

"trial. So, too, a small band of fraters, who understand and practice the duties and obligations belonging to Masons, which, in fact, unites us into one sacred band or society of friends and brothers, are a thousand fold more valuable to the order and humanity, than any number who from indifference or lack of manhood will not appreciate duties as Masons and men."

Receipts are given at	\$6,555.36
Disbursements at	1,128.84
Balance cash on hand.....	<u>\$5,426.52</u>

WISCONSIN—1884.

The 40th annual communication was held in the city of Milwaukee on the 10th day of June, 1882.

The subjects of the address of Grand Master Lewis F. Reed are confined chiefly to the narration of his official acts during the past year.

On the motion of Bro. Chapin, the Grand Lodge of New South Wales was recognized. The recognition of the Grand Lodge of Peru was deferred.

The report on foreign correspondence is from Bro. E. E. Chapin, who is thus rewarded.

"Bro. Alex. Meggett moved and Bro. G. Rouch seconded the motion, "That Bro. E. E. Chapin, our good looking Past Grand Master, who wears his honors with so much grace, receive the thanks of this Grand Lodge for his able report on correspondence. Carried unanimously."

Bro. Chapin is a little "hard" on the make up of our book of proceedings for 1883. He thinks *it good enough for Quebec*.

The brother has something yet to learn, if in his limited knowledge he supposes for a moment that Quebec is one whit behind Wisconsin in any work of skill, art, or science. We presume Bro. Chapin has never extended his travels so far as Quebec, and so like some others south of 45°, thinks we are a poor, benighted race here and in the Provinces. Pay us a visit, Bro. Chapin, and then pass judgment as to whether Quebec will be satisfied with anything which would not please even your own refined ideas of excellence.

CONCLUSION.

We have completed our task to the best of our ability under the difficulties already set forth. We are aware of its incompleteness and its many imperfections; such as it is, however, we cheerfully submit to be disposed of as Grand Lodge in its discretion shall deem fit.