

Then in so much
 We've done as the Master commanded,
 And may hope,
 When life's journey is ended,
 That charity's pure sunlight
 Will guide us
 To mansions of rest and refreshment
 In the Grand Lodge above.

That our brethren in Nebraska understand and practice one of our cardinal virtues "Charity" is well exemplified by their prompt and liberal response to the appeal made to them to assist the Ohio Valley flood sufferers. The sum of \$2,079.00 was the response to the appeal made to them, and yet there are those who pretend to think that our Fraternity is doing comparatively nothing in the way of benevolence.

We find from Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer's report that the financial position of their Grand Lodge is thus—

Balance from last year.....	\$8,886.40
Amount received during the year.....	7,250.27
	\$16,136.67
Expenditure	4,262.61
	\$11,874.06

It is noted in the proceedings that a lady, Mrs. Edwin Davis, of Omaha, presented to the Grand Lodge a portrait of M.: W.: Robert C. Jordan, 33, the first Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, the oil painting being from her own studio. We introduce this incident in our report as an evidence of the good-will entertained by American ladies to our Institution, and as an example which might be followed with credit by many of that sex in Canada.

The Grand Orator, W.: Bro. Benjamin S. Baker, delivered an oration which ranks high in the order of Masonic literature. We wish we could produce it in this report in full, so that our brethren here would derive the benefit it imparts to such as are fortunate enough to peruse it.

A special communication of the Grand Lodge was held on the day preceding the regular meeting for the purpose of dedicating the hall of a new Masonic Temple, Lincoln, Nebraska. An oration on the occasion was delivered by Grand Orator, Bro. John M. Thurston, Omaha. We much wish we could transcribe this also into our pages, as it is an admirable one, most suitable for the occasion, and displaying much research and Masonic lore. Space however will not admit.

A similar ceremony was performed at Lincoln, on 15th July, 1884, in the work of laying, by Grand Lodge, of the corner-stone of the Capitol of Nebraska. On the occasion M.: W.: Bro. Robert W. Furnas delivered