

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

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through it to the relief of the whole country. The whole has suffered through its parts, and the nation has just awakened to the pregnant truth that it requires the health of all its parts to make a perfect whole.

"Welcome! three times three, welcome! the day when, among a once more united, prosperous and happy people, the Royal Arch banner will be seen floating in the breeze; and the Royal Craft, under the blessings of Heaven, dispensing light and knowledge throughout the restored union of our Fathers."

The following resolutions were proposed by Comp. Samuel Lawrence, Chairman of Foreign Correspondence:—

"Resolved, That to legally open and close a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, or to transact business, or do work therein, nine members of the Chapter must be present.

"Resolved, That on a petition for the Degrees, any visiting Companion, known to be in good and regular standing, shall be privileged to cast a ballot.

"Resolved, That we enroll with pleasure the Grand Chapter of Quebec among our Corresponding Grand Chapters, and, with hearty welcome and greeting, send her our best wishes for her success and prosperity."

After considerable discussion, the first and second were withdrawn and the third adopted.

An amendment to the Constitution was offered, and lies over for one year, to the effect that meetings of the Grand Chapter be held alternately at Macon and Atlanta.

Comp. Samuel Lawrence has a good report on Foreign Correspondence, in which our Proceedings for 1876 receive kindly mention.

M. E. Comp. L. J. Glenn (Atlanta), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. J. E. Blackshear (Macon), Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

Held at Chicago, October 25th, 1877.

M. E. Comp. Arthur R. H. Atkins, Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 167; represented, 150; exalted, 549; members, 10,690; receipts, \$5,522.06. Annual Convocation, 28th.

With so large a membership, the Grand High Priest says that troubles and dissensions might be expected to arise; but during the year only two exceptions have appeared in the general harmony prevailing. No new Chapters were formed, which results from the financial stringency and from