

into the Brotherhood, and Prince John of Glucksburg, brother of the King of Denmark. The Masonic Regalia were borne on a cushion before the King and Princes, and on their entrance, a solemn march was played, and lasted till they had taken the places assigned to them. The King having delivered an address suitable to the occasion, Bro. Dahlfelt sketched briefly the history of the Order in Sweden, after which the National Anthem was sung. At eleven o'clock, a banquet was served in the Hall St. John, covers being laid for 870 guests. We learn, from the same source, that the Grand Orient of Italy, has passed a sentence of expulsion against certain members who have withdrawn from its obedience, in order to range themselves under the banner of a Grand Orient at Naples. It is further announced that the Supreme Council of the Grand Orient of France, at its meeting on the 10th ult., decided on opening a subscription in favor of the Lyons workmen. The Grand Orient itself headed the list with the handsome contribution of a thousand francs, and directed a circular letter to be addressed to all the Lodges within its jurisdiction, inviting them to participate in this excellent work. On the same occasion, the Council decided to present the sum of three hundred francs to the Lodge La Sagesse, of the Orient of Barcelona, toward the relief of the victims of the inundations which have lately caused such damage in certain provinces of Spain.—*Freemason's Chronicle*.

WELCOME, BROTHERS!—HEAR THE GAVEL!

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AIR:—"Hold the Fort."

Welcome, brothers, hear the gavel!
Welcome all to-night.
Clothe yourselves, prepare for labor;
See that all is right.
Look you East, the Master speaketh,
Heed ye his command!
Answer back the signs he giveth,
On the level stand.

See the lights upon the altar;
Upward lift each thought.
Thanks, good Father; for thy blessings
Are with riches fraught.
Upward look! Great Father, listen
To our heartfelt prayer.
Be Thou with us, and continue
Over us Thy care.

When from labor to refreshment
We at last are called,
To the Lodge above admit us,
There to be installed.
See the Master there presiding,
In His heavenly sphere.
Give the pass-word; hear the summons,
"Faithful! enter here."

No private matters of business or otherwise, no personal differences, no objections of religion or politics, constitute valid grounds for depositing a black ball.