

FOREIGN MEMORADA.

The grand Commandery of Nebraska, was organized on the 28th December last, by R. E. Sir Theodore S. Parvin, Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

RARE PRESENTS.—C. De Long, Minister to Japan, has presented the Masonic fraternity of Sacramento with three brass vases or candlesticks. In the letter accompanying them, and directed to Colonel Whitesides, Minister de Long explains how and when he obtained them. On the 27th of May last, he assisted in organizing and installing the first lodge of Free and Accepted Masons ever organized in that country. It was organized at Yeddo. These candlesticks were used on that occasion, and the Minister, learning that once they had done some service in a Buddhist temple, procured them and sent them to his Masonic brethren, not as articles of value, but as a memento of the wondrous change now being wrought by the interchange of ideas and customs. Fancy these candlesticks, which once held the sacred candles before the Budhish Idol, now standing in the hail or lodge room of the order. Verily the world moves. The articles are about two and a half feet high, with a corrugated stem, decreasing in size until it ends in a sort of board which held the taper, or whatever was used in place of it. Such is the description given of these articles, which are supposed to be very old relics of past centuries.—*N. Y. Dispatch.*

An special Communication of the Grand Lodge of England, was held on the 26th ult., for the purpose of adopting an address to her Majesty on the happy recovery of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales from his recent severe illness. On motion of the M. W. the Grand Master, the following address was adopted.

“ ‘ May it please your Majesty,

“ ‘ We, the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, humbly beg leave to offer to your Majesty our heartfelt congratulations upon the recovery of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales from his protracted and dangerous illness. We fervently hope that may it please the Most High speedily to restore his Royal Highness to the complete enjoyment of his former health. We earnestly and sincerely pray to Almighty God that your Majesty may be blessed with health and strength long to reign over a happy and contented people, amongst whom none are more loyal and devoted to your Majesty and your Royal House than your dutiful subjects the Freemasons of England.”

Those of our readers who have not already heard of the recent crusade against the Freemasons of Limerick will doubtless receive the intelligence with considerable surprise. We have always been under the impression that Christmas Day brings with it glad tidings, peace and good-will towards all men; but there are some people who contrive to make exceptions to the general rule. The present attack upon an Order which recognises in its deliberations neither politics nor religion, appears to be one of the most silly and unjustifiable that was ever made. The deplorable condition of the poor of the city is a matter of general remark. During the Christmas holidays our streets have been crowded with poor, wretched, half-clad creatures, begging assistance. For the