

pressed that fraternal intercourse may now be more frequent since the inauguration of direct communication between the two countries.

The Annual Meeting of the Great Priory of Victoria, was held at Melbourne on March 24, 1893.

The general and intense business depression that has prevailed all over the Colony for the past few years has seriously affected all the Masonic bodies there, so that they are not making as much progress as they desire.

The four Preceptories in Victoria are all working.

The newly elected Grand Master is Edward A. Collis, No. 350 Collins St., Melbourne.

The Grand Chancellor was re-elected, Charles Chapman, No. 271 Collins St., Melbourne, Victoria Australia.

VIRGINIA

Seventieth Conclave, Richmond, Oct. 13, 1892.

James L. Avis, G. C.

The growth of the order is steady and gratifying. A new Commandery was opened at Tazewell. Dual membership is not allowed in Virginia and where a member had been elected in one Commandery without having his demit from another, the Grand Commander ruled the election illegal and void from the beginning. Another of his decisions covers a novel point:

"The question having been raised as to the eligibility of a Sir Knight, who is a member of a Virginia Commandery, though a resident of Tennessee and near the line, to office in the Virginia Commandery to which he belongs, and particularly to the office of Eminent Commander, I have decided as follows:

That the Grand Lodges of the States of Tennessee and Virginia, having, years since, granted each other concurrent jurisdiction, and the Grand Chapter and the Grand Commandery of Virginia having acquiesced in this action as of their own, and having recognized the High Priests and Eminent Commanders of the subordinate bodies as members also of their Grand bodies respectively, not only in reference to Tennessee, but also to West Virginia, where concurrent jurisdiction obtains; that the precedent so long established should not be set aside and the harmony of the membership of these bodies disturbed; that the members elected from each side of the line are eligible to office in the Subordinate Commandery.