

Grand Lodge, on the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, adopted the following Report on Cerneauism :—

That at the present time there is no trouble in the jurisdiction of Oregon on this subject, and it is to be hoped there will not be any in the future ; that it is proper to say to our Brethren that this Cerneau (so-called) Masonry is clandestine, and they are hereby warned not to embrace it, under the penalties that must follow a violation of the edicts touching clandestine Masons found within our Lodges.

The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales was recognized.

The 81 Lodges in this jurisdiction report a membership of 3,544, being a gain of 45 during the year.

Bro. S. F. Chadwick again submits a thoughtful and interesting Report of Foreign Correspondence of 200 pages.

Quebec for 1888 is very fraternally reviewed, and our Report on Foreign Correspondence for that year generously commended. The letter of Frederick the Great in defence of Freemasonry is reprinted from our pages, and we are indebted to Bro. Chadwick for the following :—

We are astonished at the fanatical and bitter spirit manifested by the ultramontane press towards Freemasonry, "under the very shadow of the British flag that waves over the citadel of Quebec." We had supposed that the intelligence of the inhabitants of these provinces had subdued this hostile spirit of the Roman Catholic that in the past has been so unrelenting against Masons. It is to be regretted for the sake of the persecutor, though the result will be an advantage to Freemasonry wherever this spirit of persecution has sway. There are many good Catholics who will never surrender their Masonic ties, and whose Masonic life quietly condemns this effort to make war on Masonry ; and could the persecutors themselves know what folly they are committing, and how little they appear in the light of civilization in this age of the world, they would realize the full Masonic spirit, which says to us, "Forgive them, for they know not what they do."

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