

The retiring Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Everett, was made the recipient of an elegant Past Grand Master's jewel; for which mark of high esteem an eloquent and feeling response was given.

At about six o'clock, p. m., Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, marshaled and conducted to the banquet room, where the Grand Feast was participated in by one hundred and sixty-nine brethren.

The record closes as follows :

"At ten minutes past ten o'clock, p. m., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, the mystic circle was formed, Auld Lang Syne was sung, and the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM."

CHARLES H. TITUS,
Recording Grand Secretary.

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The Thirty-third Annual Communication was held at Grand Rapids, January 23rd, 1877.

Most Worshipful Bro. Matthew H. Maynard, Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Bro. Ellery J. Garfield, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master in his Address recommends retrenchment, in the abolishing of the Committee on Credentials and in reducing the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to one, viz: the Grand Secretary.

He reports 25 decisions. He is of opinion that a brother who neglects, for five years after his election, to present himself for advancement, ought to be required to renew his petition and submit to a fresh examination and the scrutiny of a new ballot; in which we concur.

In reply to the question of what should constitute good and sufficient reasons for the granting of dimits, he offers the following suggestions :

"If you have got a man who has a substantial grievance against your Lodge, or against any brother, don't let him go until you endeavor to reconcile him. If you succeed, 'thou hast saved thy brother,' if you fail, 'put yourself in his place,' and do as you would be done by. If you have got a man who has lost his interest in Masonry; who, perhaps, is disappointed in