

and were headed by eighteen bands of music, massed together and playing in concert with admirable harmony the national air, "Hail Columbia."

Want of space prevents us from giving a detailed account of the proceedings: our readers must therefore be content with this very meagre outline. The proceedings at the grounds were commenced by a very able introductory address delivered by the Governor of the State, which was followed by a prayer from Bishop McCrosky. An admirable and most eloquent Oration was then delivered by the Hon. William A. Howard, after which the Masonic ceremony of "Laying the Corner Stone" was most impressively performed by the Grand Master of Michigan.

A massive box, made of highly polished copper and hermetically sealed, was placed in the cavity of the beautifully dressed and ponderous corner stone, which (after the cement had been duly spread by the Grand Master) was lowered to its place, amid music, the booming of cannon, the public grand honors and the cheers of the assembled multitude. It has been estimated that upwards of 40,000 people witnessed the ceremony.

Our Grand Master was most fraternally received at Detroit by the Officers and Members of Union Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 3, and accompanied them to Lansing in a special train engaged for the purpose.

The estimated expense of the New Capitol is \$1,200,000: the building will be of the Palladian style of architecture, and is to be completed by the 1st day of December, 1877. The principal dimensions of the building are as follows: Length, not including portico, 345 feet 2 inches, depth, 191 feet 5 inches, height of lantern 265 feet.

THE GRAND LODGE OF KENTUCKY closed their labors on November 28th, after a session of four days. Several hundred delegates were in attendance. The Grand Treasurer reported receipts of \$112,000, a surplus fund of \$100,000, and stocks and bonds in the Masonic Temple Company of \$97,000. During the Grand Communication, ninety-two orphans from the Masonic Home were presented, with appropriate ceremonies, to the members of the Grand Lodge as their wards. A large sum of money was raised during the session for the benefit of the yellow fever sufferers at Memphis.

FESTIVAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.—On Saturday, the 27th inst., being the Masonic Festival of their patron saint St. John the Evangelist, there was a meeting of Temple and Maple Leaf Lodges, the former at 3 p. m., and the latter at 5 p. m. The chief business was the installation of officers. For Temple Lodge the officers are as follows:

W. Bro. L. S. Oille, P. M.  
 " " L. Leitch, W. M.  
 " " Jno. Reid, S. W.  
 " Theo. Thompson, J. W.  
 " W. W. Greenwood, T.  
 " J. Henderson, S.  
 " R. S. Ness, S. D.  
 " F. A. Baker, J. D.

Bro. A. McEdward, Steward.  
 " J. J. Higman, Steward.  
 " W. C. Copeland, D. of C.  
 " C. Brown, C. of G. P.  
 " J. McEdward, C. of G. P.  
 " W. Heney, I. G.  
 " R. Ratcliffe, Tyler.

The Officers of Maple Leaf are:

W. Bro. Dr. Downey, P. M.  
 " " J. B. Somerset, W. M.  
 " " Wm. Bald, S. W.  
 " " J. W. Coy, J. W.  
 V. " " Dr. Goodman, T.  
 " " E. Gardiner, S.  
 " " R. H. Dyer, S. D.  
 " " A. C. Maxwell, J. D.

Bro. — Ferguson, Steward.  
 " H. Farrell, Steward.  
 " T. Taylor, D. of C.  
 " Jas. McMaugh, C. of G. P.  
 " W. H. McClive, C. of G. P.  
 " A. Patterson, I. G.  
 " R. Ratcliffe, Tyler.

W. Bro. Oille was installing officer, assisted by Past Masters Downey, Yale and Matheson.—*St. Catharines News*.

A COMMITTEE of the Grand Lodge of California recommends the appointment of District Grand Inspectors, whose duties it shall be to visit once, each year, the several Lodges in their several districts, thoroughly inspect the records, examine the books of the Lodge, the state of its finances and how they are administered, inquire into the attendance of officers and members, ascertain if the room in which meetings are held is safe, suitable and properly furnished, to correct any errors in work or conducting the affairs of the Lodge, and to make full report to the Grand Master of the affairs of each Lodge. These Inspectors perform the same duties which District Deputy Grand Masters perform in Eastern jurisdictions, but are required to be more strict and particular, and faithful in the discharge of their duties. Their expenses are paid by the Lodges they visit.

A COMMITTEE of the Grand Lodge of California, has proposed the following as an addition to the Constitution. A portion of it reads a little strangely:—"No Lodge