

From Grand Master's address we learn that 1883 had been to the Craft a prosperous and harmonious year in his jurisdiction. Indeed it would seem exceptionally so, a fraternal feeling and unity of sentiment having prevailed amongst the Craft to a degree never excelled in the Masonic history of West Virginia. Information of such a nature is most acceptable, and it is our hope that so desirable a state of affairs may ever continue.

The Grand Master reports quite a number of his decisions given on various questions, all of which are in accord with law and usage.

A short extract from his observations may be of some good to those in this jurisdiction, "to whom it may concern." Speaking of his District Deputy Grand Masters and their duties, he says:—"The object of their appointment is not only that they may be eyes and ears for the Grand Master, but that they shall report to him what they see and hear. "Heretofore these reports," he continued, "have seemed to me to be too much given to compliments, and too afraid to criticise. Let us have "less fine writing and more cold facts. When it is reported that 'peace "and harmony prevail,' it is important to know whether it is the peace "and harmony of a sluggishness and sleep near akin to death, or peace "and harmony existing in the midst of a live, active, energetic and working membership."

We cannot refrain from noticing the kindly relations existing between M.: W.: Bro. Flick and his Grand Secretary, Bro. O. S. Long. The former says of the latter:—"I desire especially to acknowledge my many obligations to our noble Grand Secretary. He has been my counsellor and "my friend, my staff and my support." So circumstanced we can understand how agreeably all business bringing these two together must have been transacted, each striving to lighten the labors of the other.

R.: W.: Bro. S. Stacker Williams, Deputy Grand Master of Ohio and a warm friend of this Grand Lodge, was an honored visitor during the session. We should like to see him within our portals.

Finance Committee having examined the reports of Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, report:—

Total receipts.....	\$5,997.79
Expenditure.....	3,942.51*

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

Grand Master—M.: W. Bro. Wm. G. Bennett. Grand Secretary—R.: W.: Bro. O. S. Long, Weston Wheeling.

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A special meeting of the Grand Lodge of this Province was held at Brandon on the 27th of August, 1884, to lay the corner stone of a building to be used as a Masonic Hall; also to lay the corner stone of the public buildings of the Western Judicial District.