

the proceedings of the Colored Grand Lodge of Arkansas, held at Fort Smith, July 20, 1881. From it we learn that it has fourteen lodges on its roll, with a membership of 274. The Grand Master says: "I am informed that each lodge is doing better than it was a year ago." J. H. Johnson, of Augusta, G. M.; J. C. Corbin, G. Sec.

WEST VIRGINIA.—We are in receipt of a copy of the proceedings of the seventeenth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, held in Wheeling, Nov. 8th and 9th. M. W. C. J. Faulkner in the Grand East. His address is principally confined to local matters. From it we learn that a lodge in Maryland had been using material from West Virginia. The attention of the G. M. of the former State being drawn to this, mutual concessions were made, and at the suggestion of G. M. Faulkner, the following very sensible resolution was adopted, of which other G. L. jurisdictions should take note: "Resolved, that the subordinate lodges in other States which are situated near our borders may confer the three first degrees of Masonry on citizens of this State who reside nearer to such lodge than to any lodge in this State, if such applicants be found worthy: provided the same privilege be extended to the lodges in this State situated near the State line." This breathes the spirit of true Freemasonry. Eighty-one lodges working. Membership, 3,256. Suspended N. P. D., 80. J. H. Riley, of Ripley, elected G. M.; O. S. Long, of Wheeling, re-elected G. S.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—Through the courtesy of R. W. Bro. N. Weekes, G. Sec. G. L. New South Wales, we are in receipt of the Proceedings for 1881. As usual they are extremely interesting, and prove beyond question the enthusiasm and true Masonic spirit that guide the brethren of the sister Colonial Grand Lodge. She now has twenty-seven lodges on her roll, and her membership is daily on the in-

crease. The Hon. James Squire Farnell, M. P., was re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Nicholas Weekes re-elected Grand Secretary. Grand Lodge after Grand Lodge will recognize our youngest Colonial sister, and we hope next July to announce that the mother Colonial Grand Lodge of Canada (Ontario) has extended to her the right hand of fellowship. Let the Canadian brethren remember their own troubles in 1855-6-7, and then hesitate not to do justice to the G. L. of New South Wales.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—We are in receipt of a copy of the Proceedings of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, held at Charleston on the 13th and 14th December last. M. W. Bro. James F. Izlar, in his address, is strong on Temperance, and says: "I have been frequently pained and mortified at the conduct of members of this Grand Lodge. Some brethren seem to forget that Temperance is one of the four cardinal virtues, and in forgetting this bring disgrace upon themselves and upon the Order which they have been elected to represent; and which they knowingly and wilfully misrepresent. These things, brethren, ought not to be. Consider for a moment the solemn truth that 'no man liveth to himself.' That every thought and deed makes its impress upon the world, and influences in a measure the conduct of our fellow men. That the work you are doing upon immortal minds will not crumble or perish, but will live to all eternity. Standing in the honorable position in which you have placed me, I would, in a spirit of brotherly love and affection, call your attention to these evils, and warn you of the consequences to yourselves and to the Order you profess to love and venerate." The death of the lamented Mackey is of course alluded to. He is "a little off" on the Ontario question, and we advise him to read it up before he again makes a public exhibition of himself. The Report of