

Lodge, and witness the exemplification of the Third (or Master Mason's) Degree, according to the ritual they are privileged to use. There is reason to believe that a large number will respond to the invitation, and that the 11th of April will prove to be a "red-letter" day—among very many others—in the history of this lodge.—*London Free Press*.

UNITED STATES.

The third annual Knights Templars Charity Ball, in Chicago, netted about two thousand dollars.

March 9th, 1889, Bro. Gen. Simon Cameron, of Lochiel, Pennsylvania, celebrated the completion of his ninetyeth year.

The receipts of the Chicago Masonic Board of Relief in the past year were \$516.19, and the disbursements \$399.97. Relief was granted to fifty-four applicants.

Bro. Hon. John M. Clayton, who was assassinated at Plummerville, Ark., was the Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Arkansas. Our deceased Brother was born at Bethel, Pa., in 1840, and was a brother of Bro. Hon. Thomas J. Clayton, of Chester Pa.

FOREIGN.

A Masonic lodge has been formed in Limassol, Cyprus. It is called the St. Paul's Lodge, and is under the E.C.

The Island of Malta, the area of which is about equal to a horse paddock on a station, has seven lodges with a roll of 500 members, many of whom are military.—*Royal Craftsman*.

The lodge rooms of the Eugenia Lodge of Freemasons at Dantsic were burned on the 6th ult., and a large quantity of historical property destroyed. One fireman was killed by a falling wall, and several others were injured.

The Grand Lodge of Mark Masters has resolved to migrate to Bacon's Hotel, Great Queen Street, London, which will be restored and fitted up for their accommodation. The mantelpieces and

ceilings are to be carefully preserved, and H. R. H. the Grand Master, Lord Egerton of Tatton, Lord Hertford, Canon Portal, and the other moving spirits of the Order will hold their councils in the rooms where Miss Pope once welcomed all the celebrities of her time.—*London World*

Knights Templars.

STILL OUT IN THE COLD.

"The Iowa Grand Commandery of Knights Templar has decided to conform to the edict of the Grand Master in reference to the adoption of the ritual promulgated at St. Louis in 1886, and the interdict against Iowa Knights has accordingly been raised."

The abovesquib has travelled all over the country; the copy here given was found in a California paper, some time ago, and since then we have come across it in a Maryland paper.

We are enabled to state authoritatively that there is not the slightest truth in it.

The Grand Commandery has never met since October, 1888, nor will it meet until November 14th, next, unless specially convened by the G.C., and this is not at all likely to happen.—*Masonic Chronicle*.

GRAND COMMANDER SPEED'S ADDRESS.

At the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Mississippi held recently Grand Commander Speed, in his address, referred at length to the ritual controversy.

After quoting the edict of M. Em. Grand Master Roome, regarding the suspension of the Grand Commandery of Iowa, he states that he refused to promulgate said edict within his jurisdiction, believing it to be "an absolute nullity," and he addressed a letter to the Grand Master on the subject, in which he fully explains his reasons for refusing to obey the orders in regard to the edict. He also issued a circular to the Commanderies of his jurisdiction, informing them of his action.