

MISSISSIPPI, 1884.

At Jackson, Miss., on the 13th February last, 1884, was held the 66th annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of that State under the presidency of M.: W.: Bro. P. M. Savery.

The Representative of our Grand Lodge, Bro. R. C. Patty, is not reported as being present.

In the address from the Throne, we learn that out of the 260 lodges on the roll, 232 own their own hall, 20 rent, and the others have no fixed habitation. We think this a very fair showing, and in favorable contrast to matters here; where outside of the city of Quebec no one lodge, we believe, is proprietor of the building wherein it meets.

Grand Secretary reports annual receipts for the last year at.....	\$8,428 70
The disbursements of same period are.....	8,291 91

In the outlay is included the sum of \$690 to the Protestant Orphan Asylum at Natchez. We desire to emphasize this with the view of holding it as an example to the Craft here.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is an able, interesting, and business like production. In its allusions to this Grand Lodge it speaks of P. G. Master Graham's address as "a very able argument on the question of independent Grand Lodge Sovereignty," and quotes approvingly his remarks on "Colonial Masonic policy of England."

Bro. Hoary is a vigorous opponent to the higher degree or "orders." We quote one of many of his remarks on the subject:

"We have filed our objections to the increase of secret societies, or at least that Masons should not, as true and loyal devotees to the principles as found and practised under our organizations, unite with and encourage them, as many of them are supposed to have a doubtful origin and are certainly not friendly to the success of our institution. When Masonry itself enters the field to originate new orders and elevate the body of Ancient Craft Masons from the old landmarks into new channels, or multiplies new rites, we think it is the entering wedge to schisms and divisions, and if followed up will end disastrously to our time honored Craft."

A brief addenda to the printed proceedings of the G. L. of Mississippi conveys the melancholy intelligence of the death of the writer of the above and says of him, "The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found on his lips, he walketh with me in peace and equity." The departure of such an one from our midst is indeed a loss deeply to be deplored, and will be regretted through the length and breadth of the continent.

Robert C. Patty, of Macon, Grand Master; J. L. Power, re-elected Grand Secretary.