

RHODE ISLAND—1875.

A Festival Communication was held at Freemasons' Hall, June 24, 1874, in accordance with a vote of Grand Lodge, passed at its last Annual Communication, accepting the hospitalities of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Newport.

A Grand procession being formed, marched to the Opera House, to attend the exercises of the day, the chief of which was an eloquent Oration by R. W. Tracy P. Cheever, of Chelsea. Subject—"The Evolution of the principles of Masonry," from which we would like to quote, but space forbids. A dinner at Aquidneck Hall closed the day's proceedings.

Semi-Annual Communication, Nov. 16th, 1874, and three Special Communications, Jan. 6th, Jan. 14th, and March 25th, 1875.

Eighty-fifth Annual Communication was held at Freemasons' Hall, Providence, May 17th, 1875. M. W. Nicholas Van Slyck, Grand Master in the Chair.

The Grand Master, whose portrait embellishes the Report, devotes six pages to a very practical and satisfactory address.

Nothing has occurred to mar the harmony and good-fellowship which prevailed at the beginning of the year.

The Reports of the D. D. G. Masters give evidence of a highly flourishing status of the Craft in their respective Districts.

No. of Lodges working, 27. Whole number of Masons, 4069.

The Masonic record of P. G. M. Oliver Johnson, and his portrait, is published with the Proceedings.

M. W. Nicholas Van Slyck, Grand Master, Providence.

R. W. Edwin Baker, Grand Secretary, Providence.

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1875.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina, held its Annual Communication in the City of Charleston, on Tuesday, December 14th, 1875.

M. W. Jas. A. Hoyt, Grand Master; R. W. Charles Inglesby, Grand Secretary.