

son. The processions met at North Toronto station and proceeded thence to Mount Pleasant, where the burial service was read by Deputy Grand Master Robertson. A large number of prominent Craftsmen were present, among them being Grand Senior Warden Wills. Bro. O'Brien was 65 years of age and had lived and died a Roman Catholic. On account of his connection with Masonry the clerical authorities of the Catholic Church objected to his burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, where the remains of his wife are laid away. In view of this the relatives of deceased acceded to his repeatedly expressed wish to be buried by his brother Masons and in the Masonic burying ground.

Bro. William Hamilton, ex-Reeve of Parkdale, died in Toronto, on Aug. 2nd, from Bright's disease, after a lengthened illness. He was connected with St. George Lodge, Toronto, and Alpha and Zeta Lodges, Parkdale; Occident Royal Arch Chapter, Odo de St. Amand Preceptory, Toronto. Several years ago Bro. Hamilton was a comparatively wealthy man, and extremely generous, but unfortunate speculations caused severe losses, and told heavily on his health. He was buried with Masonic honors on the 4th inst.

UNITED STATES.

Tennessee has twenty-two Grand Masters living.

The craft in Minneapolis is making every preparation for erecting a Masonic temple this year.

The Supreme Council of the A. & A. S. Rite of the Northern Jurisdiction will meet in Boston, Mass., in September.

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska has on hand over \$15,000 for an orphans' home, which will be commenced when the fund reaches \$25,000.

The Grand Lodge of Wisconsin recently contributed one hundred dollars towards the relief of a worthy distressed brother who is ninety-one years of age.

Camden Lodge, No. 15, of Camden, N.J., recently received a petition for membership from a brother who had been a non-affiliate for thirty-five years.

Bro. Latour, of the Detroit *Freemason*, has been ill for some time. His wife, aided by some of the brethren, keeps the publication moving, and it appears regularly.

In Alabama the Grand Commander was asked for a dispensation to allow a Com-

mandery to appear as an escort at the marriage of one of its members, which was refused, that not being considered a Masonic event!

A recent Sunday was observed by the Masons of Merced, California, as is usual with them annually, in decorating the graves of the eleven deceased members of their Fraternity who are buried in the Masonic cemetery.

The corner-stone of a Masonic Home for Tennessee, located near the city of Nashville, was laid with the usual Masonic ceremonies recently. A subscription of \$13,000 toward its erection was made in the city of Nashville.

The corner-stone of the old masonic building in Savannah, Ga., was found the other day, and showed no sign of having been disturbed since it was placed in position in 1799. It contained only an English half-penny and an American cent.

There are 238 subordinate lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. Of these twenty-nine have, since its organization in 1844, been dropped, leaving 209 live working lodges. There was a slight increase in membership during the year.

The committee on dispensations and new lodges, at the last communication of the Grand Lodge, of Wisconsin, reported in effect that no new lodge should be named after a living Mason. This report met with the approval of the Grand Lodge.

It has been estimated that if all the members of the Masonic fraternity in the United States were arranged in one procession, marching two and two, they would form a line 300 miles in length. "Linked sweetness long drawn out," as it were.

The Grand Master of the District of Columbia required a lodge which used a room in common with a body not purely Masonic, to vacate it or secure its sole use. This was done, and the lodge is monarch of all it surveys in its tiled Masonic home.

The Grand Master of Dakota says: "I refused ten requests of lodges to appear in public on memorial day. I believe no Masonic lodge should appear in public in the clothing, with the lights and jewels of masonry, unless for the purpose of doing masonic work.

Bro. Lord Stanley, the *Keysione* says, promptly discovered one of the disadvan-