

forth the enthusiastic military spirit of the age when the order was founded having long since passed away forever. Modern Templary is no more a military organization than Symbolic Masonry is operative. It is quite pleasant to find the common sense views taken by this veteran frater. If such had prevailed some years ago, when certain changes were made in the style and character of the society, we cannot but think there would not be such an extraordinary difference between the prosperity of the English and American branches of the Knights Templars. We congratulate the Canadian fratres in having such a Grand Master to preside over their Great Priory.—*W. J. Hughan in the "Freemason," England.*

#### FREEMASONRY IN TURKEY.

The Oriental Lodge, No. 687, (E. C.)—On the night of St. John the Evangelist, Bro. Frewen, S. W., was duly installed in the chair of K. S., by the outgoing Master, Bro. J. U. Streater. A numerous Board of Past Masters of the Leinster, Oriental, and Bulwer Lodges were present at the ceremony, which was most impressively performed by Bro. Streater, who had the able assistance of Bro. Vinicombe Bey, D. C.

The Leinster Lodge, No. 166 (I. C.)—This Lodge is held in Haskieu, on the Golden Horn, in a temple built by the Scotch Freemasons in those palmy days when Shanks Bey (a Scotchman) was chief of the engineering department of the Turkish Admiralty, and when Sir Herry Elliott (H. B. M. Ambassador), and the late Sir Phillip Francis, (H. B. M. Consul-General), used to preside over grand tea meetings of 600 Britishers in the Haskieu Institute. The colony has been so thinned out since then that the Leinster Lodge can hardly carry on its work. It is, however, gallantly assisted by the mother lodge. Although it is nearly three quarters of an hour's walk from Galata to Haskieu, and

that over one of the roughest and most dangerous roads that a civilized being can imagine, several of the P. M.'s of the Oriental Lodge, on installation night, took their lanterns and walked to Haskieu and back; the "light caïque," sung by Byron, being too dangerous on such a stormy night. This is noteworthy, as showing the solidity of Masonic Lodges in Turkey. Bro. Jennings was replaced by Bro. MacGill, P. M., the installing Master being Bro. Dunn.

The Bulwer Lodge, No. 891, (E. C.)—At the last regular meeting of this lodge, Bro. Adolphe Hoffman, S. W., was installed in the chair of K. S. in place of Bro. Woods Pasha, W. M., who had occupied the post for the last three years. The Installing Master was Bro. Streater, of No. 687. Bro. Otte Dingler, P. M., who had come expressly from Germany by the Orient Express to be present at the annual meeting, was presented with a Past Master's jewel, which had been previously voted to him by the lodge as a token of esteem for his services. In the subsequent proceedings Bro. Hanly called attention to the remarkable fact that the five Past Masters belonging to the Bulwer Lodge, who rose, in response to a toast in their honor, represented as many nationalities, viz: English, Irish, German, Danish and Norwegian. This gives a notion of the cosmopolitan character of British Freemasonry in Turkey.

The Italia Risorta.—This lodge is in close communication with the English lodges, so much so that Bro. Geraci, who, for some ten years past, has ruled the Italia Risorta, has been made an honorary member of the two sister lodges, Oriental and Bulwer. The Italia Resorta is highly esteemed for the charitable work it does in Constantinople, and its annual charity ball has for many years past been encouraged by a donation of T100 (say £90) from H. I. M. the Sultan. The Persian Ambassador, H. E. Moshin Khan, is the perennial patron of this ball, the proceeds of which contribute largely to