

strictly inquired into. Gambling, intemperance and kindred vices have been warred against, discipline enforced and the laws and regulations of this Grand Lodge generally observed and respected. The spirit, philosophy and teachings of the Order are being better understood and its great moral design more appreciated. Still, much remains to be done in this direction. There is yet much groping in the darkness by those who have been accustomed to consider the Ritual and Lectures as the sum and substance of Masonry—though I am happy to say that inquiry is awakening and the moral beauties and sublime truths of the Order are being daily more and more unfolded in the light of earnest investigation. When every Mason in this jurisdiction comes to understand that Masonry means something more than Lectures, attendance upon Lodge meetings, and the payment of Lodge dues—that it is something higher, nobler and better than a mere mutual aid association, a brighter future will take the place of the already bright present.”

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence says—speaking of our M. W. Grand Master’s opinion on the use to be made of Representatives :

“This is reasonable and right. Grand Representatives may be made of value if their office has duties attached to it. At present the office is of no value whatever.”

In a table attached, the Lodges throughout the world are numbered at 12,986, of which more than two-thirds are in the United States, viz.: 8,768. The Grand Lodge of Texas recommends that—

“Our correspondents and Grand Lodges have a right to bear this fact in mind, and occasionally present it to those conceited parties in France and Germany who think they cover in one case *l’Univers*, etc., and in the other the Three Globes.”

Lodges, 485. Members, 16,856.

M. W. Norton Moses, Grand Master.

R. W. Geo. H. Bringhurst, Grand Secretary.

UTAH—1877.

The Grand Lodge of Utah commenced its Sixth Annual Communication in Salt Lake city on Tuesday, November 13th, 1877.

M. W. Bro. Joseph Milton Orr, Grand Master, presided, and representatives from all subordinate lodges, in number were present.

Total membership 385 ; Lodge dues \$1,195.

The Grand Master’s address is well prepared though brief. The