

MASONIC BRIEFLETS.

THE report that Dom Pedro, Emperor of Brazil, is a Mason, appears to have arisen out of the fact that he stood by the Masons of Brazil when they were persecuted by the priests. He is himself a Roman Catholic, the *Vice of Masonry* fails to find his name where it ought to be if he were really a Freemason.

TWO NUMBERS of a new monthly Masonic paper, entitled *The Masonic Journal*, has reached us from Louisville Kentucky. It is a highly creditable looking sheet, and gives excellent promise of being up to the mark as a Masonic publication. It seems a little strange however, that a new journal of the kind should be started in the face of the fact that the *Kentucky Freemason* of the same place, an admirable magazine has raised the cry of distress, and appealed to the brethren for better support than it gets.

THE New York *Square* is now published weekly. We are glad to observe that it has changed its opinion of the CRAFTSMAN, and is troubled on account of irregularity in its receipt. The matter will be enquired into, and our Brother of the *Square* will have his wishes attended to. By the way what can have become of the Montreal *Masonic News* which the *Square* pitted against us so unfairly? The last we heard of our Rev. Brother, he was holding forth in the States to a congregation of Israelites. Has he left the magazine and gone into the pulpit? Possibly the *News* is going beyond us to the San Francisco *Craftsman* by mistake; at any rate some months have passed since we saw a number of it.

THE New York *Square* has the following anent the spurious Grand Lodge recently formed in London:

"The Grand Lodge of Canada is annoyed by a spurious body setting up within its jurisdiction, and calling itself the *Grand Lodge of Ontario*. The manifesto of the invaders reads like an advertisement for a life insurance company."

THE Supreme Council, 33^d, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States met at Washington recently. There was a large attendance. Ill. Albert Pike, Sovereign Grand Commander, presided. The King of the Sandwich Islands and his Prime Minister were elected to receive the 33rd degree. Illustrious members were present from Ireland, England, Wales, Belgium, Italy, Greece, Hungary, and Canada. The presentation of a magnificent jewel was made to Ill. Gen. Albert Pike, which cost \$900.

BRO. DR. MACKEY, the well known American Masonic writer is about to travel for the benefit of his health. He is now upwards of seventy years old, and has grown grey in the Masonic service.

A SCANDAL has been brought upon the New York Masonic Temple by the fact of a heathen Baron having had pagan ceremonies performed over him within its walls. The explanation given is, that the use of the hall was given by a Rev. Mr. Frothingham who rents it for religious purposes. The New York brethren should not have permitted such desecration. Mr. Frothingham is evidently as great a pagan as the members of the "Theosophic Society" who took so much trouble to bury the Baron.

A CONFLICT is likely soon to arise, in consequence of the course adopted by some of the European Grand Lodges in recognizing the Colored Grand Lodges of Ohio and Missouri. The Orient of France is the last to recognize them. It seems strange that a conflict of jurisdictions is not seen by the European Grand Lodges as the result of acknowledging Colored Grand Lodges.