

## THE ODD FELLOWS' RECORD.

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## THE PROGRESS OF THE ORDER.

THE tide of Odd Fellowship is rolling rapidly its fast succeeding waves over the world. In Great Britain, the Manchester Unity—whose members, as we have already said, we hail as fellow-workers in the same cause—numbers nearly 300,000 brethren in its ranks; whilst the Sheffield, Bolton, and some other Unities, are also in active, though much less extensive, operation. Several Lodges, in connection with our own branch of the Order, have also been established in England, and have met the most encouraging success.

On this side of the Atlantic, the state of the Order is little less prosperous. The following table will shew the number of Lodges and Encampments in connection with the Grand Lodge of the United States, about the close of the past year. In many of the Districts the numbers are corrected to December last, but the returns from others are of a month or two previous, so that the summary here given falls short of the reality. In addition to these, there are several Lodges in Canada, in connection with the Manchester Unity; besides one, we believe, at New York.

District.	Grand Lodges.	Degree Lodges.	Subordinate Lodges.	Grand Encampments	Subordinate Encampments
New York.....	1	24	202	1	29
Pennsylvania.....	1	9	132	1	21
Massachusetts.....	1	6	108	1	13
Maryland.....	1	1	45	1	8
Ohio.....	1	1	55	1	9
Maine.....	1	2	34	1	8
New Jersey.....	1	...	28	1	12
Connecticut.....	1	...	26	1	9
Indiana.....	1	...	26	...	3
Virginia.....	1	...	27	1	10
Kentucky.....	1	...	23	1	6
Mississippi.....	1	...	16	...	3
Illinois.....	1	...	14	...	4
Missouri.....	1	...	13	1	3
New Hampshire.....	1	2	13	1	5
District of Columbia.....	1	...	11	...	3
Rhode Island.....	1	...	10	...	3
Tennessee.....	1	...	9	...	6
South Carolina.....	1	...	8	1	3
Louisiana.....	1	...	9	...	2
Michigan.....	1	...	10	...	2
Canada.....	1	1	7	...	2
Georgia.....	1	...	7	...	5
Delaware.....	1	...	6	...	1
Texas.....	1	...	5	...	...
Alabama.....	1	...	4	...	1
Wisconsin Territory.....	...	...	4	...	...
Iowa Territory.....	...	...	4	...	...
North Carolina.....	1	...	3	...	3
East Florida.....	...	...	2	...	...
Vermont.....	...	...	2	...	...
Principality of Wales.....	1	...	2	...	...
England.....	...	...	2	...	...
	28	45	867	13	174

Every month, nay, every week, sees many additions to the above roll; and, as one instance, we may mention that there are now 220 Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the State of New York, instead of 202, as in December last. In this Province, an application has been received by the Grand Lodge, for a Charter for a new Lodge to be established in this City; and a Deputation from that R. W. Body are now on their way through Canada West, for the purpose of opening several new Lodges there, at the urgent request of the Brothers residing in that portion of the Province. In our next number we hope to be enabled to chronicle their progress. An application has also been forwarded to the proper quarter, for a Charter for a new Encampment in Montreal, which is expected to be formally opened in the course of this month.

Lodges, chartered by the Manchester Unity, and by the Grand Lodge of the United States, though principally by the former, have been established in Germany, France, Australia, and Malta. Altogether the prospects of the Order are most cheering, and afford bright hopes for days to come.

## A FEW REMARKS ON AN ODD SUBJECT.

THERE can be no doubt that this is a very odd world in many respects, and that there are a great many very odd fellows in it. It is odd in its differences of climate—in its differences of men—in its differences of things. It is odd in its apparent contradictions; and quite as odd in its similarities. It is odd in its physical government, and in its moral systems. It is very odd in its wisdom, and quite as odd in its folly. In short, it is an odd world altogether.

It is an odd thing that men should come into the world, only to make themselves miserable;—that they should go up and down the earth foaming and fretting; chanting a "*quantum patimur*" from the beginning to the end. It is very odd they cannot "take the goods the gods provide them," and be contented. It is odd that the avenues of life should be crowded with such very sour faces;—that to the real, and solid, and unmistakable troubles, should be added a host of imaginary grievances, by those who really hardly know what sorrow is. It is odd that men should prefer the possession of gold, to a pure conscience; and that they should look out from the windows of their carriages, and fancy themselves mighty. It is odd that there should be so much pride mixed up with human clay; and that the bones of millions of forgotten beings, should not have taught mankind humility. It is odd that barbarism and civilisation should walk so close together, and that, amidst the triumphs of human ingenuity and skill, man should still prey upon his fellow man, and only a small minority be Christian. It is odd that those who teach humility should love high places; and that a weekly renunciation of the "poms and vanities of this wicked world," should be held compatible with outward show and splendor. It is odd that worldly charity should be