

ANCIENT INITIATION.

IN Egypt the ceremonies of initiation into the mysteries, took place in a pyramid erected over a cavern; the pyramids of Egypt are nothing more or less than Masonic Temples, and these were so constructed as to defy the ravages of time.

The Arabs have a tradition that the present pyramids were built by Saurid Ibn Salhouk, King of Egypt, who lived three hundred years before the deluge, and who adopted this curious form of building, on account of the great solidity it gave to the structure, and its symbolical reference to the sun—the spiral flame. It was also to indicate the God-head; for having three sides, it represented *trinity* in unity, and wisdom, strength and beauty.

The caverns under these places of initiation, or Temples of Masonry, usually extended East and West, and differed in their appearance, some being perfectly bare and devoid of all ornament, while others were embellished with symbols cut into the solid rock, and contained couches and cells, or closets. In these caverns were celebrated the rites of Ancient Masonry.

MASONIC RECORD.

AT HOME.

THE elective officers of Clifford Lodge, No. 315, Clifford, for the ensuing year are as follows: W. Bro. K. M. Walton, W. M.; Bros. F. S. Dodson, S. W.; George Taylor, J. W.; F. Brown, Treasurer; A. S. Allan, Secretary; E. Tolton, Tyler.

THE officers of Irvine Lodge, No. 203, Elora, are as follows: W. Bros. J. H. Kenting, W. M.; John McDonald, P. M.; Bros. David Boyle, S. W.; R. Carter, J. W., Rev. E. J. Fessenden, Chaplain; A. Waddell, Treasurer; J. Irwin, Secretary; Wm. Strachan, Tyler.

THE officers of St. Alban's Lodge, No. 200, Mount Forest, were installed on St. John's Day, and are as follows: W. Bros. Alex. Gow, W. M.; John McLaren, P. M.; Bros. John Rogers, S. W.; Thomas Ainley, J. W.; W. Bro. Thomas Swan, Chaplain; Bros. James Watt, Treasurer, Wm. Colcleugh, Secretary; T. G. Smith, S. D.; A. E. Ecroyd, M. D., J. D.; R. J. Dale, I. G.; H. P. Yeomons, M. D., D. of C.; F. W. Stevenson, Organist; W. L. Smith and Wm. Evans, Stewards; E. B. Bossely, Tyler.

SEYMOUR ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, U. D., was instituted in Harriston on the evening of Thursday, 17th June. R. E. Comp. I. F. Toms, G. Supt. of the Huron District, Goderich, conducted the ceremonies, assisted by Ex. Comp. W. F. Savage and Comps. J. H. Kenning and J. M. Fraser, of Elora; A. F. Healey, of Walkerton, and others. The officers installed were: Alex. Irvine, Z.; John McLaren, H.; Richard Nokes, J.; George Bates was appointed Scribe E.

THE members of Blair Lodge, No. 314, Palmerston, have fitted up their new Lodge room in that town in a very handsome manner. The floor is covered with a fine three-ply carpet, and the furniture and other fittings are of new and elegant designs. The outfit cost upwards of \$400, and reflects credit upon the taste and enterprise of the brethren.

THE brethren of Harris Lodge, No. 216, of Orangeville, together with a number of invited guests and lady friends, indulged in an excursion to Owen Sound on the 24th ult., by the T. G. and E. Railway. A picnic on the grounds of Thomas Scott, Esq., M. P. P., and a sail on the bay were among the leading features of the occasion.—*Mount Forest Examiner*.

THE officers of Guelph Lodge, No. 258, were duly installed on the evening of the 6th ult. W. Bro. Chadwick, assisted by V. W. Bro. J. M. Dunn, of Welland, conducted the ceremony. The following are the officers installed: W. Bro. H. Walker, W. M.; Bros. J. H. Moore, S. W.; D. Kennedy, J. W.; F. T. Chadwick, Treasurer; W. Bros. W. J. Paterson, Secretary; S. S. Walsh, Chaplain; Bros. G. T. Marsh, D. of C.; G. D. Pringle, Organist; G. Grange, S. D.; James Logan, J. D.; John Sutton, James Sparks, Stewards; Col. N. Hignbotham, Br. L. Brock, V. W. Bro. Charles Sharpe, Benevolent Committee; Bros. G. Murton, C. Davidson, James Anderson, Board of General Purposes; Robert Orr, Junior Guard; George Smith, Tyler.

THE new Masonic Hall, Belleville, was informally opened on St. John's Day. We copy from the *Intelligence*: After the performance of the regular Masonic work, the brethren sat down to supper in their own dining room; R. W. Bro. L. H. Henderson, in the absence of D. D. G. M. Lazier, occupying the chair. The first toast was "the Queen and the Craft," which in every Mason's heart finds a warm response. The Committee to whom was intrusted the affairs of the new Hall was next toasted, and