

swords, etc.; was Count Rutowsky, and a first G. L. was formed by him in 1741. He got his Masonry in Warsaw. The present G. L. was formed in 1811 by lodges which were of various rites, the golden apple being of the Zinnendorf origin (i. e. practically Swedish), but the ritual adopted as official was the Hamburg or Schroeder. The G. L., however, permits any ritual provided it be approved first by them. So perhaps after all there may be some remains of Swedish ritual in the golden apple, but it cannot be much. But among all these lodges was not one of Scottish descent, though there were formerly Scots lodges in Saxony, which is quite another thing.

Miscellaneous.

THE VIEWLESS TEMPLE.

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The temple made of wood and stone may crumble and decay,
But there's a viewless Fabric which shall never fade away;
Age after age each Mason strives to carry out the plan,
But still the work's unfinished which those ancient three began.
None but immortal eyes may view complete in all its parts,
The temple formed of Living Stones—the structure made of hearts.

Neath every form of government, in every age and clime,
Amid the world's convulsions and the ghastly wrecks of time,
While empires rise in splendor and are conquered and o'erthrown,
And cities crumble into dust, their very sites unknown,
Beneath the sunny smite of peace, the threatening frown of strife,
Lo! Masonry has stood unmoved—with age renewed her life.

She claims her votaries in all climes, for none are under ban,
Who place implicit trust in God, and love their fellow-man.
The heart that shares another's woe, beats just as warm and true,
Within the breast of Christian, or Mohammedan, or Jew.

She levels all distinctions from the highest to the least,
The King must yield obedience to the Peasant in the East.

What honored names on history's page, o'er whose brave deeds we pore,
Have knelt before our sacred shrine, and trod our checkered floor!
Kings, princes, statesmen, heroes, bards, who squared their actions true,
Between the Pillars of the Porch, now pass in long review,
O, brothers! what a glorious thought to dwell upon;
The Mystic Tie that binds our hearts, bound that of Washington.

Although our past achievements we with honest pride review,
As long as there's Rough Ashlars, there is work for us to do,
We still must shape the Living Stones with instruments of love,
For that eternal Mansion in the Paradise above,
Toil as we have toiled in ages past, to carry out the plan—
'Tis this: The Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man.

—*Square and Compass.*

THE TURKS' GREEN BANNER.

As the interest of the Christian portion of the universe are now centered in an effort to relieve the distress of people of Armenia, an Asiatic province of the Turkish empire, and as rumors have been current that the troops of the Sultan now concentrating in that province for the ostensible purpose of putting down an incipient rebellion of the miserable people have displayed the "green banner," which means a "holy war," it will be of interest to trace, as far as possible, the origin and meaning of a "jejad," or "holy war."

It is understood to be a Mohammedan doctrine that jejad, or holy war, can only be proclaimed by the Shiek-ul Islam, the religious deputy of the Sultan, by the personal order of the Sultan himself. The proclamation is performed by unfolding the sanjak-sherif, or flag of the prophet, which is made of green silk, with a crescent at the top of the staff, to which is attached a horsehair plume. This flag is deposited in the Mosque of St. Sophia, at