

So we take leave of the young Sister, with every good wish and hope for her success in the future.

M. W. Louis Cohn, Grand Master. R. W. Christopher Diehl, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

VERMONT—1873.

Annual Communication, 11th June, 1873. M. W. Park Davis, Grand Master, and R. W. Henry Clark, Grand Secretary.

95 Lodges represented.

The M. W. Grand Master, John H. Graham, and several brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, were present at this Communication, and were duly received with the Grand Honors. Grand Master Graham addressed the Grand Lodge upon the position of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and its relation to sister Grand Lodges, and afterwards by request, assumed the East, and installed the Grand Master and officers elect.

The Grand Master in his address, after recounting the official acts of the year, defends, at considerable length, the action of the Grand Lodge, in forbidding all Masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Canada, and its Subordinate Lodges, on account of the action of the latter in the case of Quebec.

We quote the following as having the right ring in it:

"Let no Brother then mistake the object of our institution. It cannot be used to promote business patronage and acquire wealth, for such pursuits tend only to selfishness. To counteract this tendency is one object we have in view. It should not be employed to assist in securing political preferment, because in that there are contentions and party bickerings. Let us be exceedingly careful not to whisper among ourselves that a candidate for political office is a Mason. If we support him let it be for his fitness, not for his Masonry. It does not seek the place of the Christian religion. It inculcates morality alone, not the doctrines of regeneration. 'It is the Handmaid of Christianity, not the Usurper of its position.' It can work in harmony with it to broaden our views and cultivate Christian tolerance. It is not able to afford the consolation of the Gospel to sustain us in the hour of our dissolution—but it teaches, in impressive symbolism, that we should stretch forth our hand to assist and succor a fallen Brother, and with the arm of friendship strengthen and support him in the hour of trouble and distress."

A feeling tribute is paid to the memory of several veteran members of the Craft in the State, who had died during the past year.