

THE Grand Lodge *Electric Union* Frankfort-on-the-Main, will celebrate its centennial on March 18th, 1883, and a committee has been appointed to take the necessary action therefor.

THE *Freemason's Repository* for October, just received, opens its twelfth volume. We congratulate its publishers, and especially its editor, Bro. Henry W. Rugg, upon its handsome appearance and sterling value. The present number is embellished with a steel-engraved portrait of Bro. Hon. Chas. A. Stott, Mayor of the city of Lowell. Continued success to the *Repository*.

GARIBALDI Lodge, No. 542, of New York City, recently held a Lodge of Sorrow at Irving Hall, in memory of the distinguished Patriot-Freemason, whose name it bears. The ceremonies were conducted by W. Bro. N. Bareli, in the Italian language. P. G. M. Bro. Gen. Charles Roome also delivered an eloquent address in English. There was both instrumental and vocal music of a fine character.

THERE is in London a Lodge (Pilgrim Lodge) composed exclusively of German Freemasons, which performs all its work in the German language. A new lodge has just been formed in the same city by German brethren, in which, however, the English language will be used. It is named Waldeck Lodge, No. 1969, in honor of the Princess Waldeck. Bro. M. Julius Quitmann is its first W. M. This lodge was constituted and consecrated at Freemasons' Hall, on July 10th, last, by Grand Secretary Clerke, act-

ing as G. M. The Duke of Albany was elected an honorary member, and has authorized the Lodge to use the Waldeck arms.

The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky makes it the duty of the Grand Chaplain "to prepare and preach suitable sermons upon the subject of Freemasonry." The present Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. H. R. Coleman, prepared such a sermon, had it printed and distributed among the lodges for their use on the 24th of June, St. John's Day. The idea was a good one and the sermon worthy of the occasion.

THE Canadian correspondent of the *Voice of Masonry* speaks favorably of the improvement in THE CRAFTSMAN. Thanks. The editor of the *Voice* has also our thanks for duplicate copies of his really excellent periodical, in spite of his "little errors" with regard to "Unity," "High Degreeism," etc. In time we trust he will get over these unfortunate eccentricities.

A BROTHER writing to the *New Zealand Freemason* says:—"I have often seen a lodge closed down in the third and second degrees "By the power in me vested," &c. This is mostly done in Scotch Lodges in the Colony; but a few evenings since I saw the W. M. pass and raise the lodge that way." The brother adds:—"Will some intelligent brother say if this is proper or otherwise, and give reasons for his opinion?" Such a proceeding on this continent would cause no small amount of comment in Masonic circles.