

## INTELLIGENCE.

## Cheltenham, England.

Many letters calculated to throw light on the ecclesiastical history, and sentiments of the leading brethren in Cheltenham are in our possession, and would be interesting to our readers, but for the present these must be passed over, and we here give our last communication from Bro. T. H. Phelps under date of Feb. 8, which runs as follows: "Dear Brother. Your welcome letter to hand more than a week ago, and we were all very pleased that we were to have the MESSENGER. I had begun to despond, but the cloud was only temporary. We poor mortals are apt to lool at the dark side of the picture. I hope the MESSENGER will be a success, and also be the means of uniting the scattered members of the "body of Christ." We have needed a magazine sadly, and as we all profess to be of one family, "The Church of God," surely then we ought to be united, each having a care for the other. I fear that in the past too much time has been devoted to discussing of doctrines, to the neglect of practical matters. Some think if they have believed the Gospel, and submitted to baptism, that they are all right, no further need of troubling themselves, but what a delusion. I hope some good sound advice will appear in the MESSENGER on this question, also on the necessity of the Memorial Feast being observed every first day of the week. I suppose you have heard from Bro. Boulter before this. In a letter from him last month he stated that he had written to you, and sent subscriptions for the MESSENGER. (The letter with contents came all right.—Ed.) I think you may as well send all the MESSENGERS, to me

except what go to London. I have received subscriptions from the brethren at Blackpool and Hull. I have not got all the money in yet, but hope to send you £6 or £7 shortly. Most of this is donations, but we will be able to send a few copies to various places with the prospect of getting subscribers. I am sorry to say Bro. Dealtry has been very unwell, in fact he kept his room three weeks, with bronchitis. He is now able to come down stairs, and we hope in a few days that he will be able to go out. We miss him at our meetings. We are badly off for speakers. I was glad to hear that Bro. Lavish is assisting you, and taking an interest in the work. I should think him well able to write for the MESSENGER, judging from his review of R. Roberts, and his letters to Bro. Dealtry. Have you "Taylor's book on the Fourth Gospels," and did you receive the printed copies of Bro. Lavish's letter. (We have the book and received the letters.—Ed.) Do you know Joel A. Simmons. He writes a good article in the last issue of the *Millenarian* on the Resurrection. (We have read many articles from Bro. Simmons.—Ed.) I hope you get the support of all the American brethren. Bro. Lyon is now advanced in years, but no doubt he will assist yet. (Bro. Lyon is a faithful servant, and we hope he will not die till Messiah comes.—Ed.) I hope that Bro. Dealtry will write you an article shortly. I hear from Bro. Davis and wife (of Buffalo) sometimes, and glad to hear they are doing so well. They told me in their last letter, of their visit to Bro. Lyon. I should like also to have been there, and to see you all, but the distance is too great. If the Lord does not return, I may visit you some day. I suppose you have read the speech of Prince Bismarck which seems to occupy so much of the papers at present. There seems to be no reason, as far as I can see, to believe