

## MASONIC CHIT-CHAT.

To be just not less than merciful and true, is the first precept of Masonry.

THE total number of Master Masons in Indiana, January 1st, 1874, was 27,031.

THE letter G may glitter in the East, but all its refulgence is lost upon him whose conversation is stained with profanity.

MORTON COMMANDERY, No. 4, K. T., of New York city, has 422 members; it is the largest Commandery in the State.

THE first Lodges instituted in Oregon were under warrants from the Grand Lodge of California, in 1848. The present Grand Lodge of Oregon was organized in 1851, August 16th.

HUGH DE PAYENS, the founder and first Grand Master of Knights Templar, was born at Troyes, in the Kingdom of Naples. With eight others he established the Order at Jerusalem, in the year 1118.

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WE have to record the death of two members of our city lodges within a short period. Bro. Esau Webber, who had recently been initiated in St. John's Lodge, was interred with Masonic funeral honors on Sunday, the 1st Inst., and on the following Sunday a numerous concourse of members from all the lodges marched to the cemetery with the remains of our late Bro. Richard H. Rae, who died on the Thursday previous. Brother Rae was the first member initiated in the Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 27, of this city, having been a Mason twenty-seven years. He for many years held the important position of Emigration Agent at this Port, but had been in feeble health for a considerable time. He spent a portion of his life in the service of the Hudson Bay Company, and had resided a long time in Hamilton. He was born in the year 1811, in the Orkney Islands, Scotland, and was consequently in his 64th year. He was brother to the celebrated Arctic explorer, Dr. Rae.

WE learn, with regret, of the death of M. W. Bro. W. M. Perkins, Past Grand Master of Masons of Louisiana. The sad event occurred at Chicago, Ill., on September 14th. Our Brother was much beloved in Masonic circles, and was a prominent merchant of New Orleans.

A DISTINGUISHED Mason has been lost in the death of Bro. John H. Anthon, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, which event occurred at Coopers-town, on the 29th October. The *New York Herald* says: Mr. Anthon was an eminent member of the Masonic fraternity. He officiated in chief in laying the corner-stone of the Masonic Hall, Twenty-third street, corner of Sixth Avenue, and also in laying the foundation stone of the Capitol at Albany, both events being marked with imposing Masonic ceremonies. Mr. Anthon was a prominent member of the New York Bar, and his death adds another name to the list of eminent lawyers who have lately passed away. He was an estimable gentleman and excellent citizen.

THE funeral of Bro. George Fish, late Secretary to Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, Toronto, took place at St. James' Cemetery, on the 17th November. The procession started from the late residence of the deceased on Parliament Street, the carriage containing the Rev. Mr. Samson leading, after which came the members of the lodge in full regalia, followed by about seventy-five carriages containing friends of the late Secretary. The Church of England service for the dead was first performed by the Rev. Mr. Samson, after which, according to the ordinary custom, the beautiful Masonic service was read.

WE regret to announce the death of Brother Benjamin Rush Campbell, Grand Secretary of South Carolina, who died of paralysis, at Charleston, South Carolina, on the 27th of October. Bro. Campbell was initiated at an early age, and had devoted the best years of his life to the cause of Masonry. In 1860 he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, and in 1869, Grand Secretary. He had also served as Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, and was a member of the Southern Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. He was buried with all the honors of the Fraternity, at Magnolia Cemetery, near Charleston.

BRO. D. S. LESLIE, Deputy Reeve of Brampton, died suddenly on the 30th October, and was buried with Masonic rites by Ionic Lodge, Brampton, assisted by Credit Lodge, Georgetown.

THE decease of Sir Knight J. F. McCormick, M. D., at Mendon, Ill., recently, was a surprise to us, although we knew he had poor health. He was an efficient Mason. He took an active part in forming Fowler Lodge and Mendon Chapter. He was the first Senior Warden of the former and the first High Priest of the latter.—*Voice of Masonry*.