

Number initiated during the year.....	184
" " subscribing members.....	2,927
Amount of monies received for fees, &c., &c.....	\$2,584 00
" " " " rent of Freemasons' Hall.....	1,793 50

M. : W. : Bro. J. W. Laurie is Grand Master.

R.: " " Benjamin Curren, D.C.L., is Grand Secretary.

OHIO—1884.

The seventy-fifth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio was held on the 21st October, 1884, at Columbus, M. W. Bro. Joseph M. Goodspeed presiding ; our representative, R. W. Bro. Woodward, being present.

The G. M. gave a clear account of his stewardship for the past year, giving abundant proof of much practical work done. His decisions on questions submitted present no special feature of interest to the craft here, except, perhaps, the one in reply to the question, Is a suicide entitled to Masonic burial? The Grand Master replied that he knew of no reason why a Mason who had committed suicide should be denied Masonic burial. "Dethroned reason," said he, "calls for our sympathy, not for our censure. How better can we heal the wounds of the afflicted than by depositing the evergreen as an emblem of our faith in the immortality of the soul." This view of the case commends itself as a merciful one.

R. W. Bro. E. Stacker Williams, Deputy Grand Master, well known by correspondence as one taking a lively interest in all matters relating to this jurisdiction, presented a report evidencing the fact that he has been, during his period of office, of great use assisting the Grand Master in the work of Grand Lodge.

During the meeting Grand Lodge was "called off" for the purpose of laying, with Masonic ceremonies, the corner stone of a Government edifice in the city of Columbus.

The Grand Lodge of South Australia was recognized. Action was deferred as to that of Victoria.

The report on correspondence appears in the body of the proceedings, not, as more frequently, as an appendix thereto. It is a very able and lucid exponent on the various matters and subjects to which it refers; somewhat lengthy indeed, but keeping up the interest of the reader throughout. Referring to Quebec, it says:—"Every American Grand Lodge should turn in and give Quebec a helping hand, because the principle involved is one of vital importance to us all. "What would Ohio say if Pennsylvania should set up claim to jurisdiction over "a lodge or lodges located on Ohio soil? A war would ensue from the drop of "the hat, and such is the situation in Quebec. England lays claim to jurisdiction over certain lodges in that Province, and will not yield a feather. Masonic "opinion the world over must compel a relinquishment of her unjust claim."

This is putting the question in a practical view, and if every one of our sister Grand Lodges would, as suggested, make our case its own, a unanimity of action