

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

CXLVII

M. W. Bro. George Baird (Wheeling), Grand Master.  
R. W. Bro. O. S. Long (Wheeling), Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

Thirty-third Annual Communication.

Held at Milwaukee, June 12th, 1877.

M. W. Bro. J. P. C. Cottrill, Grand Master.

Lodges, 188; represented, 168; initiated, 591; members, 10,688; new lodges, 4.

The Grand Master reports the fraternity gradually increasing both in numbers and influence.

The following reports were adopted:—

"Your Committee on Chartered Lodges, to whom was referred the memorial of Smith Lodge, No. 31, in reference to a claim made by said Lodge against Western Star Lodge, No. 14, for expenses incurred by the former Lodge, in the care of a member of the latter Lodge, respectfully report that a part of the statements set forth in the memorial, are disputed by the representative of Western Star Lodge, and your Committee has not sufficient evidence before it to decide the case upon its merits.

"In the opinion of your Committee, as a matter of Masonic courtesy and duty, a Lodge should refund to another Lodge giving Masonic relief to one of its members, the amount expended by such Lodge in good faith for such purpose, but that the Lodge granting relief should use ordinary discretion, and take suitable precautions to ascertain the circumstances of the brother claiming relief, and notify the Lodge from which the brother hails, without unnecessary delay. We recommend that the matter be referred to the M. W. Grand Master to investigate, and take such action, if any, as he may deem expedient."

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence recommend:

"First, As to the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, the following resolution—

"Resolved, That this Grand Lodge refuses to recognize the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario as one of the Grand Bodies of Masonry, or as a legally constituted Grand Lodge,

Second, As to the Grand Lodge of Cuba, that for want of time to make due investigation, the further consideration be postponed until our next Annual Communication."

Bro. John W. Woodhull reports on Correspondence, and