

Lodge. Here is a distinction with a difference, says the *Freemasons' Repository*.

The Board of Relief of Brooklyn is considering the founding of a Masonic Hospital for those who may be temporarily ill and in need of medical attendance. A committee has been appointed to devise ways and means, and suggest plans for carrying out the project. It is not intended that this hospital shall in any way conflict with the Home in Utica. The need of such an institution in Brooklyn, and of the contemplated shelter in New York, are apparent, and the effort of the Brooklyn brethren is commendable.

The Grand Lodge of Indian Territory voted to pay one representative from each Lodge \$2 per day actual attendance, and 5 cents per mile one way necessarily traveled. No exception is made as in the Missouri law.

The *Freemasons' Repository*, Providence, R. I., has completed the twenty-fifth volume. *The Repository* is now, as for many years past, one of, if not the best, Masonic journals published.

Past Grand Master P. J. Byrne, of Indian Territory Grand Lodge, declined to allow a jewel to be purchased for him, and requested the estimated cost, \$50, be paid into the Widows' and Orphans' Home Fund.

The reading of masonic journals awakens and keeps alive the interest in masonry. A lodge of which its members are generally subscribers to masonic literature will be found more interesting and prosperous than one in which no masonic literature is disseminated. It is, therefore, the masonic duty for every true Mason to promote the welfare of the order by taking some masonic journal which it will do no harm to let outsiders read.—*Texas Freemason*.

Kansas has earned the reputation of being the repudiation state, and it is but natural for Masons to imbibe of their surrounding characteristics. When the location of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home was being

agitated, Wichita, among other inducements, offered \$1,000 a year for five years. She secured the Home, and when called on for the first instalment of the bonus, the astonishment of the committee was inexpressible to find that instead of promptly paying the \$1,000 as they had good reason to expect, the check called for \$5,000! Those Wichita Masons undoubtedly had some experience in setting up in house keeping, and knew how handy a thing money was such times to have in the house.—*The Texas Freemason*.

The Tyler says the Grand Lodge of Arkansas (colored Masons) expended during the last year \$4,769.83 for Lodge expenses, and \$4,766.92 for charity, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$2,606.39. The total collections foot up \$10,550.67, a *per capita* contribution of \$7.60 for the 1388 members. The article concludes by asking if white Masons have anything to learn from these figures from the colored Masons of Arkansas.

We are opposed to "negro Masonry," and all kinds of race and class Masonry, and advocate only *universal* Masonry. The United States is the only country which permits race Masonry to exist and the extraordinary anomaly exists here of the exclusion of well known worthy citizens, while visitors from foreign lands of the same race are received and honored in our Fraternity gatherings. We look at the present negro bodies as schismatic bodies, without personal knowledge of their merits, but accepting the eminent English historian, Bro. Robert F. Gould, as good and indisputable authority. We believe the schism should be healed as have schisms in New York and other jurisdictions of this country.—*The Trestle Board*.

Wichita, Kas., October 19.—The new Masonic Home recently dedicated, caught fire this morning. Smoke, water and the hatchets of the firemen damaged the place badly. Valuable Masonic relics, books and furniture have been practically destroyed. The