

Bro. Doherty, D.D.G.M. of London District, is creating a very favorable impression by his visits.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Walkem was presented with an oil painting of himself by the brethren of Ancient St. John's Lodge, Kingston. This is another evidence of M. W. Bro. Walkem's popularity with the members of the craft.

Ex-Companion J. Richardson, of Aylmer Chapter, Royal Arch Masonry, was recently visited by a number of his Companions, who desired to manifest the high esteem in which they held him. After associating themselves with their esteemed brother and his family around the festive board, and enjoying a few fleeting moments of social intercourse, the visitors presented the host with a kindly worded address, accompanied by a beautiful emblem of the Craft. Comp. Richardson (who is also Deputy-Reeve of Malahide Township) made a neat reply in accepting the gift.

Mount Horeb Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Brantford, held a meeting on Wednesday evening, the 11th ult. Right Excellent Grand Superintendent Walsh, of Ingersoll, was present, and installed the officers of the chapter.

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The Knights Templar of Ohio contributed \$4,328.91 to the fund for the erection of the Garfield monument at Cleveland.

A new Masonic Temple to cost \$100,000 is to be erected in Seattle, Washington.

Among the visitors at the Grand Lodge of Minnesota this year was Right Worshipful W. G. Bell of Winnipeg, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

There are 23 Royal Arch Chapters in Colorado.

New York state has 56 commanderies and 8,369 Knights Templar.

Charles E. Meyer in his recent historical sketch relating to Royal Arch Masonry, affirms that Jerusalem chap-

ter No. 3 of Philadelphia, is the oldest chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the world. Its minutes are complete from 1767 to the present time. Bro. Meyer also claims that the Grand Royal Arch chapter of Pennsylvania is the oldest in America. It was organized in 1795 by the grand lodge of that jurisdiction, and continued to hold this subordinate position until 1824, when it assumed the prerogatives of an independent and sovereign body.

P. G. M. Bro. Michael Nisbet in his annual report to the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge for the year, places the number of lodges in the jurisdiction at 387, and the membership at 39,735, a gain during the year of 1,190.

On the word of a Master Mason, in good standing, Bro. J. B. La Pierre, Minneapolis, Minn., we are assured that Jefferson Davis was a Master Mason. There has been more or less discussion over the question lately, Bro. T. S. Parvin of Iowa, making a positive denial of the claim that Davis was a Mason.

An order was issued by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templars at the recent session prohibiting Templars from wearing shrine badges in combination with Christian symbols on purely Masonic occasions.

A large number of Detroit Masons met at the Hotel Cadillac, Wednesday evening the 12th ult., and discussed the feasibility of establishing a Masonic savings bank in that city. The following committee was chosen to prepare and submit plans of organization: Geo. W. Moore, Sanford H. Bamford, Fred. Fayram, Chas. T. Joslin and F. H. Rogers. After some talk the meeting adjourned, subject to the call of the chairman. The object in establishing a bank is to have a place where the Masonic funds of Michigan may be deposited. Wm. P. Innes, Grand Secretary of the state, is a prime mover in the scheme.

Mrs. Jane Little is probably the only female Freemason in this country. She