

CONCLUSION.

We have thus far endeavored to give as clear an account as possible of the most important and interesting matters that are taking place in the Masonic world around us. We find many things to praise, few to condemn. The Craft, in general, is highly prosperous, and in every one of the volumes we have been perusing, we find ample evidence of the beneficent effects of our Institution. We find the widow and orphan relieved and protected; we find the distressed brother assisted and sent on his way rejoicing; and we find the great calamities of epidemic sickness and death, or other extensive misfortunes, only serving to bring out more strongly into relief the great Bond that unites the Brotherhood.

We also see, no less strongly exemplified, the cardinal tenets of our fraternity—Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice. We see a noble army of workers, actively engaged in promulgating those great principles, both by precept and example; and wherever their standard is raised and supported, we find the general morality of the people increased, and society adopting a more virtuous tone.

—Let us, then, each take heed to himself. Let each brother feel that he is looked to as an example, both by his younger brethren and the outside world, and let him so act as becomes a *Mason*, as one of those who are earnestly striving for the general welfare of their fellow creatures.

We have, so far, avoided statistics, but they are not less interesting and useful on that account. However, we have preferred giving them in a tabulated form, and as we are always anxious to save ourselves as much trouble as possible, and at the same time to give our brethren the best that can be had, we have decided to appropriate the labors of Bro. William H. Hill, the chairman of correspondence of California. We tender him our acknowledgements, for his valuable statistical table, which we append hereto, together with his remarks thereon. As he says, it will well repay a careful examination, and it gives about the best view that

can be
States
Grand
Lodges.
Alabama
Arkansas
British
California
Canada
Colorado
Connecticut
Delaware
District
Florida
Georgia
Idaho
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Kentucky
Louisiana
Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
Michigan
Minnesota
Mississippi
Missouri
Montana
Nebraska
Nevada
New Brunswick
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New York
North Carolina
Nova Scotia
Ohio
Oregon
Pennsylvania
Quebec
Rhode Island
South Carolina
Tennessee
Texas
Utah
Vermont
Virginia
Washington
West Virginia
Wisconsin

To