

Annual Grand Communication, Philadelphia, Dec. 20th, 1874.

R. W. Bro. Alfred R. Potter, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. John Thomson, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master, in his address, states that he had held during the year, Grand Lodges of Instruction, at several places, and expresses the hope that his visits had been of benefit to the Craft. He had visited also and exemplified the work in seven Lodges contiguous to the city, and twenty-eight of the city Lodges. He pays an affectionate tribute of respect to the memory of Past Grand Master Samuel H. Perkins, and John M. Read, who, during the year, had been gathered to their fathers, after having faithfully served the interests of Freemasonry in their day and generation.

The absence of decisions on points of Masonic jurisprudence is a noticeable feature in the address of the Grand Master. Inference—intelligent and well-read Masters.

A carefully prepared and very readable report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by Bro. E. Coppee Mitchell, on behalf of a Committee of five.

From the introduction we select the following:

"The year just closed has been—generally speaking—one of prosperity to the Craft in America. Even where it has happened that the numbers of the brethren have not increased, there has been instead a consolidation of material strength—a hardening of the bone, and sinew, and muscle, and a growth in all the elements that give power and vigor to any organization. There is an almost infinite variety of questions discussed in the proceedings of the several Grand Lodges: from the great subject of Grand Lodge sovereignty and exclusive territorial jurisdiction, down to the smallest details of administration of affairs; the prerogatives of Grand Masters, the Ancient Landmarks, the powers of Masters of Lodges, the rights and duties of members and brethren not members of Lodges, questions of finance, dues, fees, income and expenditure, of Masonic discipline, offences, trials, courts and jurisprudence, matters of Masonic History and Biography, Symbolism and Ritual, and hosts of others which cannot be enumerated. Active and earnest minds everywhere are occupied in these considerations. We find them in Grand Masters' Addresses, Reports of Deputies and Inspectors, Reports of Committees on Landmarks, Jurisprudence, Grievances and Appeals, and, at a greater length, in the reports of the Committees on Correspondence."

The review of Nova Scotia for 1874, gives a synopsis of the Masonic career of the late Grand Master Keith: Dep. G. Master Taylor's *impressions de voyage*; or, what he saw and heard at the

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