

NEW JERSEY, 1882.—Grand Master Martin says: "Mariner's Lodge, No. 150, located at Barnegat, was constituted into a regular lodge on Monday evening the 7th February. The ceremonial was public, in a house of worship, and witnessed by a large concourse of people.

"The new and tastefully-arranged room of Eastern Star Lodge, No. 105, at Bound Brook was dedicated to Freemasonry on the evening of May 6th. The ceremonial was also public."

PUBLIC INSTALLATIONS AND PRESENCE OF LADIES.

RHODE ISLAND, 1881.—Grand Master Freeman says: "Wednesday evening, November 10, I was present at the annual communication of Orpheus, No. 36. R. W. Brother H. A. Pierce presided at the election at which the officers were unanimously re-elected, and then installed them into their respective positions. A supper with the ladies followed, at which the brethren demonstrated that their musical talents were regarded as a means of gratification to themselves as well as to others.

"Again—Friday evening, December 17, I was present at the public installation of the officers of St. Alban's, No. 6, Bristol. The installation ceremonies were very agreeably performed by R. W. District Deputy J. Howard, Manchester, in the presence of ladies and friends.

"Again—Thursday afternoon, January 4, 1881, I presided at the election and installed the officers of Adelpia, No. 33. In the evening the ladies and invited guests joined the brethren, and the time was passed in social converse, interspersed with readings, music, etc.

"Again—Saturday evening, February 12, I visited Unity, No. 34, Lonsdale, and installed the officers in the presence of the families of the members. After the ceremonies were concluded a collation was served by the ladies in a hall at the old village, where a very enjoyable evening was passed. There were addresses, recitations and songs by the brethren, with brief remarks from the Grand Officers and others. It was most emphatically a family affair, as there were nearly three score children present."

MAINE, 1881.—Grand Master Callamore says: "I installed the Officers of Meridan Lodge, No. 125, at Pittsfield. The services were held in a church, and were open to the public. The citizens, in large numbers, availed themselves of the opportunity to witness this ceremony. The services were followed by a bountiful collation and other festivities."

D. D. G. M. of 3rd District says that the officers of Pleiades Lodge, No. 172, were installed in the presence of a goodly number of masons with their "lady friends," which was followed by music, addresses, and a "turkey supper."

D. D. G. M. of 5th District installed the officers of Pleasant River Lodge, No. 163, in public. "A large number of the members, with ladies and invited guests were present. After the ceremonies, listened to a very interesting address by Rev. Bro. Bennett, on the Antiquity of Masonry, also to very interesting remarks by Wor. Bro. Hannibal Hamlin. At the conclusion of the exercises a bountiful collation was served."

He also publicly installed the officers elect of Mosaic Lodge, No. 52, ladies and other invited guests being present.