On the 16th of April, 1884, a convention of delegates from twenty-eight lodges assembled for the purpose of forming a Grand Lodge—all the forms and ceremonies usual on such occasions seem to have been followed, and the following-named Grand Officers were elected and installed:

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Bro. The Hon. Chief Justice T. J. Way, Grand Master.

Bro. H. J. Cunningham, Grand Secretary.

Following the Installation came a banquet, the number present thereat being reported at 450.

From the pamphlet, we learn that in the province at the time of the above procedure there were twenty English, six Scotch, and seven Irish lodges; of these all but one of the English, all the Scotch, and all the Irish but two, joined the movement, declaring allegiance to the New Grand Lodge.

In view of the above, we cannot be think that the Grand Lodge of Australia has been regularly and constructionally formed, and is entitled to a recognition by all sister Grand Lodges.

## SOUTH CAROLINA, 1884.

At the city of Charleston, on the 9th and 10th days of December, Apno Lucis 5854, the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of this State was held, M.: Wor.: Bro. W. W. Humphreys presiding in the Grand East. By the industry and energy of our esteemed friend, R.: Wor. Bro. Charles Inglesby, Grand Secretary, its proceedings are before us, gotten up in good shape and form. By them we learn with great regret of the decease of Past Grand Master James Conner, a brother whose acquaintance we had the good fortune to make a few years ago. We observe that his widow, Mrs. Sallie E. Conner, presented to Grand Lodge, to be deposited in its archives, a handsomely bound volume of the various memorial tributes, addresses and resolutions offered to the memory of her distinguished husband, a gift which, by the manner of its reception, proved to be most acceptable. We shall esteem it a great favor if R.: Wor.: Bro. Inglesby will procure and forward a copy to be placed in the Archives of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master's address relates chiefly to matters of a local interest, and gives a succinct account of his official acts.

The report of the Masonic Board of Relief shews that only twelve applications for aid were made during the year; of these two, were impostors.

From the reports of the several District Dep. Grand Masters we learn that the Craft in the Jurisdiction is not in so flourishing a state as could be wished, yet as there is abundant evidence to shew that "peace and harmony prevail," it is to be hoped that the apparent lethargy will soon be terminated.