

Brother Cook, born January 27, 1797, made a Mason, early part of 1819.

Excellent Companion Samuel W. Courtright, of Circleville, Ohio, is serving his *Twenty Second* year as High Pries. of the R.A. Chapter.

Pennsylvania has but 425 Blue Lodges, 71 of which are located in Philadelphia.

The *Orient* says that: Of the ten ministers who are Masons, in Kansas City, Mo., five are Methodist, one a Presbyterian, one a Lutheran, one a Unitarian, one an Episcopalian, and one a Congregationalist. Out of the ten six are Templars, four Methodists, one Presbyterian and one Episcopalian. The Methodists evidently know a good thing.

Some large guns have been recently added to the Masonic battery in New York. Dr. Chauncey M. Depew, ex-Gov. Roswell P. Flower, Bishop Potter, Elliott Sandford, and forty-one others performed an equestrian act in Scottsh Rite Hall in that city. In other words, they "rode the goat," and are now invested with the secrets and honors of thirty-second degree Masonry.

The Kentucky Masonic Home has had added to its numbers old Mother DeHoff, of Somerset, Ky., who is 87 years of age and in feeble health. She makes the third octogenarian in the home. It should be a great source of pleasure to the Masons of Kentucky to know that these old mothers, with many younger ones, together with 245 children, are furnished with a comfortable home with the money contributed by them. Superintendent James D. Lewis says, "After 25 years' experience I am doubtful if you can find in Kentucky a single Mason who would oppose our home."

It is sometimes objected to Masonry that many of its members are unworthy men, which is doubtless true. We make no apology for unworthy men in Masonry or in the church, or anywhere else. It is too true that unworthy persons are found in all good organiza-

tions, but it is one of the worst forms of wickedness to seek the name and protection of that which is good. Masonry owes all its beautiful and sublime lessons to Christianity, for Christianity exceeds it as the sunshine exceeds the moonlight—there is no conflict between them. The Christian man will be a better Mason because of his spiritual light, and the sincere Mason will soon see his need of the spiritual life to satisfy his soul.—*Rev. Smith Baker, East Boston, Mass.*

Masonry has made men better. It has led them to aim at a higher and purer life. It has made them appreciate a nobler manhood. It has made them understand better the problem of living. It has taught them how to die. It has permeated the whole world with its pure principles. It has raised the fallen and rescued the depraved. It has clothed the naked and fed the hungry. It has built homes for the homeless and asylums for the sick. It has educated the ignorant and sheltered the fatherless. It has helped the church to ameliorate the condition of unhappy humanity. Its influence has benefited government, in establishing justice and destroying despotism. Its silent work has been felt in the very pulsation of a better morality in the community. Its history is illustrious.—*New York Dispatch.*

Masonic Temples are in course of erection in a vast number of cities throughout the entire country. Not only the large cities, but numberless small cities are forging to the front, some have completed their work and are now enjoying the fruit of their labors. Nor does this progressive spirit confine itself to even the United States. Recently the Masons of Winnipeg, completed, dedicated and are now occupying an exceedingly handsome Temple. Yet Big St. Louis, is debating whether it will not offend somebody if the matter of building a Temple should be seriously contemplated.—*Masonic Constellation.*

The late report of the Masonic Home of Kentucky, makes an excel-