

M. W. W. H. Lambert was elected Grand Master; and R. W. John Dove re-elected Grand Secretary.

### WEST VIRGINIA—1872.

The eighth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Wheeling on the 12th day of November, 5872, A. L.

M. W. Bro. Thomas H. Logan, Grand Master, in the chair; and R. W. Bro. Odell S. Long, Grand Secretary. 50 Lodges being represented. In commencing his annual address Bro. Logan says:

"In the olden time, the tribes of the children of Israel were accustomed to go up once a year to Jerusalem to keep the feast in sight of the temple, and to worship in its courts. With something of the same feeling do we come up to our annual communications, seeking to renew and extend our fraternal intercourse, and to inquire if anything can be added to the strength and beauty of that temple, which it is our wish to build; whose foundations are to be laid in their faithful heart, and whose superstructure is to be erected in the pure life of the true Mason.

"While we endeavor to acknowledge with becoming gratitude, the Providence which permits us again to assemble around the altar, may we find here in increasing fullness the influences which shall be 'as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion, for then the Lord commanded blessing, even life forevermore.'"

He had issued dispensations to form five new Lodges. Several decisions are given. Amongst others we note this as a new phase of the physical disability question, which has heretofore been supposed to apply only to cases of maim *before* initiation:

"A brother who had lost his right leg (after he was made a Master Mason), was elected Master of his Lodge. The question of his eligibility having been referred to me, was decided in the negative."

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom the question was referred, reported in the following terms:

"Your Committee think the decision was correct in the particular instance, but are of opinion that the loss of a leg by a Master Mason does not necessarily render him ineligible to the office of Master, as it certainly would not, in their opinion, if the loss had been so supplied by mechanical aids as to enable him to conform in all respects to our Ritual."

But this opinion was not supported by the Grand Lodge, who sustained the doctrine of the Grand Master. It certainly seems a case