

M. W. Nathaniel W. Cumner, Grand Master; R. W. John A. Harris, Grand Secretary; 54 Lodges represented.

The principal business transacted was an exemplification of the work in the three Degrees, under the warrants of Lafayette and Washington Lodges, respectively, in the presence of the Grand Lodge.

The Annual Communication was held in Concord, 20th May, 1874. Sixty-four Lodges represented.

The Grand Master in his address announced a continuation of peace and prosperity during the past year.

He reports the decease of four distinguished past officers.

From his decisions we select the following :

"It is the prerogative of the Master of a Lodge to control the admission of visitors.

"When charges are made and pending against a member of a Lodge, he has the right to vote at the trial of another brother who is on trial for the same offence.

"It is the prerogative of the Lodge to accept or reject candidates, and that of the Master to determine the time for doing the work.

"Any member of a Lodge has the right to make objections to a candidate at any time before he receives any degree, and the Master may declare him rejected, and he cannot lawfully proceed with this work until the objections are removed.

"That 'we are not able to agree,' is not a proper report for an investigating committee to submit. They should make a definite report.

"That for its own jurisdiction, a Grand Lodge has a lawful right to make a regulation, or the Grand Master thereof to issue an order, that will be obligatory upon all Lodges to require a visiting brother, previous to his examination, to furnish a certificate of membership, or some evidence of his good standing in the Lodge from which he hails."

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters show them to have been faithful in the discharge of their duties.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by Bro. John J. Bell. He reviews the Proceedings of forty-four Grand Lodges and makes his bow thus :

"It is finished. To the writer this is a declaration of more than usual significance, for it is not only the completion of an annual task in which he has found much pleasure if also some weariness, but also his withdrawal

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