

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

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GRAND LODGES.	M.	R.	A. & R.	W.	E.	S.	S. for n.p.d.	D.	R.
Oregon	2384	155	108	114	9	6	42	27	48
Pennsylvania	38236	1334	372	424	*1328	461	...
P. E. Island	584	22	9	...	...	0	3	3	...
Quebec	2810	219	78	128	...	0	*101	30	...
Rhode Island	4326	91	86	90	0	3	...	51	51
South Carolina	6913	262	...	195	...	...	344	93	15
Tennessee	17911	479	532	364	31	314	488	275	...
Texas	16850	921	1120	1134	52	...	304	297	369
Utah	367	29	19	17	0	1	2	2	12
Vermont	8646	216	71	137	3	2	95	76	78
Virginia	10108	...	89	338	11	15	223	121	...
Washington	808	53	63	42	0	5	18	9	22
West Virginia	3365	172	113	95	7	7	172	46	52
Wisconsin	10688	550	264	348	7	19	249	91	211
Wyoming	300	29	15	10	2	0	2	2	...
Total	592543	23861	16744	17681	986	770	21051	7038	4374

* Including suspensions of all kinds.

COMPARISON OF STATISTICS.

	1878.	1878.	1877.	1877.	1876.	1876.
	Gr. Lodges.	Totals.	Gr. Lodges.	Totals.	Gr. Lodges.	Totals.
Members	54	592,443	52	602,089	50	594,617
Raised	51	23,861	50	30,695	48	34,208
Admissions, &c.	51	16,744	46	17,976	46	19,231
Dimissions	51	17,681	49	18,920	47	18,475
Expulsions	48	986	49	1,039	47	908
Suspensions	37	770	37	1,064	31	775
npt. dues, 48		21,051	49	17,261	47	15,984
Deaths	52	7,038	50	7,102	48	6,804
Rejections	29	4,374	28	6,142	28	6,340

"It will be seen that there has been a falling off in the total membership. This is the first time we have had occasion to report this fact. The dimissions exceed the affiliations, both of which, however, have decreased during the year. But the suspensions for non-payment of dues have increased about four thousand in forty-eight out of the fifty-four Grand Lodges, showing that the 'pruning process' is still going on. The reduction in membership is owing, to quite an extent, to the surrender or forfeiture of charters: for instance, our membership in Maine has fallen off, but if the members of a Lodge, whose charter has been surrendered during the past year, should be counted, there would be a small increase. But there is one consolation—although the number has decreased, we believe the average quality of the membership has increased."

CONCLUSION.

We are regularly in receipt of *La Chaine D'Union*, a Monthly Magazine published in Paris, France, for which we

Rejected.

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