

## FRATERNAL DEAD.

During the year just past six of our Brethren have paid the Tribute that all Nature owes. Let us hope they have been admitted into the Grand Lodge above, there to enjoy that Rest and Refreshment which is the reward of regular and well spent lives. I would recommend that memorial pages be inserted in our proceedings, and refer you to the report of Bro. Grand Secretary for the list of their names.

## FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

Experience proves the great utility of this Charitable Fund in the assistance of transient Brethren and the relief of widows and orphans of our own jurisdiction, especially in cases where appropriations made by Subordinate Lodges have been insufficient to meet the several requirements without material injury to their finances. I look forward to the future in anticipation that, as our means increase, many cases of distress may be alleviated that at present the fund is inadequate to meet.

## RECOGNITIONS.

Applications for recognition have been made by the following Grand Bodies:

Grand Lodge of South Australia.

Grand Lodge of Peru.

Grand Lodge Symbolica Independienta Mexicana, Vera Cruz.

In regard to the second named Grand Lodge I find by referring to the Masonic History of Peru, that, notwithstanding the very great opposition Masonry has had to contend with in consequence of internecine wars and factious opposition, the Brethren have proved themselves to be actuated by true Masonic Zeal, and in 1883 were reorganized with twelve Subordinate Lodges, as a basis of their Grand Lodge.

I would direct your attention to the report of the Board of General Purposes and Sub-Committee on Foreign Correspondence upon this subject, with whose recommendations I am thoroughly in accord.

## REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

I am sorry to be compelled to say that the work of revising the Constitution of our Grand Lodge is not completed. The Board of General Purposes have devoted considerable time to the consideration of this work, having held several meetings of emergency for that purpose, and made considerable progress with the revision; there are, however, some very important matters yet to consider, which need further time. This will, I doubt not, be placed in such