

The *Freemason's Chronicle*, of August 25, publishes the sermon preached by the Rev. and R. W. Bro. E. Davies, M. A., Grand Chaplain Grand Lodge of Canada, to the brethren of Toronto on St. John's Day.

We have to thank Sir Knight Jas. A. Rich, of New York, for an invitation to be present at the Sixth Reception of Palestine Commandery, No. 18, of that city. The invitation and admission cards are both very handsome specimens of the lithographers' art, and rank with the best we have ever seen.

ROUMANIA.—We learn from a circular forwarded to us from Dr. N. Theocloresco, that at the annual session of the National Grand Lodge of Roumania, held at Bucharest, September 26, our friend and brother, M. W. Bro. Capt. Constantin Moroin was, "in consideration of his great services," re-elected for "the new period 1884-87," Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. Bro. Moroin is a frater well qualified to fill the exalted position.

The extension of Freemasonry is well evidenced by a little book which has just been published by Grand Mark Lodge, a Grand Lodge not connected with United Grand Lodge of England, but which never would have prospered so much if it had not been that Masonry under United Grand Lodge has in the last few years made such rapid strides. The annual report of Grand Mark Lodge shows that there are now on its roll 321 lodges, the warrant for the latest of which is dated the 4th of the present month. This lodge is called the Elfin Lodge, and is to be held at Carnarvon. The 321 Mark Lodges are not confined to England and Wales, but are situated also in the colonies, where their life is a successful one. The Mark Lodges are thus disposed: Twenty-one in Devonshire, seven in Leicestershire, eight in Somersetshire, twenty-eight in Bengal, four in British Burmah,

eight in Cornwall, six in South Wales, eight in Northumberland and Durham, two in Bombay, twenty five in Lancashire, twenty-six in Middlesex and Surrey (including London), eight in West Yorkshire, eleven in Madras, thirteen in Kent, eight in Cumberland and Westmoreland, six in Cheshire, eleven in Hampshire and the isle of Wight, four in Sussex, six in Lincolnshire, two in Bristol, four in South Africa, four in Warwickshire, three in Monmouthshire, four in Jamaica, four in Victoria (Australia), five in Dorsetshire, three in Gloucestershire, four in the Mediterranean, six in Berks and Oxon, three in North Wales, four in New Zealand (South Island), six in North and East Yorkshire, two in Auckland (New Zealand), two in North Africa, three in Buckinghamshire, three in Westland (New Zealand), five in Staffordshire, three in Quebec, two in Tasmania, two in Nottinghamshire, and seven in East Anglia, comprising Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridge and Essex. And this is the result of only some twenty-five years' working. There were Mark Lodges in England before that time; but there was not then a Grand Mark Lodge. The funds of this Grand Lodge have now assumed considerable proportion.—From the first they have been husbanded with great care, but nevertheless enormous donations have been made out of them to works of charity and benevolence, not the least of which is the establishment of an educational branch fund for the education of Mark Masons' sons and daughters in the neighborhood in which they reside. The present Grand Master of the Order is Lord Henniker, who entered on the third and last year of his office on the 5th June last, it being a rule of this Grand Lodge that a Grand Master shall not hold office for more than three years. On the list of its Past Grand Masters is His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, and at the meeting in December next the same honor is to be conferred upon