

CONCLUSION.

We find we have little to say in conclusion. As previously remarked, the addresses of the Grand Commanders, Legislation, Reports, etc., have been of the usual routine order and nothing has arisen to give occasion for comment. We notice we are not the only Correspondent (not addicted to the almost exclusive use of the shears) who has thus had to remark on the paucity of material. We regret that several of the proceedings have not come to hand, although written for, and our list is therefore not quite complete.

The American writers have been pleased in a large majority of cases to reproduce the references made to our friends and cousins of the United States anent their late war, by Grand Master Macwatt in his address, as well as this Correspondent's remarks on the same subject, and have in many instances very courteously reciprocated with kind words and good wishes for the long continuance of the cordial entente prevailing between the peoples of the United States and Great Britain. So mote it be!

"Two Flags, two Peoples, but with One interest,
The proud endeavor manfully to strive
For God, for Right, for Liberty, for Peace."

We annex table of Statistics from Maryland as previously referred to. We take this table because it deals with the year 1898, exclusively. By its perusal the progress, or otherwise, during the year of the various jurisdictions can be seen at a glance.

The victorious conclusion of their war with Spain has given rise to patriotic references in many of the Addresses and Reports in the American Jurisdictions. The pacification of the Phillipinos is proving a longer and more wearisome task, and several prominent members of our beloved Order have fought their last fight in those far off Islands.—"*Requiem eternam dona eis.*" No doubt the end will be reached before another report is written.

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