

Ye Nobles of ye Mystic Shrine, on their pilgrimage to Chicago, had a most delightful journey, and the *Reporter* states "all hands were extremely happy. On the route, the party were honored at every station by vast throngs of people, who, having heard of the famous order of the 'Shrine,' as faithful devotees, assembled to attest their high appreciation of, and great esteem for the Pilgrims, while traveling over the *burning sands of the desert*. It was a perfect ovation from the start to the end of the route, and the attestation of devotion manifested was like unto the oasis in the desert, a green spot in the memory of each and every one. Especially were we honored on our arrival at Hamilton, Ont., by the presence of Ill. Bro. Hon. John J. Mason, 32°, the Mayor, who is Grand Sec. of the Grand Lodge; Ill. Bro. Hugh A. Mackay, 33°; Ill. Bro. David McLellan, 32°, Grand S. E. of the Grand Chapter R. A. M.; Ill. Bro. Murray, 33°, Deputy Grand Master of Grand Lodge, and others. Their greeting was most cordial, and our time being short, we were compelled to decline with great regret the proffered hospitalities. However, congratulations were profusely exchanged in the time allotted us. It is to be sincerely hoped that another meeting will soon be had under more favorable circumstances. About fifty Pilgrims were initiated into the ceremonies in Medinah Council, Chicago.

The *Hebrew Leader*, the organ of the *Shriners*, ye Mystic Nobles of the Koran, of the 25th ult., feebly defends the O. B. of Fealty of the A. & A. Rite, Graham, of Quebec, in regard to the independence of the Knights Templar

and attempts to prove that its oligarchical and tyrannical system of government is as liberal as that of Symbolic and Capitular Masonry. It also has an article by Jos. L. Grant, 32°, on the Rite of Mizraim, which speaks of the "illegitimate source" (without giving it) "of all those rites and high degrees." As the brother places (32°) after his name, we hardly grasp his line of argument. The article itself has not raised a point either for or against any rite. Assertions are not facts.

Amongst the floral tributes sent to Windsor on the occasion of the funeral of the late Duke of Albany, was one presented by the Masons of the Province of Oxford, through their Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Reginald Bird. It represented the jewel of the Provincial Grand Master, and measured four feet across outer ring; it was composed of choicest white flowers—lilac, lily of the valley, eucharis, gardenias, callas, polyanthus, acacia, &c., &c., and maiden hair foliage; the name "Oxon" was composed of forget-me-nots, the centre square and compass with triangle or five-pointed star; this latter in forget-me-nots, the compasses golden jonquils, and the square purple violets; the whole surmounted by a very graceful spray of acacia, fully carrying out the traditional history of a Masonic grave. The wreath was a perfect specimen of the florist's art, and to Masons was specially interesting. It was made by Messrs. Dick, Radclyffe & Co.

A Toronto journal says:—

"Dr. Ramsay, Col. McLeod Moore, Col. Moffat and a few others, have fallen out with Past Grand Master