

October 12th, 1875, Bro. Harry R. Comly, of Helena, was elected Grand Master; and Bro. Cornelius Hedges, of Helena, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, held at Topeka, Kansas, October 22nd, 1875, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: Isaac B. Sharp, Grand Master; John Guthrie, Deputy Grand Master; Benj. J. F. Hanna, Grand Senior Warden; Wm. H. Smallwood, Grand Junior Warden; Christian Beck, Grand Treasurer; John H. Brown, of Leavenworth, Grand Secretary.

A serious accident occurred recently to the frescoed wall in the Blue Lodge Room at the Masonic Temple, New Haven, Conn. A portion of the wall about twenty feet long and three feet wide, directly in front of and over the Junior Warden's chair, fell with a loud crash. Very fortunately it happened at a time when the lodge room was vacant, so that beyond a temporary disarrangement to the lodges meeting in that room, no particular damage was sustained.

THE annual election of officers, just held, of the Star of Cuba Lodge of F. and A. M., Yew York, presided over by Grand Deputy Master Adams, gave the following result: Major Kent, Master; A. J. Mora, Senior Warden; Ricardo De Prado, Junior Warden; Hilario Cisneros, Treasurer; A. Richard, Secretary—with Miguel de Aldama, Del Monte and Arnold, Trustees.

THE Red Cross banquet of the Encampment of St. John, K. T. and K. M., at the International Hotel last night, was partaken of by about 45 members of the Encampment and their invited guests from the Union De Molay Encampment. The tables were prepared in Mr. Hyke's usual good style. J. G. Forbes, Esq., Commander of the Encampment occupied the chair and Amos Godsoe, Esq., Lieut.-Com., the vice-chair. The usual loyal and fraternal toasts were given and met with suitable responses. The chief interest which the public have in the occasion, however, is from its being, in one sense, a farewell to Mr. Forbes, by the Templars of this city, previous to his leaving for his newly adopted home in St. Louis, Mo. In responding to one of the toasts, Robert Marshall, Esq., of the Union De Molay Encampment, and Provincial Grand Prior for Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, paid a glowing tribute to the energy and ability of Mr. Forbes, bearing testimony to his numerous good qualities and his worth as a friend. Hon. E. Willis, of Union De Molay, proposed the health of Mr. Forbes and paid a similar tribute to his energy and push, expressing the hope that he would be rewarded with success in the Far West, whither he had chosen to cast his lot. Mr. Forbes made an appropriate and feeling reply, and was heartily applauded at the conclusion of his remarks.—*St. John, Daily Telegraph, 9th Dec.*

MASONIC CHIT-CHAT.

THE *Keystone* says the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania is the oldest Grand Chapter in the world, having been organized in the year 1795.

FREEMASONRY in Italy has suffered a severe loss by the death of Bro. F. De Luca, Past Grand Master. The Grand Orient of Italy has ordered all lodges to go in mourning for seven consecutive meetings to honor the memory of this brother. We have also to record the death of Bro. Mariano Marisca, Honorary Grand Master, also of Italy.

GRAND MASTER GEORGE H. DURAND, of Michigan, has decided that "the loss of an eye, the other being sound, does not render a petitioner disqualified."

THE *Keystone* says: "Amongst the most noteworthy events connected with the reception of our Brother, the Prince of Wales at Bombay, India, was the laying of the foundation stone of the new Elphinstone Docks, by His Royal Highness, in his capacity of Grand Master of Masons of England. A vast concourse of spectators was present to witness the ceremony, and, in reply to an address presented to him by the Craft, the Prince said: 'I have learned with great pleasure the flourishing condition of Masonry in Bombay. The fact of its annually increasing numbers and efficiency fulfills the objects of the institution in uniting together men of various creeds and races in a bond of Brotherhood, affording common objects of exertion, and extending the knowledge of the English organization for the good of mankind. It is a great pleasure to me to join you, my Brethren of Bombay, in a work which will tend to the protection of life and property, the extension of trade, and the advantage and prosperity of large bodies of our fellow-men.' While at Bombay, on November 9th, the Prince celebrated his 34th birthday."

MORE than ten thousand people witnessed the Masonic ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the Capitol building of West Virginia, on the 18th November.

THE Twenty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, was held at Portland, June 11th, 1875. This Grand Lodge has 55 lodges, with 2,071 members. Last year 152 were initiated and 62 rejected.