

The membership of constituent Lodges shows a net increase of 959 during the year, and is now 15,051.

An interesting Report on Correspondence was supplied by Brother Frank M. Smith, in which, however, there is no notice of Quebec.

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UPON taking up the volume of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Texas, we are well-nigh appalled at the magnitude of the work before us. Some 800 pages are contained between its two covers.

There was a Special Communication at Austin, on May 16th, 1888, convened for the purpose of dedicating the Capitol of the State. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. ANSON RAINEY, the Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. T. W. Hudson, and most of the Grand Officers were present. Grand Orator, R. W. Bro. H. M. Garwood, delivered an eloquent oration.

The Fifty-third Annual was held at Houston, December 11th, 1888. The same officers were present, and 256 Lodges were represented.

The Address opens with wise words of advice and warning to the Craft upon their duties. Ten dispensations for new Lodges had been issued; fourteen corner-stones laid. Among the decisions, we note that the Grand Master very properly decided that it was not Masonic for a Grand Lodge to offer a reward for the apprehension of the murderer of one of its members, upon the ground that the Fraternity could not afford to take part in the administration of the laws of the land. The Grand Master well says :—