

ings, and the keys of Jerusalem, Acre, and Rhodes. The palace of the Grand Master, now the Governor's residence, contains portraits of ancient Knights, many kinds of ancient armor, a library and museum. The burial grounds have been formed out of the bastions of the fortifications.

An account of the half of its interesting history, relics, etc., would fill a volume.

#### NEW YORK.

The seventy-fifth annual convclave of the Grand Commandery, held in the city of Albany on October 9th and 10th, was one of the most harmonious ever held. The regular business was transacted with dispatch, and the Grand Officers, with one exception, were unanimously elected, and that by a large majority. The parade did not take place, owing to a snow storm which prevailed all day. Austin C. Wood was elected Grand Commander, and Robert Macoy Grand Recorder. The next place of meeting will be at Hornellsville, and the time October 24th, 1889.

## Scottish Rite.

#### A GRAND GATHERING IN HAMILTON.

A special assembly of Murton Lodge of Perfection, No. 1, A. & A. S. R., was held in the Masonic Hall, Hamilton, on Oct. 16th, to receive Ill. Bro. Daniel Spry, 33°, of Barrie, Deputy for the Province of Ontario, on his official visit. He was accompanied by Ill. Bro. D. F. McWatt, 32°, T.P.G.M., of Barrie Lodge of Perfection; Ill. Bro. S. J. Sanford, 32°, and John McLean Stevenson, 18°. The lodge was presided over by Bro. W. H. Ballard, 32°. Among the local brethren present were: -J. W. Murton, Hugh Murray, William Reid, J. M. Gibson, and David McLellan, 33°; J. J. Mason, Gavin Stewart, Donald McPhie, C. R. Smith, Jas. Robertson, R. Brierley, J. S. McMahon, H. A. Mackelcan, Wm. Bowman, H. S. Griffin, Wm. Carey, R. Bult, T. N. Wilson, F. F. Dalley, C. McRae, and W. G. Townsend, 32°; Jas. Garland, John Malloy, John Lennox, John Hoodless, John Stewart, and A. Zimmerman, 30°; E. A. Dalley, Jas. Johnson, W. E. Brown, J. M. Thomson, J. B. Brown, T. Clappison, F. L. Wanzer, H. S. Case, J. A. Lockhead, F. J. Howell, James Anderson, and Wm. Hyndman, 18°; P. E. Fitzpatrick, E. G. Kittson, R. Hobson,

Jas. Chisholm, S. G. Moore, Charles Robertson, T. W. Reynolds, W. H. Davis, J. H. Winn, S. M. Kenny, W. J. Fearman, Alex. Smith, J. W. Morden, W. J. Aitchison, W. Crawford, and Jas. Scott, 14°. Among the visitors were:—From Dundas, H. Bickford, H. C. Gwyn, S. J. Lennard. From Brantford, L. Secord. From Welland, I. P. Willson. From Avonton, Rev. Geo. Chrystal. From Toronto, E. T. Malone, S. Davison, W. L. Weatherby, T. F. Blackwood, 32°; J. King, 30°; David Tennant, 18°; Wm. Roaf, W. Medland, J. G. Gibson, 14°.

The officers of the lodge exemplified the 4°, 5°, and 6°, in a manner which could not be excelled, and it brought forth the highest commendation from the visitors from Barrie, Toronto, and Welland. After the lodge was closed the brethren repaired to the banquet room, where three well-filled tables greeted them, covered with the substantials and delicacies of the season. The chair was filled by Bro. W. H. Ballard, the vice-chairs, by Bros. J. J. Mason, and James Robertson. At the right of the chairman sat the guest of the evening, Bro. Daniel Spry. After disposing of the choice viands the first toast was "The Queen," the company singing the national anthem. The next toast was "The Supreme Council of Canada," coupled with the name of Bro. Daniel Spry, 33°, who in response made a neat speech, setting forth the composition of the Supreme Council and the method of selecting the members thereof. Bros. Murton and Murray replied on behalf of the Supreme Council. The next toast was the visiting brethren, coupling therewith the names of Bro. McWatt, Barrie; E. T. Malone, and S. Davison, Toronto; all of whom replied in a graceful and felicitous style. In response to the Grand Lodge of Canada, Bros. J. J. Mason and J. P. Willson made short speeches, upholding the dignity of Grand Lodge. During the evening, Bros. Hoodless and Mulligan, James Johnson and Dr. Jas. Anderson, favored the brethren with some choice music and singing, Bro. Brown accompanying, and Bro. W. H. Davis gave a humorous recitation in his inimitable style. All the brethren were in good voice and highly pleased the citizens as well as the visitors.

#### DEGREES CONFERRED.

From the *Tyler*, Detroit, we learn that there was a special convclave of the Sovereign Consistory, A. & A. S. Rite of Canada, held in Hamilton, Ontario, on the