

sectarianism, for our Jewish brethren must know that no matter how much may be written in condemnation of the honor paid to the Saints John, their festivals will continue to be observed. We are obliged to Bro. Hyneman for the good opinion he expresses of the *CRAFTSMAN*, and can only say that its conductors will endeavor to maintain that opinion, coming as it does from so high an authority in the Masonic world.

MASONIC BRIEFLETS.

FROM Vicksburg we have a well printed copy of the proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Mississippi, at the annual conclave held on the 20th April. Accompanying the proceedings is the Constitution of the Grand Commandery, together with the By-laws and rules for the government of subordinate Commanderies.

THE Grand Lodge of New Jersey are having prepared a steel engraving of Grand Master Cox, who, in 1730, was appointed first Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, by the Grand Lodge of England. The cost is to be \$275, and a copy is to be presented to the living representatives of Bro. Cox, as a mark of esteem for the Father of Freemasonry in America.

THE eighty-eighth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey was held at Trenton, on the 20th ult., when the following officers were elected: M. W. Bro. William A. Pembroke, of Lodge No. 33, Grand Master; R. W. Bros. Marshall B. Smith, of Lodge No. 67, Deputy Grand Master; Joseph L. De LaCour, of Lodge No. 15, Grand Senior Warden; Bros. Julius C. FitzGerald, of Lodge No. 112, Grand Junior Warden; Charles Bechtel, of Lodge No. 5, Grand Treasurer; Joseph H. Hough, of Lodge No. 50, Grand Secretary; William D. Rutan, of Lodge No. 55, Deputy Grand Secretary.

WE have been in doubt for a considerable time with regard to the *Glasgow Masonic News*, as we had not seen a number of it for months. We now learn that it has ceased to exist, at least so says a Scottish correspondent of the *Columbia Courant*. There were few Masonic journals containing so much useful and valuable information as the *News*. We are sorry for its departure.

THE Knights Templars of Pennsylvania have taken the Centennial celebration in hand, and intend to make it a grand affair, all who profess Christian Knighthood in the world will be invited, so that it is probable the gathering will be an immense one. By the way, is it not strange that the brethren of the lower ranks of Masonry are not to participate. Chivalry is up, and the city of Brotherly Love is determined to have the largest encampment of Templars ever seen.

THE annual gathering of the Masonic fraternity takes place at Wild Cat Falls, Pennsylvania, August 2nd, continuing until the 7th. One day is to be given exclusively to the ladies. The meeting will be a pleasant one, and no doubt it will be thoroughly enjoyed.

THE Philadelphia *Keystone*, than which there is not a better Masonic journal in existence, has entered on its ninth year, and does so with an extended address to its readers, in which it justly claims to be free from all such influences as would deprive it of the real sympathy and support of the Craft generally. We are pleased to see the *Keystone* making good progress, but regret that it cannot boast of doing more than to hold its own. In other words, the earnings of the paper are