

ARIZONA.—We have received a very courteous letter from our friend, R. W. Bro. Geo. J. Roskrue, Gr. Sec. Grand Lodge of Arizona, regarding our remarks relating to "the trial of the Grand Master" as laid down by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of that Territory. He says "I have read your item on the Grand Master. When we adopted our Constitution, we merely copied the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of California, making changes only from 'State' to 'Territory.' So please don't throw all the blame on the Grand Lodge of Arizona." We certainly will not, as we wish that Sovereign Body every success. We wonder, however, at the able Grand Secretary of California never noting the anomaly of having special clauses in the Constitution for the trial of a Grand Master.

THE KEYSTONE.—We congratulate the learned editor and publisher of *The Keystone*, Philadelphia, upon the magnificent double number that he issued on the 30th ult. Not only is there a splendid wood cut of the Masonic Temple of the city of Brotherly Love, but also well executed portraits of the present Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, and judging from appearances they are a fine looking set of fellows. *The Keystone* is a paper we always cordially welcome, its editorials being ably written, in a calm, clear and concise manner. They may sometimes criticise those of *THE CRAFTSMAN*, but a true masonic ring and the tone of the gentleman pervades them all. We wish *The Keystone* continued success and again congratulate its editor, R. W. Bro. McCulla, upon his election

to the south in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and only hope we may be spared to see him in her Grand East.

THE Grand Lodge of Washington has a standing regulation that no Master elect of a Lodge, in that jurisdiction, shall receive the degree of Past Master, nor be installed into office, until he has proven himself competent and qualified to confer the three degrees of Masonry and deliver the lectures of each degree. The regulation is a good one, and if adopted would be of great benefit to Masonry in many other Grand jurisdictions. That he is thus qualified for the position before being elected as Worshipful Master is one of the best recommendations that a Mason can have that he will make a good presiding officer. Of course there are other qualifications necessary to make an efficient officer, but this is one that should be enforced in every instance. A competent Master is pretty sure to make a good working Lodge.

GRAND MASTER SCOTT, in his address at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge, of Illinois, gave utterance to many good things relative to the government of the Craft, but none struck us more forcibly than the following in regard to the manner of conducting Masonic trials in Lodges: "I have been taught as a Mason, that 'truth was a divine attribute,' and that to reach the truth was the great and the only object of a Masonic trial, and hence, in all Masonic trials, no advantage should be permitted to be taken through technicalities, that justice may not be