

We regret to notice that there is no report of any Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which in many reports becomes so interesting and valuable a record of Masonic growth and development throughout the world.

Very able and appreciative eulogies on Past Grand Master John W. Paxton and Past Master Wm. R. Ross, are appended to the Proceedings.

P. G. M. Bro. J. W. Paxton appears to have been a man of strong will, clear intellect and unbending integrity, earnestly devoted to Masonry, deeply versed in its history and jurisprudence, and in practice and life illustrating its broad charity.

M. W. Bro. J. C. Cawood, Grand Master.

R. W. John Frizzell, re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### TEXAS—1875.

Thirty-ninth Annual Communication at Houston, June 2nd, 1875. Thomas R. Bonner, Grand Master, presiding.

One hundred and fifty three Lodges represented.

Grand Master Bonner, if a patriotic must certainly be a happy man, if we may judge from the notes of joy with which he opens his address. Hear him :

"We have a State and a Grand Lodge of which we may well be proud Immigrants are pouring into Texas by thousands, and our territory is being rapidly peopled with an active and industrious population. It is estimated that we now have one and a quarter millions of inhabitants, and the cry is still they come. There is room and rich land for millions more, and we are ever ready to receive and welcome all good people with open arms.

"Masonry has kept pace with the increasing population. Beside the large increase of initiates, our numbers are being continually augmented by Masons from the older States of the Union. Judging from the facts elicited by an extensive correspondence with the Lodges in all parts of the State, and by the reports of our District Deputies, it affords me great pleasure to say, that, with here and there an exception, unity, harmony, peace, and a fair degree of prosperity prevail in our Lodges. Masonry, in Texas, has established for itself a high standard of morality, and justly commands the respect of our citizens. Let us keep this standard high, live agreeably to our professions, enforce a just discipline, guard against every departure from established rules, and extend protection and charity to such as are entitled to it, and our beloved Order will continue to grow more and more firmly estab-