

precious cedars used in the construction of the Temple; materials whose costliness and durability are commemorated in many a Masonic legend. Therefore Lebanon is justly entitled a Masonic locality.

#### 4. MASONIC BAY.

(Near Beyrout).—Out of this beautiful crescent, carved from the roots of Mount Lebanon by the Working Tools of the Grand Arificer himself, went the rafts of cedar beams prepared in the heights above, and freighted for Joppa, for the mighty erection at Jerusalem. This was the chief timber depot of all this region, and justly merits the title of Masonic locality.

#### 5. JOPPA.

Through this ancient port as the place of transit, went all the supplies of materials and of workmen needed in the immortal structure going up some thirty miles to the Eastward. In all Masonic traditions Joppa is emphatically a Masonic locality.

#### 6. THE CLAY GROUNDS.

From the Clay grounds Succoth and Zeredatha went all the holy vessels and the brazen pillars J. and B. For here the foundaries were established in which they were cast. This, therefore, is a Masonic locality.

#### 7. JERUSALEM.

It needs no proof that Jerusalem is a Masonic locality.—*Light in Masonry.*

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### A NEW ORDER.

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The new Royal Victorian Order, created by Her Majesty as a personal decoration wherewith to endow the members of her household and the officials of foreign towns and countries through which she may pass on her Continental journeys. Whereas, until now, the Sovereigns of foreign states have been provided with and accustomed to distribute some decoration to those officials of the countries they visit during their journeys who have been of service to them, the Queen of England has been without a decoration

to bestow. The creation of the Royal Victorian Order will supply this want. On her recent departure from Nice, Her Majesty honored M. Arsene Henry, Prefect of the Department of Maritime Alps by conferring upon him the dignity of a Knight Grand Cross of the new Order. To the Comte de Malaussena, Mayor of Nice, the Queen gave the Cross and Star of a Knight Commander, while the Cross of a Companion was conferred on M. Paoli, the officer of police charged with safe-guarding the Grand Hotel de Cimiez during the Queen's residence there. The cross is of white enamel of a by no means acutely pointed Maltese pattern, the edges being bevelled and gilt. The centre is formed of an oval, enamelled red, bearing the interlaced monogram 'V.R.I.' within a band enamelled dark blue, inscribed with the word 'Victoria' in gold letters, and surmounted by a Royal crown in gold, the cushion red, and the stones enamelled in red and green. The star is shaped like that of the garter, being of eight points of nine rays, silver, the cross being placed upon it. The riband is dark blue bordered by two narrow bands of red separated by one of white. The Queen has appointed the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught to be Knights Grand Cross.—*St. James's Budget.*

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### UPON THE LEVEL.

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The great fraternity of Masons are said to meet upon the level, to be bound together by chains of "indissoluble affection," to practice charity and to be actuated in their dealings by a spirit of toleration, forbearance and brotherly love. This is the profession. In the lodge-room it is claimed that all differences of race and opinion are forgotten. That Jew and Gentile, Baptist and Presbyterian, Episcopalian and Methodist, are lost in the common "brother." If this was actually the case the world would be much better off, and Masonry would be as a city upon a hill. But such is not always the case. Unfortunately we see many things that