

R. and S. Masters.

GRAND COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA.

We have received from R. Ill. Comp. Wm. Cheney, Grand Recorder, Minneapolis, a copy of the Proceedings of the above body, which held its nineteenth annual assembly in St. Paul on Oct. 8. M. Ill. Grand Master Levering, in his address, said the records of the past year showed that there had been a general renewal of interest in the Cryptic Rite throughout the State. Among the recommendations made by the G. M., was the following:—"The position which Cryptic Masonry occupies in our Masonic world in not being what is generally termed prerequisite has a natural tendency to reduce the number of candidates who alarm our outer door. By our side we see Capital Masonry flourishing like the bay tree, each year adding more and more largely to its numbers. The same is true of the Commandery. I believe that the Council degrees should be prerequisite and that the time has now come when we should make every endeavor within our power to have such laws enacted as shall make them so."

The committee on the G. M.'s address approved of the suggestion, and submitted the following, which was adopted:—"Resolved: That the representatives of the Grand Council of Minnesota, be, and they are hereby requested to use their efforts to secure at the next session of the Grand Encampment the passage through the Grand Encampment of the resolution requiring the possession of the Cryptic degrees as a qualification for Knighthood."

The statistics presented show that the membership for the year ended Oct., 1888, was 514, a gain of 52 over the preceding year.

Comp. A. Z. Levering, Minneapolis, was re-elected G. M., and Comp. Wm. Cheney, Minneapolis, Grand Recorder.

GOODWIN COUNCIL, LANCASTER, PA.

We have received from Comp. Hugh S. Gara, Recorder of the above Council, a copy of a history of that body, beginning in 1864, and carried down to date. The publication is a neat one, evidently carefully compiled, containing not only the history of the council, but a list of those now on the roll of membership, those who have passed into the beyond, past and present officers, and an account of the celebration of its 25th anniversary. The Council has 185 members, the largest but one in the State.

Craft Tidings.

CANADIAN.

The Brandon Masons have received a new warrant of constitution to replace the one recently burned.

Bro. Calvert, of Naples, D.D.G.M. of St. Clair District, recently visited Beaver Lodge, Strathroy.

R. W. Bro. Mahoney, D.D.G.M., and about a dozen of the brethren from Guelph, paid a visit to Galt Lodge, recently.

Jerusalem Lodge, Bowmanville, is after Stevenson Lodge, Toronto, for initiating a candidate from its jurisdiction.

Bro. John Leslie, of Winnipeg, has been appointed Representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Bro. Duff, of Seaforth, recently visited a lodge in Springfield, Ohio, and gave the brethren some information regarding the Craft in Canada.

Comps P. A. Craig and Donald Grant, of Windsor, visited Prince of Wales' Chapter, Amherstburg, the other evening and exemplified the work.

The Grand Lodge of British Columbia, assembled in special session in Vancouver on 29th of March, for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic Hall and other business.