

volent Association of Council Bluffs, Iowa, an Association purely co-operative and exclusively for Freemasons. This Association is highly recommended and popular in the United States, and Bro. McMurtry reports that it is being well received in Canada.

D. D. G. M. Roaf, and District Secretary Ben. Allen, are a noble team physically as well as Masonically. Bro. Roaf is well able to expound Masonic law, and Bro. Allen can hold his own against all comers in exemplifying the ritual. Either in the lodge or refreshment room they will prove themselves capable brethren, and demonstrate that they possess powers of endurance.

W. Bro. L. E. Shipley, a respected member of the Craft, and a P. M. of Ailsa Craig Lodge, died recently at his residence, 11th Concession of Lobo. Deceased was one of the pioneers of Middlesex, having been born in London township, in 1835. Bro. Shipley took an active interest in municipal matters, and filled the position of deputy reeve, reeve and warden of Middlesex County. Jaundice was the cause of his death.

There was a large attendance at the last meeting of King Solomon Lodge, Toronto. An interesting discussion on an important point was expected, but W. Bro. Reeve clearly pointed out the law on the matter, and the debate did not eventuate. Bro. Reeve made the reading of the Constitution so plain, and expressed his determination so emphatically to abide by it under all circumstances, that the brethren were pleased alike with his ruling and his desire to do what was right.

Hamilton will, it is expected, be largely represented at the Templars' Conclave in Washington. The Hamilton delegates will be joined by members of the fraternity from Guelph, London, Windsor and other places along the line of the G. W. Division of the Grand Trunk Railway. The delegation and their friends will leave Hamilton on Oct. 5th or 6th, and will

probably join the Buffalo and Rochester Commanderies, via the Delaware & Lackawanna Railway. The 13th Battalion Band, Hamilton, will accompany the St. Bernard Commandery, of Chicago, to Washington. They will leave Hamilton on Oct. 3rd, and on the following evening will give a concert in the Second Regiment Armory, Chicago, which is capable of seating 5,000 persons, besides allowing space for the exhibition drill, which will be given by the Commandery during the evening. On the round trip the party will visit Pittsburg, Altoona, Harrisburg, Philadelphia and Washington.

D. D. G. M. Roaf's first official visit was to his mother lodge, Ionic, on Sept. 3, when W. Bro. Morson was in the chair. There was one candidate initiated. A pleasant time was spent in the refreshment room. On the 5th, Bro. Roaf, accompanied by District Secretary Allen, visited Rehoboam Lodge, W. Bro. Bain, W. M., presiding. There was one initiation, the work being excellent, particularly the portion falling to the lot of the J. W. W. Bro. Mayor Clarke and W. Bro. Allen took part in the initiatory ceremonies. At the refreshment table there was a good time. The W. M. proposed the health of Bro. Mayor Clarke, who made a neat response. R. W. Bro. Malone proposed in a very humorous manner the health of the wife and son of V. W. Bro. Carkeek, which was responded to by Bro. C. Bro. Roaf visited York Lodge, Eglington, on Friday, 6th Sept. W. Bro. McKenzie worked the 2nd Degree. V. W. Bro. McCarter, Grand Pursuivant, was present. On the 17th Bro. Roaf visited Wilson Lodge, Bro. Ben. Allen accompanying him. The W. M., W. Bro. Firstbrook, assisted by W. Bros. Oliver and B. Allen, passed two to the second degree; the work was very well done, the D. D. G. M. giving special praise to the work of Bro. Clarke, J. W. Amongst the visitors were W. Bro. Geo. Burch, St. George Lodge, No. 15, St. Catharines; W. Bro. Kent, St. Andrews, Toronto, and W. Bro. Jno. McKellar, Bruce Lodge, Tiverton.