

MASONIC ITEMS.

It is intended to open a Rose Croix Chapter in Sydney at an early date.
—*Freemason, Sydney, N. S. W.*

The temperance move made by the establishment of Wolseley Lodge, still causes considerable comment in Masonic circles in England.

Worthy of Imitation.—A brother of Riverina Lodge has expressed his intention of devising to this lodge, of which he is a member, property to the value of £2,500.

A distinguished brother in Canada thus writes:—"I must congratulate you on the *Freemason*. It is one of the best Masonic papers published. Its editorials are always logical."

"There is no station in life wherein a man may not exercise a wholesome moral influence; and he who neglects this duty will soon or late find his sum of happiness diminish."

Emulation Lodge of Instruction held its annual festival in the Grand Hall, in London, on Friday 24th November, 1882. This lodge works under sanction of "Union Lodge."

The subscription to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution of England amounted this year to £13,047 sterling, with nine lists to be reported.

Grand Secretary has obtained three months' leave of absence for the purpose of visiting the old country. He will probably take a tour through America and Canada. Our W. Bro. leaves by an early mail steamer.—*Freemason.*

Any one aware of the present addresses of Gehaza Carpenter, formerly of Tuscorora, or Phsweken, Ont., will confer a favor by communicating with the office of the *CRAFTSMAN*.

The Masons of Canada will be pleased to greet R. W. Bro. N. Weekes, the able Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, who is now on his way to Europe, and proposes returning home via Canada and the United States.

We hasten to announce, for the information of all Masonic students, as will be seen elsewhere, that through the intermediation of our esteemed Bro. W. H. Rylands, a baptismal entry of the son of a Freemason who is also styled "Gentleman," has been discovered of the date 1608. We venture to think, as we have often before remarked, that in the *terra incognita* of English seventeenth-century Freemasonry some important finds must ere long be made.

The Orient Lodge of Instruction meets regularly every Friday evening, under the auspices of Doric Lodge No. 26, at Miller's Point, Sydney. Aspiring brethren desirous of making progress have here an opportunity of beginning and becoming thoroughly conversant with all the duties required to be performed in regular lodges from the I C to Installing Master. Interesting lectures are delivered each month on subjects of historical and traditional worth, as well as many moot points are traced through many ancient rites, and the similarity shown in connection with Masonry of the present date.

We regret to quote the following paragraph from our esteemed contemporary, the *Freemason*, Sidney, N. S. W. We sincerely trust our brother has long ere this regained his usual good health:—"No doubt many of our brethren in New South Wales have been exceedingly surprised that since Bro. Newton's departure from New South Wales some months back no tidings have been received of his journey through the United States. By recent advices it appears that W. Bro. Newton, who had been in be-"