

Bengal, India, has thirty-two mark Lodges, with 391 members; twelve Royal Arch Chapters, with a membership of 330.—*Tyler*.

Senor Sagasta, the prime minister of the most Catholic country on the face of the earth—namely, Spain—holds the rank of Grand Master of the Freemasons in that country.

Freemasonry is making rapid strides in Johannesburg, South African Republic, the inauguration of three new Lodges within six months being a record for which Masonic annals have few parallels, and there is more than a possibility of at least two others being added to the number in a few months. At the consecration of Douglas Lodge, Jeppe's Town, 120 brethren were present.

There are half a dozen Masonic Halls in Stockholm. The Knights Templar have a magnificent church, handsomely decorated and furnished, the organ costing about \$5,000. The building will accommodate about 700. The richness of the upholstery throughout the building is amazing. Only the hall for the first and second degrees and the Templar's Chapel can be seen by the public. The remainder is not shown except to those who have attained the higher grades of the A.A.S.R. An inspection of the edifice is in itself a Masonic education.

We are pleased to learn that a compromise has been effected between the Royal Arch Chapter of Victoria working under the Grand Chapter of Canada, who have now amalgamated with the Supreme Grand Chapter of Victoria. Hopes are entertained that "The Mark" Lodges under the E.C., S.C. and Canadian may be induced to join issue so as to form a Grand Mark Masters Lodge in Victoria.—*Freemason's Chronicle, Sydney*.

The only country in Europe in which Freemasonry is not allowed to exist, besides Austria proper, is Russia. It was suppressed in 1820, and in 1822 the Czar issued a *ukase* forbidding the

Lodges to re-open at any future time. That law is still rigorously enforced.

Brethren who do not feel honoured by being offered what may be considered inferior offices in Grand Lodge, might with profit scan the appointments of Grand Lodge Officers in England, as given in the *Freemason*, April 27th, and see the class of men who feel honoured in accepting the lowest offices. The S.G. Deacons are the Rt. Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, (Q.C.); Sir F. Seager Hunt, Bart., M.P., and Bro. C. F. Marshall, who was an Installed Master in 1861, and held office as Prov. S.G.W. in two provinces, and held high office in most of the side degree; the Grand Swordbearer is a Colonel and a C.B.; and the G. Pursuivant is a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society since 1862, and the author of valuable books on navigation and seamanship.—*The Australian Keystone*.

The Grand Superintendent of Wellington (N.Z.), in addressing the ladies at a Lodge function, referred to the female Lodges working in America, stating that the leading feature of these organizations was the obligation to nurse sick members when called, and that Freemasonry on these lines would present no attraction to the New Woman, whose constant aim is the display of her manly attributes to the exclusion of all womanly qualities.—*New Zealand Craftsman*.

Every one has noticed on the crisp bills issued by the government the neat, but strong signature of D. N. Morgan, and underneath it, "Treasurer of the United States." He was the man who, a little more than two years ago, gave Uncle Sam a receipt for \$740,000,000. In the great procession he was hidden away among his modest brother Knights, patiently tramping with the Hamilton commandery of Bridgeport, Conn. Treas. Morgan was born and educated in Bridgeport, and until his appointment to this government office in 1893, was a leading bank president at Bridge-