

MOSAICS.

Royal Arch Masonry has made such rapid strides in Kansas that within less than nine years it has increased from three to twenty-five Chapters.

The Masonic lodges in this section are at work quietly after their usual "mind your own business" style, and seemingly unaffected by the Thurlow Weed "Morgan" flurry which agitated the newspaper heavens a month or so ago. Steady accessions of good men and true are made and the craft may be said to be flourishing.—*Niagara Susp. Journal.*

The Widows' Fund of Philadelphia Lodge, No. 72, stimulated by the generous donation of Bro. William H. Moore, has reached the sum of four thousand dollars. In order to make it available it must reach the sum of five thousand dollars, the interest of which is to be appropriated to the relief of widows of Master Masons, members of the Lodge at the time of their decease. A most worthy fund, and to which every member of 72 should contribute to the extent of his ability.—*Chronicle.*

Members of De Molay and Cœur de Leon Commanderies, Knights Templar, of Boston, have just forwarded to the Richmond Commandery an exact representation in miniature of the Bunker Hill monument, made of Quincy granite the material used in the construction of the original. Around the Model are the words: "Richmond," "Bunker Hill," "June 17th, 1875." The windows at the apex have each a Masonic design engraved on silver plates.

The annual commencement of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Maryland was held last week. The election of Grand Officers took place, as follows: John H. B. Latrobe was re-elected Most Worshipful Grand Master; Charles E. Hayward, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, vice John S. Tyson; John M. Carter, Right Worshipful Junior Warden, vice Charles E. Hayward; Jacob H. Medairy, re-elected Grand Secretary; Woodward Abrahams, re-elected Grand Treasurer. Charles E. Kemp was again chosen Grand Tyler, and Stephen C. Bush, Grand Marshal. The Board of Managers was re-elected.

Hoboken's Masonic Excitement.

About four years ago Captain William Burrell, formerly of the celebrated Stephens yacht Maria, became a Freemason in Hoboken, and took his first degree. Owing to his having a stiff knee he was prevented from taking his second degree, and a great deal of controversy has existed in the Grand Lodge of New Jersey as to whether he should be allowed to take any further degrees on account of not having perfect limbs. The newspapers also took up the discussion. Finally, and recently, it was ordered that Burrell might take his second degree, and this week he is to take his third degree.—*Phila Chronicle.*

St. John's Lodge, of Providence, R. I., boasts of the possession of a Gavel which has been in continuous use in that Lodge for over a century. The Lodge was established in 1757, and the Gavel with the Square and Compass were presented by Bro. Lewis De Blois, during that year. The Gavel is of lignum vitæ, plain and solid, and without ornament. The square is of rosewood, and the Compasses of silver, all bearing the inscription, "The gift of Lewis De Blois, 1757." The first Bible, bearing date 1752 is still in the possession of the Lodge. All these relics are highly prized.

The Masons of Harrisburg are making every effort in their power to meet the embarrassment in which they have been involved by the failure of the Opera House Association in a manner which will be satisfactory to the bond-holders of the association and creditable to the unblemished reputation of the Order. The fact that the bonds were given character by the belief that the Masonic Fraternity was behind them, and that the building of the Opera House was originally started as a Masonic Hall, is recognized by the Order, and felt by all who regard its honor with jealousy, and therefore it is now proposed within Masonic circles to buy all the outstanding bonds, that is, all which is not held by Masons, and pay dollar for dollar for them. This will involve an outlay of some \$65,000, including the mechanics' liens.

The Lodges of Philadelphia appear to be desirous of selecting a representative Master for the Centennial year. We trust the members will be able to make able selections, so that, when our foreign visitors shall have returned to their homes they shall carry with them a good idea of Masonry in the United States.

James Finch, of Phillipstown, near Carmi, Ill., is the possessor of a curiosity of great worth, from the Revolution, a Masonic apron made by Lady Washington. Capt. John Finch, great-grandfather of James Finch, was a Captain in the Revolutionary war, under Gen. Washington, and at the close made him a present of the apron, telling him that Lady Washington made it herself. Capt. John Finch was very old when he died. He gave the apron to his son, Hon. G. W. Finch, ex State Senator of Posey county, Indiana, with the understanding that it must remain in the family. A few days since Hon. G. W. Finch died in Poseyville, Ind., and in obedience to his father's request, left the apron to his son, James Finch. The apron is made of white satin trimmed in green, and bears the emblem of the Masonic Order, and "No. 1. Virginia Lodge." It is now 104 years old and is still in a good state of preservation.

Festival of Inspectors General, 33°.

The casual suggestion of Ill. Brother Albert Pike, 33°, Grand Com. of the Southern Supreme Council of the U. S., has taken shape most suddenly; it is this: that all Inspectors General of the Ancient Accepted Rite meet in General festival in the spring of 1876, in some prominent city of the North.

It is needless to say that New York City is the objective point, and upon examination of Masonic gatherings for business, no time will be so opportune as the second week in May. By reference to the times of meeting of the Grand Bodies of this State, and of the Supreme Councils of the South, the time above named seems to designate itself. The far off members of the latter Council will then be in the East, and a little spare time can well be given to the Centennial at Philadelphia, and to a social reunion in the great emporium, where generosity will doubtless exhibit itself and make the visit profitable and one long to be remembered.

It is well and proper that all the 33d. grade residing in the U. S. and those sojourning here pending the interesting period of our country's history should meet each other, become socially intimate, and have an opportunity to express and interchange their views; But strictly, no business should be allowed, and that should be the basis of the assembling.

We most heartily favor the proposition New York City the place, the second week in May the time, and every Thirty-third an attendant.—*Hebrew Leader*

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