

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

XIII.

"Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed by the Grand High Priest, who shall be known as the Committee on Revision of the Constitution, whose duty it shall be to revise the Constitution and report thereon at the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter."

There is no report on correspondence. The receipt of our Proceedings is acknowledged.

M. E. Comp. A. G. Cox (Middletown), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. J. P. Allmond (Wilmington), Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Held at Washington, December 12th, 1877.

M. E. Comp. G. L. Johnson, Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 8; represented, 8; exalted, 71; members, 1,091; receipts, \$942.00. Annual Communication, 11th.

The Grand High Priest reports a zeal for the institution that is highly commendable, and has crowned their labors with prosperity. He made the usual visits to the Chapters, at which addresses and lectures were delivered by eminent Companions. On relations with Canada, he gives the subsequent correspondence, and says:—

"From this correspondence it will be seen that the first intimation this Grand Chapter had of Companion Mason's resignation as Grand Representative was subsequent to your action of the 13th of December, and several days after the date of the letter of our Grand Secretary informing the Grand Chapter of Canada of your determination. Since the date of the correspondence referred to, R. E. Comp. Joseph S. McCoy has been appointed the representative of Canada near this Grand Chapter, and I have no doubt you will gladly welcome the happy termination of the protracted controversy between the two jurisdictions."

He mentions the request by the Grand Chapter of Maryland for a Record Book, which has recently been discovered in Washington, and thinks it should be granted. This book is the Record Book of a "Royal Arch Encampment," held in Washington in the years 1795 to 1799. It establishes the date of the original organization of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, and it is the only known evidence of that fact.

Grand Chapter granted the request, and appointed a com-