

so manifestly exerting upon society. If this is ever the case the spirit of Knight Templary will have gone out of them and their value for any purpose will have departed.

Upon enforced affiliation he very concisely remarks

We cannot bring our mind into sympathy with the legislation which assumes to fix the stigma of masonic crime upon a brother for the mere reason that he is not affiliated with a Lodge.

To our mind it looks as if the influence of the mighty dollar was at the bottom of all such unwise and as we think unworthy legislation.

Membership 2115 ; Commanderies 11 ; increase 55.

John Hatch,	Concord,	Grand Commander.
Geo. P. Cleaves,	Concord,	Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY—1898.

40th Annual.

Trenton.

May 10th.

Opened in ample form, R. E. Sir Kt. John E. Rowe, Grand Commander, presiding with representatives from fourteen subordinates out of sixteen on the roll.

The Grand Commander reported his official actions, recommended an addition to their Tactics which would include the proper reception of Grand Officers, and a more comprehensive form of inspection.

He objected to notices containing matters of business being forwarded through the mails in unsealed envelopes.

These were endorsed by the committee and adopted by the meeting. Business of the session was local.

Sir Kt. Peter McGill reviewed the proceedings of 41 Grand Jurisdictions, Canada for 1897 being included. A number of excerpts are reproduced from the address, and he tenderly and kindly offers "New Jersey's myrtle wreath of sympathy and love over the death of our late beloved Grand Chancellor, which we gratefully accept on behalf of our Canadian fratres. He says "the thoughtful face of M. E. Sir Kt. Macwatt looks at us on the frontispiece of the volume."

He does not believe in compelling a K. T. to drop his Commandery or Chapter and stick to his Blue Lodge if he cannot afford all three, and says :

A compulsory member of any body is not likely to be a valuable one in any sense except as a source of revenue.