

R.: W.: Bro. J. Emmet Blackshear, Grand Secretary, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented their report, which is able and instructive.

The action of our Grand Lodge in reference to the English lodges in our jurisdiction is favorably commented on, and the assurance given, that when carried into effect it will doubtless be sustained by all American Grand Lodges.

M.: W.: Bro. John S. Davidson is Grand Master.

R.: W.: Bro. J. Emmet Blackshear is Grand Secretary.

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IDAHO—1884.

The 17th annual communication of the Grand Lodge for this Territory was held at Boise City on 9th September, 1884, Chester P. Cobourn, Grand Master, presiding.

The address of the Grand Master embraces matters of no public import, referring to subjects of a local nature.

The Grand Lodge decided that a Report on Foreign Correspondence should be made this year, and named a committee to prepare the same, our representative near Idaho being one.

M.: W.: Bro. John A. Post is Grand Master.

R.: W.: Bro. James W. Brown is Grand Secretary.

INDIAN TERRITORY—1884.

The tenth annual communication of the Grand Lodge for this Territory was held at Atoka, Choctaw Nation, on the 4th, 5th and 6th days of November, 1884, M.: W.: Bro. Edmond Henry Doyle, Grand Master, presiding.

The members of Grand Lodge were welcomed in an appropriate address from one of the Lodges, delivered by its W.: Master, R.: W.: Bro. Robb.

The question of "perpetual jurisdiction" over rejected candidates is brought prominently to the front by the decision of Grand Master Doyle, and as the subject has been of late attracting much attention in Masonic circles, we give his opinion there anent. He says :—

"A candidate having once been rejected by a certain Lodge, is for ever debarred the privilege of applying to any other for admission.

"This law is implicitly derived from the Regulations, which forbid Lodges to interfere with each other's work.

"Candidates are to be viewed in our speculative system as 'material brought up for the building of the Temple,' and the Lodge which he first petitions is the judge of the fitness or unfitness of that material, constitutes a part of Masonic labor, and when a Lodge has commenced that labor it is considered discourteous for any other to interfere with it.