

Nothing, to our mind, can be more clear than that the appropriate badge of a Master Mason should alone be worn in Blue Lodge; and that, to permit the latitudinarianism in dress, which is thus advocated, would be a serious breach of propriety. Of course we desire to be understood that Master Masons may wear the badge of the peculiar rank in Craft Masonry that belongs to them, and that Grand Officers may, and perhaps ought to, wear the special insignia of their offices.

By the Treasurer's report, we find the receipts of Grand Lodge for the year to have been \$25,925.29; the balance in the Treasurer's hands at the close of the year being \$3615.89. The general assets of Grand Lodge, however, including Grand Lodge Hall, and other properties, are reported at \$260,142.43; and its liabilities at \$181,022.57. During the year there was disbursed by Louisiana Relief Lodge, in relieving distressed Masons, &c., the sum of \$4060.57.

There are 133 subordinate Lodges in the jurisdiction, numbering 6099 members—the initiations during the year having been 602.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is an exceedingly interesting paper, extending over 138 pages, in which nearly all the Grand Lodges of the world are noticed, our own among the number.

GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS.

The Grand Lodge held its thirty-ninth annual communication in the city of Houston, commencing on the 14th of June last, the M. W. the Grand Master, Peter W. Gray, presiding, and a large number of lodges being represented.

The Grand Master in his address says of the condition of masonry in the State: "It is cause for congratulation that so little of discord has prevailed, while so much work has been accomplished. The few instances of it have only appeared, as spots upon the sun, making the surrounding light more brilliant. As the Temple was erected without noise, or discordant sound of hammer, saw or iron, so has Masonry progressed among us. It is the legitimate fruit of those principles of harmony and fraternity which Masonry inculcates, and which I have laboured to enforce. * * * * The work has prospered in nearly all quarters. We hear glad tidings of renewed zeal in spreading the cement among the Craft; and of activity in rebuilding the waste places, not utterly extinct and desolated by the unhappy events of former years. If I am not greatly deceived, this is not an overdrawn picture; and perhaps I may safely say, that to-day, Masonry in Texas stands higher in the respect of good men without our pale; is more warmly engrafted in the affections of the sons of light; and is stronger in those moral elements which constitute our power and honour." He very strongly condemns the action of the Grand Orient of France in recognizing the so-called Supreme Council of Louisiana, and claims for the legitimate Grand Lodge of that State, the sympathy and support of