

The report on Foreign Correspondence is contained in 2 pages from which we extract the following :

" Masonry in Great Britain was never better organized or in a more flourishing condition. In England, where the defection of the Grand Master a few years since seemed to presage disaster, an unexampled prosperity attends the Craft. On the Continent of Europe, where organizations of the Scottish Rite are generally the governing Bodies, Masonry recently has made much progress, particularly in Italy and the Netherlands. In France, it is greatly to be regretted that the *Grand Orient*, the governing body of the Fraternity in that country, at its annual session in September last indicated its purpose to strike from its constitution a recognition of the existence of God and the immortality of the soul. If the Grand Orient of France shall decide to take this step, on the ground of providing for absolute liberty of conscience, it will go far to separate itself and the Masonic Fraternity of France from the respect and fellowship of the Craft in most other jurisdictions."

Lodges, 33.

Members, 4383.

M. W. G. M., Charles R. Cutler, Warren, R. I.

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#### **SOUTH CAROLINA—1877.**

The Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina, commenced at Charleston, Dec. 11th, 1877. There were present—M. W. Bro. Wilmot DeSaussure, Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Charles Inglesby, Grand Secretary, Deputy G. M. Ball, most all the Grand Officers, and seven District Deputies, besides about two hundred and twenty representatives of Lodges.

The Grand Master's address opens with a suitable reference to the losses by death sustained by the Craft, not only in South Carolina, but throughout the land. Among the more distinguished dead he mourned the loss of George Frank Goul  y, of Missouri, of the venerable John Dove, Grand Secretary of Virginia, and of John Atherton Harris, Grand Secretary of New Hampshire.

The G. M. recommended that the Gran Logia de la Isla de Cuba be recognised and welcomed. The action of the Grand Orient of France in excluding from its declaration of principles a belief in the existence of God and of the immortality of the soul, was strongly