

represented in many different bodies. Probably the entire number of Masons in the city will not vary from 4,000.

Another branch of Masonry has just sprung into existence in our midst. On the 15th of March, by dispensation from the Grand Imperial Council of the State of Michigan, a "Grand Council of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, and appendant Orders for this State and Masonic jurisdiction thereto belonging," was duly inaugurated.—*Kentucky Freemason*.

THE corner-stone of the Confederate Monument at Augusta, Ga., was laid by the Grand Lodge of Georgia on Memorial Day in the South—the day upon which the graves of the Confederate dead are decorated. Gen. C. C. Evans was the orator of the day, and made a speech overflowing with patriotism.

THE Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania closed its labors at Pittsburgh, May 27th. The following officers were elected and installed to serve the ensuing Templar year: Grand Commander, Charles H. Kingston; Deputy Grand Commander, A. J. Kauffman; Grand Generalissimo, Wm. H. Egle, M. D.; Grand Captain General, S. B. Dick, Meadville; Grand Senior Warden, J. P. S. Gobin, Lebanon; Grand Junior Warden, D. W. C. Carroll, Pittsburg; Grand Recorder, Charles E. Meyer, Philadelphia. The sum of \$5,000 was appropriated to assist in defraying expenses attending the visit of the Grand Encampment of the United States and other bodies to the city of Philadelphia during the Centennial Exposition in May, 1876.

THE Mutual Benefit Society of Indiana, in April, paid six benefits amounting to \$25,386.20. Since its organization this Society has paid to 215 families \$899,137.85.

APOLLO COMMANDERY, No. 19, Knights Templars, Kendalville, will go into encampment for three days, near Rome City, Indiana, on the 13th of July next. Several other Commanderies have been invited to be present, and a general invitation is extended to all Sir Knights in good standing. A prize will be presented by Apollo Commandery to the Commandery showing the greatest proficiency in Templar drill. The encampment will break up on the 15th with a banquet by Apollo Commandery, and presentation of prizes.

MASONIC CHIT-CHAT.

ST. JOHN'S MASONIC COLLEGE, of Arkansas, has a roll of 121 Cadets.

THE Grand Lodge library, of the District of Columbia, contains 1328 bound volumes.

THE new Masonic Hall at Sharon, it is said, will be the finest in Western Pennsylvania, when completed.

READING, PA., is to have a fine new Masonic Temple. The contracts for the workmanship are to be given out soon.

BRO. ROB. MORRIS recently delivered his lectures on "The Holy Land under the Light of Freemasonry," and on "The Battle of Hattin." at Quincy, Ill.

THE new Masonic Temple at Carbondale, Pa., was dedicated April 22nd, 1875, with the usual Masonic ceremonies. There was a large attendance and a fine display.

BRO. H. P. C. LASSON, of Victoria Lodge, No. 1026, Hong Kong, China, visited Oriental Lodge, No. 33, Chicago, Ill., May 14th, 1875, at which time the Third degree was conferred.

THE library of Kane Lodge, of New York, is one of the finest symbolic lodge libraries in the world, and will contain some of the rarest treasures in Masonic literature to be found anywhere on the continent.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia met in its semi-annual convocation on the 7th of May. N. D. Larner, Grand High Priest. Not much business of importance was transacted. The G. and High Priest stated that the condition of the Order in the District was very prosperous.

LORD ALLOWAY, whose sarcophagus in "Alloway's auld haunted Kirk" (made famous by Burns) still attracts the tourists' attention, was a member of Ayr Kilwinning Lodge. Macadam, the famous macadamizer, was also a Past Master of this lodge.

A MOUNTED Commandery is about to be formed in the city of Philadelphia, to be called "Corinthian Chasseur Commandery." Sixty-five knights have already signified their intention to become members of it, and the required consent for its formation has been obtained from the other city Commanderies. Other Commanderies have mounted companies, but this entire Commandery is to be mounted.

THE Brethren in Smyrna, Turkey, celebrated the election of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of Masons in England, by holding a special meeting, at which, congratulatory addresses were delivered in the Italian, French, Turkish, American and Greek languages, and, after a delightful evening, the Lodge closed in peace and harmony.