

tightly; but no sooner has the food passed than the valve raises by its own action, and allows a free inlet and outlet for the air to and from the lungs. When we remember how frequently we swallow, and how constantly we breathe, the mechanism of this contrivance in its wonderful adaptability to our wants, will be seen in all its beauty as designed and fashioned by the Great Architect.

But look further. There is one animal which has to swallow and use his breath at the same instant. The elephant drinks by sucking up water into his trunk and then blowing it into his throat. Hence the water is actually passing down the throat while the air-valve is open. Here again the wisdom of the Great Designer comes to his aid. In order to provide against interference, a channel has been furnished to the elephant, at either side the epiglottis, down which the drink quietly passes without running into the open wind-pipe.

There are many other instances of design and contrivance which might be adduced from the volume of nature, to show the intelligence and love displayed by the Great Architect of the Universe toward the creatures of His hand; but these few which I have selected from reliable sources, and for which I lay claim to no originality, must suffice this evening.

“The Lord of all Himself through all diffused,
Sustains and is the life of all that lives;
Nature is but the name for an effect
Whose cause is God. He feeds the secret fire
By which the mighty process is maintained;
Who sleeps not, is not weary; in whose sight
Slow circling ages are as transient days;
Whose work is without labor; whose designs
No flaw deforms, no difficulty thwarts,
And whose beneficence no charge exhausts.”

MASONIC RECORD.

AT HOME.

THE NEW MASONIC HALL, GUELPH.—The Masonic Celebration Committee met on Thursday evening, 22nd inst., and finally arranged for the opening of the new Hall, which will take place on the 20th of April, the interesting ceremonies being conducted by the M. W. the Grand Master of Canada and officers of Grand, Speed and Guelph Lodges, to be witnessed by a large concourse of the local and visiting brethren. The ceremonies will begin at 3.30 p. m. In the evening a grand ball and supper, parlor and other amusements will take place, under the patronage of the distinguished brethren above mentioned, in the Masonic Hall. Invitations will be sent to all lodges in the District, and to other prominent places in Ontario. The number of tickets to be issued to non-Masons is necessarily limited, and those desirous of attending will please signify their wishes to any of the local brethren who will see that invitations are sent them. The Craft of Guelph are deserving of great credit for the magnificent building they have erected, and it is to be hoped that the forthcoming festival will be a worthy success. The tickets admitting lady and gentleman have been placed at the low figure of \$3 each, extra lady 75c: supper to be provided by Bro. Little, and the music by Bros. Lawrence & Vale's Quadrille Band. W. M. Bro. John Inglis is Chairman, and Bro. J. C. McLagan, Secretary of the Joint Committee. Messrs. Scarlet & Johnston, of Brantford, have been given the contract to furnish the Hall, and the furniture is expected to arrive about the 13th of April.

We gladly welcome to our table *The Scottish Freemason*, the first number of which, dated Glasgow, March 2nd, has been received. The number contains a great deal of original and selected matter of interest to the Craft, and we earnestly trust that the enterprising proprietor, Bro. Geo. Kenning, will meet with generous support from the brethren throughout Scotland, of whose interests the *Scottish Freemason* will, we doubt not, be a worthy and capable champion. The subscription is 7s stg. per annum.