

the mastery will drive out the other. Let us then as Masons give to the gentle subduing spirit of Masonry supremacy in our hearts that it may subdue our passions and keep us within due bounds."

The able report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Bro. Henry Clarke. He passes in review the Proceedings of 33 Grand Lodges. Ours has no place among them.

M. W. Bro. Nathan P. Bowman elected Grand Master ; R. W. Bro. Henry Clarke re-elected Grand Secretary.

Number of Chartered Lodges 100, with a membership of 8194.

VIRGINIA—1874.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Virginia met in Annual Communication in the City of Richmond on the 14th Dec., 1874.

M. W. Wm. H. Lambert, Grand Master ; R. W. John Dove, Grand Secretary ; 142 Lodges represented.

The Grand Master in his address says :

"Under a kind and watchful Providence, as a nation we have enjoyed peace and prosperity, as a state our future prospects are bright and cheering ; and never before in the history of our beloved Order has more perfect peace and harmony prevailed than during the past year."

and again :

"Our relations with our sister Grand Jurisdictions still continue of the most harmonious nature, and since the adjustment of the unhappy difficulties between Canada and Quebec, all germs of dissention have been removed, dark and lowering clouds dispersed, and throughout the broad expanse of the Western Continent universal peace prevails. Virginia may well feel proud of the position she assumed towards her Canadian Brethren. We think we were correct in the arguments used by our committee, and although there may have been too much discussion, and certainly too much hasty action upon the part of some Grand Bodies, still it will no doubt eventually be productive of good. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence will advise you fully of the terms of settlement, and also of the revocation of the edicts of non-intercourse with Canada which had been issued by some of the Grand Lodges of this country. We can now extend the right hand of fellowship to our sister Grand Lodge of Quebec, and cordially welcome her into the Fraternity of the Grand Lodges of America."