

country. We predict the effort will be futile. Grand Lodges in Europe are based upon truly liberal and Masonic principles, and not by iron-clad bigotry and intolerant prejudice as Massachusetts. What good did the edict of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts do? It gave an impetus to the Memphis Rite and established a branch of the Cerneau Scottish Rite under the very shadow of the Masonic Temple in which said Grand Lodge met. The Masonry of Garibaldi should be good enough for Masons in Canada and the United States.

Comp. Drummond, in his Report on F. C. to the Grand Chapter of Maine, gives the following interesting statistics: "The total membership is 128,557 against 127,105 in 1881, and 127,025 in 1880; the exaltations are 7,424 against 6,733 in 1881, and 5,733 in 1880; the admissions and restorations are 1,868 against 1,900 in 1881, and 1,742 in 1880; the dismissions are 2,818 against 2,073 in 1881, and 3,183 in 1880; the expulsions are 75 against 85 in 1881, and 122 in 1880; the suspensions (including suspensions from membership) are 2,859 against 3,762 in 1881, and 4,203 in 1880; and the deaths are 1,633 against 2,496 in 1881, and 1,602 in 1880. We thus find an increase of nearly 1,500 in the total membership; and while it is gratifying to find that this increase comes in part (692) from an increase of exaltations, still the great cause for rejoicing is found in the decrease of dismissions, and especially in the decrease of nearly 1,000 in suspensions. It is evident that suspension for non-

payment of dues has reached its maximum, and we have, therefore, reason to look for an increase of membership in the future. The number of Royal Arch Masons in Maine, are 4,040, of whom 213 were exalted during the year.

What did the King do, that the direct descendant of Frederick the Great, who bequeathed to him on his death-bed the secrets of a Scottish Rite, and allowed him to actually *see* the constitutions of 1786? We fear King Kalamazoo, when he readeth the following, will cover his body with sackcloth, and wear ashes upon his bald pate. The King is very serious. "Read, mark, learn and inwardly digest it:"

"King Kalakaua, on his late tour of the world, did not seem to appreciate the courtesies extended him by various Masonic Bodies, and this fact has had the effect to draw the following from Albert Pike, Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, Scottish Rite, for the Southern jurisdiction of the United States:—

"It is due to the Eminent Bodies, and to the Eminent Brethren, whose courtesies and attentions we invoked for the Brother Kalakaua, that we should tender them this public apology for the scant courtesy shown them in return, and should solicit their pardon for the grave error which we committed in asking courtesies for a King; into the like whereof, we shall be careful not to fall hereafter."

The *Liberal Freemason* says:—During the session of the Supreme Grand Council A. and A. Rite, Northern Jurisdiction, one Emeritus and four honorary members of the thirty-third and last degree were declared to be expelled from all the rights, powers and privileges of Sovereign Grand