

Grand Chapters—that of California appropriated \$500 to the widow and children of a deceased Grand Officer; and that of Canada gives \$200 annually for life to the widow of its late Grand Scribe.

IN Brazil, notwithstanding recent struggles, Freemasonry is progressing. Up to last March there were in that country 169 Symbolical Lodges, of which 139 follow the Rite Ecossais, 16 the French Rite, 10 to the Rite Adonhiramite, 1 the Rite Schroeder, 1 the Rite of York, and 2 the Rite of Adoption. There are also 121 High Grade Chapters.

THE Grand Master of Florida, Bro. Albert J. Russell, requests all the Grand Lodges in the United States to meet in convention at Jacksonville, Florida, on the 15th of December inst., for the purpose of considering the necessity of a greater uniformity of work and means to strengthen the moral power of the Order in the Union, as well as in the world.

THE worst slander that the Romish priesthood has yet attempted to fasten upon Freemasonry, is to be found in the subjoined paragraph: A pamphlet, under the sanction of the Bishop of Toulouse, has been issued and extensively circulated, which declares that the Freemasons are possessed of a Satanic secret; that they perform a mockery of the mass on an altar lighted by six candles; that every member, after spitting on the crucifix, tramples it beneath his feet, and that, at the conclusion of the ceremony, everyone ascends the altar and strikes the holy sacrament with a poniard. It is to be hoped that the Bishop has mistaken the organization he has reference to. There are societies of a politico-religious character in Italy, which the priests take a delight in confounding with Masonry. This may be one of them.

THE Venerable Patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church, Cairo, Egypt, recently kindly buried Bro. Figari, an Italian lawyer, living in Cairo, after the Roman Catholics had refused to bury him, on account of his being a Freemason. In consequence of his action, Bro. Demetrio Mosconas, W. M. of Pythagoras Lodge, with three hundred Brethren, on September 12th, ult., presented an Address on vellum, to the Patriarch, thanking him for his tolerant conduct. In the course of the address they said; "The Freemasons of Egypt fervently hope long life may be spared your Holiness, and pray to God that you may be protected to the glory of your throne for the benefit of suffering humanity, who are divided, and cruelly persecuted, by some who call themselves ministers of Christ, but are only obstacles of light and lovers of discord."

On September 25th, the Patriarch acknowledged its receipt, and the pleasure he had taken in performing what he considered a godly action.

THE following prayer for the protection of the Royal Grand Master in India has been drawn up by the Bishop of Lichfield:

"O God, whose never-failing Providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth, we beseech Thee to take into Thy gracious keeping Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, on the distant journey he is about to undertake.

"Preserve him, we pray Thee, from all evil accidents by land or by water, from the pestilence that walketh in darkness, and from the arrow that destroyeth in the noontday.

"May he prove a messenger of goodwill to our Indian fellow-subjects, binding them together in loyalty to our Sovereign and in peace among themselves.

"Restore him, we pray Thee, in health and safety to his own land, and in the remembrance of Thy manifold mercies may he live long to glorify Thy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

AT REST.

BRO. DR. JAMES S. ATHON, of Indianapolis, State of Indiana, died on the 25th Oct., after an illness of four weeks. He stood high in the community, and was among the most intelligent Masons of the country.

"Died in Ingersoll, on the 3rd November, John Galliford, Esq., aged 64 years." Such is the simple announcement we have received of the death of one who was an honor to his race and a true man in every sense of the word. We knew Bro. Galliford for well nigh thirty years. He had seen Ingersoll rise from a mere cluster of houses into a growing and prosperous town, over which he had presided both as Councillor, Reeve and Mayor. He was one of the oldest Magistrates in the District, and the first Mason made in Ingersoll, about the year 1852. Bro. Galliford rose with the place he had chosen to live in, and died respected by all.

"Like clouds that sweep yon mountain summit,
Or waves that own no curbing hand,
So fast does brother follow brother
From sunlight to the sunless land."