

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

BRO. GEN. NAPOLEON BONAPARTE.—The *Milan Humanitas* for October, says:—"Gen. Bonaparte was made a Mason at Malta, in 1798."

TRUE MASONRY opposes no other society or body of men who are united in an effort to do good. The church to-day has no better friend in the secular world. Genuine Masonry is the handmaid to religion, for it teaches the highest morality, and no man can be a Christian without this Masonic principle.

FREEMASONRY is dearer to me than any other thing I know of, because, in my conception of it, it comprises all true religion and morality; all family, social, and national duties; all genuine philanthropy, literature and art; in brief, all that can endear man to man, and make us more like the Grand Geometrician of the Universe, in whose service alone is felicity for the human race.—*Bro. Markham Tweddell.*

NEW CHAPTER AT LINDSAY.—Midland Chapter, U. D., R. A. M., was instituted on January 21st, by R. E. Comp. J. B. Traves, Grand Superintendent Ontario District, assisted by E. Comps. W. B. Wallace and F. E. Gaudrie, of Port Hope, E. Comp. P. Lightburn, and Comp. R. J. Craig, of Cobourg. The officers installed were E. Comps. J. W. Wallace, Z.; W. J. Hallett, H.; B. Dingle, J. Midland Chapter begins work with excellent prospects, and it only requires the careful attention of the officers to make it one of the best in the Dominion.

WE are indebted to R. E. Sir Knight James A. Rich, the courteous and affable Treasurer of Palestine Commandery, K. T., No. 18, of New York, for an invitation to attend the ninth annual reception and ball of that commandery, to be held in the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, on Tuesday evening, February 8, the

proceeds of which are to be devoted to establish a fund to build an asylum for widows and orphans of the Masonic fraternity of New York State. This year's reception is expected to eclipse all previous efforts of Palestine Commandery, and will be one of the most brilliant events of the season in New York City.

### THE MASONIC TEMPLE, ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND.

We desire to tender our thanks to our esteemed Bro. H. J. Mabin, of St. John's, Nfld., for a copy of the Christmas number of the *Daily Colonist*, published in that city. The issue is a very handsome one, profusely illustrated. Among the illustrations is one of the Masonic Temple at St. John's, a substantial, imposing structure, of which the following particulars are given:—

"The Masonic Temple is owned by a joint stock company, members of the craft only being eligible to hold stock.

"The foundation stone was laid with Masonic ceremonies by Sir William V. Whiteway, D. G. M. R. S., Hon. A. M. McKay, P. G. M. R. S., and Hon. M. Monroe, G. S. R. A. M. N. S., the 'St. John's,' 'Avalon,' 'Tasker' and Harbor Grace Lodges, and the Royal Arch Chapter 'Shannon' being present, on June 13th, 1885, and the Temple was complete and handed over in December, 1885.

"The building is 67 feet wide and 97 feet long, with property porches 01 feet by 93. It consists of three stories besides the basement, which is occupied by the heating apparatus. The ground floor is 14 feet to the ceiling and is devoted to school-rooms. The middle flat is 16 feet high and is entirely devoted to the various wants of the Masonic body, lodge rooms, chapter-rooms, ante-rooms, library and smoking-rooms. The upper flat is a fine people's hall, capable of seating comfortably 1,000 people, and is lighted by the electric lights, and is the finest public rooms in the city.