

Freemasonry can only be unfolded and properly interpreted in symbols; and without this interpretation and explanation given and taught in its purity, the young initiate is deprived of those valuable lessons that enthuse him with desire for a better life—that emotion which leads him to a higher plane of action, and reveals to him new and better thoughts. We can only become successful teachers of Masonry as we become proficient in Symbolism.”

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Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, P. M. W. G. M., picks up Bro. Tom Kelly on Biblical illustrations in fine shape in the *Constellation*. Bro. Kelly, in speaking of the district deputies, said: “We have some good, some worse than none at all. They may have talent, but if so, like the foolish virgins—they may have buried them.” Mrs. Snedden says the virgin story is “evidently a little mixed.”—*The Orient*.

Our brethren of Kansas were quite a while in deciding whether or not they wanted a Masonic Home. They were not long in securing the necessary buildings, which are located at Wichita, and the main building is without doubt one of the most elegant and beautiful ever consecrated to benevolent purposes.—*The Orient*.

The centennial fund of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky now amounts to \$21,605.50. It will be used to establish a home for aged Masons and their wives and widows of Masons.

The Board of Directors of the library of Oriental Consistory, Chicago, have issued part four, serial catalogue. They have a splendid collection, and are now making a special effort in the line of heraldry, knighthood and distinctions of honor, also in esoteric symbolism, occult science, Rosicrucianism and ancient religions, and members are invited to assist in the work by contribu-

tions of books or money.—*The American Tyler*.

Bro. Gil. W. Barnard, Chicago, has issued a tableau of members of Oriental Consistory. There are about 1,900 of the picked men of the business and social life of Chicago who hold membership in the Oriental.

The Freemasons of Northampton, Mass., will erect a three storey Temple, 120 by 100 feet ground space, at a cost of about \$55,000.

Masons of Donaldsonville, La., have begun work on a Temple which will cost \$10,000 when completed.

Kennebec Lodge, of Hallowell, Maine, recently celebrated its one hundredth anniversary. Its charter bears the signature of Paul Revere, who was the Grand Master of Massachusetts in 1796.

We suppose the *Orient* esteems Templarism as religion *par excellence*, and that Masonry is its handmaid. In the early history of Templarism, that Order did the fighting for sectarians, and were not composed entirely of followers of the meek and lowly Nazarene. These were finally excommunicated and almost exterminated as an Order for their “heresies,” “vile practices” and “inordinate avarice.” There is more humanity now in Templary than religious enthusiasm and the interpolation of the new test of a “firm belief in the Christian Religion,” in the applications for admission, and the recent attempt to require a “firm belief” in the dogma of the trinity, will only meet with defeat. *Sectarian* religion is on the wane. Universal religion is demanded in this age of the world.—*The Trestle Board*.

The Masonic Temple company of Atlanta, Ga., will soon begin the erection of a Temple and office building ten stories high, to cost \$200,000.

Bishop Henry C. Potter recently related the following experience as illustrating the advantages of being a Freemason:

“Some years ago I arrived one afternoon at the Schweizerhof Hotel, in Lau-