

EXCLUSIVE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.

The doctrine of the exclusive territorial jurisdiction of Grand Lodges has during this year received blows from unexpected quarters; the position taken by the Grand Lodges of New York, Utah and a few others necessarily classes them among the opponents of that doctrine; but we look to see a re-action upon this question during the coming year.

We think, especially, that the Grand Lodge of New York must recede from her position: when the Grand Lodge of Hamburgh, in perfect accordance with its own laws, organized a regular lodge in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York, all the American Grand Lodges sustained New York in her position that a lodge, though regularly organized by a regular Grand Lodge, yet if located and maintained in the territory of another Grand Lodge, must be held to be irregular and clandestine: with this incident in her own history, we do not think she will long maintain her present inconsistent position.—[*Drummond's, Me., Corr.*]

SCOTTISH RITE IN BROOKLYN.

We spoke some weeks ago of the purchase by the A. and A. Rite, of Brooklyn, of the Bedford Dutch Church, at Bedford avenue and Madison street, to fit up for use of the Rite. The price paid was only \$50,000, and the transfer included an organ which cost \$6,500, and the silver metal church bell which cost \$1,600. The building stands on a lot 100 feet square, and is of Philadelphia pressed brick upon a foundation of trimmed granite. It was erected in 1876. The interior will be altered so as to give one main "working room," 41½ x 70 feet, with galleries and smaller side rooms. It will be called the Aurora Grata Cathedral of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite

of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. The building will also be used by the Mystic Shrine, the Clinton Commandery, the Constellation Chapter and the Acanthus Lodge. The dedication will take place in October, and will be attended by the Supreme Council.

The parsonage will be used as a Masonic club house by a club organized on Wednesday evening, called the Cathedral Club. The officers of this club are: President, Edwin Knowles; Vice-president, Marion Grimes; Secretary, James Stuart Gillen; Treasurer, A. W. Follett. The Masonic Cathedral will be one of three in the United States, the other two being in Detroit and in Cincinnati.—[*Lancaster Examiner.*]

MAINTAINING PEACEFUL RELATIONS.

This reminds us that we have omitted one thing we had intended to notice in the report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence. After stating that Grand Lodges are like nations, they add in substance that if two nations, with each of which the United States is at peace, go to war, we can still continue to maintain our relations with each; this is true, as a general rule, but there are exceptions; if France should set up a government in Berlin, and claim to have it recognized, and insist upon our receiving the people of Berlin as French subjects, we think the government of the United States would have something to say about it; so here are lodges in Quebec which her Grand Lodge denounces as irregular, but England claims that we shall recognize and receive their members as regular masons; if they apply to visit lodges in California, as they have down in Maine, we think her committee will find it difficult to prescribe a course of conduct which shall enable their Grand Lodge to "maintain peaceful relations with both Grand Lodges!"—[*Drummond's, Me., Corr.*]