

isdiction are five over eighty years of age.

TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS OLD.—Time has demonstrated that twenty eight years is a remarkably old age for a Masonic journal. Our best information is that only four have ever existed for that length of time, and we are proud to say that the *Masonic Advocate* is one of the fortunate number. We are also proud of the fact that its present editor has occupied the editorial chair for more than twenty six of these years, which exceeds the similar service of any Mason now living, and only in the instance of Bro. Cornelius Moore, who edited the *Masonic Review* thirty one years, has it been exceeded by any one.—*Masonic Advocate*.

"The *Masonic Advocate* for October has a very good editorial on 'Masonic drones,' which we fear is wasted ammunition, for but few Masonic drones are likely to see it. The drones and the *knowing* ones rarely read Masonic papers. The former are too indolent, Masonically, and the latter, who can usually rattle off the ritual like a parrot, are too egotistic. They know about as much of true Masonry as the phonograph does of the song it sings."—*The Texas Freemason*.

FOREIGN.

The Grand Lodge of Hungary has addressed a petition to the Emperor of Austria, asking him to exercise his authority to put down the practice of duelling, which appears to be on the increase in Austrian territory.

The captain of the ill-fated steamer *Elbe*, which was recently lost in the North Sea, was a member of the Craft, having been initiated in Lodge *Zu den drei Ankern* at Bremen. This Lodge initiated a subscription for the families of those who were lost in the steamer, and the sum of 15,419 marks has already been collected for the purpose.

It may not be generally known that that the graves of the French soldiers who fell in Alsace-Lorraine during the

Franco-Prussian war, are carefully looked after by the Lodges in those provinces. A very considerable number of Masons were in the French army, and they, together with many other brave men, perished on the battlefield in defence of their country.

Our brethren at Carlsbad, a much frequented place in Bohemia, held a meeting of their Lodge every week during last season, so that members of the fraternity who were visiting the town might have the opportunity of mixing with their German brethren and of enjoying their hospitality. The success of these weekly gatherings surpassed all expectations, and a very pleasant time appears to have been passed by all concerned. Nor was it forgotten to exercise that great virtue, *charity*, for at one of the meetings 100 florins were subscribed to assist the local hospital for children, and on another occasion 300 florins were collected for the poor of the place.

Miscellaneous.

ARMENIA.

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Armenia, O Armenia!

Will nations heed thy cry,
Or must thou feel the Moslem steel
Till all thy people die?

Thy land, that once held Eden,
Where Adam wept to dwell,
The savage Turk, by fearful work,
Hath made it now a hell.

Here Noah's mighty mountain
Uplifts its ancient head,
And views a plain piled high with slain,
Armenia's martyred dead!

Where maidens, Christian maidens,
Knelt down to fiendish Kurds,
And on the air they breathed a prayer
We dare not frame in words.

A prayer that even Satan
Might listen to with pain,
As daughters fair, with bosoms bare,
Begged simply to be slain.

To woman's prayer was answered
A demons mocking laugh,
And then the knife that ended life
Seemed kinder far by half.