

Arms, was another with the words "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth," and on the south wall was a large triangle device with a star at each corner, a large gilt G. in the centre, and round the sides of the triangle the tastefully cut letters, "Wisdom, Strength and Beauty." The Royal Arch Emblems were also conspicuous over the door. The decorations, altogether, were very appropriate, in the best taste, and greatly admired by all. About seventy-five couples were present. The gentlemen being all clothed in Masonic regalia, which, with the costumes of the ladies, added greatly to the effect. Dancing commenced about nine o'clock to the inspiring music of Vale's Quadrille Band, and was kept up with spirit till twelve o'clock, when the company adjourned to the council chamber, where a sumptuous repast was prepared by Bro. W. J. Little, which was most tastefully laid out, and comprised every conceivable delicacy. Dancing was resumed after supper and kept up with unflagging spirit till an early hour in the morning. For those who did not care to dance, various parlor amusements were provided in the council chamber, all of which were well patronized during the night. At the interval of supper Bro. H. K. Maitland gave with great effect the Masonic song "The Level and the Square." The Festival was in every respect a most successful one, and the pleasant association connected with it will not soon be forgotten.—COM.

ABROAD.

FIVE clergymen of Memphis are members of the Masonic fraternity.

BROTHER LORD SKELMERSDALE has been appointed Deputy Grand Master of England, in room of Provincial Grand Master Lord Carnarvon.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Master of Tennessee had a grand reception and banquet given him by the Masons of Memphis, on the 18th November.

BROTHER HENTZ, of Philadelphia, distributed fifteen hundred loaves of bread among the poor of that city on Christmas day.

CALIFORNIA,—Brother Alexander G. Abell has been elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, for the twenty-first time.

Brother J. Werner Shaeffer has been re-appointed Grand Secretary, a position he has held since 1869.

THE twenty-fifth anniversary of California Lodge, No. 1, San Francisco, was celebrated on the 16th November last, by a banquet, which was largely attended.

Brother Henry Videan, Master of a French Lodge in San Francisco, died suddenly on the 4th December. He was also an officer of the Grand Lodge.

Brother E. A. Sherman has been licensed by the Baptist Church of San Francisco, and is organizing a church in Nevada.

TWENTY-SEVEN members organized and constituted the Grand Lodge of Texas thirty-nine years ago. All of said members are now dead. Texas has had thirty-nine Grand Masters since its organization; of that number fourteen are now deceased.

THE New Haven *Masonic Journal* suggests the formation of musical and literary societies in connection with the lodges of that city and surrounding country. The lodge room to be used for the entertainments.

Warren Lodge, Indianola, Iowa, has refused to reimburse the Summerville Lodge, California, for money expended on a member of the first named lodge, to the amount of over \$200, who died in consequence of injuries received while working in the coal mines.

THE fiftieth anniversary of Mount Hope Lodge, Fall River, Mass., was celebrated on the 8th December, by a banquet attended by six hundred ladies and gentlemen. Among those present was Brother Chalimer, 88 years old.

THE most High, most Mighty, and most Illustrious Prince Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Duke of Saxony, Duke of Cornwall and Rothesay, Earl of Chester, Carrick and Dublin, Baron of Renfrew and Lord of the Isles, Great Steward of Scotland, &c., was proclaimed Grand Master of Freemasons of England, at Freemason's Hall, London, on the 2nd December, and Brother the Earl of Carnarvon, Secretary of State for the Colonies, was installed as Provincial Grand Master.

BROTHER ALEXANDER MURTON, Junior Warden of Excelsior Lodge, San Francisco, has been appointed Coiner of the Branch Mint of the United States.

THE members of Pacific Lodge, San Francisco, were recently entertained at a splendid collation in the ante-room, coffee being supplied in place of anything stronger.

BROTHER PROFESSOR JEAN MILVILLE, the father of the French Lodge, San Francisco, and a pioneer citizen of California, was buried with Masonic ceremonies on the first Sunday in December.

A reading room is to be established in connection with Solano and Naval Lodges at Vallejo, Cal.