

7th, 1874. The furniture, etc., are pronounced elegant. The Bible was the gift of Wooster Lodge, and the clock of Kirby & Son. The acting Grand Treasurer presented his own steel-engraved portrait. In the west is a full-length portrait of ex-Mayor Flagg, of New Haven, which, it is said, cost \$18,000.

We believe there has been no time when the Chapters, Commanderies, and Scottish Rite bodies, in this city, had so many candidates as they have now. Their prosperity seems to have been accelerated by their action on the 24th of June last, at the laying of the corner-stone of the new Custom House in this city.—*Voice of Masonry*.

THE Rev. Henry G. Perry, rector of All-Saints Episcopal Church, Chicago, was recently re-installed Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for the State of Illinois. The Rev. Mr. Perry is also a Knight Templar as Thirty-second Degree Mason of the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

THE Tyler, Sturges M. Judd, of Harmony Lodge No. 42, Waterbury, has tyled for this Lodge for the past sixteen years; also for Constitution Lodge and Chapter, Council and Commandery, and has not lost a single session for the past five years, and scarcely one for the whole time. He also keeps a complete record of the attendance and of the weather.—*Masonic Journal*.

BROTHER John Knight, of Gloucester, Massachusetts, appears to be the "oldest living Mason." He is now 94 years of age, and has been a Mason for seventy-three years.

THE Bible presented by Bro. Robert Burns to the "Mary," whom he celebrated in his poems, was recovered in Canada, and is now deposited in Ayr, Scotland. This Bible is in two volumes, in a good state of preservation, and bears marks of having been well but carefully used. Under Burns' own name is a Masonic mark, a triangular figure, which is very distinct. One of the blank leaves contained a lock of Mary's hair. Mary Campbell died in Greenock, and lies buried in the West Churchyard.

FREDERICK, I., King of Prussia, when at table one day in the castle of Loo, declaimed with great violence against Freemasons, whereupon the reigning Duke, Albert Woligang, of Chaumburg-Lippe, openly confessed that he was one of the fraternity, and he forthwith defended Freemasonry with great eloquence and ability. The crown prince, (afterwards Frederick the Great) struck by the duke's energy, at once conceived a desire to join the fraternity, and on the same day made known his intention to the duke. The result was that on the night of August 14, 1738, the crown prince was made a Mason, became the founder of a Lodge, and a powerful patron and defender of the Order.

FOUR of the greatest military commanders of modern times—Wellington, Nelson, Moore and Abercrombie belonged to the peaceful Masonic fraternity.

PRAYERS in Freemasons' Lodges in this country and England are usually offered to the "one only true and living God," but in Scotland they are generally offered in the name of the Saviour.

THE first Grand Lodge in London was formed by the four subordinate lodges in that city, under the Grand Mastership of George Payne, in 1717.

BRO. Joseph R. Chandler, Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania, is now over eighty years of age. The *Krystone* reports him as living in Philadelphia in the enjoyment of good health.

THE dedication of the New Masonic Temple, in New York city, is now fixed to occur on Wednesday, the 2nd day of June, 1875. The leading Masonic bodies in all parts of the world will be invited to participate in the dedicatory ceremonies.

A MEMBER of the Masonic Order telegraphed to a companion at a distance in a small town, "Make room for ten Royal Arch Masons—coming to-day." When the companions arrived, they found that a pen had been built for their accommodation, the telegram at its destination reading, "Make room for ten R.A.M.'s—coming to-day."

ONE of the elder craftsmen, Brother Daniel Bostwick, of Jersey City, laid down the working tools for a long rest on the 26th ult. He was ninety-five years old, seventy of which he had been a Mason. He was made one in Union Lodge, Greenwich, Conn., and subsequently took the Mark Degree. He retained his health and faculties to the last, and only expired when the machinery of life was worn out. His remains were taken to Connecticut for interment.

THE Lodge Commercial, No. 360, Glasgow, Scotland, met on November 6th, ult., and its new Masonic Hall was consecrated by Bro. F. A. Barrow, D. Provincial Grand Master of the P. G. Lodge of Glasgow. In the course of the D. P. Grand Master's address, he spoke thus tenderly of female and other like Masonry:

"In old times Scotland was recognized as having preserved the ancient rites of Freemasonry in their integrity, but he regretted that there had lately been creeping in amongst them some degrees that they never heard of before, such as the Grand Cross of Constantine, and the Eastern Star. Such Orders, the latter especially, the speaker