

nounced in his laudations in this respect. He stated that of the many lodges he had visited, he had never seen the ceremony of initiation more correctly or efficiently performed than it had on that evening been done in Britannia Lodge, and he gave the lodge, in respect of its working, a first position among the lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada. That Britannia Lodge may long continue to maintain and deserve this enviable reputation, is, we are sure, the wish of all who are at all interested in the Masonic cause.

THE Hall of Veedersburg Lodge, Indiana, was destroyed by fire on the 20th Feby.

THE Marquis of Hartington, the new leader of the Liberal party in the English House of Commons, is Provincial Grand Master of Derbyshire.

THERE are forty thousand Master Masons in Illinois, ten thousand Royal Arch Masons, two thousand Royal and Select Masters, and four thousand Knights Templar.

GRAND MASTER THORNE, of New York, has granted a dispensation for a new Lodge in Brooklyn, to work in the German language. Its name is to be "Klopstock Lodge," and its first W. M., Bro. Emil Zesch.

BROTHER WILLIAM BAIRD, Philadelphia, has just made a magnificent gift to Frankford Lodge No. 292, in the shape of a fine building for a Masonic Hall. It is situated on Green Street, near Frankford Road, and cost \$35,000.

THE Right Hon. Lord Dunboyne, Provincial Grand Master of North Munster, has been presented with a piece of plate, by the brethren of that province, as a mark of their respect for him.

BROTHER THE VISCOUNT HOLMESDALE, M. P., Provincial Grand Master of Kent, has given his numerous tenants in the neighborhood of Cranbrook the right of destroying all game and rabbits on their respective occupations.

THE Marquis of Conyngham has been installed at the Masonic Hall, Dublin, Great Prior of Ireland of the Order of the Temple and Hospital. The appointment was made in compliance with the nomination of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Order in Great Britain and Ireland.

It is stated that the Right Worshipful Robert Bagshaw, Provincial Grand Master for Sussex, has appointed Bro. Matthew Edward Clark, of London, to be his Deputy P. G. M. This appointment has been vacant since the death of Bro. Andrew Meggy, in January, 1873.

MASONIC CHIT-CHAT.

THE Masonic Board of Relief of San Francisco, in eighteen years, has distributed nearly seventy-five thousand dollars in relieving the wants of destitute Master Masons hailing from outsidis of that city.

THE laws of Masonry are sense and reason; its religion, truth and purity; its object, peace on earth; its disposition, good will towards men.

CALIFORNIA has 198 Subordinate Lodges with a membership of 10,725 Masons.

PREPARATIONS are being made to dedicate the new Masonic Temple in New York City, on June 2nd, which will be on the second day of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New York. There will probably be, on this occasion, the largest gathering of Masons ever assembled at one time.

BROTHER DODGE, of Ohio, writing from Jerusalem, the Holy Land, says that the Masonic Lodge of that ancient city "is in every way healthy, and the members are a good set of boys. A glorious career is in prospect for them, in my opinion. There is no city under the clouded canopy that so much needs the benign influences of the gavel and square."

BROTHER SAMUEL CLOSE, residing at Greenwich, Connecticut, is a Masonic veteran. He was made a Mason in Union Lodge, Stamford, Connecticut, in 1809. He was ninety-two years old on the 10th of February. His intellect is unclouded, bodily health good, and he walks out daily. His son is Master of Aurora Grata Lodge in Brooklyn.

M. E. COMP. R. F. BOWER, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Council, and Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, has one of the largest Masonic Libraries in the United States, embracing some two thousand volumes.

THE first Masonic Lodge known in France, was instituted at Paris, in 1725, by Lord Derwentwater, and other English Brethren. It was chartered by the Grand Lodge of England, and worked the three Degrees.

BRO. D. MURRAY LYON has just succeeded in deciphering the signatures to the famous Scottish "National League and Covenant," of 1638, for which he has received the commendation and thanks of the Town Council of Ayr, Scotland.