

New York Masonic Temple, in June last. The officers of the Grand State Lodge, city officials and other representative men participated in the festivities.

THE Michigan *Freemason* says there are now 316 chartered lodges, and 11 under dispensation, having a membership of over 26,000. This is a splendid exhibit for one state, and Michigan may well claim that few jurisdictions number more members.

THE first dollar given to the fund for erecting the Masonic Temple in New York, came from a brother who had to depend for his maintenance upon his daily labors. That insignificant contribution led to others which in the aggregate have raised one of the noblest Masonic buildings in the world.

CAPTAIN MATHEW WEBB, the famous swimmer, who last summer accomplished the unprecedented feat of swimming across the straits of Dover, has been initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry.

THE Emperor of Germany received on the 22nd October, the delegation of Freemasons sent as representatives from the Italian Lodges to present an address to him. He expressed his deep sense of the importance of Masonic Institutions, and asked for minute details respecting the Italian Lodges. The brethren were enchanted with his genial cordiality,

It is proposed that the Grand Lodge of England shall contribute towards the restoration of St. Paul's, London. The proposal meets with strong approval from the press.

THE official proceedings of the fifty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, are before us in a well printed volume. The Foreign Correspondence report makes particular reference to Canada, and devotes space to notices of the death of the late Grand Master and Grand Secretary. Bro. Gouley deserves much credit for the manner in which he has got up his report of the proceedings. We perceive however, that he has fallen into error, in representing the death of Grand Master Wilson to have occurred in March, when it should be the 16th January.

A pamphlet containing reports, memorials, &c., to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, relative to the colored Grand Lodge of the same State, has been sent us. The object of the pamphlet we perceive is to show to the masonic fraternity that colored Masons are entitled to recognition, but the fact has not been got rid of, that the organization of 1848 has no existence in so far as the recognition of the American Grand Lodges is concerned.

MASONIC CHIT-CHAT.

THE Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania is the oldest Grand Chapter in the world, having been organized in the year 1795.

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.

A PORTRAIT of Bro. Sir Walter Hawksworth, "President" of the Lodge of York, England, in 1713, now adorns the walls of York Lodge. The painting is one hundred and sixty-two years old.

THE Transactions of the Grand Lodge of New York from 1781 to 1816 are about to be published, in eight monthly parts of 64 pages each, by Messrs. D. Sickles & Co., New York City.

THE Grand Lodge of Colorado held its Annual Communication at Denver, Sept. 25, 1875. Bro. Oren H. Henry, of Boulder was elected Grand Master, and Bro. Ed. C. Parmelee, of Georgetown, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

THE complete History of Royal Arch Masonry in New Jersey, from its origin in 1805 until 1854, is in course of preparation, and will be presented at the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, by the Committee having it in charge.

THE following new Grand Lodges have not as yet been recognized by the Grand Lodge of Tennessee: New Mexico, Manitoba, Wyoming Territory, Indian Territory and Quebec.

THE Lodge of Tranquility, London, during the past two years, has through its members contributed \$5,000 to the English Public Masonic Charities—a liberality almost unprecedented in the annals of the Craft.

THE Freemasons of Bengal, British India, have determined on a site for their new Masonic Temple, and it is anticipated that its corner-stone will be laid by the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of Masons of the United Grand Lodge of England, during his approaching visit to India.

Two noble acts of charity, says the *Keystone*, were recently performed by two of our