

We learn with deep regret of the decease of Past Grand Master Henry H. Smith.

The 99th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Vermont was held at Burlington, on the 15th June, 1892. Grand Master BACON delivered quite a lengthy and interesting address, covering his official acts during his term of office, pretty nearly all of which are but of local importance.

A very carefully prepared Report of Foreign Correspondence from the pen of P. G. M. Marsh O. Perkins, whose portrait we are pleased to have in the volume of proceedings, covers 124 pages. He views pretty much as we do the action of Texas in recognizing the Mexican system of Freemasonry, saying in his conclusion :—

“The most important action reported among American Grand Lodges, is that of the Grand Lodge of Texas in recognizing and welcoming the Grand Symbolic Dieta of Mexico. The Statue of Masonry among our southern neighbors has long been a subject of uncertainty and doubt, and to Texas have all eyes been turned for a solution of the problem. This seems at last to have been accomplished, satisfactorily at least to our Texas Brethren, who strongly recommend that their own action be followed by similar action on the part of sister Jurisdictions. It is indeed cause for congratulation, if Freemasonry in Mexico, freed from the trammels and entanglements of politics, and the control of unscrupulous demagogues, has entered upon an era of purity and true beneficence. While we are inclined to fully accept the avouchment of Texas, we believe that action by Vermont may be deferred for a time without injury or injustice to our Mexican Brethren, or discourtesy to those of the Lone Star State. Meanwhile the attention of all is especially directed to this question, evidently thoroughly investigated, and certainly ably discussed by the Grand Master of Texas, and to be found in the review of that Jurisdiction.”

His review of Quebec's proceedings for 1891 are, as usual, kind and fraternal. He calls the Foreign Correspondence Report of that year “an excellent review,” and says of M. W. Bro. Stearns' address : “It is a carefully prepared paper of great excellence, and gives full evidence of the distinguished ability with which he had administered the affairs entrusted to his care and keeping.”

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Grand Master.

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Grand Secretary.