

Downpatrick Recorder, which states that Mr. Martin was known and respected as the "father of Masonry" in the district, he having been connected with the Craft for thirty-six years, "and more particularly with Lodge No. 367, Downpatrick, in which the Rev. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, was initiated into the secrets of the Order on October 30, 1788." About 150 of the Brethren attended the funeral, and clergy of various denominations were present. The Rev. David Gordon delivered an address, in which he referred to the deceased as a Protestant of the true stamp, and stated that but a few hours before his death, Mr. Martin spoke to him (Mr. Gordon) of "John Wesley, a brother Mason," whose enrollment in the Craft, it seems, took place in Downpatrick, in the year 1788. His reference to the great and good missionary, however, was chiefly in commendation of a broad catholic spirit which animated the founder of Wesleyan Methodism.

AN EMINENT MEMBER OF THE ORDER.—We have recently discovered, and it is worthy of record, that Dr. Thomas Chalmers, the distinguished theologian and philosopher, and founder and first Moderator of the Free Church of Scotland, was a member of the Order. Dr. Chalmers, then a tutor in a Dr. Stevenson's family at Arbroath, was initiated in the Lodge St. Vigean, Arbroath, on the 26th April, 1800. His name is duly recorded in the books of the Grand Lodge."—*Masonic News*.

GRAND LODGE PROCEEDINGS.

THE Twenty-first Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders of Pennsylvania, was held in Bellefonte, on May 12th to 14th. R. E. Commander, John H. Dusenbury; V. E. Deputy Grand Commander, C. H. Kingston; E. Grand Recorder, Charles E. Meyer, Philadelphia.

THE Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, at its Annual Meeting in November last, have been received. They are interesting, and have been presented in a very neat form.

THE volume of Proceedings of the last Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Maine is accompanied with a fine steel portrait of the late Past Grand Master Freeman Bradford, who died in November last.

THE Proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Georgia, at the Annual Communication held in April last, have reached us. They are neatly printed and in convenient form.

THE Grand Orient of Brazil held its installation of Grand Officers of the Order last month, at Rio Janeiro. The Grand Master is Le. Fr. Councillor Dr. Joaquim Saldanha Marmho; Deputy Grand Master, Le. Fr. Councillor Dr. Antonio Felix Martins; Grand Secretary, L. Fr. Dr. Alexandrino Freire Do. Amaral.

WE have copies of the Proceedings of the Royal Arch Chapter and of the Knights Templar of the State of Connecticut, the Annual Communication of the former being held in May, and the Conclave of the latter in March last.

THE Thirty-eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Texas was held in the city of Houston, on the first Wednesday in June, and a goodly sized volume of the Proceedings has been before us since the 7th of last month. M. W. Bro. Thomas R. Bonner, is Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Geo. H. Bringham, Grand Secretary.

THE Fifty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi was held on the 3rd February, at Canton, and the Proceedings have just arrived.

THE promptitude of the New York Grand Officers is shown in the fact that although the Annual Meeting was held only on the 2nd June, the Proceedings in printed form have been before us since the 10th ult.

THE Thirteenth Annual Grand Conclave of the Knights Templar of Georgia was held in Savannah, on the 13th May, and the Proceedings have reached us in a neatly printed volume.