

## Value of report on Fraternal Correspondence

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence, by Ely P. Hubbell, of Bradentown, is a masterpiece. He says, by way of introduction, and truly says, that "it is no light task to review the half hundred or so proceedings and intelligently condense the more important topics to a few lines of space." And there is wisdom in the few words which follow: "What to us may seem illuminating and instructive to others may appear commonplace and inconsequential."

We find ourselves definitely in agreement with the next paragraph of Companion Hubbell's exordium, and it could not be better expressed: —

"Following out the method which appeals to us and comes within our limitations, this report, as have previous ones, will partake more of the nature of a compilation of the doings of the Grand Chapters and with but little in the way of criticism. Each Grand Body being governed by rules formed by itself, and presided over presumably by those competent to interpret its actions and laws, it would, in our opinion, be impertinent, to say the least, to assume to sit in judgment upon its acts. Our reference to them should not necessarily be taken as either approving or disapproving. Sometimes, when feeling comparatively sure of our position, we have indicated wherein those acts agreed or differed with Florida. In so doing we trust that not only are Florida Companions better informed of what is being done in the Capitular world, but that likewise the readers in other sections may come to know Florida and its customs better and consequently help to right such errors as may creep in. Otherwise this, as well as other like reports, is of little value."

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