

ize a new Chapter during my term of office. This is considered by some as rather an unhealthy state of the Order, but I am not disposed to regard it in that light. We have more Chapters now than are necessary. On examination of the rolls I find several Chapters of some years' standing that have less than twenty members. These are a tax on the Grand Chapter, paying a less amount in the treasury than they draw out. Some of them may be so far removed from other Chapters that this expense of keeping them up may be justifiable, but I know of instances where Chapters are not needed, and they only exist for the accommodation of a few Companions who do not want to be put to the trouble to ride a few miles to attend Chapter meetings, but prefer to hold on to a weak and sickly organization rather than give their support to a more prosperous Chapter in close proximity to them."

He decided that the Companions of Tompkinsville could not borrow members from Tennessee in order to form a new Chapter. Quite right.

Also, that an application for affiliation could not be admitted.

"A member of a Chapter in this jurisdiction on mere documentary evidence; but must be properly vouched for by some one who knew him to be a R. A. Mason, or possessed of enough of the means of recognition to satisfy the Chapter of his genuineness as a Royal Arch Mason, and if he was not so possessed or vouched for, his election to membership was void."

Probably this is also right, as a matter of strict law, but we think it is well to encourage affiliation by every possible means. We would have been inclined to admit this applicant, on his proving his identity—that he was the party named in the documentary evidence, if that evidence was found satisfactory.

Comp. Staton recommends a reprint of their Proceedings, and that \$200 should be appropriated each year for that purpose, and have them printed in parts, according to the funds

Comp. Rob. Morris was present, and delivered an address on the Holy Land, with special reference to the Mark degree.

The recommendation of the Grand High Priest, as to the reprint, was adopted by the Grand Chapter; and Comp. Staton was appointed to edit and superintend the work.

Comp. H. A. M. Henderson reports on correspondence. In his opening remarks he says:—

"We have never seen of Royal Arch Masons personally acquainted with ideas that was passed year after year has a sentiments until, to- lectual and facetious superiority of the very apparent to our apprentices."

"The Grand High the few bits of broke a new pattern every triteisms, moral cant service, no matter with ment and of the mer mentary material. gives us a diorama of by the reviewers as of wealth and domini are the true gold—was from the worthless masters, giving the n ing it into the wor scription."

"In no field have I tempered with good pondence. Like the a terrible earnestness is flowing, but, behind Knights, hearts are be that holds the mimic whom he wages harm John Falstaff, fond of 'But for these vile g when they essay a cri with giant Knights. sulphurous smell of I mien, a dread Apollyo pleased as when, with of his vulcan-forged j and modest Doctor, a scarred veteran, hung painted him to be. If you will find him toyi a rose in aromatic pal terrors of the battle-f cupine nature we eve petard,' and no longer compose our Mutual I

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"A committee was deemed advisable, to in the German langua