

EDITORIAL ITEMS.

A lodge destitute of music is sadly out of tune.

Every mistake you make in selecting a master recoils on us.

We hear that canvassing for office is being indulged in. This should not be.

The expense of Masonic literature is small—the benefits certain to accrue are great.

Dean Stanley was a prominent Mason and Knight Templar. Most worthily did he represent the Church and Craft.

In 1881 there were 53,000 Knights Templar in the United States, while there were only 4,703 in the rest of the world.

A good Mason will attend his lodge when it can be made convenient, at least. Some are satisfied with appearing once a year—upon election night.

The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution has now on its list more than 300 male and female annuitants, and there are 112 applicants for admission.

Br. G. H. Fish, of New York, has in his possession a gavel made out of the deck timber of the steamer Lawrence, Commodore Perry's flagship at the battle of Lake Erie. The same gavel was used at laying the cornerstone of the Egyptian obelisk now in Central Park, New York.

Do not defer to another time what should be done to-day. Forward your address and subscription, and read *THE CRAFTSMAN*. Brethren are respectfully solicited to send us any news which will be of importance to the Craft, or enquiries on subjects upon which they desire information. Will you do so?

The three great Masonic charities under the care of the Grand Lodge of England received for the year 1881 the sum of £43,294, and was divided as follows:—The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, £17,796; the Boys' School, £12,993; and the Girls' School, £12,557. This goodly sum, however, is much less than the amount collected from all sources in 1880 by £6,467.

The unchanging tenets of Freemasonry all the world over are thus briefly stated:—An acknowledgment and reverence of T.G.A.O.T.U., loyalty to the supreme authority of the state, abstention from secret conspiracies and revolutionary associations, a respect for religion, order, law, the sacred theory of entire toleration, and a religious principle of universal sympathy and humanitarian benevolence. *Freemason.*

M. Ill. Bro. Dr. Ramsay, of Orillia, Ontario, was installed as the M. W. Grand Master of the Ancient and Accepted Egyptian Rite in February last. Bro. Ramsay is the well known Masonic student and jurisconsult, and has recently been elected an honorary member of Leinster Marine Lodge No. 1, Farnell Lodge No. 14, and Leinster Marine Royal Arch Chapter, of this city.—*Sydney Freemason.*

The following Grand Lodges in the United States and British America have already accorded full and fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of New South Wales:—1, District of Columbia, U.S.; 2, Washington Territory, U.S.; 3, British Columbia; 4, New Brunswick; 5, New Mexico; 6, Nebraska; 7, Kansas; 8, Iowa; 9, Manitoba; 10, Indian Territory; 11, Ohio; 12, Arkansas; and this month we hope to record the recognition of the Grand Lodge of New York, followed by that of Canada in July. We should be the first to greet our sister Colonial Grand Lodge.