

Very touching references are made to the death of Past Grand Masters John T. Jordan and David C. H. Rothschild of Washington Territory. Brother Jordan's death was sudden. Brother Rothschild paid the penalty of the irresponsible suicide. The Grand Master reports a number of decisions rendered by him, and chimes in with the universal chorus of Grand Masters, respecting the thoughtless enquiries made of them by members of the Craft, who have an apparent repugnance to turn over the pages of their book of constitution. He reported that Grand Lodge had laid the corner stones of Washington College, Tacoma, and of Grace Hospital at Seattle, related a number of his official acts, referred to the Quebec matter in a manner most sympathetic to our own jurisdiction, and entered upon a lengthy defence of Washington's legislation (not the immortal George's, but that of the Grand Lodge of the territory named after him) upon the liquor traffic. In 1885, the Grand Lodge prohibited the initiation as a Freemason, within its jurisdiction, of anyone engaged in the manufacture or sale of spirituous liquors. Not unnaturally, considerable dissatisfaction was caused thereby in some quarters. The Grand Master accordingly issued a circular in defence of the action, which makes many good and strong points against the dreadful evil and Masonic offence of intemperance in the use of spirituous liquors, but which, to our mind, will not strike the candid observer as a sufficient excuse for intemperance in the opposite direction; and portions of which read strangely enough alongside of Brother Ziegler's own assertion in another part of his address, that "whatever there is new in Freemasonry is false."

The fraternity everywhere will sympathize with Grand Master Ziegler in the bereavement he sustained last year by the death of his only daughter, and in the terribly long and severe illness,—eczema,—from which he was himself sufferer.

The Grand Secretary presented an interesting report, from which we learn that that efficient officer has been present either as Grand Master or as Grand Secretary, at every communication of the Grand Lodge.

The report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, consisting of nearly 140 pages, is one of the most valuable and most intensely interesting that has come under our notice. It has given us more trouble however than any other that it has been our lot to review. According to custom we commenced by pencilling the passages and turning down the pages which struck us as worthy of notice or of republication. When we got to the end we found that we had marked more of this one report than sufficient to fill the space allotted us for a review of the whole Masonic world! They have brains out there in the extreme North-West, and they make

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