

relief, and it was a relief to a least part of the unfortunates who wouldn't be consoled with the idea that as it was freezing the ice was growing stronger. The whole party were finally got off safely and impressed with the idea that Kingston dinners and poor ice don't work well together.

At an emergency meeting of Kent Lodge, on the 11th of March, Bro. John A. Ash was made the recipient of a very beautiful and costly present, a Past Master's Jewel, by the brethren, as a token of esteem, and in appreciation of the indefatigable efforts of Bro. Ash to promote the good of the order, and especially the harmony of the Lodge during the time he filled the chair and presided over its deliberations. R. W. Bro. I. C. Macnabb, D. D. G. M., was present on the occasion, and, in a very appropriate speech, made the presentation. W. Bro. Ash was taken completely by surprise, but in a few brief remarks, thanked the brethren for the tangible expression of their kindness and brotherly love. The Jewel is of solid gold, beautifully chased, and bears the following inscription: "Presented by the officers and members of Kent Lodge, No. 274, A. F. & A. M., to W. Bro. Jno. A. Ash, as a mark of respect and esteem. A. L. 5874." The Jewel, manufactured by W. C. Morrison, at his extensive wholesale establishment, King Street, Toronto, is beautiful indeed. May our W. B. O. long live to wear it, is the heartfelt wish of every worthy member of this ancient and honorable order, who enjoys the acquaintance of our genial friend and brother.

FROM ABROAD.

THE Substitute Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow (Bro. James Steel, P. M. Kilwinning, No. 4), gave a dinner to office-bearers on the 29th of January, which was a grand success.

THE Provincial Grand Lodge of Lanarkshire held its quarterly meeting at Motherwell, on the 20th January, Bro. Wm. Gilmour, D. P. G. M., in the East. The affairs of the Province are in a flourishing state.

THE election of office-bearers for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire East, was held at Paisley, on Saturday the 31st of January. We have not received a list of the officers.

THE GRAND CHAPTER of Mississippi held its twenty-sixth annual convocation at Canton, on the 6th and 7th of February. M. E. Comp. Geo. R. Fearn was elected Grand High Priest. R. E. Comp. J. L. Power, of Jackson, is Grand Secretary.

THE Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, was lately voted the sum of ten dollars as a compensation for his services for the present year, and then filed his official bond in the sum of two thousand dollars for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office. His Masonry no one can charge with being mercenary.

HIS Grace James, Duke of Abercorn, has been elected to and accepted the post of Senior Grand Warden, in Grand Lodge of Ireland, vice Lord Athlumney, deceased. The Grand Masters Lodge are making great preparations for a banquet to entertain their noble brother who was so popular as Viceroy under the last Government.—*Masonic News*.

PROCEEDINGS of the Grand Chapter of Florida are issued. That body met at Tallahassee, on Jan. 18, 1872. There are in Florida 13 Chapters with 496 Companions. The losses by withdrawal, death, suspension and expulsion were during the year 53, against 22 accessions by exaltation, admission and reinstatement.

THE proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Idaho are issued. Grand Lodge met at Boise City on the 8th of December last. There are eight Lodges in the jurisdiction, with an aggregate membership of 276. In 1872 resolutions were passed prohibiting Masons from keeping saloons. It was found impossible, however, to carry out the regulation, and it was repealed.

TRANSACTIONS of the Grand Chapter of Michigan are issued with praiseworthy promptitude, the Grand Convocation having been held on the 20th and 21st of Jan. There are in the State 91 Chapters with a total membership of 6,791. The accessions during the year have been: exalted 666, admitted 80; losses: dimitted 219, suspended 27, expelled 9, died 27.

THE Grand Chapter of Tennessee held its annual Convocation at Nashville, Nov. 5, 1873. There are 94 Chapters in the State, with a total membership of 4,168. The accessions during the year were—exalted 234, admitted 37, restored 8; the losses were—dimitted 207, suspended 20, expelled 5, died 80; net loss 33. M. E. Comp. John Frizzell is Grand Secretary.

THE Transactions of the Grand Chapter of Iowa have been issued. There are within the jurisdiction 69 subordinate Chapters, with a total membership of 3,268.