

were:—"May it please your Excellency, we have performed the task assigned us, in accordance with the ancient ceremonies of our Order. We ask you to inspect the work, and, if approved, to receive it at our hands. That it may be carried forward with expedition and success, and that the imposing column here to be erected, pointing its grand and noble apex heavenward, shall say in language more eloquent than words: 'A tribute of Americans to American valor, and of Vermonters to Vermont patriotism,' is the earnest wish of 8,000 Mason citizens of this State."

"TEMPORATUR" MUTAN

We may well say "times have changed" in the Green Mountain State. About fifty years ago, social, religious, and political persecution caused the suppression (for a time) of many private lodges in Vermont, and for some years prevented the formal annual assembling of the G. L. of that State. Since then the Craft has increased in numbers ten fold, it is prospering in every department of its work, and is now the recipient, as above, of the highest honors.

IRELAND.—According to the London *Freemason*, there are 880 Masonic Lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge, numbered from one to one thousand and fourteen. So far as the register can be traced they are thus distributed: 87 in the Dublin District, 278 in the Home Provinces, 54 in the Colonies, &c., and 7 in Regiments. The largest province is Antrim, with 87 Lodges, presided over by Sir Charles Lanyon; the next in size being Down, which musters 46, Lord Arthur W. Hill, M.P., having its oversight. The third is Londonderry and Donegal, with 26 Lodges, the R. W. W. E. Scott, Prov. G. M. The remainder in Ireland range from 28 to 5, the average lodges in the thirteen divisions being 21 to each province.

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HIRAM LODGE, No. 819, G. R. O. has been removed from Cheapside to the flourishing village of Hagersville, where there is every prospect of its making satisfactory progress, the officers and members being zealous Craftsmen. V. W. Bro. Dr. Sherk is the W. M., and will give a good account of himself.