

Allen, of Ohio, Grand Junior Warden; Rev. O. C. Wheeler, of California, Grand Prelate; J. A. Cummings, of Massachusetts, Grand Secretary; N. R. Morse, of Massachusetts, Grand Treasurer, together with a long list of persons to fill the minor Grand offices, those present being duly installed into their several positions of honor and responsibility.

Grand Master Wilson, the guiding spirit of the movement, as it would seem, expressed his apprehension that Egyptian Masonry had some defects of organization, save in Canada, where it had been established strictly in accord with Masonic usage. He referred to Dr. Robert Ramsay, as having contributed essential help in the formation of the Canadian Sovereign Sanctuary.

The new organization, of which Dr. Wilson is the head, takes the place of the Sovereign Sanctuary of the Memphis Rite incorporated under the laws of Massachusetts, but assumes larger powers and a broader reach of authority. It proposes to govern Egyptian Masonry throughout the country, and its officers represent twenty-two States. We notice, however, that the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, are all from Massachusetts; and it is apparent that the controlling influences of the new organization centre in that jurisdiction.—*Freemason Repository*.

IMPOLITIC.

The grand dignitaries of Illinois appear determined to cast a positive firebrand among those of the fraternity desirous of a free choice in the cultivation of the so-called high degrees, if we are to judge from a recommendation to declare as clandestine all Master Masons belonging to rites claiming authority to confer the symbolic degrees. The injustice of such a proposed action can be easily demonstrated, when we take into consideration the simple fact of there being no Masonic system in existence

not based upon the three lower degrees, in conjunction with another fact, that no one of the numerous rites introduced into this country of late years, have ever pretended to make Blue Masons.

The trouble has been caused by a surmise that some one, among the Egyptian organizations may in the event of the proscription of their members, have recourse to the retaliatory measure of establishing symbolic lodges, by virtue of inherent authority, derived from foreign sources. In our opinion, there is no ground for a scare upon this head, although our upper degree men are sufficiently numerous to cause grave anxiety, especially, when non-affiliates can be induced into a union with them. We have seen three grand lodges co-existing in this State, each branding its neighbor as clandestine, and still, upon mutual reconciliation, all their acts have been declared purely legitimate. This is a passage in all Masonic history which should not be overlooked at this time.—*Corner Stone*.

THE POETRY OF FREEMASONRY.

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The committee having in charge the poetic coronation of their venerable and talented Brother, Rob Morris, have reported the completion of their task as recorded in the accompanying pamphlet. Few efforts of a Masonic character have been carried through so brilliantly and successfully as this. From the earliest inception of the plan to that triumphant moment when the laurel leaves lay verdant upon the gray hairs of our brother, everything conspired to a favourable end. The very inner heart of the Craft has been touched in this affair. The narrative of forty years' devotion to the single aim of developing Masonic truth has entered into the history of our race, and will shine as the brightest page in the history of Freemasonry. The extracts from correspondence given