

Our friends will excuse the delay in getting the Journal of Proceedings for 1879 published. The disastrous fire which consumed the printing establishment of the Grand Scribe on the evening of the 10th of September last, not only caused three months delay, but destroyed the first sixteen pages, which were completed at the time, and also the electrotypes and engraved seal of the Grand Encampment. The copy of the Journal was only saved by the merest accident. Half an hour before the alarm of fire was given, a letter was received from Representative J. J. Dickson, of Bradford, asking some questions which required the Journal from the Book Room up stairs, and after answering his inquiries, it was laid on the table in the office, and was fortunately saved with books and private papers. The fire was so sudden and the building so inflammable, that all efforts to get beyond the front office in the lower story, proved fruitless.