

cesses of the craft, the subordinate lodges are hereby recommended not to encourage this feature longer." This was adopted in 1887.

We have received from R. Ex. Comp. Joseph Mitchell, Grand Scribe, a printed copy of the proceedings of the thirteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, which was held in the city of Quebec in January last. No special business was brought before the Companions. From the statistics presented at the Convocation we find that the total membership of the subordinate Chapters—eleven in number—is 433, a decrease of two when compared with the preceding year. There were 18 initiations, one affiliation, three restorations, 15 withdrawals, three expulsions and six deaths. Comp. Chambers in his introduction to the report on foreign correspondence says:—"The long existing difficulty between our own Grand Chapter and the Grand M. M. M. Lodge of England and Wales remains *in statu quo*, in the hope that its solution may follow the anticipated settlement of similar difficulties in the symbolical Masonry, of the two jurisdictions involved."

To R. W. Bro. J. C. Batchelor, M. D., of New Orleans, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, we are indebted for a copy of the proceedings of that body, which held its seventy-eighth annual communication in February, 1890. The proceedings also contained a report of the special communication held in honor of the centennial of Bro. President George Washington's inauguration. The addresses delivered at the Washington celebration are models of choice diction, in which

the first President and Masonry are highly honored and praised. There was no special business transacted at the annual communication. The report on foreign correspondence, by P. G. M. Dellores is comprehensive and well arranged. W. Bro. Charles W. Buck, of New Orleans, is Grand Master.

The brethren in Tasmania are agitating for the formation of Grand Lodge.

Our brethren in the Maritime Provinces are endeavouring to have none but bright and proficient occupants of the chair in the East, as the following notice of motion in the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia indicates:—"All newly elected Masters of Lodges (not being Past Masters) before being installed as such, shall be examined by either a Board of Installed Masters that may be selected, or by the District Deputy Grand Master personally, as to the proficiency of the said W. Master-elect to fill the office."

The United Grand Lodge of Victoria is discussing, at special communications, a new constitution. The appointment or election of Grand Lodge officers occupied the time at several sessions.

The following motion was brought before the recent Quarterly Communication of the G. L. of South Australia, but subsequently withdrawn:—"That any member of Grand Lodge who represents a lodge more than ten miles distant from the city of Adelaide shall be entitled to record his vote at any Communication of Grand Lodge by means of a registered letter, addressed and delivered to the Grand Secretary prior to the Communication at which such vote is intended to be given. The envelope containing such letter must be marked 'vote' on the left hand top