

inscription:—"M. E. Comp, Donald Ross, P. G. Z., presented by P. E. Chap. No. 81, January 10, '87." We also take pleasure in adding our testimony to the valuable services rendered by M. E. Comp. Ross, both in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. Comp. Ross is one of the busy members of the craft, who is always ready to advance its interests, and it is pleasing to learn that his brethren fully appreciate him and his services.

The annual concert and conversazione of Alpha Lodge, No. 384, G.R.C., was held on Thursday night, 10th inst., in the Masonic Temple, Parkdale (Toronto). Those who took part in the concert were Mrs. G. S. Booth, Mrs. Capt. Thompson, Mrs. R. Morris, Mrs. Frederick Goring, Miss J. E. Wetherold, Miss E. Gray, and Messrs. J. P. Mundy, W. E. Ramsay, Bro. F. Warrington, W. Bro. F. F. Manley, and the Masters Caldwell. Mrs. Caldwell delighted the audience by her exquisite singing, and a feature of the evening was an amusing duet,—"Johnny Schmoker," by the little Masters Caldwell. The entire entertainment was well carried out, and gave great satisfaction to the large audience that was present. After the concert, the hall, which was handsomely decorated with flags and bunting, was cleared, and dancing to the strains of Marciano's orchestra was kept up far into the morning hours. During the evening, refreshments were served in the supper-room on the first floor, while the lodge-room on the upper flat was used by those guests who preferred conversation to the pleasures of dancing. A magnificent pyramid of flowers, which occupied the centre of the apartment, excited much admiration.

The Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory of Knights Templar, Toronto, gave their annual "At Home" in the Masonic Temple, on the evening of the 11th inst. There were between

sixty and seventy couples present; and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The Blue lodge-room was used for dancing, while the chapter and Royal Arch room was occupied by card tables. The guests were welcomed in a short speech by Eminent Commander Sir Knight J. Hetherington, after which dancing was commenced to the music of the Italian orchestra. The floor managers were Sir Knights H. A. Taylor, A. E. Riches, J. Glanville and E. Merritt. Refreshments were served in the supper-room, everything being of a choice description. Several visiting Eminent Sir Knights were present.

THE MASONIC FRATERNITY has never faltered in its efforts to promote "Peace on earth, and good will toward men." Its vital principles teach this and nothing less. The time is coming when the whole world will be full of the knowledge of these teachings. They are quietly working their way. Every year adds to the momentum of the chariot of brotherly love. It will continue to move on until men will fully comprehend the fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of men.

THE TYLER.—The first person the seeker after Masonic light encounters is the Tyler. To our mind he fills an office of the highest importance. First impressions are hard to eradicate; if this officer be a man slothful, ungentelemanly or of doubtful reputation, he will surely work ill to the craft. He should be the reverse of all this, and in addition should thoroughly understand the secrets of Freemasonry. Nothing can elevate our honorable fraternity more in the estimation of a profane in search of light, than to discover a clean ante-room, clean paraphernalia, and an intelligent Tyler, who is a gentleman. —*Masonic Journal*.

THERE are 69,299 Knights Templar in the United States.