

twelve subordinate Chapters, all in Ireland, with 340 members. They work and control one degree, the Rose Croix. In other countries, this degree is one of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, but in Ireland it is separate and independent.

The Order of *Knights Templar*, of three degrees, is worked in Britain, Canada and the United States. The system in the United States is peculiar to itself. The English system is governed by a Convent General, composed of Representatives from the National Great Priories of England, Scotland, Ireland, and Canada; each National Priory being practically independent. The three degrees are (1) Knight Templar, (2) Knight of the Mediteranean Pass, (3) Knight of Malta. This Order is essentially a Christian one, all its members being obligated to defend the Holy Christian Faith.

We have a list of over forty Masonic Rites, which have become extinct, or absorbed into some existing Rite, but this sketch has already considerably outgrown the proportions it was designed to have when commenced. We will therefore omit this list, and bring our remarks on the subject of Masonic Rites to a termination, with the hope that they may prove both instructive and interesting to our readers.

A Retrospect.

(Concluded from last Month.)

Next in order is the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, which has 33 Lodges on its roll, and 2,236 members. Special Communications of this Grand Lodge were held on the 29th of May, when the corner-stone of the new City Hall, St. John, to replace the old one destroyed by the great fire in June of the previous year, was laid with Masonic ceremonies, and on the 2nd day of July, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple. A full description of these imposing ceremonies appeared in the July and September numbers of THE

CRAFTSMAN. The Eleventh Annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held in St. John on the 25th September, M. W. Bro. Robert T. Clinch, G. M., presiding. Bro. Clinch delivered a lengthy and able address, which, with the proceedings, were published in the October number of THE CRAFTSMAN. The following are the Grand Officers elected for the ensuing year:—M. W. Bro. Robert Marshall, G. M.; R. W. Bros. B. R. Stevenson, D. G. M.; Rev. Francis Partridge, G. S. W.; Chas. N. Scott, G. J. W.; Rev. Donald Macrea, G. Chaplain; James Nichol, G. Treasurer; W. F. Bunting, G. Secretary.

To the west of us, and occupying the Prairie Province, is the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. This Grand Lodge, we are sorry to say, is not at present enjoying peace within her borders. A schismatic party, led by Bro. E. G. Conklin, a Past Grand officer, we believe, has set the Constitutional authorities at naught, and has, in consequence, been suspended by the Grand Master. We trust that few, if any Brethren, will be so misguided as to join the rebellious movement. The number of Masons in the jurisdiction is still small, and we hope that they will unite as Brothers in extending the Order in that distant part of the Dominion. The Annual Communication was held in the Masonic Hall, Winnipeg, on the 12th day of June. The Grand Master's address was interesting (a synopsis appeared in the December number of THE CRAFTSMAN). The principal officers for this year are M. W. Bro. G. F. Newcomb (re-elected), G. M.; R. W. Bros. J. W. Harris, D. G. M.; Simon Duffin, S. G. W.; F. T. Bradley, J. G. W.; Rev. S. P. Matheson (re-elected), G. Chaplain; J. J. Johnston, G. Treasurer; Col. John Kennedy, G. Registrar; John H. Bell, G. Secretary.

Still further to the west, and in our Pacific Province, is the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, numbering ten Lodges, and about 350 members. We