

life. I trust, and I have your good wishes for the same, that the venerable gentleman may have a few years yet to spend on earth, and we hearing occasionally of his welfare. One hundred years have come and gone since the Grand Lodge of Scotland gave to St. Marnock a charter whereby to work in that light which sheds a lustre of brightness on all—be he King or colter—who vows to uphold its time-honored mysteries.

The following "Song for the centenary of St. Marnock Lodge," composed by the Grand Bard, was sung by the author, to the air of "Maggy Lauder:"

Lang sync, when donce auld Saints cam roun',
And carried blessings wi' them;
When cot and clachan, dale and doun,
Were unca pleased to see them,
There camo a sage far kecker here,
His hallowed name St. Marnock;
Wha's genial light shone bright and clear,
And Christianized Kilmarnock.

He taught our sires the grip and word,
That test ilk true leal brither,
And counselled man to sheath the sword
And a' be friends thegither
And this same text spread Scotland's fame,
Frae Labrador to Karnac;
When Burns sent forth in words o' flame,
His soul flaughts frae Kilmarnock.

St. Marnock's sons for lang worked on,
For foremost ranks aye striving;
And their Auld Mither, couthy crone,
Was blythe to see them thriving.
But through a long and eerie night,
Time flew slee as a warlock;
And ettled sair to blot frae sight,
The brethren o' St. Marnock.

But our Grand Master has ren'wed,
Our famous ancient charter;
And wi' new brither love imbued,
We seek our love to barter.
Then brethren let your joyous shout
Be heard from Ayr to Darnock,
Come, three times three, come, bumpers out,
Hurrah for auld St. Marnock.

MASONIC PILGRIMAGE TO THE ORIENT.

Bro. Dr. Morris of La Grange, Kentucky, is about making a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, the outlines of which he furnishes in advance to "The Voice of Masonry." The *Freemason's Magazine* of the 14th ult., urges that efforts should be made to give our learned brother a fitting reception in the land of his fathers, and we doubt not that the appeal will be liberally and cordially responded to. The outline of the pilgrimage is thus given by Dr. Morris himself:—

"I shall first visit one or more prime centres of Masonic authority in each of the following jurisdictions, viz., England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Prussia, Sweden, Switzerland, Holland and Italy. Thence my route will take in but very briefly, Egypt. The remaining, but much larger portion of my pilgrimage, will be given to the Holy Land. The following general idea of my proposed Oriental researches will guide your readers to the whole:—

"I. As our ancient brethren, the Builders of King Solomon, were natives of Phœnicia, of which Tyre, Sidon, and Gebal were centres, I shall explore that remarkable plain, which was for so many centuries the school of the world in commerce, architecture, and the liberal arts and sciences. My first landing

will be at Beyrout, and my first researches in the plains of Phœnicia.

"II. As our ancient brethren derived the cedars, the principal wood used in the construction of the temple, from the mountains overhanging Phœnicia on the east, my feet will next trace the mountain paths to the head of Wady Kadeesha, to that recess in the central ridge of Lebanon where the 400 remaining trees of the once boundless cedar forests are found. The height, size, and foliage of the trees the characteristics of the timber, &c., will have careful and thorough examination.

"III. As the Gibbites lowered the vast cedar trunks down the mountainous declivities, and collected them in rafts at the shipping ports, it will be my next business to look out the inlets and coves where such work could most fitly be accomplished.

"IV. As the mariners of King Hiram rafted the precious timber 75 to 100 miles southward, down a dangerous coast, I will follow their watery track, carefully noting the headlands, coves and breakers, observant of all historical objects that attract the eye on that famous coast.

"V. As the amphibious workmen debarked their freight at Joppa, that old and far famed city, there too, will I land, and, from every possible point of view, take observations of the hill known to every Freemason.

"VI. As our ancient brethren bore those heavy masses across the country thirty-five miles, from Joppa to Jerusalem, I will follow their footsteps, mark carefully the landmarks of the way, search out the numerous defiles leading up into the hilly country, the highway most likely to have been improved for purposes of transportation and used by Hiram's men.

"VII. As they built upon Mount Moriah an edifice which was the admiration and envy of every age, I shall give much time to an exploration of the sacred mountain, its vaults, substructures, and remains of antiquity. The subjects of food supply, water supply, interments, &c., will afford proper subjects of inquiry.

VIII "As these 150,000 Gibbites, constituted the quarry from which the first Ashlers were taken in the system of speculative Masonry still wrought upon the earth, I will search among the customs of the people yet inhabiting those lands for traces of our ancient institution.

"Following thus in the track of "the immortal builders," from Tyre to Jerusalem; looking out their footsteps and landmarks; collecting specimens of all timber and stone employed by them in their unequalled labors; and by aid of Bible-light, bringing to view the remains of operative and speculative Masonry extant there, I hope to gain honor to our beloved institution, and do my little part in its enlightenment."

We are quite sure that Freemasons everywhere will look forward with interest to the account which the learned Doctor will furnish of this most interesting tour; interesting to all who have ever made it; but doubly so to the Freemason. Dr. Morris leaves sometime during the present month, and we hope to be able to give the readers of the *Craftsman* the benefit of his ramblings in the track of "the Immortal builders" from Tyre to Jerusalem.