

The most trustworthy translation of I.N.R.I. is that which Ragon has adopted:

"*Ignis Natura Renovatur Integra:*" All nature is renovated by fire. Here, fire is that principle of life which animates all living things. It is that fluid, the intensity of which is graduated from the poles to the equator,

and which forms the measure of color, of taste, of smell, and of all the properties with which these beings are endowed.

A Knight of the Rose Croix, then, is one who is initiated into the secrets of nature, and the invisible laws by which all things are governed.

MASONRY ABROAD.

MAINE.—The Grand Lodge of the State of Maine met in Portland the first day of last month. Out of 179 Lodges on the Register, 166 were represented. Edward P. Burnham, Saco, was elected Grand Master, and Ira Berry, Portland, Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.—The 24th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania was held in the city of Lancaster, in that State, on the 29th, 30th and 31st days of May. The Order has steadily increased during the last few years, and there are now over 6,000 Knights in Pennsylvania.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT.—The twentieth triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights' Templar of the United States will be held in the City of Cleveland, Ohio, commencing August 28th. It is expected that the pageantry of the occasion will equal, if not surpass, that at any previous Conclave.

INDIANA.—The Grand Lodge of Indiana met at Indianapolis on Tuesday, May the 22nd, and was very largely attended, four hundred and seventy-five Lodges being represented. The Grand Master's address was a very able one, and gave evidence of a close attention to the duties of his official position. It was of great length, occupying twenty-seven pages of the printed proceedings. M. W. Bro. Andrew J. Hay, of Charlestown, was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John

W. Bramwell, Grand Secretary, for the ensuing year.

ENGLAND.—The 89th Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, was held at Freemason's Tavern on the evening of the 9th May, under the presidency of Bro. the Rt.-Hon. Lord Suffield, Provincial Grand Master for Norfolk, and is said to have been one of the most successful in the annals of the Institution. The Rt.-Hon. Chairman in proposing the toast of the evening, "Success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls," at the banquet which followed, remarked that it was the oldest Masonic Institution in the world. He stated that the building was about to be enlarged to accommodate 60 additional children, thus increasing the accommodation to 220. Subscriptions to the amount of £9,823 were announced, with twenty-two lists to come in. There was a large attendance of ladies, and after the banquet there was an adjournment to the Temple, and the day's proceedings were closed with a concert of vocal and instrumental music, in which several distinguished artistes took part.

The annual meeting of the Subscribers and Governors of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on the 18th of May, at Freemason's Hall, London, the chair being occupied by Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, V.P. The Treasurer's accounts shew-