

oner, and was soon sent home to England on parole, attended by all the comforts and conveniences which it was possible to bestow upon him in those times of trouble.

This person was Sergeant Kelley, of the British army, who, after his arrival home, lived to a good old age, and preserved that sash and apron with the greatest care. On his dying bed, surrounded by his kindred, and among the number was an old and tried friend who was a brother Mason, he ordered the sash and apron to be produced, and calling his old friend and brother to his side, exacted from him the promise to forward, after his death, the same to Montgomery Lodge, in New York city, with an accompanying letter, stating it to be a memento of the kindness and regard of Gen. George Washington toward a humble Brother and a stranger, and as a testimonial that "the memory of the just is blessed, and shall I've and flourish like the green bay tree."

We had the pleasure of presenting the same to Montgomery Lodge<sup>o</sup> where they now remain and are preserved. The act, although a simple one, was instrumental in calling up many pleasant memories. From childhood we had been taught to revere the name of Washington; had read from time to time, with great interest, the history of his life; had listened with attention to the many stories and incidents connected with him in public and in private scenes, and the estimate which we had formed of the man was more than usually great. His ambition was a virtue, and its limits the freedom and independence of his country. In dignity of mind, in patience under privation, in fortitude under calamity and disappointment, in forbearance under provocation, in self-possession under misfortune, and in moderation in success, he was unexcelled. The mind dwells with a delightful complacency on him as a perfect whole. There was no master passion in his mind swallowing up and overshadowing all the rest. Like the star of the mariner, he was always the same—always shining bright and clear without dazzling the eye—always pointing one way, "true as the needle to the pole."

Amid the many scenes through which he was called to pass, whether as Commander-in-Chief of the American army, or as the chief executive officer of his country, or as a citizen in common with those who surrounded him, he never was unmindful of the sacred ties which bound him to the Brotherhood, and this simple incident, a history of which we have aimed to give, indicates most clearly his reverence for its precepts, and his unflinching determination to illustrate them by his conduct towards a humble Brother, though found in arms against the cause which he espoused, and for which he would have willingly sacrificed his life.

## FREEMASONRY IN ITALY.

THE following communications appear in the *London Freemason*, of Jan. 3rd, inst., and will be read with interest on this side of the Atlantic :

Lodges Arcopagus—Concordia. Liberty, Equality, Fraternity.

To our Worthy Brother, ALEX. GALICO, London :

BELOVED BROTHER: The Virtuosi Lodge, G. O. of Leghorn, under the auspices of the Sup. Lodge G. O., having its seat in Palermo, is always happy when the triumph of Masonic principles and ideas is secured. Feeling this, it unanimously voted two addresses, the first one to our Prov. Bro. G. M. of the G. O., Sup. Coun's. of Brazils in the valley Lavradio, Viscount Di Rio Bianco, now President of the Council of Ministers of the Brazilian Empire, who powerfully defended our Brothers against the demands of the irreconcilable priests. The other address is to Sir Henry Richards, who, on the 8th of June, succeeded, in your Parliament, in obtaining the triumph of the grand Masonic idea of permanent international arbitration.

Be so kind as to publish both these addresses in your esteemed Masonic newspaper, and while begging you to accept in the name also of the Grand Lodge Ancient Virtuosi, the best thanks, I greet you with the mystical fraternal love, and remain,

Yours fraternally,

ANSELMO CARPI, 33°, Orator.

(Seal.)

Via della Pace, 14.

A.G.D.G.A.D.U.

Universal Freemasonry—Italian Branch—Liberty, Equality, Brotherhood.

The Grand Lodge Arcop. and Anziani Virtuosa, under the auspices of the Supr. Couns. G. O. of Italy, having its seat in Palermo, to the Honorable Sir Henry Richard, M. P. Greeting and Brotherhood.

G. O., of Leghorn, the 8th day of the 8th month of the year of the true light 5873, commonly indicated as 1873.

The splendid result obtained by your true self in the House of Commons on the 8th of June, 1873, has filled with joy the hearts of all us Freemasons of the respectable Lodge Anziani Virtuoso, G. O. of Leghorn, as by your obtaining the acknowledgment