

The membership of constituent Lodges is 746, as against 708 in the preceding year.

Recognition of the Grand Lodge of Victoria and New Zealand was deferred.

A readable Report on Correspondence, by Bro. W. L. Kuykendall, concludes as follows :—

In closing this, our seventh report, we can truly say we are glad it is finished, however much we were interested in the wit, humor and valuable information displayed on every side through the reports reviewed. That they contain a vast store of useful Masonic knowledge none who have sought the latter by a perusal of their contents will dispute. Their variety makes them interesting reading to those who seek such knowledge and they are well repaid in learning something new. We remember a remark made years ago, that they were only expressions of a mutual admiration society. We thought so too, but from careful reading and noting the course of legislation here and there, from time to time, we long ago became convinced they were the vehicles of thought that had wrought in the house of Masonry and assisted in disseminating truths and the facts of history as against cobwebs, consisting of mythical traditions, legends and other trash, having no foundation. They therefore assist in shaping things connected with the welfare of Masons and Masonry, more in accordance with their present wants and the conduct of their governmental and charitable affairs. We do not detract one iota from the Masonic past. It is behind us; Masonry of to-day is ever present. It is not only our duty to keep its standard in the front, but also to provide for its advancement in the future. We are not dealing with the past, however much we respect its achievements in behalf of our fraternity. It is the cold, hard facts, conditions and surroundings of the moment with which we have to deal, and he who stands in the way of providing the best means, whether it be old or new, for successfully meeting and conforming to such conditions, forgets his duty to Masonry, his family, country and friends.

Quebec is fraternally, though briefly noticed, and he says of the Foreign Correspondence Report :

"He hits the nail hard on sight of charter nonsense, under the head of Alabama. Expresses just about our views on that subject. We do not seem to agree upon the excrescence and misnomer called Past Masters degree. Our paths diverge on joint occupancy. They come together again on Cerneauism. We also agree that sectarianism has no place in Masonry and upon perfect youth doctrine; also that the Sabbath day is not a proper time to confer degrees or

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