

No 2, Vol. I, of *Progress*, St. John, N. B., has come to hand. It is bright-looking, clean and newwy. It has a column of "Lodge-Room Echoes."

THE Supreme Council A. and A. S. R. for the Southern Jurisdiction, U. S. A., is issuing a series of *Bulletins*, to show that the "Cerneanites" are not recognized abroad.

THE Centenary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was celebrated in Albert Hall, Kensington, London, on the 9th inst., the G. M., the Prince of Wales, presiding.

THE Grand Lodge of Scotland pays no mileage or per diem, but requires office-bearers to pay the following sums named into the benevolent fund before installation: Grand Master, £10 10 s.; Deputy Grand Master, £5 5s.; Grand Senior Warden, £3 8s.; Grand Junior Warden, £3 3s.; Grand Chaplain, £1 10s.; Grand Senior and Junior Deacons, each £2 2s.; and so on to the end. No one is excused, but all pay.

MORE WISDOM FOR THE COGITATION OF THE OWLS.—*Kansas Light*, for April, has some sage remarks in these birds of the night. Harken to them: "Some of the Masonic press mention a 'newly-formed branch of Masonry,' the 'International Owls,' an invention of some of the members of the General Masonic Relief Association. With the 'Mystic Shrine,' the 'Owls Nest,' and other 'social addenda,' pure and undefiled Freemasonry is becoming hidden from sight, and the time is approaching, —perhaps now is—when the three degrees of Craft Masonry will be used only as a means of obtaining admission to 'clubs' devised for social purposes."

OUR spruce little exchange "The South African Freemason," is published weekly at Oathart, Cape Colony. It has reached the 25th No., Vol. I. We wish it long life and prosperity.

MASONRY existed before books were printed, before gunpowder was invented, and before America was discovered or steamboats dreamed of. We know that railroads, telegraphs, telephones and steam-engines were not thought of when Masonry was being exemplified over a great portion of the world. We know that new nations have been created and old ones have passed away; that new and marvelous inventions have been made, and that the world's history has been written and re-written over and over again since Masonry was first taught to man; yet the principles of Masonry are but little changed, because time cannot destroy truth, and because the calls of humanity and the emotions of the human heart are the same to-day as always. These are like the inspirations of religion, or the love we have for home and kindred.—*Anonymous*.

How many Masons there are who seem to be satisfied with what they can learn of the Craft—its history, traditions, symbolism, work and progress—by what they can gather in the lodge room, or by consulting the pages of a pocket monitor! The literature of the institution is to them a closed book. They never think of acquiring a Masonic library. They do not even care to subscribe for and read a Masonic magazine. Some lodges are made up of this material. We have in mind a flourishing town where a lodge has been in existence many years, but thus far no agent of any Masonic publication has been able to obtain a subscriber though the attempt has frequently been made. Reading Masons are at a discount in that lodge, its members being content, we suppose, with knowledge obtained in the lodge room.