

sion, of sign and movement, all tend to develope those traits of character which make men strong and true. But the great reason of the perpetuity and conserving power of Masonry is found in the foundation principle. No matter how goodly the building, it cannot endure unless built upon a solid foundation. The Temple was built upon the living rock, and Masonry is built upon the Rock of Ages—the living God. Faith in God is the fundamental principle of our Order. Our ancient brethren built wisely in settling this as the foundation stone of the edifice they were raising. Faith is not a cold, philosophical abstraction; not a dreary, hazy thought, that perchance somewhere there may be a mysterious Being, unknown and unknowable; but it is a living faith in a personal God, whose superintending providence we recognize. In such a God we have in the most solemn manner avowed our trust. This faith is the foundation of every edifice in which man can securely rest. (Government and law, business, social order, philosophy and religion, all rest upon this as a fundamental principle. God is the ground of Right, and in Him all moral distinctions take their rise. Built upon this living rock, Masonry will endure the storm of ages.)

GRAND LODGE OF NEW MEXICO.

Our thanks are due to Right Wor. Bro. D. J. Miller, of Santa Fe, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of New Mexico, for copy of proceedings of Grand Lodge of New Mexico, for 1881. We notice by the volume before us, there were four special communications, one being at Globe city, Arizona, Feb. 22nd, for the purpose of consecrating the lodge there. The fourth annual communication was held at Los Cruces, Dec. 19, 20 and 21. Grand Master Newcomb delivered an interesting address. The difficulties

with Silver City Lodge and Grand Lodge of Missouri were adjusted. The Foreign Correspondence Report, from which we have culled greatly, is excellent, and again from the pen of Bro. Huggins, who knows how to take his own part. The proceedings are well gotten up, and divided into three parts. Few Grand Lodges surpass our youngest sister in this respect. Bro. Henry L. Waldo, of Santa Fe, was elected Grand Master, and the able and efficient Bro. D. J. Miller, of the same city, again elected Grand Secretary. Seven lodges and two hundred and forty three Masons. The Grand Master reported further recognitions, making in all forty-five. We wish the Grand Lodge of New Mexico every success.

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

LAYING THE CORNER STONE—IMPOSING
MASONIC CEREMONY—THE BISHOP
AND THE GRAND MASTER.

On the eighteenth ult., (Ascension day) the corner stone of the Episcopal church of St. John, West Shefford, was laid. After participating in a hearty banquet in the town hall the brethren adjourned to the lodge-room, where a special communication of Grand Lodge was held. They then marched in procession to the old church—the foundations of which were being pulled to pieces in an unsuccessful attempt to find the old corner stone and the records. The Bishop and clergy fell in at the rear. After marching once round the church, the Masons formed in double line and allowed the clergy to pass through on to the platform. There were present, besides the Bishop, the Revs. Canon Davidson, J. Merrick, W. B. Longhurst, F. R. Smith and E. C. Saunders, the incumbent. Among the Masons, who numbered fifty or seventy-five, were Brothers J. H. Graham, LL.D., G.M.; Hobart Butler, M.A.