

Even the Grand Lodge at its first session invested in two "State Lottery Tickets," besides putting on record the following expression of its gratitude for the gift of another Ticket: "*Resolved*, that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to Brother Joshua Watson, Grand Treasurer, for his liberal donation of a Lottery Ticket, and that the Grand Secretary transmit the same in terms of suitable respect and affection, for so particular an instance of benevolence." The flight of a century brings about many changes in opinions and practices, for "time makes ancient good uncouth," We should not want to return to the customs of the fathers, albeit we believe that they were as faithful to the light of their day as we are to the superior illumination of our time. Nevertheless, that it is every way profitable and interesting to explore the early history of the Craft, and to bring to light the transactions that indicate the characteristics of lodges and Masons in the former days. We trust that the enterprise of publication undertaken by Kane Lodge may be generously sustained, and prove an incitement to like movements in other jurisdictions.—*Freemason's Repository*.

MASONIC RECORD.

AT HOME.

THE Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of Canada met in Cobourg, on Tuesday of last week, about thirty members being present, a larger number than at any previous half-yearly meeting. Among the members present were R. W. Bro. Weiler, D. G. M., of Cobourg; R. W. Bro. Peplow, D. D. G. M., of Ontario District; and R. W. Bros. C. D. MacDonnell and J. B. Traves, P. D. D. G. M. The business of the Board was concluded the following day. On Tuesday evening the manager of the "Arlington" Mr. R. R. Pringle, gave the members of the Fraternity a grand dinner, at which there was about forty members present. The spacious and handsome dining hall of the "Arlington" was elegantly fitted up, and the banquet was a great success.

MASONIC CHIT-CHAT.

THE Grand Lodge of Colorado numbers nineteen lodges and a membership of 1204.

THE Centenary of the Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145, was celebrated on 25th ult., at Freemason's Hall, London, some 300 brethren being present.

THE Lodge Anchor and Hope, Calcutta, is over a hundred years old, and is about to have a centenary medal struck, in commemoration of the age of the lodge.

JOHN JACOB ASTOR was a brother Mason and a Knight. In 1801 he appeared among his frater clad in all the Templar panoply, including a chapeau and cross-hilted sword.

BRO. H. R. H. PRINCE LEOPOLD has been elected Worshipful Master of the Apollo University Lodge, Oxford, England, for the present Masonic year.

THE Lodges in Scotland open and close on the E. A. degree, and transact all the business when so opened, except conferring degrees.

THE Brethren in Belfast, Maine, are about to erect a Masonic Temple, and for this purpose have secured the ground at a cost of \$7,500.

THE present Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, Bro. Rev. Elder Atwell, is 83 years of age.

BRO. PRINCE LEOPOLD has been appointed by the Grand Master of England, Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire.

ONE hundred years ago Masonic regalia and clothing were not precisely what they are now. For example: We find reference to the officer's garters to fasten up their breeches; and tylers in procession often wore cocked hats and light blue clothes.

THE Masonic Mutual Benefit Society of Indiana numbers now nearly 5,000 members, and has paid out \$1,100,000 to the families of 272 deceased members—to some 1,500 widows and orphans, averaging \$4,200.

THE Freemasons of Denmark held their Annual Festival on the 6th January. About 400 brethren were present, including the Crown Prince—who is Grand Master—and Prince Haug, brother of the King.

THE trowel and measuring rod used by the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master, in laying the foundation stone of the Madras harbor works, were of gold and valued at \$800.

UPWARDS of sixty Commandries, besides several Grand Bodies have already signified their intentions to the Committee of arrangements, to visit Philadelphia during the session of the Grand Commandry of Pennsylvania.