

[NOTE.—Our Companion can obtain the degrees by either going to Galt himself, or should he wish to establish a Council there, he should write to the Inspector-General of the Eastern Division, Right Illustrious Companion G. H. Patterson, of Galt, who, with one or two Illustrious Companions would at once visit London, confer the grades upon nine Royal Arch Companions, and recommend your petition to the M. P. Grand Master for confirmation. We by all means advise all Royal Arch Masons to establish Councils of this beautiful little Rite, which really is the development of Capitular masonry, and in the words of the learned Mackey, "completes the circle." The childish opposition of some, because it is American, is really amusing when we remember that our Most Illustrious Companion Chase, of New York, has been sent for to England to introduce the Rite there. For our part we like the grade, and hope yet to see as many Councils of Royal and Select Masters in Ontario, as there are Royal Arch Chapters. We fail completely to understand why any should be opposed to them, when we recollect that at the head of our Council are two masons, whose names are part of Canadian masonry, Most Illustrious Companion T. D. Harington, 33°, the Grand Z. of Canada, and Right Illustrious Companion Col. W. J. B. MacLeod Moore, 33°, the Grand Prior of the Dominion, whilst for Right Piusant Deputy Grand Master we have Rt. Ill. Companion Daniel Spry, of Toronto, whose voice is ever raised in the cause of Right and Justice, and whose pen is ever ready to defend the oppressed. Few Grand Councils have been started under better auspices, and we hope our Comp. will be the first to form a Council of Royal and Select Masters under the authority of the Grand Council of Ontario.—ED. GAVEL.]

KENTUCKY.—The Masons' Home in this state is now open for beneficiaries. So one U. S. Grand Lodge follows another.

ITEMS.

HOLLAND.—In Holland the Brethren still wear swords in their masonic lodges.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE, LONDON, ENG.—In July this Lodge granted £132, 9, 0, Stg. for the relief of nine applicants. The month before £130. This is true Masonry.

HAYTI.—The Grand Orient of the A. and A. Rite, of Hayti, was founded in 1823 and has full control of all the degrees from the first to the thirty-third and is composed mainly of colored men.

IRELAND.—Rt. Em. Sir Kt. Gouley asserts that "in Ireland there are thirty encampments, nine of which are in the capital." Surely there must be some mistake.

SUBSCRIBE.—We ask Worshipful Masters, Secretaries and others to endeavor to secure a few subscribers for us. We ought to have another thousand new names before the end of the year. We ask all to give us a helping hand.

PENNSYLVANIA.—The masons of Pennsylvania in addition to their other excellent institutions have started a Masons' Home. The Grand Commandery of the state donated three thousand dollars towards the same.

INTEMPERANCE AND PROFANITY.—The G. M. of Oregon, M. W. Bro. W. D. Hare, is "out" in a circular, addressed to the Brethren of his jurisdiction against "Intemperance and Profanity." He orders that his letter be read at the three successive meetings of every lodge in Oregon. We hope all will profit by the same.

POSITIVELY THE OLDEST.—Ypsilon, Alaska, contains the oldest Mason in the world in the person of a Russian, aged one hundred and fifteen years, who claims to have received the Master Mason's degree at the age of eighteen, by special dispensation, in a Lodge on the frontiers of Persia, more than ninety-seven years ago. The aged brother is quite feeble, but visitors say he still retains a thorough knowledge of Masonic work.

A. A. R. IN THE WEST.—Ill. Bro. J. C. Answorth, 33°, is doing good work in Oregon and Washington Territory. He has