If the above metaphor does not answer the question, the experience of the past few years do. See how brother stood to brother, though no kindred blood flowed in their veins; how the sick were nursed, at the risk of life; how the dead were buried, widows cared for and orphans given a home. Now, we know that these meetings were to permit new members to assume the vows of brotherhood, and old ones to renew the covenant. Quietly and sacredly in these meetings we are building the strong ship that is to weather such gales as that of Chicago, Memphis and Shreveport.

MASONIC RECORD.

AT HOME.

At the last regular communication of Ionic Lodge, No. 25, G. R. C., held in the Masonic Hall, Toronto, on Tuesday, 2nd November, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—W. Bro. Dr. J. Algernon Temple, re-elected W. M.; Bro. S. W. Farrel, Treasurer; Bro. A. F. McLean, Secretary; Bro. Rev. Dr. H. W. Davies, Chaplain; Bro. John Dixon, Tyler.

AT the last regular meeting of Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, G. R. C., held in the Masonic Hall, Toronto, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Bro. James Martin, jr., W. M.; W. Bro. James Robertson, I. P. M.; Bro. J. W. Minor, S. W.; Bro. Thomas Bryce, J. W.; Bro. James Smith, Treasurer, (re-elected); Bro. W. L. Hunter, Secretary, (re-elected); V. W. Bro. W. C. Morrison and W. Bro. Robertson, Hall Trustees; Bro. John L. Dixon, Tyler.

At a regular meeting of Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65, G. R. C., held in the Masonic Hall, on Thursday evening Nov. 5th, the following brethren were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year:—Wm. Bryden, W. M.; George C. Patterson, I. P. M; T. J. McLelland, S. W.; James Spence, J. W.; Rev. J. G. Robb, Chaplain; J. B. Nixon, Treasurer; Frederick Wright, Secretary; — Nixon and G. C. Patterson, Representatives at Hall Board. After the election of officers V. W. Bro. Nixon was presented by his Masonic brethren with a silver service and a handsome clock, on the occasion of his recent marriage, as a token of their respect for him as a gentleman and a Mason.

At the regular meeting of Doric Lodge, No. 316, A. F. and A. M., the following brethren were duly elected:—Bro. James Summers, W. M.; Bro. H. A. Collins, S. W.; Bro. C. Callighen, J. W.; Bro. Wm. Jardine, Secretary; Bro. John Dixon, Tyler.

At the last regular convocation of Pentalpha Chapter, No. 28, G. R. C., Oshawa, the following officers were installed by ex-Companion P. 1st Principal C. A. Jones, assisted by ex-Companion P. 1st Principal, George W. Garth, viz: Ex-Companions, George W. Garth, T. P. 1st Principal Z.; M. Gilbranson, 1st Principal Z.; Companions, Wm. Deans, 2nd Principal H.; George Annand, 3rd Principal J.; ex-Companion John Boyd, Scribe E.; Companions, A. Rumsey, Scribe N.; Wm. H. Finnimore, Treasurer; Wm. Gullock, P. Soj.; A. Smith, S. Soj.; H. Matthews, J. Soj.; Thos. Kirbey, Janitor.

ABROAD.

THE Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Indiana, met at Indianapolis, on the 19th of October. The following officers were elected:—Daniel McDonald, M. P. G. M.; S. B. Richardson, D. P. G. M.; Chas H. Butterfield, G. Ill. M.; A. P. C. Seymour, P. C. of W.; Thos. H. Lynch, Gr. Chaplain; C. Fisher, Gr. Treasurer; John M. Bramwell, Gr. Recorder; W. R. Godfrey, Capt. of G.; W. M. Black, S. and S.

THE Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Indiana, met at the same place, on the 20th of October. The following are the officers elect:—Lucien A. Foote, Grand High Priest; Reuben Peden. Deputy Grand High Priest; S. S. Johnson, Grand King; Martin H. Rice, Grand Scribe; Charles Fisher, Grand Treasurer; John M. Bramwell, Indianapolis, Grand Secretary; F. M. Symmes, Grand Chaplain; Thomas B. Long, Grand C. of H.; Wm. Roach, G. R. A. C.; Wm. M. Black, Grand Guard.

FIVE columns of the Keokuk (Iowa) Daily Constitution, of Oct. 22nd, ult., are filled with interesting details of the reception given by Damascus Commandery, No. 5, (Sir R. F. Bower, Em. Com.), on Oct. 21st, ult., to the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery of Iowa. A brilliant company of distinguished guests were present, and 355 persons sat down to the banquet. Toasts and dancing followed.

The grandest Masonic event which has occurred at Elizabeth, New Jersey, for many years took place on the 16th of November, when York Commandery, No. 55, Knights Templars, of New York, were tendered a reception by St. John's Commandery, No. 9, of this city. There were several hundred Knights infull uniform in line. At half-pas seven o'clock, a banquet was given the visitors at Masonic Hall, where they were presented with a solid silver set, gold lined, in return for courtesies at the dedication of the