

ship of about one hundred and fifty, and the ancient temple is pretty well filled every meeting night. It claims to have the record for initiations during the past year, and probably it has. Even while I was present I assisted at what is to me always a pleasant duty—an initiation. Several degrees were also conferred, and the work throughout was excellent. I am told almost the whole time of the lodge is occupied in initiations and conferring degrees. Long may it continue doing good.

WILSON LODGE.

Wilson Lodge next saw me in attendance. Worshipful Bro. Oliver held the gavel in the East, and was prepared to welcome the Deputy Grand Master. Wilson Lodge had made up its mind to shine, and it did. The East was not alone crowded—it overflowed. Worshipful Bro. Robertson was courteously received. His speech was largely a repetition of what had been delivered at Rehoboth. It is hard for a man to say something new on such occasions, especially a business man like Bro. Robertson. Besides, abstract subjects like Masonry and theology are hard to grapple with. The metaphysical mind alone can do so successfully. The address was well received, and the point about attendance at Masonic funerals was well taken. We did not have Worshipful Bro. Malone with another good paper, as he was visiting a Lodge of Perfection in Hamilton, but we had splendid oysters, songs, and after dinner speeches. Wilson Lodge will have to purchase a larger visitors' register unless it shortens up the bill of fare.

COSMOS.

P. S.—I understand that about sixteen members of St. John's Lodge together with several brethren from city lodges, drove out in a four-in-hand on Thursday evening, the 17th, to Thornhill, and paid a fraternal visit to Patterson Lodge. They were kindly received by Worshipful Master James Cherry. Among those present were Past Master Crosby, of Richmond Hill; Past Master C. C. Robinson, of Aurora, and Col. Weyling, D.D.G.M. The visitors exemplified the work of the Sublime Degree and were highly complimented by the D.D.G.M. The lodge then adjourned to the Queen's Hotel where a splendid supper was furnished. The visitors enjoyed the trip so much that words failed them in giving a description of their visit.

Knights Templars.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Grand Commandery of New Hampshire met in annual conclave on Sept 25. when E. R. Kent, of Lancaster, was elected Grand Commander and G. P. Cleaves, of Concord, Grand Recorder.

COLORADO.

The Grand Commandery of Colorado met in Denver, Sept. 21. James H. Peabody, Canon City, was elected Grand Commander, and Ed. C. Parmelee, Grand Recorder.

A PROSPEROUS TEMPLE.

Golden Gate Commandery, of San Francisco, has purchased the lot on the northeast corner of Van Ness and Golden Gate avenues, for the sum of \$49,000. A five-story brick building will be built, with stores below and a large assembly hall on the lower floor. The upper stories will be used for commandery purposes, and several spacious lodge-rooms will be constructed.

WHO WAS LA VALETTE ?

He was Jean Parisot de La Valette ; was Grand Master of Knights of Malta (born 1494, died 1568), unanimously chosen (1557) successor of Claude de La Langel. La Valette was of eminent family and passed through every grade of the order to Lieut. General. He was in command of the fortification (1565) on the Peninsula (now the city of Valetta or La Valette, the capital of the Island of Malta) when it was attacked by 30,000 Turks and 180 Turkish vessels of war. The garrison consisted of only 700 knights and 8,500 soldiers, including the inhabitants who were armed for the occasion. Yet with this small force he withstood the most terrific sieges on record, from May 18th to September 8th when on the arrival of the Viceroy of Naples with 8,000 men, the Turks took to their ships. They again disembarked and were defeated with great slaughter. Their loss is said to have been equal to their original force, they having been reinforced several times. On their departure they had barely 600 of their combatants left.

La Valette rebuilt the fortifications and founded the city of 60,000 inhabitants bearing his name. It is on an elevated peninsula and the works mount 1,000 guns. The city's cathedral, built in 1580, contains curious relics, monuments, paint-