

EDITORIAL ITEMS.

THE *Saturday Evening Spectator*, of Minneapolis, Minn., has two columns of fraternity news.

MOST SENSIBLE.—The *Index* of the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England lacks but a few pages of being one quarter of the whole.

ENGLAND.—The foundation stone of the Technical Schools, at Blackburn, Lancashire, was laid on May 9 by H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, assisted by many of the officers and members of Grand Lodge, and Provincial Grand Lodges.

SCOTLAND.—The Bi-centenary of Leith and Canongate Lodge was celebrated with great *eclat* on May 3, in Duke-street Hall, Leith. This lodge was the result of a secession from Mary's Chapel Lodge, No. 1, Edinburgh,—which took place in 1677.

GRAND LODGES.—The Grand Lodge of England (afterwards called the "Moderns"), was founded in 1716-7; that at York, 1725; Ireland, 1728-9; Scotland, 1736; the Grand Lodge of all England (the "Ancients"), 1750-3; and by the union of the "Ancients" and "Moderns" the present United Grand Lodge of England was formed in 1813.

IRELAND.—A very largely attended and brilliant ball, took place at the Leinster Hall, Dublin, on May 11, in aid of the Irish Masonic Charities. Amongst other notabilities present were Prince and Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar, the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn, Sir Edward and Lady Guinness, Lord Justice FitzGibbon, Lord Wolmer, &c. It was a brilliant success.

THE ever welcome *Token*, of Portland, Me., is at hand, laden with its condensed Quarterly budget of important Masonic information.

"H. L. Robinson, Esq., returned home from the South on Saturday, standing the journey exceedingly well. Since arriving home he is able to sit up at short intervals, and altogether he is recovering as rapidly as could be expected. It will be some time yet, however, before he will be able to attend to business."—(Waterloo, Que., *Advertiser*, June 8.)

All will rejoice at the prospect of the speedy recovery to his usual health of the esteemed Grand Master of Quebec.

THE Councils of Royal and Select Masters appear to be numerous in the United States, and the membership very considerable. In Indiana there are 41 councils, with a membership of 1765; in Maine there are 13 councils and 1081 members; in Michigan, 44 councils and 2143 members; in Minnesota, 6 councils and 444 members; in Missouri, 9 councils and 345 members; in New Hampshire, 10 councils and 955 members; in New Jersey, 7 councils and 382 members; and in Vermont, 18 councils, 855 members.—*London Freemason*.

BLACK OR WHITE?—Before you cast a black-ball—just think. Your conscience will tell you what is right, and be guided thereby. How often do we find the black-ball cast by some who delight to stab in the dark, and thus in their own minds have revenge for an imagined wrong. How unfair it is to the man, who, in sweet innocence, believes that he is about to enter an association with principles the very antithesis of revenge, little suspecting that his supposed friend is the very one to show ill-feeling, spit at his record, and say with a tongue tipped with venom, "You shan't come in here, because I don't like you."—*Anon.*