

under excellent management and of most respectable dimensions, and there is a good macadamized road running from Nelson city to miles far beyond it, a four-horse coach runs there daily, and a railway from Nelson to the district is now being constructed.

Coming nearer home we have the following Masonic intelligence from

THE STATE OF MAINE.

The *Masonic Token*, published at Portland, says: A new Chapter was formed at Winthrop, September 3rd, by Grand High Priest Burbank, and the officers installed. St. Omer Commandery was constituted at Waterville, on the 13th October. The notable feature was the chanting of the Lord's Prayer. A new hall was opened at Auburn recently, which is spoken of as very fine. The opening was largely attended by ladies in the evening. A new lodge, F. A. & A. M., has been established at Stockton. A new monthly journal called *The Relief Oracle* has been started at Portland, devoted to the Relief Association. At Rockland an association has been in force twelve months, which now numbers 256 members.

MASONIC PUBLICATIONS.

BRO. RANSOM, of the *Masonic Tidings*, Suspension Bridge, has commenced the publication of a series of cheap Masonic publications, the first number of which, "The Signet of Hiram," has just been issued. It purports to be a tale of the first temple, and is, of course, a work of fiction; the compiler, however, expresses the hope that the reader may be enabled to discern in it traces of our fraternity. The series will comprise five parts, all forming a good Masonic Library. Part first will be in three numbers, under the title of "Three Eras in Masonry." The others will be "Masonic Addresses," in three numbers; "Poetry of Masonry," in three numbers; "Outlines of Masonic History," in four numbers; and "Masonic Jurisprudence, as practised in the United States." Each number is published at twenty-five cents.

ENCAMPMENT AT NEW ORLEANS.

WE have to acknowledge the receipt of a circular of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, for the United States, Sir John Quincy Adams Fellows, M. E. Grand Master, announcing the intention of holding its Triennial stated meeting, the nineteenth, at New Orleans, on the first Tuesday of December, inst. From appearances, it is likely to be largely attended, as various Commanderies have made arrangements to be present. Special trains were to leave some of the principal cities, under the management of Messrs. Cook & Co., of New York. A steamer was to leave Memphis, another St. Louis, a third Cairo, and a fourth Dayton, Ohio. The *Masonic Token* gets off the following joke in speaking of the proposed gathering:

"Louisiana is a great place for Masonry," said the Major, as he filled out a check for the Louisiana sufferers.

"When I was on the Red River I asked a darkey what his religion was. 'Missis is Catholic and Massa's a Freemason,' said he

"What's the difference," said I.

"Missis goes to church ebry Sunday, and Massa, he goes down to New Orleans twice a year."

We know that New Orleans is a lively place to go to, for we have frequently heard some one sing about it in Albert Pike's 'Old Arkansas Gentleman,' and we doubt not our delegates will be made happy there by those genial gentlemen whose names are household words with us."