

THE annual excursion and picnic of the Barrie Masonic fraternity being fixed to come of yesterday August 9th, on board the steamer *Lady of the Lakes*, to and at Longford, great preparations were previously made for a pleasant and agreeable time, and when the auspicious morning arrived, the brethren and friends, with their wives, families, and other social connections, turned out in such numbers as to fill both the lower and upper decks of the well trimmed and capacious craft, *Lady of the Lakes*, as she cast loose from her moorings at the Northern Railway Wharf, on the morning of August the 9th. The party was accompanied by excellent brass and quadrille bands, and the trip to Longford was thoroughly enjoyable. On reaching the secluded but lovely spot selected for the picnic, the scene that presented itself to our view was really grand. Little groups were here and there scattered on the green sward, screened from old Sol's scorching glances by the umbrageous foliage of convenient trees, to the number of at least 300 people—all enjoying the luxuries which their well filled baskets afforded. After their appetites had been thus satisfied, the band struck up exhilarating music, and soon a merry crowd were exercising themselves to its measured time, in the mazes of the dance, on a large platform erected for the purpose. Under the direction of the committee the arrangements were all well carried out, and gave general satisfaction. Everybody seemed well pleased with the day's amusements.—*Barrie Examiner*.

At a meeting of Holy Land Conclave, of the Order of Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, held in the Masonic Hall, Toronto street, Toronto, last Friday evening, the following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Bro. J. B. Nixon, 18°, Sov.; Bro. R. J. Hovenden, 32°, V. S.; Bro. Wm. Brydon, 32°, 1st G.; Bro. John McKee, 2nd G.; Bro. F. J. Menet, 32°, Treasurer; Bro. J. Ross Robertson, 18°, Recorder; Bro. A. S. Irving, 18°, Herald; Bro. Joseph Purvis, 18°, Prelate; Bro. George Watson, 18°, Prefect; Bro. J. L. Dixon, Sentinel. The officers were duly installed by the M. P. S. Bro. Daniel Spry, 32°. The order of Red Cross has been organized and in working order in this city for some years, and is in flourishing condition. This is the oldest of the outside orders of Masonry, its establishment dating back to A. D. 313. Its ritual is beautiful and impressive, and year after year the order increases in efficiency and numerical strength. The order bids fair to become eventually the leading as it is believed to be the most valuable Order of Knighthood in existence, not only on account of its sublime teachings and beautiful ceremonies, but because of its undisputed ancient origin.—*Toronto Telegram*.

ABROAD.

CHAPTERS in England are now numbered up to 1185.

A GRAND Lodge has been established in Cuba.

HUNGARY has set up a Grand Lodge of York Masonry.

AT REST.

WE are sorry to record the death of Bro. Richard Bryant, of Irving Lodge, No. 154, Lucan. He was well known and highly respected, and died without an enemy. He was made a Mason 23 years ago, in Pinegrove Lodge, Port Huron, Michigan, and was buried by the Fraternity. R. W. Bro. James Lutton, D. D. G. M. of London District, who is W. M. of above Lodge, conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. Brother Dean Logan. He leaves an aged mother, wife and six children to mourn his loss, yet fortunately his life was insured in the London Masonic Mutual Benefit Association.

It is our melancholy duty to announce the death of one, who, for many years has been an active, earnest laborer in behalf of Freemasonry. Brother William C. Patterson, who died at his residence in this city, on Tuesday, August 22, at the ripe age of sixty-three years. Bro. Patterson has been actively connected with Masonry for a period extending over forty years, and at the time when death overtook him was Junior Warden, and Treasurer of Polar Star Lodge, No. 245, also President of Polar Star Mutual Benefit Association. He was very highly esteemed by all his brethren, who feel his loss deeply, and who will never cease mourning the departure of "so good a man." His remains were interred upon Friday, the 25th inst., with Masonic honors by the members of Polar Star Lodge. W. Bro. Guy Culgin, officiating. By the decease of Bro. Patterson, the Lodge loses one of its most active brethren, while the entire fraternity will miss his genial countenance, happy disposition, and the pattern of his *exemplary* life. Having known our late brother, we can share in the general grief, which cannot fail to attend the loss of a valued craftsman.—*New York Square*.