

LEWIS.

The following is an incident extracted from a communication by Watchman to the *Freemason's Chronicle* of London, and will interest our American readers:

"It appears it is the practice with the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire, at their annual gatherings, when they proceed to church, to have a volume of the Sacred Law borne in procession by four Lewises. The act itself is reverent and beautiful. It is an open recognition of the sovereignty of the Great Architect of the Universe, and a proclaiming of the Bible as the grand charter of our faith. It is a homage of the creature to the Creator, and an open testimony that Freemasonry is based upon religion. Such a scene must have a good effect upon the spectators, and those who take part in it, like bridesmaids at a wedding, will remember it to the end of their days. No standard bearer should feel prouder than the Lewis selected to bear the Bible in a Freemason's procession; and it is quite certain that the memory of such an event will be long cherished. It is an honor that is sure to bear fruit. It is calculated to stimulate a desire for intimate connection with the Craft, and to make the humble Lewis a faithful and honored ruler in the Israel of Freemasonry. No better introduction to the Order could be found than the bearing of the book that rules and governs our faith, the great Landmark by which we steer, and the great teacher which inspires charity in word and act. The brethren in Worcestershire not only paid outward homage to the Bible, not only gave a pleasant duty to the four Lewises, but each one was presented with a copy of the volume of the Sacred Law as a memento of the part he took in an interesting ceremony. Invited to partake of the banquet, the Lewises were treated as honored guests, and having taken a glass of wine with the Right Worshipful Grand Master, and shaken hands with him,

they were dismissed with their treasure before the ceremonial business of the table began. I leave it to your readers to imagine what must have been the feelings of those young men, but I think I am right in saying that the proceedings of that day would linger in their minds and stimulate to good actions in the future."

MASONIC NOTES.

In South Australia, owing to climatic reasons, white coats are permitted to be worn in the lodge.

The G. M. of Utah says:—"Drink less whiskey, chew less tobacco, or smoke fewer cigars, and pay up your Lodge dues."

The Masonic Temple of Philadelphia is stated by travelled authorities to be "the largest and finest temple, exclusively used for Masonic purposes ever raised in any country."

A FUNERAL THREE.—A doctor, undertaker and superintendent of a cemetery, constituted the "team" in conferring the Royal Arch degree recently in St. John's Chapter, Baltimore, Md. The Chapter still lives.—*Masonic Advocate*.

WHAT MASONRY ENJOINS.—"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God." Masonry enjoins it. To Him her Temples are erected. Without an abiding trust in Him the bright Temple of Masonry must be forever shut. He who has not this must pause at the outer door—his footsteps can never resound in her halls. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." He who neglects this is no Mason. Cover him with the gorgeous paraphernalia of our fraternity, place him on the topmost pinnacle of our column, if his heart is not filled with this, he is no Mason. In vain would all our learning and traditions and mysteries flow from his tongue glibly as oil, if, in his heart of hearts, he is not imbued with this principle.—*Bro. Geo. Reynolds*.