

The *Freemasons' Journal*, New York, says the Scottish Rite Brethren are to have a fair this Fall some time for the purpose of lifting the Cathedral debt.

The brethren of Los Angeles, Cal., met with a disaster on Sept. 3, when their handsome hall was damaged to the extent of \$15,000.

The G. M. of Kansas thinks many Masonic trials could be avoided if the older and better informed members would only bring the disputants together and let them reason as brethren should.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio met in Springfield, Oct. 2. Geo. D. McBride, of Gallopolis, was elected G. M., and S. B. Evans, of Circleville, Grand Sec.

The fine hall occupied by the Masons of Winona was burned recently. The reputed loss which they sustained financially, is \$4,500, the same being covered by an insurance policy of \$4,000.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Ohio was held in Springfield, October 3, when J. W. Iredell, of Cincinnati, was chosen Grand High Priest, and A. O. B. Senter, of Columbus, Grand Recorder.

The Masonic fraternity of Buffalo have decided upon the erection of a handsome temple at a cost of \$150,000. The building will be six stories high, and will be erected on the site of the Jewish synagogue in Niagara street.

The Grand Master of Illinois has prohibited Masons of that jurisdiction from participating in any public ceremonies except at funeral, dedicating Masonic halls, or laying the corner-stones of Masonic or public buildings.

In Texas recently a candidate was debarred because one toe was shorter than that on the other foot, it having been cut off. In another jurisdiction, a hunchback was rejected because he would make a poor showing in a public procession. What next?—*Trestle Board*.

The Grand Lodge of Colorado held its 28th Annual Communication in the city of Denver on September 18th and 19th. Most Worshipful W. D. Todd, of Denver, was elected Grand Master, and Right Worshipful Ed. C. Parmelee, of Pueblo, Grand Secretary. Charters were granted to lodges at Julesburg, Uray, Granada, and Monte Vista.

By the will of the late Bro. James E. Gale, of Haverhill, Mass., the sum of \$3000 is to be paid to the Master and

Wardens of the lodge in Haverhill, for the establishment and maintenance of a free bed in Haverhill Hospital for the use of such Masons as they may deem worthy. This is a practical charity, and an enduring monument to the memory of an intelligent and eminently worthy Freemason.—*Liberal Freemason*.

Among the articles deposited in the corner-stone of the United States Building, at Carson, Nev., was a silk handkerchief with the proceedings of a meeting held by the Masons of Mount Davidson after the fire of 1878 printed thereon. It was deposited by Phil Doyle. Such handkerchiefs are to be seen in Masonic halls in many places in the United States and also in Europe. Hon. R. M. Daggett says much to his surprise he found one in the hall of the Masons of Honolulu, Hawaii.

On Wednesday evening, 26th inst., La Parfaite Union Lodge, No. 17, held a fete d'adoption in the temple, when some thirty children of different ages were adopted by the lodge. The hall was magnificently decorated with cut flowers, ferns and plants as well as the stars and stripes and tri-color. Appropriate choral music was discoursed by a select choir of male and female voices. The audience was very select and large, numbering over 1000, who were deeply impressed with the ceremonies.—*San Francisco Call*.

FOREIGN.

There are 60 lodges and 2000 Masons in Cuba.

Masonic Lodges, composed exclusively of women, are said by a late Paris publication to be carried on in France numerously, and with the completest ceremonial.

In England a fund is being raised for Bro. Charles Mackay, the poet, who is in his 73rd year, in reduced circumstances and broken in health, but bright, cheery and industrious as ever.

Monthly "Smoke nights" have been started in connection with the Lodge of Instruction attached to the Gordon Lodge, No. 242, Ascot Vale, says *The Australasian Keystone*.

There are no Irish Lodges in India, strange to say, while there are 106 English and 36 Scottish. The Irish Grand Lodge is very Conservative and lives very much to itself.

An eminent Freemason from India lately visited Melbourne. Bro. Daras-ham Buttonjie Chichghur is a Parsee,