

of the fact that only seven trial records had come up during the year from subordinate Lodges for the inspection of his Grand Body, while in former times they numbered annually from twenty to forty-five.

He made feeling reference to the death of Past Grand Secretary Abell, and reported a large number of decisions, which were passed upon by Grand Lodge on recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, and nearly all of which were approved, and would be good law in our own jurisdiction.

There is a movement afoot to reduce the minimum price of the degrees in California from \$50 to \$30, but the question has not yet been finally decided.

The case of Past Grand Master, Jonathan Drake Stevenson, who is nearly 92 years of age, and whose early energy "was spent in developing the resources of the state, rather than in filling his own coffers with wealth," was brought to the notice of Grand Lodge, which voted \$1200 per annum towards his relief.

Grand Lodge, according to custom, remitted the dues of Hawaiian Lodge No. 21, at Honolulu, and the Committee, which recommended this action, furnished the following admirable reason therefor: "It administers charity from its hand stretched forth in mid-ocean, while its altar fires of Freemasonry light up the vast Pacific. Its relief to the invalid traveler, and to the suffering and dying wanderers of the sea, who raise the flag of distress, is given without stint, but with the true fraternal benevolence which characterizes our noble order." What glorious work to be engaged in!

The Committee upon the erection of a Widows' and Orphans' Home recommended the formation of an Association of fifty members of the Grand Lodge to consider the project, and promise of \$5000 from the funds of the Grand Lodge, so soon as the contributions from other sources shall reach \$45,000.

The reports of the various Masonic Boards of Relief in the leading cities of the State, prove how thoroughly the Masonry of California acts up to the device engraved upon its seal "that the greatest of these (virtues) is charity."