

SOUTH CAROLINA.—1891.

THE 115th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina was held at Charleston on Dec. 8th and 9th, 1891.

Grand Master LAURIE T. IZLAR presided, and 'Quebec was represented by R. W. Bro. Chas. Inglesby.

In regard to the state of the order in this jurisdiction, we are glad to be able to reproduce the following from the Grand Master's address :

It is gratifying to me to be able to report that throughout this jurisdiction Freemasonry is marching onward. Not only are we increasing in numbers, but there is a manifest desire, evidenced by the numerous letters received by me from all sections of the State, to maintain, uphold and make prominent the true principles and teachings of the Order. The good results of this disposition on the part of the Brethren are already apparent in many sections, and a faithful perseverance along that line must and will work out lasting good to every true Mason, and bring the Order into that honorable and marked prominence in the eyes of the profane which it is so well qualified to occupy and so justly belongs to the great truths which it inculcates.

You have but to refer to the number of new Lodges instituted and dormant Lodges revived during the past year, and note the number of corner-stones laid with Masonic ceremonies to see at a glance that the Brethren are awakening to a sense of duty which promises good results, and that an educated public are more and more appreciating the importance of our ancient and honorable Order. And indeed, it cannot be otherwise. As the masses are educated, so in like proportion will the great truths and teachings of Freemasonry be comprehended, be appreciated and gladly received and accepted by an intelligent public. Our star is in the ascendant. Let us keep it rising until it shall shed its resplendent beams from high meridian.

We regret to notice that there has not yet been any settlement of the disagreement between South Carolina and Pennsylvania respecting the proposed interchange of representatives.

South Carolina has displayed considerable anxiety in the matter,—perhaps overmuch.

The Grand Master was authorized by the Grand Lodge to appoint a number of Brethren to represent it at the Masonic congress in Chicago.