

place it on an equal footing with those of other jurisdictions or close it up permanently.

The report on foreign correspondence is from Bro. Wm. J. Wroth as *locum tenens* of Bro. Dr. Gorgas, who owing to severe domestic affliction, was prevented from filling the task. Bro. Wroth apologizes for any defects, having had but ten days allowed him to prepare his report. His work, however, has been well done, wonderfully so, considering the short time allowed.

NEBRASKA, 1884.

The 27th Annual Meeting of this Grand body took place at Lincoln on the 24th and 25th days of June, 1884, under the presidency of the Grand Master M. W. Bro. Samuel W. Hayes.

From his address we learn that the Craft, within the State wherein it is located, is in a very thriving state; that a very fair amount of work has been performed during the year. His concluding remarks demonstrate the satisfaction invariably experienced by a faithful workman on the completion of his labors; we transcribe with pleasure:

"Permit me a retrospect for a moment, and I have done. The first connection I had with Masonry in this jurisdiction was in July, 1866, when
 "I received a dispensation from the hands of the then Grand Master, Furnas, for a lodge at Fremont. Since that time, with but two or three
 "exceptions, I have been present at every session of this Grand Lodge.
 "During all these years the pleasure I received from being able to assist
 "in building up the interests of the Craft in our young and growing State
 "has been ample reward. And now, having been placed by the partiality of my brethren in the highest position known to Masonry, if I
 "have achieved any good—if, during the past year, by good advice and
 "wholesome counsel, an erring brother has been induced to forsake his
 "error—if, by any means, our lodges have been reminded of their duty
 "and been strengthened and encouraged in their efforts to correct the
 "faults and failings which are too common to us all—if, through any
 "influence of mine, the standard of Masonry has been advanced toward
 "the high position to which its pure principles entitle it, I shall be there
 "with content."

For whate'er of good we do,
 It is but duty done;
 If a sorrow we've lightened,
 Or a tear wiped away—
 If of poverty's load
 We have taken a share
 From some weary and desolate soul—
 If we've lifted the cup of cold water
 To the lips of some famishing brother—