

same Lodge: Bros. James Gamble, W. M.; H. G. Lindsay, P. M.; David Small, S.W.; Geo. Robinson, J. W.; Chas. Northern, Secretary; Francis Thompson Treasurer. After the election Bro. H. G. Lindsay, the retiring Worshipful Master, was presented with an elegant Jewel.

THE following brethren were installed officers of "The Hiram" Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 317, Dundas, on the festival of St. John the Evangelist, for the ensuing year: W. Bros. H. C. Gwyn, W. M. re-elected; N. Greening, I. P. M.; Bros. A. Henderson, S.W.; T. Clark, J. W.; R. McKechnie, Chaplain, re-elected; W. C. Niblett, Treas., re-elected; J. S. Baillie, Secretary, re-elected; W. Graham, S. D.; C. C. Greening, J. D.; J. Bertram, D. of C.; A. Bertram, W. H. C. Fisher, Stewards; F. T. Carman, I. G.; E. A. Woodhouse, Tyler.

ON the 8th inst. W. Bro. Hyndman, P. M., assisted by W. Bros. Gibson, of Barton Lodge, No. 6, Hamilton, Nichol of Bernard Lodge, No. 225, Listowell, and McKellor of Conestogo Lodge, No. 295, Drayton, installed the following officers of Blair Lodge, No. 314, Palmerston: W. Bros. A. Bruce Munson, W. M.; A. Stewart, M. D., I. P. M.; Bros. T. H. Bennetto, S. W.; Robt. Shields, J. W.; M. Donly, Chaplain; Thos. McDowell, Treasurer; J. M. Mundell, Secretary; J. Gracie, S. D.; J. F. Neiland, J. D.; Robt. Carter, Richard Johnson, Stewards; H. McEwing, I. G.; John Nesgate, Tyler.

ABRCAD.

THERE are two things you will find in every part of the English-speaking world—Religion and Freemasonry.

AN Indian chief lately died in Greenville, Maine; he was known as a faithful Mason. The Masons have erected a Memorial tablet over his grave.

ON Saturday, Nov. 11th, inst., there were 5,162 visitors to the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia. This was the last of the Centennial visiting days. During the entire Centennial season there were, in all, 125,850 visitors to the Temple.

AT the laying of the corner-stone of the new Postoffice Building at Glasgow, Scotland, on Tuesday, October 17th, 1876, by the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, near 2,000 Masons were present. Hundreds of Lodges were represented, and a vast number of Masonic officials and Masons of prominence were present to give interest and history to the occasion.

THE Grand Lodge of Florida has a Masonic Library of 200 volumes, and also a Public Masonic Academy Library, of literary and scientific works, of 1200 volumes. Bro. John Carlovitz is Secretary and Librarian.

THE Grand Master of Georgia, Bro. D. E. Butler, has appealed to the Masons of that State to assist the destitute and suffering Masons of Savannah and Brunswick. The Masonic Board of Relief of Memphis, has tendered aid to the Masons of these yellow fever stricken cities, and a limited amount of aid has been accepted. The Masons of these cities have been instructed to draw for more whenever needed.

SICKLY LODGES.

WITHIN our Jurisdiction are many sickly Lodges, which live only at "a poor dying rate." Most of these were never successful. At the beginning they started out wrong—made up of poor material, officered by ignorant men who knew almost as little of the spirit and objects of Masonry as they did of the Greek language. On the old rule of "birds of a feather flocking together," such parties called into the Lodges over which they presided others as ignorant and unqualified for membership as themselves, and the result is appalling indeed. The existence of these Lodges is a source of weakness to the Fraternity, and the sooner they die out entirely or else become so modified as to be worthy of an existence, the better it will be for our Craft.

In many places where Lodges have been instituted, there was no need of them. It is not every hamlet of two or three hundred inhabitants of mushroom growth, and thinly populated country adjacent, that can properly sustain a Masonic Lodge. We know of weak, sickly Lodges located in such places, whose ambitious officers are elected by dint of much wirepulling, and when defeated, withdraw from the Lodge meetings and perhaps satiate their ambition by a speedy move for the organization of a Lodge of Red Men, Knights of Pythias, Druids, or something else, or perhaps all of them, to rival and weaken the Masonic Lodge, which they took an active part in organizing, but which had refused to elect them to its principal office. In these small,