

A NEW lodge, lately established at Petrolia, Pa., had fifty eight Masons on petition for dispensation, and raised one thousand dollars with which to make a fair start.

ON the 19th of August, the corner-stone of the Union Agency building for the five largest nations of Indian Territory—the Cherokees, Choctaws, Creeks, Chickasaws, and Seminoles—was laid at Prospect Hill, near Muskogee, by the Masonic Grand Lodge of the Territory.

CALIFORNIA has 198 subordinate lodges, with a membership of 10,725 Masons.

THE first Masonic Lodge known in France, was instituted at Paris, in 1725, by Lord Derwentwater, and other English brethren. It was chartered by the Grand Lodge of England, and worked the three Degrees.

AID is being asked for the destitute Masons of Indianola, Texas, who lost their Lodge Hall and all its contents.

THE Grand Lodge of Texas held its annual session in June; all dues are paid in gold and silver. Four hundred and eighty lodges reported, with a membership of seventeen thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine. The Grand Lodge is rapidly paying off the debt contracted in building a Masonic Hall at Houston.

THE corner-stone of a new Masonic Hall at Riley, Vigo county, Indiana, was laid with the usual Masonic ceremonies on the 17th of last month. R. W. Bro. Robert Van Valzah, Junior Grand Warden, officiated as Grand Master, and Bro. Bayless W. Hanna was the orator of the day. Terre Haute Commandery, No. 16, K. T., went out as the escort of the Grand Lodge.

THE new Masonic Temple at Albany, N. Y., was dedicated on the 8th September. It was a memorable occasion; the largest assembly of Masons that ever congregated at the capital of the State were present, and every thing passed off pleasantly and with great credit to the fraternity.

MONSIGNOR RONCETTI, the Papal envoy, who was deputed by the Pope to bear to the newly created American Cardinal his berretta of the Cardinalate, was lately appointed Papal Legate to the Republic of Equador, S. A. Owing, however, to the fact that the authorities of Equador have taken the position of defenders of the Craft against the persecutions of the Romanists, the Holy Father has withdrawn his commission to Roncetti, and must look for "Peter's-pence" elsewhere. In spite of all this, Equador will live; and the longer the Papal Legate stops out of the country, the more prosperous will the country grow.—*The Square*.

AT REST.

THE death of Bro Francis Blackburne, Sr., one of the Assistant Grand Secretaries of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is announced.

BRO. WILLIAM KNAPP, one of the oldest Masons in Massachusetts, died at his residence, Newburyport, Sunday, September 12th, ultimo.

BRO. JOHN SUFFRINS, one of the old pioneers of Masonry in Wayne county, Indiana, who was made a Master Mason in the year 1816, died at Richmond, Indiana, on the 8th of September. For many years he was an active worker in the Lodge Chapter and Council, and was also a member of Richmond Commandery, No. 8, Knights Templars.

WE deeply regret to have to record the death of Bro. Rev. John Chambers, Grand Chaplain of both the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania. Bro. Chambers died, however, full of years and full of honors—having well spent a long life. Bro. Chambers was admitted a member of Lodge No. 51, of this city, on May 22nd, 1851. On April 17th, 1856, he was exalted a Royal Arcn Mason, in Oriental Chapter, No. 183. He was created a Knight Templar in St. John's Commandery, No. 4, and upon the formation of Kadosh Commandery, No. 29, he was one of its Charter members. In all of these relations he was beloved and respected by his brethren and companions.

By a slip from D. C. Henderson, of the Allegan, Mich., *Journal*, we are apprised of the death of his father, Bro. James Henderson. Bro. H. came to this country from Scotland in 1834, tarrying for a brief time at Hamilton, Canada, and Rochester, New York. He went to Detroit in 1835, and settled in Allegan in 1838. Mr. Henderson was a liberally educated gentleman, and devoted a large share of his time to the investigation of scientific subjects and the study of mechanics. He was a member of the Thurso (Scotland) Masonic Lodge, having joined that society nearly 60 years ago. When the Allegan Lodge of Masons held their first public installation of officers, Mr. Henderson carried the bible at the head of the procession. He was a cousin and name-sake of the renowned British military hero, Col. James Sinclair of the British Royal Artillery, who had seen much service in the Napoleonic wars in Europe, and whose remains are now deposited in Westminster Abbey. Mr. Henderson studied the profession of law in his native country, and was the private Secretary of Sir John Sinclair.—*Suspension Bridge Journal*.