

plenish them and keep them replenished. And yet the Worshipful Master is as supreme at the lodge banquet table as in the lodge room during the hours of labor. Chaos is impossible, and if it were, in a moment he could bring order out of chaos.

It is not surprising that brethren should feel a laudable pride in exercising the authority of Worshipful Master, and a laudable desire to reach his honorable station. He occupies the chair of King Solomon. Since his time a succession of worthies, in the State, the church, the learned professions, and all of the reputable vocations of life, have filled that chair. A Washington and a Marshall have graced it in Virginia, a Franklin in Pennsylvania, and besides these a host of others of world-wide renown, while abroad kings and princes have esteemed it an honor to be addressed as Worshipful Master. For this, as well as for many other reasons, let us maintain our devotion to our ancient and honorable fraternity, and our respect for the Worshipful Masters who preside over the individual lodges. King Solomon is dead, but his representative in the Masonic lodge never dies. King Solomon, all hail!—*Keystones.*

On Sunday afternoon, 29th ult., the members of Thorne Lodge, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., with a number of Orillia Lodge and other visiting brethren, marched from their hall to Saint James' church, where a special service was held. As the procession entered the church, the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers" was sung. Evening prayer was said with suitable lessons and hymns, and the choir sang an appropriate anthem. The Rev. W. H. French, of Coldwater, chaplain to the lodge, officiated, and preached a forcible sermon from the text, "Here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.—*The Packet.*

FREEMASONRY IN IRELAND.

The publication of the "Calendar and Directory," by the "sanction of the R. W. the Grand Lodge of Ireland," for the year 1888, enables outsiders to judge of the condition of that body, about whose progress we hear and know so little. The work is undoubtedly useful, but might easily be made much more so, without entailing much additional labor. Some ninety pages are made to suffice for all the particulars vouchsafed respecting Craft Masonry, as well as the Royal Arch, Knight Templar, and Ancient and Accepted Rite Degrees, for all these are recognised, or, in other words, mutually recognize each other, to the exclusion of all other degrees whatever.

H. R. H. the Prince of Wales is Patron, his grace the Duke of Abercorn is Grand Master, R. W. Bro. R. W. Shekleton, Q. C., is D. G. M., and the other officers continue much "as you were." Eighteen Grand Officers are all that are elected and appointed for Ireland, and twenty-one Past Grand Officers form the total possible attendance of Present and Past Grand Officers, a number so small as to lead us to wonder. These thirty-four brethren might be outnumbered by its representatives from other Grand Lodges, for if all were appointed with whom the Grand Lodge "exchanges," the Grand Representatives would exceed forty.

There are apparently 376 lodges on the roll, being slightly less in number than for 1887, and these are distributed as follows:—87 lodges in the Dublin District; 268 in the Provinces (Antrim, 88; Down, 46; Londonderry and Donegal, 26; Armagh, 28; Tyrone and Fermanagh, 20; Munster, 17; Meath, 11; Midland Counties, 11; North Munster, 7; South Eastern, 7; Wicklow and Wexford, 7;