

EDITORIAL ITEMS.

The Rochester *Tribune*, with its excellent Masonic column under the management of Bro. Townsend, fails to come to hand. How is this?

The Mason, E. F. Durfee, aged 97, and W.M. of a Rochester, N.Y., lodge in 1828, who conferred the degrees on the perjurer Morgan, turns out, so far as Rochester is concerned, to be a myth.

Grand Master Brent, of the Colored Grand Lodge of Missouri, kindly furnishes us with a copy of their Proceedings, from which we find that they have 83 lodges and 2,026 members, an average of 24 members to a lodge.

On St. John's Day, Dec. 27, 1881, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts held its annual feast, and there were present seven survivors of the fifteen hundred brethren who signed the famous Masonic declaration of 1831, of which this was the fiftieth anniversary. The speeches on the occasion were very interesting, especially those of the veterans.

R. W. Bro. Robert Ramsay has been elected an honorary member of Leinster Marine Lodge No. 1, and Farnell Lodge No. 14, Sydney, N. S. W.; also, of Leinster Marine Royal Arch Chapter No. 266, Irish Register, Sidney. We congratulate our brother upon the distinguished honors his Australian brethren have conferred upon him.

The "Freemasons' Repository" very sensibly says:—"When shall we have a new Masonic Temple in Providence? That more ample accommodations for the Craft are needed is generally admitted. It is well, however, to move slowly in such a matter. Better long delays than the entanglements that some jurisdictions have fallen into by building expensive temples." Let New York, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts take note.

There are fourteen colored Grand Lodges that we hear of: Arkansas, Colorado, Dominica, Illinois, Indiana, Liberia, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ontario, Pennsylvania, South Carolina.

Let Canadian (Ontario) Masons reflect. They suspend a man for non-payment of dues, and charge him dues during the period of suspension; i.e., suspend him for poverty, and fine him for remaining poor. They suspend a Mason for flagrant Masonic outrages, but during his suspension he has no dues to pay. Oh, Consistency, thou art a jewel! Could there be a grosser injustice?

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Maine held its annual assembly at Portland on the 3rd ult. No business of general interest. Grand Master A. B. Marston, of Bangor, presided, and was re-elected. M. E. Comp. Drummond, General Grand Master of the United States, installed the officers. The following were the officers elected:—

G. Com.—E. P. Burnham, Saco.
D.G.C.—I. S. Bangs, Waterville.
G. Gen.—John O. Shaw, Bath.
G. Capt. Gen.—C. B. Morton, Augusta.
G. Prelate—E. F. Small, Saco.
G. S. W.—J. F. Leavitt.
G. J. W.—B. F. Andrews, Portland.
G. Treas.—C. Forbes, Portland.
G. Recorder—Ira Berry, Portland.
G. St'd Bearer—W. P. Bailey.
G. Sw'd Bearer—W. F. Bradish.
G. Warder—A. B. Penley, Auburn.
G. C. G.—Warren O. Carney, Portland.

The "Freemasons' Repository" came to hand last month with an excellent steel engraving, as a frontispiece, of the late lamented Bro. Charles H. Titus, Grand Secretary of the G. L. of Massachusetts. Our distinguished brother did not enter the organization until he had reached his fortieth year. The "Repository" says:—"The better our brother was known the better he was loved. His words and his works were always to his praise. He had a noble heart and a generous nature; he