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ABROAD.

SIXTY-FOUR new Lodges were added to the roll of Grand Lodge of England this year.

THE number of affiliated Masons in Texas is 18,206; the number initiated the past year is 1,013; affiliated, 1,117; dimitted, 1,555; expelled, 45; suspended, 451; reinstated, 215; deaths, 275; charity fund, \$1,757; dues, \$11,461; lecture fund, \$4,448. The amount contributed to the coast sufferers by September, 1875, cyclone, was \$1,840.

To abate the rush into Freemasonry in London, it is proposed to increase the fee^s about fifty per cent, but it is admitted that the remedy will not be effectual, because the real remedy needed is greater caution in investigating the character and standing of candidates.

THE Philadelphia *Chronicle* says that the Masons of Camden, Pa., are contemplating the purchase of the lot occupied by the old City Hall in that place, and erecting thereon a Masonic Temple.

THE Grand Comandery of Ohio has appropriated \$3,000 toward entertaining the Grand Encampment of the United States at the Tri-ennial Conclave to be held at Cleveland, O., in 1877.

FROM the reports of Lodge meetings as published in the *Australian Free-Mason*, the Lodges in Australia appear to be in a flourishing condition. Most of them if not all, are working under authority of the Grand Lodge of England.

THE rent of the best Lodge rooms in Chicago is \$800 per annum for each Lodge occupying the same, and each Lodge has the privilege of meeting weekly. The Lodges of Philadelphia that occupy the Masonic Temple of that city, pay a rental of \$600 per annum. A reduction is promised after December next.

BRO. R. WENTWORTH LITTLE, Secretary of one of the great public Masonic Charities of England—the Girls' School, is an honorary member of eighty Lodges and Chapters. He has passed the chair of every degree claiming to be in any degree Masonic in England. He is the present editor of *The Rosicrucian*.

THERE are a number of subordinate bodies now at work in Valparaiso, Chili—two of them working under the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, one under the Grand Lodge of England, and one under that of Scotland. All meet in the same building, and the most fraternal relations exist between them.

MASONIC CHIT-CHAT.

The Masonic hall at Woodville, Tenn., was nearly demolished by the terrible wind, hail and rain storm that visited that town on the 23rd of October.

The new Masonic Hall at Port Royal has been completed and furnished, and the members of Phoenix Lodge, No. 914, have now fine quarters. A Royal Arch Chapter is about to be established, with every prospect of a large membership. A Preceptory of K. T. is also spoken of. The lodge at Port Royal has a large number of visiting brethren, principally seamen from the steamers and ships of the United States and England.

The proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, had last month, were printed and ready for distribution four days after the Grand Chapter closed. The proceedings make a pamphlet of about one hundred and fifty pages.

Several of the Lodges in New York city and elsewhere, at stated meetings, occupy the evenings when no work is to be done by reading short essays previously prepared, on various subjects, and also selections from the best authors. The best speakers and readers of the Lodges are previously notified to prepare themselves when wanted.

The Secretary of every Lodge in the city of Glasgow, Scotland, and in all Lodges holding under that Grand Lodge, keeps a set of Lodge books, four in number. The *first* is a petition book, which is required to have an index. The *second* is the regular minute book, or record of the Lodge. The *third* is the attendance book, whose name explains itself. The *fourth*, which is more particularly under the control of the Treasurer, is the cash book. Patterns of these books are kept for inspection in the Freemasons' Hall, at Edinburgh, and the Grand Lodge takes charge of furnishing them whenever existing books become full.