

In consequence of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Quebec in January, 1884, and that of Kansas in the following month, our latest proceedings had not reached them, but those of the previous year, 1883, are commented on in a very pleasant, friendly spirit.

The remarks and opinions of our P. G. M. Graham, relative to the English question, and on other subjects referred to by that learned and experienced brother, are somewhat extensively quoted and endorsed, and he himself receives a very complimentary notice.

M. W. Bro. J. J. Rusk was elected Grand Master; R. W. Bro. John H. Brown was elected Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA, 1884.

The 72nd annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana was held in the city of New Orleans on the 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th days of February, 1884—James Louis Lobdell, Grand Master, presiding.

The address of the Grand Master proves him to have been a most industrious, pains-taking, and useful chief officer.

Amongst his obituary notices he mentions our deceased P. G. Master Wm. B. Simpson, saying of that departed brother whose memory is still green with us, "He was honored as a citizen—as a mason respected—what 'better epitaph could be desired'"

From his reference to R. W. Bro. James C. Batchelor, M.D., his Grand Secretary, and the representative of this Grand Lodge near Louisiana, we learn with deep regret of the illness of that much respected brother, who was unable to attend to the duties of his office during the communication.

We trust that ere this our R. W. Brother, by the blessing of T. G. A. O. T. U., has been fully restored to, and is now enjoying the blessings of good health.

The Grand Master alludes to Brother Batchelor thus:—

"THE GRAND SECRETARY.

"The Grand Lodge unites with me in regret that illness prevents the attendance of our R. W. Bro., the Grand Secretary. Many years of diligent service have earned for him our grateful regard, but Dr. Batchelor has been more than a servant to the Grand Lodge. He has been its Mentor.

"No one in this country has a profounder knowledge of Masonic principles; no one is better versed in the real history of Masonry than he; his life has been in his work here; he has devoted himself to it, night and day, and upon it he has spent the best energies of a frail body, the best work of a well disciplined mind. Masonry has been really his life, while he has had control of our Secretary's office. In his present affliction, the best feelings of the Craft of the State go out toward him in great volume."