

A number of decisions are recorded ; from among them we quote the following as showing the diversity in ruling :

“ The record of a criminal court, of competent jurisdiction, duly certified, showing indictment, arraignment, conviction and sentence of the accused, according to forms of law, for the same offence on which he is being tried by his Lodge, is legal and competent evidence against the accused, and should be admitted at the trial.”

The report on Foreign Correspondence begun by the late Grand Sec'y, is finished and presented by Bro. J. W. Luke, who makes a worthy successor.

The proceedings of fifty-nine Grand Bodies are well and carefully reviewed, among them that of Nova Scotia which is kindly mentioned.

M. W. Bro. Thomas C. Ready of St. Louis, was elected Grand Master, and R. W. John D. Vincil, of St. Louis, was elected Grand Secretary.

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The Grand Lodge of Minnesota convened at St. Paul on January 15th, 1878, in its twenty-fifth Annual Communication. Representatives of over one hundred lodges responded to the roll call.

The Deputy Grand Master Durant read the address, and began by paying an eloquent and devout tribute to the memory of the late Grand Master Braden, who died in December last. The terms of eulogy in which the character and qualities of the deceased Grand Master were dwelt upon by the D. G. M. and by the G. L. in its resolutions, are calculated to give a very high impression of the affection he inspired among the brethren in his own state and of the sterling worth of a good man and much lamented brother. The other matters referred to in the address were unimportant beyond the immediate jurisdiction to which they referred.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence is quite interesting—forty-five Grand Lodge Proceedings being reviewed, and some at considerable length.