

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

THE NEW YORK MASONIC DEMONSTRATION.

EQUAL in importance, in so far as Masonry in America is concerned, to the event of the installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England, is that of the dedication of the new Masonic Temple of New York. In point of numbers it was fully as great, and only failed in being as imposing because the ceremonies were different. It was certainly one of the most marked events of the age, and will be looked back to as the grandest feature in the annals of Masonry in the United States. There has never been anything to compare with it on this side of the Atlantic, and the New York brethren are to be complimented on the great achievement which gives them probably the finest temple of its kind in the world, and at the same time, a fresh impetus to Masonry, for the uninitiated will not be slow to perceive that there must be something good and grand in the principles of an Order which makes such a magnificent display as that which drew together more than twenty thousand members to assist in the dedication; hence there will be accessions to the ranks at a greater rate than ever before.

The New York demonstration was not necessary to prove the value of Freemasonry, but the event was the result of a common understanding, whereby the new world had to be shown that the Order is not to be despised. It was well that the demonstration took place as the concomitant of a ceremony essential to the proper mode of fitting the temple for the purpose it was meant for; and we trust it has been observed by all outside the pale of Masonry, that the Craft does nothing in connection with the rearing of its temples without it be to convince the world that it is entitled to the respect it claims, while, at the same time it does everything to show its worthiness of the position it holds in the estimation of all whose good opinion is worth having.

ANOTHER ATTACK ON MASONRY.

THE Pope and the Bishop of Orleans, France, have made common cause against Freemasonry. The latter, a short time since, published a violent pamphlet, in which he denounces Masonry as being "in radical antagonism with religion." He says he bases his attack upon what is uttered in the lodges, which is alone sufficient to destroy the whole fabric of his assumptions, for the simple reason, that he can know nothing of what transpires in the lodges. The best proof that he has been imposed upon, is shown in the following shamefully false assertion:

"Christianity is constantly asserted in the lodges to be a lying, bastard, brutalizing religion, which must be annihilated. It is an aggregation of fables, a rotten edifice, which must fall to give place to the Masonic temple."

Bishop Dupanloup is either the dupe of some designing knave, or he is a deliberate slanderer himself. The mere fact of clergymen of all Protestant denominations being members of the Craft ought to satisfy any reasonable person that there can be nothing in Masonry that is opposed to religion. The fulminations of the Roman Catholic priesthood have become so virulent of late that there is evidently an object aimed at, rather the desire—as they express it—of warning their flocks against what they regard as sinful and erroneous. We cannot believe there is a particle of sincerity in the many attacks made upon Free-