The London Office adopts similar practice. Thus-

Newton & Co., Birmingham,

can be registered in London, say-

Portia, London.

While on the subject of code addresses, it may be mentioned that we do not regard the proper or surname of any individual as a sufficient address, and require it to be registered, as there may be other persons of the same name. Thus—

Thomson, Adelaide,

must be registered.

People complain of this until the reason is explained, when our rule is generally admitted to be a proper one for the protection of the public."

The South Australian rule is the one practically followed in the other Colonies, although we favour the Melbourne modification, which provides that visitors passing through Victoria may register for a month on payment of a fee of 5s.

No. 53.—Telegraph Code, Alteration of

It is recommended the following alterations in the Telegraph Code be made, viz.:-

No. 54.—Rate on Telegraph Messages to and from New Caledonia.

We recommend that messages to and from New Caledonia and New Zealand be treated as International Messages, and charged accordingly

No. 55.—Fire Alarms—Regulations, &c.

We recommend that the Laws and Regulations of the various Colonies with regard to Fire Alarms should be uniform, and advise that a code of Regulations be drafted by the Melbourne, Sydney, and Adelaide offices and considered at next Conference, and that the Regulations should embrace the whole question of the erection of wires of private persons erected by the Department.

No. 56.—Rectifying Telegrams or Repeats for Corrections.

We recommend that the Regulations and Charges agreed to at Brisbane Conference be adopted, and the following arrangement made, viz.:—"Ask by service memo. for repeat, and if repeat is the same as the original copy to be delivered at a charge of half rate. If there has been an error no charge to be made. If no error, Service Memo. to be paid for as well as the half rate for the repeat. Each office to keep its own receipts.

No. 57.—Name of Terminal Country to be given in Foreign Telegrams.

We recommend that in cases of Foreign Telegrams the name of the Terminal Country should be inserted by the sender

No. 58.—Reply Paid Telegrams—Mode of accounting for

We recommend that this be dealt with departmentally by correspondence.

No. 59.—Cablegrams "On Service."

This is now under consideration by the Cable Company

No. 60.—Repeated Telegrams—Uniform mode of dealing with.

We recommend that where a sender of a message pays half rate additional for his message to be repeated, the addressee shall send the repeated copy which is to be delivered to the original sender

No. 61.—Precedence of Press Cablegrams.

The President read the following Report from the Permanent Heads on the subject of Precedence of Press Cable Messages:—

"We recommend that on communication being restored after an interruption, each day's business should be cleared in order of date of despatch, precedence being given to all press messages of same date. This is practically what the Sydney Chamber of Commerce contends for, and we think such an arrangement will be a fair one for all parties interested."