

The general report on Foreign Correspondence is by Bro. O. S. Long, giving a good fair resume of the doings of 45 other Grand Lodges, ourselves included, expressing regret that West Virginia had no place. We have you now, Brother, although you were *so long* in coming.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

WEST VIRGINIA—1873.

Special Communication, June 24, 1873, for the purpose of laying the Corner Stone of a building for the Public Schools.

Special Communication, July 26, 1873. "Called to perform the solemn service instituted by the Masonic Fraternity for the dead, and to pay the last sad tribute of affection to the earthly remains of R. W. William P. Wilson, who had worthily held the office of Grand Treasurer from the organization of the Grand Lodge until the present time."

Ninth Annual Communication, Nov. 11, 1873. M. W. Brother Thomas H. Logan, Grand Master, presiding, with 53 out of 60 Lodges represented.

The Address of the Grand Master is short compared with some, but to the point—a good illustration in style of the *multum in parvo*.

Officially announcing the death of their Grand Treasurer, the late Brother Wilson, he says :

"His zeal did not content itself with the discharge of official obligations. He illustrated in his life the great tenets of our profession, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. He was a warm and faithful friend, a kind neighbor, an affectionate husband and father. He was recognized as a generous and judicious supporter of benevolent enterprises; a wise and willing laborer for the public good; and he held through a long and useful life the confidence and affection of his brethren, and of the entire community.

"His summons came suddenly but did not find him unprepared. Peacefully he passed from labor to rest. His life remains to us a bright example of true Masonic Manhood. His death reminds us that we cannot too soon prepare for the summons which will shortly overtake us."

What more need be said! These few lines tell what whole pages of attempted rhetorical display sometimes fail to tell.

Could the dead brother return to life and read the eulogy pronounced upon him by his Grand Master, might he not with Horace say :