

ed in the regulations." This puts a "cloture" upon the European system of stealing our material. He desires a plan to be matured for the care and maintenance of our orphan children, and says, "whatever plan of organization may be determined in this Grand Lodge should, in my estimation, manage, control and assure all the responsibility for it, and not one dollar's indebtedness should ever be incurred without the dollar being first provided to pay the debt." Space prevents us quoting more from this excellent address. Grand Secretary Abell reports that all the lodges had made returns. The report of Foreign Correspondence will receive notice at another time. Mr. Clay Webster Taylor, of Shaster, was elected Grand Master, and the able Grand Sec'y was of course re-elected. Long may he be spared to occupy that exalted and important position. We hope some day again to see him in the flesh. There are 216 lodges. Members, 13,897. We leave this volume with regret, and shall refer to it on some future occasion. The lodge in the Hawaiian Islands is under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California, as are also four lodges in Arizona.

ARKANSAS.—The tenth annual convocation of the Grand Commandery of Arkansas was held at Little Rock, Nov. 11, 1881. Rt. Em. R. M. Johnson in the Grand East. Three Commanderies were represented. The address is principally local in character. From it we clip the following beautiful gem: "Those of us who are well stricken in years, whose experience and memory extend many decades down the dim vista of the past, will take pleasure in recalling with our contemporaries scenes and incidents in our Mason life, which can never be so well discussed or enjoyed as in our annual re-union within the guarded recesses of our asylum. Who is there among us that cannot derive profit and pleasure from the reminiscences and experience of the past.

The past is a book well covered by wisdom and experience; the future a volume with folios quite blank; therefore let the younger fratre acquire knowledge, integrity and virtue from his elder brother, that he may inscribe it on the tablets of his memory for the benefit of future generations. Let us all remember that our duties to protect and defend the destitute widow, the innocent maiden, the helpless orphan, and the Christian religion, should not be lost in mere idle words, pretensions and vows. Rather let our swords remain rusting in their scabbards, our vows remain forgotten, and our asylum be forsaken, than that it should be said of our Order, it is but a pretense for pompous parades, idle professions, and intemperate conviviality." Rt. Em. R. E. Salle, in his report on Memorial for the Dead, feelingly alludes to Garfield, Blackie, and Mackey. No report on Foreign Correspondence. Four Commanderies, with a membership of 151. Sir Knt. A. J. Thompson, of Little Rock, Grand Commander; Sir Knt. Jas. A. Henry, of same place, Grand Recorder.

VIRGINIA.—The fifty-ninth annual assembly of the Grand Commandery of Virginia was held at Yorktown, 18th and 19th October, 1881. Representatives from six subordinates present, besides distinguished visitors from New York, Texas, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and the District of Columbia. The Grand Master is opposed to all Templar displays upon other than Masonic occasions, as not only improper but contrary to the teachings of the Order. He advises concurrent jurisdiction for Goodson-Bend, a town lying on the borders of Virginia and Tennessee. Sir Knight P. S. Coles, of Charlottesville, was elected Grand Commander, and Sir Knight B. Isaacs, Richmond, Grand Recorder. Sixteen Commanderies on the roll, with a membership of one hundred and twenty-four.

ARKANSAS.—We are in receipt of