

Chapters, E. Comp. F. R. Despard, of Hiram Chapter, presiding. The proceedings terminated with a banquet in the Temple room, and with toast and song and speech, a most pleasant evening was spent.

JURISPRUDENCE.

QUESTION.—When does a petition become the property of the Lodge?

ANSWER.—As soon as a motion has been made and seconded for its reception, previous to this a petition can be withdrawn at any time.

QUESTION.—When a brother tyles for several lodges, must he necessarily become a member of all?

ANSWER.—Strictly speaking, we think he should; but it is a rule that would be more honored in the breach than in the observance.

QUESTION.—Can a lodge suspend a brother for unmasonic conduct for a specified time, say six months?

ANSWER.—Yes, subject of course to appeal to Grand Lodge, as being either too little or too great punishment.

QUESTION.—Should the Tyler's O. B. be put to a visiting brother before or after the usual questions?

ANSWER.—We think it better that it should be put first, for if it is refused by the brother, the time that would have been occupied in the examination would be saved.

THE MYSTIC TEMPLE.

BY M. W. GETCHELL.

NORTH, South, East, West, the world around,
In every clime are Masons found,
On hill tops high, in valleys low,
In Torrid Zone, mid Greenland's snow,
Her altars rise, her workmen meet,
The Mystic Temple to complete.

To each true brother is assigned
The task to cultivate his mind,
To learn his passions to subdue,
To love the good, the pure and true,
And learn this lesson, meant for all:
The equal rights of great and small.

Then ply with skill your tools of trade;
To every stone let plumb be laid;
With square and compass, rule and line,
Make every block, a block divine,
A true, tried stone, with chiseled face,
And fitted for its proper place.

So let the Mystic Temple rise,
Its base on earth, its top in sky,
Faith, Hope and Love, the ladder bright,
That leads us up to realms of light,
Till Hiram's foe is met and passed,
And all, o'er Death triumph at last.

AMERICAN UNION LODGE, NO. 1, the oldest Masonic lodge northwest of the Ohio river, has decided to hold a Centennial celebration, June 24, 1876, at Marietta, Ohio, in which city it is located. It was chartered February 20th, 1776, and travelled with the army of the Revolution.

THE Masons of Cincinnati are about to build a new Masonic Temple in that city, to be located two or three squares from the old Temple. It is to cost \$500,000, and if possible, to be made finer and more commodious than the present one. The project was started in Kilwinning Chapter of Cincinnati, and is meeting with great success. The Temple now in that city does not afford sufficient accomodation to the fraternity, and it has become a matter of necessity to have more rooms for the different Masonic bodies.