

Johnson." It was fully anticipated that that august personage would have been present; although the Committee made every effort to secure his presence amongst us on that important occasion, owing to previous Cabinet engagements, he was obliged very reluctantly to decline the invitation.

Notwithstanding the above disappointment the day passed away most pleasantly. The programme as laid down, being fully carried out to the satisfaction of all, and to the glory and honour of Odd-Fellowship generally.

One of the most interesting, and at the same time beneficial laws, (especially to those more immediately concerned) carried into effect during the Session, was the consolidation of the Grand Lodges and Encampments of Northern and Southern New York, which had been separated for a period of more than fifteen years, causing to each jurisdiction a great deal of difficulty and annoyance during that time. The Legislative Committee, to whom the matter was submitted for consideration, submitted a report that the two Grand Bodies be united and consolidated; and they also reported a resolution to satisfy and confirm the enactment of those two Bodies to carry the union into effect, and directing that the Grand Sire issue a proclamation that such takes force from and after Tuesday following the third Monday in August, 1866. With the exception of one of the Representatives from the Southern Jurisdiction of New York voting in the negative, the above report was carried unanimously; as all the Officers and Representatives were too glad of the opportunity to have all differences existing in their Jurisdictions forever buried. Immediately on the Grand Sire declaring the resolution carried, a scene was enacted on the floor of the Grand Lodge, which will not be easily forgotten by those who had the pleasure of witnessing the proceedings. The Representatives from each district of Northern and Southern New York, arose and grasping each other by the hand, shook hands and embraced each other for several minutes, amid the greatest applause from those assembled.

Several resolutions of thanks were submitted to the Grand Lodge and each adopted unanimously, (for brevity sake I enumerate the parties without going fully into the resolutions) viz: to the Corporate authorities of Baltimore for a splendid banquet given by them in Druid Hill Park; To the merchants and business men of Baltimore for a similar entertainment in the new Assembly Room; to Mr. John T. Ford for an invitation to performances in his Theatre; to Artemus Ward, entertainment at the Concordia House; to Messrs. Porter & Dudley for the privilege of the Merchants' Exchange and News Room; to Henry Tyson, Esq., President of the City Railway Co., for tickets for the use of the members of the Grand Lodge; to the Trustees of the Peabody Institute; to the Superintendent of the House of Refuge; to the gentlemen of the State Tobacco Warehouse; to Messrs. G. W. Gail & Ax, and to all others whose desire to render the visit of the Grand Representatives pleasant and profitable, was manifested by invitations to visit institutions and to inspect objects of general interest.

In addition to the above, Rep. Stuart of the District of Columbia moved the following resolutions, which were adopted unanimously.

*Resolved*.— That the thanks of the R. W. Grand Body be and the same are hereby tendered to the R. W. Grand Lodge, and the R. W. Grand Eu.