

OHIO.—1891.

This Grand Jurisdiction has a membership of 35,602 Master Masons, showing a net gain during the year of 762, upon which we tender our congratulations.

The 82nd Annual Communication was held at Columbus, on Oct. 21st and 22nd 1891.

From the address of the presiding Grand Master, Bro. LEVI C. GOODALE, we learn that four hundred Masons in this jurisdiction passed to their final rest during the year just closed.

The Grand Master has some exceedingly commendable remarks upon the necessity for the exercise of due care in selection of Masters and Secretaries of Lodges.

His ruling as to the matter of the physical qualification of candidates agrees with the law in our own jurisdiction.

In the proceedings before us we find a complete record of the troubles that led up to the formation of the clandestine Grand Lodge at Worthington, in opposition to the Grand Lodge of Ohio. It would seem that disobedience to the Grand Lodge's edicts against Cérneanism lay at the root of the trouble. Despite the utmost efforts of the Grand Master and the exercise of a very large measure of patience with the wayward Brethren, they persisted in open rebellion, and when the charter of their Lodge was finally arrested, they formed themselves into a pretended Grand Lodge. It is satisfactory to know that all regular Grand Lodges which have so far taken action in this matter, have repudiated the new illegal, rebellious and clandestine body at Worthington. Quebec took an unmistakable stand in the matter at its recent communication, upon a report submitted by the present writer. The Grand Master of Ohio was right when he declared to the malcontents: "The Grand Lodge will forgive men who unintentionally commit error, but the day is past when the people of the Masonic world will countenance secession, even though it be true that the leaders in such a movement are malcontents and unworthy Masons."

Secretary.