge became extinct, and remains unaffiliated shall, for one year after such lodge ceases to exist, remain and be deemed in good standing, and shall have the same rights and privileges as members of a regular lodge, including the rights of membership, affiliation, visitation, avouchment, relief, demission, appeal, trial, and burial. But should he fail to pay his dues to the Grand Secretary and procure a demit within such year, he shall be notified by letter, sent to his last known address by the Grand Secretary at least thirty days before the next ensuing annual communication of the Grand Lodge, to show cause, to the Committee on Grievances, if any he may have, why he has not paid his dues and secured a demit.

When any such member shall refuse or neglect to answer a notice to appear and show cause why he should not be suspended for non-payment of dues and securing a demit as above provided, his delinquency may be communicated to the Grand Lodge at any subsequent annual communication thereof, which facts, together with the Grand Lodge records showing his indebtedness, or his failure to secure a demit, shall be deemed ample proof of the delinquency. If the brother be present, he shall be entitled to make such plea as he may deem proper, after which he shall retire, and upon such evidence and any other evidence which is submitted and received, a vote may be taken upon a motion to suspend the delinquent member indefinitely."

Add to Section 115 the following:

"An interval of one lunar month shall intervene between the elections of a petitioner for advancement."

Amend Section 133 by adding thereto the following:

"From those jurisdictions which do not issue a demit until a brother has been elected to membership in another lodge, a certificate authorized by the law of such jurisdiction may form the basis of a petition for affiliation, but the brother shall not become a member until he presents a demit or its equivalent, and is elected."

Amend Section 163 by striking from the eighth line thereof the following words: "or summoned."

Repeal Section 167.

Past Grand Master Phelps presented the following amendment to the law, and asked for unanimous consent to its adoption. Consent not being granted, the amendment lies over for consideration at the next annual communication:

Amend Section 15, Chapter III, to read as follows:

Section 15. Relief.—The Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home shall consider and report upon all applications for relief from the Relief Fund of this Grand Lodge as they arise. Such report shall be made only after as thorough an investigation as practicable, of the necessity for such relief. A confidential report shall be made by the master of the lodge within whose jurisdiction the applicant resides. The Grand Master may draw warrants upon the Relief Fund in accordance with the report of such Trustees, during the vacations of the Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master Mercer presented the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CALIFORNIA CALAMITY.

To the M.:W.:, the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee to whom was referred that part of the address of the Grand Master relative to the California calamity, beg leave to report that our warmest sympathies go out to our brethren in their great affliction. That the action of the Masonic bodies of this Grand Jurisdiction in making remittances for the assistance of our afflicted brethren merits our hearty approval, and that we especially endorse and approve of the prompt and early action of our Grand Master in authorizing the M.:W.: the Grand Master of California to draw an order on our Grand Secretary for the sum of \$500.00, to be used in his discretion for the relief of the suffering brethren of his jurisdiction.

Past Grand Master Lininger, President of the Nebraska Masonic Home, thanked the Grand Lodge for endowing the Home, and said he proposed to build on the grounds and donate to the Home, a lodge room and chapel.

A gavel from Palestine was presented by Past Grand Master Lininger to Grand Master Hopewell, who returned thanks therefor.

Past Grand Master Lininger, assisted by Past Grand Master Hopewell, installed the Grand Officers for the ensuing year, investing all of them with the jewels of office, except the Grand Junior Deacon, whose jewel was missing.

Past Grand Master Lininger moved that a vote of thanks be extended to Grand Master Hopewell for his care of the Fraternity during his term of office, and the motion was adopted by a rising vote.

Brother White, 6, moved that thanks be extended to the brethren of Nebraska Lodge No. 1, Capitol Lodge No. 3, Covert Lodge No. 11, and St. Johns Lodge No. 25, for courtesies tendered by them during the session, and it was unanimously carried.

At five-thirty P. M., June 6th, 1906, no further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed.

ZUINGLE M. BAIRD,

Grand Master.


Francis Ell White
Grand Secretary.

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NAME	LODGE	No.	DATE OF DEATH
FRANK GOODSELL	Nebraska,	1.	April 30, 1905
WILLIAM ROBINSON	Nebraska,	"	1. Aug 23, 1905
WILLIAM T. WHITMARSH	Nebraska,	"	1. Dec 6, 1905
PATRICK CAHILL	Nebraska,	"	1.
AUGUST JOHNSON	Western Star,	"	2. April 2, 1905
GEORGE A. SEIFERT	Western Star,	"	2. April 24, 1905
HENRY J. DAVIS	Western Star,	"	2. May 9, 1905
JACOB J. HOCHSTETLER	Western Star,	"	2. June 7, 1905
LEWIS C. DAVENPORT	Western Star,	"	2. June 25, 1905
JOHN V. MORGAN	Western Star,	"	2. June 30, 1905
ALLEN C. FLING	Western Star,	"	2. July 16, 1905
EDWARD A. BROWN	Western Star,	"	2. Oct. 23, 1905
HOWARD KENNEDY	Capitol,	"	3. April 20 1905
DAVID P. BURR	Capitol,	"	3. June 10, 1905
ISAAC R. ANDREWS	Capitol,	"	3. Aug. 9, 1905
GEORGE S. WEDGEWOOD	Capitol,	"	3. Aug. 9, 1905
LOUIS LEY	Capitol,	"	3. Oct. 8, 1905
GIDDEON E. JOHNSON	Capitol,	"	3. Nov. 6, 1905
GEORGE F. TOWLE	Capitol,	"	3. Dec. 12, 1905
GEORGE M. WHITE	Capitol,	"	3. Feb. 26, 1906
ROBERT W. FURNAS	Nemaha Valley,	"	4. June 1, 1905
WM. McD. HOUSEWORTH	Plattsmouth,	"	6. May 16, 1905
JACOB VALLERY, JR.	Plattsmouth,	"	6. June 17, 1905
WILLIAM N. JENNE	Falls City,	"	9. Sept 2, 1905
J. FRANK HINTON	Falls City,	"	9. Dec. 25, 1905
SIMEON T. JOSSELYN	Covert,	"	11. April 4, 1905
EMERSON L. STONE	Covert,	"	11. May 24, 1905
LOUIS J. BLAKE	Covert,	"	11. July 14, 1905
VICTOR P. MUSSELMAN	Covert,	"	11. Sept. 20, 1905
WILLIAM A. GARDNER	Covert,	"	11. Feb. 11, 1906
EDWARD ROBERTS	Fremont,	"	15. July 28, 1905
CORNELIUS RYAN	Fremont,	"	15. Jan. 26, 1906
JOSEPH W. WINGER	Lincoln,	"	19. April 29, 1905
HENRY KEEFER	Lincoln,	"	19. June 3, 1905
EPHRAIM R. MILLER	Lincoln,	"	19. June 19, 1905
AMASA COBB	Lincoln,	"	19. July 11, 1905
WILLIAM G. MORRISON	Lincoln,	"	19. July 23, 1905
RUSSELL G. MERRILL	Lincoln,	"	19. July 31, 1905
JOSEPH HOPPOCK	Lincoln,	"	19. Oct. 22, 1905
WALTER C. DAVIS	Lincoln,	"	19. Nov. 6 1905
HIRAM D. HATHAWAY	Lincoln,	"	19. Nov. 29, 1905
MORRIS McKENNY	Washington,	"	21. May 27, 1905
WILLIAM LAMB	Washington,	"	21. Aug. 21 1905
ANDREW JOHNSON	Washington,	"	21. Sept. 24, 1905
GEORGE W. WILSON	Washington,	"	21. Nov. 5, 1905
MOSES N. MONASMITH	Pawnee,	"	23. May 5, 1905
JOHN FLANAGAN	Pawnee,	"	23. June 2, 1905
JAMES H. FOGERTY	Pawnee,	"	23. Oct. 18, 1905

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DAVID L. GREENFIELD.....	Pawnee,	No. 23..Feb. 11, 1906
FRANCIS H. WRIGHT... ..	St. Johns,	" 25..Sept. 1, 1905
CHARLES A. MITCHELL.....	St. Johns,	" 25..
GEORGE A. KIMMEL.....	St. Johns,	" 25..
GEORGE T. NICHOLSON.....	St. Johns,	" 25..Oct. 29, 1905
FRANK H. BURT.....	St. Johns,	" 25..
ROBERT T. HODGIN.....	St. Johns,	" 25..Feb. 18, 1906
MILTON DAVIS.....	Beatrice,	" 26..Oct. 5, 1895
SETH A. CRAIG.....	Beatrice,	" 26..Aug. 1, 1905
JEFFERSON B. WESTON.....	Beatrice,	" 26..Sept. 15, 1905
FRANK W. COLE.....	Beatrice,	" 26..Dec. 25, 1905
HERBERT H. MOIES.....	Beatrice,	" 26..Dec. 30, 1905
CHARLES S. DEMARY.....	Jordan,	" 27..Oct. 5, 1905
CHARLES F. SMITH.....	Tekamah,	" 31..July 24, 1905
SILAS T. LEAMING.....	Tekamah,	" 31..Feb. 16 1906
BEACH I. HINMAN.....	Platte Valley.	" 32..Sept. 10, 1905
FRED F. FEDDER.....	Ashlar,	" 33..Jan. 15, 1906
EDWARD HOOPER.....	Ashlar,	" 33..Mar. 22, 1906
JOHN CONNOR.....	Acacia,	" 34..June 15, 1905
CHARLES M. MAPES.....	Acacia,	" 34..Feb. 2, 1906
FRANK McADAMS.....	Fairbury,	" 35..June 27, 1905
DAVID B. McCONNELL.....	Fairbury,	" 35..Sept. 17, 1905
ARTHUR D. MARTIN.....	Lone Tree,	" 36..May 25, 1905
AARON EICHELBERGER.....	Lone Tree,	" 36..Feb. 8, 1906
ALEXANDER ROSBOROUGH	Oliver,	" 38..Sept. 6, 1905
WILLIAM W. ENGLEBRIGHT	Harvard,	" 44..May 28, 1905
DAVID T. PHILLIPS.....	Rob Morris,	" 46..Dec. 4, 1905
JOSEPH J. BOCK.....	Fairmont,	" 48..Nov. 1, 1905
CYRUS B. THOMPSON.....	Fairmont,	" 48..Feb. 7, 1906
LOUIS H. SCHAAF.....	Evening Star,	" 49..Aug. 29, 1905
ROBERT M. THOMPSON.....	Evening Star,	" 49..Feb. 19, 1906
EDGAR J. PEASE.....	Hastings,	" 50..April 29, 1905
TRACY P. SYKES.....	Hastings,	" 50..Nov. 22, 1905
MARK A. PERKINS.....	Hastings,	" 50..Feb. 13, 1906
SIMEON S. BARKER.....	Fidelity,	" 51..July 9, 1905
CHARLES L. CHIPMAN.....	Lancaster,	" 54..June 8, 1905
HIRAM J. KENT.....	Lancaster,	" 54..Sept. 29, 1905
WILLIAM H. WEAVER.....	Lancaster,	" 54..Jan. 4, 1906
AUGUST ULICH.....	Lancaster,	" 54..Mar. 2, 1906
HARRY L. DEAN.....	Mosaic,	" 55..Nov. 11, 1905
JOHN K. HUTCHESON.....	Mosaic,	" 55..Feb. 5, 1906
JOHN W. BARNES.....	York,	" 56..Oct. 14, 1905
GURDEN H. DURHAM.....	York	" 56..Jan. 2, 1906
JAMES W. EATON.....	Mt. Moriah,	" 57..Aug. 14, 1905
OTHNIEL HORNE.....	Mt. Moriah,	" 57..Dec. 15, 1905
LUTHER H. JEWELL.....	Lebanon,	" 58..May 10, 1905
MARCUS H. WHITE.....	Lebanon,	" 58..Mar. 28, 1906
FRED R. CLARK.....	Wahoo,	" 59..May 16, 1905

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JOHN H. MILLER.....	Wahoo,	No. 59. Sept. 6, 1905
JOHN D. LEHMKUHL.....	Wahoo,	" 59. Feb. 16, 1906
HIRAM S. KINGSLEY.....	Thistle,	" 61. Nov. 3, 1905
FRANCIS M. PLUMB.....	Riverton,	" 63. Oct. 8, 1905
JACOB McCLINTOCK.....	Riverton,	" 63. Dec. 24, 1905
JOHN H. ANDERSON.....	Osceola,	" 65. Oct. 8, 1905
JOHN H. ABBOTT.....	Osceola,	" 65. Jan. 12, 1906
FRED W. RICHARDSON.....	Aurora,	" 68. Nov. 12, 1906
HENRY E. KRYGER.....	Trowel,	" 71. Dec. 28, 1905
EVERT VAN BUREN.....	Hooper,	" 72. Oct. 26, 1905
HEMAN W. HUBBARD.....	Alexandria,	" 74. May 10, 1904
MICHEAL HUFFMAN.....	Joppa,	" 76. Sept. 18, 1905
ISAAC LETSON.....	Albion,	" 78. Sept. 1, 1905
JOHN DRAKE.....	Albion,	" 78. Mar. 31, 1906
GEORGE P. WINTERSTEEN.....	Geneva,	" 79. April 7, 1905
D. ALLEN ATWELL.....	Fairfield,	" 84. July 1, 1905
MATHIAS B. WALSH.....	Tyre,	" 85. Mar. 5, 1906
BENJAMIN F. CHAMBERS.....	Tonic,	" 87. Mar. 11, 1906
MELBOURN J. KENYON.....	Star,	" 88. Mar. 29, 1906
JUDSON A. ELDRIGE.....	Bennet,	" 94. Jan. 9, 1906
WALTER C. TOWNSEND.....	Garfield,	" 95. Nov. 16, 1905
JOSEPH JONES.....	Utica,	" 96. April 23, 1905
ROBERT T. McKAGUE.....	Creighton,	" 100. Dec. 26, 1905
JAMES E. HOBBS.....	Ponca,	" 101. Feb. 23, 1906
WALTER L. BEEBE.....	Waterloo,	" 102. June 20, 1905
ORA M. DEFMER.....	Waterloo,	" 102. Mar. 28, 1906
HARRY J. HUGHES.....	Ord,	" 103. Dec. 13, 1905
WILLIAM R. HOOK.....	Wymore,	" 104. Sept. 14, 1905
JEDEDIAH R. HOAG.....	Wymore,	" 104. Dec. 22, 1905
JOHN K. CLARKE.....	Pomegranate,	" 110. Jan. 28, 1906
WILLIAM J. DUNN.....	DeWitt,	" 111. Nov. 9, 1905
DAVID WILEY.....	Harlan,	" 116. Feb. 2, 1906
DANIEL WHITSON.....	Hardy,	" 117. April 15, 1905
HERMAN P. WILCOX.....	North Bend,	" 119. April 24, 1905
JACOB A. NEWSOM.....	North Bend,	" 119. Dec. 7, 1905
QUARTERS B. SKINNER.....	North Bend,	" 119. Jan. 27, 1906
EDWIN J. NANGEL.....	Wayne,	" 120. Nov. 22, 1905
WILLIAM F. ALLEN.....	Superior,	" 121. Dec. 20, 1905
LLOYD P. KILGORE.....	Superior,	" 121. Jan. 25, 1906
EDMOND C. McMILLAN.....	Mt. Nebo,	" 125. July 18, 1905
WILLIAM WILLSON.....	Mt. Nebo,	" 125. Mar. 12, 1906
JOHN W. JAMES.....	Stromsberg,	" 126. Aug. 21, 1905
JAMES E. JONES.....	Minden,	" 127. Mar. 4, 1906
ALEXANDER CAMPBELL.....	McCook,	" 135. Aug. 27, 1905
JOHN R. ROXBY.....	McCook,	" 135. Aug. 29, 1905
BERTIS L. McCARL.....	McCook,	" 135. Oct. 7, 1905
JOSEPH A. SNYDER.....	McCook,	" 135. Jan. 4, 1906
ROBERT CRAFT.....	Long Pine,	" 138. Dec. 17, 1905

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DAVID SCOTT.....	Clay Centre,	" 139 . Dec. 2, 1905
HARRY E. BUSH.....	Jachin,	" 146 . Sept. 5, 1905
EDWARD F. LOUGEE.....	Jachin,	" 146 . Feb. 14, 1906
FRED S. HUNT.....	Siloam,	" 147 . Mar. 23, 1906
RUBEN E. GLASS.....	Emmet Crawford,	" 148 . Oct. 14, 1905
ARCHIBALD McKILLOP.....	Jewel,	" 149 . April 22, 1905
HENRY P. KELLY.....	Samaritan,	" 158 . Jan. 2, 1906
DAVID H. STOUT.....	Trestle Board,	" 162 . Feb. 16, 1906
SETH WOODS.....	Atkinson,	" 164 . July 17, 1905
ALMON L. COOK.....	Barneston,	" 165 . June 13, 1905
WASHINGTON G. RUSSELL.....	Mystic Tie,	" 166 . Sept. 19, 1905
CHRIS FRICKEY.....	Elwood,	" 167 . Feb. 20, 1906
SAMUEL P. BAKER.....	Curtis,	" 168 . Sept. 25, 1905
LORENZO R. BICKFORD.....	Curtis,	" 168 . Dec. 11, 1905
CHARLES R. HARE.....	Gladstone,	" 176 . Sept. 1, 1905
WILLIAM H. FANNING.....	Faith,	" 181 . Dec. 16, 1905
JOHN A. FULTON.....	Incense,	" 182 . July 2, 1903
P. CARL PETERSEN.....	Bee Hive,	" 184 . July 23, 1905
HARRY N. WHITE.....	Bee Hive,	" 184 . Dec. 16, 1905
GEORGE RALSTEN.....	Boaz,	" 185 . Aug. 12, 1905
JESSE HAUGH.....	Meridian	" 188 . Sept. 9, 1905
LEMUEL J. BONSALE.....	Crystal,	" 191 . Sept. 15, 1905
HARRY H. BURLING.....	Highland,	" 194 . Jan. 6, 1906
CHARLES V. HOLSCLAW.....	Arcana,	" 195 . Mar. 31, 1906
ROBERT D. BROWN.....	Blazing Star,	" 200 . Feb. 3, 1906
HARRISON HAMMOND.....	Golden Sheaf,	" 202 . Nov. 22, 1905
FRANK D. HORNBECK.....	Golden Sheaf,	" 202 . Nov. 30, 1905
ALVIN M. NICHOLS.....	Roman Eagle,	" 203 . Feb. 15, 1904
JOHN ALEXANDER ARNOLD.....	Roman Eagle,	" 203 . July 3, 1905
WILLIAM LAUGHLIN.....	Gauge,	" 208 . June 5, 1905
JAMES C. HALL.....	Square and Compass,	" 213 . Nov. 1, 1905
JAMES W. ROYSE.....	Occidental,	" 215 . Aug. 12, 1905
LESTER N. HUMBURGER.....	Wauneta,	" 217 . July 31, 1905
JAMES P. ALLEN.....	Wauneta,	" 217 . Oct. 7, 1905
PHILPATRICK H. HEFFRON.....	Wauneta,	" 217 . Oct. 8, 1905
JOSEPH L. CALVIN.....	Bloomfield,	" 218 . Aug. 1, 1905
MALCOLM CAMERON.....	Landmark,	" 222 . Feb. 3, 1906
GEORGE V. BELLAIRS.....	Eminence,	" 223 . Oct. 27, 1905
CHARLES GULIC.....	Eminence.	" 223 . Mar. 2, 1906
EPHRAIM S. FINCH.....	Cable,	" 225 . July 25, 1905
RODNEY S. BAKER.....	Bartley,	" 228 . Sept. 23, 1905
JOHN E. HALL.....	Mt. Hermon,	" 231 . Mar. 19, 1906
PETER LAWSON.....	Pilot.	" 240 . Sept. 21, 1905
ANDREW STRUTHERS.....	George Armstrong,	" 241 . Dec. 28, 1905
JOSEPH H. COATES.....	George Washington,	" 250 . Mar. 30, 1906
ALBERT ROSA.....	Hildreth,	" 252 . June 18, 1905
ANDREW J. BURKE.....	Bassett,	" 254 . Dec. 19, 1905
LOUIS CANENBURG.....	Bassett,	" 254 . Jan. 23, 1906

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

*Robert C. Jordan.....	1857-58-59
*George Armstrong.....	1860-61-62
Daniel H. Wheeler, Omaha, 559 South 26th Ave.	1863-64
*Robert W. Furnas.....	1865-66
*Orsamus H. Irish.....	1867-68
Harry P. Deuel, Omaha, 1902 Dodge Street.....	1869-70
William E. Hill, 2220 East 4th Street, Los Angeles, California.....	1871-72
Martin Dunham, Omaha, 712 South 17th Street.....	1873
*Frank Welch.....	1874
*Alfred G. Hastings.....	1875
George H. Thummel, Omaha, Post Office Building.....	1876
George W. Lininger, Omaha, 1801 Davenport Street.....	1877
Edward K. Valentine, Omaha, Bee Building.....	1878
*Rolland H. Oakley.....	1879
*James A. Tulleys.....	1880
James R. Cain, Falls City.....	1881
Edwin F. Warren, Nebraska City.....	1882
Samuel W. Hayes, Norfolk.....	1883
John J. Wemple, Cleveland, Ohio, 97 Bell Avenue.....	1884
Manoah B. Reese, Lincoln.....	1885
Charles K. Coutant, Omaha, 1408 Farnam Street.....	1886
Milton J. Hull, Washington, D. C., Treasury Department.....	1887
George B. France, York.....	1888
John J. Mercer, Omaha, 2811 Hickory Street.....	1889
Robert E. French, Kearney.....	1890
Bradner D. Slaughter, Omaha, U. S. Army Headquarters.....	1891
Samuel P. Davidson, Tecumseh.....	1892
James P. A. Black, Hastings.....	1893
John A. Ehrhardt, Stanton.....	1894
Henry H. Wilson, Lincoln.....	1895
Charles J. Phelps, Schuyler.....	1896
John B. Dinsmore, Sutton.....	1897
Frank H. Young, Broken Bow.....	1898
William W. Keysor, Kirkwood, Missouri.....	1899
Albert W. Crites, Chadron.....	1900
Robert E. Evans, Dakota City.....	1901
Nathaniel M. Ayers, Siloam Springs, Arkansas.....	1902
Frank E. Bullard, North Platte.....	1903
Charles E. Burnham, Norfolk.....	1904
Melville R. Hopewell, Tekamah.....	1905

*Deceased.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.

GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
Alabama.....	Henry H. Mathews.....	Montgomery.....	Nov. 13, 1899
Arizona.....	Alonzo Bailey.....	Globe.....	June 6, 1892
British Columbia.....	Edward B. Paul.....	Victoria.....	Oct. 26, 1903
Canada.....	William Roof.....	Toronto.....	July 12, 1899
Colorado.....	Edward P. Hufferd.....	Colorado Springs.....	Aug. 12, 1905
Connecticut.....	Reuben H. Tucker.....	Ansonia.....	Dec. 4, 1894
Cuba.....	Manuel S. Castellanos.....	Havana, Union de Reyes.....	Feb. 4, 1904
Delaware.....	Harry J. Guthrie.....	Wilmington.....	Oct. 17, 1904
Dist. Columbia.....	Frederick G. Alexander.....	Washington City, 945 R St., N. W.....	Nov. 15, 1901
Egypt.....	Michael Bey Saleh.....	Cairo.....	April 3, 1905
Florida.....	Thomas M. Puleston.....	Monticello.....	Nov. 26, 1898
Georgia.....	William B. Haygood.....	Farmington.....	Oct. 3, 1905
Idaho.....	William Hull.....	Montpelier.....	Nov. 24, 1898
Illinois.....	Charles M. Forman.....	East St. Louis.....	Nov. 9, 1900
Indiana.....	Martin H. Rice.....	Indianapolis.....	Jan. 17, 1902
Indian Territory.....	David C. Blossom.....	Atoka.....	June 6, 1892
Ireland.....	John Gordon.....	Dublin.....	June 28, 1899
Kansas.....	Charles E. Cory.....	Fort Scott.....	Nov. 17, 1893
Louisiana.....	Adolph G. Ricks.....	New Orleans.....	Sept. 17, 1901
Maine.....	Edwin A. Porter.....	Pittsfield.....	Aug. 9, 1902
Manitoba.....	Richard Dennis Foley.....	Manitou.....	Nov. 13, 1890
Maryland.....	John H. Miller.....	Baltimore.....	Mar. 25, 1893
Mexico, Valle de.....	Rufe C. March.....	Guadalajara, Jalisco.....	July 10, 1905
Michigan.....	Charles F. May.....	Detroit.....	Jan. 19, 1904
Minnesota.....	Alfred G. Pinkham.....	Owatonna.....	Apr. 7, 1906
Mississippi.....	James F. McCool.....	Kosciusko.....	Dec. 3, 1901
Missouri.....	Charles F. Vogel.....	St. Louis, 624 Chestnut St.....	April 4, 1892
Montana.....	Henry M. Parchen.....	Helena.....	Mar. 18, 1892
Nevada.....	Chauncey N. Noteware.....	Carson.....	Mar. 18, 1892
New Hampshire.....	Alpheus W. Baker.....	Lebanon.....	April 4, 1892
New Jersey.....	Charles Bechtel.....	Trenton.....	Feb. 21, 1893
New South Wales.....	Frederick A. Banks.....	Glebe Point, Sydney.....	Aug. 25, 1905
New York.....	Thomas Hillson.....	New York, 129 Broad St.....	June 29, 1905
New Zealand.....	Oliver Nicholson.....	Auckland.....	Feb. 14, 1903
Nova Scotia.....	Marston Guillod.....	Parrsborough.....	July 16, 1902
Ohio.....	Horace A. Irvin.....	Dayton.....	Jan. 8, 1903
Oklahoma.....	Jesse A. Dunn.....	Alva.....	Nov. 1, 1904
Oregon.....	Phil Metschan.....	Portland.....	May 22, 1893
Quebec.....	William M. Le Mesurier.....	Montreal.....	Oct. 31, 1889
Rhode Island.....	Edward L. Freeman.....	Central Falls.....	Oct. 15, 1901
South Carolina.....	Augustine T. Smythe.....	Charleston.....	Feb. 20, 1892
Tennessee.....	Isaac J. Thurman.....	McWinnville.....	April 19, 1899
Texas.....	James D. Grenshaw.....	San Antonio.....	Dec. 3, 1901
Utah.....	Abbot R. Haywood.....	Ogden.....	Feb. 20, 1892
Vermont.....	Charles C. Miller.....	Burlington.....	Aug. 10, 1900
Victoria.....	Francis W. W. Morton.....	Melbourne, Collins St.....	Jan. 1, 1904
Virginia.....	Sol Cutchins.....	Richmond.....	April 20, 1901
Washington.....	Archibald W. Frater.....	Seattle.....	April 13, 1900
West Australia.....	Thomas William Paisley.....	Bunbury.....	July 19, 1902
West Virginia.....	James McCahen.....	Wheeling.....	April 19, 1899
Wisconsin.....	Frank E. Noyes.....	Marinette.....	Dec. 23, 1904

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Alabama	Alpha Morgan, 148.	Broken Bow	July 25, 1903
Alberta	George D. Bennett, 19.	Lincoln	Aug. 15, 1906
Arizona	Charles E. Gallagher, 25.	Wausa	Aug. 22, 1906
Arkansas	Samuel W. Hayes, 55.	Norfolk	Mar. 6, 1878
Brt. Columbia	William Adair, 5.	Dakota City	May 12, 1874
Canada	Williamson S. Summers, 26.	Omaha	Dec. 23, 1901
Colorado	Charles J. Phelps, 34.	Schuyler	Oct. 8, 1890
Connecticut	Samuel P. Davidson, 17.	Tecumseh	Oct. 10, 1889
Cuba	Charles W. Kraft, 209.	Nebraska City	Aug. 17, 1904
Delaware	Carroll D. Evans, 58.	Columbus	Aug. 3, 1900
Dist. Columbia	Bradner D. Slaughter, 89.	Omaha	Dec. 17, 1901
Egypt	George W. Liminger, 3.	Omaha	Nov. 16, 1901
England	George W. Liminger, 3.	Omaha	June 23, 1883
Florida	Julius Beckman, 15.	Fremont	Sept. 27, 1899
Georgia	Edwin F. Warren, 2.	Nebraska City	Mar. 31, 1883
Idaho	Nelson D. Jackson, 71.	Neligh	July 6, 1901
Illinois	George H. Thummel, 33.	Omaha	Mar. 14, 1892
Indiana	Harry P. Deuel, 11.	Omaha	Nov. 8, 1890
Indian Territory	James M. Kennedy, 125.	Genoa	Oct. 4, 1890
Ireland	William Cleburne, 3.	Newport, Kentucky	Dec. 7, 1890
Kansas	James P. A. Black, 50.	Hastings	Nov. 21, 1893
Louisiana	Robert E. Evans, 5.	Dakota City	Aug. 9, 1904
Maine	Thomas K. Sudborough, 25.	Omaha	Oct. 15, 1890
Manitoba	Elias W. Bechtel, 146.	Holdrege	May 7, 1903
Maryland	Henry Gibbons, 46.	Kearney	Oct. 3, 1899
Mexico, Valle de	George A. Day, 1.	Omaha	July 1, 1905
Michigan	Daniel H. Wheeler, 1.	Omaha	Jan. 1, 1903
Minnesota	George A. Beecher, 32.	Omaha	Mar. 17, 1904
Mississippi	John M. Burks, 19.	Lincoln	Dec. 31, 1869
Missouri	George B. France, 56.	York	June 25, 1888
Montana	John J. Mercer, 3.	Omaha	Oct. 19, 1899
Nevada	John B. Dinsmore, 49.	Sutton	Sept. 6, 1899
New Brunswick	Addison S. Tibbets, 54.	Lincoln	July 16, 1900
New Hampshire	Roscoe Pound, 54.	Lincoln	Dec. 23, 1903
New Jersey	James R. Cain, 9.	Falls City	Sept. 24, 1878
New South Wales	Frederick M. Weitzel, 78.	Albion	July 26, 1905
New York	Edward K. Valentine, 27.	Omaha	Feb. 11, 1889
New Zealand	Frank E. Ward, 31.	Tekamah	July 22, 1905
North Carolina	Melville R. Hopewell, 31.	Tekamah	Sept. 27, 1899
North Dakota	John A. Ehrhardt, 41.	Stanton	Aug. 1, 1890
Nova Scotia	Henry H. Wilson, 19.	Lincoln	Feb. 26, 1902
Ohio	George W. Little, 240.	Lyons	June 23, 1905
Oklahoma	Zuingle M. Baird, 155.	Hartington	Jan. 4, 1902
Oregon	Henry Brown, 3.	Omaha	Dec. 23, 1869
P. Edward Isl'd.	Charles E. Burnham, 166.	Norfolk	Oct. 21, 1902
Quebec	James Tyler, 19.	Lincoln	July 26, 1901
Rhode Island	Michael Dowling, 119.	Omaha	July 30, 1903
South Carolina	Frank E. Bullard, 32.	North Platte	Jan. 14, 1881
South Dakota	Manoah B. Reese, 19.	Lincoln	Mar. 30, 1885
Tennessee	Francis E. White, 6.	Omaha	Mar. 12, 1900
Texas	Martin Dunham, 3.	Omaha	Feb. 22, 1876
Utah	Robert E. French, 46.	Kearney	May 4, 1888
Vermont	Frank H. Young, 207.	Broken Bow	Oct. 21, 1899
Victoria	John S. Bishop, 54.	Lincoln	Feb. 19, 1904
Virginia	John S. Davison, 136.	Long Pine	July 14, 1900
Washington	Charles K. Coutant, 11.	Omaha	April 12, 1900
West Australia	Ornan J. King, 54.	Lincoln	Sept. 26, 1904
West Virginia	Frank M. Knight, 183.	Alliance	July 3, 1900
Wisconsin	Albert W. Crites, 158.	Chadron	Aug. 3, 1904

LIST OF GRAND LODGES AND THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

GRAND LODGE	GRAND SECRETARY	ADDRESS
Alabama.....	George A. Beauchamp.....	Montgomery.
Alberta.....	James J. Dunlop.....	Edmonton.
Arizona.....	George J. Roskrue.....	Tucson.
Arkansas.....	Fay Hempstead.....	Little Rock.
British Columbia.....	Robert E. Brett.....	Victoria.
California.....	George Johnson.....	2504 Washington St., San Francisco.
Canada.....	Hugh Murray.....	Hamilton, Ontario.
Colorado.....	Charles H. Jacobson.....	Masonic Temple, Denver.
Connecticut.....	John H. Barlow.....	Hartford.
Costa Rica.....	Diego Povedano.....	P. O. Box 220, San Jose.
Cuba.....	Aurelio Miranda.....	Apartado 72, Havana.
Delaware.....	Benjamin F. Bartram.....	Wilmington.
District Columbia.....	Arvine W. Johnston.....	Masonic Temple, Washington.
England.....	Edward Letchworth.....	Freemasons Hall, London.
Egypt.....	Michael Bey Saleh.....	Cairo.
Florida.....	Wilber P. Webster.....	Jacksonville
Georgia.....	William A. Wolihin.....	Macon.
Idaho.....	Theophilus W. Randall.....	Boise.
Illinois.....	Joseph H. C. Dill.....	Bloomington.
Indiana.....	Calvin W. Prather.....	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory.....	Joseph S. Murrow.....	Atoka.
Iowa.....	Newton R. Parvin.....	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland.....	Henry E. Flavelle, Deputy.....	Freemasons Hall, Dublin.
Kansas.....	Albert K. Wilson.....	Topeka.
Kentucky.....	Henry B. Grant.....	Louisville.
Louisiana.....	Richard Lambert.....	Masonic Temple, New Orleans.
Maine.....	Stephen Berry.....	Portland.
Manitoba.....	James A. Ovas.....	Winnipeg.
Maryland.....	William M. Isaac.....	5 N. Howard St., Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Sereno D. Nickerson.....	Masonic Temple, Boston.
Mexico.....	Felix M. Iglesias.....	Box 10, Mexico City.
Michigan.....	Lou B. Winsor.....	Reed City.
Minnesota.....	Thomas Montgomery.....	St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	Frederic Speed.....	Vicksburg.
Missouri.....	John R. Parson.....	510 Pine St., St. Louis.
Montana.....	Cornelius Hedges.....	Helena.
Nebraska.....	Francis E. White.....	1608 Capitol Ave. Omaha.
Nevada.....	Chauncey N. Noteware.....	Carson.
New Brunswick.....	J. Twining Hartt.....	Ritchie's Bldg., St. John.
New Hampshire.....	Frank D. Woodbury.....	Concord.
New Jersey.....	Thomas H. R. Redway.....	Trenton.
New Mexico.....	Alpheus A. Keen.....	Albuquerque. [Sydney.
New South Wales.....	Arthur H. Bray.....	Masonic Hall, 283 Castlereagh St.,
New York.....	Edward M. L. Ehlers.....	Masonic Hall, New York.
New Zealand.....	Malcolm Niccol.....	Johnston St., Wellington.
North Carolina.....	John C. Drewry.....	Raleigh.
North Dakota.....	Frank J. Thompson.....	Fargo.
Nova Scotia.....	Thomas Mowbray.....	Freemasons Hall, Halifax.
Ohio.....	Jacob H. Bromwell.....	Masonic Temple, Cincinnati.
Oklahoma.....	James S. Hunt.....	Guthrie.
Oregon.....	James F. Robinson.....	Eugene.
Pennsylvania.....	William A. Sinn.....	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
Prince Edward Is.....	Neil MacKelvie.....	Summerside.
Quebec.....	Will H. Whyte.....	Montreal.
Rhode Island.....	S. Penrose Williams.....	Freemasons Hall, Providence.
Scotland.....	David Reid.....	Freemasons Hall, Edinburgh.
South Australia.....	James H. Cunningham.....	Adelaide.
South Carolina.....	Jacob T. Barron.....	Columbia.
South Dakota.....	George A. Pettigrew.....	Sioux Falls.
Tasmania.....	John Hamilton.....	Hobart.
Tennessee.....	John B. Garrett.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	John Watson.....	Waco.
Utah.....	Christopher Diehl.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	Henry H. Ross.....	Burlington.
Victoria.....	John Braim.....	Melbourne.
Virginia.....	George W. Carrington.....	Richmond.
Washington.....	Horace W. Tyler.....	Olympia.
West Virginia.....	Hiram R. Howard.....	Point Pleasant.
Western Australia.....	J. D. Stevenson.....	Freemasons Hall, Perth.
Wisconsin.....	William W. Perry.....	Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	William L. Kuykendall.....	Saratoga.

NEBRASKA LODGES ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

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Summit, No. 7*	Parkville, Colorado		May 6, 1861	June 5, 1861	
Rocky Mountain, No. 8*	Gold Hill, Colorado		May 21, 1861	June 5, 1861	
Peru, U. D.	Peru	Nemaha	June 13, 1861		June 23, 1863
Central City, U. D.	Colorado		1860 or 61		
Decatur, No. 7	Decatur	Burt		June 3 or 4, 1862	June 18, 1873
Bannack City, U. D.	Bannack City, Idaho		April —, 1863 or		
Monitor, U. D.	United States Army		June 21, 1863		
Columbus, No. 8	Columbus	Platte	July 30, 1863		Prior to 1867
Idaho, U. D.	Nevada City, Idaho		Aug. 25, 1863	June 23 or 24, 1864	June 25, 1868
Nebraska City, No. 12	Nebraska City	Otoe	Nov 17, 1863		June 23, 1864
Eureka, No. 16	Arago	Richardson	Feb. 19, 1866	June 22, 1866	Mar. 10, 1903
			Jan. 27 or 29, 1868	June 24, 1868	Dec. 23, 1875
Ashland, No. 18	Ashland	Saunders	Jan. — or		
			Apr. 10, 1868	June 24, 1868	Aug. 17, 1881
Rock Bluff, No. 20	Rock Bluff	Cass	July 15, 1867	June 24 or 25, 1868	July 16, 1884
Macey, No. 22	Plattsmouth	Cass	Feb. 10, 1869	Oct. 29, 1869	Dec. 31, 1877
Lafayette, No. 24	Lafayette Precinct (later Grant)	Nemaha	June 29, 1869	Oct. 27 or 28, 1869	Mar. 27, 1877
Wyoming, No. 28†	South Pass City, Wyoming		Nov 24, 1869	June 23, 1870	
Harmony, U. D.	Saint Deroin	Nemaha	Nov. 26, 1870		1870
Columbus, U. D.	Columbus	Platte	Jan. 3, 1871		May 12, 1871
Harmony U. D.	Saint Deroin	Nemaha	Jan. 3, 1871		June 19, 1873
Palmyra, No. 45	Palmyra	O oe	Jan. 9, 1872	June 26, 1874	Nov. 20, 1901
Salem, No. 47	Salem	Richardson	Feb. 21, 1873	June 26, 1874	June 18, 1891
Fortitude, No. 69	Ulysses	Butler	Apr. 24, 1877	June 19, 1878	July 14, 1887
Waco, No. 80	Waco	York	Mar. 20, 1880	June 23, 1880	Jan. 31, 1885
Steele City, No. 107	Steele City	Jefferson	Jan. 23, 1883	June 19, 1883	Aug. 13, 1902
Arapahoe, No. 109	Arapahoe	Furnas	Feb. 10, 1883	June 19, 1883	June 8, 1904
Brain rd, No. 115	Brainard	Butler	July 11, 1883	June 24, 1884	Sept. 5, 1903
Jaspe, No. 122	Odell	Gage	Nov. 26, 1883	June 24, 1884	Apr. 24, 1901
Indianola, No. 123	Indianola	Red Willow	Dec. 8, 1883	June 24, 1884	June 8, 1904
Ark & Anchor, No. 131	Ainsworth	Brown	July 3, 1884	June 24, 1885	Sept 26, 1890
Summit, No. 141	Johnson	Nemaha	Dec. 6, 1884	June 24, 1885	Feb. 5, 1900
Anchor, No. 142	North Loup	Valley	Dec. 18, 1884	June 24, 1885	June 5, 1901
Silver Creek, U. D.	Silver Creek	Merrick	Feb. 26, 1886		June 17, 1886
Battle Creek, U. D.	Battle Creek	Madison	Aug. 23, 1886		June 21, 1888
Trenton, U. D.	Trenton	Hitchcock	June 27, 1887		June 20, 1889
Bromfield, U. D.	Bromfield	Hamilton	July 1, 1887		June 20, 1890
Hesperia, No. 178	Shickley	Fillmore	Jan. 11, 1888	June 20, 1889	Sept. 9, 1905
Palestine, U. D.	Beatrice	Gage	July 9, 1888		June 20, 1889
Plumb, No. 186	Grant	Perkins	Jan. 31, 1889	June 20, 1889	Nov. 15, 1897
Adams, U. D.	Adams	Gage	Jan. 18, 1890		June 20, 1890
Armada, U. D.	Armada, Miller, and Sumner	Buffalo	Aug. 26, 1890		1891
Exeter, U. D.	Exeter	Fillmore	Feb. 21, 1894		June 10, 1896
†thmar, No. 238	Crab Orchard	Johnson	Aug. 29, 1895	June 10, 1896	Feb. 9, 1903
Royal, U. D.	Savage	Antelope	Nov. 13, 1900		June 6, 1901
Orion, No. 242	Ravenna	Buffalo	Mar. 31, 1897	June 16, 1898	July 6, 1904

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LODGE		TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	CREATED	CHARTERED
Nebraska,	No. 1	Omaha	Douglas	First Tuesday	Feb. —, 55 . . .	Oct. 3, 55
Western Star	" 2	Nebraska City	Otoe	Friday on or before ○	May 10, 55 . . .	May 28, 56
Capitol,	" 3	Omaha	Douglas	First Monday	Jan. 9, 57 . . .	June 3, 57
Nemaha Valley,	" 4	Brownville	Nemaha	Wednesday on or before ○	Dec. 15, 57 . . .	June 2, 58
5 Omadi,	" 5	Dakota City	Dakota	Saturday on or before ○	Jan. 18, 58 . . .	June 2, 58
Plattsmouth,	" 6	Plattsmouth	Cass	First and third Mondays	Jan. 18, 58 . . .	June 2, 58
Falls City,	" 9	Falls City	Richardson	Monday before ○	Oct. 4, 64 . . .	June 23, 65
Solomon,	" 10	Fort Calhoun	Washington	Tuesday on or before ○	Aug. 15, 65 . . .	June 22, 66
Covert,	" 11	Omaha	Douglas	First Wednesday	July 24, 65 . . .	June 22, 66
10 Orient,	" 13	Rulo	Richardson	Monday on or before ○	June 23, 66 . . .	June 19, 67
Peru,	" 14	Peru	Nemaha	Saturday on or before ○	May 23, 67 . . .	June 19, 67
Fremont,	" 15	Fremont	Dodge	First Tuesday	July 3, 66 . . .	June 20, 67
Tecumseh,	" 17	Tecumseh	Johnson	First and third Saturdays	Dec. 7, 67 . . .	Oct. 28, 69
Lincoln,	" 19	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Tuesday	May 4, 68 . . .	June 25, 68
15 Washington,	" 21	Blair	Washington	Second Tuesday	Feb. 24, 68 . . .	June 25, 68
Pawnee,	" 23	Pawnee City	Pawnee	First and third Tuesdays	Jan. 4, 69 . . .	Oct. 28, 69
Saint Johns,	" 25	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	May 28, 69 . . .	Oct. 28, 69
Beatrice,	" 26	Beatrice	Gage	Second and fourth Mondays	Mar. 23, 70 . . .	June 22, 70
Jordan,	" 27	West Point	Cuming	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Dec. 25, 69 . . .	June 23, 70
20 Hope,	" 29	Nemaha City	Nemaha	Friday on or before ○	Nov. 8, 69 . . .	June 23, 70
Blue River,	" 30	Milford	Seward	Thursday on or before ○	Apr. 25, 70 . . .	June 23, 70
Tekamah,	" 31	Tekamah	Burt	First and third Wednesdays	Aug. 19, 69 . . .	June 23, 70
Platte Valley,	" 32	North Platte	Lincoln	Second Tuesday	Jan. 15, 70 . . .	June 23, 70
Ashlar,	" 33	Grand Island	Hall	Second Thursday	Aug. 11, 70 . . .	June 22, 71
25 Acacia	" 34	Schuyler	Colfax	First Thursday	July 18, 70 . . .	June 19, 72
Fairbury,	" 35	Fairbury	Jefferson	First and third Mondays	June 30, 71 . . .	June 19, 72

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Lone Tree,	No. 36	Central City.....	Merrick.....	First and third Saturdays.....	Aug. 9, 71...	June 19, 72
Crete,	" 37	Crete.....	Saline.....	First Friday.....	Jan. 8, 72...	June 19, 72
Oliver,	" 38	Seward.....	Seward.....	Saturday on or before○.....	July 25, 71...	June 18, 73
30 Papillion,	" 39	Papillion.....	Sarpy.....	First and third Saturdays.....	Nov. 18, 72...	June 18, 73
Humboldt,	" 40	Humboldt.....	Richardson.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Dec. 16, 72...	June 18, 73
Northern Light,	" 41	Stanton.....	Stanton.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Jan. 20, 73...	June 18, 73
Juniata,	" 42	Juniata.....	Adams.....	Monday on or before○.....	Feb. 21, 73...	June 18, 73
Hebron,	" 43	Hebron.....	Thayer.....	First Thursday.....	Mar. 10, 73...	June 18, 73
35 Harvard,	" 44	Harvard.....	Clay.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	Mar. 25, 73...	June 18, 73
Rob Morris,	" 46	Kearney.....	Buffalo.....	First Wednesday.....	Feb. 21, 73...	June 26, 74
Fairmont,	" 48	Fairmont.....	Fillmore.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Dec. 4, 73...	June 26, 74
Evening Star,	" 49	Sutton.....	Clay.....	Second and fourth Thursdays.....	Dec. 22, 73...	June 26, 74
Hastings,	" 50	Hastings.....	Adams.....	First Tuesday.....	Jan. 3, 74...	June 26, 74
40 Fidelity,	" 51	David City.....	Butler.....	Saturday on or before○.....	Jan. 19, 74...	June 26, 74
Hiram,	" 52	Arlington.....	Washington.....	Saturday on or before○.....	Feb. 26, 74...	June 26, 74
Charity,	" 53	Red Cloud.....	Webster.....	First and third Fridays.....	Mar. 2, 74...	June 26, 74
Lancaster,	" 54	Lincoln.....	Lancaster.....	First Friday.....	April 20, 74...	June 26, 74
Mosaic,	" 55	Norfolk.....	Madison.....	First Tuesday.....	Oct. 1, 74...	June 23, 75
45 York,	" 56	York.....	York.....	Last Friday.....	Oct. 1, 74...	June 23, 75
Mount Moriah	" 57	Syracuse.....	Otoe.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Nov. 7, 74...	June 23, 75
Lebanon,	" 58	Columbus.....	Platte.....	Second Wednesday.....	Dec. 7, 74...	June 23, 75
Wahoo,	" 59	Wahoo.....	Saunders.....	First Wednesday.....	Jan. 20, 75...	June 23, 75
Melrose,	" 60	Orleans.....	Harlan.....	Saturday on or before○*.....	Mar. 10, 75...	June 24, 75
50 Thistle,	" 61	Lexington.....	Dawson.....	Second Tuesday.....	May 8, 75...	June 21, 76
Keystone,	" 62	Phillips.....	Hamilton.....	Saturday on or before○.....	Jan. 1, 76...	June 21, 76
Riverton,	" 63	Riverton.....	Franklin.....	Saturday on or before○.....	Dec. 22, 75...	June 21, 76
Blue Valley,	" 64	Wilber.....	Saline.....	Tuesday on or before○*.....	Oct. 6, 76...	June 20, 77

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	Osceola,	No. 65	Osceola.	Polk.	Second and fourth Saturdays . . .	Nov. 23, 67 . . .	June 20, 77
55	Livingstone,	" 66	Firth.	Lancaster.	First and third Wednesdays. . .	Feb. 16, 77 . . .	June 20, 77
	Edgar,	" 67	Edgar.	Clay.	Second and fourth Mondays. . .	Feb. 27, 77 . . .	June 20, 77
	Aurora,	" 68	Aurora.	Hamilton.	First and third Tuesdays. . . .	Feb. 10, 76 . . .	June 19, 78
	Sterling,	" 70	Sterling.	Johnson.	Tuesday on or before ○	July 16, 77 . . .	June 19, 78
	Trowel,	" 71	Neligh.	Antelope.	First and third Wednesdays. . .	Jan. 28, 78 . . .	June 19, 78
60	Hooper,	" 72	Hooper.	Dodge.	Saturday on or before ○	Mar. 19, 78 . . .	June 25, 79
	Friend,	" 73	Friend.	Saline.	Thursday on or before ○	May 4, 78 . . .	June 25, 79
	Alexandria,	" 74	Alexandria.	Thayer.	Second and fourth Mondays. . .	Dec. 26, 78 . . .	June 25, 79
	Frank Welch,	" 75	Sidney.	Cheyenne.	First Tuesday.	Dec. 26, 78 . . .	June 25, 79
	Joppa,	" 76	Bloomington.	Franklin.	Friday on or before ○	Mar. 29, 79 . . .	June 25, 79
65	Nelson,	" 77	Nelson.	Nuckolls.	Thursday on or before ○	Mar. 15, 79 . . .	June 23, 80
	Albion,	" 78	Albion.	Boone.	First and third Saturdays. . . .	Aug. 1, 79 . . .	June 23, 80
	Geneva,	" 79	Geneva.	Fillmore.	Friday on or before ○*	Nov. 24, 79 . . .	June 23, 80
	Composite,	" 81	Rising City.	Butler.	Tuesday on or before ○	Mar. 20, 80 . . .	June 22, 81
	Saint Paul,	" 82	Saint Paul.	Howard.	Third Thursday.	April 15, 80 . . .	June 22, 81
70	Corinthian,	" 83	Wakefield.	Dixon.	Saturday on or before ○	April 22, 80 . . .	June 22, 81
	Fairfield,	" 84	Fairfield.	Clay.	First and third Mondays.	Sept. 3, 80 . . .	June 22, 81
	Tyre,	" 85	Blue Springs.	Gage.	Tuesday on or before ○	Sept. 16, 80 . . .	June 22, 81
	Doniphan,	" 86	Doniphan.	Hall.	Saturday on or before ○	Jan. 7, 81 . . .	June 22, 81
	Ionic,	" 87	Niobrara.	Knox.	Thursday on or before ○	Jan. 24, 81 . . .	June 20, 82
75	Star,	" 88	Decatur.	Burt.	First Tuesday.	Sept. 17, 81 . . .	June 20, 82
	Cedar River,	" 89	Fullerton.	Nance.	First and third Mondays.	Jan. 19, 82 . . .	June 20, 82
	Elk Creek,	" 90	Elk Creek.	Johnson.	Wednesday on or before ○	Feb. 11, 82 . . .	June 20, 82
	Oakland,	" 91	Oakland.	Burt.	Second and fourth Wednesdays .	Feb. 7, 82 . . .	June 19, 83
	Hubbell,	" 92	Hubbell.	Thayer.	Second and fourth Saturdays. . .	April 29, 82 . . .	June 19, 83
80	Beaver City,	" 93	Beaver City.	Furnas.	Saturday on or before ○	May 3, 82 . . .	June 19, 83
	Bennet,	" 94	Bennet.	Lancaster.	Tuesday on or before ○	May 5, 82 . . .	June 19, 83
	Garfield,	" 95	O'Neill.	Holt.	First and third Thursdays. . . .	June 28, 82 . . .	June 19, 83
	Utica,	" 96	Utica.	Seward.	Wednesday on or before ○	July 14, 82 . . .	June 19, 83
	Euclid,	" 97	Weeping Water.	Cass.	First Monday.	July 21, 82 . . .	June 19, 83
85	Republican,	" 98	Republican City.	Harlan.	Wednesday on or before ○	July 27, 82 . . .	June 19, 83
	Shelton,	" 99	Shelton.	Buffalo.	Friday on or before ○	July 28, 82 . . .	June 19, 83

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Creighton, No. 100	Creighton.....	Knox.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Aug. 19, 82...	June 19, 83
Ponca, " 101	Ponca.....	Dixon.....	Friday on or before○.....	Sept. 1, 82...	June 19, 83
Waterloo, " 102	Waterloo.....	Douglas.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Sept. 7, 82...	June 19, 83
90 Ord, " 103	Ord.....	Valley.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Sept. 14, 82...	June 19, 83
Wymore, " 104	Wymore.....	Gage.....	Second and fourth Wednesdays	Nov. 10, 82...	June 19, 83
Stella, " 105	Stella.....	Richardson.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Dec. 4, 82...	June 19, 83
Porter, " 106	Loup City.....	Sherman.....	Tuesday on or before○*.....	Dec. 9, 82...	June 19, 83
Table Rock, " 108	Table Rock.....	Pawnee.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	Jan. 24, 83...	June 19, 83
95 Pomegranate, " 110	Ashland.....	Saunders.....	First Friday.....	Feb. 13, 83...	June 19, 83
De Witt, " 111	De Witt.....	Saline.....	Monday on or before○.....	Feb. 28, 83...	June 19, 83
Springfield, " 112	Springfield.....	Sarpy.....	Second and fourth Saturdays.....	Mar. 30, 83...	June 19, 83
Globe, " 113	Madison.....	Madison.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Feb. 16, 82...	June 24, 84
Wisner, " 114	Wisner.....	Cuming.....	Second and fourth Wednesdays	Feb. 12, 83...	June 24, 84
100 Harlan, " 116	Alma.....	Harlan.....	Friday on or before○*.....	July 12, 83...	June 24, 84
Hardy, " 117	Hardy.....	Nuckolls.....	Friday on or before○.....	July 18, 83...	June 24, 84
Doric, " 118	Dorchester.....	Saline.....	Saturday on or before○.....	Aug. 2, 83...	June 24, 84
North Bend, " 119	North Bend.....	Dodge.....	Second Tuesday.....	Sept. 5, 83...	June 24, 84
Wayne, " 120	Wayne.....	Wayne.....	Second and fourth Fridays.....	Sept. 26, 83...	June 24, 84
105 Superior, " 121	Superior.....	Nuckolls.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Nov. 22, 83...	June 24, 84
Auburn, " 124	Auburn.....	Nemaha.....	Monday on or before○.....	Dec. 25, 83...	June 24, 84
Mount Nebo, " 125	Genoa.....	Nance.....	Second and fourth Saturdays.....	Jan. 1, 84...	June 24, 84
Stromsburg, " 126	Stromsburg.....	Polk.....	Saturday on or before○.....	Jan. 16, 84...	June 24, 84
Minden, " 127	Minden.....	Kearney.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Jan. 22, 84...	June 24, 84
110 Guide Rock, " 128	Guide Rock.....	Webster.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Jan. 28, 84...	June 24, 84
Blue Hill, " 129	Blue Hill.....	Webster.....	Friday on or before○.....	Feb. 18, 84...	June 24, 84
Tuscan, " 130	Suprise.....	Butler.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Feb. 20, 84...	June 24, 85
Scribner, " 132	Scribner.....	Dodge.....	First Wednesday.....	July 9, 84...	June 24, 85

*And two weeks thereafter.

	Elm Creek	No. 133	Elm Creek.....	Buffalo.....	First Tuesday.....	Aug. 8, 84...	June 24, 85
115	Solar,	" 134	Clarks.....	Merrick.....	Tuesday on or before○	Aug. 8, 84...	June 24, 85
	McCook	" 135	McCook.....	Red Willow.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	Oct. 6, 84...	June 24, 85
	Long Pine,	" 136	Long Pine.....	Brown.....	First Saturday.....	Oct. 6, 84...	June 24, 85
	Upright,	" 137	Burchard.....	Pawnee.....	Wednesday on or before○	Nov. 14, 84...	June 24, 85
	Rawalt,	" 138	Oxford.....	Furnas.....	Saturday on or before○	Nov. 15, 84...	June 24, 85
120	Clay Centre,	" 139	Clay Centre.....	Clay.....	First and third Saturdays.....	Dec. 6, 84...	June 24, 85
	Western,	" 140	Western.....	Saline.....	Wednesday on or before○*	Dec. 6, 84...	June 24, 85
	Crescent,	" 143	Cedar Rapids.....	Boone.....	Saturday on or before○	Jan. 24, 85...	June 24, 85
	Kenesaw	" 144	Kenesaw.....	Adams.....	Friday on or before○	Jan. 28, 85...	June 24, 85
	Bancroft,	" 145	Bancroft.....	Cuming.....	Second and fourth Wednesdays	Feb. 25, 85...	June 24, 85
125	Jachin,	" 146	Holdrege.....	Phelps.....	Third Thursday.....	Mar. 31, 85...	June 17, 86
	Siloam,	" 147	Stuart.....	Holt.....	Friday on or after○	April 30, 85...	June 17, 86
	Emmet Crawford,	" 148	Broken Bow.....	Custer.....	Saturday on or before○	July 13, 85...	June 17, 86
	Jewel,	" 149	Tobias.....	Saline.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	Aug. 15, 85...	June 17, 86
	Cambridge,	" 150	Cambridge.....	Furnas.....	Tuesday on or before○	Aug. 10, 85...	June 17, 86
130	Square,	" 151	Valparaiso.....	Saunders.....	Second and fourth Tuesdays.....	Sept. 7, 85...	June 17, 86
	Parallel,	" 152	Liberty.....	Gage.....	Thursday on or before○	Nov. 20, 85...	June 17, 86
	Evergreen,	" 153	Pierce.....	Pierce.....	Tuesday on or before○*	Nov. 27, 85...	June 17, 86
	Lily,	" 154	Davenport.....	Thayer.....	Friday on or before○	Nov. 28, 85...	June 17, 86
	Hartington,	" 155	Hartington.....	Cedar.....	Wednesday on or before○	Jan. 26, 86...	June 17, 86
135	Pythagoras	" 156	Ewing.....	Holt.....	Saturday on or before○†	Oct. 24, 86...	June 16, 87
	Valley,	" 157	Wilsonville.....	Furnas.....	Saturday on or before○	Feb. 22, 86...	June 16, 87
	Samaritan,	" 158	Chadron.....	Dawes.....	First and third Thursdays.....	Mar. 17, 86...	June 16, 87
	Ogalalla,	" 159	Ogalalla.....	Keith.....	Tuesday on or before○	Aug. 14, 86...	June 16, 87
	Zeredatha,	" 160	Reynolds.....	Jefferson.....	First and third Thursdays.....	Aug. 21, 86...	June 16, 87
140	Mount Zion,	" 161	Shelby.....	Polk.....	Monday on or before○*	Aug. 25, 86...	June 16, 87
	Trestle Board,	" 162	Brock.....	Nemaha.....	Saturday on or before○	Oct. 9, 86...	June 16, 87
	Unity,	" 163	Greenwood.....	Cass.....	Friday on or before○	Dec. 18, 86...	June 16, 87
	Atkinson,	" 164	Atkinson.....	Holt.....	First and third Wednesdays	Aug. 19, 86...	June 21, 88
	Barneston,	" 165	Barneston.....	Gage.....	Tuesday on or before○*	Aug. 20, 86...	June 21, 88
145	Mystic Tie,	" 166	Tilden.....	Madison.....	Thursday on or before○	Feb. 18, 87...	June 21, 88
	Elwood,	" 167	Elwood.....	Gosper.....	Saturday on or before○	June 21, 87...	June 21, 88
	Curtis,	" 168	Curtis.....	Frontier.....	First and third Mondays.....	June 21, 87...	June 21, 88
	Amity,	" 169	Rushville.....	Sheridan.....	Third Saturday.....	July 29, 86...	June 21, 88

*And two weeks thereafter.

†And Thursday on or before new moon.

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LODGE	TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	CREATED	CHARTERED
Mason City, No. 170	Mason City.	Custer.	Tuesday on or before○	Aug. 1, 87.	June 21, 88
150 Merna, " 171	Merna.	Custer.	Saturday on or after○	Aug. 2, 87.	June 21, 88
Grafton, " 172	Grafton.	Fillmore.	Wednesday on or before○*	Oct. 18, 87.	June 21, 88
Rob't Burns, " 173	Stratton.	Hitchcock.	Second and fourth Wednesdays.	Nov. 15, 87.	June 21, 88
Culbertson, " 174	Culbertson.	Hitchcock.	First and third Wednesdays.	Nov. 16, 87.	June 21, 88
Temple, " 175	Filley.	Gage.	First and third Saturdays.	Dec. 9, 87.	June 21, 88
155 Gladstone, " 176	Ansley.	Custer.	Saturday after○	Feb. 18, 88.	June 21, 88
Hay Springs, " 177	Hay Springs.	Sheridan.	Monday on or before○	Feb. 20, 88.	June 21, 88
Prudence, " 179	Beaver Crossing.	Seward.	Tuesday on or before○	Aug. 24, 88.	June 20, 89
Justice, " 180	Benkelman.	Dundy.	Friday on or before○	Oct. 8, 88.	June 20, 89
Faith, " 181	Crawford.	Dawes.	Thursday on or before○	Dec. 13, 88.	June 20, 89
160 Incense, " 182	Ohiowa.	Fillmore.	Friday on or before○	Dec. 21, 88.	June 20, 89
Alliance, " 183	Alliance.	Box Butte.	Thursday on or before○	Jan. 18, 89.	June 20, 89
Bee Hive, " 184	South Omaha.	Douglas.	First Thursday.	Jan. 22, 89.	June 20, 89
Boaz, " 185	Danbury.	Red Willow.	Wednesday on or before○	Jan. 24, 89.	June 20, 89
Israel, " 187	Ulysses.	Butler.	Tuesday on or before○	Feb. 2, 89.	June 20, 89
165 Meridian, " 188	Cozad.	Dawson.	Third Saturday.	Feb. 4, 89.	June 20, 89
Granite, " 189	Gibbon.	Buffalo.	First Thursday.	Feb. 18, 89.	June 20, 89
Amethyst, " 190	Gandy.	Logan.	Second and fourth Wednesdays.	Aug. 5, 89.	June 20, 90
Crystal, " 191	Scotia.	Greeley.	Saturday on or before○	Aug. 7, 89.	June 20, 90
Minnekadusa, " 192	Valentine.	Cherry.	Tuesday on or before○	Aug. 15, 89.	June 20, 90
170 Signet, " 193	Leigh.	Colfax.	Friday on or before○	Sept. 3, 89.	June 20, 90
Highland, " 194	Cortland.	Gage.	First and third Mondays.	Sept. 21, 89.	June 20, 90
Arcana, " 195	Gordon.	Sheridan.	First and third Mondays.	Oct. 17, 89.	June 20, 90
Level, " 196	Stockville.	Frontier.	Saturday on or before○	Nov. 1, 89.	June 20, 90
Morning Star, " 197	Gresham.	York.	Friday on or before○	Dec. 16, 89.	June 20, 90
175 Purity, " 198	Imperial.	Chase.	Friday on or before○	Dec. 24, 89.	June 20, 90
Gavel, " 199	Carleton.	Thayer.	Tuesday on or before○	July 20, 89.	June 18, 91
Blazing Star, " 200	Burwell.	Garfield.	Thursday on or after○	Aug. 5, 90.	June 18, 91
Scotts Bluff, " 201	Gering.	Scotts Bluff.	First and third Saturdays.	Aug. 8, 90.	June 18, 91

*And two weeks thereafter.

	Golden Sheaf, No. 202	Randolph.	Cedar.	Monday on or before ○	Aug. 29, 90. . .	June 18, 91
180	Roman Eagle, " 203	Pender.	Thurston.	Tuesday on or before ○	Aug. 30, 90. . .	June 18, 91
	Plainview, " 204	Plainview.	Pierce.	Tuesday on or before ○*	Sept. 1, 90. . .	June 18, 91
	Golden Fleece, " 205	Chappell.	Deuel.	Thursday on or before ○	Sept. 2, 90. . .	June 18, 91
	Naphthali, " 206	Diller.	Jefferson.	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Dec. 31, 90. . .	June 18, 91
	Parian, " 207	Callaway.	Custer.	Thursday on or before ○	Jan. 31, 91. . .	June 18, 91
185	Gauge, " 208	Arcadia.	Valley.	Tuesday after ○*	Aug. 24, 91. . .	June 16, 92
	Canopy, " 209	Elmwood.	Cass.	Saturday on or before ○	Sept. 4, 91. . .	June 16, 92
	East Lincoln, " 210	Lincoln.	Lancaster.	Second Thursday†.	Nov. 5, 91. . .	June 16, 92
	Cement, " 211	Wood River.	Hall.	Thursday on or before ○	Nov. 27, 91. . .	June 16, 92
	Compass & Square, " 212	Sumner.	Dawson.	Tuesday on or before ○	Dec. 12, 91. . .	June 16, 92
190	Square & Compass, " 213	Miller.	Buffalo.	Friday on or before ○	Dec. 14, 91. . .	June 16, 92
	Plumblin, " 214	Adams.	Gage.	Monday on or before ○	Nov. 17, 91. . .	June 15, 93
	Occidental, " 215	Cedar Bluffs.	Saunders.	Saturday on or before ○	July 16, 92. . .	June 15, 93
	Palisade, " 216	Palisade.	Hitchcock.	Tuesday on or before ○	July 18, 92. . .	June 15, 93
	Wauneta, " 217	Wauneta.	Chase.	First and third Thursdays.	Dec. 7, 92. . .	June 15, 93
195	Bloomfield, " 218	Bloomfield.	Knox.	Tuesday on or before ○	Jan. 18, 93. . .	June 15, 93
	Relief, " 219	Coleridge.	Cedar.	Second Friday.	Jan. 19, 93. . .	June 15, 93
	Magnolia, " 220	Emerson.	Dixon.	Wednesday on or before ○	Jan. 21, 93. . .	June 15, 93
	Wood Lake, " 221	Wood Lake.	Cherry.	Saturday on or before ○	Sept. 22, 92. . .	June 21, 94
	Landmark, " 222	Herman.	Washington.	Tuesday on or before ○	Mar. 1, 93. . .	June 21, 94
200	Eminence, " 223	Giltner.	Hamilton.	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Sept. 26, 93. . .	June 26, 94
	Silver Cord, " 224	Ainsworth.	Brown.	Second Saturday.	Oct. 17, 93. . .	June 21, 94
	Cable, " 225	Arnold.	Custer.	First and third Saturdays.	Nov. 17, 93. . .	June 21, 94
	Grace, " 226	Wilcox.	Kearney.	Monday on or before ○*	Jan. 20, 93. . .	June 13, 95
	North Star, " 227	University Place.	Lancaster.	First and third Wednesdays.	July 28, 94. . .	June 13, 95
205	Bartley, " 228	Bartley.	Red Willow.	Wednesday on or before ○	Nov. 23, 94. . .	June 13, 95
	Comet, " 229	Ceresco.	Saunders.	Thursday on or before ○*	Dec. 5, 94. . .	June 13, 95
	Delta, " 230	Saint Edward.	Boone.	First and third Saturdays.	Dec. 11, 94. . .	June 13, 95
	Mt. Hermon, " 231	Cook.	Johnson.	Wednesday on or before ○	Dec. 19, 94. . .	June 13, 95
	John S. Bowen, " 232	Kennard.	Washington.	Third Saturday.	Feb. 6, 95. . .	June 13, 95
210	Gilead, " 233	Butte.	Boyd.	Second and fourth Mondays.	Nov. 22, 94. . .	June 10, 96
	Zion, " 234	Hyannis.	Grant.	Wednesday on or before ○	July 19, 95. . .	June 10, 96

*And two weeks thereafter.

†And June 24th each year.

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LODGE	TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING	CREATED	CHARTERED
Fraternity, No. 235	Winside.....	Wayne.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Aug. 2, 95...	June 10, 96
Golden Rule, " 236	Allen.....	Dixon.....	Tuesday on or before○.....	Aug. 3, 95...	June 10, 96
Cubit, " 237	Douglas.....	Otoe.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Aug. 9, 95...	June 10, 96
215 Friendship, " 239	Chapman.....	Merrick.....	Second and fourth Fridays.....	Oct. 7, 95...	June 10, 96
Pilot, " 240	Lyons.....	Burt.....	Third Friday.....	Nov. 29, 95...	June 10, 96
George Armstrong, " 241	Craig.....	Burt.....	First and third Tuesdays.....	Aug. 1, 95...	June 17, 97
Tyrian, " 243	Oak.....	Nuckolls.....	First and third Wednesdays.....	Aug. 24, 98...	June 8, 99
Sincerity, " 244	Battle Creek.....	Madison.....	Second Tuesday.....	Feb. 18, 99...	June 8, 99
220 Hampton, " 245	Hampton.....	Hamilton.....	First and third Wednesdays.....	July 13, 99...	June 7, 00
Nehawka, " 246	Nehawka.....	Cass.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Jan. 2, 00...	June 7, 00
Corner-stone, " 247	Osmond.....	Pierce.....	Friday on or before○.....	Jan. 3, 00...	June 7, 00
Laurel, " 248	Laurel.....	Cedar.....	Second and fourth Wednesdays.....	Feb. 12, 00...	June 7, 00
Gothenburg, " 249	Gothenburg.....	Dawson.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	June 20, 00...	June 6, 01
225 Geo. Washington, " 250	Havelock.....	Lancaster.....	Second and fourth Thursdays.....	June 20, 00...	June 6, 01
Wausa, " 251	Wausa.....	Knox.....	Friday on or before○*.....	Nov. 18, 00...	June 6, 01
Hildreth, " 252	Hildreth.....	Franklin.....	Wednesday on or before○*.....	July 2, 01...	June 5, 02
Beemer, " 253	Beemer.....	Cuming.....	First and third Wednesdays.....	Jan. 1, 02...	June 5, 02
Bassett, " 254	Bassett.....	Rock.....	Second and fourth Thursdays.....	Oct. 8, 02...	June 4, 03
230 Bradshaw, " 255	Bradshaw.....	York.....	First and third Mondays.....	June 17, 03...	June 9, 04
Hickman, " 256	Hickman.....	Lancaster.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Dec. 7, 03...	June 9, 04
Holbrook, " 257	Holbrook.....	Furnas.....	First and third Saturdays.....	Jan. 11, 04...	June 9, 04
Anselmo, " 258	Anselmo.....	Custer.....	Wednesday on or before○.....	Dec. 10, 04...	June 7, 05
234 Bee, " 259	Bee.....	Seward.....	Thursday on or before○.....	Feb. 11, 05...	June 7, 05

*And two weeks thereafter.

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WITH INSTALLED OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1907.

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
	Nebraska, No. 1	Albert W. Jeffries	*Bernard J. Drummond	Edward L. Bradley . . .	William C. McLean.
	Western Star, " 2	William A. Forbes	John C. Poling	Arthur A. Bischof . . .	Milton R. Thorp.
	Capitol, " 3	William E. Rhoades	LaForest L. Pratt	Joseph B. Fradenburg.	John Bamford.
	Nemaha Valley, " 4	Abraham L. Lawrence	Wm. M. Kauffman, Sr	Arthur L. Barber	Edward E. Lowman.
5	Omadi, " 5	George J. Boucher	Willie L. Ross	Walter Cheney	Mell A. Schmied.
	Plattsmouth, " 6	William L. Pickett	Oliver C. Dovey	Frank L. Cummins	Michael Archer.
	Falls City, " 9	Barton C. Metz	Ralph P. Roberts	Headley T. Gardiner . . .	Amos E. Gantt.
	Solomon, " 10	Oliver M. Ireland	Wallace R. Williams	David W. Marr	Camille Saltzman.
	Covert, " 11	Charley L. Porter	George F. West	William R. Bennett	Frank W. Boyer.
10	Orient, " 13	George N. Ocamb	John C. Shepherd	Dudley Van Valkenburg	George D. Kirk.
	Peru, " 14	John Blankenship	Willard Redfern	William D. Redmond	Julius C. Chatelain.
	Fremont, " 15	Eugene A. Schullian	Seth F. Stiles	Henry G. Breitenfeld . . .	John L. Schurman.
	Tecumseh, " 17	Michael E. Cowan	Clarence R. Wright	Frank L. Brandage	Leo B. Heskett.
	Lincoln, " 19	Charles M. Keefer	Howard J. Whitmore	Elmer W. Brown	James W. Frow.
15	Washington, " 21	George C. Marshall	Charles T. Farnham	John P. White	Frederick W. Arndt.
	Pawnee, " 23	Frank S. Colwell	Ai Bispham	John J. Humphrey	George E. Becker.
	St. Johns, " 25	Everett R. Woods	Matthew E. Muxen	Edward G. Wilmoth	Carl E. Herring.
	Beatrice, " 26	J. Edward C. Fisher	Charles H. Campbell	Robert A. Smith	Burt L. Spellman.
	Jordan, " 27	Charles F. Nitz	James C. Elliott	John B. Thorp	Frederick A. C. Leffert.
20	Hope, " 29	William W. Seid	William W. Sanders	Alfred B. Kenton	William F. Keeling.
	Blue River, " 30	Arthur H. Shultz	Levi J. Hollingsworth	Randolph Unzicker	George E. Brandon.
	Tekamah, " 31	Frank E. Ward	Harry K. Clark	Walter M. Hopewell	John A. Singhaus.
	Platte Valley, " 32	John G. McIlvain	Frank L. Mooney	Fred W. Rincker	Frank E. Bullard.
	Ashlar, " 33	George H. Miller	William T. Alden	Emil H. Verrigg	Robert R. Watson.
25	Acacia, " 34	Donald D. McLeod	James A. Grimison	Mathias F. Shonka	William A. Rathsack.
	Fairbury, " 35	Robert D. Russell	Percy Thornton	James L. Hutchinson	Lew Shelley.
	Lone Tree, " 36	Charles C. McEndree	Joseph W. Vieregg	Albert B. May	Arthur J. Lindley.

*Elected, no report of installation.

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LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
Crete,	No. 37	Lucius H. Denison.....	George L. Meissner....	Harry W. Gasser.....	Jared J. Atwater.
Oliver,	" 38	Orrin D. Wicks.....	Frank Newton.....	James Calder.....	Charles K. Porter.
30 Papillion,	" 39	Robert B. Armstrong....	George F. King.....	Charles F. Schaab....	William E. Patterson.
Humboldt,	" 40	Henry A. Scott.....	J. Frank Snethen....	Bohumil Fruhbauer....	Edgar S. Norton.
Northern Light,	" 41	Edward B. Baer.....	John T. Shocker.....	Edwin R. Chace.....	William T. McFarland.
Juniata,	" 42	Enos J. Hanchett.....	Frank R. Hughes.....	Wm. E. Cadwallader...	Addison P. Slack.
Hebron,	" 43	Charles C. Richards....	Clark M. Liggitt.....	Oscar A. Otten.....	William B. Hughes.
35 Harvard,	" 44	Linus A. Higgins.....	Frederick A. Haseloh..	Fenn C. Kenower.....	Griffith J. Thomas.
Rob Morris,	" 46	Roy S. Shahan.....	Edward S. Chadwick..	Walter Beall.....	James D. Hawthorne.
Fairmont,	" 48	Melvin E. Mill.....	Samuel M. Dewey....	Sherman F. Ashby....	Virgil A. Stuart.
Evening Star,	" 49	Homer W. Gray.....	Peter F. Nuss.....	William F. Hoerger....	Herman H. Schultz.
Hastings,	" 50	Willis A. Reynolds....	Merton L. Francis....	William R. Alexander..	Robert R. Damerell.
40 Fidelity,	" 51	George L. Krahl.....	William S. McCoy....	Edward Hulla.....	John Harper.
Hiram,	" 52	Joseph C. Chapman....	Anson B. Newkirk....	John H. Dorbecker....	Joseph C. Blackburn
Charity,	" 53	John C. Myers.....	George F. M. Newhouse	Flavius J. Grice.....	Albert U. Kaley.
Lancaster,	" 54	Claude S. Wilson.....	Robert O. Wolf.....	Robert R. Gray.....	Harry Warner.
Mosaic,	" 55	Andrew H. Vielc.....	David Rees.....	William R. Hoffman...	Miner C. Hazen.
45 York,	" 56	George R. Reed.....	Homer R. Hatfield....	Ezra H. Smith.....	Irvin A. Baker.
Mt. Moriah,	" 57	James R. Alexander....	Dennison P. West....	Louis S. Fallers....	William O. Stanbro.
Lebanon,	" 58	W. Irving Spiece.....	George A. Scott.....	J. Herman Johannus..	James R. Meagher.
Wahoo,	" 59	Floyd J. Pickett.....	*John D. Frahm.....	Robert F. McCreery...	John C. Hamilton.
Melrose,	" 60	George S. Austin.....	Wendell P. Pierce....	Gus Peterson.....	Harry Mitchell.
50 Thistle,	" 61	Frederic L. Temple....	Frank L. Fox.....	William Kugler.....	Samuel C. Mullin.
Keystone,	" 62	John T. Price.....	Didrick Sorensen....	Emmett C. Arnett....	Mark M. Pechin.
Riverton,	" 63	Willis P. Fulton.....	Willard H. Clopper...	David Eastwood.....	John D. Fulton.
Blue Valley,	" 64	James J. Grimm.....	Charles Whipple.....	J. Reginald Doane....	Thomas J. Taylor.
Osceola,	" 65	Josiah D. Hartman....	Lawrence M. Shaw....	Hopewell P. Shore....	Frederick H. Ball.

Elected, no report of installation,

55†Livingstone,	No. 66	Albert R. Tonvelle	E. Cicero Hill	Timothy H. Davis	Abraham P. Monteba
Edgar,	" 67	John Sugden	Charles M. Ferree	Frank M. Ferree	John J. Walley
Aurora,	" 68	Amos D. Travis	Frank Johnson	James E. Schoonover	Delevan Bates
Sterling,	" 70	Fred Catchpole	George P. Potter	Fred Harrington	E. Ross Hitchcock
Trowel,	" 71	Hugh L. McGinitie	Gay N. McDougal	Willis W. Cole	David W. Beattie
60 Hooper,	" 72	Charles C. Cushman	Martin A. Uehling	George W. Heine	Charles H. Lyman
Friend,	" 73	Robert M. Proudfit	John H. Ball	George D. Hoschoner	Andros W. Hoyt
Alexandria,	" 74	William C. Beers	George A. Birdsall	Charles W. Samms	Benjamin L. Terry
Frank Welch,	" 75	Herman Schroeder	Hugh M. Barnhart	Frederick Dresser	Leslie Neubauer
Joppa,	" 76	William F. Humphrey	Ray V. McGrew	John A. Barker	Richard W. Montgomery
65 Nelson,	" 77	Roderick D. Sutherland	John T. Dysart	Thomas W. Cole	Jacob Ritterbush
Albion,	" 78	W. Christian Weitzel	Frank A. Doten	Stephen H. Payne	Thompson F. Martin
Geneva,	" 79	Charles P. Weston	Royal Woods	Guy Case	George H. Nelson
Composite,	" 81	Joseph W. Downing	Willis H. Birth	James Wilson	William A. Noddings
St. Paul,	" 82	Cassius B. Manuel	Charles Iams	Jacob O. Stewart	Frank E. Pope
70 Corinthian,	" 83	Cyrus E. Hunter	Nels H. Hanson	Edward F. Powell	Frank L. Shoop
Fairfield,	" 84	Thornton P. Shively	George P. Whitham	John P. Jenkins	Melvin D. Gates
Tyre,	" 85	Alfred R. Morris	Rowland Evans	Justus A. Smith	John M. Falwell
Doniphan,	" 86	Henry E. Funk	Samuel B. Marsh	Benjamin Wilson	*Isaac T. Ward
Ionic,	" 87	Frank Nelson	Charles A. Nippell	George W. Chambers	George L. Adams
75 Star,	" 88	Larimo D. Lambert	Bennie Evans	William I. Langley	Edgar A. Sears
Cedar River,	" 89	William F. Prowett	Albert R. Miller	J. Dudley Barnes	William P. Hatten
††Elk Creek,	" 90	William A. Davis	Isaac H. Bonham	Robert E. Bicknell	John Robison
Oakland,	" 91	August C. Holmquist	Charles P. Lang	Clyde C. Neumann	Victor L. Fried
Hubbell,	" 92	Samuel Patten	Oscar D. Gooden	James A. Miles	John J. Irwin
80 Beaver City,	" 93	Thomas M. Davis	Thomas A. Boyd	Berton F. Moore	Thomas F. Newton
Bennet,	" 94	Harry Honnor	Oscar Nelson	Howard L. Eggleston	R. Cooper Bailey
Garfield,	" 95	Oscar O. Snyder	Lloyd G. Gillespie	Grant W. Smith	James C. Harnish
Utica,	" 96	William C. Kenner	Gilbert G. Jones	Gust Ruttenbeck, Jr.	Robert C. Hunter
Euclid,	" 97	Frank J. Davis	Henry T. Wilson	Orestus V. Boon	Philemon S. Barnes
85 Republican,	" 98	George H. Woolman	Arthur H. Warren	Wallace L. Washburn	Charles W. Whitney
Shelton,	" 99	William C. Bentley	Pliny H. Graves	Herman Schepers	Charles F. Brady
Creighton,	" 100	John K. Brown	Willis W. Brown	Orin A. H. Bruce	Leroy L. Seelye

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†Charter arrested July 25th, 1906.

††Charter arrested July 27th, 1906.

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LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY	
	Ponca,	No 101	Edward J. Berry.	James E. Myers.	James E. Stevenson.	Marion I. Mellon.
	Waterloo,	" 102	Charles E. Wilkins.	Frank E. Mendenhall.	Henry R. Bassler.	Chauncey P. Coy.
90	Ord,	" 103	Truman A. Waters.	Charles C. Shepard.	W. Curtis Parsons.	James F. Colby.
	Wymore,	" 104	Conrad E. Beinert.	Albert G. Smart.	Oliver H. Perry.	George O. Laflin.
	Stella,	" 105	James R. Cain Jr.	Ira G. Wilson.	Alfred Shellenbarger.	L. Edward Lyanna.
	Porter	" 106	Joseph S. Pedler.	James I. Depew.	John W. Long.	Charles F. Beushousen.
	Table Rock,	" 108	Charles J. Wood.	Rosco C. Zink.	John N. Phillips.	James Tillotson.
95	Pomegranate,	" 110	Frederick A. Koehler.	George L. Scott.	John A. Scott.	Louis C. Churchill.
	DeWitt,	" 111	Albert Thomas.	Thomas V. Whiffin.	William S. Wiggins.	John W. Hartman.
	Springfield,	" 112	John C. Geib.	Sylvanus O. Lovell.	Charles D. Martin.	Junius G. Timberlake.
	Globe,	" 113	Marion B. Foster.	Edward Fricke.	Paul L. Grant.	Willard G. Jones.
	Wisner	" 114	Oscar R. Thompson.	Frederick Balster.	Fred Wiggers.	C. Henry Hoff.
100	Harlan,	" 116	James G. Thompson.	G. Taylor Vermillion.	Samuel M. Baker.	Clinton M. Fletcher.
	Hardy,	" 117	Oscar D. Althouse.	Charles W. Miller.	Charles E. Stone.	James H. Fair.
	Doric	" 118	William Freidell.	Samuel H. Weston.	John G. Potter.	J. Frank Longanecker.
	North Bend	" 119	Fred A. Howe.	Burlingame Walker.	George A. Millar.	Charles E. Haverfield.
	Wayne,	" 120	James G. Mines.	Albert R. Davis.	Horace W. Theabald.	J. Murray Cherry.
105	Superior,	" 121	John W. Mitchell.	Albert C. Felt.	Peter Johnsen.	Marcellus L. Pierce.
	Auburn,	" 124	Eugene M. Tyler.	James M. Armstrong.	James G. Maclay.	Samuel D. Teare.
	Mount Nebo,	" 125	Hiram Lewis.	Frank W. Wake.	Benjamin Person.	David E. Jones.
	Stromsburg,	" 126	Hamilton R. Hardy.	William T. Seymour.	John Povey.	James D. Edwards.
	Minden,	" 127	McLeod W. Chappell.	James H. Cardwell.	George H. Hartsough.	George F. Milbourn.
110	Guide Rock	" 128	Ralph W. McCallum.	Earl B. Crary.	Harry T. Vaughan.	Isaac B. Colvin.
	Blue Hill,	" 129	Robert A. Simpson.	Jothan K. Martin.	Dean W. Fay.	Albert D. Ranney.
	Tuscan,	" 130	Herbert A. Fair.	Ernest E. Miller.	William Kunzman.	Amasa S. Chapman.
	Scribner,	" 132	John F. Drenguis.	John E. Burns.	Oscar C. Hopper.	Robert L. Burns.
	Elm Creek,	" 133	George L. Richards.	Elwin C. Krewson.	Edward F. Frates.	Charles A. Willis.

115	Solar,	No. 134	William H. Mockridge.	Charles H. Fox.	John W. Blair.	William R. Morse.
	McCook,	" 135	George B. Berry.	Charles L. Fahnestock	Clinton B. Sawyer.	Hans I. Peterson.
	Long Pine,	" 136	Lewis E. Smith.	Uriah Chester.	Oscar Laederach.	John S. Davisson.
	Upright,	" 137	Jacob L. Diehl.	Albert Stake.	William Hackenburg.	Ferdinand Bstandig.
	Rawalt,	" 138	Robert D. Sands.	James O. Tomlinson.	William B. Kiser.	George Ayer.
120	Clay Centre,	" 139	Jesse G. Jessup.	Newton W. Johnson.	Ambrose C. Epperson.	Charles C. Blanchard.
	Western,	" 140	William S. Grafton.	Levi N. Smith.	Marshal Rhynolds.	Horace B. Wilkinson.
	Crescent,	" 143	Frank D. Burgess.	Howard E. Bodie.	Frederick M. Tully.	William A. Gibson.
	Kenesaw,	" 144	Samuel H. Smith.	Elbert J. Latta.	James McKinney.	William T. Hoover.
	Bancroft,	" 145	J Herman Russman.	Nels Hjelm.	G. Arthur Bailey.	E. Harry Morgan.
125	Jachin,	" 146	Charles C St. Clair.	Eugene W. Reed.	Charles A. Galloway.	Eben E. Brown.
	Siloam,	" 147	Edward A. Walker.	William N. Coats.	Fred L. Barclay.	Horace Shank.
	Emmet Crawford,	" 148	Leander H. Jewett.	Joseph S. Molyneaux.	John S. Squires.	Augustin R. Humphrey.
	Jewel,	" 149	George W. Cobel.	Frank P. Steele.	Henry Hein.	William G. McFarland.
	Cambridge,	" 150	Ernest B. Perry.	John M. Rankin.	Charles N. Barker.	G. Eli Simon.
130	Square,	" 151	William J. Collier.	William G. Johnson.	George W. Grener.	William Bays.
	Parallel,	" 152	Harley E. Bowhay.	Nelson H. Olmsted.	William Lynch.	Henry I. Yother.
	Evergreen,	" 153	Walter G. Hiron.	Louis P. Tonner.	Schuyler M. Durfee.	William B. Chilvers.
	Lily,	" 154	Edward Sedgewick.	L. Clark Minard.	Nelson B. Larson.	Henry Ritzen.
	Hartington,	" 155	Fred W. Barnhart.	John Schwabland.	Fred M. Kimball.	Richard J. Richards.
135	Pythagoras,	" 156	Carl Jaco.	Andrew J. Davis.	David G. Roll.	Porterfield M. Conger.
	Valley,	" 157	Lavern L. Brown.	Harmon E. Cady.	John I. Hoylman.	Edward J. Hamilton.
	Samaritan,	" 158	George H. Willis.	Allen G. Fisher.	Thomas B. Augustine.	Benjamin F. Pitnian.
	Ogalalla,	" 159	James K. Allen.	John W. Welpton.	Hugh Eyman.	Malcolm MacLean.
	Zeredatha,	" 160	Andrew C. Moore.	Hiram A. Filley.	James F. Gregory.	Thomas J. Kirk.
140	Mount Zion,	" 161	Henry Burritt.	William T. Mawhor.	Irvin G. McBeth.	Fred Berger.
	Trestle Board,	" 162	Addison C. Maynard.	Herman F. Wildberger.	Adelbert E. Wilkie.	Almon C. DePue.
	Unity,	" 163	William E. Hand.	Edward E. Hartsook.	Hugh Armstrong.	Cyrus F. Hall.
	Atkinson,	" 164	Charles E. Havens.	Jesse E. Brook.	Frank G. Reckner.	James L. McDonald.
	Barneston,	" 165	Seth S Ratliff.	Elam Eckert.	John A. Anderson.	George H. Hauer.
145	Mystic Tie,	" 166	Thomas K. Hansen.	John D. Askwith.	Charles A. Smith.	John F. Newhall.
	Elwood,	" 167	Ed. Lervig.	Charles T. Coate.	Walter L. Tilden.	Hiram A. Willard.
	Curtis,	" 168	Jacob Scherer.	Abel E. Thorne.	Thomas M. Demcy.	Frank C. Thorne.
	Amity,	" 169	John H. Jones.	Joseph E. West.	William W. Wood.	George D. Peck.

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	Purity,	No. 198	Albert C. Clayburg	John C. Hill	Clarence N. Cottrell	John C. Hayes.
	Gavel,	" 199	Walter C. Bates	George W. Bailey	Elmer E. Wheeler	James H. Bryant.
	Blazing Star,	" 200	William Banks	William W. Hemmett	Fred W. Sawyer	Cyrus O. Brown.
	Scotts Bluff,	" 201	Henry M. Thornton	Rollin B. Judson	Fred D. Wolt	Clarence W. Bonham.
	Golden Sheaf,	" 202	Arthur E. Cook	Obed O. Reed	Benjamin F. Smith	Clarence B. Willey.
180	Roman Eagle,	" 203	Thomas L. Sloan	John W. Chambers	Eric J. Larson	Robert Racely.
	Plainview,	" 204	Archie G. Cole	Fred J. Morse	Frank C. Holbert	Abel Buckingham.
	Golden Fleece,	" 205	August G. Neumann	William E. Roudebush	Adam Zimmerman	Harvey I. Babcock.
	Napthali,	" 206	Adelbert Stotts	J. Smith Diller	Arthur E. Price	Ora J. Mayborn.
	Parian,	" 207	Frank L. Haycock	Harvey S. Mahan	Silas G. Payton	Henry H. Andrews.
185	Gauge,	" 208	Walter Sorensen	Henry S. Kinsey	Charles H. Downing	Peter Christian.
	Canopy,	" 209	John C. Brown	William P. Current	Deiderick Smith	Floyd L. Woolcott.
	East Lincoln,	" 210	El Roy Deputy	Rollin H. George	Melvin T. Harmer	Thomas W. Moore.
	Cement,	" 211	George B. McGlassen	Charles E. Towne	Martin L. Wiseman	William W. Mitchell.
	Compass & Square,	" 212	Marcus E. Bush	John Hothem	Gust Hald	Oliver W. Millhouse.
190	Square & Compass,	" 213	Lewis P. Rose	Lester W. Hall	Elmer F. Wagner	Erie W. Northrop.
	Plumblin,	" 214	James W. McKibben	John P. Babb	James B. Coffman	John E. Killen.
	Occidental,	" 215	William F. Bockemuehl	Ernest F. Peck	George F. Staats	John H. Mackprang.
	Palisade,	" 216	Charles J. Wilcox	George Y. Kittle	Myron J. Posson	Solomon H. Blum.
	Wauneta,	" 217	Austin C. Pence	Fayette T. Dimick	Anthon Deininger	James W. Shrigley.
190	Bloomfield,	" 218	Bertollete Y. High	Edward L. Caya	Bower J. Hunt	Joachim J. Barge.
	Relief,	" 219	Frank H. Peck	George H. Peck	Luther Hagerdon	George A. Gray.
	Magnolia,	" 220	Morris H. Evans	John L. Davis	Franklin G. Ross	George H. Haase.
	Wood Lake,	" 221	Joseph P. Kreycik	David Hanna	Neil Hanna	Andrew L. Johnson.
	Landmark,	" 222	Charles R. Gray	Allan J. Cameron	Rasmus H. Rasmussen	Herbert H. Herzog.
200	Eminence,	" 223	Frank W. Mather	Alfred V. Cunningham	Jugurtha S. Wainwright	George H. Washburn.
	Silver Cord,	" 224	Charles A. Barnes	Herbert W. Fournier	Charles F. Howe	Rex Bailly.
	Cable,	" 225	Byrne E. Robinson	Gage J. Hammond	Charles C. Ross	William C. Beltz.
	Grace,	" 226	Cleon W. Acken	Stewart E. Carskadon	Charles W. Lamborn	Bryant Howe.
	North Star,	" 227	Rude Daily	Lewis F. England	Henry Campbell	Henry M. Worley.
205	Bartley,	" 228	John E. Hathorn	Samuel W. Clark	Edward E. Smith	Andrew L. Cochran.
	Comet,	" 229	Joseph W. Blodgett	John W. Clark	Charles Goula	Robert C. Knudsen.
	Delta,	" 230	Elmer W. McFarland	Winfred F. Flory	John T. Burn	Orville H. Flory.

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LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
	Mount Hermon, No. 231	William Whalen.	Owen D. Platt.	Louis Richards.	Alfred Wirt.
	John S. Bowen, " 232	Oliver S. Alloway.	John Blaco.	Henry C. Cashman.	August F. Schafer.
210	Gilead, " 233	William Dereg.	Donald Sinclair.	John Antrim.	Robert Ford.
	Zion, " 234	William H. Nickles.	James H. Monahan.	William H. Prettyman	Floyd A. White.
	Fraternity, " 235	Walter Gaebler.	George S. Farran.	Jacob H. Prescott.	Gilbert E. French.
	Golden Rule, " 236	William F. Filley.	William H. Pomeroy	*Walter S. Hart.	Vernon W. McDonald.
	Cubit, " 237	J. LeRoy Marshall.	George J. Steele.	Edward C. Neel.	Judson A. Schoenthal.
215	Friendship, " 239	John P. Lau.	Henry Kortum.	Orva Aurand.	Junius A. Fishburn.
	Pilot, " 240	Thomas Hanson.	George E. Lundberg.	*Fred Classen.	Charles A. Darling.
	George Armstrong " 241	Charles B. Clark.	J. Dwight Gordon.	Jacob L. Friis.	John T. Davis.
	Tyrian, " 243	William F. Mitchell.	William S. Price.	James O. Moore.	Vincent P. Britts.
	Sincerity, " 244	Thomas L. White.	Harry E. Reavis.	William C. Day.	Frank E. Martin.
220	Hampton, " 245	Stephen C. Houghton.	Leroy Cox.	Edwin H. Cramer.	Martin Hansen.
	Nehawka, " 246	Andrew F. Sturm.	James E. Banning.	Raymond C. Pollard.	Edwin A. Kirkpatrick.
	Corner-stone, " 247	Ernest W. Fischer.	Edward C. Weingartner.	Preserved J. Canon.	Lynn A. Quivey.
	Laurel, " 248	Claude C. Sackett.	John B. Jouvenat.	William E. G. Oxby.	Joseph F. Guss.
	Gothenburg, " 249	Edwin J. Spaulding.	William H. Haywood.	Scott K. Beghtol.	John J. Jennings.
225	George Washington " 250	Oliver E. McCutchan.	Charles H. Martin.	Charlie A. Hughart.	Eugene C. Lyon.
	Wausa, " 251	George L. Bosse.	Theophil Planck.	Theodore A. Anthony.	William Berridge.
	Hildreth, " 252	George M. Myers.	Charles Shields.	Nels P. Johnson.	Winfield S. Marr.
	Beemer, " 253	James J. Fenelon.	John Nellor.	Harry A. Crosby.	Edwin Albright.
	Bassett, " 254	Adon O. Smith.	Pearl H. Davis.	Harry E. Artus.	Fred N. Morgan.
230	Bradshaw, " 255	Emile C. Roggy.	George B. Steadman.	James M. Hamilton.	Chancy B. Palmer, Jr.
	Hickman, " 256	Joseph M. Swiggart.	Cyrus Black.	Claude L. Morrison.	Aaron J. Vail.
	Holbrook, " 257	Albert M. Keyes.	Albert W. Schroeder.	Harvey C. Bible.	Albert Phillipson.
	Anselmo, " 258	John J. Tooley.	George E. Pennington	Ira M. Foster.	Mervin J. Johnson.
234	Bee, " 259	Albert Terwilliger.	Arthur Soss.	Will Moler.	Jerome Greenawalt.

*Elected. No report of installation.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Grand Lodge:

Herewith we submit our report on correspondence. We read and review, from year to year, with ever increasing interest the proceedings of other Grand Lodges.

Freemasonry almost everywhere is holding the attention of its votaries with increasing interest, as it seems to the writer, and prosperous conditions abound. Organized relief is almost universal. In these later days Masonic Homes for aged and dependent Masons, their widows and orphans, are building and being maintained enthusiastically, and all is well.

We have reviewed all the proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions that have been received before sending our manuscript to the printer. Statistics will be found in a table appended, and are so placed to be more convenient for reference than if mingled with the body of the report.

CHARLES J. PHELPS,

For the Committee.

ALABAMA, 1905.

December 5th, at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Montgomery, the eighty-fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Henry H. Matthews, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from three hundred and forty-five of its four hundred and thirty-one chartered lodges in attendance. Four hundred and twenty-one of the lodges had made returns, and four hundred and two had paid dues. Sixteen charters had been issued during the year, and two had been restored; by consolidation two lodges had been absorbed, and one lodge had surrendered its charter; and there were five lodges U. D. on the roll, whose dispensations were continued.

In opening his annual address, the Grand Master dwells upon the rapid passing of time, "the rapid, almost imperceptible flight of time." He details the business of his office, carefully placing before his brethren all the more important work of the year. In addition to the above mentioned work, eight corner-stones had been laid, and he reports seventeen decisions, the first holding:

No. 1. I hold that the members of a Lodge cannot inquire into the reason for a Brother asking for a dimit, if he is clear of the books; his dimit should be granted him or charges preferred against him. If a Brother petitions for affiliation and his petition is rejected, he has no right to inquire into the cause of his rejection.

He reports having issued a circular letter to the Masters, Wardens, and brethren throughout his Grand Jurisdiction, urging a "campaign of education and concerted efforts" to establish a Masonic Widows and Orphans Home.

In a special report of Brother Titcomb, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the subject of the recognition of the new Grand Lodge of Queensland is discussed. He criticises the District Grand Masters of the Scotch and English constitutions, for what he quite justly calls their "very arbitrary, if not tyrannical action" in forbidding the brethren to adopt any resolution looking to the establishing of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, or to discuss the same in open Lodge or at refreshment, or even in private out of the Lodge, under pain of expulsion from the Fraternity," and remarks: "In this country, condemnation of such conduct, would speedily find strong expression." We extract further:

As to the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, while we desire to be in perfect accord with these very influential Grand Bodies, we must confess that, in the event of a majority of those Queensland Lodges becoming members of the new Grand Lodge, we shall not let courtesy to our Brethren in Great Britain bar us from recommending recognition of the Grand Lodge in question.

The Valle de Mexico, he admits, is "striving to make Mexican Masonry what it ought to be," and he heartily sympathizes with our brethren in that jurisdiction, yet he deems it wise to defer recognition for the present. The writer confesses to an inability to see the consistency between the "sympathy", and the "striving to make Mexican Masonry what it ought to be," and the recommendation "to defer recognition."

Very much business, of local importance only, was transacted by the Grand Lodge.

Brother William Y. Titcomb presents the report on correspondence, covering two hundred and sixty-nine pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-five Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1905, receives generous consideration.

We are glad to find him saying:

In some quarters the unworthy use of the black ball is greatly deplored—and justly so. But as we have taken occasion to observe heretofore, the improper use of the white ball is vastly more injurious. If a good soldier and upright man, is shut out of the citadel, a serious deprivation is the result; if, on the other hand, a traitorous miscreant is admitted, no end of disaster may ensue. Let us guard well the outer door.

It strikes us that the use of cipher or printed ritual is an ever present source of trouble in those jurisdictions in which it is allowed—nay, in which it is fondly cherished. The good old way is the best. Let's keep the cipher out of symbolic Masonry.

M. W. Henry H. Matthews, Montgomery, is Grand Master.

R. W. George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, is Grand Secretary.

ARIZONA, 1905.

November 14th, at Masonic Hall, in the town of Flagstaff, the twenty-fourth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by R. W. Edwin Seymour Miller, Deputy Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, except the Grand Master, who was absent on account of illness, and representatives from fifteen of the nineteen chartered lodges, in attendance.

Owing to the absence of M. W. George Shand, Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master read his address. The Grand Master says: "It would have afforded me great pleasure to meet with you, but my health is, and has been for some time past, so poor that I have been compelled to leave Arizona, perhaps never to return; so I beg to hand you here-with a brief synopsis of my official acts during the past year." He had had considerable correspondence, but he does not report any except as to one question, that of the duty of the Senior Warden, in the absence of the Master, to act in the Master's stead when charges are preferred against a member of the lodge, which he decided in the affirmative.

From the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arizona near that of the Valle de Mexico, a letter was received, announcing that fifteen members of a regular lodge, under the jurisdiction of the latter, had seceded, and requested a charter from the Supreme Council, A. A. S. R. for the purpose of forming a new lodge, and that it was desired by the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico that they be denied admittance to Arizona lodges.

For good reasons shown, he says that he had issued a dispensation to a lodge to hold a special meeting for the purpose of re-balloting on the petitions of two rejected candidates, and when the Master and Senior Warden had left the jurisdiction of a lodge, with no intention of returning in the near future, he had issued a special dispensation to the Junior Warden, authorizing him to call a special meeting for the purpose of electing a Master and Senior Warden. He says that during the year the territory had flourished, and so had Masonry in the territory. He says that it had been a great disappointment to him not to have had the opportunity of visiting all the lodges in the jurisdiction, but the condition of his health had robbed him of that pleasure. He sends fraternal greetings from Los Angeles, the place of his sojourn.

V. W. George James Roskruge, Grand Secretary, submitted a very full and excellently arranged report of the transactions passing through his office, together with a tabular statement of the work in all their lodges. The Grand Treasurer, V. W. Rickmer Nickels Fredericks, reports the finances to be in good condition.

The Grand Lodge resolved to establish a rule to permit life membership, but it is provided that no life membership shall be granted except upon payment of a sum of money named therein, which sum shall, in case the annual dues are \$12.00, be not less than \$150.00, and the minimum to be proportionately greater or less as the dues are greater or less; that all amounts paid for life membership shall be invested only in

approved securities. This plan is and has been in vogue in a few jurisdictions, and seems to be the only sensible and safe plan for such membership.

Heretofore Brother Charles D. Belden, of Phoenix, has furnished a review and report on correspondence, and we are sorry that we do not find one in the proceedings under review.

The writer has taken great interest in knowing something of that really wonderful country, its great Colorado River and its tributaries, its prospects, and quite agrees with a statement made by C. J. Blanchard, statistician of the United States Reclamation Service, that it is "a region of potential greatness, and destined to be America's garden spot," and hopes yet to, at some time, call on Brother Roskruge, who, from his long and intimate knowledge of that territory, can impart interesting information.

M.:W.:Edwin S. Miller, Flagstaff, is Grand Master.

V.:W.:George J. Roskruge, Tucson, is Grand Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1905.

June 22d, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of New Westminster, the thirty-fourth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:William J. Bowser, Grand Master, with representatives from most of the thirty-six chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master speaks of prosperity—a joyful theme, and says that the lodges had enjoyed it, as well as the people of their splendid province. Among the dead of the year, he mentions one Past Grand Master, M.:W.:Brother Simeon Duck.

He mentions two grievances. In one case a resident of British Columbia, while on a visit to Scotland, was made a Mason in a lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; another of their citizens, while on a visit to Sunderland under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, was likewise made a Mason, and but very little attention was paid to the complaining brethren of British Columbia. With all other Grand Lodges relations are friendly.

The following curiosity appears among the decisions reported:

Question 3. A number of applications were up for ballot and all were rejected except the last one, in which case a motion was carried that in this instance the ballot should be adjourned until next meeting, which was done and the candidate then accepted. Did the Lodge act properly in postponing the ballot?

Answer.—No. The members had all been notified of these ballots and it should have been spread at this meeting and not postponed. I at once ordered a new ballot and that every member should be notified in sufficient time to be present. Imagine my surprise to hear from the Secretary of the Lodge that this man had actually been given his Third Degree and they simply wanted a decision as to whether they had acted properly or not. I had to again notify them that they could not carry out my first wishes, as no matter how improperly the Lodge had acted the Brother was a well made Mason.

By another decision it was held that a man with only one good eye could not be made a Mason. That is, we suppose, he could not be brought to light unless he has two eyes to see the light. Nor can a man be made a Mason, say they, who has lost the index finger between the second and third joints.

He reports a goodly number of special dispensations for the usual purposes, among them "to wear regalia at a ball"—a vulgar show, we think, and we are by no means opposed to dancing, think it a proper amusement, but we are utterly opposed to regalia in public except upon purely Masonic occasions, as at a Masonic corner-stone laying or funeral, when the lodge is performing its legitimate functions in the open. Three dispensations to institute new lodges had been granted.

To the great credit of the Grand Master, he visited nearly all the lodges in the jurisdiction, and gives a very interesting account of conditions everywhere. He had been very attentive to all his duties, looking carefully after matters important to the welfare of the lodges and the Craft generally.

He speaks enthusiastically of his district deputies, eight in all, each of whom submits a good report of duties well performed in installing lodge officers, visiting and instructing lodges, and assisting in the work of conferring degrees.

The Grand Treasurer's report shows a good financial condition, and the Grand Secretary's report is complete in its make up and showing of the year's work.

Two of the three lodges under dispensations were granted charters, and the other was continued U. D. :

R. W. Brother W. A. DeWolf-Smith presents the report of correspondence, covering two hundred and three pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty Grand Lodges. When he reached Nebraska he seems to have been under the spell of an irresistible impulse to criticise. He is not entirely satisfied with our Masonic Home; says "it is to be hoped they got it cheap," and, as to this writer's views regarding the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, his doubts lead to asking so many questions already fully answered, that we despair of his ever getting even a faint conception of the true condition of Masonry in that country. It is really too bad. Perhaps it would have been better for us to have omitted mention of the many references in their proceedings to wearing Masonic regalia at balls? But he does give us credit for being right on the question of cipher rituals.

He speaks of Brother Seamon, of New Mexico, and himself as agreeing that it does not concern Masons whether or not certain brethren unite with any particular branch of the Scottish Rite, Cerneau, or recognized bodies. That question has been thoroughly discussed to pretty nearly everybody's satisfaction except, perhaps Seamon, DeWolf-Smith, and a very few others, who cannot or will not see that Grand Lodges are right in denying their members the privilege of entering bodies, not recognized as Masonic, where the secret signs of Masons are made use of

in an unauthorized manner, at least by those who are under obedience to constitution, laws, and regulations of their respective Grand Lodges by their several obligations to obey the same.

But our brother, from his standpoint, writes an excellent report, and we are glad that he is unrestricted in space.

M.:W.:Thomas J. Armstrong, is Grand Master.

V.:W.:Robert E. Brett, Victoria, is Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA, 1905.

October 10th, at the Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, the fifty-sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:George W. Hunter, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and the representatives of two hundred and thirty-four chartered lodges, and delegates from eight lodges under dispensation, in attendance.

In opening his address, the Grand Master dwells upon the fraternal ties binding the members of the Grand Lodge, and of pleasure in the recollection of their annual gatherings, and in the most fraternal spirit he greets and welcomes his brethren. In their own jurisdiction death had not entered their official ranks during the year, and he pays fitting tribute to the memory of the illustrious dead of other Grand Jurisdictions.

He reports the granting of dispensations for eight new lodges. He attributes their prosperity as a Fraternity to the general prosperity which continues to prevail "in that state;" by the attractions it has in the way of natural resources, climatic conditions, educational advantages, business opportunities, and generally as a state most suitable for homes, all of which, he says, has drawn the attention of the people of the east in their direction and resulted in a large immigration to California.

He speaks with pride of their Masonic Home and the great work it is doing. He also visited the new Home recently purchased and being fitted up in the beautiful San Gabriel Valley, eleven miles from Los Angeles. He had dedicated two new Masonic Halls, one at Pasadena, and one at Covela, and laid seventeen corner-stones. He reports fifteen decisions, one of which holds:

6. The daughter of a Master Mason in good standing when he died, married to a man who has been a Mason, but dimitted, and who has been out of standing for many years, and who has attempted suicide and is sick in a hospital, the wife being destitute, is entitled to consideration at the hands of the Lodge to which her father belonged at the time of his death. The right to relief depends upon the fact that she is the daughter of a Master Mason, and if worthy herself she did not forfeit any right by reason of an unfortunate marriage or the misfortunes of matrimony.

The Grand Lecturer, Brother William H. Edwards, in his report says:

In no previous year have I had such complete and gratifying reports from the various inspectors as to the membership, average attendance, degrees conferred, valuation of Lodge property, receipts and disbursements of money, and the amounts which the individual Lodges, with liberal hands without ostentation, have given to those whose misfortunes have made them needy.

An interesting question was before the Grand Lodge, arising from the fact that it has two chartered lodges in the Hawaiian Islands, and recently, since the acquisition of those islands, in 1898, by the United States, a lodge was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, to which the lodges chartered by the Grand Lodge of California took exception and called upon the latter Grand Lodge for its interference; but upon consideration, the Grand Lodge of California held that the lodge chartered by the Grand Lodge of Scotland was a legitimate and regular lodge, because of a well known rule always recognized in America:

The Hawaiian Islands have always, by reason of the fact that no Grand Lodge was ever organized therein, constituted, Masonically, open territory. By open territory, we mean territory not within the exclusive territorial jurisdiction of any existing Grand Lodge, and therefore territory within which any Grand Lodge may charter Subordinate Lodges.

It is elementary Masonic law that a Grand Lodge has not only an exclusive territorial jurisdiction over the State or country within which it may exist, but also jurisdiction to constitute and maintain Lodges in any State or country not included in the territory of any other Grand Lodge.

We ourselves recognized and enforced this right more than fifty years ago by chartering "Hawaiian" Lodge, No. 21, in the Hawaiian Islands then foreign territory, and more recently, but prior to the acquisition of that territory by the United States, by chartering "Kilauea" Lodge No. 330, in the same territory, and have maintained said Lodges ever since they were so chartered.

Our constitution to-day provides that the executive powers of this Grand Lodge include the granting of dispensations and charters to establish and perpetuate Lodges within this State "and in other territory where no Grand Lodge exists." (Sec. 3, Art. III., Part I.)

In so providing, we but assert a right always recognized to exist in any Grand Lodge. It is only when a Grand Lodge attempts to establish a Lodge within the territorial jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge, that the establishment of such Lodge constitutes an invasion of the jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge.

The subject of life membership has been before the Grand Lodge from year to year, but comes up again, and is now embodied in a proposed amendment to their uniform code of by-laws, which was adopted:

SECTION 1. The dues of each member of this Lodge shall be payable quarterly in advance: *Provided, that this Lodge, by the adoption of a standing resolution to that effect, which resolution shall not be acted upon at the stated meeting at which it is introduced, nor until notice in writing thereof shall have been forwarded by mail to every member, may provide for a system of life member hip, which shall forever exempt the life member*

from the payment of dues therein. Said resolution shall provide that no life membership shall be granted except upon payment of a sum of money named therein, which sum shall, in case the annual dues are \$12.00, be not less than the sum of \$200 and the minimum amount to be proportionately greater or less as the dues are greater or less, and shall further provide that all amounts paid for life membership shall be invested only in such reputable banks of deposit or in such bonds of the United States, State of California, or some County, city and County, city or town thereof, or in such other first-class stocks, bonds or securities as may be directed by the Lodge, and approved by the Master, and that only the income thereof shall be used by the Lodge, the original amounts to be forever kept and maintained as and for a permanent Life Membership Fund. Said resolution shall require the Secretary in making his annual report to the Grand Lodge, to report the number of life members borne on the roll, the amount of the fund thus created, and the manner in which fund is invested. Said resolution shall take effect only upon its approval by the Grand Master.

The per capita tax of \$1 per year levied upon the lodges, said tax to be due and payable at the same time and in the same manner as dues to the Grand Lodge, was levied for the benefit and maintenance of the Masonic Widows and Orphans Home. Its receipts during the year had been \$36,206.09. Disbursements \$30,065.80.

M. W. Brother William A. Davies, the veteran reviewer, presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and seventy-nine pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty Grand Lodges. We regret that Nebraska, 1905, had not reached him in time to be included. In concluding his report he says:

Before closing this report, in which is chronicled the wonderful progress and prosperity of a great Fraternity during the preceding decade, it may be well to attach as a quieting sedative to its possibly "too rapid pulse," and for the information of our Lodges whose officers are called upon to examine and pass upon dimitts and diplomas from the infected districts, we publish a roster of clandestine lodges, with their location, a majority of them being chickens hatched in the incubator of that nest of Masonic villainies, "The Cereneau Grand Lodge of Ohio." At the same time we remind our Brethren and call their attention to the difference between "clandestine" and "Irregular Masons." "A clandestine Mason is one who received the degrees in a lodge unlawfully existing." "An Irregular Mason is one who received the degrees in an irregular manner in a lawfully constituted Lodge."

A clandestine Mason has no Masonic standing, and cannot be healed.

An irregular Mason has Masonic standing, and it is only necessary to correct the irregularity in his making to enable him to enter himself on the Tyler's register as a just and upright Mason.

M. W. Motley H. Flint, Los Angeles, is Grand Master.

R. W. George Johnson, San Francisco, is Grand Secretary.

CANADA, 1905.

July 19th, in the city of Hamilton, in the Province of Ontario, the fiftieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Benjamin Allen, with representatives from three hundred and fifty-one of the three hundred and eighty-one chartered lodges in attendance.

In his annual address the Grand Master speaks of the closing year, as one remarkable for material progress, characterized by the growth of Masonic zeal, and unmarred by discord or untoward incident—a year of peace, happiness, and prosperity.

Of their loss by death he says:

It is with sorrow that I have to record the fact that our death roll for the past twelve months includes the names of three members of the Grand Lodge, eminent for their services to Masonry and to their country. Within the short space of two months in the present year we have lost M. W. Bro. Kivas Tully, D. S. O., P. G. M.; R. W. Bro. Hon. James Sutherland, P. G. S. W., and V. W. Bro. Edward F. Clarke, M. P., P. G. S. D.

The Grand Master reports the laying of corner-stones, one for a public school house and two for churches. Special communications had been held for the purpose of constituting and consecrating new lodges and dedicating new Masonic Halls. He had done a good deal in the way of visiting lodges, but was compelled to decline many invitations owing to the great number that could not be reached during the time limit of his administration. He had issued seven warrants, or charters for new lodges, continued five U. D., and granted dispensations for six, and had granted a limited number of special dispensations. He reports several decisions, none of which are of more than local importance.

The Grand Secretary, M. W. Hugh Murray, presents a most complete summary of the year's business, in his excellently arranged report.

The District Deputies, as is usual, each presents a report of his labors, and the conditions prevailing in his district, from all of which the most gratifying results of the year's work is shown.

M. W. Brother J. Ross Robertson, the Historian of the Grand Lodge, delivered a very valuable, interesting, and instructive historical address.

There was a great deal of very important business transacted, and the proceedings were conducted with care and method, as disclosed in the record.

M. W. Brother Henry Robertson presents the report on correspondence, covering eighty-eight closely written pages, and ably reviewing the proceedings of sixty-one Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1904, receives favorable consideration, and our Grand Master Bullard's address is quite liberally quoted from and commended.

M. W. James H. Burritt, Pembroke, is Grand Master.

M. W. Hugh Murray, Hamilton, is Grand Secretary

COLORADO, 1905.

September 19th, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Denver, the forty-fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Benjamin L. James, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from all the one hundred and seven chartered lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master, in opening his annual address, gives some good and timely advice to his brethren, and urges the faithful performance of the duty of past officers to attend lodge and assist in all that pertains to maintaining good and true work.

He pays tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead, and makes honorable mention and appropriate record.

The consecration, dedication, and constitution of three newly chartered lodges, and the dedication of one new Masonic Hall are reported. A goodly number of special dispensations had been granted, for the usual purposes. He reports five decisions, one of which holds:

A member of a Lodge is found guilty of un-Masonic conduct and sentenced to reprimand. The member who prefers the charges claims the punishment inadequate for the offense committed, and desires to appeal to the Grand Lodge. If he appeals before the reprimand is administered should the reprimand be held in abeyance until the Grand Lodge meets? Answer: No, the Brother appeals from both the findings and action of his Lodge. Should the appeal be sustained the ignominy of the reprimand is removed, the same as if the action of a Lodge suspending a Brother was annulled by the Grand Lodge through an appeal. Provided, that this decision shall not apply to cases of reprimand in which the appeal is made by the accused.

The Grand Master reports having officially visited a number of the lodges, and the laying of several corner-stones.

A very full, complete, and well arranged report is made by the Grand Secretary, R. W. Charles H. Jacobson.

Brother George W. Musser, Grand Orator, delivered a very excellent address upon the symbols and teachings of Masonry, containing many well grounded points. He speaks of Masonry as "supremely confident in the absolute righteousness of its position," "unmoved by unjust criticism, unyielding to the passing fancies of the multitude, steadfast, in the strength of the everlasting truths it seeks to advance." Nothing, he well says, can be leveler than the level, straighter than the plumb-line, or squarer than the square.

M. W. Brother Lawrence N. Greenleaf presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and ninety-nine pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1904, receives very fraternal consideration.

We quote from his conclusion:

One of the important questions awaiting solution is the recognition of Grand Lodges which have severed their connection with Supreme Councils, and now exercise sole control over the three symbolic degrees. As intimated by us in former reports, we are disposed to recognize some of these Bodies in the interest of Universal Masonry, where the conditions and hope of future progress seem to warrant. Such recommendation on our part involves no surrender of our opinion as to parentage, or irregularity of organization, or whatever term may be employed to designate the assumption of authority over the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry by Supreme Councils.

The world is being drawn more closely together through intercommunication and contact, one people with another. The foot-prints of the seven-league boots of Progress are too apparent to be ignored, while disputation cannot change existing conditions. While we shall continue our investigations along this line, we indulge in the hope that our fellow-members of the guild, in their united wisdom, may be able to reach some common ground of agreement as to the recognition of Grand Lodges whose sovereignty over the degrees of Symbolic Masonry is beyond question.

M.:W.:Charles F. Painter, Telluride, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Charles H. Jacobson, Denver, is Grand Secretary

CONNECTICUT, 1906.

January 17th, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Hartford, the one hundred and eighteenth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Asa P. Fitch, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from all the one hundred and ten chartered lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master, in his annual address, says that the year 1905 had been a very busy one in the Masonic lodges in that jurisdiction; that the gain in membership had been larger than in any previous year; that it had been an eventful year; and that prosperity, peace, and harmony had prevailed all over the state.

Grand Trustee Nelson G. Hinckley and Past Grand Master Luke A. Lockwood had died during the year, and to their memory he pays loving fraternal tribute. He reports the holding of an emergent communication of the Grand Lodge to dedicate a new lodge room, the attendance upon Masonic funerals and official visits to lodges, and an active attention to the various duties of his office. He had visited their Masonic Home seventeen times during the year, and he pays a high tribute to the management of that institution. Its tenth anniversary was celebrated, and assisting in the ceremonies were several Eastern Star chapters and subordinate lodges, in all about fifteen hundred people. He says the day was fine, and the occasion an enjoyable one. A reception was given to the Grand Officers of both the Eastern Star and the Grand Lodge.

He reports the granting of twenty special dispensations, the exchange of representatives, and the release of jurisdiction upon application in several cases. We are glad to note what he says in the following:

ORDER OF EASTERN STAR.

I am more and more impressed each year of the importance of this organization by the noble work which it is doing for our Home. The members are contributing something nearly every month, besides money for the comfort of its members, and are, I am confident, doing more for our Home in proportion to its membership than the brethren of the various lodges in this Jurisdiction.

They not only help by contributing money and useful articles, but by the good words of cheer which they convey to the aged members of our Home.

He briefly reviews the reports of their nine District Deputies, showing their faithful and active attention to duty. He says he has no knowledge of any clandestine lodge in his Grand Jurisdiction, except those composed of Negroes.

Deputy Grand Master Benjamin F. Turner makes report of visiting many of the lodges, and of the good conditions he found to exist. The Grand Senior Warden had performed like duties, and makes report thereof, showing that the lodges have been carefully visited and looked after, a custom there, and one that seems to have been of great value to the Craft.

The business transacted in Grand Lodge was routine and carefully attended to.

Past Grand Master, and for many years, Grand Secretary, John H Barlow, presented the report on correspondence, his twelfth, covering one hundred and ninety-seven pages. He reviews Nebraska, 1905, quoting our Grand Master's decisions, and in comment says that in Connecticut an objection to a candidate only lasts as long as a black-ball, and not during the lifetime of the objector; and he does not agree with Nebraska's decision that, because Nebraska's Grand Lodge has not established fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Sweden, therefore, a brother claiming to hail from Sweden has no right to visit or affiliate, because a Grand Lodge might be lawfully constituted even if not officially recognized by another Grand Jurisdiction, which is doubtless true.

He fully agrees with Brother Greenleaf of Colorado, whose views on the subject of recognition of lodges, we quoted in our review of that state.

M. W. Benjamin F. Turner, Middletown, is Grand Master.

M. W. John H. Barlow, Hartford, is Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE, 1905.

October 4th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Wilmington, the one hundredth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. R. Henry Young, Grand Master, with eleven Past Grand Masters, a large number of permanent members, and representatives from the chartered lodges, in attendance.

Loyalty to the high standard maintained in Masonry's professions, marks the opening paragraphs of the Grand Master's address. To the memory of their Past Grand Master James S. Dobb, who died during the year, he pays loving fraternal tribute. The condition of the Craft throughout his jurisdiction, he regards as on the upward trend, for he

says: "That at no time since the organization of our Grand Lodge has a warmer or more cordial feeling of unity existed among the brethren." He had visited all the lodges, some of them more than once during the year. Upon invitation he had visited the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania and New Jersey at their annual communications, and in each case had been fraternally and cordially received. Lodges of instruction, on several occasions, had he visited, and he speaks approvingly of their good work.

In his reported decisions, the Grand Master held that in the case of a candidate with one leg shorter than the other, which caused him to limp when walking, his petition could not be received; that when objection is made to a brother being admitted, as a visitor, the Master should demand the brother's reasons for objecting, and it is in the discretion of the Master to decide whether the reasons are sufficient, and whether the brother shall be admitted; that an enlisted man in the regular army, at another place, petitioning to be made a Mason, in the town of his former residence, is eligible and his petition can be received.

Objections were made to the installation of a Master-elect, which the Master of the lodge entertained, and decided to sustain. The Master-elect appealed to the Grand Master, and he decided:

As a Mason cannot be deprived of any of his Masonic rights, without charges are preferred, and he be given a trial, I wrote Bro. George H. Jefferis, Worshipful Master of Lafayette Lodge, No. 14, as follows:

"As Bro. H—— B. H—— was legally elected Worshipful Master of Lafayette Lodge, No. 14, A. F. & A. M., and has passed the required examination; proved himself proficient and qualified to preside over a Lodge of Master Masons, without charges specifically stating conduct unbecoming a Mason are preferred against him, you are hereby directed to install him as Worshipful Master of said Lodge."

He reports the laying of two corner-stones, one for a Methodist Episcopal church, and one for a Masonic Temple. This is what he has to say about the use of correct terms:

The Lodge is a place where Freemasons assemble to work and transact the business of Masonry. Such an assembly is, therefore, properly a communication, and should always be so designated by Masons. The old and correct usage is "communication." The trouble is so many Masons belong to organizations that hold meetings and they get so used to the term that they forget themselves when in a Masonic Lodge and use language that does not belong to our fraternity. Let us be careful to use correct Masonic terms.

He properly condemns the disclosure of who had been rejected as candidates, by members of the lodge, and says that "any brother who so far forgets himself as to disclose the proceedings of his Lodge, should be severely dealt with in accordance with our laws."

A committee having the matter in charge, recommended a program for the celebration of their Grand Lodge centenary, and the same is to be held at Wilmington on June 7th, 1906, at the Opera House, and ample provisions therefor were made.

R.:W.:Lewis H. Jackson, P.:D.:G.:M.:., presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and five pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-three Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1905, evidently had not reached him. From its conclusion we extract:

We herewith conclude our Correspondence review work for another year. We trust it may be as fraternally received and appreciated as those of former years. We have devoted much time and attention to the various Masonic Jurisdictions, seeking to glean and present the most important information for the Craft in Delaware. We have found the work of Masonry for the world over going gradually onward. It is a recognized power for good to the whole human family and is beneficently working out its missions. We extend fraternal greetings to the Brethren of our universal Brotherhood.

M.:W.:Levin Irving Handy, Newark, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Benjamin F. Bartram, Wilmington, is Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1905.

December 20th, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Washington, the ninety-fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Lurtin R. Ginn, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from twenty-five of the twenty-seven chartered lodges in attendance.

The year had been a busy and prosperous one, says the Grand Master, in the opening of his address. "Peace and harmony have prevailed to an unusual degree in all our borders. The Craft was never more earnest and zealous."

He pays loving fraternal tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead.

He reports the establishment of fraternal relations with the Grand Lodges of Sweden and Valle de Mexico. We are somewhat surprised to find that:

A reply to our communication has been received from the council of administration of the Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina, stating that the matter of an interchange of representatives would be favorably recommended to the Grand Lodge at its next communication, which will be held in the summer of 1906. Replies have also been received from the Grosse National Mutterloge, the Grosse Laudesloge, the Grosse Loge of Saxony, and the Grosse Loge zur Sonne, all of Germany, indicating that our request for fraternal recognition is waiting the consideration of the Union of the Grand Lodges of Germany.

The Grand Lodge seems to have taken no action upon the matter, and we doubt very much that it will, favorably, at least in regard to the Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina.

Grand Master Ginn reports but few decisions, and those only of well known Masonic law. He had issued a few special dispensations to confer degrees out of the regular order, and a few for other purposes.

He reports the laying of the corner-stone of the and Masonic Eastern Star Home being erected by the Eastern Star within their Grand Jurisdiction. Of it he says:

The occasion was one of great interest and attractiveness to all present, marking as it did the beginning in this jurisdiction of a form of charity and of consideration and care for the comfort of others which has been too long neglected.

I commend most heartily the efforts of the members of the Order of the Eastern Star, and rejoice with them in their accomplishments.

Two other corner-stones were laid, each for a church. He reports the constitution of one new lodge, chartered at a stated communication of the Grand Lodge in May. To each of their chartered lodges, he, with his Grand Officers, had made an annual "Grand Visitation." He strongly recommends the furnishing each Master Mason in the jurisdiction, through the lodges, of some form of documentary evidence of good standing to be used by them, especially when they visit lodges, or on other proper occasions, in other jurisdictions, and to require those visiting their lodges from other jurisdictions, to produce like evidence. R. W. Thomas H. Young, Grand Lecturer, reports having held schools of instruction, and says that those who availed themselves of the schools of instruction have in a marked degree shown their superiority in the work. He had also visited each lodge in the jurisdiction, and generally the degrees are conferred in a highly satisfactory manner.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported adversely to the proposition to amend the constitution so as to require a Master-elect to secure from the Committee on Work and Lectures a certificate of proficiency in the ritual, as in contravention of the inherent right of the lodges—which has never been surrendered to the Grand Lodge—to elect their officers. The Grand Lodge adopted a report of a special committee on documentary evidence, to carry out the Grand Master's recommendation above referred to.

M. W. Brother George W. Baird presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and ninety-one pages, and reviewing the proceedings of seventy-five Grand Jurisdictions. Nebraska, 1905, receives very favorable consideration; Grand Master Burnham's address is favorably noticed, the recognition of the Grand Lodges of New South Wales and Valle de Mexico seems to meet his approval, and he especially is very glad to find that in the report on grievances the names of parties litigant are not published. And he says:

We cannot close our report upon Nebraska without mention of two Nebraska Masons who were familiar figures at our gatherings, George D. Meiklejohn, late Assistant Secretary of War, and David Mercer, late Congressman. We have often wondered why so great and so good man as "Dave" Mercer should not be returned to Congress from Nebraska!

We confess that we don't know "why," but if we were going to inquire we might try to get a brother we know of, now traveling in foreign countries, an aspirant to U. S. Senatorial honors, to explain.

In speaking of Queensland, as he does in two or three connections, he expresses the conviction, we think, that the Grand Lodge of Queensland is entitled to recognition.

Brother Baird's report is excellent and well repays a careful perusal.

M. W. Walter A. Brown, Washington, is Grand Master.

R. W. Arvine W. Johnston, Washington, is Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA, 1905.

January 17th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Jacksonville, the seventy-sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Thomas M. Puleston, Grand Master, with one hundred and forty of the one hundred and fifty-three chartered lodges represented.

"The unending march of time," engages the attention of the Grand Master, in opening his address, and he expresses gratitude for the many mercies and material blessings of the year past.

Death had claimed their Grand Tyler, Brother Octavius H. Dorsett, to whose memory he pays loving fraternal tribute. Past Grand Master William Forsythe Bynum, died on May 9th, 1904. His Masonic record is given, a long and honorable one, and his brethren mourn his loss.

Grand Master Puleston warns his brethren to beware of clandestine Masons, giving a list of the many lodges throughout the country, to enable their lodges to safeguard the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers.

He reports but few decisions, and those are only of interest as construing their own regulations. He reports the issuing of a goodly number of special dispensations. Four dispensations for new lodges had been granted, and two granted the year before continued; four of these were granted charters, by action of the Grand Lodge, and two were continued under dispensation.

He pays a tribute of praise to the zeal of his brethren in maintaining their Masonic Home and Orphanage, and appeals to the generosity of the Craft to maintain that institution.

He had not been able to do as much visiting of lodges as he would desire, on account of sickness in his family, and urges the importance of holding district conventions in each district at convenient points, so that lodge officers may maintain proficiency in the work.

The twenty district deputies show by their reports that they had attended to their duties in visiting and instructing lodges and in holding an occasional district convention.

An interesting report of the trustees of the Home and Orphanage is contained in the proceedings. The Home is sustained by voluntary subscriptions, a list of which is given, constituting a roll of honor.

The application of the Grand Orient of Brazil for recognition was very properly denied, because of the supervision in that country, of the Supreme Council, Scottish Rite, over Craft Masonry.

Sympathy for the Grand Lodge of Queensland is expressed, but because of the trouble between the lodges under the Scotch, Irish, and English constitutions, it was determined to await reconciliation, before final action on their application for recognition.

Having already entered into fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, they refused the application of a new one formed of those not going into the original Grand Lodge. M. W. Brother Silas B. Wright, of their Committee on Foreign Correspondence, discusses the questions involved in a well considered report, well worth the perusal of anyone interested in the very interesting subject.

A great deal of necessary business was transacted, and the record discloses an active interest in the work of the Craft of that jurisdiction.

The celebration of their seventy-fifth anniversary was held, and an interesting historical address by Past Grand Master Samuel Pasco, and other exercises are recorded. In his address M. W. Brother Pasco says in eloquent words many good things. From it we briefly extract:

These material results have been accomplished within our own lines and are of special interest to the Craft but the history of Freemasonry is inseparably connected with that of our government and its free institutions and I have already shown that some of the most influential of those who planted the American flag in the Floridas and defended the early settlers from the Indians and established a republican form of government where bigotry and tyranny formerly prevailed were eminent Masons. A closer examination of the rolls of the Grand Lodge and of the particular lodges would make it apparent that many others of the early settlers who assisted in the upbuilding of the State, the formation of its constitution, its subsequent legislation and the interpretation and enforcement of its laws were Craftsmen.

In contemplating the history of Florida as an organized Territory and a State during the last seventy-five years, I do not hesitate to claim that no human institution has done more towards its material progress and advancement and prosperity, the morality of its people, the education of its youth, the spirit of freedom which has generally prevailed in its government than Freemasonry.

M. W. Brother Silas B. Wright presents his fourth annual report on correspondence, covering two hundred and thirty-five pages. He notes the action of the Grand Lodge of Alabama in summoning before it the Masters of some lodges to show cause for contempt, for not answering communications from the Grand Secretary, and not voting on amendments, and suggests a little discipline of the kind for Florida. It might work to advantage in some other jurisdictions, Nebraska, say. He discusses the question of laying a corner-stone on Sunday for a church, which the Grand Master refused to do, but the committee thought he ought to have complied with the request, saying he regarded the committee's opinion as strange, quite agreeing to the well known rule that Masons do not work on Sunday, in lodge, save only at funerals. He

favors a rule that no Master-elect shall be installed until he shall present a certificate from the Grand Lecturer, or a Past Master, showing his ability to properly confer the degrees, and suggests that such a regulation might be adopted with advantage by most of our Grand Lodges. He thinks, naturally, that the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, in the exchange of Grand Representatives with Italy and Bavaria, seems to be going outside of what, in Florida, is considered regular Masonry. But DeWolf-Smith cannot endure the recognition of the Valle de Mexico, which has done everything to conform to our American requirements, while no one expects Italy to conform to anything like what is regarded as regular in English speaking jurisdictions.

The report is ably written, and he does not hesitate to quote at length, thus affording his readers much valuable information.

M. W. Charles W. Johnson, Jacksonville, is Grand Master.

R. W. Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville, is Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA, 1905.

October 13th, in the Auditorium, in the city of Macon, the one hundred and nineteenth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Max Meyerhardt, Grand Master, with all the grand officers and a very large representation from the chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master eloquently portrays the claims of Masonry upon its votaries. We extract a single paragraph:

Proud of our glorious past, and with an abiding faith in a future still more glorious, we are assembled here today in this, our One Hundred and Nineteenth Annual Communication. As I look into the earnest faces of this mighty host of true and faithful Craftsmen, my heart swells with gratitude to God for all His tender mercies during the year that has passed away. And truly we have cause for sincere thanksgiving for the abounding prosperity with which we have been so richly blessed.

He speaks with pride of conditions in his Grand Jurisdiction. "Not only," he says, "have our numbers increased in goodly proportion, but the character of our membership is cause for honest pride. Everywhere have I found our outer door most carefully guarded, and only the best and purest of every community admitted to our ranks."

He pays loving tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead of his own and other Grand Jurisdictions.

The Grand Master speaks encouraging words of their Home and of the finances of the Grand Lodge; and he had devoted his energies to conserve the best interests of the Fraternity and had succeeded in his efforts.

He urges with persuasive eloquence the continuance of the per diem paid to their Past Masters. He says: "Their presence is of vast benefit to the Order, not only because of their ripe experience and their intense zeal, but because, when they return to their homes, they become centers of influence, arousing a new interest and a greater enthusiasm among the brethren throughout the State."

He reports having traveled several thousand miles in officially visiting his lodges, principally in the smaller cities, and the country lodges, and he found everywhere faithful Craftsmen.

He laid corner-stones, constituted lodges, conferred degrees, presided at district conventions, and performed all the varied duties so becoming a Grand Master, and so appreciated by the brethren. From his reported decisions, we extract:

1. Under our present law, a gauger in a government distillery is not eligible to membership.

2. If an applicant for initiation is sound in mind and body, notwithstanding the fact that he is fifty-four years of age, he would not be considered in his dotage, and would therefore be eligible to receive the degrees in Masonry.

5. The Senior Warden, in the absence from the city of the Worshipful Master, has authority to call a special communication of his Lodge, for the purpose of conferring degrees. He is acting Master, and as such has the same rights that the Master would have under similar circumstances.

9. The chastity of a Master Mason's wife must be sacred to every Mason. No matter what her follies or her foibles may be, the shield of Masonic protection must encircle her at all times and under all circumstances. She is the holy of holies of a Mason's home, and we must guard her from unhallowed lust. The purity of our womanhood must and shall be maintained, no matter at what peril or sacrifice to ourselves.

10. A Masonic lodge cannot rent its property to those who sell or furnish liquor, no matter whether those who sell or furnish are saloon-keepers, clubs or social organizations. Masonry and the liquor traffic in any form whatever must remain absolutely and forever divorced.

He reports the granting of a good many special dispensations, for the usual purposes; the constituting of six lodges, and the instituting of two new lodges.

One of the first things done, after the delivery of the Grand Master's annual address and before proceeding to the routine business of the communication, was a visit by the members to the Masonic Home, where the Superintendent and his wife conducted them through the building, explaining each department and its workings, and it is said that the time spent socially with the inmates brought happiness to the hearts of the inmates as well as the visitors.

A deserved tribute is thus paid:

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Grand Lodge notes the presence of our esteemed brother, Augustus O. Bacon, who has contributed so handsomely to the good of Masonry, and to the promotion of the Masonic Home, by the donation of the magnificent site upon which the Home is situated, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge expresses its gratification at the return of Brother Bacon to his native State from foreign travel, in complete restoration of his accustomed health and vigor.

The application of the Grand Orient of Brazil was "turned down," because:

The Masonry of Brazil, as we understand it, is known as the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. Its governing head is a body known as the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General. The Grand Orient of Brazil is a mere dependency of the Supreme Council, and derives all its powers from the same Body.

The Grand Orient has no attribute of sovereignty or independence.

Its Grand Master is not elected, but is appointed by the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council.

While nominally a sovereign, the Grand Orient has no right to issue charters without the consent of the Supreme Council. In fact, it exercises none of the prerogatives of a Sovereign Body.

Fourteen new lodges received charters.

Brother A. Q. Moody presents the report on correspondence, his fifth, covering one hundred and twenty-five pages. Nebraska, 1904, receives generous space and consideration. Our Grand Master Bullard's address is liberally quoted from and our Masonic Home gets favorable notice.

He says:

Masonry has come down to us through the ages hoary with the frosts of centuries.

Having withstood alike the alluring enticements of vice calling to unhallowed pleasures, and the fierce storms of bitter persecution, it is today stronger than ever.

The great field of Masonic research has for ages been explored by the most ingenious and fruitful imaginations. Its principles and design have occupied many lofty minds in every age. The subject is not, and cannot be exhausted.

We must still feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and encourage every benevolent impulse, until we have reached the climax of true Masonic aspiration, the "Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man."

M. W. Max Meyerhardt, Rome, is Grand Master.

R. W. William A. Wolihin, Macon, is Grand Secretary.

IDAHO, 1905.

September 12th, in the Masonic Hall, in the city of Boise, the thirty-eighth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Albert W. Gordon, Grand Master.

In his annual address the Grand Master pays tribute to the memory of their Past Grand Master George L. Shoup, who died at Boise on December 24th, 1904.

He reports having made a good many official visits, endeavoring to reach all his lodges, but was unable to do so. His account of the visits show commendable zeal, and a readiness to be helpful to his brethren, which was not in every case appreciated, for he was not always met by members on arriving in the towns and in one case he stayed a whole day in town without seeing a single member of the lodge.

He granted several special dispensations, commissioned brethren to "institute," he says, lodges Nos. 41, 42, and 43. We conclude that they were newly chartered, and what was really done, was to *constitute* them, and install their officers, for the latter was done, he records.

From his decisions we extract:

No. 3. Question. A member of St. John's Lodge No. 15, whose charter was arrested, asks: What is my Masonic standing?

Answer: If in good standing at the time of arrest you are a non-affiliate without a dimit. Your lodge being forbidden to work you will be unable to obtain one until the Grand Lodge adjudicates the matter. In the meantime you are entitled to visit and enjoy all the rights and privileges of a Master Mason in good standing.

A citizen of Idaho, residing in the jurisdiction of one of its lodges, visited New York and while temporarily sojourning there was elected to be made a Mason, and received two degrees. This coming to the attention of members of the lodge in Idaho, protest was made. The Grand Master says:

In the New York case I was unable to accomplish anything, although I addressed a communication to the chairman of the committee appointed in the Taylor matter, and received an answer from him stating that he had referred my letter to the Worshipful Master of Mariners' Lodge No. 67 for consideration and reply. Not hearing from the Master I wrote to him but received no answer. I then wrote to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of New York, but up to the present time my request for information has not been complied with. It seems to me that we certainly have cause for complaint in this matter, as our jurisdiction was clearly invaded, and as it occurred over two years ago, and has dragged through the administration of three Grand Masters, it should be brought to a speedy conclusion. Therefore I recommend that vigorous action be taken at this session of the Grand Lodge to the end that our rights be recognized and respected.

The Grand Lodge adopted the report of a committee having the matter before it, saying:

Wherefore we recommend that all Masonic communication with the Grand Lodge of New York, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, and its constituent lodges and members be severed until such time as said M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York, through its proper officers, make satisfactory explanation of the said action of Mariners Lodge No. 67, A. F. & A. M., in invading the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary be required to notify the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of New York of this action.

Brother George E. Knepper presents the report on correspondence, covering ninety-nine pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-six Grand Lodges, Nebraska not included.

Under Wyoming, he indulges the expression of his opinion:

The Grand Master was kept busy granting dispensations to confer degrees without waiting the statutory period. If your By-Laws are wrong, change them; if they are right, live up to them. Get out of the business of "railroading" candidates through the three degrees. The writer is prepared to maintain beyond successful contradiction that there are too many Masons(?) in the Northwest. If securing the degrees costs time and money they will be all the more appreciated. Our brethren must become more intelligent as Masons—intelligent in the work and symbolism of the Order.

M. W. Jeremiah W. Robinson, Boise, is Grand Master

R. W. Theophilus W. Randall, Boise, is Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS, 1905.

October 3d, at Medinah Temple, in the city of Chicago, the sixty-sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. William B. Wright, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from seven hundred and twelve of the seven hundred and thirty-eight chartered lodges in attendance.

The opening paragraphs of the Grand Master's annual address contain passages of such excellence that we feel like giving place to a single extract, at least:

It is a great privilege to be able to assist in the work of bringing intellectual light into the dark corners of the world, of helping our fellowmen to throw aside their prejudices and sweep away their mental cobwebs, of placing them upon the mountain tops, with their desire for knowledge quickened, their capacity for learning enlarged, their mental horizon broadened, their love for their fellows intensified, their power to discern the true relations of life expanded, and consequently their usefulness as citizens and members of society increased. This is a privilege every Mason enjoys.

The hand of death had not touched the officers of their Grand Lodge, but to the memory of the illustrious dead of other Grand Jurisdictions the Grand Master devotes appropriate mention in a fraternal spirit and in words laden with fraternal love.

With approving words he speaks of the successful labors of their District Deputy Grand Masters and their Deputy Grand Lecturers, whose labors are doing great good in maintaining, throughout the jurisdiction, a high standard of good work.

A great number of occasional Grand Lodge communications had been held to lay corner-stones; seven newly chartered lodges had been constituted, in each case by his duly constituted proxy, and eight new lodges had he instituted, all of which petitioned for charters.

The Grand Master of Missouri having issued an edict to the subordinate lodges directing them not to admit a visitor, until he produces to the Worshipful Master, or to the committee appointed to examine the visitor, a certificate under the seal of his lodge, showing that he is a member of such lodge in good standing, which certificate shall also be fortified by a certificate under the seal of the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction whence the visitor comes, that the lodge giving the certificate is a lodge in good standing in that jurisdiction, the Grand Master of Illinois directed his Grand Secretary to furnish, upon request, a sufficient number of certificates to enable any of its members who desired to do so, to visit in Missouri.

This regulation recalls the well known rule that "a Missourian has to be shown." But, in all seriousness, such a rule seems necessary in these days, and will doubtless become quite general, not, however, doing away with our time honored requirement of an examination.

From his reported decisions we find that, at least in his Grand Jurisdiction, the loss of sight in one eye, the other retaining the power of sight, does not disqualify a candidate for the degrees in Masonry, but a petitioner having lost his right thumb is not eligible; while a suspended brother who is a patient in an insane asylum cannot petition for reinstatement until after his disability is removed. The latter, we would say, is a very sane view. A lodge U. D., or any member thereof, has the same right to object to the admission of visitors, as a chartered lodge. Another decision, of more than ordinary importance, is contained in the following:

12. A lodge in Iowa and one in Florida requested Illinois lodges to confer the first degree for them on candidates which they had elected prior to their removal to Illinois. The propriety of complying with such request was doubted and I was asked to decide. I referred it to the Committee on Jurisprudence. The Committee did not agree about the propriety of such work, and I held it was a matter for the lodge to which the request was addressed to decide the question of propriety in each case, until the Grand Lodge shall adopt some rule regulating the subject, and enjoined the exercise of great care as to identity in every case.

And the following shows his experience:

Last year and the year before I laid the corner-stones of several churches on Sunday, under the impression that Sunday was an appropriate day for such services. M. W. Brother Cook protested that it was work and should not be done on Sunday. I took the advice of the Committee on Jurisprudence, and a majority concurring with the views of Brother Cook, I desisted from laying the corner-stones of any more churches on Sunday.

Grand Master Wright says of their Homes: "I wish every Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction could become familiar with these Homes and the good they are doing, and to know the gratitude of those who have found them a haven of rest from the storms and vicissitudes and misfortunes of life."

The Grand Master mildly criticised one of his lodges for too "frequent lunches, dinners, banquets, cigars, etc" and the committee on his address "earnestly urge the lodges to subject the stomach and appetites to 'the nobler qualities of head and heart,'" but pray don't mention this to our Omaha brethren.

M. W. Brother Scott, chairman of the board of trustees of the Illinois Masonic Home and the Illinois Masonic Orphans Home, makes a most interesting report of the great and good work done in those institutions, supplemented by the report of the superintendents and other officers.

Brother Herbert Preston, Grand Orator, delivered a very excellent address. From it we extract a single paragraph:

Freemasonry is a brilliant picture painted for our instruction—a picture upon which he who looks learns all that is needful for him to know; a marriage of exquisite thought to exquisite language for the enlightenment of all; a world in which there are no disappointments nor unfulfilled dreams; edifying and complete in every particular. It is a grand sunrise of knowledge that in things temporal we may learn the divine and eternal. Its magic wand dissolves all ephemeral delusions and makes it the standard bearer of that most exalted doctrine: "The fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man," that voices the sentiment "Love ye one another."

And this is what the Committee on Jurisprudence, whose report was approved, says:

The subject of laying corner-stones on Sunday, having been referred to us by the Grand Master, your committee expresses the opinion that in the placing of corner-stones there has come down to us a ceremony (and perhaps the only one) that visibly separates us from purely speculative Masonry; that these ceremonies are in the nature of operative work, and should not therefore be performed on our day of rest. We therefore heartily commend the decision of the Grand Master in refraining from the further exercise of his prerogative in this direction.

A very interesting and instructive special report is made by Brother Robbins, upon the application of the Grand Lodges of Puerto Rico and Queensland; both are handled with consummate ability; one, that of Puerto Rico, is rejected, the other, we are glad to note, is recognized.

M. W. Brother Joseph Robbins again presents the report on correspondence, and in his introductory remarks, discusses the evils of rushing rotation in office, which he regards as detrimental to the best interests of the Craft. Speaking of Masters he says: "By the time they get their deciding clothes on—by the time they have become accustomed to the exercise of authority and have developed enough confidence in their own judgment of the true interpretation of the law to begin to exercise it decisively, the mischievous clamor for rotation in office sends them whirling into the ranks of past masters, and lands others perhaps still dizzy from the rapid whirl, into their places to go through the same partially seasoning process after they shall have regained their

equilibrium." He also discusses the subject of clandestine lodges and Grand Lodges, and cautions a not too hasty determination of the means of guarding against their members intrusion into regular lodges, as visitors. He also discusses with great clearness the claims of the Grand Lodge of Queensland to recognition.

His report covers three hundred and eight closely printed pages, and reviews the proceedings of sixty-one Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1904, receives generous fraternal consideration. He explains, as the writer never understood before, his position on the subject of so-called Negro Masonry, and we confess having been misled in the matter. But could the military lodge, which made Prince Hall and his associates Masons, lawfully do so? Had such a lodge the right to make Masons of civilians?

M. W. Chester E. Allen, Galesburg, is Grand Master.

R. W. Joseph H. C. Dill, Bloomington, is Grand Secretary.

INDIANA, 1905.

May 23d in Grand Lodge Hall, in the city of Indianapolis, the eighty-fourth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. George E. Grimes, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from five hundred and seventeen of the five hundred and twenty-three chartered lodges in attendance.

In his annual address, the Grand Master reports the constituting of six newly chartered lodges; the granting of dispensations for the instituting of eight lodges; the issuing of one duplicate charter, where the original was lost by fire; the granting of several special dispensations; the dedicating of eleven new Masonic halls; and the laying of fourteen cornerstones for as many structures of a public character.

A zealous brother, having a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, with a good house with ten or twelve rooms and good farm buildings, the land being in a splendid state of cultivation, offers the same to the Grand Lodge to be used as a Masonic Home, with the condition that the brother and his wife shall be maintained thereon during the remainder of their lives, which proposition the Grand Master submits to the Grand Lodge. A committee was appointed to consider the proposition, and any other like propositions that may be made, and report at the next annual communication.

Six lodges U. D. were granted charters. Past Grand Master Daniel McDonald offered a resolution for the creating of a Grand Charity Fund, but upon an adverse report, containing some almost unheard of views, the resolution was shelved. The Grand Lodge subscribed to such declarations as: "We deem it unwise and inexpedient for this Grand Lodge to assume the great responsibility of dispensing Masonic charity." "The greatest of Masonic attributes is charity, not systematic Charity but that Charity which springs from the sympathetic and responsive heart, the heart that can feel for another." These and other like "glitter-

ing generalities," with a cold shoulder and procrastination turned upon the offer of the farm for a Home, are quite indicative of the views held by those in the saddle in the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

M.:W.:Brother Daniel McDonald presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and twenty-four pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty Grand Lodges. In submitting it to the Grand Lodge he thus speaks of it:

In the large Masonic field covered by this review I have found entire harmony prevailing, not a discordant note being heard anywhere in the Masonic world. The increase in membership which began several years ago, still continues, and is noted in every Grand Jurisdiction reviewed, with one single exception, in this country. The questions of physical qualification, non-payment of dues, perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates, cypher Rituals, Masonic Homes, and many other questions of a local nature, are still being discussed, especially in this country. In Foreign Jurisdictions these questions have generally been settled, so that Grand Lodges have only the routine business to attend to at each annual communication.

All in all it is a pleasure to be able to report that the great Masonic Fraternity in every part of the world is progressing onward and upward, maintaining with conservative firmness its well earned and deserved position at the very top of the fraternal organizations of the world.

M.:W.:Alfred W. Emery, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Calvin W. Prather, is Grand Secretary.

INDIAN TERRITORY, 1905.

August 8th, at Tulsa, Creek Nation, the thirty-second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.: Wilson O. Bruton, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from one hundred and forty-three of the one hundred and fifty-seven chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his annual address, the Grand Master states some very interesting facts, declaring that the population is increasing faster in that territory than in any other state or territory in the United States; that more new lodges had been organized that year than in any previous one; that the growth had been rapid for years. But that is not all he says, for the work of benevolence and charity accomplished there, has attracted the attention of the world. With gladness he announces "that the sickle of time has not left stubble the field of this Grand Lodge." He had caused to be constituted fifteen newly chartered lodges, and had instituted, under dispensation, eighteen new ones. He had laid five corner-stones, one for a Masonic Hall, one for a Baptist church, one for a Presbyterian church, one for a public school building, and one for a Methodist Episcopal church.

We are sorry to learn that owing in part, to ill health, he was unable to do as much visiting among the lodges as he would have liked to do. He issued several special dispensations for the usual purposes.

With only about 6,000 Masons in the territory their Past Grand Master Henry M. Furman has secured \$50,000.00, for a Masonic Home, voluntarily contributed. This success is wonderful. The Grand Master, in speaking of it, says:

If it was not expected of me, I believe I would desist in saying anything upon this subject, for as you know, my address will be read before our financial agent shall have reported, and I feel that the glorious news of success should come to you from his lips first.

To say that success is in sight, would be putting it mildly; even before the gavel shall have sounded in the Grand East, the amount, \$50,000.00, shall be in the hands of the trustees. Of this we have every assurance. The money is now in sight. Never before in the history of the Masonic world has a Masonic institution been endowed or built by voluntary contributions. Masons abroad look upon you with wonder, but they do not know you, they are not familiar with the spirit of brotherly love, benevolence and charity that inspires the hearts and souls of Indian Territory Masons.

Too much honor cannot be conferred upon our financial agent, Most Worshipful Brother Henry M. Furman, for his never failing zeal and energy in the promotion and achievement of this great work. Too much credit cannot be given. There is no place so warm in a true and devoted Mason's heart that should not respond in love for Brother Furman.

Let us now, therefore, thank God for putting the means in our hands and providing us with such a leader so as to make it possible to achieve this great victory. Brother Furman will tell you the rest.

The Grand Master's address is an able paper, full of loyalty to Masonic teachings. In speaking of the honor of being chosen Grand Master he says: "I realize and appreciate the honor for a better reason than that of personal ambition or pride. Being a native born Cherokee Indian, I feel that my people have been honored by the preferment of one of their number to so high and exalted position as that of Grand Master."

M. W. Brother Joseph S. Murrow, Grand Secretary, presents a very excellently arranged and full report of his official dealings with the Craft.

The Grand Lodge by action authorized the incoming Grand Master to appoint a committee of five, of which he should be the chairman, to visit Masonic Homes in other Grand Jurisdictions, prepare plans, receive propositions as to location, and report to the next annual meeting of the Grand Lodge; and it was further ordered that the Grand Chapter, O. E. S. be invited to provide a consulting committee to act with the Grand Lodge committee.

It will be remembered that the year before, Brother Furman started out to raise the fund, fixing his mark at \$50,000, for the Home. That he has realized all he hoped and is to be congratulated and commended goes without saying. He has done a great work, and it will be remembered as long as the proposed Home remains an institution, blessing the widow and orphan. Brother Furman collected all this fund in Indian Territory, respectfully declining proffered subscriptions from without its limits. His report of the work is interesting. The first contribution was from a Seminole Indian, who is a Mason.

Brother Thomas C. Humphrey presents the report on correspondence, his third, covering one hundred and forty-nine pages, and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-six Grand Lodges, Nebraska, 1904, receiving favorable fraternal consideration. The dedication of our Masonic Home is noticed, and our Grand Master Bullard's address quoted from as is also the address of our Grand Orator.

The report is a well written paper and reflects a careful and diligent reading of the proceedings reviewed. He truly says of it:

Those who read the report will see that the work of the Masonic Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory is known in other Jurisdictions; that its growth in membership and prosperity, and the splendid and successful effort in raising means to build the Widows' and Orphans' Home have attracted the attention and praise of brethren abroad.

M.:W.:Richard Willison Choat, Haileyville, is Grand Master.

M.:W.:Joseph Samuel Murrow, Atoka, is Grand Secretary

IOWA, 1905.

June 6th, in the Turner Grand Opera House, in the city of Davenport, the sixty-second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Sumner Miller, Grand Master, with all but one of the Grand Officers, and representatives from four hundred and fifty-four of the five hundred and two chartered lodges, in attendance.

In his annual address the Grand Master pays fraternal tribute to the memory of their deceased Past Grand Masters, M.:W.:Brother John W. McClanahan, who died November 30th, 1904, M.:W.:Brother George B. Van Saun, on December 19th, 1904, and M.:W.:Brother Almon R. Dewey, on April 15th, 1905.

Along the line dividing their Grand Jurisdiction from that of Minnesota some purloining of timber, it is alleged, by border lodges, had been indulged, but after investigation, and a sort of mutual agreement on each side, active hostilities seem to have ceased; but vigilant watch and a strict adherence to state lines all long the border is maintained.

The Grand Master reports the dedication of one hall, the laying of the corner-stones of three public library buildings; the refusal in every instance to grant requests for dispensations to ballot for candidates out of time; the surrender of the charters of two small and weak lodges; and, where another lost its charter and lodge property by fire, the lodge was permitted to disband.

He discusses the question of newspaper accounts of the proceedings of lodge and Grand Lodge, and deplors that it is permitted, and to him, he says, it "appears a direct violation of the very essence of Masonic character." "A tersely written, business like document," the committee on the address well denominates it, and the same committee concurred in all the well expressed views of their Grand Master, and his conclusions.

The trustees of the Grand Lodge submitted an exhaustive report of property and conditions; speaking of their great library, the committee says:

Our unequalled Masonic Library deserves the consideration of every Mason in Iowa, as it has received the encomiums of the Masonic world, and of necessity requires constant care for its proper preservation.

Your Trustees beg leave to report that during the past year they have constantly kept in mind the plans which they heretofore adopted, which have for their aim the keeping of the Library closely within the scope and purpose for which it was originally intended, which is a purely Masonic Library. It is our purpose to continue to confine its future growth as far as possible in harmony with this plan.

R. W. Newton R. Parvin, Grand Secretary, son of their late Grand Secretary, presents a very full and complete report, commenting freely upon matters of special interest, both as Grand Secretary and Librarian. We beg to express the hope that both he and Brother Morcombe will look after that library first, and not neglect any detail, notwithstanding any plan they may have of a more comprehensive labor.

The Trustees of the Grand Charity Fund make full report and are doing a grand work, but they should not regard theirs as the best. It is not. The ideal relief in this day is twofold, and includes just such work as Iowa is doing, and in addition, a Masonic Widows and Orphans Home; but Iowa will get to that in time.

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico was recognized, and for good reasons, but the Grand Lodge of Queensland, which for every reason is more nearly in touch with our own American conception of what constitutes a Sovereign Independent Grand Lodge, was, as in some other Grand Lodges, Nebraska, for one, put off. In our case, with the hope that the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland would settle their differences with Queensland, but not because of any questions upon the methods of its organization. The latter were as regular as those of Iowa or Nebraska, and the writer now feels, and will so recommend, that Queensland be at once recognized.

Three lodges under dispensation were granted charters.

Brother Joseph E. Morcombe again presents the report on correspondence, his fourth, covering one hundred and ninety-two pages. Nebraska, 1904, receives fraternal consideration. He professes not to know what the writer is driving at in his allusion to Hindoo Theology. It may be, but there are others, and in Iowa, particularly, who are not so innocent.

We quote:

Masonry, let us say, is a concrete expression of man's age old search for truth. We are all seekers for "that which is lost." The quest may lead some of us over new ground of speculation, or perhaps our wearied feet may halt upon the mournful hill of tradition. What is then this paradox of Masonic teaching—that which is forever lost, and yet forever being found? In this is the secret of all the ages, and the revelation of all recorded time. It is found in the dream of the mystic, in the deepest thought of the philosopher, in the ecstatic vision of the poet and in the prophet's passionate speech. Men of the old Aryan race caught accents

of the mysterious word in their earthly Paradise beyond the Himalayas. The priests of ancient Egypt whispered it in the ears of the dying, that he might repeat it with saving power in the judgment hall of Amenti. It was given to Moses from the cloud-encompassed height of Sinai, and it found softer speech in the language of One who called the children to Him in old Judea. This is of all the ages—abiding in the oldest traditions of the race, and finding voice in the latest developments of the age. The savage, bowing to his idol, strives to pronounce the word aright, and he whose loftiest intellectual flight is aided by heaven-pinioned Faith, halts in its utterance. It is, in short, that portion of Absolute Truth which men who really seek may find—the individual revelation which each reverent and receptive soul may receive from the Unerring and the All-Good.

M. W. William Henry Norris, Manchester, is Grand Master.

R. W. Newton R. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, is Grand Secretary.

KANSAS, 1906.

February 21st, in Representative Hall, in the city of Topeka, the fiftieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Samuel R. Peters, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from three hundred and five of the three hundred and seventy-three chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master said:

We have reached the fiftieth milestone in the history of this Grand Lodge—a half century of masonic work within the boundaries of Kansas. The seed sown by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri was not planted in stony ground. It has brought forth a rich fruitage. As a result we have 373 lodges in the State, and a membership of 27,167, in good standing. The hopes of the founders of the Order in Kansas have been more than realized. When that little band of Masons gathered in the city of Leavenworth in March, 1856, representing as they did about thirty Masons in the State in good standing, they little realized that the State of Kansas, which was then almost a barren waste, would, in the short space of fifty years become one of the banner States of the Union and the M. W. Grand Lodge of Kansas one of the leading organizations of this country. This semi-centennial year is filled with promise. More than was promised and expected fifty years ago is ours. We gather now as the representatives of this Grand Body, not only to recount the progress of the past year but, also, to look back on the last fifty years, and obtain new inspiration for the work of the future.

He reports the death of two of their Past Grand Masters, M. W. Brother George S. Green, and M. W. Brother Henry C. Loomis, and to their memory pays appropriate fraternal tribute.

The Grand Master reports the granting of a dispensation for one new lodge, and directing the Grand Secretary to issue copies of two lodge charters, where the originals had been destroyed by fire. Very numerous special dispensations had been granted, and none refused. Each was paid for on the basis of \$5.00 per grant. He had laid a corner-stone for two new High School Buildings, and one for a chapel at the Masonic

Home in Wichita, provided by the Eastern Star. Several new Masonic Halls had he dedicated or caused to be dedicated by his deputies, and he made a good many official visits to his lodges.

He includes the annual reports of officers of the Masonic Home, showing that institution to be in a very prosperous condition and doing a great work.

Grand Master Peters reports but six decisions; in one holding that a lodge cannot confer degrees in separate rooms at the same time, and in another that the objection to the advancement of a brother must be made in open lodge by the brother making it. Both were approved by the Grand Lodge. And in another, which was approved, he held that the Grand Master can review the proceedings of a Masonic trial, and if he does not approve, can set them aside and order a new trial.

He discusses the District Deputy system, new in their jurisdiction, but it was not entirely satisfactory. It will not be until it is taken hold of, as all work should be, with enthusiasm. Where the system is used it has proved to be of great service, and one of the most effective means of building up the lodges.

R. W. Albert K. Wilson, Grand Secretary, has a very full report, and it is excellent in its system and arrangement with tables.

The one lodge under dispensation was granted a charter.

M. W. Brother William M. Shaver presents the report on correspondence, his fifth, covering one hundred and ninety-six pages and reviewing fifty-five American and eleven foreign jurisdictions. Nebraska, 1905, receives generous space; our Grand Master Burnham's address receives favorable attention, and the loss to Nebraska of our Past Grand Master Furnas is noted with appropriate comment.

He takes the writer to task for criticising their publication of the ritual. We had said:

It is deplorable that a Grand Lodge should so far forget the obligation every Mason has taken, and follow the example of other societies, including, of course, Masonic bodies other than the Blue Lodge, and at the same time deliberately make an innovation in the body of Masonry. It was the earnest hope of many that the ancient Craft would not drag its ritual in the mud of publicity. Whatever may be said in favor of a printed ritual for other societies, in ours it is an abomination.

And he says:

Bro. Phelps, like many others, makes his own straw-man for the privilege of hitting it a tremendous blow. It is hardly necessary to reiterate what we have so often said before, that Kansas has not "printed its ritual," nor forgotten its "obligation," nor made an "innovation in the body of Masonry," nor "dragged its ritual in the mud of publicity."

But this is their "Standing Regulation No. 25":

Standing Regulation No. 25.—The official cipher prepared and promulgated by this Grand Lodge is hereby declared to be the correct cipher of the work of the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, including the

lectures appertaining thereto described in Section 7, Article IV, of the Constitution, and every lodge shall practice the same in all the ceremonies of conferring the several degrees.

If their recorded resolution does not suggest that they have printed a ritual, perhaps only using *characters, letters, and syllables*, then we would respectfully inquire, what does it mean?

We had suggested that certain dueguards and signs might not amount to Private Grand Honors, but he settles that against our suggestion, by asserting that the D.:G.G.:and S.:S.:, had been in use for more than a century and a half. We do not doubt it, but we do not believe that they are, or ever were regarded as Grand Honors, by any recognized authority on the ritual.

In his conclusion he makes an announcement:

Since the completion and printing of the foregoing report, we have undertaken some masonic work demanding so much of our time that we have been compelled to ask to be relieved from further service as chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. The recent action of our Grand Lodge touching the work and compensation of this committee had no bearing whatever upon this personal determination.

Although this work as correspondent during the past five years has been laborious, yet withal it has been pleasant, and we lay down our pen and retire from the position with feelings of reluctance.

M.:W.:Thomas L. Bond, Salina, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, is Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY, 1905.

October 17th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Louisville, the one hundred and fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Roland H. C. Rhea, Grand Master, with a very large attendance of representatives.

A cordial and fraternal welcome to his brethren marks the opening of the Grand Master's address. He records the death of their Past Grand Master James D. Landrum, who died January 9th, 1905, and pays appropriate tribute to his memory. He reports no decisions, granted dispensations for nine new lodges, and a large number of special dispensations for the usual purposes.

He reports the arrest of the charter of a lodge where it, by a two-thirds vote, found a member "not guilty" who openly confessed to the commission of a grave Masonic offense. He did some visiting of his lodges, but not as much, of course, as he had intended. He deals with the subject of clandestine lodges, and favors the plan of documentary evidence from a visitor applying for admission, and recommends its adoption by his Grand Lodge.

Of their Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, he says it is upon a sure and solid basis, with a sufficient endowment fund and assessment to supply its wants for all time. They have also an Old Mason's Home, but need funds to erect suitable buildings on the farm.

A very full and complete report is made by their Grand Secretary, M. W. Brother Henry B. Grant, whose services to the Craft for many years have brought to him the friendship and warm approbation of a very large circle of his brethren.

The ten lodges under dispensation were all granted charters.

M. W. Brother William W. Clarke presents the report on correspondence, covering ninety-eight pages. Under Arizona, and in speaking of a decision, we find him saying:

He reported only three decisions, among them one deciding that a candidate with only one eye is eligible, a decision in every way right. The time is coming when no man will be considered physically disqualified to be made a Mason who can exercise and impart Masonic instruction; and we are pleased that the Grand Master of Arizona by his rulings has hastened the coming of that time.

We extract from his conclusion:

We have completed our report, and submit it for the information of the craft in Kentucky, and for the consideration of our fellow reviewers. We trust we have made no enemies; we certainly have tried to make none. We hope we have made friends; we certainly will prize them. We have the greatest admiration for those who have excelled us in this field of labor; we profoundly commiserate those who have not done so well.

May the craft continue to prosper until it "shall" cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. May the blessings of Heaven abide always upon those, and theirs, who have wrought with us.

M. W. James Garnett, Columbia, is Grand Master.

M. W. Henry B. Grant, Louisville, is Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA, 1906.

February 5th, at Masonic Temple, in the city of New Orleans, the ninety-fourth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Louis P. Delahoussaye, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and a very large number of representatives from the chartered lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master in opening his address, unfolds the true conception of the great object of Masonry, and in glowing words appeals to his brethren to live up to their privileges, and maintain the high standard of our institution. Peace, harmony, and good-will prevail throughout his Grand Jurisdiction, and not even minor differences exist among the Craft. Of the Grand Representative system he says:

It is with regret, however, I find some Grand Jurisdictions are abolishing the appointments of Grand Representatives. This, I believe, to be a serious error. If the choice were mine, I would not only continue such recognition, but would clothe the Representatives with greater honors and greater power. I would make them the medium of communication between Grand Jurisdictions. As ambassadors of countries are the medium of intercourse, so would I constitute these Grand Representatives. I believe such action would give greater universality to the Craft, and result in more pleasant and intimate relations between Grand Jurisdictions, and greatly facilitate the interchange of Masonic reports.

The Grand Master pays loving tribute, in eloquent words, to the memory of the fraternal dead.

He visited much among his lodges, laying corner-stones, constituting lodges, consecrating new halls, and assisting his lodges and the Craft by zealously performing all those duties pertaining to the high office.

R.:W.:Richard Lambert, Grand Secretary, presents a very complete and well arranged report of the transactions of the year. The duties of the district deputies, he says, have been performed with ability and promptness, their various reports indicating an unusual activity and awakening interest in the different Masonic districts throughout the state. Seven charters granted at the preceding annual communication had been issued, and each lodge duly constituted. Twelve dispensations had been granted for new lodges, which were instituted, and upon a favorable report the Grand Lodge ordered charters to be granted to all of them.

The Committee on Relief, after two years of investigation, makes a report from which we extract:

We, therefore, think we are justified in saying that the very large majority of Masonic opinion all over the United States, based upon Masonic experience, is heavily in favor of the Home method of relief. And we find that this is largely due to the fact that, by the Home method, not only the bodies of the children, but their minds and hearts as well can be cared for; that with the Home method we have the means to see, ourselves, that the wards of the Craft are properly raised, educated and fitted for the battle of life, and that we will be better able, after they have arrived at the age when they must depend upon themselves, to give them a start in life which will overcome the handicap they are under from having no father to place and push them during the first few years of the struggle with the world.

Brother Herman C. Duncan again presents the report on correspondence, covering eighty pages. Owing to sickness our brother was unable to furnish the report complete to the Grand Lodge, and was granted further time. It is up to the good standard of his former reviews, and is interesting as all his like work has been in the past.

M.:W.:L. C. Allen, Shreveport, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Richard Lambert, New Orleans, is Grand Secretary.

MAINE, 1905.

May 2d, at Masonic Hall, in the city of Portland, the eighty-sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Hugh R. Chaplin, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from one hundred and ninety-one of the two hundred chartered lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master, in opening his annual address, extends a cordial greeting, and delivers some well directed remarks upon the subject of their duties and the pleasure of their performance, as also the keen delight of the annual meeting of the Craft.

Two of their Past Grand Masters had been called up higher during the year. Past Grand Master Marquis F. King died at Portland, October 21st, 1904, and Past Grand Master Horace H. Burbank died at Saco, January 8th, 1905. To their memory memorials were prepared and presented to the Grand Lodge.

A detailed account, the Grand Master gave of all his official acts, special dispensations in considerable number, had he granted, one new lodge had he constituted, and installed its officers, and three new halls had been dedicated.

The subject of invasion of jurisdiction was before him, not only between his own lodges, but a lodge in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec had made a Mason of a man living in Maine, and upon complaint and proofs furnished, the Grand Lodge of Quebec expelled the member from the lodge and from Masonry.

One lodge under dispensation was granted a charter. Considerable painstaking care is devoted to their Grand Lodge library, and it is kept up to date by the acquisition of new books from year to year, and the Drummond Memorial Library, formerly collected and owned by the late Josiah H. Drummond, is kept separate, in memory of that great Mason.

Each of their District Deputy Grand Masters, twenty-five in all, makes detailed report of the performance of his duties, and the conditions existing in his district. Their combined reports cover fifty-four closely printed pages and contain valuable information, bringing to the Grand Lodge a knowledge of conditions which would otherwise be almost unattainable.

They have no Masonic Home in Maine, but the Grand Lodge maintains a charity fund, now amounting to something more than \$42,000.00, invested in stocks, bonds, and mortgages. The last year's disbursements to beneficiaries amounted to \$1,423.78. From the regulations of the fund, we quote:

ARTICLE I.

The fund is applicable to the following cases:

First, to poor and worthy members of lodges under this jurisdiction, in cases where the funds of their own lodges are not adequate to the exigency of the case.

Secondly, to poor and worthy masons resident in this state, not members of any subordinate lodge, and being in circumstances to render such membership not a masonic duty.

Thirdly, to poor and worthy masons being sojourners in this state.

Fourthly, to other cases of distress.

ARTICLE II.

The widows and orphans of deceased masons are to be relieved as the husband or parent would be upon the principle stated in preceding article.

Past Grand Master Albro E. Chase presents his third report on correspondence, covering one hundred and fifty pages, and reviewing the proceedings of seventy-one Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1904, receives generous consideration, and our Grand Master Bullard's address is liberally quoted from, as is also the report of our Grand Custodian, P. G. M. French, and the report of the dedication of our Masonic Home is noticed.

M. W. Hugh R. Chaplin, Bangor, is Grand Master.

R. W. Stephen Berry, Portland, is Grand Secretary.

MANITOBA, 1905.

June 14th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Winnipeg, the thirtieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Andrew Chisholm, Grand Master, with a very large attendance of officials and representatives.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master says:

The great prosperity of western Canada has been reflected in the advancement and progress of Masonry in this jurisdiction. People from many lands are seeking to establish for themselves homes in this west. The ancient poet makes his hero say that he left his native shores with tears; so in labor and sometimes sorrow these strangers seek to cast in their lot with us. Impressions for good or bad are easily cut into character in such circumstances. Here is where the value of a sound ethic comes in; benevolence meets and welcomes the stranger. The altruism of Masonry is a mighty power in this western land.

And he continues in a discussion of the ideals of the Craft. He had visited extensively among the lodges, and brings good report of the conditions. He had laid three corner-stones, that of a Public School, and those of two Anglican churches. Everywhere he was well received and had ample opportunity to address the brethren. The District Deputy Grand Masters, he says, have denied themselves for the sake of the Craft. And there is, he says, a great desire for knowledge among the brethren, and there are questions on every hand regarding procedure and government of lodges; these, he says, need no ruling from the Grand Master, as they are fully dealt with in their book of constitution, and he encourages the officers and members to a thorough study of the constitution and the by-laws of their lodges, and:

Further, I seek to emphasize the words of a former occupant of the Grand East in reference to a higher study of Masonry. In the absence of stated lectures on the subject, let well skilled brethren dig deep into the history and polity of Masonry, so that they may impart the result to brethren who lack this privilege.

During the year four lodges having been chartered were constituted, consecrated, and their officers duly installed, and three continued U. D., and eleven new lodges were instituted. A considerable number of special dispensations for the usual purposes had been granted.

The Board of General Purposes approved a form of a certificate for visiting brethren hailing from that Grand Lodge, and authorized the Grand Secretary to issue a circular to the lodges of the jurisdiction, calling their attention to the same.

No proposed amendments to the constitution, and no appeals or questions of Masonic law having arisen, the Committee on Jurisprudence drew the conclusion, and so reported, that peace and harmony universally prevail throughout the large territory covered by their Grand Lodge, and there was nothing further for the committee to do. The Committee on Charters and New Lodges reported favorably, and ten new lodges were granted charters. The statistical reports of the several district deputies are very complete, and show encouraging progress both numerically and financially.

There is no report on correspondence.

M.:W.:William G. Scott, Winnipeg, is Grand Master.

M.:W.:James A. Ovas, Winnipeg, is Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND, 1905.

November 21st, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Baltimore, the one hundred and nineteenth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened, as is their custom, by the Deputy Grand Master, with a large attendance of Grand Officers and representatives from the chartered lodges in attendance. The R.:W.:Deputy Grand Master, Brother James R. Brewer, directed the Grand Marshal to summon his escort and repair to the M.:W.:Grand Master's room, and inform him that the M.:W.:Grand Lodge was opened in due form and awaited his pleasure.

The entrance of the Grand Master, M.:W.:Thomas J. Shryock, was proclaimed by the Grand Marshal; the Grand Honors were given, and he assumed the chair. The first business was the appointment of committees, followed by the report of the Grand Treasurer, the report of a committee on relief, and the consideration of communications. The following day was largely consumed in the laying of the corner-stone of the Maryland Institute Building. The following is indicative of the importance of the occasion:

A procession was formed, and escorted by the Grand Commandery of Maryland K. T., Summerfield B. Medairy, Right Eminent Grand Commander, the officers of the Grand Lodge, with the Mayor of the city, Bro. E. Clay Timanus, of Kedron Lodge No. 148, and the Governor of the State, Bro. Edwin Warfield, of Adherence Lodge No. 88, being in carriages, accompanied by the Band of the Fifth Regiment, Maryland National Guard, and preceded by a platoon of mounted police, proceeded to the site of the new Maryland Institute, on Mt. Royal Avenue.

Addresses were made by the Governor and the President of Johns Hopkins University.

When Grand Lodge resumed its sitting, reports of committees were received, considered, and disposed of in the dispatch of the routine work of the communication. There was no annual address by the Grand Master, nor was there any annual report by the Grand Secretary.

At Elkridge, on May 16th, 1905, a special communication of the Grand Lodge was held to dedicate a new Masonic Hall, which was done, and an address delivered by the acting Grand Master Brother William L. K. Barrett. And on the same day the special communication took part in unveiling a monument in the cemetery at Cumberland, erected to the memory of their late brother, Past Grand Master Charles H. Ohr.

A semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, in Baltimore, on May 9th, at which R. W. Deputy Grand Master James R. Brewer presided. The Grand Secretary submitted a report, and the Grand Master delivered a brief address. It is not the custom with our Maryland brethren to have the usual detailed report of the official acts of the Grand Master, and their Grand Master Shryock, who has been at the head of the Craft for many years, does not think, it is explained, it necessary to report in detail by enumerating in a lengthy address, dispensations issued to this and that lodge to hold an election of officers, or confer degrees out of time, or to describe the manner in which he was received and entertained on occasions of his visitation of lodges, and it is only with matters of special moment he is accustomed to deal in his address to the Grand Lodge, or to submit questions involving legislation of graver import than the routine questions submitted during recess.

R. W. Brother Edward T. Schultz presents the report on correspondence, his nineteenth, covering one hundred and twenty-two pages, and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-five American and twelve foreign Grand Jurisdictions. Nebraska, 1905, receives generous fraternal consideration. Our Grand Master Burnham's address is quoted from and favorable comment accorded it, and he quite approves this writer's criticism of Kansas' printed ritual. His report throughout is up to the excellent standard which for many years he has maintained.

M. W. Thomas J. Shryock, Baltimore, is Grand Master.

R. W. William M. Isaac, Baltimore, is Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1905.

We have received the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at four quarterly communications, and the stated annual communication held on the 27th day of December, being its one hundred and seventy-second anniversary.

At the fourth quarterly communication, held on December 13th, the Grand Master, M. W. Baalis Sanford, delivered his annual address. He says that it is a cause for congratulations that the year just past had been of almost unprecedented prosperity in all that concerns the welfare of the Craft in their commonwealth. In his visits to many

lodges he says he had been impressed with the earnestness, the harmony, and the generous aspirations which characterize the Freemason of Massachusetts. He pays loving tribute to the memory of their fraternal dead, making honorable mention of the lives of the more prominent among them.

He had visited and been present at many interesting gatherings of Masons, held for Masonic purposes, and his account of them affords pleasant reading. A special communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Southbridge, for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic Apartments of Quinebaug Lodge. Another in the city of Cambridge to assist in the centennial celebration of their Amicable Lodge, and another in the city of Lynn, for a like purpose. At all of these gatherings were leading lights in Massachusetts' ranks; banquets were had, brilliant speeches made, and historical addresses delivered.

The Grand Master expresses a deep sense of obligation to his District Deputies for their diligence, zeal, and ability in the performance of their labors, labors, he says involving great responsibilities.

He speaks of the work in progress of printing the records of the Grand Lodge from its organization in 1733 to 1867, during which time no printed records, he says were in existence. One volume including the year from 1733 to 1792, has been printed. A second volume then in the hands of the printer includes the year from 1792 to 1815. This is a very valuable work, and will serve to preserve for all time, events of great interest to the Masonic student.

Of spurious clandestine lodges and their members, he speaks wisely:

The watchful care of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and the officers of Lodges, in exerting their influence in a quiet and unobtrusive way for the preservation of the purity of our Institution, and in guarding the portals of their several Lodges against the clandestine intruder, have accomplished better and more effective results than a public denouncement of our enemies could do; and hundreds are finding out that the only way in which they can be made legitimate members of the Craft is through Lodges working under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which has the exclusive jurisdiction over genuine Masonry in this Commonwealth. Let us thank God, and take courage.

From the report on bequests we copy the following:

In the estate of William H. Williams, recently deceased, the Grand Lodge is made residuary legatee of the estate, to hold the same until the amount of the fund accumulates to the sum of \$200,000, and then to establish "The Williams Masonic Home." I am informed by the executor of the will that the legacy of the Grand Lodge will amount to nearly \$125,000. This will is not in litigation and will probably be settled in the early spring, and the estate distributed in accordance therewith.

Another bequest of a large estate is still in litigation; ten proceedings have gone to the Supreme Court and been decided in favor of the trustees of the estate, the eleventh is still in court.

From the report of the Auditing Committee we extract. It shows the large amounts involved:

Balance on hand Dec. 14, 1904.....	\$571.18
Total Receipts from all sources.....	84,662.15
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	\$85,233.33
Total Expenditures.....	82,541.21
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Balance on hand, Dec. 13, 1905.....	\$2,692.12

We now turn to what is always of great interest: the stated communication held in the Masonic Temple, always on December 27th, for the installation of the Grand Officers, and to celebrate the festival, called by them: "The Feast of Saint John the Evangelist."

The officers were duly installed, and at the banquet table, the feast was celebrated. The toasts: "To the memory of the Holy Saints John," "To the memory of our illustrious Brother, George Washington," "To the memory of our departed Brethren," and "To the Brotherhood of Freemasonry wheresoever dispersed," were all responded to, the first by the outgoing Grand Master, Brother Baalis Sanford, the second by Rev. Brother William H. Van Allen, the third by Past Grand Master Sereno D. Nickerson, the fourth by M. E. Harry Hunt, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts. Others were called upon, and the celebration was concluded, as it always is, after the enjoyment of a rare feast of reason, interspersed with wit of rarest coinage.

M. W. John Albert Blake, Malden, is Grand Master.

M. W. Sereno D. Nickerson, Boston, is Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN, 1905.

May 23d, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Detroit, the sixty-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Fletcher E. Turrell, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and representatives, in all, five hundred and twenty-five, in attendance.

An unusual measure of success, the Grand Master says, in his annual address, had attended the labors of the Craft during the year. Death had not touched the official ranks of the Grand Lodge, present or past, during the year, but honorable mention, and record, is made of the illustrious dead of other Grand Jurisdictions. Special dispensations, to a considerable number, he reports as having granted. A large number of Masonic Temples and halls had been dedicated, and corner-stones for public buildings were laid, and he had visited officially, many of his lodges, and also several schools of instruction. Some internal dissensions had arisen, and one lodge charter had been taken up, and altogether the Grand Master had experienced a very busy year.

From his reported decisions we copy the following:

1. Q. A lives in a city where lodges have concurrent jurisdiction, and is rejected by one of said Lodges. More than five years having elapsed since he was rejected, can he apply to any other lodge in that city, and have they a right to receive and act upon his petition.

A. Yes. A lodge loses its personal jurisdiction over its rejected material that has resided in any other jurisdiction for a period of five years; and lodges having concurrent jurisdiction should not be permitted to enjoy any greater powers than lodges whose jurisdictions are not concurrent; they, therefore, lose jurisdiction over rejected material after five years.

4. Q. Has a non-affiliate, who has been rejected, a right to visit a lodge, and if so, how many times?

A. A brother who has recently petitioned for affiliation, and has been rejected, is not a voluntary unaffiliated Mason, and he has a right to visit the lodge as often as he desires, unless objection is made to his doing so by some member of the lodge he desires to visit. To maintain his right to visit a lodge, however, he must petition some lodge for membership at least once during each year.

A most complete report is that made by the Grand Secretary, M. W. Lou B. Winsor.

R. W. Frank T. Lodge, Grand Lecturer, makes extended report, showing great activity. He excuses their use of a ritual, saying:

We are criticised by the brethren of some other Grand Jurisdictions for making and using Rituals. They claim that it is a violation of our Masonic obligation to do so. It may be that the Grand Lodges to which some of our critics belong, do not possess a central key, lodged with the proper custodian, of the work. I know, however, that some of these Grand Jurisdictions do have some such authoritative key, although the work may be communicated in those Grand Jurisdictions from mouth to ear, in accordance with ancient usage. In these cases, at least, the difference between them and us is only one of degree.

Yes, it may be only one of degree, but in the direction of wrong doing, and ought not to be tolerated.

A very interesting report is that of the Board of Control of the Michigan Masonic Home, which continues its good work, and is loyally sustained, as everywhere by the Craft.

Past Grand Master Lou B. Winsor submits the report on correspondence, his second, covering two hundred and ten pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-three Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1904, receives fraternal and favorable notice.

He quotes their law, which seems to hamper him in the field of reviewing:

The Grand Secretary shall also be *ex-officio* a committee on correspondence, and it shall be his duty to examine the correspondence and reports from other Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge, and to digest from the proceedings of such Grand Lodges the date of meeting, the number of lodges represented, the decisions on questions

of Masonic law adopted by such Grand Lodges and such other matters as the committee may deem of interest to the Craft in Michigan, and the committee shall refrain from criticism of such proceedings, as well as promulgating the opinion of the committee upon decisions, laws and regulations of this or any other Grand Lodge.

M. W. John Rowson, Grand Rapids, is Grand Master.

M. W. Lou B. Winsor, Reed City, is Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA, 1906.

January 17th, in Masonic Hall, in the city of St. Paul, the fifty-third annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Henry M. Tusler, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from two hundred and twenty-three of the two hundred and forty-one chartered lodges in attendance.

A hearty welcome and expression of the pleasure of meeting his brethren again in Grand Lodge, are given by the Grand Master in opening his annual address. He reports the constituting of two lodges chartered at the last preceding annual communication, the continuing of one under dispensation, the instituting during the year of five under dispensation, and the surrender of charters of two in a moribund condition. He granted many special dispensations, but refused some where the circumstances would not, as he thought, warrant such exercise of the power.

He reports only six decisions; other questions propounded had been answered by simply referring to their code. He held that a candidate who had lost the first, second, and third fingers on his right hand was not eligible; that a member whose name was stricken from the roll of his lodge in 1875 for non-payment of dues, and died in 1888, could not be restored by the payment of the dues by his widow, who wished to do so and obtain a certificate from the lodge that he was in good standing at the time of his death.

A fine young man, a general auditor of a brewing company, simply engaged in supervising the clerical business and having nothing whatever to do with the manufacture or sale of the product, sought to apply for the degrees, and it was held that if his auditorship empowered him to a vote, as an officer, in the general management of the company, he could not be admitted; if it did not he could receive the degrees. Our Grand Lodge held that if the candidate was a bookkeeper he was not eligible, and the writer thought, and still believes, that the latter decision went too far, and we have not much sympathy in the Minnesota decision.

He laid the corner-stone of a Carnegie Library Building, but would not lay one for a church, where it must be laid on Sunday. He gratified his desire to visit, and did a great deal of official visiting among his lodges, installing officers in several lodges, some publicly.

The Grand Secretary, R. W. Brother Thomas Montgomery, submitted his seventeenth annual report, evidencing a faithful attention to the duties of that important office.

A proposition to proceed and accumulate a fund to build and endow a Masonic Home was discussed, and resolutions were adopted, containing provisions for raising \$100,000.00, half of which is to go into and constitute a permanent endowment fund. The proposition also provides for securing the co-operation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar; the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters; the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons; and the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, all of Minnesota.

Six lodges under dispensation were granted charters. One lodge that received its original charter January 6th, 1857, and surrendered it June 1st, 1865, receiving a new charter October 25th, 1865, was permitted to surrender the latter and receive anew the older charter.

The Committee on Returns have a remedy for an old and too general evil, to relieve the Grand Secretary from the unnecessary annoyance and labor imposed upon him by the carelessness and negligence of many lodge secretaries, by a recommendation that the district deputies thoroughly instruct the secretaries how to make out their lodge returns. By and by the Grand Secretary will be out of employment.

Brother Irving Todd again presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and fifteen pages, Nebraska, 1905, receiving generous fraternal consideration. He summarizes well and presents a well written review.

M. W. Thomas Morris, Crookston, is Grand Master.

R. W. Thomas Montgomery, St. Paul, is Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI, 1905.

February 23d, in the city of Jackson, the eighty-seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Thomas Upton Sisson, Grand Master, with representatives from two hundred and sixty-two of the two hundred and ninety-eight listed lodges in attendance.

In opening his annual address, the Grand Master discussed at length the fundamental principles of Masonry, making pretty large claims for its influence from an early period. Under Necrology he pays loving tribute to the memory of their late Senior Grand Warden, William H. Howard, who died on October 27th, 1904.

He reports the granting of a goodly number of special dispensations, the laying of corner-stones for seven public buildings, but refused to lay one where it was not to be put in the northeast corner of the structure, as the law, he says, of Masonic tradition requires. We do not remember such strict insistence on the part of any Grand Master, although it may have many times occurred. Eight newly chartered lodges had been constituted.

He reports but two decisions, one of which we reproduce, because of its peculiar holding. A search has failed to reveal any action by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and we wonder:

From Ebenezer Lodge No. 76, the following was submitted:

"A brother was suspended in our Lodge in 1868 for un-Masonic conduct. He now wants a demit. His back dues amount to \$70.00. He was restored to membership provided he pay all back dues and on this condition the Lodge was willing to grant him a demit. The Brother proposes to pay \$20.00 if Lodge will accept it and grant him a demit. Can the Lodge do this?" "Yes."

"Is it not too late for Lodge to take action?" "No."

Grand Master Sisson did but little visiting among the lodges, but when he did he delivered an address.

M. W. Brother Frederic Speed, Grand Secretary, in his report congratulates the Grand Lodge and Fraternity that it is passing through an era of great prosperity. Almost without exception, he says, the lodges are prosperous, and have a bright future before them. He speaks of an interesting matter:

Through the kindness of Bro. Louis Benoist, of Natches, I have received a valuable old Masonic Chart, which was the property of our first Grand Master, Rev. Henry Tooley. Although printed in 1819, it is in a remarkable state of preservation, and the engraving of the emblems is equal to any modern work of the character with which I am familiar. The arrangement of the altar lights and mode of wearing the apron show the custom of that day and is the oldest testimony which I have seen upon the subject.

Brother Speed's long years of experience, his profound knowledge of all that pertains to the Fraternity, and his continued zeal, make him almost, if not altogether, indispensable to the maintenance of prosperity with the Craft in Mississippi.

From the report of the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence we extract:

QUESTION 19.—A member of the Lodge, who has moved to Memphis, engages in the wholesale liquor business and now applies for a demit. We understand that it is not a violation of the Masonic Law of Tennessee to sell liquor but wish to be advised whether our law against it extends beyond the limits of this State and whether a violation of our Statute committed outside of this State, by a Mason holding his membership in this State, would subject him to discipline, before we proceed further in the matter.

ANSWER.—A Mason is subject to the laws of the jurisdiction under which he holds his membership no matter where he may be; he may be tried for an act which is in violation of the Masonic Laws of this jurisdiction, even though the act may have been committed in another jurisdiction. Question 20, page 77, Proceedings of 1903, is a case in point. There the party was living in Louisiana and engaged in the saloon business. He applied to Bolton Lodge for reinstatement, having been suspended for non-payment of dues. The committee replied that he could not be reinstated, but must be tried under our liquor law and expelled. We think this disposes of the question. A demit cannot be granted to one against whom there are charges to be investigated. Digest and Decisions, page 16.

M.:W.:Brother Andrew H Barkley presents the report on correspondence, covering seventy-eight pages. Nebraska, 1904, is fraternally and favorably considered. He favors the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, and this is mentioned in his general report; and due recognition was accorded by the Grand Lodge.

M.:W.:Thomas B. Franklin, Columbus, is Grand Master.

M.:W.:Frederic Speed, Vicksburg, is Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI, 1905.

September 26th, in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, in the city of St. Louis, the eighty-fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Leroy B. Valliant, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers present, also representatives from three hundred and sixty-seven of the five hundred and sixty-eight chartered lodges.

In his annual address, the Grand Master pays loving tribute to the memory of their veteran Grand Secretary, M.:W.:Brother John D. Vincil, who died October 12th, 1905, just after the close of the Grand Lodge, at which he, by a rising and unanimous vote, was elected for the twenty-seventh time to the office which he had so long filled most acceptably. Another Past Grand Master, M.:W.:Brother Thomas E. Garrett, died June 30th, 1905.

He reports the institution of seven lodges formed during the year; he had also issued a large number of special dispensation, for the removal of lodges, for dedications of halls, and for the election of officers. He had laid ten corner-stones, one for a Masonic Hall, and the others for churches and public buildings; and seventeen lodges received their charters which had previously been arrested.

The Grand Master clearly shows that there was great need for prompt action at the time he issued his edict, January 28th, 1905, the effect of which was to forbid any lodge in Missouri to receive a visitor coming from a lodge outside of the state, unless he was properly vouched for, or unless in addition to the usual tests, he furnished a certificate of his standing from his lodge and Grand Lodge. This edict has drawn the attention of Masonic authorities and writers to the subject, and it is quite generally agreed that, in view of the swarm of clandestine lodges and so-called Masons, some such plan should be adopted, not however to take the place of the time honored tests, "by strict trial and due examination," to which we are all bound by our Obligation.

He reports forty-three decisions, some of which are of such general interest and importance that we give place to the following:

1. Fellowship Lodge, No. 345.—Section 153, By-Laws, prohibits a Lodge to charge a fee for affiliation. It is no violation of this law for a Lodge to require a petition for affiliation to be accompanied with one year's dues, provided the money is only applied to the payment of dues accruing from the date the Brother is elected as a member of the Lodge.

It would be an evasion, and therefore, a violation of the law if the Lodge should, under the guise of dues, require of the petitioner for affiliation, the payment of a sum, any part of which is applied otherwise than to dues accruing after he is elected to membership.

2. Fellowship Lodge, No. 345.—A Brother under sentence of suspension for five years for un-Masonic conduct is again guilty of misconduct, is he subject to charges and trial while his former sentence stands?

Yes. Though suspended he is still a Mason and answerable for misconduct to the Lodge in whose jurisdiction he commits the offense, or to his own Lodge.

3. Latimer Lodge, No. 145.—A Brother was suspended for non-payment of dues, the Lodge afterwards became defunct in 1897, more than three years having passed, can the Brother now pay the dues for which he was suspended and be reinstated by order of the Grand Master.

No. The Lodge of which he was a member at the date of his suspension having ceased to exist, and more than three years having passed, he can be reinstated to the rights he would have had if he had been a member of that Lodge at the date of its demise, only by payment to the Grand Secretary of the dues for which he was suspended and a majority vote of the Grand Lodge.

11. Mount Hope Lodge, No. 476.—A prospective candidate for the degrees of Free Masonry has left foot off about six inches above the ankle, has wooden foot in place of the natural one, with metallic hinges or metallic bolts or screws. In preparation of candidate what shall be done in regard to hinges and other metal?

Decision.—Whether or not the petitioner, by artificial means can comply with the Masonic requirements is one in which the Lodge should exercise its own sound judgment. Every case should stand on its own facts. Before ballot is taken on the petition the Lodge should be informed of the particular character of physical deficiency and artificial appliance. Then let each member vote his judgment as his conscience dictates. As to metallic hinges, bolts or screws, I do not think, in the preparation of the candidate you are required to take notice of them.

Masonry is shown to be in a very prosperous condition in Missouri, and their Masonic Home is loyally maintained and is doing a glorious work.

The Grand Master is eloquent in his discussion of the origin and purposes of Freemasonry. Of its origin he says: "Masonry is of Divine origin in the sense that it comes as an inspiration in response to an aspiration of the Divine spirit of man, crying for a bond of union founded on no other principle than the Brotherhood of Man."

The committee on the Grand Master's address, in appropriate language commends his address, and says: "The Grand Master has been faithful and tireless in the discharge of duty, and in his retirement carries with him the love and devotion of Missouri Masons."

The Grand Lodge had before it a considerable number of amendments to its constitution and by-laws, one of which provides that: "All newly-made Master Masons shall stand an approved examination in the lecture of the Master's degree before they shall be permitted to vote, hold office in the Lodge, or dimit."

The Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico, upon favorable report, was recognized.

From the report of the Committee on District Deputy Grand Master's Reports, we learn that fifty-two of the fifty-six made reports, and show an increased amount of work over any preceding year, and many of the reports show every lodge within their respective districts to be in splendid working order. The committee regards the system as most important, and says: "The harmony and prosperity of the several Lodges in a Masonic District in a large measure depend upon the hearty co-operation and zeal of the District Deputy." A quite full abstract of the reports of the district deputies is contained in the proceedings. The seven lodges under dispensation were granted charters.

R.:W.:Brother Arch A. Johnson, Grand Orator, delivered an address upon "The power of Freemasonry," containing much well digested thought.

M.:W.:Brother Rufus E. Anderson presents the report on correspondence, covering three hundred and thirty-three pages, and reviewing the proceedings of most of the domestic and many of the foreign Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1904, receives extended notice, and is liberally quoted from. He takes occasion to explain their law providing that after a final ballot on a petition, and an unfavorable result, the Grand Master may, in his discretion, and for good cause, grant a dispensation authorizing another ballot at a stated meeting of the lodge.

This a former Grand Master had done, and the writer had suggested that such a dispensation was against all precedent and an encroachment upon the rights of members, and we still think so, and that the by-law of the Grand Lodge is equally against all precedent worthy of consideration. The granting of dispensations, we think, should be left where landmark and ancient custom placed it, a prerogative of the Grand Master, untouched by any kind of a by-law. Brother Anderson fits well "the new harness" and it nicely "adjusts itself." The review will be read with pleasure by all who peruse it.

M.:W.:A. S. Houston, Mexico, is Grand Master.

M.:W.:John R. Parson, St. Louis, is Grand Secretary.

MONTANA, 1905.

September 20th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Butte, the forty-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Lew L. Callaway, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, excepting the Grand Junior Deacon, and representatives from fifty-one of the fifty-three chartered lodges, in attendance.

The Grand Master, in opening his annual address, discusses fluently Freemasonry in Montana, the city in which they were assembled, and the Temple, the laying of its corner-stone, in which ceremony, it will be remembered, President Roosevelt took part.

He pays eloquent fraternal tribute to the memory of their late Past Grand Master, Wilbur Fisk Sanders, who died July 7th, 1905. From it we extract briefly:

On July 7, 1905, Past Grand Master Wilbur Fisk Sanders obeyed the final summons. Our brother was born in Cattaraugus County, New York, on May 2, 1834. He was admitted to the Bar in 1856, and practiced his profession at Akron, Ohio, until the outbreak of the war. He enlisted with the 64th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was Assistant Adjutant General on the staff of General James W. Forsythe with the rank of Colonel, and he was ever after known as Colonel Sanders. Although in after years he became a United States Senator the title of Colonel was the one to which his friends and acquaintances clung. The name, "Colonel Sanders," is so inseparably connected with the history of the Territory and State of Montana that no modification of it was or is permissible.

The Grand Master reports the constituting of two newly chartered lodges; the issuing of dispensations to ballot for a brother for affiliation in less than the constitutional time, and to elect a lodge officer to fill the place of a deceased brother, and to institute a new lodge. He laid one corner-stone for a church. He says that he rendered many decisions, but only reports a few, one of which is as follows:

3. The following question having been submitted: "Can a master, after having opened his lodge and conducted the proceedings to a given point, call on a past master to take his place, proceed with the business, and close the lodge?" The answer was no, it being the duty of the senior warden, or in case of his absence, of the junior warden, to govern the lodge in the absence of the master. In this instance when the master was obliged to retire, he should have stated to the junior warden, the senior warden being absent, that he, the master, was about to retire, and should have requested him to take charge of the lodge. The junior warden could then have taken the East himself, or have called a brother to preside, as he saw fit.

He, owing to pressing duties in other matters, did but little visiting among the lodges.

We last year spoke in our review of a large bequest in lands to the Grand Lodge for a Masonic Home, and since that time a committee has had the property in hand, and the securing of further donations as an inducement to locations, but the site is not as yet determined upon. The question is a live one, and sooner or later their Home will certainly materialize.

M. W. Brother Cornelius Hedges again presents the report on correspondence covering one hundred and twenty-seven pages. We quote from his introductory remarks:

The rapid growth of Masonry in these, our days, is not more noticeable than the expansion of its publications, as seen in the enlarged volumes of Annual Proceedings, and in the multiplication of craft newspapers and magazines. It suggests that there is some connection between these two things. The silence and secrecy with which we guard our peculiar mysteries are being subordinated to the higher and holier purposes of our organizations to provide peace and good will on earth, and a livelier recognition of the common Fatherhood of God, whose most acceptable service is the relief of distress.

Suffice it to say that we do not share the gloomy fears of those who seem to think that Masonry is rushing to destruction in substituting revelation for tradition; the example and experience of divine and human wisdom rather than the intermittent gleam of dim and fading landmarks.

Nor do we fear that Masonry is to be distanced or overwhelmed by the numerous progeny of Fraternal organizations that have sprung from its loins. There is room and work for all and more, till everybody, old and young, is provided with a home, and fitted for a better one hereafter; till all the latent talent with which God has endowed humanity is developed and finds profitable investment.

M.:W.:Henry L. Frank, Butte, is Grand Master.

M.:W.:Cornelius Hedges, Helena, is Grand Secretary.

NEVADA, 1905.

June 13th, in the Hall of Carson Lodge No. 1, at Carson City, the forty-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:George Cillson, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from twenty of the twenty-two chartered lodges in attendance.

With well chosen words, the Grand Master in opening his annual address, discusses the breadth of the Fraternity, and the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth; the steady advancement, the powerful influence, and the marvelous stability of the Craft.

He pays fraternal tribute to the memory of their Past Grand Master, M.:W.:Brother Trenmor Coffin, who died August 26th, 1904, and was buried with honors due to his rank, by the Grand Lodge.

Grand Master Gillson reports the institution of one new lodge, and the granting of two special dispensations to elect officers out of time.

He reports but two official visits to lodges; saying from correspondence, perfect harmony and good fellowship prevail throughout his Grand Jurisdiction; that the lodges are in a fairly prosperous condition, and that a goodly amount of work had been performed. He reports nothing under the head of decisions, but submits considerable correspondence with the Grand Master of California with reference to the making of a Mason in a San Francisco lodge of a young doctor who was living in Reno, Nevada, but whose parents and sisters lived in San Francisco, where he had resided before coming to Reno. The lodge in San Francisco was innocent of any intent to do wrong, and the doctor evidently was ignorant of the law in the premises. But he was not allowed to visit lodges in Nevada, nor should he, says the Grand Lodge, until such time as the lodge at Reno petitions the Grand Lodge to permit it.

The Grand Lodge of Brazil was recognized, but Argentina was refused recognition; action was deferred upon the application of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, although sympathy is expressed for that body.

Brother Edward D. Vanderlieth presents the report on correspondence, his fourth, covering two hundred and six pages. Under Alabama, he quotes a decision of its Grand Master, holding that, in instituting a

lodge under dispensation, the Grand Master may appoint one of the members Master even though no one of their number has served as Master or Warden of a subordinate lodge, but he adds, with apparent approval, that the jurisprudence committee quickly upset said ruling, holding that no one who has not filled one of the Warden's stations can occupy the Master's station. The law from time immemorial, we think, upholds the Grand Master's ruling, for the rule that one must have served as Warden is applied to all chartered lodges, but expressly excepts lodges under dispensation. Indeed, in many cases in new communities, in a sparsely settled country, the liberal rule was, and is, a necessity. The Grand Lodge, in the case cited, clearly mistook the true rule.

Brother Vanderlieth selects with care and quotes liberally; he comments freely, and furnishes a good review. Nebraska is fraternally and liberally treated.

M.:W.:Charles A. Beemer, Sparks, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Chauncey N. Noteware, Carson City, is Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1904.

August 23d, at Masonic Hall, in the city of St. John, the thirty-seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Arthur I. Trueman, Grand Master.

Loyalty to the Crown and pride in the great British Empire mark, as they almost invariably do in the Provinces, the opening paragraphs of the Grand Master's address. The condition of the Craft in New Brunswick, he assures us, is good, and peace, harmony, and growth are evidenced in what he says. The balance in the hands of his treasurer has been substantially increased, no case has arisen for discipline, and no important matter, he says, leading to dispute among the brethren, had been brought to his attention; and the Craftsman had not forgotten the good works of love and charity. Truly a happy condition.

Their Past Grand Master Robert Marshall died May 27th, 1904, and to his memory loving, fraternal tribute is paid.

For three years Grand Master Trueman had visited the lodges, and he is firmly convinced that such official visits are of great benefit to the brethren. The fact, he says, that such a visit will take place, and that the Worshipful Master and his officers will be called upon to confer or exemplify a degree, arouses in them a deeper interest in their lodge, and influences them to make a more determined effort to acquire a closer knowledge of the ritual. He complains of their District Deputies, and says they do not visit as they should.

Of banquets he says:

The social hour spent by the brethren in the banqueting hall at the close of each visitation has also been of value, as well as of pleasure, although I have sought to discourage Lodges from providing entertainments at great expense and trouble. Light refreshments in the Lodge or the adjoining banquet room meet every call of hospitality, and afford

the desirable opportunity for the Grand Officers and the members of the Lodge to become personally acquainted with each other. I desire to heartily thank the brethren of each and every Lodge for the courtesy and kindness extended to myself and those accompanying me in this respect. We have in this way been enabled to form many warm and I hope lasting friendships.

Except that of the Grand Master, he says, there are no more important offices in connection with the Grand Lodge than the District Deputy Grand Masters. If their work is not done, Masonry suffers.

Under their system a board of general purposes transacts a good deal of the important business. During the year the board held five meetings. It had under consideration at one meeting the subject of the incorporating of the lodges, and it strongly recommends such incorporation through special legislation, or by a company organization in some form under the Joint Stock Companies Act, which will enable the property to be held perpetually for the use and benefit of the Craft, instead of through trustees. In some of our American jurisdictions, incorporation for Masonic bodies is strongly opposed, especially in California. Other subjects considered and reported to the Grand Lodge involve a proposed amendment of the constitution permitting dual membership, and the preparing and publishing of a digest of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges.

The report on foreign correspondence is confined to a consideration of the Grand Lodges of Western Australia and Queensland. The former the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick had recognized, but of the latter further time is asked in which to consider its application for recognition.

There is no general report and review.

M.:W.:Edwin J. Everett, St. John, is Grand Master.

V.:W.:J. Twining Hartt, St. John, is Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1905.

May 17th, at Freemasons Hall, in the city of Concord, the one hundred and sixteenth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by R.:W.:Ira A. Chase, Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Master, M.:W.:Henry I. Haselton, being absent on account of illness. There were representatives from fifty-five of the seventy-nine chartered lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master's annual address, read by the Deputy Grand Master, records the decease of Past Grand Master Alpheus Wooster Baker, who died April 11th, 1905. Loving tribute is paid and honorable mention made, in which his Masonic and civil official life finds prominent place.

The Grand Master reports several decisions, all of which are upon questions long settled and not of sufficient importance to incorporate in this report. He had issued two special dispensations to confer degrees in less time than that fixed by their constitution, and others for the more usual purposes. He reports laying a corner-stone for an academy, and

attendance, accompanied by his Grand Officers, upon the centennial exercises of their Morning Star Lodge No. 17, at Wolfeborough. With his Grand Officers, he dedicated to Masonic purposes a new and what he says is an elegant Masonic Temple, at Laconia.

Upon the very important subject of perpetual jurisdiction, Brother Joseph W. Fellows, of the Committee on Jurisprudence, reported recommendations which were adopted. In the report he says:

The situation is such that the principle of perpetual jurisdiction, which was a wise thing and worked good results in the earlier days of the craft, and exercised a salutary influence over its management, at the present time owing to the change of situation, increase in numbers, and broadened purposes for which Masonry is recognized and stands, it seems wise that we should adopt a rule that conforms as nearly as practicable to that established in the majority of the states, and which the craft generally assents to as wise and proper.

In view of these considerations, the committee would recommend that the Grand Lodge so amend its rules and regulations as to establish the five year limit to jurisdiction over rejected material.

In another able report, for the same committee, Brother Fellows says:

An assessment is the levy of a tax upon the members of a Lodge for some extraordinary purpose. It has no relation to the annual dues and is not governed by any by-law concerning them. It is lawful upon the ground that the Lodge has authority to maintain its existence and discharge the duties of Masonry and require an equal payment from all its members.

It is our opinion that the creating of life membership and the exemption of members from payment of annual dues by reason of having paid for a term of years such dues until the aggregate amount shall equal forty dollars, as in this case, is entirely without consideration and is unwarranted, either in moral ethics or Masonic law.

Such a by-law is unconscionable and creates an inequality between the different members of the Lodge.

The principle at the bottom of all taxation and all requirements concerning the payment of money as such, either to societies or municipalities, is the same,—*it is that in all respects there should be an equality in the burdens as well as in rights and privileges.*

It is our opinion that the Lodge has authority to make an assessment upon all its members, both those who are within and without this classification of "life membership" alike, and it is their duty to pay the same.

And upon the request for recognition, and the establishment of fraternal relations, by the Grand Lodges of Puerto Rico, Guatemala, and Queensland, by the recommendation of the committee, final action was deferred.

As an appendix to the proceedings, the by-laws of their Masonic Home are printed. The Home is located at Manchester; is incorporated by a special act of the state legislature, and its name, "Masonic Home," is fixed by a subsequent special act. A brief, but very interesting statement in relation to the Home, is included.

Brother Albert S. Wait, a veteran and able writer on correspondence, again presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and sixty-three pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-six Grand

Lodges. Nebraska, 1904, is among them, and he describes our Grand Master Bullard's concluding remark, in his address as "most judicious and well-timed."

He also quotes our M.:W.:Brother French's tribute to our said Grand Master, paid in his report as Grand Custodian that year, 1904.

In discussing the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, Brother Wait regards the action of several American Grand Lodges, in recognizing it, as hasty, but this is upon the theory that the large number of other lodges, than those acting in its establishment, mostly English and some Scottish, were opposed. From pretty authentic sources it appears that said lodges did not oppose, but that many would have united but for the interference of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland. The writer at the annual communication, in 1905, recommended deferring recognition, and held about the same views expressed by Brother Wait, but in view of more recent light on the subject we do think the Queensland Grand Lodge is worthy of recognition, and the only remaining question is our duty to the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland.

M.:W.:Ira A. Chase, Bristol, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Frank D. Woodbury, Concord, is Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY, 1905.

March 22nd, at Masonic Hall, in the city of Trenton, the one hundred and eighteenth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:John H. Wilkins, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from one hundred and seventy-three of the one hundred and seventy-six chartered lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master opens his annual address with earnest words, calling his brethren to a realization of their privileges and duties as Masons, and pointing out the blessings to the world that may be assured by conforming to the teachings of Masonry.

To the memory of their Past Grand Master William Silas Whitehead, who died February 15th, 1905, he pays loving fraternal tribute.

He reports the constituting of two newly chartered lodges, the laying of a corner-stone of a court house, and the dedication of a new lodge room. He gives an interesting account of the dedication of their new Masonic Orphanage, at Burlington, it being an additional building at the Home, and speaks enthusiastically of the favor in which it is held by the Craft

The Grand Master says that the usual number of district Grand Lodges had been held during the year, and through their labors, he is convinced that the Craft has a thorough knowledge of the ritual; that lodge officers display zeal in seeking to be as nearly perfect as possible in their work.

He had made, he says, over a hundred visitations to subordinate lodges and district Grand Lodges, and was received by the Craft with such evidence of loyalty and good fellowship that it would make any Grand Master feel proud to be at the head of such a body of men.

Some of their lodges had been imposed upon and visited by clandestine Masons, and Grand Master Wilkins had taken measures to guard the lodges, sending a circular letter to every lodge warning them and requiring the production of some documentary evidence from each visitor. This step, he says, was somewhat of an innovation in New Jersey, as they had always held that written evidence was unnecessary, but the exigency of the time warranted the step. The step seems necessary everywhere, in view of the fact that clandestine Masons are very numerous in these days, and the Craft must protect the lodges from them. He reports no decisions, as in every case, he says, by referring the questioner to the digest, it could be answered.

The Committee on the Masonic Home submitted a very complete report of the erection of that institution, its maintenance, its management, and its growing importance; likewise the very general interest manifested in it, and an earnest determination to do everything needful for its success. Here, as everywhere, the Home is a success, and it does one good to read the annual reports of Masonic Homes.

Past Grand Master W. Holt Apgar writes the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence upon the application of the Grand Lodges of Valle de Mexico, Puerto Rico, Queensland, and Brazil. The report shows care and research. Of the Mexican Grand Lodge, the report speaks in very favorable terms, although some of the committee had entertained adverse views, but later, and what they regarded as authentic, information had "placed the request of the Grand Lodge in a very favorable light," and the committee expresses the belief that with a little more investigation, verifying what they had received, the "Committee can, without fear of doing any injustice, recommend that favorable action be taken." We are glad to note this, for the Valle de Mexico, we think, has been most cruelly maligned by those who have, in some instances, wilfully done so. The committee awaits further information on the applications of Puerto Rico and Brazil. They express what is generally believed, we think, that the Grand Lodge of Queensland appears, from the record submitted, to have been regularly organized, but owing to the complications involved, its recognition is deferred.

M. W. Brother W. Holt Apgar, following his service as Grand Master, takes up the reviewer's pen and writes his first report on correspondence, covering one hundred and seventy-three pages. The task, he says, has been confining but pleasant; it is an educator; and that many great and important questions are agitating the Masonic world. They always will, and he further says:

The interchange of views and opinions by these correspondents, together with the thought given all these subjects by bright and able Masons in each and every Jurisdiction, will lead to their solution for the best interests of the Craft in whatever Jurisdiction they may become prominent. They will be solved by the application of the true principles of Masonry; and an onward and upward development is certain and sure, because truth is the eternal foundation of this great Fraternity.

He is an earnest advocate of the Masonic Home, scans the proceedings reviewed, and notes specifically and rejoices at the uniform success of every such undertaking, and the enthusiastic support and interest of the Craft in each jurisdiction where a Home is established. He agrees with the Grand Master of Alabama, that that Grand Lodge cannot afford to relinquish the project of establishing a Home; rejoices that in California it is proposed to raise more funds and extend their already great Home; says Connecticut can well be proud of its Home and farm; encourages our brethren in Florida to continue along the lines they have marked out, to secure a Home, and they will succeed; relates the interesting account of the delivery of the deed, and a twig from a tree on the Georgia Masonic Home farm, to the Grand Lodge; calls the Home in Illinois, "a noble work;" speaks of the enterprise in Indian Territory, largely through the work of one man, Past Grand Master Henry M. Fuhrman; notes that in Iowa, the Eastern Star is leading in the good work; and so on, in every jurisdiction where a home is either projected or established, he notes the conditions.

His review is ably written and we hope he may continue in the work.

M. W. Benjamin F. Wakefield, Passaic, is Grand Master.

R. W. Thomas H. R. Redway, Trenton, is Grand Secretary.

NEW MEXICO, 1905.

October 16th, in the hall of Temple Lodge No. 6, in the city of Albuquerque, the twenty-eighth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. George W. Ward, Grand Master, with representatives from sixteen of the twenty-two chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master among other things, said:

I feel that New Mexico is now making rapid growth in a social and commercial way.

New railroads have been built, others are in progress and many towns are springing up. A new era seems to have come upon us. This general prosperity has been reflected in the advancement and growth of Masonry. New Lodges are being formed, and repeatedly we hear the knock for admission to our sacred Order, and the request for more light.

He reports several decisions, but they are of local importance only. He earnestly recommends his Grand Lodge to employ a Grand Lecturer to instruct every lodge in the jurisdiction in the work of conferring degrees. He reports having visited only two lodges during the year.

M. W. Brother James H. Wroth presents a special report for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence upon the subject of the recognition of the Grand Lodges of Puerto Rico, Guatemala, and Queensland. The first is believed to be a sovereign body by the committee, but not having full proof, the matter is referred to the Grand Master. The application of Guatemala is not entirely satisfactory to the committee, notwithstanding the new Grand Lodge claims to be sovereign and independent, yet certain statements "indicate an implied connection with the Supreme Council," and action is delayed.

Of the conditions in Queensland, the committee well says:

This Colony is going through the same experience Masonically, that all other Colonial Grand Lodges have done. The field was jointly occupied by the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland with 152 Lodges. Of these 39 joined the movement, although due notice was given all of the Lodges. The English and Scotch Lodges were not permitted to discuss the question, a ruling distasteful to our ideas, and from which they have the right of appeal to the Mother Lodges. England, Scotland and Ireland have so far refused recognition, an example that has been followed by all Colonial Grand Lodges save two. At present it is impossible to judge of the real facts as our laws regarding such matters may be and probably are not applicable to the case.

The one lodge under dispensation was granted a charter.

Past Grand Master James H. Wroth presents the report on correspondence, covering two hundred and fifty-three pages and ably reviewing the proceedings of sixty-eight Grand Lodges. He confuses things, for in reviewing Nebraska, 1905, his printer is permitted to insert between parts of Nebraska, a very large section of Montana and *vice versa*. He "rubs" the writer for saying that Brother Seaman straddled on the Mexican question. Yes, and we cannot see it in any other light. Now, Brother Wroth says "We have confidence that the men now in control in Mexico will succeed in putting that Grand Lodge on a proper plane," and that is just what this writer has claimed all along, for it has been equally true ever since the organization of the Mexican Grand Lodge.

Speaking of the eligibility of saloon-keepers to be received into Masonic lodges, he makes the remarkable statement that "we do not legislate in this line, do not specify what occupations are barred and content ourselves with notifying the Subordinate Lodges that 'something will be doin,' if they accept such material." Now there is virtue and consistency for you. It simply means that they are too wise to legislate, but instead hold a club—big stick—in latter day parlance, over the subordinate lodges. For one who prefers the club to legislative enactment, to accomplish exactly the same thing, the New Mexico plan commends itself. Yes. We said to take saloon-keepers into Masonic lodges, generally speaking, is shocking. But our brother ought not to be shocked. He practically assures us that they do not do it, in New Mexico and Nevada.

M. W. James G. Fitch, Socorro, is Grand Master.

R. W. Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, is Grand Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1905.

The volume of proceedings coming to us contains the record of the transactions of two special and four quarterly communications, all held in the city of Sidney, the quarterlies and one special in the Masonic Hall.

The first, a special, held July 18th, 1904, was at the Town Hall, and was in effect, an annual, and the Grand Master, M. W. Brother John Cochrane Remington was again, and for the sixth time, installed into his office, and the other Grand Officers-elect were installed. The Grand Master delivered an address in which he read very interesting extracts from his Masonic diary, kept during his five years as Grand Master, recapitulating the statistics of that period, from year to year, and disclosing a steady and most gratifying progress in all that makes up the present prosperous state of the Craft.

There were visitors present from other Grand Lodges, Grand Officers of their respective Grand Jurisdictions, the Governor of New South Wales, and other dignitaries, and a very large assemblage of brethren.

At the first quarterly communication, held September 14th, 1904, the Grand Master, in his address, speaks of a continued and increasing prosperity, saying: "There can be no doubt that this progress in strength is largely due to the visitations so diligently carried out by the Inspectors and other Grand Officers." At this communication the Board of General Purposes made report, and among the more important things, after reciting the proceedings of the formation and establishment of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, recommended its recognition, which was, by the action of the Grand Lodge, accorded by a nearly unanimous vote, only five dissenting.

At the quarterly communication held December 14th, 1904, the Grand Master reports his visit, accompanied by seventeen of his Grand Officers, to Brisbane, Queensland, seven hundred and twenty-five miles away, to install the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Queensland. A full account of the ceremony, which took place on October 29th, 1904, is published as a supplement to the proceedings under review. In his address on that occasion the Grand Master of New South Wales reviews the history of Masonry in Australasia, and the obstacles attending the erection of sovereign independent Grand Lodges in the Provinces, and thoroughly by fair argument, we think, demonstrates the regularity and validity of the organization of that of Queensland. It is an important paper, and one well worth the study of every student of Masonic jurisprudence.

The truth is, as we understand it, that the true doctrine of Grand Lodge sovereignty is an evolution perfected in our American Grand Lodges, and if this be true, we, in this country, to be consistent with our own proud achievements, should accord recognition to Queensland as a matter of principle.

At the quarterly communication, held March 8th, 1905, much routine work was done, as also at the quarterly held June 14th, 1905.

There is a very full report on correspondence, by the chairman of the committee, D.:G.:M.:Arthur J. Scott, covering one hundred and three pages. Nebraska, 1903, receives kindly fraternal consideration, in which our M.:W.:Brothers Bullard and Lininger, and our Masonic Home are commended.

M.:W.:John C. Remington, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Arthur H. Bray, Sidney, is Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK, 1905.

May 2nd, at Masonic Hall, in the city of New York, the one hundred and twenty-fourth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Frank H. Robinson, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from nearly all their seven hundred and sixty-seven chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his annual address, the Grand Master says that the year just passed had been an eventful one for the Craft; Masonry had prospered as never before in all its history; their membership had grown, without sacrificing quality—character; and an unusual number of Masonic Temples had been and were being erected in all parts of the state.

He pays fraternal tribute to the memory of their deceased brethren in earnest words of commendation of their many virtues.

He reports the constituting of three newly chartered lodges, the establishing of five new lodges under dispensation, the laying of seven corner-stones; the dedicating of six Masonic Halls; and the granting of special dispensations to install officers.

He speaks earnestly of their Masonic Home at Utica, its great work, the happiness it brings to the orphans, and, because of the great growth of the Fraternity in the state, the necessity to enlarge and extend their means of caring for those who will need care and attention. He speaks of a fund, now accumulating, for the erection of a Masonic Sanitarium for consumptives, and feels that the object will be attained, for the land, a farm, is already bought and paid for.

Twenty children from the Masonic Home visited the Grand Lodge, while it was at refreshment, speeches were made, and the children entertained the Grand Lodge with singing and recitations.

They have a Grand Historian, R.:W.:Edwin A. Quick, who renders an annual report. His collection of early history of the lodges is very entertaining, and the work will be of great value to the Craft. One of the most interesting books which the writer has been privileged to read, is that of the history of the Morgan affair, written by Robert Morris, late of La Grange, Kentucky. Brother Morris with great pains and research gathered the facts, largely from those persecuted as participants in the alleged plot.

The report of the Masonic Board of Relief shows large expenditures of money. The German Masonic Temple Association, having a Home

at Tappan, is another benevolent institution, affording a Home for aged and indigent brethren, their wives and widows, and expending large sums which are generously contributed.

Five lodges under dispensation were granted charters. The Committee on Appeals had nothing before it for consideration, and this, in a jurisdiction having 132,687 members, speaks volumes for that spirit of peace and harmony which should ever prevail among our brethren.

There was a very large amount of important business before the Grand Lodge, and it was carefully dispatched.

M. W. Brother Jesse B. Anthony presents the report on correspondence. He reviews the proceedings of sixty-four Grand Lodges and a translation of the transactions of a considerable number of foreign Grand Bodies not printed in English. The review covers one hundred and sixty-four pages, including valuable statistical tables. Nebraska, 1904, receives generous and favorable consideration. He does this writer the honor of quoting his discussion of the legitimacy of Grand Lodges erected by Scottish Rite lodges, erected in territory unoccupied by a Grand Lodge, or lodges erected by a Grand Lodge, and regards it as correct.

He reviews impartially the proceedings leading up to and the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, and it constitutes an important paper on that interesting subject.

M. W. Frank H. Robinson, New York City, is Grand Master.

M. W. Edward M. L. Ehlers, New York City, is Grand Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND, 1905.

May 11th, in Masonic Hall, at Palmerston North, the annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Alfred H. Burton, Grand Master, with a large number of officers and representatives present.

In the Grand Master's address he presents a condition of prosperity in their Grand and subordinate lodges altogether gratifying. Their charity fund, always a matter of grave concern in Great Britain and its provinces, is growing rapidly.

The report of the Board of Benevolence shows that their benevolence has not been confined to lodges under their own obedience alone, but to members of lodges under the Scottish, English, and Irish constitutions, to the advantage of the latter, and in view of the seemingly unjust claims of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, almost to be wondered at. Handsome donations by individual members have augmented the fund. The Grand Master has donated the receipts for lectures he gave, and the fund constantly is growing.

Five new lodges have been chartered and constituted during the year. The Board of General Purposes recommended the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, and it was unanimously done. This action speaks volumes for the Grand Lodge of Queensland. New Zealand, and the Grand Lodges of Australia, have been hampered by similar obstructions

interposed by the Grand Lodges in Great Britain and they naturally sympathize one with the other. Doubtless the preliminary procedure, and the final establishment of the Grand Lodge of Queensland were in full harmony with Masonic law and precedent. Almost every Grand Lodge that has had the subject under consideration has expressed full sympathy with the new Grand Lodge, but generally, because of the refusal of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, they have deferred what they would otherwise gladly have done.

It is almost unaccountable that the Grand Lodge of Scotland should interfere as it has been doing with the rights of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, in, first, sustaining the claims of a lodge established under the Scottish constitution after having practically recognized the New Zealand Grand Lodge, and again, in seeking to revoke such recognition and secure new and humiliating terms from the New Zealand Grand Lodge. But the latter body is standing bravely by its rights, and is receiving the sympathy of the Masonic world.

It appears also, that the Grand Lodge of England is, since practically recognizing the New Zealand Grand Lodge and since the latter's sovereign authority in the territory was thus established, pursuing a course scarcely less reprehensible, under the claim of resuscitating dormant and defunct lodges, which have had no real life nor existence for more than five years. Altogether New Zealand is traveling a rough and rugged road.

M. W. Alfred Henry Burton, Dunedin, is Grand Master.

M. W. Malcolm Niccol, Dunedin, is Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1906.

January 9th, at Masonic Hall, in the city of Raleigh, the one hundred and nineteenth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Walter S. Liddell, Grand Master, with all but one of the Grand Officers, and a large number of representatives from the chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master dwells upon matters of deep local interest, welcomes his brethren, speaks of conditions as very satisfactory and with great hope for the future. They had lost during the year their Brother William Simpson, who had served as Grand Treasurer for a great many years, and to his memory he pays loving fraternal tribute.

Of the state of the Craft he says:

The blessing of Heaven seems literally to have rested upon the Craft during the entire term of my office as Grand Master. I have had but two complaints from lodges, and only two or three from individuals. Brotherly love has prevailed throughout the Jurisdiction, and as a natural consequence Masonry has advanced in tone as well as numbers. Under date November 7, 1905, one of the Grand Lecturers wrote me as follows: "If I am not much mistaken this has been by far the best year North Carolina Masonry has ever seen." Similar letters from Masons

from all parts of the State have been received, and I congratulate the Grand Lodge on the state of the Craft, attributing all praise to our worthy Grand Lecturer and his able assistants. I do believe, however, that the prominence given to the work at our last Annual Communication has been of wonderful help to them.

He speaks eloquently in praise of their Orphan Asylum, and urges a plan to endow a Masonic Home.

He reports visiting such of his lodges as invited him to do so, granted a very few special dispensations, established eleven new lodges, revived three dormant ones, and had correspondence looking to the restoration of others.

The Grand Secretary, R.:W.:John C. Drewry, makes full report of the work of the year; besides that noted in the Grand Master's address, it is shown that ten special communications had been held during the year for the laying of corner-stones, the observation of St. John's Day at the Oxford Orphan Asylum, and the conducting of a Masonic funeral.

There is a very interesting report by the Superintendent of the Orphan Asylum, showing a roll of one hundred and forty boys and one hundred and twenty-six girls, and all that pertains to the good work of their care for the year.

The Grand Lodges of Cuba and Costa Rica were duly recognized, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. The same committee submitted a quite lengthy review of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, recommending its recognition and the exchange of Grand Representatives, which was adopted.

The building of a new Masonic Temple has been on their hands for some years, and a report from a committee in charge of the matter, having accepted plans, recommending an immediate commencement of the work, was adopted. The cost of the Temple, to be fire proof, as per an accepted bid, is \$129,000.00.

Brother John H. Collins again presents a good report on correspondence, his tenth annual, covering one hundred and thirty-three pages, and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-six Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1905, is fraternally considered.

M.:W.:Francis D. Winston, Windsor, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:John C. Drewry, Raleigh, is Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1905.

June 28th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Grand Forks, the sixteenth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:James W. Foley, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from sixty-nine of its chartered lodges, in attendance.

The opening paragraphs of the Grand Master's address are marked by well chosen words, indicating a mind well stored with a knowledge of the object and aims of our Fraternity. Of the past year's work he speaks.

Five new lodges had been created, and their membership had been considerably increased, and dispensations for two new lodges had been issued. The state is being quickly settled, and Masonry is keeping pace with the growth and development thereof.

The Grand Master had with due caution and doubtless with sound discretion issued a few special dispensations. He reports several decisions, all of which are doubtless in accord with the law of that jurisdiction, and none of which are of special importance to the Craft of others.

M. W. Brother Frank J. Thompson, Grand Secretary, submits a very full and well arranged report.

Upon the favorable report and recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Grand Lodges of Puerto Rico and Queensland were accorded fraternal recognition.

Two lodges under dispensation were granted charters.

The following was adopted:

The matter of what should or should not be incorporated in the review of fraternal correspondence was brought up by M. W. Bro. Robert M. Carothers, writer of the correspondence report. The question was discussed, pro and con, and the consensus of the members present was in favor of confining the review to the reporting of approved decisions made by the Grand Masters of the several Grand Lodges. It was believed that the space which could be allotted to a review of any one Grand Lodge was too small, the expense of preparation and printing too great, and the readers of the report too few, to make it worth the while. It seemed that with few exceptions the greater number of fraternal reviews were largely devoted to complimentary remarks among Correspondent writers, or criticism which served no practical end; that through the reporting of approved decisions, or making syllabi thereof, each year's review would be of practical value as showing the true trend of masonic thought and the moulding of masonic law and precedents. Therefore

M. W. Bro. Robert M. Carothers moved:

That the work of the Correspondent be modified and limited to a compilation of the approved decisions and important legislation of the various Grand Lodges.

Upon turning to the report on correspondence by M. W. Brother Robert M. Carothers, written in the spirit exhibited in the foregoing resolution, and in accord with the suggested plan, and finding the same criticisms of reports generally, we beg to be permitted to suggest a mild criticism. The compilation of decisions for the benefit of the Craft, is illustrated by what he did. Under the head of "Eastern Star," he cites one decision, as follows: "A lodge room cannot be sublet to a lodge of the Eastern Star.—Pennsylvania, 1903." And that is all on the subject. That will satisfy the Craft in North Dakota, perhaps.

The truth is, that only in possibly three of the Grand Jurisdictions in the United States, does such a rule exist, while generally the Eastern Star is welcomed into lodges. Yes, in thousands of lodges is that true,

and Grand Lodges approve. We think a writer on correspondence might be better employed even in writing complimentary squibs, than furnishing such examples of what has been decided.

But if Brother Carothers is right in his wholesale criticism of writers on correspondence, the field is certainly open to him, and he may yet revolutionize the manner of doing things.

M.:W.:Louis A. Jacobson, Hope, is Grand Master.

M.:W.:Frank J. Thompson, Fargo, is Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1905.

June 14th, in the Young Men's Christian Association Building, in the city of Sydney, the fortieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Charles R. Smith, Grand Master, with representatives from most of their sixty-five chartered lodges in attendance. The following then occurred:

A procession was formed under the direction of V. W. Bro. W. H. Soper, G. D. of Ceremonies and proceeded to Christ Church where Divine Service was held, the prayers being said by B. W. Bro. C. D. Schofield, Rector of the Parish, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. A most eloquent sermon was preached by R. W. Bro. Allan P. Shatford, M. A., Grand Chaplain.

The sermon was an eloquent exposition of the teachings of Masonry and the duty of its votaries.

Opening his annual address the Grand Master pays homage to King Edward VII., the first duty observed in all the Grand Lodges in the Empire. "Long live the King," is a familiar exclamation throughout the British Empire. The Grand Master had visited considerably among the lodges, and brings good report, and expresses great pleasure at the evidence of prosperity visible on all sides. He speaks of their Home for the aged at Halifax and of its support, and urges the duty of the lodges and the Craft. He pays fraternal tribute to the memory of their late Past Grand Master, Reverend David C. Moore, who died March 17th, 1905. A very lengthy and honorable record of his long and active service to the Craft is given.

To protect the Craft against the admission into the lodges of clandestine Masons, the Grand Master had issued an order requiring all the examination heretofore required, or avouchment and, in addition, documentary proof. His decisions evidence a thorough knowledge of Masonic law and usage, as also sound judgment and discretion. His official acts are fully digested in the address.

We gladly give place to some of the good things he says concerning the Grand Lodge of Queensland:

I have read over with a great deal of interest and care the proceedings connected with the formation and inauguration of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Queensland, covering some eighty-eight pages of closely printed matter, and I entertain no doubt whatever as to the legality of the formation of this new Grand Lodge. The proceedings all through form interesting reading, and particularly the address of the M. W. the Grand Master of New South Wales, the Installing Officer on the occasion of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Queensland. Eloquent in language, evidently forceful in delivery, it is full of Masonic information, and in a masterly manner traces the formation of many Grand Lodges in the world, even our own Grand Lodge coming in for a passing notice. The address traces the difficulties met and overcome by the good brethren of Queensland in forming their Grand Lodge, and, if not going too far, I would express my sympathy with the troubles that beset their way, but congratulate them, all the same, on the victory won. Finding that all legal requirements have been complied with, and that the formation is in accordance with the long established uses of Freemasonry, I not only have much pleasure in recommending that the recognition asked for be granted, but the fraternal relations be at once conceded and that we extend our congratulations to this new Grand Lodge, the youngest, so far as we are aware, in the Empire, and express our best wishes for the success and prosperity of our Sister Grand Lodge of Queensland.

One new lodge under dispensation had he instituted.

The nine District Deputies had been active, each submitting a report of his work.

The Grand Lodge by a unanimous vote recognized as a sovereign Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Queensland, and authorized an exchange of Grand Representatives.

R. W. Thomas Mowbray, Grand Secretary, presented an excellently arranged and very full report. Every lodge, he says, in the jurisdiction had made returns and all, with one exception, had already paid their dues.

R. W. Brother Thomas Mowbray presents the report on correspondence, covering two hundred and eighteen pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-four Grand Lodges. Twenty pages are devoted to a review of the new Grand Lodge of Queensland, its organization, the installation of its officers, and the address of the Grand Master of New South Wales, who was present as the installing officer, and that of Grand Master M. W. George S. Hutton, the newly installed Grand Master.

Nebraska, 1904, receives fraternal and favorable consideration, and our Grand Master Bullard's address is called fine, and is liberally quoted from.

M. W. Charles Reynolds Smith, Amherst, is Grand Master.

R. W. Thomas Mowbray, Halifax, is Grand Secretary.

OHIO, 1905.

October 18th, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in the city of Cincinnati, the ninety-sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Clifford G. Ballou, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from a very large number of their five hundred and six chartered lodges, in attendance.

Immediately after the opening M. W. Brother W. M. Cunningham, for fifty years a member of the Grand Lodge, and who was in attendance for the fifty-first consecutive annual communication, was awarded a special gold medal. Of him the following honorable mention is made:

He made his first appearance in the Grand Lodge of Ohio at its annual Grand Communication at Mansfield, Ohio, October 23d, 1855, as the Representative of Newark Lodge, No. 97. Since that date he has with distinction served the Grand Lodge in many positions. For thirteen years he was one of its District Lecturers. He served two years as Grand Master, occupying that position in 1878 and 1879. His greatest service, however, to this Grand Body has been performed as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, where he has served with marked ability for the past twenty years. During that time he has presented to the members of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and through them to the members of the Subordinate Lodges, a careful and complete epitome of all matters of Masonic interest from Alabama to New Zealand, including all reports of legitimate Masonry of the entire civilized world. He has also served with distinction the Grand Bodies of other kindred Masonic institutions.

The Grand Master, in his annual address, pays loving fraternal tribute to the memory of the dead. In their own Grand Jurisdiction, Past Grand Master Reuben C. Lemmon, a brother highly distinguished in Ohio, and at one time General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, R. A. M., died on September 6th, 1905.

Through the medium of his twenty-five District Lecturers, all of whom, before commencing their year's work, were assembled and instructed in their work, each and all of their lodges were examined and instructed, and the Grand Master thinks that their system is the best.

The Grand Master issued a great many special dispensations for the usual purposes, but he refused to grant any to ballot for and confer two or three degrees in one evening. He had constituted three newly chartered lodges and had instituted one under dispensation. Twenty-two special communications of the Grand Lodge had been held at which, besides the constituting and instituting of the above mentioned new lodges, six corner-stones had been laid, ten temples dedicated, and one funeral had been conducted.

His decisions relate only to an interpretation of their own legislation. He recommends the certificate plan for transferring membership—a plan which proved unsatisfactory to us in Nebraska.

He reports having visited their Ohio Masonic Home and on the occasion the Order of the Eastern Star turned over to the Masonic Fraternity a hospital building which they had completed and thoroughly equipped, at a cost of \$13,523.48. Splendid and appropriate speeches, he says, were made, and the occasion was a most enjoyable one. Of it he says:

As I stood looking at the upturned faces of our aged Brethren and sisters and the innocent faces of the children, all radiant with smiles in the thought of the comfort and happiness which this great Fraternity, represented by me upon that occasion, had given to them, I wished that every Mason in the State might have been present and witnessed the

same scene, for I know that every heart would have throbbed with joy in the thought that we had undertaken to build and maintain this beautiful Home, and in every way perform this magnificent act of love.

I was profoundly impressed by the zeal with which the men, women, and children pressed forward desiring to grasp the Grand Master by the hand, the person who represented that great Fraternity which meant so much to them.

The reports of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, with that of the Trustees of the Masonic Home, bear evidence of the large interests involved, and that their affairs are in excellent condition.

The following was adopted:

WHEREAS, This Grand Lodge was organized in the year 1808, and will probably desire to and should celebrate in some appropriate manner the centenary of this interesting occasion;

Resolved, That a Special Committee of seven be appointed by the incoming Grand Master to take into consideration the proper manner of observing this event, and to report to this Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication a recommendation as to a suitable program, and the probable expense attendant thereon.

The following proposition was carried, and under the rules, lies over to the next annual communication for final action:

Section 25. A member may by consent of his Lodge dimit, and until he again affiliates he voluntarily renounces all claim to the benefit of Lodge organization. Such member may at any time within three years, not having joined any other Lodge, return such Dimit to the Lodge granting it, and pay the annual dues since the date of such Dimit, and he shall thereupon, if no charges have been preferred against him, be reinstated as a member of such Lodge without ballot.

M. W. Brother W. M. Cunningham again presents the report on correspondence, covering three hundred and seventy-seven pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-five English-speaking and sixteen non-English-speaking Grand Bodies.

In his introduction he devotes twenty pages to the discussion of the charges of a Freemason, touching briefly each of the heads, followed by comments upon the York Grand Lodge, Symbolism, the Symbolism of Numbers, Physical Perfection, and the Antiquity of Ceremonies. Nebraska, 1904, receives generous and favorable consideration. In his conclusion he speaks of his continuous attendance upon, and membership in the Grand Lodge, and is reminiscent in a happy fraternal mood.

M. W. Lewis P. Schaus, Newark, is Grand Master.

M. W. Jacob H. Bromwell, Cincinnati, is Grand Secretary.

OKLAHOMA, 1905.

February 14th, in the hall of the Masonic Temple, in the city of Guthrie, the thirteenth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by R. W. George H. Phillips, Deputy Grand Master, in the

absence of the Grand Master, who was ill at his hotel. The rest of the Grand Officers, except the Grand Chaplain, and representatives from thirty-eight of the sixty chartered lodges were in attendance.

The Deputy Grand Master read the annual address of the Grand Master, M. W. J. Frank Matthews.

He reports the constituting of twenty-two newly chartered lodges, the instituting of fifteen under dispensation, and the granting of ten special dispensations for the usual purposes. He reported eight decisions, all of which were approved, on the recommendation of the Committee on Masonic Law and Usage. But we think that the following will not be regarded as sound:

No. 7. Bro. C. R. Cook, W. M. of Snyder Lodge No. 90, writes that a candidate petitioned his lodge for the degrees and immediately moved away without taking any of the degrees; that he returned in about twelve months and that the Brethren of the lodge, during his absence, upon this old petition, balloted upon him and gave him the E. A. degrees and asks for instructions.

Answer. The action of the lodge was irregular and void. The petition holds good but for six months, and had expired and the fee paid the lodge by the petitioner is forfeited to the lodge on account of the failure of the candidate to receive the degrees within six months after making application. The course for the applicant to pursue is to again petition the lodge having jurisdiction over him for the degrees and if elected to again take the E. A. degree, regularly, and until he does so he is not an Entered Apprentice Mason.

That the action of the lodge was irregular, in view of their Grand Lodge by-law, is of course true, but that the making of the candidate a Mason, was void cannot be true, or that he should be made over, is certainly not in accord with custom. The most that should be required is that he be healed, by taking the Ob., but not to be again conducted through the ceremonies.

Sixteen lodges under dispensation were granted charters.

The Committee on Masonic Law and Usage quite properly disapproved a portion of the Grand Master's address, which discussed from a partisan point of view, questions involved in calamity howling politics.

The Grand Lodge has organized an effort to create a Masonic Home fund, and some \$8,000.00 has been collected, a portion of which, however, is involved in a bank failure, with some fear of loss.

W. Brother F. C. Hunt, Assistant Grand Secretary, presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and seventeen pages. Nebraska, 1904, receives generous consideration. Our Grand Master Bullard's address is praised, and the dedication of our Masonic Home is noted; but he does not agree with this writer's recommendation to recognize the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, as our Grand Lodge by its action does.

M. W. George H. Phillips, Pawnee, is Grand Master.

R. W. James S. Hunt, Guthrie, is Grand Secretary.

OREGON, 1905.

June 14th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Portland, the fifty-fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Thomas Gray, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers except the Grand Tyler, and a large number of representatives from the chartered lodges, in attendance.

To the memory of the dead, the Grand Master pays fraternal tribute in his annual address. He reports the constituting of three newly chartered lodges and the instituting of two under dispensation, the laying of the corner-stone for a County Court House and one for a Masonic Temple, and the dedicating of two Masonic Halls. He says that he had been called upon for decisions on innumerable questions, nearly all of which he had been able to answer by reference to existing by-laws or standing resolutions. The only one reported holds:

"That Masonic burial should be denied any Master Mason holding membership in any other jurisdiction, who at the time of his death was engaged in an occupation prohibited to Masons by our penal code; notwithstanding the restriction does not exist in the Grand Lodge from which he hails."

By a section of their Grand Lodge by-laws for the government of subordinate lodges, it is provided that the rules and forms of conduct of private and public ceremonies of the Craft are the same as contained in Mackay's Manual of the Lodge, and the same shall be respected and obeyed accordingly, except that it shall not be necessary for a Master-elect to receive the degree of Past Master before being installed as Master of a constituent lodge. Of this the Grand Master says:

I desire to call your attention to the fact that when you eliminate the Past Master Degree from the ceremony of installation of a Master, as contained in Mackay's Manual of the Lodge, you have practically no ceremony left, and from my experience during the past year I am of the opinion that the lessons taught in that degree are sadly needed by some of the Masters of Lodges in this Jurisdiction, and that either this law should be amended so as to leave the installation ceremony as contained in Mackay's Manual complete, or else a ceremony should be adopted by the Grand Lodge which would provide for teaching a Master-elect at least a portion of those lessons which are contained in the Past Master's Degree.

Personally I prefer the former suggestion and I therefore recommend that Part 1, Article 13, Section 8 of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be amended by striking out all that portion of Section 8 following the words, "and obeyed accordingly."

A board having the matter in charge makes the following report:

The resolutions passed by the Grand Lodge at its session in 1904 authorizing this Board to sell the stock owned in the Masonic Building Association and proceed to erect a building devoted to Masonic and business purposes, and pledging the Grand Lodge to make the necessary appropriations therefor, has been frequently and earnestly considered,

and the Board has been unable to reach any satisfactory solution of the matter. The resources of the Grand Lodge, including the Educational Fund, amount to but little over one hundred thousand dollars, and the cost of grounds suitably located and the erection of a first-class, modern building thereon, will approximate and probably exceed four hundred thousand dollars. The Board was unwilling to engage in the erection of a cheap building, and was also unwilling to contract so large an indebtedness as would of necessity be required. The Board deems it a duty to keep the fund so invested that a steady income may result, and it has not been able to secure such, that would at the same time lead up to the accomplishment of the wishes of the Grand Lodge in relation to a new building.

For all these reasons the Board has taken no action in the premises and leaves it to the wisdom of the Grand Lodge to take such steps as it may desire:

M. W. Brother John M. Hodson writes the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and fifty-nine pages and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-eight Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1904, is accorded four pages and favorable consideration.

But we must take our dear brother to task for his remark that "So far as legitimate origin, the negro Lodges are very close up to the level of the Mexican." Let us see! In the British army, occupying Boston for the express purpose of subduing our patriot fathers, was a regimental army lodge, having no right or authority to make Masons of any civilian of any country in which it was stationed. Yet this army lodge proceeded to confer the degrees upon Prince Hall and seven other Boston negroes, who in time organized a lodge, which became dormant. But years after the establishment of the sovereign Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, certain negroes claiming to have been members of the Prince Hall aggregation, revived the lodge, an entirely unheard of procedure, and as ridiculous as the attempt of the man to lift himself by his boot straps, and exercised the prerogatives of a Grand Lodge by pretending to establish subordinate lodges in not only the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, but in those of New York, and Pennsylvania, and in others. These negro lodges have been treated as clandestine by every Grand Lodge in whose jurisdiction they are found, except one. There is legitimacy for you.

Now as to the origin of lodges in Mexico. Our late M. W. Brother John Q. A. Fellows, in his last Grand Lodge review gives some data from which it appears that in 1860, when there was not a single lodge in that country, an authorized officer of the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction, A. A. S. R., went to Mexico to establish Masonry, and under the authority of the Supreme Council did erect lodges; that such lodges, and lodges thereafter erected by the Supreme Council of Mexico, and some, chartered by American Grand Lodges, constituted the Freemasonry now represented by the Valle de Mexico. Brother Hodson recognizes the legitimacy of such lodges, did in recommending that his Grand Lodge recognize Puerto Rico, which it did. He says that he re-examined

the whole question of the legitimacy of lodges created under the authority of the Scottish Rite, and again came to the same conclusion. "So there now; will you be good?"

Under Queensland he gives a very fair and favorable statement of the organization of that Grand Lodge, and also of the obstructions placed in its way. It should be read by all to whom his review comes, as it contains valuable information, written by one who has given much attention to the important questions involved in the regularity of new Grand Lodges.

M. W. William H. Flanagan, Grants Pass, is Grand Master.

R. W. James F. Robinson, Eugene, is Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1905.

December 27th, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Philadelphia, the annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by R. W. James W. Brown, Grand Master, with a large number of Grand Officers and representatives from one hundred and three chartered lodges, in attendance.

In his annual address the Grand Master speaks of the year as having been one of peace and harmony, with no unusual occurrences to refer to. About to surrender his office to his successor, he says:

I leave our Grand Lodge and the Fraternity in the Jurisdiction at the zenith of their prosperity, in perfect harmony among all the Craft, and in cordial and friendly relations with all Grand Lodges throughout the world that the strict principles of our Ancient Brotherhood permit us to recognize.

With no inducements to offer and no solicitations to any, our Craft grows with great rapidity; our Lodges increase in membership from the wisest, most prominent and best men of our Commonwealth. They grow in material prosperity and are yearly dispensing more charity and help to the desolate orphans and widows and our unfortunate Brethren.

Much praise, he says, is due to their District Deputies for their efficient efforts for "absolute uniformity in the authorized work throughout the Jurisdiction," for the ancient tenets and landmarks, he says, were never more strictly adhered to than at the present time.

He speaks of their Temple:

During the past year, the work of decorating the Temple has been finished in every portion of the building where it was begun or contracted for, and while the amount of money expended has been large and exceeded the original estimate, we have in what is now finished, something of more than ordinary beauty and attraction, surpassing, in my judgment, any building in the country except the Congressional Library in Washington, and it seems fitting—in this great historical city, the cradle of Freemasonry in America, as it was the cradle of American Independence, the home of Benjamin Franklin, the abode of Washington during the early years of the country's freedom as a people, the meeting place of the first Continental Congress—that the largest building in the world devoted to Freemasonry, should be a thing of beauty and worthy of the dignity of the oldest Jurisdiction in America

Of course, Boston would not concede all of this, but it is well that we should know of the claims made.

He speaks of an historic character:

I have referred to Benjamin Franklin in a previous paragraph, the fourth Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, a patriot, a statesman, one of the most gifted of men, earning from his efficient abilities the name of "The Many-Sided Franklin," a strong figure in our national history, the companion of Washington, the country's Representative abroad during the darkest days of the young republic, an enthusiastic Freemason, and history shows his participation in Masonic functions while in England and in France. Time does not permit me to dwell upon his career, but this Grand Lodge cherishes and reveres his memory, and it seems fitting that we commemorate the approaching 200th anniversary of his birth. I am glad that an appropriation was made by the Grand Lodge to permit an exhibition of his relics under the auspices of the Committee on Library.

Among his decisions, we find the following:

There cannot be two forms of notices of a Lodge meeting. Every notice for a particular meeting must contain the same information.

Newspaper accounts of meetings of Masonic Lodges, elections and proceedings, are not only not permitted, but are prohibited.

Officers of a Lodge may meet for rehearsal in one of the Committee-rooms of the Masonic Temple, provided the room is properly tyled.

It is a law in this Jurisdiction that all correspondence affecting Subordinate Lodges of the several Jurisdictions is to be conducted by the several Grand Masters thereof.

He reports but two special dispensations, the laying of four corner-stones, and the constituting of eight newly chartered lodges.

The newly elected and installed Grand Master, R. W. George W. Kendrick, Jr., delivered an inaugural address, full of promise of good things for his Grand Jurisdiction under his administration.

Much of the vast business of the year is dispatched at the quarterly communications of the Grand Lodge.

Seventy-five lodges hold their meetings in Philadelphia, and, presumably, in the Temple. Deputies, to the number of forty-four, assist the Grand Master in his work, large sums of money are dispensed for relief, and Masonic Homes are being established, and nowhere on the face of the globe is the work of the Craft more carefully conserved, and nowhere are the fundamental principles of the Fraternity more nearly adhered to.

Brother James M. Lamberton presents the report on correspondence, covering two hundred and forty-two pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-five Grand Lodges. In a special report he recommended, and the Grand Lodge approved, the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, with best wishes for its prosperity. Nebraska, 1905, is reviewed. Our Grand Master Burnham's address is liberally and favorably quoted from, the Father Hackney incident noted, and the writer's review generously treated.

We agree with what he says in the following:

We have princes of Masonry, it is true, but they do not necessarily wear the purple of fraternity rank, nor the insignia of high degree. Our true princes, and heirs apparent to our inmost chambers, are they who have learned the sublime lessons of our Order, and whose lives and hearts speak to the world its blessings. I would not be understood as in the slightest sense deprecating what is termed the higher degrees of Masonry in the York and Scottish rites; they are beautiful and impressive beyond any words of mine to describe, and should be taken by every Brother whose time and means will permit of his doing so. But what I do mean, is that every truth of Masonry—every principle or precept necessary to make the true and complete Mason, and complete in the fullest sense, is found in the three degrees of the Blue Lodge; and in no degree of the Order, be it termed high or low, will the seeker ever find one so impressive, awe-inspiring and so stately as that of the Master's degree.

Speaking of the refusal of the Grand Master of Colorado to lay the corner-stone of a church because the stone was not to be put in the north-east corner of the structure, he quite properly quotes:

While it is desirable that a corner-stone should be so laid, we do not believe it is mandatory, and we think the Grand Master erred on the side of too strict conformity to symbolism, and that compliance with the request would not have shaken the solidity of the Masonic Institution, or scattered the Landmarks to the four winds. Hundreds of such cases as the above occur annually, and the sun stays not in his course, neither doth the moon refuse to shed her light. Seriously, are not thousands of Lodge rooms situated diametrically opposite to the supposed or symbolical points of the compass within, the East frequently being in the North, South or West, in point of fact? If the living stone can be placed symbolically in the northeast, whatever may be its external or actual designation, why not a senseless stone in a ceremony which has only a symbolic significance?

R.:W.:George W. Kendrick, Jr., Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:William A. Sinn, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, is Grand Secretary.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1905.

June 26th, in Freemasons Hall, in the town of Souris, the thirtieth annual communication of the Grand Lodge assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Benjamin Rogers, Grand Master, with representatives from all of the fourteen chartered lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master, in opening his annual address, extends a fraternal welcome to his brethren, and expresses pleasure that he can say that their lodges are in good condition and that the Masonic life in the jurisdiction is well kept up. He speaks of the preceding winter and its rigor, but rejoices that their people came through it well, and were then in as prosperous a condition, he says, as any province in the Dominion of Canada. He, on account of family bereavement and sickness, spent the winter in California, and speaking of it, says:

I had many pleasant associations with Masonic Brethren abroad, visited the Lodges and was received with great courtesy as your Grand Master. The Lodges in California do their work well, and they have fine Lodge Rooms everywhere, Masonic Temples owned by the Lodge and do honors to the Craft.

One great feature of the Masons abroad is the effort now being made towards the Benevolent Funds of the Lodge, and the great charity work of the Grand Lodges everywhere in securing homes for aged Masons. And I see the Grand Lodge of N. S. has decided to take immediate steps in this matter. I very much desire that you take some action to raise our Benevolent Fund to a respectable amount. A few dollars from each Brethren would soon make up a desirable amount. The Brethren, I hope, will give this fund their kind consideration.

The Deputy Grand Master makes report of official visits made by him, and he likewise speaks of the good conditions in the lodges. He issued commissions and did much usually performed by the Grand Master. Each lodge had also been visited by an officer commissioned for the purpose, and a separate report of each visit is submitted and printed in the proceedings.

There is no report on correspondence.

M. W. Charles H. S. Sterns, Souris, is Grand Master.

R. W. Neil MacKelvie, Summerside, is Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC, 1905.

January 25th, at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Montreal, the thirty-fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. John B. Tresidder, Grand Master, with representatives from forty-nine of their fifty-six chartered lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master in his annual address dwells upon the very satisfactory condition of Freemasonry in his Grand Jurisdiction, and exhibits a zealous interest in all its affairs. He pays loving tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead, reports the granting of a good many special dispensations, the exchange of representatives with other Grand Lodges, waivers of jurisdiction to adjoining Grand Jurisdictions, including some in the United States and others in the Dominion of Canada, the visiting, officially, of a goodly number of his lodges, and official visits to other Grand Lodges, and the dedication of new Masonic Halls. He reports a few decisions, of local importance only.

R. W. Brother Will H. Whyte, Grand Secretary, is proving to be a most efficient officer, and his report is very full and admirable in its makeup. The Grand Treasurer, R. W. I. H. Stearns makes report showing a good financial condition, with the benevolent fund growing, and a Home fund on hand.

One of their Grand Chaplains, R. W. and Rev. Brother E. H. Croly, delivered an entertaining and instructive discourse.

The District Deputy Grand Masters each made report of the duties assigned to him, from all of which it appears that the best interests of the Craft are conserved, and that it had been the best year in the history of their Grand Lodge.

In a special report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, upon the application of the Grand Lodge of Queensland for recognition, Brother Chambers insists that their rule, requiring that in the formation of a new Grand Lodge in open territory it must have the recognition and obedience of at least a majority of all the regular lodges in the territory over which it claims to have jurisdiction must be respected, and he adds "This condition is of almost universal acceptance."

We may be mistaken, but we have supposed that such a contention is made only by a very small minority. And we are of the opinion that when all the English-speaking Grand Lodges are heard from, upon the question of the regularity of the Queensland Grand Lodge, Brother Chambers will have some evidence of his mistake.

The following shows their procedure, which would seem to be proper, and certainly just:

That inasmuch as it appears that one Nehemiah Goodkowsky, a resident of Biddeford, in Maine, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Maine, has by false representation, and especially by the false representation that he was a resident of Montreal, and by withholding the fact that he had already been rejected by a Lodge in Biddeford, Maine, obtained the degrees of Masonry from a Lodge under this jurisdiction to which he had really no right to apply for membership; and inasmuch as the said Lodge of this Jurisdiction had no right to receive or consider any such application; that all proceedings had by said Lodge of this Jurisdiction be and is hereby declared null and void, and the said Nehemiah Goodkowsky is declared not to be a member of this Lodge.—Carried.

Past Grand Master E. T. D. Chambers presents the report on correspondence, his sixteenth, covering one hundred and seven pages. It is ably written, as all his reports are. Nebraska, 1904, receives favorable fraternal consideration.

M. W. David A. Manson, Mansonville, is Grand Master.

R. W. Will H. Whyte, Montreal, is Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND, 1905.

May 15th, in Freemasons Hall, in the city of Providence, the one hundred and fifteenth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by R. W. Joseph Wood Freeman, Deputy Grand Master, with the Grand Officers and representatives from nearly all their chartered lodges in attendance.

A brief welcome by the Deputy Grand Master, in opening his annual address, is followed by:

This Grand Lodge meets to-day under peculiar and sorrowful conditions. For the first time in all these many years it has no Grand Master to welcome the Brethren and to preside over their deliberations. Most Worshipful James E. Tillinghast, elected Grand Master of Masons at the last Annual Communication, fell ill in July, and thenceforward, except for a few days at a time, to the day of his death on January 30 last, was unable to perform the duties of his exalted office. This is not the proper moment, and I am not the appointed person, to eulogize our departed Brother. I have requested M. W. Past Grand Master Van Slyck to prepare a suitable memorial paper and it will be read at a fitting hour during this communication. All that I can now say is that, though our loss as a body and as individual Brethren is most severe, yet the memory of our Grand Master's energy and integrity, his dignity in the performance of every Masonic duty, his hearty geniality and his consistent practice of the Masonic virtues, can not fail to be a strong inspiration to us all to emulate his example.

Most of the duties of the office of Grand Master had been performed by the Deputy Grand Master. Many special dispensations for the usual purposes had been issued. He was somewhat hampered and embarrassed, because of restrictive provisions in their constitution. In most Grand Lodge constitutions it is provided that upon the death of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master immediately succeeds to all the Grand Master's powers and prerogatives. In that of Rhode Island it is expressly provided that in no case shall certain of such powers be exercised by the Deputy Grand Master or either of the Grand Wardens. He strongly recommended the consideration of amending the constitution.

He calls attention to an important matter:

I desire to call to your attention the matter of the Reprint of Early Proceedings. No work on this has been done for several years. The printed sheets are stored in the vault down stairs in this building, and while there are of no use to anyone. It seems a favorable time to continue this work so that what has already been done may not be lost, and the reprint brought down to the desired date so that bound copies may be available. The last two or three appropriations for this purpose were not expended, because of our poor financial condition, but now that we are out of debt this valuable work may properly be resumed. The last part printed comes down to 1830.

The Committee on Grand Officers' Reports, yielding a ready acquiescence to the recommendation of the Deputy Grand Master, presented an amendment such as suggested, which must lie over to the next semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge. The same committee also agreed with the recommendation as to printing the early records of the Grand Lodge, above mentioned, and recommended an appropriation for that purpose, which was approved by the Grand Lodge.

The business of the Grand Lodge was routine and not of general interest. There is no report on correspondence.

M. W. Joseph Wood Freeman, Central Falls, is Grand Master.

R. W. S. Penrose Williams, Providence, is Grand Secretary.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1905.

April 19th, at Freemasons Hall, in the city of Adelaide, the annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by the Rt. Hon. Sir S. J. Way, Bart. P. C., etc., Grand Master, with a large number of Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, Past Masters, and representatives in attendance.

Numerous amendments to the constitution, carried at the last communication of the Grand Lodge, were confirmed. The report of the Board of General Purposes contains a statement of financial conditions, and matters transacted since the preceding communication.

The business of the Grand Lodge was routine and of local importance only, and there is no report on correspondence.

M.:W.:S. J. Way, is Grand Master.

V.:W.:J. H. Cunningham, is Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1905.

December 12th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Charleston, the one hundred and twenty-ninth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:John R. Bellinger, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, except the Grand Chaplain and Grand Secretary, and representatives from one hundred and eighty-four of the two hundred and six chartered lodges, in attendance.

The Grand Master opens his annual address with a greeting and welcome to his brethren.

The death on August 11th, 1905, of Past Grand Master Bartlett J. Witherspoon, is mentioned, and to his memory is paid loving fraternal tribute. The Grand Master reports thirty-six decisions, all of which, with one exception, were approved. They exhibit a pretty thorough understanding of Masonic law. One, however, governed doubtless by their code, would not be in accord with what is generally regarded as the rule:

14. The Lodge, of which a candidate is the proper material, cannot waive its Jurisdiction over a candidate in favor of another Lodge, nor can the Grand Master grant a Dispensation permitting such waiver. The Lodge may, after election, request another to confer the degree, but otherwise the work must be done by the Lodge whose material the candidate is.

Another presents an unusual question, but is unquestionably correct:

24. One who is believed to have wilfully and unmasonically voted a black ball on the application of a candidate cannot be tried for it, because not only is the ballot secret and cannot be inquired into, but the Brother is presumed to vote conscientiously, and his conscience cannot be probed or purged; but if it can be shown that he voted two black balls, this is decidedly a Masonic offense, and for it he may be tried, and if found guilty should be punished.

The decision criticised, with the criticism, is interesting:

"16. When a W. M. has died after the officers have been installed, a Dispensation may be granted to elect and install his successor, but at such election neither the Senior Warden nor Junior Warden can be elected W. M. and installed, because they are under obligation to serve as Senior Warden and Junior Warden, respectively, until St. John's Day." We deem it only necessary to cite Sec. 100 of the Constitution, in which it is held, "That if the Master or one of the Wardens survive, no election can be held for a Master or Warden." In view of the explicit terms of our Constitution, we are of the opinion that the Grand Master cannot grant his Dispensation except as allowed therein.

The Grand Master laid several corner-stones, and authorized others to be laid. Of one he says:

On May 3d, 1905, by request of the County Commissioners of Kershaw County, I laid the corner-stone of the new Court House at Camden. This Court House stands upon the lot where the building stood in which General LaFayette was entertained when he laid the corner-stone of the DeKalb Monument. On this occasion, I used the silver trowel, which was first used by General LaFayette, and I had the pleasure of meeting a grand-son and a grand-daughter of the Brother who made and presented it.

Grand Master Bellinger reports having granted dispensations for three new lodges, and he granted a considerable number of special dispensations. Of a proposed amendment to the constitution, reducing the dues to the Grand Lodge from one dollar to fifty cents, he said it was "the only matter of importance to come before this Grand Lodge," and he strongly opposed it. Later, by action of the Grand Lodge, it was "tabled by an overwhelming majority." He speaks of the proposition to found a Masonic Home as a matter worthy of the most thoughtful consideration, and the Grand Lodge, agreeing, resolved:

Whereas, the establishment in this jurisdiction of a Home for Distressed Worthy Master Masons, their widows and orphans, as a practical illustration of the tenets of our Order, is regarded by many of the Craft as very desirable:

Be it resolved, That a Committee consisting of the incoming Grand Master and four members to be appointed by him, be charged with the duty of investigating this subject, and that this Committee report its conclusions and recommendations to the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Of the state of the Craft the Grand Master says:

During all my thirty years' experience as a Mason, I have never known Masonry to be in a more prosperous condition, or working upon a higher plane. From every quarter of the State the same report comes to me. The old Lodges are growing in membership and in financial strength, and new ones are being formed. Better still, the new members are composed of the finest and most intellectual members of their several communities—men who are honored and respected by their fellows, and, therefore, men who must be a benefit to Masonry, and to whom Masonry must do good.

Each of the eighteen District Deputies reported, showing an active interest in, and the performance of their duties.

There is no report on correspondence.

M. W. Frank E. Harrison, Abbeville, is Grand Master.

M. W. Jacob T. Barron, Columbia, is Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1905.

June 13th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Aberdeen, the thirty-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Ivan W. Goodner, Grand Master, with most of his Grand Officers and representatives from eighty-one of the one hundred and three chartered lodges in attendance.

An appropriate greeting marks the opening address of the Grand Master, and following it, he announces the death of their Senior Grand Warden, Brother Charles Albert Fisher, and pays loving fraternal tribute to his memory. Their Past Grand Master Albert Wells Coe died at his home in Deadwood on September 5th, 1904, and to his memory fraternal tribute is paid, and his long service in the Craft is noted.

The Grand Master discloses a very singular case of obstinacy on the part of the Senior Warden of one of his lodges, who, he says, refused to sit in the lodge under the ruling of the Grand Master, "that a Master-elect could not be installed by proxy." The wonder is that any one should harbor for a moment the idea that a Master could preside over a chartered lodge without having first made the indispensable pledges which are a part of his installation ceremonies. He had granted one dispensation for a new lodge, had laid the corner-stone for a Masonic Hall, for a Court House, and for a United States Government Building at Pierre, and had dedicated a lodge room.

He had refused several requests for dispensations to receive and act upon petitions in less than the constitutional time, but had granted dispensations to elect and install officers out of time. He did, however, and quite properly we think, in four cases, where circumstances justified, grant dispensations to advance candidates without waiting the time required, by regulation. But he could not stand for the proposition, contained in the request from a Master, in the letter following:

Dear Sir and Brother:

I write you to make formal application for dispensation to open a Lodge of Masons at a place outside of the regular Lodge room of Minnehaha Lodge No. 5, and Unity Lodge No. 130, on St. John's Day, June 24th. It is proposed that the two Lodges, together with the local Chapter of the Eastern Star, join in a picnic at a park about two miles east of Sioux Falls and during the day we desire to open a Lodge at a securely guarded spot, after the manner of our ancient Brethren.

Yours fraternally,

C. O. BAILEY,

W. M. Minnehaha Lodge No. 5.

This dispensation I felt obliged to refuse. While no doubt the novelty of the proposed open air Lodge would attract many Brethren to the meeting and serve to increase local interest, for the time being at least, it seemed to me that it would be an exceedingly unwise step to take—one not only without precedent in this Jurisdiction, but fraught with much danger to the Craft.

It is well that he exercised the high powers and prerogatives of his office, for the "danger to the Craft" was almost appalling. A shower of shooting stars might have fallen upon them in the "lowest valleys," or scaled "the highest hills."

He reports sixteen decisions, all of which were doubtless correct, under their regulations, but none are of more than local interest.

R. W. Benjamin F. Ives, Grand Lecturer, made report of holding schools of instruction and visiting many lodges. Evidently he loves his work. He found the lodges he says, as a whole, in a prosperous condition, and the Craft engaged in active work. Through the medium of his deputies the Grand Master constituted three newly chartered lodges.

R. W. George A. Pettigrew, Grand Secretary, submits a very full and excellently arranged report, and the Grand Treasurer's report exhibits good financial conditions.

In an appealed case where the defendant, by the decision of the lodge, had been sentenced to "Reprimand," the Grand Lodge concurred in the report of the committee and its recommendation, as follows:

This Brother was found guilty of un-Masonic conduct in publishing a scurrilous letter purporting to have been written by a Brother Mason and was sentenced to "Reprimand."

This evidence shows conclusively a serious crime against this Order and we deem the punishment wholly inadequate. We therefore recommend that the case be remanded to the lodge with instructions to impose a penalty adequate to the proper punishment for the crime of which the Brother was convicted.

We think the better rule of procedure would have entered "a penalty adequate," and not remanded the case.

Congratulations were exchanged with the Grand Chapter O. E. S., at the same time in session in Aberdeen, with "compliments galore."

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshments, and the committee consisting of Mrs. Ed. P. Farr, Mrs. Chas. N. Herreid and Mrs. Geo. A. Pettigrew were escorted by the Grand Marshall to the center of the Lodge room, the members arose as the ladies entered, and remained standing during the remarks of the committee and the response thereto; when the chairman, Sister Farr, addressed the members present.

Brother Samuel A. Brown presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and fifty-one pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-four Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1904, receives generous consideration. Anent the O. E. S. and replying to Brother Seamon of New Mexico, he pertinently remarks:

Brother Seamon thinks that too much is made of the Eastern Star, and objects to our "Fraternal Greetings" to that body. "That is what Grand Lodges do when they extend recognition." We are not alarmed at that, because they are recognized as a Grand Chapter, O. E. S., and all the recognition in the world would not make them anything else.

We quote, with appreciation, his conclusion:

The startling increase in numbers which is apparent in Masonry everywhere, being no less than fifty thousand in the United States alone, must give thoughtful Craftsmen food for serious reflection. It shows that men are seeking Brotherhood in its unmodified character—Brotherhood! and that alone. And it behooves us to see that they get it; for if they do not, shall we not see the ebb which follows? Is not Brotherhood the one thing needed in this world whereby we may withstand the destructive forces which instantly originate to undermine every new development of human progress? Great prosperity is upon us, and the mischiefs that come with it—are they not also apparent? Masonry, Brethren, must be the true Brotherhood. All other societies have some divergence which makes them fail of the ideal of Universal Brotherhood; and the danger is that we also shall fail, for it may be that our Brethren will not exemplify our noble principles. Now is the time for every true Son of Light to bestir himself and be in his place in Lodge to show the seekers that which is being sought. Many societies seek to cultivate the mind; it is ours to cultivate the heart. Great is the glory of the mind; but the heart—that is the best. The great mind may do great harm; but the great heart—it can do nought but good.

M. W. Edgar D. Brookman, Vermillion, is Grand Master.

R. W. George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, is Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE, 1906.

January 31st, at Freemasons Hall, in the city of Nashville, the ninety-second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. James W. Irwin, Grand Master, with representatives from four hundred and eighteen of the four hundred and twenty-nine chartered lodges.

In his annual address the Grand Master makes at least one remarkable declaration in speaking of their Grand Lodge, in saying: "We hold the unique position of being the only independent Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the United States." In speaking of his administration, in another part of his address, he says: "That mistakes have been made I am well aware." Whatever they may have been it is certain that none of them could have been greater than that his Grand Lodge is "the only independent Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the United States." Whatever there may be of difference between the Tennessee, and any other independent sovereign Grand Lodge, it is not in its independence. What does he mean?

He announces the death of their late brother, Past Grand Master Thomas A. Hamilton, who died October 1st, 1905. Grand Master Irwin made a great many official visits to his lodges, giving a list of them, and in most cases he addressed his brethren. Corner-stones, to the number

of ten in all had he laid, either himself or by proxy. For new lodges he had granted four dispensations, and he had granted numerous special dispensations, and had constituted three newly chartered lodges. Thirty-nine official rulings are reported, all but four of which were approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence and the Grand Lodge.

He urges contributions to their Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home Fund. He makes many recommendations, among them, another "mistake:"

I recommend that the Committee on Jurisprudence (if in their wisdom they think it advisable) formulate a plan for a delegated convention of all regular Jurisdictions in the United States for the purpose of securing uniformity of ritual and work, and for such other object as might with propriety come before such convention.

R. W. John B. Garrett, Grand Secretary, submitted a very full report. It seems to be a part of his duties to visit lodges, and he reports having done so, and he spent the entire month of August, delightfully, in the mountains of east Tennessee, visiting, with a Past Grand Master, the lodges in that district.

We extract as of interest:

The entertainment given at the Bijou Theater by the children of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home was a great success, a larger and more representative crowd of people never assembled in any amusement hall than greeted the children when the curtain rose at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The different features of the entertainment were very pleasing, being excellently carried out and were received with marked applause.

Past Grand Master Americus V. Warr presented a most loving fraternal tribute to the memory of their late Brother Past Grand Master Thomas A. Hamilton.

Their Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home Endowment Fund has reached the sum of \$22,483.45.

A special report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence expresses sympathy with the Grand Lodge of Queensland, but through deference to the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland deferred recognition, and this is generally true of Grand Lodges that have not extended fraternal recognition; in only one or two cases has the regularity of the Grand Lodge of Queensland's organization been questioned. The general expression is: "We heartily sympathize with the brethren of this new Grand Lodge, and feel sure that general recognition will come sooner or later."

M. W. Brother Henry A. Chambers presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred pages, and reviewing all proceedings that reached him in time to be included. Nebraska, 1905, receives fraternal consideration and approval. Of physical qualifications he says:

The question of physical qualifications is, of course, always one of interest and discussion. We have, therefore, quoted fully in our review what Grand Masters say on this subject. Our purpose has been to furnish the Masters of our Lodges with, at least, persuasive authority, so that they need not call on our Grand Masters so often. Many interesting decisions on this subject will be found cited in our report.

And of ciphers:

Notwithstanding the active and decided position of Tennessee against the cipher ritual, this question—that is, cipher or no cipher—does not seem to have had much discussion in other Grand Jurisdictions. The Grand Lodges that have already adopted the cipher seem to be calm and serene in their position and keep on their way rejoicing.

Ohio has just revised its cipher ritual and, under our review of that State herein, we quote fully from the proceedings, to show the course that Grand Lodge is pursuing. We take it to be typical of the course other Grand Lodges that use the cipher are, or have been, following. Where this is all to end no prophet can tell.

M.:W.:Robert Burrow, Bristol, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:John B. Garrett, Nashville, is Grand Secretary.

TEXAS, 1905.

December 5th, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Waco, the seventieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:A. W. Campbell, Grand Master, with fifteen Grand Officers and representatives from four hundred and sixty-four of their seven hundred and twenty-three chartered lodges in attendance.

A joyful strain runs through the opening of the Grand Master's address. The year, he says, had been singularly fortunate and prosperous for that mighty commonwealth. Masonry had never enjoyed an era of greater material prosperity, more activity in the charity of its lodges and members, and happier growth in Masonic work, and he expresses pride that the lodges were requiring a higher moral character and a loftier manhood of those desirous of participating in the mysteries of our ancient Fraternity.

He reports the constituting of twenty-four newly chartered lodges, and the instituting of ten under dispensation, the laying of nineteen corner-stones, the granting of fifteen special dispensations to publicly install officers on other than St. John's Day, and four to dedicate lodge rooms, and a number for various other Masonic purposes.

He reports thirty-five decisions. We extract:

No. 1.—Held that a brother, who presents with his application for affiliation a dimit from a lodge subordinate to the *Grand Lodge of France*, may affiliate with a lodge in this jurisdiction.

Further, a brother, who was raised in a lodge subordinate to the *Grand Orient of France*, but severed his connection with said lodge prior to the year 1877, and from that time has had no connection with said Grand Orient, may affiliate with a lodge in Texas. If, however, the party was raised in a lodge subordinate to the Grand Orient of France, after the year, 1877, it would be unlawful for a lodge to fellowship with him.

No. 5.—Any member of a lodge who attempts to inquire into, or in any way investigate the ballot, on any applicant for the degrees, or gives a rejected applicant the names of members present at his rejection, with the view of finding out who cast a B. B., is guilty of a Masonic offense, and should be disciplined.

Owing to a mistake as to when the moon got full, some of their lodges elected their officers a week too late and the Grand Master was appealed to; he held that such elections were void, and that the old officers held over for another year. And in another case:

No. 21.—Held, that any insurance association, or other similar organization, using the word *Masonic* or *Mason*, is making use of such word, or words, for business purposes, and to further private enterprises, and is, therefore, in direct violation of Article 631, Title 6, page 220, Masonic Laws of Texas, 1897.

Held, further, that any Master Mason, while under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Texas, knowingly violating this law of the Grand Lodge of Texas, by soliciting business for any such organization, is guilty of a Masonic offense in violating a law of the Grand Lodge of Texas, and, thereby, lays himself liable to discipline.

He speaks enthusiastically of their Widows and Orphans' Home, and of the additions and improvements going on there.

W. Brother Alexander Charles Garrett, at one time, in the early seventies, Dean of Trinity Cathedral, Omaha, now Bishop of Northern Texas, delivered an address to the Grand Lodge, the theme being "The Vocation of Masonry." He says its vocation is to select men possessed of the highest qualities from among those who seek admission to its lodges, and to educate and train the new recruit. All that science, philosophy, and history have to give is laid under tribute, and the rightly educated Mason becomes the peer of the greatest of mankind, he declares. And eloquently he treats of the essential truths and teachings of Freemasonry. The writer well remembers the first time he listened to this eloquent preacher, more than thirty years ago; since which time, as the Bishop has grown older, we have seen him on occasions connected with his clerical duties, never forgetting our first most favorable impression of him. We must extract a single passage:

The scale of our little life is too small to enable us to measure with due proportion the progress of the ages. We look back over the vast periods of geologic time and try to estimate the slow secular movements by which the coal measures were first formed and the mountain chains up-reared which have brought their treasures within the range of human industry. We turn our telescopes upon the stars, calculate the velocity of light and estimate the rays which reach our eyes tonight from distant portions of the heavens have been seven thousand years or more upon the journey. In presence of such vast proportions our little span dwindles to a speck no larger than the point of a needle. And yet there is a force in man greater than all the magnitudes which trouble him, for he can measure and weigh them all, tell the limit of their endurance, compute their movements and predict their destiny; yet, he himself is measured of none, for the forces that sway him are moral and spiritual and inhere an imperishable soul.

The Committee on Lodges Under Dispensation recommended, and the Grand Lodge granted, charters to eleven lodges, and the Committee on Petitions recommended the chartering of several lodges, without having served a time under dispensation, a procedure quite in harmony, we think, with the powers of a Grand Lodge, but under our regulations in Nebraska it is never done that way.

A brother having the matter in charge made report of the erection on the grounds of the Masonic Widows and Orphans Home, of an auditorium and chapel, at a cost of \$6,000.00, contributed by individuals and Masonic bodies.

There was a great deal of routine business transacted in Grand Lodge.

M.:W.:Brother Thomas M. Matthews, Sr., presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and twenty-seven pages and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-six Grand Lodges, Nebraska, 1905, among them. The latter receives generous consideration, our Grand Master Burnham's address and our Grand Secretary's report are favorably quoted from, our Home receives attention, and the incident of our Grand Lodge's reception of Father Hackney finds a place. He thus comments:

Never before, in the twenty years since we began writing these reports, has the Fraternity been so prosperous, nor has peace and harmony among the Craft been so universal, nor fewer elements of discord ejected into its life, than now. Each day, each month, each year, it is becoming more and more apparent that Freemasonry is fulfilling its high and Heaven born mission of teaching to the nations the "Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man," and of uplifting and purifying man's moral character.

M.:W.:S. M. Bradley, Denton, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:John Watson, Waco, is Grand Secretary.

UTAH, 1906.

January 16th, in Masonic Hall, in the city of Salt Lake, the thirty-fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Charles Stetson Varian, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers except the Senior Grand Steward, and a goodly number of Past Grand Officers, Past Masters, and representatives of all of the eleven chartered lodges in attendance.

A welcome to his brethren marks the opening of the address of the Grand Master. He says that during his term of office he had officially visited every lodge in the jurisdiction, and everywhere peace and harmony prevailed. He had answered queries, but reports no decisions. He says the Grand Lecturer had visited and instructed each lodge in the work.

And this is what he did:

On the 11th day of June, assisted by the officers of an "Occasional" Grand Lodge, I laid the cornerstone of the Temple at Ogden in Ample Form, and on the 3rd day of December, the cornerstone of the Temple in this city was laid by me, with the aid of the officers of an "Occasional" Grand Lodge in Ample Form. The attendance of Masons upon both of these interesting occasions was very large, a majority of the lodges in the Jurisdiction being represented, and the Commanderies furnishing the proper escorts. For a further and detailed account of these historical events, I refer to the report of the Grand Secretary which is, as usual, very full and complete. Certain moneys were expended in connection with the laying of the corner stone at Ogden, an account of which is submitted

A very complete report by R.:W.:Christopher Diehl, Grand Secretary, is submitted. It is his thirty-fourth, and as Grand Librarian, he makes his thirty-third annual report, showing that he is carefully looking after and building up a Grand Lodge library.

The Committee on Address highly commends the deep interest manifested by their Grand Master, and approves the praise bestowed upon their zealous Grand Secretary.

Under the head of "Obituary," eloquent fraternal tribute is paid to the memory of their dead.

The report of a committee was adopted recommending that their library be placed in a fire proof room in the Masonic Temple, and that the Grand Librarian be instructed to procure data of the early and formative period of the territory of Utah with a view to collecting a true and impartial history of the territory and state. Having read the history as presented on behalf of the Mormons, such a history will be of interest to the general reader, and especially to this writer.

Brother Diehl, as he has in the past, presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and twenty pages and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-six Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1905, receives favorable fraternal consideration. Generally he agrees with the writer, but doubts the importance given by us to the landmark question. We think that at the Reformation in 1717, our brethren recognized what actually existed, and that such recognition is tantamount to full proof thereof, and that their binding force, admitted by all of us, means something, and this writer is satisfied so to consider the matter.

Our brother is a very earnest and efficient official in a Grand Lodge doing heroic work, and we admire him for his faithful work. He writes an able review and we hope to meet him annually at the round table.

M.:W.:Sidney Watson Badcon, Ogden, is Grand Master.

R.:W.:Christopher Diehl, Salt Lake City, is Grand Secretary

VERMONT, 1905.

June 14th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Burlington, the one hundred and twelfth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.:W.:Olin W. Daley, Grand Master, with fifteen Grand Officers, twenty-seven permanent members, and representatives

from eighty-seven of their one hundred and three subordinate lodges in attendance.

In his annual address the Grand Master pays loving tribute to the memory of their Past Grand Master, Ozro Meacham, who died October 23d, 1904.

He reports a very satisfactory condition throughout his Grand Jurisdiction; the District Deputies performed their duties, and made careful report, so that the Grand Master is enabled to present, as he does, facts and figures sustaining the conclusion he draws of good conditions.

He reports having used careful discretion in passing upon applications for special dispensations, granting some and refusing others.

He records no decisions, saying that although he had received some inquiries, yet they had all been fully answered by referring to their digest of decisions. He reports having held a special communication of the Grand Lodge at Bakersfield, at which, with the assistance of nearly all the Grand Officers, he constituted, publicly, a new lodge. He was also present at the sixteenth annual meeting of the District Deputies. It was a large and enthusiastic gathering. Their Grand Lodge by-laws make it the imperative duty of every deputy to attend. He thus expresses his idea of the Past Master's degree:

At the session of the Grand Lodge in June, 1894, a committee was appointed to prepare a ritual for the purpose of communicating to Wor. Masters-elect of lodges the instruction necessary for them to receive before installation. This instruction is known as the Past Master's Degree. The term is a misnomer, as the instruction is not a Masonic degree, nor is it designed for Past Masters, but for Present Masters-elect. June 13, 1895, the committee reported and their report was adopted on the part of the Grand Lodge.

Grand Master Daley had done considerable official visiting, but, of course, not as much as he would like to have done.

The Grand Secretary's report speaks of the records of an old lodge:

From Bro. Frank M. Rood I have received the old records of Hiram Lodge, No. 45, formerly located at Waitsfield, Vt. This lodge was chartered October 7, 1817, and continued to exist and work until September 25, 1834. In the light and knowledge of to-day it is interesting to read the last entry made in this book of records: '*Resolved*, that we highly approve of the resolutions passed at Montpelier, Sept. 19, 1834, by the Masons of Washington County, and we hereby cheerfully join in putting an end to the Masonick Institution, by wholly dissolving our connection with said Institution and holding Masons as we hold all mankind.'" The lodges of Washington County to-day have 1,075 members.

This was when the Morgan persecution was at its highest stage of fury, and in Vermont more than anywhere else the members of our Fraternity bowed to the storm. But in New York, the Batavia Lodge, the center of the most vicious assaults of its enemies, maintained its integrity and its organization, notwithstanding the persecution of many of its prominent members.

The Committee on Grand Master's Address pays the following tribute to that officer:

Your committee to whom was referred the address of the M. W. Grand Master would earnestly commend the same to the thoughtful consideration of every craftsman acknowledging obedience to this Grand Lodge. In it will be found a record of zealous and devoted service, reflecting honor upon himself and the Grand Lodge, and a report of peace and prosperity that speaks of the union of hearts in promoting the best and highest interests of Freemasonry. We cordially endorse his official acts, remaining for our consideration, emphasize his timely words of warning and admonition, and express formally the deep appreciation of his brethren, of the singleness of purpose with which he has administered the affairs of the craft. He has been faithful to the great trust reposed in him, and returns the gavel of his office not only untarnished and undimmed, but brighter because of his zealous devotion and untiring zeal in behalf of the great cause of humanity and brotherhood.

The Grand Lodge seems to have fully determined, we are glad to note, to build a Masonic Home, and a committee to consider the subject, plan for and estimate the cost, was appointed, consisting of the Grand Lodge Trustees and all Past Grand Masters.

M. W. Brother Marsh O. Perkins presents the report on correspondence covering two hundred and ten pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty Grand Lodges. We are glad to quote what he says about Scotland:

Its attitude towards the new Grand Lodge of Queensland, as shown in the review of that Great Body is unchanged and will probably remain so until the Australasians, by growth and development, can force a change of sentiment. To us, the opposition of the Mother Grand Lodges of England and Scotland appears to be a repetition of history, and we can but feel that Queensland should be given the fraternal support and encouragement she desires in her effort to establish home rule upon a substantial basis. And especially so, because of her hearty avouchment by her nearest neighbor, the premier Grand Lodge of the great Australian commonwealth.

Nebraska, 1904, receives generous and favorable fraternal consideration; our Grand Master Bullard's address is highly appreciated, our Masonic Home is noted, and our P. G. M. French's report as Grand Custodian is praised.

We quote what he says under Alabama, as thoroughly sound:

In accordance with the general law of Masonry, the Grand Master ruled, that one who had not served as a Warden in any lodge might be appointed as the W. M. of a new lodge, but the Committee on Jurisprudence disagreed with him because of the wording of an edict, that practically forbade the institution of a lodge, unless one of the petitioners had a record of prior service as a W. M. or Warden. To provide for future contingencies, however, Grand Lodge very wisely amended the existing regulation, so as to conform with the general law. We question, nevertheless, whether a local regulation could debar Grand Master from the exercise of the prerogative, existing from time immemorial, of setting

brethren to work U. D., even if none of them possessed the qualifications of "a prior condition of servitude" to occupy the seat in the East. With this in mind, we are inclined to the belief, that the Grand Master's decision was correct, even if not in harmony with the written law of the jurisdiction.

And we are glad to quote him again as to Queensland:

The consideration of the request of the Grand Orient of Brazil for recognition was deferred by Grand Lodge for a year. A like request from Western Australia was granted, but declined as to Queensland, because recognition was withheld by England. We believe consideration of all such requests should be made regardless of the attitude of England, Scotland or any other mother Grand Lodge. As we understand it, the Grand Lodge of Queensland was not only regularly organized, but has been recognized and vouched for by her nearest neighbor, New South Wales, the oldest of the Australasian Grand Lodges, and presumably by others of the same group ere this. Fraternal courtesy is as much due to the youngest member of a great sisterhood, as to the oldest, and more so in our judgment when the latter relentlessly places obstacles in the way of the former in its struggle for well deserved independence.

M. W. Walter E. Ranger, Montpelier, is Grand Master.

R. W. Henry H. Ross, Burlington, is Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON, 1905.

June 13th, in the city of Bellingham, the forty-eighth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Edwin Hugh Van Patten, Grand Master, with representatives from one hundred and eleven of the one hundred and twenty-eight chartered lodges in attendance.

The following was sent immediately after the opening:

BELLINGHAM, WASH., June 13, 1905.

To Hon. Thomas M. Reed, Grand Secretary of Masons, Olympia, Wash.:

The Grand Lodge of Washington, at the opening of its forty-eighth Annual Communication, by unanimous and rising vote, fraternally and affectionately greets you as its Nestor, and fervently prays for your speedy recovery from the illness which causes your first absence in forty-one years, and your second absence since the Grand Lodge was formed.

E. H. VAN PATTEN,
Grand Master.

To the memory of their Past Grand Master Daniel Bagley, who died April 27th, 1905, the Grand Master pays fraternal tribute and furnishes honorable record of his Masonic history.

He reports having personally constituted seven new lodges and two by proxy, and having instituted eight under dispensation. He laid the corner-stone for a new Presbyterian Church, and for a Masonic Temple. From his reported decisions we extract:

No. 1. An objection to a visitor sitting in Lodge, even though it be in writing and spread upon the minutes, can not bar said visitor from sitting in Lodge, unless the objecting brother is present at the time of the visit, nor for more than the one meeting, at which it was presented. In order to be effectual, said objection must be made every time the objectionable brother presents himself for the purpose of visiting.

The assistant Grand Secretary submitted the report of the Grand Secretary, showing a very gratifying condition to exist. He says:

In our own Jurisdiction harmony prevails; not a single case of grievance or appeal has been filed. The reports show only three expulsions and one suspension for U. M. C. during the past year. This is a remarkable good showing and indicates the care taken in admitting only the best of our citizens to membership.

Resolutions favorable to Brother Morcombe's proposition that the Craft of the world celebrate the bicentenary of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, in London, in 1717, were adopted.

W. Brother David S. Prescott, Grand Lecturer, reports an active year. He had visited and instructed seventy lodges and installed officers in some of them. He had also visited a school of instruction held by a Custodian, and recommends that Custodians be appointed from the larger centers of population where it would be possible to hold schools of instruction.

Brother Upton submitted a report for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence upon the application of the Grand Lodge of Queensland, recommending that it is not deemed for the best interest of Masonry to take any further action at this time upon the request for official recognition. To the same effect the writer reported to our Grand Lodge but upon further consideration and in view of further light, we now think Queensland is as surely entitled to recognition as any Grand Lodge in the world.

The American doctrine—generally regarded correct—does not require that a majority of the regular lodges in a state or territory unite in the formation of an independent sovereign Grand Lodge. It is not a question of what the sentiment may be, of a majority of such lodges, but only are the lodges, three or more, regular, and have such lodges regularly organized the Grand Body, agreeably to the well known principles involved. By these rules Queensland is to be judged, and she can confidently rest her case in the hands of the Masonic world. There can be no doubt of what the judgment will be. It is too late to urge that it requires a majority of all or a majority of each owing, as in Queensland, obedience to the mother Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland. The American doctrine prevails.

Charters were granted to eight lodges under dispensation, and to one lodge that had lost its by fire.

We are glad to note the following:

Resolved, That the incoming Grand Master be requested to appoint, after his installation, a committee of such a number as he shall deem appropriate, to proceed to the city of Olympia and express to our beloved Grand Secretary, THOMAS MILBURNE REED, the sentiments of deepest affection for him which fill the hearts of every member of this Grand Lodge.

M. W. William H. Upton presents a very able report on correspondence, covering two hundred and thirteen pages. Nebraska, 1904, receives generous consideration. Brother Upton speaks of retiring from the guild, which will be regretted. We are glad to find this brief summary of his recent labors:

And, so, we think we have earned a rest. In the last ten or twelve years we have twice acted as Grand Orator, served one trying term as Grand Master, written five correspondent reports and about half of three others, assisted for three or four years in preparing the annual Proceedings for publication and in seeing them through the press, served at one or two sessions as Assistant Grand Secretary, held the appointment of Acting Grand Secretary for a brief period while Bro. REED was at Nome, compiled, annotated and put through the press The Masonic Code of Washington, and written two Masonic books of an historical character—this while dependent upon our daily toil for our bread and for the support of our children, living a life of unspeakable loneliness, and also serving, during the whole period, as manager, treasurer, purchasing agent, librarian and man-of-all-work of a not-unpretentious local Masonic library. We feel, therefore, that it is meet that some of these labors should be taken up by younger men.

M. W. Abraham L. Miller, Vancouver, is Grand Master.

R. W. Thomas M. Reed, Olympia, is Grand Secretary.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1904-1905.

The proceedings coming to your committee contain the transactions of four quarterly communications, with appended tables of statistics and other valuable information.

The first quarterly communication was held at Freemasons Hall, at Perth, on July 22d, 1904, M. W. Brother Rt. Rev. C. O. L. Riley, D. D., Lord Bishop of Perth, and Grand Master, presiding.

The Grand Master intimated in his address that he had visited a good many lodges, and brings good report of conditions. One outside lodge, Bunbury, (under the Scottish constitution) had, during the quarter, tendered allegiance to the Grand Lodge, and to celebrate the union a day had been fixed at the request of the members of the lodge who wished to make it an enthusiastic occasion.

The Board of General Purposes presented much interesting matter for consideration, and speaking of the then newly formed Grand Lodge of Queensland, deferred any recommendation, but expressed sympathy with their Queensland brethren in their endeavor to establish local Masonic self-government.

The second quarterly communication was held at Masonic Hall, Kalgoorlie, October 28th, 1904, the Grand Master presiding. He reports many more official visits to lodges, and speaks of the large number of members present at the celebration of the union of Bunbury Lodge with their Grand Lodge, this making the eighth Scottish lodge that had joined.

He speaks hopefully of reconciliation with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which had been holding its lodges in Western Australia back from uniting with the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, notwithstanding such members were largely in favor of a union with the Grand Lodge, to the extent, the Grand Master thinks, of nine-tenths of all the Scottish membership in Western Australia.

The Board of General Purposes had considered the whole subject, and recommended a compromise, which it is to be hoped may be effected, whereby the Grand Lodge of Scotland is expected to grant full territorial recognition to the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, without reserving the right to establish more lodges in that territory, and the Grand Master of Western Australia is to remove the edict of non-intercourse from all Scottish lodges erected since the establishment of the Australian Grand Lodge.

The third and fourth quarterlies were held at Perth, one on January 27th, the other on April 28th, 1905. At the January communication the Grand Lodge of Queensland was unanimously recognized as a sovereign Grand Lodge, after a most thorough investigation and discussion of the questions involved.

At the April quarterly communication the refusal of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to accede to the proposition of compromise, above referred to, was made known to the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Master thus speaks of it:

It would be with extreme disappointment and lasting regret that you listened to the letter from the District Grand Lodge of Scotland which only reached me to-night. Our local Scottish brethren and ourselves agreed to certain proposals for the future harmonious working of Masonry in this State. Scotland will have nothing to say to the expressed wishes of her own children. England used to make this mistake with regard to her colonies, with the most disastrous results. England has, however, learned better. Surely we know what we want, and what would be the best thing to do, far better than they can at home, ten thousand miles away. I am convinced that the majority of our Scotch brethren will be as much disappointed as we are, and more angry, for it is their own people who have done them this dishonour. We can do no more. We have done our best to show that we wished to be friendly. We can but go on our own way still holding out the right hand of fellowship, ready for a hearty grasp whenever our brothers desire to take it. I do not despair that even yet a way out of our present difficulties will be found. All the world is on our side, excepting only Scotland. We can afford to be calm and wait, for such isolation cannot last long.

M. W. C. O. L. Riley, D. D., Lord Bishop of Perth is Grand Master.

V. W. J. D. Stevenson, Freemasons Hall, Perth, is Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1905.

November 15th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Charleston, the forty-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Luther H. Clarke, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from one hundred and twenty-two of its one hundred and twenty-six chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master assures us that:

Within the Masonic world of West Virginia, the most satisfactory state of affairs has existed since the beginning of my term. Masonry is in the most prosperous condition; many new lodges have been added to our Roll of Lodges; many new members admitted to our Mystic Circle, and as is apparent, from the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, our order is progressing surely and steadily, and with a healthy growth throughout our Grand Jurisdiction.

Recognizing the prerogatives vested in the Grand Master, he had granted a considerable number of special dispensations, and among other things he says:

On the evening of Wednesday, October 25th, 1905, in the exercise of one of the prerogatives of the Grand Master of Masons, but by virtue of the ancient usages and landmarks of Freemasonry, I convened and opened an Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge, and with the assistance of its officers and the brethren present, I conferred the three degrees in Masonry "at sight" on William C. Yeaton, age forty-three, who is a resident of this Grand Jurisdiction.

At special communications of the Grand Lodge five corner-stones had been laid, three lodges constituted, and four new Masonic Halls dedicated.

He reports three decisions, holding that a profane who has lost the last two fingers on his right hand at the first joint is eligible for the Masonic degrees, as is also a candidate who has lost the third finger of his left hand, and that where two or more lodges have concurrent jurisdiction, a member of either of said lodges may object to the election of a profane by either of the lodges, and the petition cannot be acted upon until the objection is removed, or the lapse of one year, when he may renew his petition.

The regulation governing the third, we think just and wholesome, and we think the two first decisions quite in keeping with a reasonable construction of the requirement of the candidate being able to comply with the manner of his initiation.

He had granted dispensations to institute four new lodges.

M. W. Brother George W. Atkinson, owing to his appointment to a federal judgeship, gives up his position as Grand Secretary, and in his last report among other things, says:

As your Grand Secretary, I beg leave to present my twentieth and last report. I regret very much, I assure you, my brethren, to write these words, but I feel it my duty to speak thus plainly. You have honored me by electing me to a majority of the high offices at your disposal, and especially to the positions of M. W. Grand Master, and R. W. Grand Secretary, the two highest within your gift,—to the latter position you selected me twenty consecutive times. I cannot, dear brothers, find words strong enough to express to you my appreciation of your confidence and esteem. You have honored me beyond my deserts, and I have served you the best I could. I have seen our Grand Lodge evolve from small to great, for it cannot be denied that we now maintain a high rank among our sister Grand Bodies of the world. We have more than held "our own" in the rapid growth of our State and Nation, and we are going on from conquering to conquest.

The business of the Grand Lodge was routine and we turn to the work of Brother Atkinson, who submits the report on correspondence, his twentieth, covering three hundred and twelve pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-six Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1905, receives generous and favorable consideration. Our Grand Master Burnham's address is liberally quoted, the Brother Hackney incident noted, and our Home also receives attention. He congratulates the writer upon finally getting a recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico.

Under British Columbia and in answer to Brother Smith he says:

My esteemed Brother Smith sticks to it that Grand Masters were never authorized by the Ancient Charges and the Landmarks of Masonry to make Masons at sight. He, however, admits that Dr. A. G. Mackey sets up such claim, but he disputes Brother Mackey's right to decide the controversy. Brothers Simons and Macoy both sustain Brother Mackey's contention, and as they are admitted to be the highest Masonic authorities in America, their dicta cannot be waived aside, until other greater historians are brought to the front. Therefore, I call upon Brother Smith "to name his men."

Under Florida he speaks of a subject that has interested the writer:

I very much doubt if more than one-half of the lodges throughout the entire United States are visited annually by District Deputy Grand Masters. These officers are invaluable adjuncts to Grand Masters, and when they discharge their duties faithfully and efficiently, Masonry always prospers. If our American District Deputies could be induced to measure up to the high standard set by our Canadian brethren, the Order would have an old-fashioned Methodist camp-meeting revival.

We quote once more:

Freemasonry has never drawn an unholy sword nor sought to hallow an unholy altar. No prisons built by its malice stand along the pathway of the happiness of man. No man demands his martyrs of its channels. No nation demands the liberty of its usurping powers. Drawing its inspiration from the Word of God, in its creed the essentials of human growth, safety and freedom are found. It laid its foundation not on

Church nor State, but in the affections of the human heart, which makes it impregnable forever. Shall we not, my brethren, hallow it to-day, and shall we not rejoice in our heart of hearts that we worship at its holy altars? "So mote it be."

M. W. George W. McClintic, Charleston, is Grand Master.

M. W. Hiram R. Howard, Point Pleasant, is Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN, 1905.

June 13th, in Masonic Building, in the city of Milwaukee, the sixty-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. David H. Wright, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and a very large number of representatives from the chartered lodges in attendance.

In his annual address the Grand Master pays tribute to the memory of their Past Grand Master Oliver Libbey, who died December 26th, 1904, at Portland, Maine, and their Past Grand Master Emmons Elijah Chapin, who died at his home in Milwaukee, May 17th, 1905.

The Grand Master reports the constituting of two newly chartered lodges and the instituting of two under dispensation; the laying of two corner-stones, one for a new Masonic Temple and the other for a Carnegie Library, and the dedicating of four new temples. He reports six decisions, two of which might be of interest. In one he held that playing cards for five cents a corner, was a Masonic offense, with which there seems to be no complaint, but in the other, he held that keeping a saloon was not, but he says that he had to "take water" on that, which probably the saloon-keeper did not furnish. He says in extenuation that many of the edicts of their Grand Lodge are contradictory and misleading, and he urges a new deal on their digest.

Of dispensations he says:

I have not granted the usual number of dispensations. I have refused a good many, and have given much thought to those granted. What is the constitution for, if not to be obeyed? So, my brethren, those of you who have applied for special dispensations and have been refused, do not lay it up against me, for I am satisfied that there are laws enough on our books, and what is the use of the Grand Master (though he is clothed with the power) granting dispensations to allow the provisions of the constitution and regulations to be evaded. Let us be more careful in enacting new laws, and by so doing, necessitate special dispensations to evade them.

Perhaps it would be impertinent to answer his query by saying that Grand Masters existed long before there was anything like what we now call a Grand Lodge constitution; that in all of our constitutions we acknowledge the potency of the ancient landmarks and the prerogatives of a Grand Master, and our better constitutions and regulations are framed with a recognition of the said ancient landmarks and prerogatives, and that a Grand Master is elected with the understanding that he will "for the good of the Craft," having reference to the landmarks

aforesaid, exercise the prerogatives, notwithstanding the mere regulations of legislation, never forgetting that "Masonry is a law unto itself," to be administered as a peculiar organization. If we forget this, no matter how earnest and sincere we may be, Masonry will suffer a very material loss. Past Grand Master Drummond dwelt most earnestly, in a great speech made at Baltimore on the occasion of the centennial celebration of the founding of the General Grand Chapter, upon this subject, and we will all do well to give heed to his wise counsel.

We find the Grand Master's account of the funeral of their Past Grand Master Libbey to be of great interest. He died at Portland, Maine, as above stated on December 26th, 1904; his funeral was held, but the remains were placed in a receiving vault at Portland, and in May, following, in the week when the Masonic Grand Bodies of Maine were in session, the Grand Master of Wisconsin, in accordance with arrangements made, went to Portland and, assisted by the brethren there, the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin was opened, the remains were escorted to Gorham, the boy-home of the deceased, and buried with Masonic honors.

To be at Portland under such circumstances and to engage in such service must have greatly impressed the Grand Master, the members of the Craft present, and the surviving relatives of the deceased brother. The Grand Master during the week visited the Grand Lodge and Grand Commandery of Maine. He pays a high compliment to Wisconsin's Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Maine, who greatly assisted him, as also did the Grand Officers of the Maine Grand Bodies, including Brother Berry, Grand Secretary. The writer remembers a very pleasant visit recently to the Masonic Temple, and Brother Berry's kindness. We associate Portland, Maine, with that great and good man and Mason, our late brother Josiah H. Drummond, whose labors, as a Mason, have so greatly benefited Freemasonry in this country.

The Committee on Jurisprudence has the following to say on a subject mentioned above:

We are of opinion that there is no necessity for a codification of the edicts of the Grand Lodge, and disapprove the recommendation of the Grand Master on that subject.

In regard to the question whether or not it is un-Masonic conduct for a Mason to open or conduct a saloon, the action of this Grand Lodge in 1892, in approving the decision of the Grand Master on that question, was what we consider a correct position on that question. It was as follows:

1. "That the Laws and Edicts of this Grand Lodge do not prohibit the opening or conducting of a saloon by a member in good standing.
2. "That they confer no authority upon a Lodge to suspend or expel a member for the act of engaging in the business of conducting a saloon or of selling liquor.
3. "That a member may conduct a saloon and remain a member of a Lodge.

The Grand Lodge granted charters to two new lodges, authorized the Grand Lecturer to visit one-half of the lodges each year, and resolved:

Resolved, That the most earnest and sincere thanks of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin be extended to Worshipful Brother Edmund B. Mallett, Jr., our Representative near the Grand Lodge of Maine, for his fraternal, courteous and constant attentions to our Most Worshipful Grand Master, David H. Wright, during the visit of Brother Wright to Maine, on May 4th, last, on the occasion of the funeral of our late Brother and Past Grand Master, Oliver Libbey, and for Brother Mallett's valuable assistance in arranging for the funeral. Be it further

Resolved, That Brother Mallett be requested to communicate to the Grand Lodge of Maine the thanks and hearty appreciation of this Grand Lodge for the fraternal manner in which our Grand Master was received by that body, with the hope that the cordial relations existing between the two Grand Bodies may be increased and strengthened with each succeeding year.

M. W. Brother Aldro E. Jenks presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and eighty pages. Nebraska, 1904, is somewhat critically treated, but he nearly convinces the writer that our Grand Lodge is right in requiring the Committee on Jurisprudence to answer queries, independent of any real case and wholly prospective in their scope, and we are glad to find him approving our plan of instructing lodges, for he says of us:

The former method, that of one Grand Lecturer, was thereupon readopted and has continued ever since. The committee recommended that until some better method can be found, it is not advisable to change the present system. In this we think they decided wisely. Seven different custodians mean seven different methods of work. A single Grand Lecturer is much to be preferred. Even if he may not be as proficient as might be desired, if he is retained year after year uniformity of work will result. By holding schools of instruction in a part of the Lodges annually, although he should be unable to visit them all, all will receive the needed instruction every two or three years. We have found by experience in Wisconsin that this is sufficient.

But he takes the writer to task:

Concerning the Grand Lodge of Costa Rico, Bro. Phelps thus expresses himself: "Craft Lodges erected by a Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, in a territory unoccupied by a Grand Lodge, or Lodges erected by a Grand Lodge, are, and have been regarded as legitimate by most Masonic jurists, and when such Craft Lodges throw off the yoke, declare themselves independent and erect a Grand Lodge, such Grand Lodges have been held to be recognizable, of right, by most of the Grand Lodges of the world."

We fail to understand how the "throwing off of the yoke" affects their regularity. A well known maxim admonishes us: "That a stream cannot rise higher than the foundation head." If Grand Councils of the Thirty-third degree cannot be recognized as Grand Lodges (and Bro. Phelps agrees with us that they cannot) how can it be held that Lodges created by them are regular and legitimate? In reviewing the proceedings of British Columbia Bro. Phelps says: "Certainly we cannot recognize as regular, Lodges holding obedience to a Scottish Rite Council."

Holding this opinion it would seem to us to logically follow that Grand Councils are unable to charter Symbolic Lodges. In reviewing the proceedings of Costa Rica, Bro. Phelps quotes Albert Pike as authority for the statement that Grand Councils of A. & A. S. R. possess the power and authority to institute Symbolic Lodges.

We think the question is solved by distinguishing between lodges erected by a Supreme Council A. A. S. R. in a country where there are no lodges under the York Rite, and in a country where there are. Mexico furnishes an illustration. When there were no blue lodges there, the Grand Council, Southern Jurisdiction, sent one authorized to institute Masonry there. Such lodges we hold to be legitimate, but the exercise of the same authority in this jurisdiction, would result only in hatching a brood of clandestine lodges. There was a time as every Masonic student knows, when Brother Pike contended that blue lodges could be instituted even in a Grand Lodge Jurisdiction, but as Jenks says, he changed his mind. But in a country where only Scottish Rite Masonry abounds, if blue lodges chartered by a Supreme Council throw off the yoke and declare their entire independence of any Scottish Rite Council, such lodges may erect a Grand Lodge, and if they do so, obeying Masonic law and asserting fully their independence, having due regard for the ancient landmarks, their Grand Lodge will be regular, sovereign, and independent, and entitled to recognition. Brother Jenks cites the old maxim. "That a stream cannot rise higher than the foundation head," but that is not applicable. He must know that every rule is subject to exceptions. And we are glad to note that in what he says, under Colorado, he has not entirely made up his mind. We predict that he will yet land on the right side of the question.

He is an able writer, and a sound reasoner, generally, and he writes an excellent report.

M. W. Jesse C. Bradley, Milwaukee, is Grand Master.

R. W. William W. Perry, Milwaukee, is Grand Secretary.

WYOMING, 1905.

September 6th, in Masonic Hall, in the city of Laramie, the thirty-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Frank A. Luckfield, Grand Master, with representatives from seventeen of the twenty-three chartered lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master in his annual address reports the constitution of two lodges chartered at the preceding annual communication. He rendered several decisions, all of which were in accord with well known rules of Masonic law. Three corner-stones, one of which was for a Masonic Temple and the other two for court houses, were laid by his duly appointed proxies. He issued a considerable number of special dispensations, two of which were as follows:

October 31st, 1904, to Acacia Lodge No. 11 to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Mason degrees upon a candidate at special communications November 4th and 5th, 1904, without examination. In this case the principal reason was that the candidate resided seventy miles from Cheyenne and away from any Mason.

December 13th, 1904, to Cheyenne Lodge No. 1 to confer the Master Mason Degree upon a candidate without examination as to proficiency in Fellow Craft Degree and without election to Master Mason Degree.

The record attests that Brother Kuykendall was present. Did he hear the above read? Can it be that the exercise of such power by a mere Grand Master could be announced in his presence in Grand Lodge, without an explosion? The record is silent, and we conclude that Kuykendall was asleep. The Committee on Jurisprudence said nothing. What is the matter?

But Brother Kuykendall is a good man and true. He has been Grand Secretary for nineteen years serving faithfully, and his report for the current year is an excellently arranged paper, setting forth fully the important transactions of his jurisdiction for the year. He has held the secretaries of the subordinate lodges to the performance of their duty so closely that all their returns were found to be correct, by the Committee on Returns, with only one slight error. Peace and harmony prevail between the lodges in their jurisdiction and the members thereof, says the proper committee. A deserved raise of salary for the Grand Secretary was voted.

All the routine business of the Grand Lodge was carefully and harmoniously dispatched.

Brother Kuykendall presents again the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and nine pages. We think his conclusion contains matter of interest to every reading Mason, and therefore quote it in full, not however with a view to endorsing all he says:

We have carefully considered the proposition of our eminent brother Morcombe of Iowa, presented by him to his brother reporters, that a congress or meeting of representatives from all the legitimate Grand Lodges of the world be held in London in 1917, being the Bi-Centenary Anniversary of the formation of the first Grand Lodge of Speculative Masonry. While agreeing with nearly all he says in his well written article, we take little stock in any Masonic Congress; that aside, however, the first question is, will the Grand Lodge of England be willing to assume the position of host and be given *carte blanche* in making all arrangements, especially in inviting Grand Bodies to participate. In our opinion no other Grand Lodge can take the initiative and do so. Such being the case, she will be the judge as to legitimacy and what Grand Bodies shall be invited. It is very evident the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, which is under ban everywhere in this country, the Grand Lodge of Denmark, that excludes all except Christians from membership, the Grand Orient of Belgium, which is in close communion with the Grand Orient of France, the Grand Lodge of Liberia and many Grand Bodies on the continent of Europe with

which the Grand Lodge of England is in close friendship, through recognition, but not have been recognized in this country, will be invited and be accorded prominent places in said Congress. We do not believe there is any question but such will be the outcome. The question therefore for every American Grand Lodge to decide, should the proposition take shape, is to accept the invitation and thus let down the bars upon several questions that our Grand Lodges have been united upon as fixed and unalterable, or refuse to accept or participate in said Congress. Personally, we do not believe in placing the Grand Lodge of England in the position that even one invitation may not be accepted, and we do not think any of our Grand Lodges should stultify itself by having its representatives seated in said Congress with one or more clandestine Masons and a number of others representing bodies as yet not recognized as legitimate by many of our American Grand Lodges. We may be alone in our opinion adverse to the proposition which we have reached after due and careful thought and consideration, but we believe time will demonstrate that we are right should the plan be adopted.

M. W. M. R. Johnston, Wheatland, is Grand Master.

R. W. William L. Kuykendall, Saratoga, is Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGES	Date	Number of subordinates	Number of members	Raised	Affiliated	Reinstated	Demitted	Dropped, suspended, and expelled	Died	Net gain	Loss
Alabama	1905	431	16667	1628	874	302	712	364	303	1425	
Arizona	1905	19	1292	126	35	8	45	10	13	101	
Arkansas	1904	460	16155	1460	483	16	493	337	318	811	
British Columbia	1905	36	2859	252	114	12	117	45	37	260	
California	1905	364	31561	2419	778	126	519	246	500	2093	
Canada	1905	390	34965	2620	489		673	417	407	2257	
Colorado	1905	107	10997	597	288	29	232	89	158	432	
Connecticut	1906	110	20087	1099	81	34	82	84	267	667	
Cuba	1905	64	2783	499	136	72	270			331	
Delaware	1905	22	2668	124	16	1	34	10	29	58	
Dist. of Columbia	1905	27	7726	493	119	54	84	88	133	361	
Florida	1905	153	6019	596	367	83	261	100	95	590	
Georgia	1905	485	25289	2000			342			1169	
Idaho	1905	35	2056	132	87		54	22	23	120	
Illinois	1905	738	74741	5700	1022	408	1509	780	1007	3861	
Indiana	1905	531	42627	3366	734	230	845	375	682	2428	
Indian Territory	1905	157	6363	698	491	74	433	129	86		
Iowa	1905	502	35729	2200	691	238	1044	475	495	1146	
Kansas	1906	374	27167	1893	643	206	869	320	386	1181	
Kentucky	1905	486	26992	2311	593	447	790	651	391	1576	
Louisiana	1906	163	9651	933	215	100	380	119	164	691	
Maine	1905	200	25307	1267	101	74	147	154	451	696	
Manitoba	1905	79	4786	532	209	30	187	53	59	512	
Maryland	1905	107	11057	841	120	32	96	11	160	764	
Massachusetts	1905	239	48415	2815	241	96	342	321	794	1700	
Michigan	1905	390	51871	3022	694	138	732	326	783	2506	
Minnesota	1906	241	21056	1284	529	69	672	216	229	765	
Mississippi	1905	306	12244	1073	487	147	493	178	255	643	
Missouri	1905	568	40983	2751	892	326	1055	644	626	2585	
Montana	1905	53	4227	269	115	38	88	77	49	214	
Nebraska	1906	236	15163	882	362	116	499	251	189	459	
Nevada	1905	22	1030	64	27	10	33	4	19	45	
New Brunswick	1904	35	2145	166	19	14	60	27	34	78	
New Hampshire	1905	79	9565	353		9	92	87	193		7
New Jersey	1905	176	23487	1941	207	70	236	204	392	1386	
New Mexico	1905	24	1484	96	63	4	62	31	25	56	
New South Wales	1905	201	10510	1290	552		1103	119	83	466	
New York	1905	767	132687	9759	1089	1080	1130	227	2185	6510	
New Zealand	1905	133	7221	693	289		399	130	56	692	
North Carolina	1906	338	15528	1174	351	141	417	296	243	950	
North Dakota	1905	74	5153	412	97	15	166	51	40	257	
Nova Scotia	1905	65	4417	359	69	23	78	60	50	263	
Ohio	1905	506	61636	4475	737	788	799	959	849	3303	
Oklahoma	1905	60	5976	758	391	30	389	118	54	823	
Oregon	1905	107	7322	455	188	44	156	83	106	342	
Pennsylvania	1905	456	71249	5269	893		488	445	1201		
Prince Edward Isld.	1905	14	608	31	7	1	11	9	13	4	
Quebec	1905	57	4709	446	79	23	135	85	56	275	
Rhode Island	1905	37	6428	318	38	2	20	32	111	195	
South Australia	1905	44	2833	182	70	9	141	31	16	73	
South Carolina	1905	206	8688				270	99	166	57	
South Dakota	1905	103	5057	437	156	29	217	68	61	291	
Tennessee	1906	429	20120	1346	612	211	670	279	402	700	
Texas	1905	723	38270	2819	1465	218	1772	524	557	1704	
Utah	1906	11	1270	88	25	13	28	16	20	232	
Vermont	1905	103	11535	512	86	38	150	52	193		
Virginia	1905	284	15846	1156	539	101	589	201	275	845	
Washington	1905	128	8997	846	443	64	227	129	96	1036	
Western Australia	1905	75	3550	377	270		307	103	25	212	
West Virginia	1905	126	10121	822	191	54	196	85	113	660	
Wisconsin	1905	252	21251	1256	492	90	506	216	338	680	
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