

Lodge of Human Rights. The occasion of the manifestation was the inauguration of a medallion of Maria Deraismes on a tombstone. As she was above everything else the advocate of equal rights, to which she devoted her great eloquence and strong pen, the chief speeches were by Lady Venerables. Among the orators were Madame George Martin, Mme. Marie Bequet of Nienne, Venerable of the Rouen section, Madame Aline Valette, of the "Petit Republique," and several deputies and town councillors. The medallion emerged from a pile of spring flowers that had been heaped round the marble slab on which it is carved. Madame Feresse Deraismes, the sister and fellow-worker of the deceased, was too ill to attend.—*Daily News*.

Although there has been a gain in the number of Lodges in Scotland since 1877 of 230, making a total of 722, the secessions of Lodges in the colonies, through the formation of Grand Lodges in these dependencies within the last twenty years, has reduced that gain to sixteen, and the total to 508. There are nineteen home Provinces, and six other Provinces represented on Grand Committees as presently constituted. The nineteen Provinces represented include 295 Lodges. There are eleven Provinces not represented on Grand Committee, including ninety-three Lodges.—*Glasgow Evening News*.

The wreck of the Spanish Cruiser, "Reina Regente," was the cause of double sorrow for Masonry; because not only did hundreds of men perish, but also an entire Masonic Lodge, which under the name of Marina 1st, No. 48, was held aboard by individuals forming the crew of the ship.

Lodges in China and Japan work under charters granted by the Grand Lodge of England; the work is well done and great interest is shown, and there is a good attendance of members and visitors at each meeting; any well-posted Mason can pass an examination.

Masonry is the one popular secret society in the far East; natives of China and Japan are not admitted to the mysteries of our order. Calling it refreshment is more than a theoretical affair in Lodges in Japan and China, for there is a spread at each meeting, and liquid refreshments to astonish the oldest Mason. Masonic temples are constructed with special view to having banquets, reading-rooms, smoking-rooms and other conveniences. As 7:30 to 8:30 is the dinner hour in eastern Asia, Lodges convene very late, and of course the night is far advanced before the work is finished, yet the members have good staying qualities and remain until the Lodge is closed. The lodges close on every degree, and the closing ceremonies are quite lengthy and somewhat different.—*Freemason and Fes*.

Miscellaneous.

THE RIVER TIME.

Oh! a wonderful stream is the river 'time,

As it runs through the realm of tears,
With a faultless rhythm and a musical rhyme
And a broader sweep and surge sublime,
As it blends in the ocean of years!

How the winters are drifting like flakes of snow,

And the summers like birds between!
And the years in the sheaf, how they come and go

On the river's breast with its ebb and flow,
As it glides in the shadow and sheen!

There's a magical isle up the river of Time,

Where the softest of airs are playing;
There's a cloudless sky and a tropical clime,
And a song as sweet as a vesper chime,
And the Junes with the roses are staying.

And the name of the isle is the "Long-ago."

And we bury our treasures there;
There are brows of beauty and bosoms of snow,
There are heaps of dust—Oh, we love them so!
There are trinkets and tresses of hair.

There are fragments of songs that nobody sings,
There are parts of an infant's prayer;
There's a lute unswept and a harp without strings,

There are broken vows and pieces of rings,
And the gloves she used to wear.