

recommending such action be not approved. The Grand Chapter adopted the minority report by a vote of 54 to 13.

THE proceedings of the seventh and eighth annual communications of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Royal Arch Masons, are printed in handsome form and beautifully gotten up. The volume is graced with a fine steel portrait of Grand High Priest Robert W. Furnas; it also embraces the proceedings of the grand convention of the Order of High Priesthood for the State of Nebraska, held at Lincoln, on January 5th.

THE Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Canada was held at Ottawa, in October last, and we have now before us a copy of the proceedings. The report on Foreign Correspondence is highly interesting, and may be read with both pleasure and profit.

THE proceedings of the Grand Priory of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital, Knights Templar, and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta, for the Dominion of Canada, held in Ottawa, on October last, have appeared in print, and make up a goodly sized pamphlet.

THE proceedings of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ontario, held at Ottawa, on the 24th August last, have been issued. The substance of the same appeared in the *CRAFTSMAN* for September.

THE Masons of Rhode Island have been disappointed in the expectation that Bro. G. T. Swarts, late Grand Treasurer, would will a portion of his means for the erection of a Masonic Temple at Providence. Such appears to have been his intention, but it was not carried out, as death claimed him ere he could complete his plans.

BRO. JAMES SWALLOW, of Nashua, New Hampshire, who died in March last, had been a Masor for nearly seventy years. He put away \$200 when he was twenty-one, and continued to draw interest, and compound interest on the same up to the day of his death. He was consequently rich.

IT is said that not one of the 1535 Masonic lodges in England has a temple of its own. The "Knife and Fork" system, as it is called, on account of so many lodges being held in public houses, is likely, however, soon to receive its death blow, a movement now being on foot to put a stop to it.

THE Grand Master of Colorado refused to lay the corner-stone of a Church on Sunday, and very properly so. Masons should never be called together on a Sunday except to attend divine service or a funeral. As a subordinate lodge cannot meet for symbolic work on a Sunday, so the Grand Master of Colorado held that it was equally unlawful for Grand Lodge to perform operative labor on that day.

A MINISTER of a Lutheran Church in Brooklyn, recently refused to administer the communion to Mr. Wredin, because he was a Mason; thus assuming, like some other silly so-called religious enthusiasts, that Masonry is opposed to Christianity. He preferred his own biased opinion to the proof afforded him, in the fact of Mr. Wredin desiring to become a communicant, that he was a Christian to all intents and purposes. It is strange that some persons will never be able to understand that it is enough for Masons to be members of churches, to prove that they are not anti-Christians, even if they do associate with Jews. The congregation of the Brooklyn church in question wisely decided to dismiss their minister, and did so, on his refusing to conform with a general desire that he should administer the sacrament to any member without reference to his connection with any society. He will probably be more considerate in his next pastorate.

A REPORT has gone the rounds of the press, to the effect that some Masonic friends of the Marquis of Ripon intend to present him with a costly token in