

NEW YORK.

The Seventy-third Annual Convocation of the GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, convened at Masonic Hall, in the City of Albany, commenced on Tuesday, February 1st, A.I. 2400, A.D. 1870, 154 Subordinate Chapters being represented.

From the Address of the Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. John W. Simons, we learn that during the past year dispensations had been issued for the formation of 12 new Chapters, and from the report of the Grand Secretary, that the registered membership had increased in the same period from 13,373 to 14,401.

The Address of the G. H. P. also contains the following recommendation:—

"I have received during the year from the Grand Chapters of Tennessee and Maryland, propositions for the interchange of representatives. The system has never prevailed among Grand Chapters, although it has been long and beneficially in use among Grand Lodges. Practically it amounts to a strengthening of the bonds of fellowship, and the expression of mutual esteem for and good will toward each other. It therefore seems to me worthy of approbation and adoption, and I trust you will give your approval and authorize the appointment of representatives near all Grand Chapters desiring to enter into such an arrangement."

M. E. Comp. J. W. Simmons, R. E. Companions David F. Day and Christopher G. Fox were re-elected Grand High Priest, Grand Scribe, and Grand Secretary, respectively.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

We have received from an occasional correspondent a very full report of the organization of Botsford Chapter, Moncton, N. B., for which we desire to return our best thanks, but which, having been anticipated in its main facts by our regular New Brunswick correspondent, we are reluctantly induced, through considerations of limited space, to omit presenting here.

PRESENTATIONS.

MASONIC presentation seems to be "all the rage" now, so says the *Citizen*.

At the last annual meeting of Virgin Lodge, R. N. S., for the installation of officers, at the request of the P. M. of the lodge, the Rev. Bro. Avery, of Aylesford, presented on behalf of the members a handsome jewel to P. M. James Gossip, accompanying the presentation with a neat and eloquent address, to which Bro. Gossip made a suitable reply. The jewel is a handsome specimen of workmanship.—*Halifax Citizen*.

THE members of Burns Lodge, No. 10, R. N. S., recently presented their Worshipful Brother, David Pottinger, I. P. M., with a handsome Past Master's Jewel. The W. M. being unavoidably absent Bro. Wm. Taylor presented the jewel, accompanying the same with an eloquent address, to which W. Bro. Pottinger made a feeling and fitting reply.—*Id.*

THE members of Rothsay Lodge, No. 41, R. N. S., have presented Past Master the Rev. Henry Pryor Almon, on the occasion of his vacating the chair, with a handsome Past Master's Jewel, and an affectionate and highly complimentary address, to which the worthy recipient made a touching and appropriate reply.

ON Wednesday evening, 11th May, the members of Keith Lodge of