

XXIV. GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

M. E. Comp. Jas. C. McMurtry (Henderson), Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. Jas. H. Miles (Chicago), Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

Held at Indianapolis, October 17th, 1877.

M. E. Comp. Reuben Peden, Grand High Priest.

Number of Chapters, 91; represented, 78; exalted, 187; members, 4,875; receipts, \$2,442.18. Annual Convocation, 32nd.

The address of the Grand High Priest treats chiefly of local affairs, and the meeting of the General Grand Chapter. No important questions were submitted to him for decision during the year, nor any applications for new Chapters.

Quebec was recognized. The rest of the transactions refer to local business.

After a rest of eleven years, Comp. William Hacker again resumes the reportorial pen, and he appears to have lost none of his old fire and spirit. He furnishes the most interesting and spicy report we have seen for some time.

Comp. Hacker commenced writing those reports in 1854, twenty-four years ago, and continued for twelve years. In his report he starts off with a virtuous intention to be brief, but before he gets through he finds it impossible to do justice to the subject in less than 116 pages.

Canada for 1876 receives due notice. He says we have a most satisfactory showing, and he infers from the genial tone throughout our proceedings, that we are well satisfied with things as they now stand.

In his notice of Delaware, he has the following comments, on the action of their Grand High Priest in suspending a by-law:—

"This suspending the provisions of by-laws we have heard of before, but never did believe in it. We have not a copy of the laws of this Grand Chapter at hand, and can not, therefore, say whether the Grand High Priest possesses the right to do so or not; but we will venture the largest and sweetest peach that grows in Delaware this year that he don't. We never yet saw one who did possess the right to suspend, or render for a time null and void any provision of law, and we very much doubt if that election for trustees, thus held after the suspen-

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"Now, according ing to 'the everlas ored gentleman get organization, then a that the white man be settled at once, obliterated that the himself in."

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"We regret, howe Royal Arch Masonr, nominates the 'On this wise:

"It is universally consisted of three de the Royal Art was f

"And so he goes o Oliver says, and whi ter, and perhaps not Chapter or Council