

"Proceedings" of the District Grand Lodge, and that they shall consider any ruling therein recorded as a definite instruction, to be followed in all cases to which it is applicable.

Grand Master J. C. Smith, of Colorado, believes in the doctrine that there should be no interference on the part of any foreign grand lodge in the domestic affairs of the grand lodges of America. It is quite evident that Bro. Smith does in Rome as Romans do, and consequently were he in England he would object to American lodges directing the Grand Lodge of England how to act in certain cases. Self-interest often contracts our powers of vision and warps our judgment.

The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales is now an accomplished fact, the officers being installed on September 18th at Sydney, by Chief Justice Way, Grand Master of South Australia. There are 183 subordinate lodges in the jurisdiction, the other three in the territory refusing to abandon their present allegiance. Of the three objecting lodges two are English and one Scotch. Lord Carrington, Grand Master, has appointed Dr. H. Tarrant Deputy Grand Master.

It is stated that in North America there are 615,136 members connected with the Craft. During last year 29,985 were raised to the third degree, and 8,214 died. New York tops the list with a membership of 72,113; Illinois coming next with 40,433; Pennsylvania following closely with 37,787, and Ohio with 33,856. New York raised 3,478; Illinois 2,670, and Ohio

1,872. The smallest jurisdiction is Arizona, with 356 members; British Columbia ranking next with 393.

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An observant brother, and one capable of viewing matters dispassionately, and expressing his opinions tersely, gives his observations on occurrences in the city lodges which he visited the past month. "Cosmos" is a welcome contributor, and we are sure his monthly notes will not be the least interesting portion of our contents. His intention is to confine himself chiefly to Blue Masonry, although he may at times give the grades some attention. "Cosmos" fills a gap that will be appreciated by the Toronto brethren, but they must not expect him to visit every lodge in the city each month.

A correspondent writes:—"Would it be possible for the G. M. of any Rite or Grade in Freemasonry to appoint to office a brother who may be dead some months?" Certainly it would be possible, and it is probable that such appointments have been made. As the Rites cover a larger jurisdiction than Craft Masonry, and as the intention of the presiding officers is doubtless to have different sections of the Dominion