

all those who have received bills from us lately, to be good enough to forward WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY THE SMALL (*to them*) AMOUNT OF THEIR INDEBTEDNESS. By promptly complying with this request they will confer a great favor on the publisher.

MASONIC ITEMS.

Quebec and Massachusetts have recognized the Grand Lodge of Arizona.

Seventeen Grand Lodges have recognized the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. The good work goes steadily forward.

Ingratitude is a deadly weed, not only poisoning in itself, but impregnating with fetid vapors, the very atmosphere in *which it grows*.

Garibaldi Lodge, No. 542, New York city, works in the Italian language. Bro. Niccola Barili, the retiring W. M., has served in that station for the past five years, and on his retirement was presented with a massive gold P. M.'s jewel.

P. G. M. Bro. Gen. Charles Roome officiated at the installation of the officers of Bunting Lodge, No. 655, New York, on January 15th. The brethren presented a number of their officers with gifts, Bro. W. B. Malcom receiving a copy of Bro. Lieut.-Commander Goringe's handsome and valuable volume, the "Obelisks of the World."

Bro. the Earl of Wemyss and March, Past Grand Master of Scotland, died on New Year's Day. He was the Grand Master Mason in 1828-29. Our distinguished brother was in the eighty-seventh year of his age, having been born in 1796. His ancestors, the fifth and sixth Earls of Wemyss, were also Grand Masters of Scotland.

Cannington and Barrie have both had successful Masonic balls under the auspices of their respective lodges.

The Grand Lodge of Ohio has appropriated three hundred dollars to its Grand Lodge Library Fund, and five hundred dollars to the Garfield Monument Fund.

The three great English Charitable Institutions had an income in 1882 of £47,444. This fact speaks volumes for the liberality and Masonic spirit of English Freemasons.

A Toronto secular paper is again attempting to enlighten the Masons of Ontario as to the legitimacy of a certain branch of the A. & A. Rite. Has its editor ever read the Constitution of 1786, which, if he is a member, he is *sworn to obey*? In them we find a clause to the effect that there can be only *two* Supreme Councils in the Western Hemisphere. The Hutton Organization is the *third*. The letter or manifesto referred to by E. M. C. Graham, Deputy for New York State, has been so often ventilated that we really wonder at any intelligent Mason publishing it.

The *New Zealand Freemason* announces in its December number that for 1883 it will give monthly two extra pages without extra charge. At the same time our contemporary alludes to "the universal fact," that Masons pretending to be honest allow their bills for a Masonic paper to run on for years, thus using the Masonic editor's money for their own benefit. We regret the *N. Z. F.* is not the only Masonic journal thus victimized; the accounts lying in the *CRAFTSMAN* office amount to thousands of dollars, ranging from three dollars to thirty, which, if paid in, would enable the proprietor to greatly enlarge and improve the journal. We hope those in arrears will take the hint.