

AN eminent Mason more than a century ago, thus expressed his feelings respecting our Fraternity: "Masonry is the daughter of heaven, and happy is the man that embraces her."

THE present Grand Master of Kentucky, Bro. John H. Leathers, of Louisville, is only thirty-four years old, and has been a Mason only ten years, and yet, in that short time, we learn, has fairly earned the honors of the position he now holds.

A TRACT of land in Asheville, N. C., has just been given to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, by Mr. L. M. Pease, to be used for the benefit of the Masonic Orphan Asylum of that jurisdiction.

ON February, 9th inst., the Grand Master of Massachusetts dedicated the new Masonic Hall of the Fraternity at North Attleboro', Mass., in the presence of a large body of the Craft.

SIR AND BRO. GENERAL WILLIAM P. INNIS of Michigan, is now engaged in writing a history of Royal Arch Masonry and Templar Masonry in that jurisdiction, at the request of its supreme Capitular and Templar Bodies.

NOVA CESAREA HARMONY LODGE, No. 2, of Cincinnati, Ohio, is probably the wealthiest Lodge in the world. Bro. Enoch T. Carson says that the lot of ground on which the Masonic Temple is erected was donated to the Lodge when it was of but trifling value; to-day it is worth \$300,000.

BRO. THOMAS B. DUNBAR, the venerable Tyler of Columbia Lodge, No. 286, Columbia, is now in his 80th year. His health is remarkably good, and he actively pursues his secular avocation as a tax collector. As the Tyler of Columbia Lodge he is known and respected by all of the brethren.

THE *Keystone* is getting facetious. Just hear it:—"Bro. Albert G. Mackey's portrait illustrates the January *Voice*. We do not think, however, that it does our fine looking Brother any sort of justice. It is difficult to make a good portrait on wood. We have always considered that the Eighth Commandment has no reference to engraving, and should ever any one ever make a picture of us we should like the engraver to *steel* it.

THE young Grand Lodge of Utah now numbers six lodges, with a total membership of 365—one for every day in the year. The widow of the late Bro. W. M. Wilson, Grand Master of Canada, is now residing in Utah. In November last, Bro. Edmund P. Johnson, of Corinne, was elected Grand Master, and Bro. Christopher Diehl, Grand Secretary. Utah already possesses a Masonic Library, thereby setting an example to some older jurisdictions.

IN Brazil, notwithstanding recent struggles, Freemasonry is progressing. Up to last March there was in that country 169 Symbolical Lodges, of which 130 follow the Rite Ecossais, 16 the French Rite, 10 the Rite Adonhiramite, 1 the Rite Schroeder, 1 the Rite of York, and 2 the Rite of Adoption. There are also 121 High Grade Chapters. It was in Brazil that the Emperor determined to punish certain priests because they choose to interfere with the Masons, and had threatened them with the terrors of the Church if they did not sever their connection with the Craft. The Emperor maintained his prerogative, and the Masons were triumphant.

BRO. FORT, in his "Early History and Antiquities of Freemasonry," has brought to light the curious fact that Luitprand, the Longobardic ruler, nearly eleven hundred and fifty years ago, in A. D. 729, by his rescripts recognized the College of Builders, and regulated their wages of *corn, wine and oil*. He has also proved, by a copy he made and has still in his possession, from an inscription, on the doorway of Melrose Abbey, Scotland, built A. D. 1136, that John Morrow, a Parisian Craftsman, was the first operative Master Mason whose works are still extant in Britain. William of Sens, who rebuilt the Canterbury Cathedral in A. D. 1176 has hitherto been considered the earliest architect. At that early period (A. D. 1136) "Sweet St. John" is referred to, on the Morrow inscription of Montrose Abbey, as the patron Saint of the Masons.

THE *Masonic Advocate* gives the following with reference to the way in which some Masters in Indiana do their work: "As a sample of the kind of material from which Worshipful Masters are made in some of our lodges, we must tell an incident that occurred at the office of our worthy Grand Secretary, after the elections were held in December last. A newly elected W. M. from an adjoining county presented himself at the office, with his certificate of election, and wanted to receive the degree of Past Master to qualify him for installation. Being a stranger, it became necessary that he should stand an examination as a Master Mason before his request could be complied with. Surprising as it may seem, he was unable to prove himself even an Entered Apprentice. Here was an obstacle in the way of his ambition that must be overcome,