

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Grand Lodge of New South Wales claims that it has on its roll a majority of the Masons in that colony.

The London *Freemason* complains that the charities are not so well supported by the country lodges as they should be.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—We are in receipt of proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, from June 1881 to June 1882. We shall have pleasure in reviewing the same next month.

The Freemasons of Cincinnati, Covington and Newport, have organized for dispensing relief, and telegraphed to Toledo, Sandusky and Cleveland for rowboats, all they can send, to be used for that purpose.

A *dimit* shows that its holder is *not* a member of a lodge; the *diploma* that he is a member, or was at the period of its date. A diploma, if not too old, is a good document to travel on; a *dimit* is the worst paper a traveling Mason can carry.

Immorality is un-Masonic; so is irreligion. If a Mason violates the moral law, he forswears himself, and if he denies the existence of a God, he forsakes the faith of his solemn vow, and becomes an apostate. In either case he ceases to be a Mason, no matter what lodge he may belong to, or how many grades he may number. And though not formally charged and arraigned, he is nevertheless liable to a certain tormenting discarding, and exposes himself to a denial of all official and exemplary stations.

All the Commanderies of Knights Templar in San Francisco are crowded with work, holding special meetings two and three times a week. If it is found necessary, to complete their work before the meeting of the Triennial Conclave, they will use every night in the week, except Sunday.

The Lodge of Israel, Birmingham, England, has been established by Jewish Brethren for the comfort of persons of their own religious belief. The fees are high, the annual dues being fifteen dollars, and all banquets are to be supplied with food prepared according to the Jewish rites. The W. M. and Stewards have to see that proper vessels are provided, and that "grace after meat" be said in Hebrew, the Jewish Brethren having their heads uncovered. Full evening dress is insisted upon.

The Masonic Orphan Asylum of Oxford, North Carolina, now cares for 150 orphans. Up to December, 1881, 628 orphans had been admitted. The Grand Lodges of Connecticut, California and New Hampshire are moving in the direction of establishing Masonic Homes, and the Craft in Pennsylvania have likewise taken the initiative in this laudable direction. The Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, of Louisville, Kentucky, since its incorporation in 1867 has received nearly 300 beneficiaries, and its disbursements in the same time have been \$316,600. Last year its expenses were \$9,345. The 15,000 Masons of Kentucky are doing well for the cause of Masonic charity. It is time for the Grand Lodge of Canada to move in this matter.