

and Past Masters of Sister Lodges," which was responded to by a large number of brethren.

Bro. Tipping then sang inimitably, "The Irish Christening," which was received with roars of laughter; Bro. Rodgers, to calm the tumult, gave "The Englishman," in fine old English style, and Bro. Smith, to calm them off, sang "Happy be Thy Dreams." Bro. Morgan closing the first part of the programme with one of his perfect piano solos. Bro. Morgan is a host in himself.

The toasts now being handed to the Senior Warden, Bro. Newton, "Our Orillia Brethren" was responded to by Bro. Barker. Bros. Henderson and Morgan, instrumental duett, and Bro. C. Matthews, "Turner Laugh."

"Signet Royal Arch Chapter, and Mount Calvary Preceptory," called forth two excellent speeches from Ex. Comp. C. L. Sanders, and V. Ex. Comp. Stevenson, of Signet Chapter. The latter, in some happy remarks, extolled the beauties of Capitular Masonry, and complimented them on their efficient working.

Sir Kt. Downie, on behalf of the Preceptory, said he had long looked forward to this visit, and was delighted to note the rapid progress and admirable work of Thorne. He hoped its younger brethren after joining the Chapter, would follow the example of its Master and Senior Warden by allying themselves with the Templar Order.

The Grand Master then asked the privilege, which was of course granted, of proposing "Our newly initiated brethren." Bros. Moase and Dalh. Ramsay briefly responded. At this point the Toronto, Barrie, and Craigvale brethren had to retire, so "The Junior Warden's Toast" was sung by the Kerr Lodge Quartette Club, assisted by Thorne Lodge Glee Club. Bro. Morgan first, however, reciting "High Twelve." Those going south then left the hall amidst three rousing cheers for the Grand Master.

Bro. Jessopp then, on behalf of the lodge, presented Bro. R. H. Denny with a farewell address, to which that brother suitably replied.

Songs and sentiments were then indulged in for another hour, and "Auld Lang Syne" having been sung, the company separated after singing "God Save the Queen."

POINTS.

R. W. Bro. John W. Brown, concludes his report on Correspondence to the Grand Lodge of Illinois by a variety of paragraphs under the above caption, from which we select:

BURDEN-BEARING.

In this world burden-bearing cannot be escaped. Not even labor-saving machinery, nor any possible skill or ingenuity, can wholly obviate it. The telegraph and the telephone will not act if the burden-bearer's work has been neglected or is omitted. Even the mighty engine will stop if the engineer and his fireman fail in their duty. Electricity and steam are mighty forces and accomplish wonders, when properly generated and handled, but still the operator, the engineer, the horse, and the day-laborer, are indispensable. Indeed, whatever may be done to avert them, burdens cannot wholly be avoided. The history of all human lives, and of all important enterprises, demonstrates this fact. Even Solomon's Temple, which was divinely favored, could not be erected without the labor of seventy thousand bearers of burdens, and the great lesson taught thereby is impressed upon each Mason's neophyte.

Each Entered Apprentice, symbolically at least, is a burden-bearer, and the idea runs through all the degrees. Inflexible fidelity to Masonic principles is everywhere inculcated, and none can escape the test of integrity. Even the so-called favored few who are honored with office, faith-