

John W. Simons, New York, V. E. Grand Treasurer.
Theodore S. Parvin, Iowa City, V. E. Grand Recorder.

New Orleans was chosen as the next place of meeting, on the first Tuesday of December, 1874.

In the General Grand Chapter, a resolution was passed, making Past Grand High Priests members of the Chapter. The use of "substitutes" in the R. A. Degree, was, after a considerable discussion, declared to be permissible. The proper R. A. W. was decided upon, chiefly through the erudite and lucid dissertations of Comps. Pike and Mackey, in which the true derivation and subsequent false interpolations were clearly explained. The debate on the question of striking out the Past Master's Degree, ended by the Chapter refusing to make any alteration on that subject.

The officers elected are as follows:—

M. E. Comp.	Josiah H. Drummond, Maine,	G. Grand High Priest.
R. E. "	E. H. English, Arkansas,	D. G. G. H. P.
R. E. "	Charles H. Oler, Maryland,	G. Grand King.
R. E. "	Charles Marsh, California,	G. " Scribe.
R. E. "	John McClellan, Boston,	G. " Treasurer.
R. E. "	Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo,	G. " Secretary.
R. E. "	Joseph Yeates, Illinois,	G. " C. of H.
R. E. "	Dewitt C. Dawkins, Florida,	G. " R. A. C.

The city of Nashville, Tennessee, was chosen as the next place of meeting, and the time, the last Tuesday in November, 1874.

GRAND CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA.

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LEON HYNENMAN.
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The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania is a differently constituted body from that of every other Grand Chapter, the Grand Chapter of England excepted. It is not in the full sense an independent body although claimed so by some of its members. It is only so far independent as to the management of its financial affairs and the policy of its government not conflicting with any principle, ancient usage or the established landmarks of Masonry or the laws and governmental polity of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has always held and claimed Masonic jurisdiction over all the legitimate degrees of Masonry within the limits of the State, and embodied that claim in its title. It maintains its sovereignty not by coercion nor the exercise of arbitrary power and does not enquire into the doings of the Grand Chapter so long as fundamental principles are not infringed. As the Royal Arch degree was originally conferred by those who possessed that degree under a Blue Lodge warrant and consequently was recognised as a legitimate Masonic degree by the Grand Lodge, so in accordance with its constitutional provision it, (the Grand Lodge) still holds supervision over the enactments and Masonic doings of the Grand Chapter. As an illustration of the supervision and authority which the Grand Lodge as the source of original Masonic power holds over the Grand Chapter, we will state that some years ago a Constitution, by the committee appointed by the Grand Chapter, was printed and submitted to the Grand Chapter for adoption, which contained the following articles. "The suspension or expulsion of a Royal Arch Mason from