

## VERMONT.—1888.

A SPECIAL Communication of the Grand Lodge of Vermont was held at Bennington, on the 16th August, 1887, for the purpose of laying, with appropriate ceremonies, the corner-stone of the Bennington Battle Monument. The record of the proceedings, as contained in the volume before us, is of very great interest. The Governors of Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts, all members of our Order, were amongst those who participated in the events of the day.

The Grand Lodge convened at Burlington in its 95th Annual Communication, on the 13th June, 1888, our good Brother and friend Grand Master ALFRED A. HALL presiding. The Grand Master reported a number of decisions, most of which would be good law in this jurisdiction, especially that having reference to physical disqualification. He referred to the death of the Honorable Ira Hill, one of the oldest Masons in the State, and also to that of Past Grand Master Lucius C. Butler, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Besides the record of a busy and useful term of office, Bro. Hall referred to the Quebec-England difficulty in a manner exceedingly friendly to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, concluding with the following conciliatory words :—

Though England seems slow to accord to Quebec what it demands of other Grand Lodges, I cannot but feel that the true Masonic spirit in the end must prevail, and that the Grand old Lodge of England will add to its brilliant history new laurels, by magnanimously yielding to its young and less powerful sister her rights under the law, as understood and adhered to throughout America.

This is not the first occasion upon which Bro. Hall has given proof of his kindly interest in and fraternal regard for the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

The legislation of the Grand Lodge was chiefly of local importance. The Report on Foreign Correspondence, commenced by the late Past Grand Master L. C. Butler, and interrupted by his death, was completed by Past Grand Master Marsh O. Perkins. It