

Proceedings for 1876, 1875, 1874, 1873, 1872, 1871, 1870, 1869.

R. W. Bro. Lansing Burrows, Proceedings of Grand Chapter of New Jersey for 1877.

From Sir Knight Thos. J. Carson, Grand Recorder, Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of New Jersey for 1877-8.

From Sir Knight John A. Harris, Grand Recorder Grand Commandery Knights Templar of New Hampshire proceedings for 1876.

From R. Ex. Comp. Ira Berry, Grand Secretary, Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Maine for 1877.

From R. W. Bro. Ed. C. Parmelle, Grand Secretary, the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Colorado for 1875, 1874, 1873, 1872, 1871, 1870, and a reprint of proceedings from 1861 to 1869.

From R. W. Bro. Donald W. Bain, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Proceedings for 1875, 1874, 1873, 1872, 1871, 1870, 1869, 1868, 1866, 1865, 1864, 1863, 1862, 1859, 1855. Grand Chapter Proceedings, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1870, 1868; also Proceedings of Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for 1877, 1876, 1875, 1874, 1872. Will our R. W. Bro. be good enough to send us copy of Grand Lodge proceedings for 1876.

From R. W. Bro. R. P. Earhart, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, the Proceedings of that Grand body and Grand Chapter of that State, together with a copy of the Constitution, &c., for which he will please accept our thanks.

From R. W. Bro. Thos. M. Reed, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Washington Territory, Proceedings of that Grand Lodge for 1876, 1875, 1874, 1873, 1872.

From R. W. Bro. Chas. H. Titus, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Proceedings for 1877, 1876, 1875, 1874, 1873, 1872, 1871, 1870, 1869, 1866, 1865, 1864, and a handsomely bound copy of the Constitution.

From R. W. Bro. Wm. B. Isaacs, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Virginia, Proceedings of that Grand body, Grand Chapter, and Grand Commandery, for 1877.

Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

The following is the address delivered by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, at the Annual Communication, held in the City of St. John, on the 26th and 27th days of September last (a synopsis of its proceedings having appeared

in the November number of *THE CRAFTSMAN*):—

To the Officers and Members of Grand Lodge:

BROTHERS,—We assemble at the tenth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick with sorrowful hearts in the presence of the great calamity that has recently visited our city. Last year we rejoiced with thankfulness as we acknowledged the goodness of the Great Architect of the Universe in the prosperity with which we were surrounded. To-day we bow our heads in submission to the Divine Will under the storm that has swept over us.

On the 20th day of June last, the scourge of fire laid in ashes three-fourths of our city, and we stood appalled at the greatness of the disaster which, for a time, seemed to overwhelm every hope. But the very magnitude of the calamity gave the first incentive to exertion, as from all directions were borne in upon us help for the present and encouragement for the future. Our deep distress awoke the kindest sympathy, and former rivalries were forgotten and sectional differences disappeared, as from every part of the Dominion, from sister provinces, from the United States, and from the Mother country, substantial help and cordial sympathy awoke us to effort, and the few months that have elapsed witness exertion happily made to restore our trade and rebuild our desolated homes.

In this great distress our beloved Fraternity had its full share, the city lodges having, with their place of meeting, lost all their regalia and Masonic property. Through the forethought of the V. W. the Grand Secretary, the regalia of Grand Lodge was saved from destruction, but the valuable library and other property of Grand Lodge were destroyed. Among the individual sufferers, in a few hours rendered homeless and destitute, were many members of the Fraternity. A General Masonic Board of Relief was immediately organized; liberal contributions were received from sister Grand Lodges and other Masonic bodies, and from sympathizing brethren, and thus we were enabled to afford some present assistance to those most in need of help. The full particulars of this organization and of the various contributions will be laid before you, and Grand Lodge will make suitable record of the generous assistance and fraternal sympathy which in this time of our deep distress have gladdened our hearts and enabled us to afford substantial relief to our suffering brethren.

In accordance with resolution of Grand Lodge, the subject of the fund of benevolence was brought under the consideration of the craft in this jurisdiction by the R. W. the Grand Secretary, whose report thereon will be laid before you. I refer to this subject especially to bring to the notice of Grand Lodge, that soon after the last an-