

steel will soon completely traverse our Mountain State. Capital and labor are busily employed in opening up our vast mines and forests. Population and wealth are increasing. It cannot now be said as was said a few years ago that West Virginia had ground upon which the feet of white men had not yet trod."

He decided that a candidate could not be received against the objection of a member, although such member was present when the ballot was taken and was excused from voting on the application. This decision was confirmed by the Grand Commandery, the Committee on Jurisprudence holding that such objection was equivalent to a rejection.

In revising their Constitution and Statutes, it was determined to repeal all existing legislation, and adopt the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment which are applicable to the government of Grand Commanderies and their subordinates, thus avoiding the confusion likely to occur from the existence of two bodies of law relating to the same subjects. Special Statutes were also adopted, dealing with minor matters not provided for in the Constitution of the Grand Encampment. These are contained in eighteen clauses.

Frater R. C. Dunnington reports on Correspondence, and his "maiden effort" is very creditable. He is sound in wishing to confine Masonic parades to Masonic days. There is nothing peculiarly Masonic about the Fourth of July or Memorial Day or Decoration Day, and he very properly thinks that "it is absolutely ridiculous to turn out and participate in displays and parades having no connection whatever with Masonic subjects." In his notice of Ohio, he says:—

"We hesitate to mention the reviewer's work. Sir Carson wields a trenchant and very caustic pen, and far be it from us to further raise his ire by adverse comment upon his report; for we feel sure that he has not yet forgiven West Virginia for failure to discipline that unlucky editor, and the criticism which suggests itself in his work to us, we are apprehensive will call down the vials