

BRIEFLETS.

There are at least 600,000 American Masons.

Never solicit any man to become a Mason.

Man needs the fellowship of his Brother.

The ballot is the safeguard of the Craft.

A true Brother is more than a friend.

A Mason's home is everywhere.

Five members of the American cabinet are Freemasons and ought to have a good grip on their principles and portfolios.

Prince Frederick, of the Netherlands, has been over sixty years G. M. of the Dutch Freemasons.

The Illinois Masons' Benevolent Society, has paid \$553,761.25 in benefits since its organization, in July, 1874.

Freemasonry is universal in its mission. Its aim is to bind man's heart to man's whatever his race, his lineage, his creed, or his complexion!

Kensington Lodge, No. 211, of Philadelphia, celebrated its centennial anniversary Sunday March 18, by attending church. R. v. Bro. William Cathcart, D. D. delivered an appropriate discourse.

A Masonic publication should faithfully reflect a broad and generous spirit, giving no sectarian bias to its pages; but holding up a faithful mirror in which every good man, whatever his creed, may see the image of the virtue he admires.

On the 8th of March, 1777, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts declared its independence of the Grand Lodge of England. The celebration of its centennial as an independent Grand Lodge has been held under the most favorable auspices.

Tennessee will not confer the degree of R. A. until the Brother shall have selected and recorded his mark in the book kept for that purpose. There are 95 Chapters in that State. with a total membership of 3579.

INDIAN MASONRY.—Some years since a venerable chief of an Indian tribe presented himself for admittance at the door of a lodge in Ohio. He was asked "when and from whom did your people learn Masonry?" The reply was: "From the Great Spirit, before the trees grew."

As a Mason is a person who both knows the right and performs it, it follows in strictness that there cannot be such a thing as a seceding or renouncing Mason. But no man with a soul and conscience in him ever did renounce Masonry.

Gothic architecture possesses the charm of mystery. It veils itself with ornament. It appeals to the imagination by its aspiring arches, towers and turrets, and of all forms of architecture it is the most Masonic, for it was the invention of the Freemasons of the middle ages.

A Lodge in Indiana, having its hall burned out a second time, concluded it was an object of charity, and sent its circulars around generally, asking for aid in assisting to build a new hall. The total receipts derived from this system of begging was twenty-five dollars, and the lodge expended eighteen dollars and fifty-three cents in printing and postage—net balance six dollars and forty-seven cents. The lodge got vexed at this response to its cry of distress, and went to work and built a good hall, and on the 27th of last month gave a supper to raise funds to furnish the same. The members found that they were not near as poor as they supposed, and the lodge is now prosperous and happy.

BRO. CAPTAIN BOYNTON.—A despatch from Messina says that Captain Boynton crossed the Straits on the 10th inst., in a storm, which placed the boats in great danger. During the passage, which occupied five hours, Capt. Boynton was attacked by a shark, but succeeded in driving off his assailant before being bitten, although he received a sharp blow from its tail. The American Consul and several distinguished gentlemen were in the boats which accompanied him. Notwithstanding the heavy sea running at the time, Captain Boynton safely passed through the most dangerous whirlpools. A most enthusiastic reception from thousands of people awaited him on shore, where he was officially received by the authorities.