

PROCEEDINGS

Readers of the Journal will this year miss our usual excellent report on Fraternal Correspondence. This is a feature in which the Grand Lodge has taken great pride and, we say it with all modesty, has commended itself to sister domains, if we are to judge from the flattering notices with which we have been favored in other Journals. The removal of Brother Powers from our grand domain deprived us of his facile pen in this department, but the Grand Lodge ably filled his place when Grand Chancellor J. M. Deacon was chosen chairman of the committee. Brother Deacon had prepared a portion of his report, when he was stricken with an unfortunate and serious illness, from which he has not yet fully recovered and which deprived the committee of his valuable services and prevented the completion of his work. The publication of the Journal has been somewhat delayed, likewise, with the expectation that, at the last moment, Brother Deacon might be able to supply a full report. But this expectation has proved a vain one and, in justice to the committee and the Grand Lodge, it is deemed advisable to withhold that portion of the report completed, rather than present a review of the proceedings of only three or four domains, while overlooking all others. It is to be hoped that next year the report will be published in as full and breezy a form as heretofore. Until then, we commend the Journal in its abridged form to sister Grand Lodges, with the hope that its shortcomings may be overlooked in the assurance that the Grand Domain of the Maritime Provinces is one with the Order Universal in F., C. and B.

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