

way. It gave a Northerner a queer sensation to light the Havana tendered him with a \$50 bill, but the genial host assured his visitor that it was the Georgia way of obliterating the "late unpleasantness."

The corner stone of a new Masonic Temple was laid in Milwaukee on Oct. 8, with imposing ceremonies. The building will be occupied by Wisconsin Commandery No. I, Knights Templar. The cost of the Temple and site will be \$115,000.

A magnificent new Masonic Temple was dedicated at Grand Rapids Mich., Oct. 15. It is a grand structure—the finest in the State. The furniture alone cost \$15,000.

The magnificent Masonic Home at Springfield, Ohio, was dedicated Oct. 23. It was a great occasion—one that will be long remembered by the Masons of Ohio.

The First Royal Arch Chapter opened in America, of which any account is published, is that of No. 3, in Philadelphia, under their Lodge warrant, about the year 1758. This Lodge and Chapter derived their authority from, and held communion with, the "Grand Lodge of all England," called "Ancients," in which body the Royal Arch, as a separate degree, undoubtedly had originated and been arranged not twenty years before. Our Royal Arch Masonry, therefore, was derived, both as to date and authority, from the fountain head. If we have preserved it as we received it, those who differ from us must have innovated or changed it. As it was a new arrangement, it may have been in some features changed, revised and improved, without infringing upon the landmarks of Masonry.

The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania is the oldest on this continent, having been formed by our Grand Lodge on the 23d of November, 1795, William Ball, then Grand Master, as Grand High Priest. A communication on the subject of the government of Grand Chapters was immediately addressed to the Grand Lodge of all England. The

reply from the body, enclosing a copy of the rules and regulations for the government of Royal Arch Chapters, was received and read in our Grand Lodge, May 30, 1796. The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania continued under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge whose Grand Master was ex-officio Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, until 1824, electing its own officers as at present.—*M. E. Comp. Benj. Parks.*

The corner-stone of the new Scottish Rite Temple, to be erected at a cost of \$125,000, was laid at Indianapolis Monday 24th ult., with appropriate ceremonies. Many prominent Masons from all over the state were in attendance and participated in the exercises.

Saturday Canandaigua Masons took possession of the door to the Morgan cell in the old jail which is being demolished, and placed it in their lodge room, where it will be kept as a memento of a most stirring episode in the history of the order. Numerous other relics have been secured by Masons from neighboring places.

From many portions of the State of California come reports of a revival in Lodges attributable to the more liberal legislation at last Grand Lodge on the subject of refreshments. Brethren hereafter will not have to complain of the lukewarmness of the Craft toward the Lodge because of a lack of sociability. Last year the net increase of membership was only 34; this year it will be about 300. If Grand Lodge will abolish the affiliation fee absolutely, the gain will be much greater, and if it will go further and approve the recommendation of Grand Master Orme last year, and abolish the *ballot* on membership of all Masons holding demits, its membership would reach 25,000 in two years. From all over the State come evidence of growth and harmony.—*The Trestle Board.*

FOREIGN.

It has been arranged that on the 10th Oct., at Laurencekirk, the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, Sir Charles