REV. ISAAC W. CANTER.

CHURCHES OF WASHINGTON

The Work Done by Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Episcopal South.

A GROWING CONGREGATION

It Has Already Established Two Branches, Is Starting a Third, and Wants a Fourth—The St. Johannis German Evangelical Lutheran Church—Services in German.

"We are growing so rapidly that we will have to look up another good place for a mission," said Rev. Isaac W. Canter, pastor of the Mount Vernon Place Methodist Episcopal Church South, in a conversation with a Times representative. "We already have started two branches which are now flourishing churches, Epworth in East Washington and Marvin in South Washington. The third branch is being started at Del Ray, the suburban town between Washington and Alexandria. A month ago we organized a Sunday-school in the dining room of Isaac D. Arnold, a member of Mount Vernon Church, living there. We now have a school of forty-four and a congregation that fills the house. We have preaching every Sunday at 3:30 p. m. Brothers Stier, Brilla and Thorsen are assisting the pastor. The prospect is that we will have a church up by Christmas. The bricks are being hauled now for the foundation, and work will be commenced at once.

"Of course I will keep in the pastoral work, but the church will be put in charge of one of the local preachers of whom I have quite a number in Mount Vernon place congregation. Notwithstanding all this we are crowded and must have, as I said before, an outlet for our energies. The Del Ray branch will be off our hands before we know it and a flourishing congregation of itself. We want the fourth branch and we will have it. There is nothing like mission work of this kind to keep the interest in the church going."

A POPULAR PASTOR.

Mr. Canter is finishing his second year as pastor of Mount Vernon Place Church, and is greatly beloved by his congregation. He is a fine example of the Virginia gentleman and is able to make all the members of his church feel at home and is also able to arouse them to their best efforts. He was born in Frederick county, Virginia, in 1843, and was educated in the academies of his own and adjoining counties, finishing his course at Washington and Lee University. He entered the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and he has filled appointments at Harrisonburg, Leesburg, Fredericksburg, and Warrenton, Virginia; Calvary, Emanuel, North Baltimore and St. Paul's Churches in Baltimore, and has been presiding elder of the East Baltimore district. The Baltimore Conference meets in Mount Vernon Place Church in March and immediately after Christmas preparations will be made to receive and entertain the 200 ministers who will be present.

The Methodist Episcopal Church South was organized in this city in 1856. The congregation bought and worshiped in a little chapel on Eighth street northwest, now the property of the Washington Hebrew Association. During the war the congregation worshiped in a frame chapel on M street, near Ninth street, which afterwards became the property of the Vermont Avenue Christian Church, and was the same chapel in which President Garfield worshiped.

Mount Vernon Place Church was organized in 1869, and has now one of the largest congregations in the city. The membership is between 800 and 900, notwithstanding the fact that two of the other churches of this denomination in the city drew largely from this congregation when they were organized. The church is free from debt, is generous in giving, and is always glad to welcome strangers. The trustees are James W. Barker, A. L. Johnson, Jesse D. Wilson, F. M. Follin, J. E. Baird, Dr. Hammet Barker, and I. L. Johnson. The stewards are J. W. Barker, A. L. Johnson, J. M. Follin, C. D. Bulla, J. E. Fague, J. E. Baird, Clarendon Smith, Samuel Blackwell, Dr. Frank Hyatt, Isaac Bussey, William James, F. A. Stier, W. W. Millan, and George Deitrick.

IN THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

The Sunday-school is larger than it has ever been in the history of the church, numbering about 400. Rev. F. A. Stier is superintendent, and is assisted by a faithful corps of officers and teachers. Henry Knowles is the secretary; J. E. Baird, the treasurer, and Miss Annie Walker, the superintendent of the infant department. The school has a large library, which is under the management of J. M. Follin, librarian, assisted by Thomas Murray, Lee Williams, Howard Barker, and Howard Wilson. The school meets at 9:30 o'clock each Sunday morning, and the services are those of other schools of the same denomination.

The officers of the church and school, however, do not believe in offering prizes, and having a roll of honor, thinking it better to let the work of the school be so interesting that it stands for itself. Strong efforts are being made to more thoroughly interest the parents, and in this way enlarge the field of usefulness.

The young people of the church have a Society of Christian Endeavor, which meets every Sunday evening. It is one of the largest societies in the city and is doing a great work. Mr. Henry Knowles is president. Some day this society will be merged into a chapter of the Epworth League. At the meeting of the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, held last May, it was decided that this denomination should have chapters of the Epworth League in its various churches. Before this there was no legislation on this subject, and some of the churches instituted societies of Christian Endeavor. It is not deemed advisable in such cases to make the change at once, though it will be done gradually. The Junior Society of Christian Endeavor meets every Friday at 4 p. m., and is led by Miss Anna Walker. This society is doing a good work. It has been instrumental in a number of conversions.

THE MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

There are three missionary societies which are each doing a good work. The Woman's Missionary Society, with fifty members, meets the first Tuesday of each month at 2 p. m. Mrs. Elizabeth Moses is president. The meetings are seasons of spiritual profit and joy. Juvenile Missionary Society meets twice a month on Sunday afternoons. A large number of children attend and the exercises are conducted by Mrs. Lina Robinson, the president. Miss Mae Petty is president of the Parsonage and Home Missionary Society, which meets monthly, one hour before prayer-meeting, on Thursday evenings. The annual meeting which was held recently in the church, was a most pleasant occasion.

One of the most important societies is the Ladies' Aid. It looks after the furnishing of the parsonage and does its duties well. There are forty members and each contributes 10 cents a month to the fund. Once in a while a lecture is given or a sociable held. Mrs. Richard J. Bell is president.

The Young Men's Christian Society is one of the strongest in the church. Already this year it has raised $120 for the support of a missionary helper in Japan. The society combines both religious and literary features, and partakes very largely of the missionary spirit. It meets the first and third Tuesday evenings of each month. It will be seen that the church is well supplied with societies, but the pastor feels that there is still room for more. He holds that organization is good, but that life and activity are better.

During the past year the church raised $800 for missionary work. It is their intention to make this distinctively a missionary year, and the congregation has set out to raise $1,000. Missionary boxes stand in the front windows of the church, and each person is asked to drop something in. They are opened each Sunday. The Sunday-school Christian Endeavor Society, Young Men's Society, the Woman's Missionary Society, and the Juveniles are all at work.

The church issues a monthly paper called the Mount Vernon Place Methodist. It is a bright and newsy sheet and full of matters of interest to the members.

ST. JOHANNIS' CHURCH.

All the Services Are Held in German and the Members Attend.

The little brick church which stands at No. 320 Four-and-a-half street southwest was organized in 1853. It is the St. Johannis German Evangelical Church and all the services are held in German. None of the charter members are living, though some who connected themselves with the organization in 1855 and 1856 are still active in the work. Among them are Mr. Conrad Schaeffer, Mr. Henry Kottman, and Mr. Henry Tripp. The church is the same erected over forty years ago, though some renovations have been made from time to time. The parsonage stands in the rear of the church building and here the pastor, Rev. Claus M. H. Hamm, is to be found when his pastoral duties permit him to be at home. He is always glad to see his friends and is becoming very fond of his adopted country.

Mr. Hamm was born in the province of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, in 1853, and is

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still a very young man. He was educated in the seminary at Kropp, where he spent six years. This is the first church of which he has been pastor, and he is much admired by his congregation. The members are very much attached to him and he to them. He came to this country two years ago to visit friends in New York and it was while there that he received the call to St. Johannis' Church. Mr. Hamm is at home in his pulpit and among his congregation, for there he can speak in his native tongue. He is learning English rapidly, but finds some difficulty in expressing himself among strangers. He is very good natured about it, and laughingly brought out his German-English dictionary when THE TIMES representative called on him. Some of these days, though, he intends to preach in English, when it is necessary, and says that day is not so very far off.

The church has over 300 communicants and is one of the strongest in the southwestern part of the city. The governing board, called kirchenrath or consistory, is composed of twelve members. Mr. Hermann Ruhl is president, Mr. Martin Wiecandt, secretary, Mr. John Thomas, treasurer. The remaining members are: Messrs. Henry Tripp, Wilhelm Zinder, Herman Seiler, John Parker, Frederick Schneisman, Charles Schmeller, George Grosmer, Henr. Dodenstein, and Charles Wellendt. They meet on the first Monday in each month and all the business of the church is looked after in these meetings.

The pastor is always in attendance, and with these men discusses the best plans for the work of the church. The church is independent, and in this way is able to regulate all of its domestic concerns. But little friction is ever met with, and the work goes pleasantly and smoothly on. The management of the church and the church property, which is valued at over $20,000, reflects great credit on the consistory. Some improvements are contemplated which will increase considerably the value of this property.

The Sunday-school is held at 9:30 o'clock and lasts for an hour. At present the attendance is varied, the pastor hopes. There are eight teachers and fifty pupils. The instruction combines both that received in the common schools and the Sunday-schools. Three sets of books are used, adapted to the advancement of the scholars. They are all printed in German, and are made up of regular lessons in German and Bible stories. In this way the common school course is supplemented and the pupil taught the language of his parents. After the Sunday-school comes the only religious service of the day. It consists of singing, prayer, reading the Scriptures, and a sermon. The singing is congregational and of a high order of merit. The services last usually an hour and a half and the congregations are always large. It is one of the features of the church that all the members are present at each service.

For missionary work $25 has been raised this year and $100 for the pastor and the regular church work. Besides this the pastor has perquisites which come from baptisms, marriages, and funerals. The church has a ladies society of 32 members, each of whom contributes 25 cents a month for church work. The society meets the first Wednesday in each month, and is a great social feature. Mrs. Carrie Schaeffer is president, Mrs. Louisa Thomas, secretary, and Mrs. Sophie Herrman, treasurer.

The young people of the church also have an association, church work being the chief object. This association meets once a month and is composed of the young ladies and young gentlemen of the congregation. Mr. Christian Zinderman is president, Miss Mamie Tripp, treasurer, and Mr. Henry Dieker, secretary.

Each summer the church gives an excursion under the auspices of the consistory, which is largely attended. Each fall the ladies of the church give a supper, and this year it will be held in Without Hall, November 27. At each of these the entire congregation, with many of their friends outside the church, is always present. Mr. Hamm expects that the coming winter will be the most successful in the history of the church.

NOTES FROM CHURCHES.

What the Younger Workers and Pastors Are Doing.

The annual meeting of the Epworth League was held Friday evening in Wesley Chapel. The reports showed great progress during the past year, the greatest being in the departments of spiritual and literary work. Over 100 delegates were present from twenty-two different chapters.

Dr. S. F. Anderson has been ordained as pastor of Grace Baptist Church, corner of South Carolina avenue, Ninth and D streets southeast. Dr. Anderson is from Lewisburg, Pa. Dr. C. C. Meador was president of the ordination council and conducted the examination as to Dr. Anderson's qualifications. The evening exercises were opened with Scripture reading by Rev. Charles A. Stakely, followed by prayer offered by Rev. E. Hez Swem. Rev. J. H. Harris, president of Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa., preached an appropriate sermon of ordination. The ordination prayer was offered by Rev. Green Clay Smith and the other ministers of the council. The charge to the candidate was delivered by Dr. Stakely and the charge to the church by Rev. A. J. Huntington. Rev. N. C. Naylor welcomed the new pastor to the ministry and the latter pronounced the benediction.

The Washington conference of the Congregational Church meets in Mount Pleasant Church November 29. The conference includes thirteen churches, five in Maryland, two in Virginia, and six in the District. Rev. Mr. Fishburn, who has been called to Mount Pleasant Church, will be examined. A reception was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Fishburn Friday evening at the church by the Ladies' Aid Society and Y. P. S. C. E.

Revival services are being held in Waugh M. E. Church and Mount Vernon Place M. E. Church South.

October was a month of conventions with the Christian churches here. The State convention at Baltimore, the general convention at Richmond, and the Sunday-school convention of the District of Columbia, were all attended by delegates. Thursday evening was the semi-annual business meeting of the Vermont Avenue Church. This meeting usually is held in October, but was postponed on account of the conventions. The executive committee of the Sunday-school met Tuesday evening and appointed the various committees to take charge of the annual Christmas entertainment. It was decided to give the entertainment Wednesday evening, December 26. Heretofore teachers' meetings have not proven very successful, but hereafter meetings of the teachers will be held the second and fourth Saturday evenings in each month. Questions will be discussed, as well as the preparation of the lesson. Last Sunday the special features of the day were the reports from delegates to the Sunday-school convention. Other reports will be given to-day.

Prof. Bichard, on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock, continued his talk upon "Physical Christianity," illustrating what he said by the use of chart and manikin. Last Sunday afternoon at the Typographical Temple at 3:30 he gave a talk upon the "Solar system." This was one of a series of meetings being held on Sunday afternoon for the investigation of the truths of the Bible.

Wednesday evening the Y. W. C. T. U. of the Vermont Avenue Christian Church held a meeting at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Shelton, 1218 Fifteenth street.

The Y. P. S. C. E. consecration service was held on Tuesday evening instead of Monday, as many of the members desired to hear Gen. Booth.

The Christian Endeavorers of the city are already preparing for the convention to meet in Boston next year. Mr. Percy S. Foster and Norman T. Elliott, comprising the transportation committee, have been to Boston and secured refusals of quarters in several of the best hotels of the city for Washington delegates. The meeting of the local executive committee will be held Monday evening in the lecture-room of the Fourth Presbyterian Church.

On November 19 an informal reunion and banquet of the Washington delegates who attended the Christian Endeavor convention at Cleveland will be held at the Sunday-school house of the Calvary Baptist Church. Each delegate has the privilege of inviting one guest.

AN EXILED KING'S DAILY LIFE.

Qualities in the Comte de Paris that Would Have Made Him a Popular Ruler.

An intimate friend of the Comte de Paris has given the following details about the prince's life in exile, says a Paris letter to the London Telegraph. He rose every morning at 5 o'clock, went to his study after dressing, and occupied himself until 9:30 with the voluminous correspondence which reached him from nearly every quarter of the globe. He was assisted after 9 o'clock by his secretary, M. Camille Dupuy, but he answered all his important letters himself, a proceeding which entailed an enormous amount of labor. The comte kept a register of his letters, and was so careful in posting it up that on the first day of his illness, when he had to leave all work, he asked the Comtesse de Paris to look after this correspondence diary.

The prince's memory was prodigious from youth, and whenever the conversation at dinner-house turned on classical matters he was able to recite by heart whole pages from the poets of Greece and Rome. Breakfast being over, the Comte de Paris went out to ride or hunt with the other members of his family. Sometimes he fished in the ponds on the property and at 7 o'clock in the evening dinner was served. The evening was usually spent in playing chess or halma, and the members of the family were rarely up after 10 o'clock.

The Comte de Paris, as is well known, was deeply interested in political economy and foreign trades. Many contributions to the leading French reviews on trade unionism and kindred subjects were from his pen, his identity being usually veiled under a pseudonym. His description of his travels in the East, also published anonymously, was noted for its poetry and picturesqueness, at the same time that it revealed the serious, philosophic side of the writer's character. Botany and chemistry likewise engaged his attention, and besides speaking English fluently he was familiar with German, Spanish and Italian.

Every day he read the leading newspapers, French and English, and was only really happy in his library amid a heap of books and reviews. He accordingly led a rather retired life in England, returning a few visits during the London season, but very rarely accepting invitations. After an annual trip to Scotland for the fishing or shooting, he went for the winter to Andalusia, where at Villamanrique, near Seville, he possessed one of the finest estates in Europe, left to the family by the Duc de Montpensier, father of the Countess de Paris. The comte added to this property a piece of land formerly used as a hunting ground by the Spanish kings.

At Villamanrique the prince chiefly devoted himself to forest sports or to the embellishment of his main residence. He used to say when anybody talked politics too much: "Oh, let us keep that for discussion in England." His stay in his Andalusian home did not, however, take away his interest in the French newspapers. He assiduously read all the articles and comments on events from the pens of leading Paris journalists and was daily kept informed by telegraph of important occurrences in his native land.

Not a Second to Spare.

Count Teleki, the African explorer, went out one morning in pursuit of a buffalo which had been wounded the day before. Such wounded animals are always dangerous, as they are extremely fierce and ready to charge anyone they may happen to see. The native assistants, well aware of this fact, dropped behind, and presently the count found himself attended by a single Masai.

At that moment the Masai uttered a cry of warning and took to his heels. A hundred paces from the count was a buffalo charging full upon him. What was to be done?

To take refuge in the thicket would be fatal. The buffalo would be invisible and might charge in the rear. The only chance was to meet it in the open. This the count did—most fortunately, for nothing else could have saved him.

With the long strides of desparation he advanced upon the buffalo and only when the beast lowered its horns for a toss did he spring aside and fire. The bullet struck the buffalo in the neck and with the death-rattle in its throat it rolled at his feet.

Count Teleki waited a long time for his people, who did not appear till they heard him shooting for them. They all knew the terrible danger he had been in, and hearing one shot succeeded by absolute silence, had jumped to the conclusion that he had met his end.

It was touching to witness their delight when they found out their mistake. They gathered about him, shaking his hand and feeling his arms and legs to make sure he was unhurt; then, after dancing madly around him in their glee, they fell with wild shouts upon the buffalo and cut it up with their knives and spears.—Youth's Companion.

Darky in the Dark.

For some years after the war the colored people of Fairmont, W. Va., had the services of white people as superintendents and teachers in their Sunday-school. The illiteracy of the pupils made it necessary to begin with the rudiments of language instruction before much could be done in the way of Bible study.

One day while the primary class stood before a large chart on which were printed words of one syllable, the teacher pointed to the word it, and, slowly spelling it, it asked the class to say it after her. One of the scholars, a man of perhaps fifty, interrupting, said:

"Sah, I sees de i and I sees de t but I can't see de it."—Youth's Companion.

AMONG SECRET SOCIETIES

Matters of Interest to Brethren Who Meet on the Quiet.

DOINGS OF DISTRICT MASONS

Grand Visitations of the Subordinate Lodges of Odd Fellows and the Commanderies of the Golden Cross—Personal Gossip—Items of Fraternal Bearings—New Officers Chosen.

The wildest dreams of enthusiastic youth cannot equal all the pleasure and beauty that lurks in the mind's eye of the nobility of Almas Temple as the date for the next meeting approaches. Potentate Dingman walks about in that satisfied manner, peculiar to himself, as the petitions roll in from the unregenerate sons of the desert who seek purification at the altar of Almas, while Noble Chamberlin, the caliph of the barrel, otherwise the treasurer, gathers in the accompanying checks and blandly smiles as the returns roll in. Recorder Walker has hired a fifth story attic and is drilling the officers in the new work over which he will preside. Any allusion relative to the new ritual simply brings forth a wink, terrible in its significance and mighty in its wisdom. Harry Standiford is as usual deep in the trouble, but, like the Sphinx, is ever smiling but always mysterious. Nobles Boyd, Hodges, Grant, Thomas, and Constant are another block of five, tomb-like in the majesty of their awful silence, and a thorough pumping of the High Priest and Prophet General Smith was about as satisfactory as the results of an Arizona dry spell. The impatient noble who wants to find out something about that new ritual of the shrine is advised to wait until November 30, as it's business of the most emphatic nature, and guessers "ain't in it, sir."

Some of Worshipful Master Riddle's friends surprised him on Wednesday evening in Osiris Lodge with a beautiful basket of roses. He heartily expressed his thanks and promised to make a proper disposition of the gift, in accordance with ancient custom.

The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia will be held on Wednesday evening, the 14th instant, at the Masonic Temple, and will be called to order at 6 o'clock p. m. This is the most important meeting of the grand lodge in the Masonic year, and among the other important features is the annual election of the officers of the governing body of Masons for the ensuing year. The officers at present are as follows: Henry S. Merrill, M. W. grand master; David G. Dixon, R. W. deputy grand master; George W. Baird, R. W. senior grand warden; Matthew Trimble, R. W. junior grand warden; William R. Singleton, R. W. grand secretary; C. C. Duncanson, R. W. grand treasurer, Joseph Harnacher, W. grand lecturer; Claudius B. Smith, reverend and grand chaplain; Samuel C. Palmer, W. grand marshal; John H. Small, jr., W. senior grand deacon; W. G. Henderson, W. junior grand deacon; Harry Standiford, W. grand sword bearer; A. K. Lind, W. grand pursuivant; Malcolm Seaton, W. senior grand steward; George H. Walker, worshipful junior grand steward; John N. Birckhead, grand tiler.

The printed proceeding of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Royal Order of Scotland, held last month at Boston, have been issued by Provincial Grand Secretary Roome. The report shows that the order is in an excellent condition, financially and otherwise, and at the last meeting admitted forty candidates. Among the officers of this select organization appear the names of George Elgar Corson and John H. Olcott, who are the provincial grand marshals, while the grand stewards are two well-known Washington masons, Brothers Harrison Dingman and Allison Nailor. The city of Baltimore is also recognized in the name of Provincial Grand Treasurer Thomas J. Shryock, who has been for many years the grand master of the State of Maryland.

National Lodge, No. 12, will be visited on Monday evening next, and the genial and courteous worshipful master, Dr. William E. Handy, is anxious to have a large attendance on that occasion.

Myron M. Parker Lodge, No. 27, will close the grand visitations this year on Tuesday evening at their hall, Eighth and I streets northeast.

Brother George McGown, thirty-third degree, was in the city last week and called at the Scottish Rite Sanctuary to pay his respects to Brother William Oscar Roome, thirty-third degree, who is one of his personal friends. Brother McGown is past grand commander of Knights Templar of the State of New York.

Past Grand Master Jose M. Yznaga, who was forced some months ago to go abroad for the benefit of his health, has returned to the city much improved. While away he visited all the prominent cities of England and the continent, and was the recipient of many courtesies at the hands of the foreign brethren.

Brother Harry Nelson Brown has removed to Rochester, N. Y., where he will engage in business. He carries with him the earnest wishes for his future prosperity of his many friends in this city.

Brother George H. Albertson, thirty-third degree, has gone to Michigan on business.

Brother Larry M. Taylor, thirty-third degree, left last Saturday for an extended trip. He will journey to Vancouver, where he takes the steamer Empress on the 20th instant for Japan. He will remain in the "land of the rising sun" for about two months and will then proceed to India, where he will remain until next June. A goodly delegation of his Masonic brethren saw him off and wished him bon voyage.

Brother Byrn Waters has removed to Brooklyn, N. Y.

Brother William Oscar Roome, thirty-third degree, tendered his resignation as the first lieutenant commander of Robert de Bruce Council of Kadosh at the last stated meeting of that high Scottish Rite body. The resignation of Brother Roome was a great surprise to the members present, and it is said that no reason was assigned for the act.

The address of Past Master Samuel R. Bond on "A trip through Russia" on Tuesday evening last was one of the most interesting of the season.

Grand High Priest George H. Walker and his fellow-officers of the grand chapter will shortly take up the official rounds of the various chapters. Columbia Chapter, No. 1, will be the first to be visited, on Wednesday evening, November 21.

Worshipful Master James A. Wetmore, of Benjamin B. French Lodge, No. 15, received probably the largest crowd that has attended any grand visitation this year. The music hall of the Masonic Temple was used by the lodge, and the programme was one of the most attractive of the season.

Masonic meetings for next week are as follows:

Monday evening—Dawson Lodge, No. 16; Stansbury Lodge, No. 24; Arminius Lodge, No. 25; Mount Vernon Chapter, No. 3, and Hiram Chapter, No. 10.

Tuesday evening—Federal Lodge, No. 1; Acacia Lodge, No. 18; Potomac Chapter, No. 8; De Molay Commandery, No. 4, and Evangelist Chapter, Rose Croix, A. A. S. R.

Wednesday evening the Grand Lodge, F. A. A. M., of the District of Columbia; Washington Commandery, No. 1.

Thursday evening, La Fayette Lodge, No. 19; Naval Lodge, No. 4; Orient Lodge of Perfection, A. A. S. R.

Friday evening, Lebanon Lodge, No. 7; Hiram Lodge, No. 10; Columbia Commandery, No. 2.

Hiram Chapter, No. 10, will transact routine business on Monday evening.

Potomac Chapter will transact routine business Tuesday evening.

De Molay Commandery, No. 5, will confer the order of Malta on Tuesday evening.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 7, will confer the first degree on Friday evening.

High Priest Taber, of Hiram Chapter, No. 10, will issue one of the most unique and original invitations of this year. He designed it himself and is now having them made by a Philadelphia firm. The companions of No. 10 intend making the grand visitation to their chapter as much of a success as the similar event of last year.

Hermin Lodge, No. 11, will confer the second degree on Friday evening.

AMONG ODD FELLOWS.

Matters of Interest in the Various Lodges in the District.

The Juvenile Drum Corps of Canton Potomac are arranging for an entertainment to be held in the main saloon of the Seventh Street Hall, about the middle of December, the proceeds to be used for the purchase of uniforms. This organization is very popular among the fraternity and will no doubt meet with success in their undertaking.

Past Grand Master H. C. Hazard has so far recovered from his late illness as to be able to resume his usual occupation.

New Jersey has an I. O. O. F. membership of 28,834. The last year's receipts amounted to $265,115, out of which $146,413 was paid for relief.

Past Grands A. J. Pearson and J. A. D. Richards, of Ohio, who have become very popular among the local lodges will be missed from the Fifty-fourth Congress.

Past Grand T. Edward Clark, jr., the popular treasurer of Union Lodge, No. 11, has recently lost two of his children from scarlet fever.

The grand lodge officers will pay the semi-annual grand visitation to Union Lodge, No. 11, to-morrow (Monday) evening. This lodge meets in the National Capital Bank Building, Pennsylvania avenue southeast. A cordial invitation is extended to the members of the fraternity by its members.

Grand Patriarch G. W. Uline will commence his series of visitations to the encampments of the District of Columbia on Tuesday evening, at which time the visitation to Fred. D. Stuart, No. 7, will take place.

Past Grand William Paul Brown, who had been a member of Union Lodge, No. 11, for over forty years, was united in marriage to a Pittsburgh, Pa., last Monday evening.

The grand lodge visitations occur this week as follows: Union Lodge, No. 11, National Capital Bank building, Pennsylvania avenue southeast, Monday, November 12; Covenant Lodge, No. 13, I. O. O. F. Hall, Georgetown, Thursday, November, 15, and Mechanics' Lodge, No. 18, Our Hall, 3210 N street, Georgetown, Friday, November 16. Make it a point to attend them.

Mount Nebo Encampment, No. 6, held an interesting meeting last Wednesday evening, at which a musical and literary programme was rendered.

Pennsylvania has over 100,000 Odd Fellows.

Golden Rule Lodge, No. 21, conferred the initiatory degree on one canuidate last Tuesday evening.

The Odd Fellows of Rochester, N. Y., tendered a royal reception to Grand Sire Stebbins on his return from the Sovereign Grand Lodge session.

The recent legislation of the Sovereign Grand Lodge does away with the necessity of relationship in the qualification for membership, and materially broadens the possibilities of the Rebekah degree. In the Rebekah branch, as elsewhere, Odd Fellowship is progressive, and under the new laws broader opportunities and grander possibilities are at hand than ever before. The Rebekah degree, as founded by Schuyler Colfax, was an experiment. Time has proved the experiment to be an assured success, and the Rebekah degree has become an essential part of the order. There is no complement to universal brotherhood save universal sisterhood, and the order is to be congratulated in breaking down the selfish barrier which has heretofore limited the benefits of sisterhood to a favored few, who only by birth, marriage, or adoption can claim relationship to brothers of the order. Under the law as just enacted, there are the possibilities of a ladies' organization, the greatest the world has ever known.

Chief Patriarch King of Magenenu Encampment has removed from the city.

The Grand Lodge visitations occurring next week are as follows: Naomi No. 1, D. of R., Seventh Street Hall, Monday, November 19, Martha Washington Lodge No. 3, I. O. O. F. Hall, Georgetown, Tuesday, November 20, Friendship Lodge No. 12, corner of Twentieth and Pennsylvania avenue northwest, Tuesday, November 22.

Virginia increased over 1,100 in membership last year.

Brother S. York Athee of this city, one of the oldest living past grand masters, is in his eighty-sixth year. He was grand master of the State of Ohio in 1834.

Among the members of Congress elected on Tuesday are grand representative Maguire of California, re-elected, and Brother Taz Ellet, of Capital City Lodge No. 1, of Richmond, Va. Special Deputy Grand Master George B. Jones of the same lodge, who was the congressional candidate on the prohibition ticket in the same district, withdrew sometime previous to the election.

At the meeting of Naomi (Rebekah Degree) Lodge, No. 1, on Monday night the degree was conferred on one candidate.

The officers of the grand lodge visited Ruth (Rebekah Degree) Lodge, No. 2, on Tuesday evening. The exemplification of the work was very satisfactory, and the records of the secretary and treasurer showed that the books and accounts were well and carefully kept. Grand Master Mead, D. G. M. Sorrell, Grand Warden Jones, Grand Representative Stier, Grand Representative Allan, Grand Secretary Hunt, Chaplain Grumley, Past Grand Sarao, and others made brief but interesting addresses. Numerous visitors were present from Naomi and Martha Washington Lodges.

THE GOLDEN CROSS.

Official Visits of the Officers of the Grand Commandery.

At the last meeting of the Halcyon Commandery Noble Commander L. G. Magruder presided. The degrees were conferred on one lady candidate. After the regular business was transacted it was announced that the grand officers were in waiting to make their official visitation. The officers of the commandery vacated their chairs and they were assumed by the grand officers as follows: Grand commander, Waldo G. Perry; vice-grand commander, Mrs. Mary I. Simonds; grand prelate, Dr. G. W. N. Custis; grand keeper of records, William E. Graham; grand treasurer, Robert E. Harvey; grand herald, Robert W. Burnside; grand warder of the inner gate, Miss Clara R. A. Nelson; grand warder of the outer gate, Miss Lauretta Henrick; past grand commander Richard H. Yates.

Among the prominent members present from sister commanderies were: Noble Commander Nelson Conover, Dr. S. I. Groot, Edward Steer, Frank E. Johnson, Philip H. Branson, Walter E. Allen, Eugene D. Harrington, James W. Charlton, John W. Musson, Mrs. Mattie E. Johnson, Mrs. Margaret C. Lamb, and Mrs. Mary E. Goss, of Goodwill; Noble Commander Mrs. Belle M. Carter, Mrs. Annie L. Allen, Mrs. Lillie A. Edelen, Miss Blanche I. Kessler, Miss Lula Weaver, Mrs. Evelyn M. Hazen, Miss Fannie M. Carter, Miss Annie M. Beach, W. H. H. Kessler, Leslie B. Trembly, J. Bright Handy, Andrew Scott, Richard M. Allen, Ernest Hazen, Levin C. Handy, Joseph B. Bailey, Walter F. Carter, W. L. Wilkerson, and Frederick Saur of National; Noble Commander E. J. Pattee, Sacket Duryee, Herman F. Denham, E. L. Phillips, F. R. Sparks, Miss Susan A. Langley, and Mrs. Emma S. G. Pattee, of Trinity; Noble Commander George W. E. Slater, E. L. Ashford, W. P. Phelps, John T. Norris, William A. Barrett, Mrs. Emma A. Yates, Misses Eugene A. and Lillian C. Yates, Miss Ashford, Mrs. Lucy G. Cox, Mrs. Mary C. McCarthy, of Potomac; Vice Noble Commander Miss Flov Hatcher, Milton L. Venable and Chalkley G. Harrison, of Mount Vernon; Noble Commander Newman W. Wilkerson and Mrs. Henrick, of Meridian; Mrs. M. Ida Graham and Miss Jennie C. Bean, of St. John's; Noble Commander E. Q. Gunson, Mrs. Mary B. Branson and Mrs. Corbin, of Columbia; Past Noble Commander Stephen Simonds, of Anacostia; Mrs. Martha J. Peabody and Miss Marguerite McCutchen, of Capital. At the close of the exercises the members of Halcyon held an informal reception with fraternal greetings to the visitors from sister commanderies.

At the regular meeting of Mount Vernon Commandery on Monday evening, Noble Commander W. H. Main presided. Two applications for membership were presented. A special committee, consisting of J. H. A. Fowler, Adam H. Beck, Miss Blanche Yingling, Miss Clara E. Lewis and Miss Otelia L. Frank were appointed to make arrangements for holding an open meeting. On motion of J. H. A. Fowler the books in the commandery library were ordered to be turned over to the Golden Cross library, when organized. Under the good of the order, Blanche I. Kessler gave a piano solo, vocal duet by Stephen Howison and Ernest Hazen, piano solo by Miss Mary Smith. Interesting remarks were made by M. L. Venable, C. G. Harrison, J. H. A. Fowler, and Noble Commander Main and Joseph B. Bailey, W. F. Carter, Samuel Howison, Richard M. Allen, W. H. H. Kessler and Mrs. Lillie A. Edelen, of National. The members of Mount Vernon gave an informal reception to the visitors at the close of the meeting.

St. John's Commandery meets on Saturday evening next, when important arrangements will be made for the reception of the grand officers at the visitation on December 1.

Anacostia Commandery, at its meeting on Wednesday evening last, conferred the degrees on three candidates. The workers are at work.

Goodwill Commandery meets to-morrow evening, and will prepare arrangements for the reception of the grand officers at the grand visitation on November 26. As Grand Commander Perry is the treasurer of this commandery he has invited Past Grand Commander Ehle to conduct the examination of the officers as to their duties as officers and as to their proficiency in the unwritten work of the order. A prelate will be elected to serve during the remainder of this term.

National Commandery meets to-morrow evening, and will confer the degrees on nine candidates. Several applications will be presented. The young people of this commandery are ambitious to make the net increase of membership for the year exceed that of any commandery in any year since the establishment of the order in this jurisdiction.

Columbia Commandery meets on Tuesday evening next. No degrees will be conferred. Resolutions of respect to the memory of the late Knights Aiphens K. Wilson and Willie E. Arnold will be presented.

Grand Commander Perry and his staff of grand officers will make an official visitation to Trinity Commandery on Tuesday evening. The officers will be examined as to the knowledge of their duties and in the unwritten work of the order. They are anxious to carry off the prize of the gavel, although Noble Commander Potter has made a model presiding officer with his present gavel.

Halcyon Commandery meets on Friday evening next, and some interesting exercises under the good of the order are expected.

The official visitation by Grand Commander Perry and the grand officers will be made to Potomac Commandery on Friday evening. The degrees will be conferred on one candidate.

The judges appointed by the grand commander to award the prize of a silver-mounted gavel to that commandery whose officers shall give the best rendition of the creset work, and the exemplication of the duties of officers were present. The officers of the commandery were arranged in front of the grand commander in the following order: Noble commander, L. G. Magruder; vice noble commander, Mrs. Ella C. Meston; worthy prelate, Mrs. Rosina M. Humphrey; keeper of records, John C. Swift; treasurer, James S. Sharpe; worthy herald, Michael Mahany; warder outer gate, W. S. Stetson. The officers were then examined by the grand commander in their duties and in the unwritten work of the order, and he expressed himself as pleased with their efficiency.

GOOD TEMPLARS.

The New Officers Chosen by Good Will Lodge.

Good Will Lodge, I. O. G. T., has elected the following officers: Chief templar, Miss Susie Springman; vice templar, Richard Campbell; chaplain, Miss Edith Hofman; secretary, Miss Annie Thomas; financial secretary, Miss Jennie Guttridge; treasurer, Edward Riddle; marshal, Miss Gertie Libbey; guard, Miss Jennie Anderson; sentinel, John McCann; past chief templar, Edward Libbey.

QUEER FESTIVAL OF THE GIGLIS.

When Italian Strong Men Carry Huge Sky-scraping Obelisks on their Shoulders.

Every year on October 1 there is celebrated in the village of Nola, in Southern Italy, a fete that is remarkable in many of its features and entirely unlike any other that is known, says the New York World. The fete in question is dedicated to the patron of St. Paul, who in a voyage to Constantinople was captured by corsairs when near Pompeii and was treated as those gentlemen usually treated their guests. Paul escaped, however, and reached Nola, where he found food and shelter.

On the day of the fete yearly the streets of the little town are crowded with people from all over the surrounding country, who come especially to assist in the glorification of the giglí, as it is called. The giglí (lily) is a sort of obelisk of papier-mache, mounted on a framework of wood, decorated with angels in gold, with mosaics, and surmounted with a statue of the saint himself.

The obelisks are in the same form as those of white marble which ornament the squares of San Dominico Maggiore and Trinita Maggiore in Naples. They have four or five platforms, on the first of which a dozen musicians are placed with their instruments. These towers or giglis are ninety feet high and weigh from 800 to 1,000 pounds.

The originality of the spectacle consists in the fact that forty men carry each of these giglis around on their shoulders. Ten men are apportioned to each side of the base of the obelisk, which is provided with poles for the purpose, and the men walk off with it, dance with it and otherwise deport themselves to the great amusement of the crowd.

There are generally eight of these tall giglis, each devoted to a different trade—bakers, candlestickers, shoemakers, tailors, grocers, workers in iron, butchers and builders. Each trade constructs its own tower and tops it with the patron saint of its particular selection.

In the rear of the parade is a gigantic bark carried in the same manner as the obelisks. This bark is intended to show the sort of craft in which St. Paul was when the corsairs took charge of him. To make the situation still more realistic there are a dozen or more men in the bark dressed as pirates.

The procession of towers meets in the morning on the great square of the town before the cathedral. In the midst of a tremendous crowd the band from the cavalry regiment in garrison breaks forth with inspiring music, the mob cheers and the procession makes ready to start. And then there is an uproar!

The bells on all the churches ring, the whistles blow, the throng throws bombs, the carriers lift up their burdens of papier-mache, the orchestras on the first stage of the towers strike up the air of a polka and then the procession starts off, the carriers keeping time to the polka in their steps.

At the first stroke of noon the doors of