

distinctive in Masonry," and ruled it as no longer obligatory.

The Grand Chapter E.S. of Kansas has had bequeathed to it two children, by their mother when on her deathbed. They willingly assumed the responsibility and are thus helping to bear the burdens which humanity are constantly called upon to assist. More and more every day do we see the good works of our Order. May God bless every one who gives sympathy in the hour of sorrow, or aid when misfortune comes. Sisters, let the fraternal chain bind us in links so strong that they may never be broken. And if one among us is weaker than the rest, let it be our pleasant duty to strengthen the weary limbs and bind the bruised heart. — *Tyler.*

Brother, the Hon. Chauncey M. Depew, recently said in an address delivered before Kane Lodge: "It is an extraordinary tribute to American Masonry that fifty-two of the signers of the Declaration of Independence out of the fifty-five could have formed a Lodge, and that all the Major-Generals in the Army of the Revolution were bound by the mystic tie. One was expelled from the Order, but his infamy and its punishment have given more brilliant and permanent fame to the virtues of the rest. The unknown grave and the execrated memory of Benedict Arnold serve by contrast to exalt to nobler and grander heights the pure Masonic patriotism of George Washington. It appears from the records of King Solomon Lodge, of Poughkeepsie, that from 1771 Benedict Arnold was a frequent visitor. In 1781 I found this remarkable entry: 'Ordered, that the name of Benedict Arnold be considered obliterated from the minutes of this Lodge: a traitor.' There is no more interesting relic in the Order than this mutilated record."

The New Haven *Union* advertised that it was going to publish an expose of Masonry by a man named Elisha Towbridge. A member of the craft obtained an injunction against Towbridge restraining him from publishing

the expose on the ground that it was through malice and not for a laudable object that he desired to make the exposure.

It is asserted that the oldest living Mason in the world has been discovered. He is Robert I. Chester, of Tennessee, one of the Cleveland electors in 1884. He was born in Tennessee, July, 1793, and is now in his 96th year. He joined the Masonic Order in 1814, when he was 21 years of age. He is still an enthusiastic member.

Grand Master Vrooman, of New York, has been presented with a beautifully engrossed address and certificate of honorary membership in Crescent Lodge. R. W. Bro. Edward B. Harper made the address on behalf of the lodge. In the course of an eloquent oration he said: "Your entire Masonic life as a Master Mason, as the Master of your lodge, as an officer of our Grand Lodge, and now as the Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York, has been devoted to the cause of Masonic truth and charity; you have ever been a friend of the poor, the defender of the weak; you have served the State with distinguished ability; you have occupied positions of honor and trust, and every trust reposed in you has been administered with intelligence, with zeal and with integrity."

Out of the 718 lodges in the State of New York there are on an average from two to five clergymen in each lodge, representing all denominations. Two thousand or more clergymen is quite a respectable army, in one jurisdiction, upholding the banner of the Grand Lodge of New York: "Holiness to the Lord!"

The Scottish Rite Bodies will take \$25,000.00 of stock in the proposed new Masonic Temple in Chicago.

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There are 380 lodges and 90 chapters working under the "Grand Orient of Spain," with a membership of 10,000 brethren. The M. W. Grand Master is Ignacio Roya Arias. There are