

THE Masonic journal published in British India is well sustained, and worthily represents the fraternity of that far off land.

THE Grand Orient of France has given formal recognition to the Grand Lodges of colored Masons, so-called, in Ohio and Missouri.

LODGE "Isthmus of Suez" No. 192, celebrated St. John's Day with a banquet, which was numerously attended by the dignitaries of the Khedive.

JUNE 10th a new Lodge was instituted, to be known as "The Mauritius Lodge of Harmony, No. 1325," Island of Mauritius, English register.—*Square*.

R. W. BRO. BLACKSHEAR has been appointed Grand Rep. of Egypt near the Grand Lodge of Georgia, and Bro. Oddi to represent the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

THERE are one hundred and sixteen Masonic Lodges in British India; ninety-six of them chartered by the Grand Lodge of England, and twenty by the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

M. W. BRO. GIUSEPPE GARIBALDI has been created Honorary Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Egypt, by a decree issued at Alexandria, by Grand Master S. A. Zola, dated May 27, 1876. Bro. Garibaldi acknowledges the honor in a very fraternal letter addressed to Bro. Zola from Caprera, his present residence.

THE Craft in Cincinnati intend to erect, at an early date, a new Masonic Temple, to cost a half million dollars. Their present elegant and spacious Temple, fully equal, it is said, to any in the West, it is not sufficient to accommodate the various branches of the Fraternity in that beautiful and rapidly growing city, and hence this new enterprise.

THE Crown Prince of Germany spoke as follows at the recent great Masonic Festival at the Hague: "Nationalities have created frontiers; Freemasonry desires charity, tolerance, and liberty without distinction of frontiers. I am happy, on this day, which I shall never forget, to be able to raise my voice in Holland to testify my adhesion to the principles of the Fraternity and to express the hope that, in the struggles engaged in for the free development of the peoples and the liberty of the human mind, the final victory will remain with the Fraternity."

THE London Masonic Club, located at 101 Queen Victoria Street, has just been opened with *clat*, Deputy Grand Master Lord Skelmersdale presiding at the inauguration banquet. Letters of regret at absence were read from the following distinguished Brethren:—The Earl of Limerick, ex-Lord Mayor Stone, ex-Sheriff Hutton, Queen's Counsel Waddy, and other London notables. In his response to the toast drank to the city of London, Bro. J. B. Monckton noticed the fact, that a very large proportion of the members of the corporation of the city of London are Freemasons.

THE brethren at Sydney, New South Wales, are agitated by a late occurrence there which clearly demonstrated to what extremes some will go in order to exhibit their bitter hostility to Freemasonry. A brother had arrived there in great distress, and being a member of that denomination, he was visited by nuns of the Catholic Church. He made known his circumstances, but upon their ascertaining that he was a *Mason*, they left him to *die in want*. The matter coming to the attention of the Craft, his brethren very soon relieved his pressing necessities, provided for his family, and finally followed him in solemn procession to his last resting place.

A NEW Lodge has just been constituted in the old city of York, England—the mother city of Masonry in England. It is No. 1611 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, and styled Eboracum Lodge. The Earl of Zetland acted as Grand Master, and performed the ceremonies of constitution. There is but one other Lodge in York, and it has been 99 years since it was constituted. Eboracum Lodge is the fortunate possessor of an ancient Bible, which bears on its fly-leaf the following inscription: "This Bible belongs to the Freemasons meeting at Mr. Howard's, 1760." This valuable memento of the Craft, and of a Lodge now extinct, has been generously presented to the Eboracum Lodge by Mr. Carter, of Stonegate, in whose possession it has remained for many years. The other Lodge in York is York Lodge, No. 236 which possesses so many valuable relics of the Old Grand Lodge of York.

PALESTINE EXPLORATION FUND.—The committee of this Society have received from the Foreign Office a copy of a vizierial letter, in which the Governor-General of Syria is directed to recover from the people of the Sidid the whole of the amount claimed by Mr. Consul Moore on account of damages and expenses caused to the fund by the attack on Lieutenant Conder's party last year. The survey party are now working at the Royal Albert Hall on the map. Lieutenant Conder is giving his attention chiefly to the preparation of the voluminous memoirs which will accompany it. In examining his notes he has made a large number of discoveries in addition to those already published in the society's periodical. Among the latest may be mentioned a new site proposed for Emmaus, hitherto a much disputed spot. He finds the name preserved in a corrupt Arabic form, at the exact distance, "about three score furlongs," from