

CRYPTIC MASONRY.—We notice that at the National Convention of Royal and Select Masons of the United States, held in the Masonic Temple, Buffalo, N. Y., on the 20th August last, Canada was represented by Comps, Daniel Spry, J. Ross Robertson, and Charles G. Fortier. A resolution was passed appointing a committee of five to memorialize the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, to make these degrees a prerequisite to the order of Knighthood.

THE word Freemason was early used in the Parish Registers of England. Thus, we find at Manchester this memorandum: "Burial, 1610, Sept. 29th, Edward Holland, of Manchester, Freemason;" and at Astbury: "1685, Smallwood, Jos. fils. Jos. Henshaw, Freemason, buried 7th April." In Cawdray's "Treasure of Similies" (1609) we find: "As the Freemason heweth the hard stones . . . even so God, the Heavenly Freemason, buildeth a Christian Church."

WISCONSIN.—The Thirty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin was held in Milwaukee on the 12th and 13th days of June last. There was a fair attendance of representatives of Lodges, and all the Grand Officers were present. We observe in the report of the proceedings, that the Grand Lodge refused to recognize the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario. M. W. Bro. Tedd P. C. Cottrill, Wilwaukee, was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John W. Woodhull, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

DEATH OF AN AGED MASON.—Bro. J. W. Tomlinson, Secretary of Ionic Lodge, Lawrencetown, N. S., reports to the Grand Secretary the death and burial of the venerable and Worshipful Brother Robert Stone of Middleton, at the advanced age of 90 years, sixty of which he was connected with the craft in that Province. Brother Stone first saw Masonic light in St. George's Lodge, Wolfville. The funeral was largely attended by the

brethren of Harmony, Rothesay, Ionic and other lodges, who assembled to pay the last sad tribute of respect to departed merit.

There are 602,019 Masons in the United States. Last year 30,715 were raised and 17,969 admitted and restored; withdrawn, 18,320; expelled, 1,039; suspended, 1,064; suspended for non-payment of dues, 17,261; died, 7,100; rejected, 6,142.

The following statistics, showing the number of Masons in every State, will be of interest: Alabama, 8,538; Arkansas, 8,081; British Columbia, 300; California, 11,931; Canada, 16,719; Colorado, 1,413; Connecticut, 15,011; Delaware, 1,219; District of Columbia, 2,783; Florida, 1,966; Georgia, 14,475; Idaho, 389; Illinois, 40,472; Indiana, 27,879; Indian Territory, 196; Iowa, 17,890; Kansas, 6,896; Kentucky, 21,237; Louisiana, 6,449; Maine, 19,402; Manitoba, 294; Maryland, 5,657; Massachusetts, 26,292; Michigan, 26,704; Minnesota, 6,569; Mississippi, 11,170; Missouri, 23,379; Montana, 677; Nebraska, 2,761; Nevada, 1,483; New Brunswick, 2,246; New Hampshire, 7,674; New Jersey, 11,988; New York, 81,882; North Carolina, 11,917; Nova Scotia, 3,404; Ohio (for 1875, no report this year), 30,608; Oregon, 2,248; Pennsylvania, 38,137; P. E. Island, 557; Quebec, 2,716; Rhode Island, 3,910; South Carolina, 7,346; Tennessee, 18,635; Texas, 18,206; Utah, 341; Vermont, 8,169; Virginia, 8,992; Washington, 720; West Virginia, 3,431; Wisconsin, 10,515; Wyoming, 255.

ENGLAND.—The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of England was held at Freemason's Hall, London, on Wednesday the 5th ult. The motion of which notice had been given by the M. W. G. M., the Prince of Wales—"That in consideration of the dreadful fire which has occurred at St. John, New Brunswick, and which has devastated that city, this