

New York, Boston and Philadelphia, to buy a few tables and chairs for his new palace at Honolulu.

J. D. Pollard, of Seneca Falls, N.Y., was elected M. Ex. Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York at its 85th annual convocation, held at Albany on the 7th ult. J. S. Dickerman, of Albany, was elected Grand Scribe.

The anti-Masons in Kansas have been amusing themselves by giving public exhibitions of what they term "the conferring of the Masonic Degrees." What a vast amount of labor these men take to furnish amusement for the people!

The Grand Lodge of Louisiana donated \$1,000 to the relief of the Michigan sufferers. The Grand Lodge holds \$15,000 surplus of the funds contributed during the yellow fever pestilence, which is held sacred for this purpose.

P. G. M. John W. Simons, the able editor of the Masonic department of the New York *Despatch*, has been appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana near the Grand Lodge of New York, in place of the late R. W. Bro. J. M. Austin.

The Knights Templar and Masonic Mutual Aid Association of Ohio had a cash balance on Jan. 1, 1882, of \$34,557. During the year twenty-three death claims were paid, amounting to \$97,014. Average number of deaths per 1000 members, 6.48.

Hon. W. J. Clarke, Victoria, was raised to the Sublime Degree and the same day installed Provincial Grand Master. No wonder our friends in New South Wales think it time to set up for themselves, and thus preserve the reputation of the Order.

The oldest English lodges are Anti-quity No. 2; Fortitude and Old Cumberland No. 12, and Somerset House

and Inverness No. 4. These lodges were in existence before 1717, and together with a fourth lodge, now extinct, formed and created the Grand Lodge of England.

A correspondent of the London *Freemason* wants to amalgamate the "Three Grand Lodges in this United Kingdom (Great Britain and Ireland), disunited unquestionably from a Masonic point of view," and make H. R. H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master.

"Erasure from the roll" is the penalty for nonpayment of dues in South Carolina—rather more Masonic than our system of suspending, and then charging the brother dues during the period of suspension. The Grand Lodge of Canada (Ont.) is behind the times in this respect.

The G. M. of Pennsylvania, M. W. Bro. Ni-bit, during last year exercised his prerogative by making a Mason at sight. The applicant was also under age. Some of the Western Most Worshipfuls are debarred, by special enactment of their respective Grand Lodges, from so doing.

The thirtieth annual re-union of the Scottish Rite in Cincinnati was a big success. One hundred and eleven postulants received the degrees. The Scottish Rite rooms in Cincinnati are proverbially the finest on the continent, and such workmen as Carson, Gwynne, Mack, Melish, and others, cannot be surpassed in the world.

The sixty-fourth annual session of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi was convened Feb. 8, at Jackson. About one hundred and fifty were present, and six Past Grand Masters. As a Grand Lodge charity fund is to be created by a per capita ten cent assessment on each member, and as the membership is ten thousand, this will raise \$1000. Judge Speed was elected Grand Master.