

"There is a responsibility resting upon us to look after the happiness and welfare of our Brethren that ought be acknowledged. Men need, and should have incentives given them to study and improve their minds and not to be left to seek in grog-shops and even worse places for pastime and amusement which their natures crave. It is our bounden duty to provide our members with agreeable and instructive evening occupation and amusement, and for that reason we must go ahead with our Library. Its shelves must not only be filled with Masonic works, but with others also, so that each one can find some reading matter suiting his own taste and desire."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of this same indefatigable Grand Secretary, presenting a review (in his own peculiar racy style) of the Proceedings of forty-four Grand Lodges—ours for 1873 and 1874, receiving due notice. A very pressing invitation is tendered to Bro. Smithers, should he ever take a trip across the continent, to call upon Bro. Diehl, who promises to show him the *sights* of their beautiful city and valley. No doubt some of them would be very interesting, viewed through the artistic eye of Brother S.

M. W. Bro. Chas. W. Bennett, elected Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Christopher Diehl, re-elected Grand Secretary.

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The Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont, in Annual Communication in the City of Burlington, commencing 10th June, 1864, are principally local in their character.

The Address of Grand Master Davis covers 13 pages, and is a well arranged and systematic record of his stewardship. He opens with a very feeling tribute to the memory of Bro. William Bridges, who was called hence at the advanced age of 89 years. Like our late Grand Master Keith he evinced his interest in Masonry by attending its meetings until the infirmities of age rendered him unable to do so.

He reports the fact of his not having been called upon to grant a single dispensation for the formation of a new Lodge, and considers this a good omen, believing that regard for the growth and prosperity of Lodges already established of more importance than the local convenience of a few members. He congratulates the Brethren of Grand