

THERE are in the Argentine Republic fourteen Lodges and fourteen Chapters. These Chapters are probably those of the high grades.

THE Grand Lodge of Arkansas embraces 321 Lodges, with 10,643 members. The net increase in membership during the year has been 211.

THERE are nine Lodges in Montevideo, under a Grand Orient; one under the Grand Orient of France, and the Acacia under, it is stated, the Grand Lodge of England.

IN Brazil the struggle is still continued between the Roman Catholic hierarchy and the Freemasons, but we have no doubt whatever of the ultimate triumph of Masonry.

FROM Sweden we hear that on the 8th November, H. M. King Oscar assumed his post as Grand Master of the Freemasons for Sweden and Norway, at a meeting of the Masonic order.

DURING the past three years 44 Lodges have been chartered by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and 7,583 members admitted and registered in the books of the Grand Lodge.

THE Grand Lodge of Alpina, Switzerland, is apparently remodeling its constitution, and proposes to base henceforth its membership and actual recognition of Freemasonry on the three Craft degrees.

THE Dutch have elected Prince Henry as successor to Prince Frederick in the Grand Mastership. Prince Frederick has been a Freemason fifty-seven years, and still remains Protector of the Dutch Grand Lodge.

THE Spanish Grand Lodge seems slowly increasing amidst the sad extensive commotion of its suffering country, and appears now to direct and control ninety-three Lodges, of which twenty-six are at Madrid, and the rest in the three provinces of Andalusia, Valencia, and Catalonia.

FROM Tobago we hear that its Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 24th Sept., under the P. G. M., the Hon. Joseph King Wattley, Chief Justice of Tobago, and from New Zealand we are informed that on July 6th a new Lodge was consecrated at Reefston, to be called "The Pacific Lodge of Reefston."

IN Portugal, according to the *Boletim Official* of the "Grand Orient Lusitanian United Supreme Council" of Portuguese Freemasonry, there are now eighty-one Lodges under the Grand Lodge, and two Masonic journals are published, one at Coimbra, the other at Lisbon. Portuguese Freemasonry is apparently divided into seven degrees, and includes what we term the "high grades."

IN San Domingo there are four Masonic organizations, united under one "Grand National Central Orient"—a Symbolical order, a Perfect order, a Philosophical order, and an Administrative order. Freemasonry in San Domingo seems, therefore, to be a union of Craft Masonry with high foreign grades, formed probably on some of those systems which at one time had such an extensive existence in Continental Freemasonry.

FROM Mexico comes the account, sad in itself, that Freemasonry there, instead of being a harbinger of peace, is as it were the cause of continued enmity and opposition among the brethren. Surely it is a deplorable fact, as Bro. Huber justly calls it, that the three Mexican orders or jurisdictions, the "Ancient and Accepted Scotch Rite," the "National Mexican Rite," and the "Ancient Modified Scotch Rite," have mutually excommunicated each other, and have forbidden the Masons of one organization to associate with the members of the other two rites.

AN OLD FREEMASON.—A late number the San Francisco *Bulletin* speaks of a Mr. David Stiles, who is 102 years old, and has been a Mason seventy-one years of that time. His Masonic history is alike interesting and honorable to him. He has been a Mason seventy-one years, and is, no doubt, the oldest Mason on this continent. He was made a Mason at Toronto, C. W., December 28, 1796, when William Jervis was Grand Master of Canada. The Lodge at Toronto was No. 16 of that jurisdiction. He has assisted in forming very many Lodges, and is now a member of Hazel Green Lodge No. 43, of Illinois.

THE Grand Lodge of New Jersey has elected the following Grand officers for the ensuing year: M.W.G.M., W. A. Pembroke, of Elizabeth; R.W.D.G.M., James V. Bentley, of Morristown; R.W.S.G.W., Marshall B. Smith, of Passaic; R.W.J.G.W., Joseph L. de la Cour, of Camden; R.W.G.T., Charles Bechtel, of Trenton; R.W.G.S., Joseph H. Hough, of Trenton; R.W.D.G.S., W. D. Rutan, of Jersey City; Grand Chaplain, the Rev. Henry Veshlage; Senior Grand Deacon, J. C. Fitzgerald; Junior Deacon, R. J. Wylie; Grand Marshal, Charles Russ; Stewards, B. B. Pearce and M. B. Taylor; Sun Bearer, Henry J. Irick; Grand Pursuivant, J. W. Swope; Grand Tyler, Amos Howell; District Deputy Grand Masters—First, J. H. Stevens; Second, R. C. Bugby; Third, A. A. Ward; Fourth, George W. Jones; Fifth, J. H. Bunting; Sixth, J. L. Clark; Seventh, John Kennard.