

land at least, for the sudden conversion of that nobleman made it appear to the eyes of the profane as if there was something wrong in Masonry, when a nobleman of such commanding talents and influence had not only left its ranks but resigned the position of Grand Master. It was then that its enemies rejoiced, and it seemed as if a heavy misfortune had befallen the Order. All has gone well, nevertheless, and Freemasonry in Great Britain has now greater cause for rejoicing than ever. If one Grand Master saw fit to go over to the arch enemy, Freemasonry has gained a grand achievement in obtaining another in the person of the Heir apparent to the crown. Thus, instead of an injury being done, a real good has been accomplished through the extraordinary course taken by the Marquis of Ripon.

In the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Abercorn Freemasonry will find able defenders. There is no fear of their falling away from the ranks, for the one is too loyal "to the faith of his fathers," and the other too old a Mason and so thoroughly at variance with the tenets of the enemies of our Order, that they will adhere to the principles they have sworn to maintain. The Duke of Abercorn holds a high position in the ranks of the nobility, and so greatly is he esteemed that he was unanimously chosen to succeed that good old man and Mason the late Duke of Leinster. The Irish Masons have made a wise choice, particularly at the present juncture, and the selection of the Lord Lieutenant, together with that of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, places Freemasonry in Great Britain in the proudest position it ever occupied.

OUR EXCHANGES.

THE NEW ENGLAND FREEMASON closed its first volume with the December number. It is one of the best Masonic publications in the United States, well written and handsomely printed. It is published in Boston, by Bro. Frank Wood, and edited by Bros. S. D. Nickerson, A. M., and Rev. C. H. Titus, A. M.

THE VOICE OF MASONRY, published in Chicago, by Bro. John W. Brown, has been enlarged, and greatly improved in appearance, the last number being graced with several illustrations. It is now under the joint editorship of Bros. Brown and Dr. Mackey, the latter being among the ablest Masonic writers in America. Dr. Mackey's reputation may be said to be almost world wide. As an authority he has probably no equal. It is satisfactory to find that notwithstanding the loss of the *National Freemason*, Dr. Mackey's services as a writer will not be lost to the Order.

THE LONDON FREEMASON celebrated the advent of the new year by appearing in a handsome new dress of type, which gives the paper a decidedly neat appearance. The *Freemason* is the leading Masonic journal in Great Britain, and we heartily wish it a continuance of the success that has so far attended it.

FREEMASONS' REPOSITORY.—This Magazine is published semi-monthly, at Providence, Rhode Island, and we always welcome it with pleasure. It is issued at the extremely low rate of one dollar a year, and contains a vast amount of interesting matter.

THE MICHIGAN FREEMASON is an excellent monthly magazine, edited by Bro. Dr. Pratt, Grand Secretary of the Michigan Grand Lodge. It is justly regarded as high authority on Jurisprudence. Kalamazoo is the place of publication.