

He reports having granted 16 dispensations for the formation of new Lodges. All the requirements of Grand Lodge having been complied with he could not see his way clear to refuse their applications, but thinks that Lodges in the Jurisdiction are multiplying too rapidly.

The District Deputy Grand Master system has worked well in Virginia, and the Grand Master recommends that in future the reports from the several Districts be published in the printed Proceedings, believing that it will produce a salutary effect upon the Lodges, and create a proper spirit of emulation on the part of District Deputy Grand Masters as to who shall best discharge his duties, which was subsequently approved by resolution of Grand Lodge and made a standing regulation.

From the reports of Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, and adopted by Grand Lodge, we extract the following :

"That it is inexpedient that the Grand Lodge should pay any portion of the expenses of representatives of Subordinate Lodges in travelling to, or while attending on its Annual Communications."

We quote from the General Regulations of Grand Lodge :

"(8.) 1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Virginia is earnestly desirous to promote fraternal intercourse with all corresponding Grand Lodges, and will gladly welcome, at any of its Communications, Brethren resident in other Jurisdictions who may be commissioned to represent in this Body their respective Grand Lodges.

"2. *Resolved*, That while she would not restrict the power of Grand Lodges in the appointment of representatives to selections in all cases of representatives from their own Jurisdiction, she does not deem the policy of the appointment of Brethren who come not fresh from the body of their constituency, consistent with the true theory of representation, unless those Brethren be commissioned for special purposes and a limited period; and that therefore such appointments of representatives near this Body will hereafter be regarded as extinct after the expiration of one year from date, unless official information be communicated from the Grand Body which conferred it, of a continuance of the authority of the representative.

"That the public installation of officers is improper."

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Bro. B. R. Wellford, Jr., and is an excellent review of the Proceedings of 47 Grand Lodges, ours for 1874 receiving a short notice.