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 THE SEVEN MASONIC LOCALITIES OF THE HOLY LAND.
 

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I. TYRE.—Out of Tyre, which was then the queen of the world in commerce and the arts, went forth Hiram, the Pillar of Strength, and that other Hiram the Artificer, the Pillar of Beauty. To Tyre were sent King Solomon's messages, with their notification of the royal purpose to build a Temple, and soliciting cedars and workmen for the undertaking. Tyre was the capital of the Phœnician Empire, known and felt in every part of the civilized world. Therefore Tyre is, beyond controversy, entitled to the first rank as a *Masonic locality*.

II. GEBAL.—Out of Gebal, then the school of the most renowned artificers, and the seat of the most widely extended Masonic mysteries of the ancient world, went a band of skilled artists, styled "The Gibbites, or Stone squarers," whose fidelity, experience, skill, and all artistic acquirements, are commemorated in Masonic traditions, particularly in those of the Past Master, the Select Master, etc., as well as in many a structure, whose ruins yet excite astonishment and awe. Therefore Gebal is justly entitled to the name of *Masonic locality*.

III. MOUNT LEBANON.—Out of these noble heights went the 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*,

IV. MASONIC BAY (near Beyrout).—Out of this beautiful crescent, carved from the roots of Mount Lebanon by the Working Tools of the Grand Artificer 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*.

V. 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*.

VII. THE CLAY-GROUNDS.—From the Clay-grounds Succoth and Zeredath went all the holy vessels and the brazen pillars J. and B. For here the founderies were established in which they were cast. This, therefore, is a *Masonic locality*.

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

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THE ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of the new government building in Chicago, on St. John's Day, drew an immense attendance from all parts of the State. Business was very generally suspended, and public offices were closed. The streets were filled with people in holiday attire. The procession was very fine, and included a large number of Knights Templars and other Masonic bodies. The ceremonies were very impressive, and were under the direction of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

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THE new Masonic Temple in Springfield, Mass., was dedicated on St. John's Day, by the officers of the Grand Lodge with imposing ceremonies. Nearly 1,000 Masons were in the procession.

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THE Masonic Lodge and Chapter at Niagara Falls have declared a vacation until September. Many of the Masonic bodies throughout the State have also suspended work during the summer months.

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 AT REST.
 

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The London *Freemason* announces the death of Bro. Frederick Ledger, for many years proprietor and conductor of the *Era* newspaper. Bro. Ledger died on the 20th June at his residence at Belham-hill. He was 58 years of age.

The *Masonic News* regrets to record the death, which took place on Wednesday, 3rd inst., of Lord James Charles Plantagenet Murray, brother of the 6th Duke of Athole, Substitute Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Lord James Murray resided at Otterburn, in the County of Northumberland, and was highly esteemed in the neighborhood for his numerous works of charity and liberality. He was born in 1819, and was thus in his 55th year. He became a colonel of the Scots Fusilier Guards in 1856, and retired in 1857. He served with his regiment as captain and lieutenant colonel in the Crimea and received the Crimean medal and clasps, and the order of the Medjidie. He was equerry to H. R. H. the Duchess of Kent, and groom-in-waiting to her Majesty. He married, in 1851, Elizabeth Marjory, daughter of George Fairholme, Esq., of Greenhouse, Otterburn. His death was the result of a severe attack of fever and jaundice.