

is an interesting and instructive paper, and we find in it nothing that we feel bound to criticise. Under Kentucky, the last jurisdiction reviewed by Bro. Butler, our lamented Brother had a reference to the Quebec matter friendly to our own contentions.

Vermont has 103 chartered Lodges, with a total membership of 8,346.

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VIRGINIA'S volume of Proceedings for 1888 comes to us in a handsome report of 365 pages.

The Grand Lodge assembled on the 11th December, in its 111th Annual Communication, and continued three days in session, transacting a large amount of business of interest to the Craft in that jurisdiction.

The address of the Grand Master, M. W. BRO. W. F. DRINKARD, informs us of the death of Past Grand Master William Terry, and reports that the sum of \$1,000 was forwarded by the Masons of Virginia for the relief of the yellow fever sufferers of Florida. Such noble charity can never lose its reward.

We learn with pleasure that a handsome Masonic Temple is in course of erection at Richmond by our Virginia Brethren, and trust that it may prove to be, when completed, a centre of Masonic life and usefulness.

The Grand Master reports a number of decisions. In Virginia, he says, membership, like initiation, must be of the petitioner's own free will and accord. We think this rule should obtain in all jurisdictions. We would absolve no Mason from the duty of connecting himself with a Lodge, and of contributing his share to the mainten-