

THE *London Free Press* records the presentation of a handsome gold Past First Principal's Jewel by the Companions of St. John's R. A. Chapter, No. 3, G. R. C., of London, to their Right Excellent Companion Bro. James O'Connor, accompanied by an address, neatly framed, which breathed warm sentiments of fraternal friendship and regard. The presentation was made by Excellent Companion Bro. John Burnett, on behalf of the Chapter.

The following is Bro. O'Connor's reply :

"EX. COMPS. AND COMPS. OF ST. JOHN'S R. A. C., No. 3, G. R. C.—In accepting this testimonial and expression of your good feeling towards me, I must say that, proud as I am of those assurances of your esteem, yet believe me, no such evidences were required to convince me of your fraternal regard; but I accept them with much gratitude, as binding still more closely the ties of brotherly love existing between us. I claim no credit for my exertion in endeavoring to promote the efficiency of this Chapter; It has always been with me a labor of love to do so, and the uniform courtesy and willingness to aid me by the officers and Companions have during the time I have enjoyed the high honor of being your First Principal, rendered the work of that chair a source of sincere pride and pleasure to me. I have only to add that I shall never forget the kindly attentions, respect and friendship extended to me by the Companions of St. John's R. A. C.; and I assure you, I shall ever feel the warmest interest in the welfare and prosperity of this Chapter and its members. I thank you, Companions, for this beautiful gift, which I shall ever regard with pride, and wear and treasure it as one of the most sacred treasures.

J. O'CONNOR.

ABROAD.

A NEW Masonic Lodge Room was dedicated in the German Savings Bank Building, corner Broadway and Boerum streets, Williamsburg, on the evening of the 16th, by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. Grand Master Elwood E. Thorne, conducting the ceremonies. A banquet at Turn Hall followed the dedication.

THE Masonic Temple of the Craft at Helena, Montana, Territory cost \$25,000, upon which there is a funded debt of \$9,000. The basement of the Temple is rented out for \$2,000 per annum, and this sum is set apart to pay the debt and accruing interest. There is also another Masonic Temple in the Territory.

AMONGST other distinguished Masons who have already joined the London Masonic Club are the following: Bros. the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale, P. G. W., and Rt. W. Dep. G. M. of England; the Rt. Hon. David Henry Stone, Lord Mayor of London, Rt. Worshipful Grand Junior Warden of England; his Grace the Duke of Manchester, Prov. G. Master, Northampton and Huntingdonshire; the Right Hon. the Earl of Hardwicke, Prov. G. Master, Cambridgeshire; the Right Hon. Lord Sherborne, Prov. G. Master, Gloucestershire; the Hon. F. Walpole, M. P., Prov. G. Master, Norfolk; the Right Hon. Lord Pelham, M. P., Prov. G. Master, Sussex; Lt.-Col. Fras. Burdett, Prov. G. Master, Middlesex; Major-General Brownrigg, C. B., Prov. G. Master, Surrey, P. G. S., P. G. S. W., 30°; Lt.-Col. Edward Charles Mallet de Carteret, Prov. G. Master and Prov. G. Supt., Jersey; the Rev James Simpson, L.L.D., P.P.G.S., P.P.G. C., P.P.S.W., Cumberland and Westmoreland, and Grand Chap. of England.

THE GRAND LODGE of the Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, met on the 7th Sept., less than twelve months since its organization. The Grand Master delivered an interesting address, from which we make the following extract: The Grand Lodge of the United States, and of the whole world, will take a deeper interest in us than has ever been manifested for any Grand Body within the limits of the great Republic; from the fact that we are the first Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons ever organized by the aborigines of North America. Many, who are ignorant of the situation of affairs in this country, will look upon us with grave doubts and misgivings; while others, more familiar with us and our advanced stage of civilization, will watch us closely, though at the same time feel confident of our ability to sustain ourselves in the proud position we have assumed. It but remains for us brethren to do our duty, prove ourselves worthy of their confidence, and finally win a high place in the noble sisterhood of Grand Lodges. My brethren, think of it! We are erecting a Temple in this grand and glorious Indian Territory, which is to live throughout all time to come. A subordinate lodge may surrender its charter and cease to exist, but Grand Lodges never die. From one generation to another they go on, gathering strength with each succeeding year. In the far-off years to come, when we have all responded to the Grand Master's gavel, and passed away into that "undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns," other people—our children and their children's children—will search the records to see who assisted in laying the foundation stone of their Grand Masonic Temple; and I beseech you brethren to let us each and all strive to so do our work that they will be proud to say that "my father, or great grandfather,