

to allow the Lodge to ballot again for the latter three. I deemed that no member had a right to know, either before or after ballot, what its result was to be or how its result had been caused; and that they had better more carefully observe the Constitution, and not ask a dispensation to avoid the effect of such palpable and inexcusable carelessness. I decided, at the same time, that the ballot being clear as to the accepted candidates, the Lodge should proceed in its work as to them, unless objection was duly made."

The relations with other Grand Lodges are of a very friendly kind. Representatives near sister Grand Lodges to the number of twenty-six have been appointed during the year; among the number our M. W. G. M. Bro. J. W. Laurie, near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

The Grand Lodge had been twice specially convened for the purpose of installing the officers of subordinate Lodges, and twice for the laying of corner stones of public buildings; and the Grand Master thinks that the ceremonies, which were all public, were of essential service to the craft.

From the decisions we quote the following:—

"That the loss of all the fingers on the left hand, near the middle joint, renders the candidate ineligible."

"That, that an applicant who had lost his right thumb was ineligible."

"That 'clear of the books' in the standing regulations as to dimit, (page 189, of 1875,) means clear of all indebtedness to the Lodge; and, that a past Secretary was not entitled to a dimit, as of right, on mere payment of his dues, while he was still a debtor to the Lodge for moneys received by him as Secretary."

A grand Masonic re-union was held during the session. The programme included a Templar review at 9 o'clock, A. M., witnessed by the Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery and thousands of brethren and citizens; a grand procession at 10 A. M., along the line of march of which were everywhere the most lavish demonstrations of welcome; an address of welcome by the Hon. A. R. R. Butler, Mayor of Milwaukee, and a grand oration by Rev. Bro. Samuel Fallows of Chicago.

A very well written report on Foreign Correspondence, from the pen of Bro. Oliver Libbey, covers 126 pages. He reviews the proceedings of forty-one Grand Lodges, and makes lengthy mention of that of Nova Scotia. In his "Conclusion," Bro. Libbey states—

"Several matters of interest to the Craft have arisen during the year, and to those we have endeavored to call attention in their proper place. We have not