

rejected from further advancement. If he desires further progress, he must make application to the Chapter for advancement; his application must take the usual course, and when acted upon, the ballot must be unanimous. Six months, at least, must intervene between date of his rejection and date of application for advancement."

The Committee on the History of Royal Arch Masonry in Maine, report that nine Chapters have prepared their histories, and twelve others have theirs in progress. This is an example worthy of imitation. The report was accepted, and the following resolutions adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That Chapters printing Histories be requested to deposit ten copies in Grand Lodge Library, for its use and exchange.

"*And*, That they be also requested to make their printed Histories conform in size to the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter."

From the report on Grievances, we learn that *their* general rules expel a brother who has been expelled from the Lodge, is also expelled from other Masonic bodies, and that it is unnecessary to try him in the Chapter.

Comp. J. H. Drummond reports on correspondence, and notices Canada for 1875.

Held at Portland, May 1st, 1877.

M. E. Comp. Henry L. Paine, Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 42; represented, 40; exalted, 158; members, 4,189; receipts, \$1,088.59. Annual Convocation, 52nd.

From the address of the Grand High Priest we take the following:—

"Assembled within these unfamiliar walls, we are reminded of the loss the Fraternity of this city has sustained by the fire which occurred Dec. 22, 1876, in the Portland Savings Bank building, where their spacious and elegant apartments were located.

"Once and again within about ten years have the devastating flames left them homeless, by a nearly total destruction of all their working tools and paraphernalia; and when you are informed that fourteen distinct organizations of our Order were in occupancy, and conferring the various degrees and orders appertaining thereto, some idea may be formed of the serious inconveniences resulting therefrom. The property of this Grand Chapter, consisting of collars, jewels and aprons, were subject to the like fate of other perishable things. The collars and aprons, except those in the possession of members of the Grand Council, were totally destroyed; sixteen of the jewels were recovered from the ruins in a damaged condition.

"Within our jurisdiction, I am gratified to be able to report a gen-

eral good condition within our sanctuaries. Our Chapters, I have degree of proficiency commended.

"The depressed condition has had its legitimate turns of work indicating truism, and oft repeated higher the tide, the lower this time, so far as regards

He made a large effort that their sympathy duty of Grand Officer made no new decision information:—

"*Question*. Is there halls?

"*Answer*. There are halls, but there is an pret from the teaching not discourage social hall should not be use with no distinct object bounds which we shall homes, for however if amusements may be would maintain the o

In his conclusion

"Companions, the care and vigilance if you lived up to, and its full feel that personal integrity. Yes, my Companions. It is no excuse from active participation giving to the institution portance demands of your time and abilities. You by accepting you a living exponent of the living exponent of the its rightful due, the at where.

"If these are plain is too often made with ing to a limited amount. The remedy is in a direct and are expected vocation, Companions the work, perfect your