

## XII.

## GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

have dues, has, we think, caused many to enter our fraternity with little thought as to the burdens and responsibilities imposed upon them. With our present almost universal system of dues, if the initiate is, as he should be, informed as to his duties and obligations in respect to Lodge membership, those who are admitted, be the number ever so small, will be Masons in deed as well as in name; and if no recruits are furnished, the present race of drones will, in time, become extinct."

M. E. Comp. Dwight Waugh (Stamford), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. J. K. Wheeler (Hartford), Grand Secretary.

### DELAWARE.

Held at Wilmington, January 16th, 1878.

R. E. Comp. Paynter Frame, D.G.H.P., presiding.

Number of Chapters, 6; represented, 5; exalted, 26; members, 820; receipts, \$288.75. Annual Convocation, 10th.

The Grand High Priest, Comp. J. F. Mynich, was absent through illness. His address was read; from which we learn that the working Chapters are advancing in prosperity. On decisions he says:—

"I have made but one decision upon Masonic Law during the year. Upon the occasion of one of my visits to St. John's Chapter, there was considerable discussion upon what constituted obedience to a summons. The High Priest being of the opinion that all that was required was for the party summoned to send his dues to the Chapter; upon being appealed to, I could not help placing the seal of reprobation upon such pernicious teaching, and ordered the Secretary to record as my decision "That the only way that a summons could be answered was by actual attendance to the Convocation to which the Companion had been summoned, that while the Companion might ask the High Priest or the Chapter to excuse him, actual presence in the body of the Chapter is the only way whereby a summons can be answered and obeyed."

He attended the General Grand Chapter, and does not think much of its legislation; too much time being occupied with banquets and excursions. He urges the necessity of a new Constitution.

Quebec was recognized.

The following were adopted:—

"Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Chapter that a member indefinitely suspended may be restored to membership at any regular Convocation of the Chapter which suspended him, by a motion which may be adopted by a concurring vote by a ballot of two-thirds of the members present.

"Resolved, That Priest, who shall Constitution, who and report thereof Chapter."

There is no re Proceedings is a M. E. Comp. R. E. Comp. tary.

Held at Wash M. E. Comp. Number of members, 1,091 tion, 11th.

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"From this corr this Grand Chapte Representative wa ber, and several d tary informing the Since the date of t S. McCoy has been Grand Chapter, an happy termination jurisdictions."

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