

### ITALIAN MASONRY.

A new departure may be said to have been taken in Italy by an attempt which, if successful in its aim, cannot fail to be of the very highest importance. Several English residents in Naples, a short time ago, determined to start a new Lodge there, to work and in all respects to be conducted in the spirit and in the letter of English Masonry. With this object, they have obtained a warrant from the Supreme Council of Italy, containing the usual permission to consecrate, and naming Brothers Borsari and Panunzi, W. Masters of two Italian Lodges, and Brothers Hall and Elworthy, to carry out the duty.

The warrant contains a special and hitherto unprecedented authority, for not only is the Lodge permitted to work in the English language, but also in accordance with the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England.

The ceremony of consecrating the new Lodge, appropriately called "Anglia," was performed by Brother F. T. Ellworthy, P. M. 261, W. M. 1866, in the presence of a large gathering of (upward of sixty) Past Masters and Brethren of Italian Lodges, who were attracted by the novelty of the event, and also by their desire to witness the English method of working.

In his opening address the Consecrating Officer dwelt upon the importance of the attempted reform as regards Masonry in Italy, and on the great responsibility thereby incurred by the founders of this new Lodge. Having reminded them of the high and noble principles of Masonry, he very pointedly referred to the devout and religious tone of the Order as practiced in England, both in its ritual and in its teaching, while at the same time very strictly prohibiting all controversy upon religion or politics. He went on to express his firm

opinion that the rigid enforcement of this law causes Masons to remain conscious of their obligations and in a great measure has led to the great power for good which is undoubtedly the attribute of English Masonry. He concluded by devoutly hoping the G. A. O. T. U. would so prosper this little beginning that it might quickly bring forth such fruit that Italians might quickly see all hostility to their Order cease, and before long reckon among their number, not only their King and his son, but, like their Brethren in England, the clergy of every degree.—London Freemason.

### AN OLD MASONIC CHARGE.

PROPER TO BE DELIVERED BY THE JUNIOR WARDEN, AT MERIDIAN.

Brethren—The Lodge being about to suspend its labors for a short time, you may amuse yourselves with rational gaiety, but you must be peculiarly watchful not to run to excess. Masonry commands us to force no Brother to do any thing contrary to his inclination, to offend him neither by actions or by words; you will, therefore, permit him to act as is agreeable to himself, and make him as happy as you can. Indecent or immoral discourse is unbecoming a Mason, and you must always avoid it.

At home and abroad show that you have improved by the lessons you have here been taught; show yourselves fonder lovers of wisdom, and more strict observers of morality. It is needless to warn you to be so cautious in your words and actions as not to give the most acute and prying stranger the least opportunity of discovering what is not proper to be intimated; or, against disclosing the private transactions of our different assemblies; you are all Masons, and honor, and the reputation of the society at large, will guide your actions.