

possess of joining other societies, which is not laid down as an offence in the Constitution. We would like to hear from some of our readers on this subject.

GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA.

The friends of Colonial Grand Sovereignty will be pleased to learn that the Grand Lodge of Montana has duly recognized the Grand Lodge of Victoria. The recognition of this Supreme Body is simply a question of time, if she only follows in the footsteps of her sister of New South Wales, who on the 23rd of January last dedicated to the purposes of Masonry their magnificent hall at Sydney, N. S. W. The rejoicings, ceremonials, pic-nics, balls, banquets, excursions, etc., lasted four days. The Governor-General, Lord Loftus; the Mayor, and other colonial and civic dignities being present on the occasion. Of course, M. W. Bro. the Hon. Jos. Squire Parnell, M. P., G. M. G. L. N. S. W., and M. W. Bro. the Hon. Geo. S. Coppin, M. L. C., G. M. of Victoria, were particularly happy in their remarks. Over five hundred brethren took part in the procession, and the white mantles of the Templars, with the rich uniforms of the Memphis Rite, mingled with the Blue Lodge aprons and Royal Arch sashes in the brilliant ball that was given in honor of the event. Hundreds of the fair sex, who were toasted, we notice, on more than one occasion, added beauty and brilliancy to the various receptions.

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R. A. MASONRY IN DELAWARE.

We have received from Comp. H. B. McIntire, Grand Secretary, a copy of the Proceedings of the Fifteenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, held at Wilmington, January 16, 1884, Grand High Priest, Comp. Thomas Davidson, presiding. There are six subordinate chapters in the jurisdiction. In his annual address, G. H. P. Comp. Davidson said:—

"I wish I could give as encouraging a report of the Chapters outside of the city, but such is not the case. I have been unable to visit any of the chapters outside of Wilmington. None of them, as I have been able to learn, have held a convocation during the past year, but I believe were it not for the regulation of the General Grand Chapter requiring nine members to be present to conduct business, I would have been able to report visits to at least two of the other chapters, and reported them in fair working order; but owing to the small number of members and their residing so far from the place of meeting, it is an impossibility to get nine together to receive and act upon petitions of those who were anxious to be advanced. I know that this latter will be severely criticised by those who do not understand the true condition of affairs in this jurisdiction, and we will be told that a chapter that cannot get nine of its members together ought to die, but I think the companions of this Grand Chapter will bear me out in what I say, but as the regulation exists, we will obey. I would recommend that the regulation adopted at the last annual convocation, requiring subordinate chapters to meet at least four times a year be promptly enforced, for in my judgment it will be easier for the companions if they have any interest left in Royal Arch Masonry to unite and form a new chapter, than to get nine of any one chapter together."

Comp. John Otto, Jr., was elected Grand High Priest, and Comp. McIntire was re-elected Grand Secretary.—*Keystone.*

[NOTE.—There is no question in our mind that Delaware is not the only jurisdiction suffering on account of this law requiring nine Royal Arch Companions to form a quorum. If it is not necessary in Pennsylvania, (where we believe a smaller number