

The *Masonic Home* publishes the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky *in extenso*.

Three hundred and eighteen dollars and fifty-four cents was donated to the Garfield monument fund, in part to defray the expenses of the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone, which amounted to \$888.50. A goodly sum for show at a post mortem display, considering former demonstrations.

The Grand Commandery of New York proposes to withdraw from the Grand Encampment of the United States. A motion to that effect at its last session was referred to a special committee. The *N. Y. Dispatch* advises caution. The fact is Templary in the United States is running to "Furs and Feathers," and these triennials are one great *jamboree*, without a single act of charity.

THE "MASONIC ADVOCATE."—This month this excellent periodical closes its sixteenth volume, and we are pleased to learn that during the past year, "beginning with an issue of 6,000 copies, it has steadily increased in circulation up to the present number, which closes the volume with 7,000 copies." This is a great gain, and we trust it will continue. The *Masonic Advocate* is always out on time, and contains good and readable articles.

The Knights of Oriental Consistory, Chicago, on recently visiting the Widows' and Orphans' Home, at Louisville, Ky., were so pleased with the sight that they generously at once donated five hundred dollars, and then Ill. Bro. G. W. Barnard said he desired to do something, and stepped up to a table and put down a greenback, and soon another and another did, till a little pile of \$349.50 was added to the \$500.00. The Sir Knights of Oriental Consistory are Masons.

Citizens, irrespective of connection with the order of Templars, contributed \$50,855.02. The whole amount passing through the hands of the finance committee was \$36,432.77. Surplus on hand, \$7,318.24. A very satisfactory showing, surely.

We have of Scottish rite bodies the Northern jurisdiction, presided over by Ill. Henry L. Palmer; the Cerneau body, presided over by Ill. Wm. H. Peckham; an offspring of the Northern jurisdiction, asserting consanguineous affinity to Cerneau, yeleft "The Bleecker Street Oligarchy," presided over by Hopkins Thompson. In addition to these there is now in a state of organization a colored Supreme Grand Council, with a ritual identical to those of their white brethren.—*E. r.*

On Sunday, November 30, the Masons of Thorne Lodge ran a special train to Barrie, to attend the funeral of Bro. Meeking, an old and earnest craftsman. The obsequies were under the control of Corinthian Lodge, but both Kerr and Thorne were well represented, over one hundred brethren being in the line of march. After the funeral the members of Thorne Lodge called at the residence of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Spry, and were most cordially received. The train returned to Orillia about seven o'clock.—*Orillia Packet*.

ACROSTIC.—

- H. Happy the man whose every act
will bear
T. The royal test of the unerring
Square:
W. Who, while time's level he un-
swerving trod,
S. Stands firm before his fellows and
his God:
S. Seeking by deeds, and charity,
and love,
T. To gain an entrance to the Lodge
above:
K. Knowing that the storm of rub-
bish past,
S. Shall be regained,—the Corner
Stone at last.