

and abduction. It is a thorough and complete refutation of the imbecile utterances of the anti-Mason, Thurlow Weed, on his death bed, and taken altogether is probably as interesting a Masonic work as has been published for years. For the first time in his life, we should say, our learned brother waxes occasionally bitter in his remarks when speaking of those who have lied and perjured themselves to injure Freemasonry. Long may the writer be spared to the Craft.

The regular communication of Peounga Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Rat Portage, on the 16th ult. W. Bro. John Kerr Brydon, W. M., occupied the chair, when several candidates were advanced. An emergency communication was held on Monday, the 21st, and the three degrees were worked, and in consequence of so much work another emergency was held on Tuesday, the 29th ult., for passing and raising. There have now been twenty-three initiations during the past year. W. Bro. John Kerr Brydon, and other officers deserve credit for the present prosperous condition of the lodge, and the manner the work is performed.

An emergency convocation of Golden R. A. Chapter, Rat Portage, was held in the Masonic Hall, Rat Portage, on the 15th ult., to receive an official visit from R. E. Comp. W. G. Scott, Grand Superintendent, Manitoba District. Ex. Comp. John Kerr Brydon, First Principal Z., occupied the chair. R. Ex. Comp. W. G. Scott, on being announced, was received with Masonic honors. After congratulating the chapter upon the present prosperous and financial condition he proceeded to instal the following officers, assisted by R. Ex. Comp. Wm. Brydon, formerly of Toronto, viz.:—Ex. Comp. John Kerr Brydon, Z.; R. Ex. Comp. Francis Gallow, I. P. Z.; Ex. Comp. H. E. Alexander, H.; Ex. Comp. Walter Oliver, J.; Comp. W. H. Carnovsky,

S. E.; Comp. Charles Cole, S. N.; Comp. H. F. Holmes, Treas.; Comp. C. M. Claus, P. S.; Comp. C. A. Moore, S. S.; Comp. D. E. Ferguson, J. S.; Comp. Malcolm McKenzie Stewart; Comp. James Weidman, R. A. Davy, G. A. Kobold, and W. H. Clark, Masters of Vails, and Comp. D. McMurphy, janitor. After the installation the companions adjourned to the Queen's hotel, where a splendid banquet was prepared, and the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. Golden R. A. Chapter is at present in a prosperous condition, has exalted twelve candidates, and is entirely free from debt.

EDITORIAL ITEMS.

We learn from the last number of *The Kneph* that the Memphis Rite is about being established in Madrid under the most favorable auspices.

The address of the Grand Secretary of New South Wales during his sojourn in England will be, Nicholas Weekes, Esq., 108 Waterloo Road, Lambeth, England.

Bro. Lord Alcester was passed to the Second Degree at a recent meeting of the United Lodge, No. 1629, of which the Earl of Milltown, Grand Senior Warden, is W. M. Several other noblemen were present.

Upwards of three hundred lodges were represented at the last annual session of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. Brother Charles C. Keifer was unanimously re-elected to the office of Grand Master.

Physical perfection was not required under the old law of operative Masonry. All that was required by the provision so often referred to, was that the candidate should have no bodily defect that might render him incapable of learning and practising the art.