



OUR TRACING BOARD.

Grand Master Ayres, of South Dakota, has proclaimed the Cerneau Rite as anathema.

Past Grand Master Withers was present at the Triennial, having returned from Hong Kong.

The General Grand R. A. Chapter will meet at Atlanta, Ga., Wednesday, November 20th.

Grand Master Dingman, of the District of Columbia, has issued an edict against the Cerneau Rite.

The General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters will meet at Atlanta, Ga., Tuesday, Nov. 19th.

Edward III. revised the Constitution A. D. 1358. Henry VI. was initiated in 1430, and William III. in 1690.

Seven members of Phalanx Lodge, at Charlotte, N. C., have been sued for libel on account of a letter having been read in the lodge reflecting on a citizen.

Brother Wm. James Hughan, the English Masonic Historian, is hard at work on his history of Apollo Lodge, York, in relation to Craft and Royal Arch Masonry.

The Earl of Fife, who is married to the Princess of Wales' eldest daughter, Louise, is a Knight Templar and Past Provincial Grand Master of Banffshire, Scotland.

The Masonic Fraternity of Cincinnati gave a reception to M. W. Grand Master Bro. Leander Burdick, the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, on Tuesday evening, 22nd ult.

The Grand Master of Scotland, Sir Archibald C. Campbell, Bart., M. P., on the 7th ult., accompanied by his Grand Officers, visited the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning, No. 2, of Edinburgh.

The Mayor of Liverpool, England, Bro. E. H. Cookson, gave a banquet at the Town Hall, Liverpool, to the brethren of the lodge of which he is W. M.—S. George's Lodge, No. 32, on the 10th ult.

Grand Master McCalla, of Pennsylvania, distributed among the Johnstown sufferers \$45,077.66, and there is more coming in. There are nineteen widows, eleven orphans and 140 brethren to be cared for.

The Grand Lodge of Dakota has been divided into two grand bodies, to be called North and South Dakota.

The Sovereign Great Priory of Victoria, holding original warrants from the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, which was organized in October, 1887, has asked recognition from the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts.

It may not be generally known that as early as 1823 there were two Grand Lodges in New York State, perfectly friendly and working in harmony with each other, one called the City and the other the Country Grand Lodge.

The book of the Constitutions was published in 1723, and the Grand Secretary was first appointed in the same year. The Grand Treasurer was first appointed in 1724, Provincial Grand Masters in 1726, and twelve Grand Stewards in 1728.

It is a matter for congratulation that the breach so long existing between the Supreme Councils of England and Scotland has been finally healed, and the concordat signed—the beginning of a peace which we feel sure will be alike honourable and lasting.

The parade of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Washington was a success, although but half of the Nobles participated. Over 2,000 were in line. Next to Lu Lu Temple, of Philadelphia, Boumi Temple, of Baltimore, had the largest representation.

Following the example of the London Scottish Rifles, "the London Irish" is to have a lodge in connection with the corps. The Hon. Colonel of the regiment, H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, heads the list of founders, and his name is followed by that of Col. Ward, Dr. Bigg, Major Carrell, Major Inglis, Major Stewart, Capt. Billinghurst, Capt. Badham, and Lieut. Kirkpatrick.

A new Masonic body is in course of formation in Spain, under the auspices of "The Grand-Spanish Symbolic Lodge and Ancient and Primitive Oriental of Memphis and Mizraim." There is a document circulating in almost every workshop in Spain that, rather than being of a Masonic character, seems to contain a programme of a true agency of business, at whose head figures a distinguished and prominent lawyer of the College of Madrid.

In Germany, evening dress and white gloves are compulsory at all Masonic meetings.

The name of the Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Oregon is "Tongue." He should be eloquent.

The loss in Johnstown, Penn., by the flood, of the Masonic fraternity, was nineteen lives and \$978,092 00.

The new Lord Mayor of London is Senior Warden of Drury Lane Lodge, London, the same that the late Carl Rosa belonged to.

Never canvass for office, says the *Chronicle*. It is degrading to Freemasonry. If you have any value the Craft will seek you out.

The Grand Lodge of Mississippi has altered its constitution so as to exempt from the payment of dues all brethren over 70 years of age, who had been affiliated Masons 21 consecutive years.

Temple Lodge, Hamilton, was visited on the 12th inst. by a contingent of brethren from St. Catharines and Niagara Falls, N. Y. The visitors were shown some work, and then banquetted in royal style.

The Mark Masons of the Province of North and East Yorkshire recently presented the esteemed Bro. Whythead with a handsome English gold lever watch, accompanied by an illuminated address.

Here is something new. The signing of the marriage contract of a daughter of the W. M., in Paris, was lately followed by a Masonic celebration. After an edifying discourse by a prominent brother, an excellent concert closed the proceedings.

A brother, discussing ritual with another, of mature membership, urged that certain words and passages therein were not grammar, or found in the dictionary. The other replied, "I want you to know that Masonry existed before there was a dictionary or grammar."

The real secret of Freemasonry consists in the exercise of every social and moral virtue, not only in the ostensible actions of our conduct, but also in private life; our latent springs are science and truth; our Craft is reason and good *per se*; our cunning is justice and humanity; our plots and contrivances are sincerity and benevolence; our revenge against our enemies is by labouring to convert them into friends.