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A FRIEND has sent us a copy of the *Milwaukee Sentinel* containing a full description of the ceremony of laying the Corner Stone of the new Chamber of Commerce in that city, by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, on the 30th ult. The proceedings were witnessed by thousands of the citizens, and were of the usual interesting character. At the close an address was delivered by Bro. Hon. Henry L. Palmer, Grand Orator. He referred to the history of the Order, and remarked that the great Corner Stone underlying the institution, and upon which the entire superstructure rests, is a firm, unfaltering belief in God as the Creator and the Ruler of the Universe, and the main purpose of all its rituals and ceremonies and symbolism is to inculcate a better knowledge of Him and His attributes, and to teach its votaries their duties to God, to their country and to their fellow men, a belief in the immortality of the soul being an essential element in the faith of every true Mason. And while the lessons inculcated at every step of the progress made by its members are intended to make them better men, and more faithful in the performance of all their obligations and duties as citizens, they are also intended to impress upon them the duty of such a life here as will better fit them for the unknown and unfathomed hereafter. He also referred to the wonderful progress which had been made in the commerce of Milwaukee within a short period. He said that in 1840 no grain had been shipped from the State of Wisconsin, but in that winter by great efforts 4,000 bushels had been collected, and shipped to Canada in the following Spring. That the city had grown from a trading post in 1836 to a thriving village of 18,000 inhabitants in 1849, and was now a strong and solid and beautiful city of 180,000.

MYSTIC SHRINE.—The Most Ill. Grand Potentate of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine for the United States, Ill. Bro. Walter Fleming, 33° A and A Rite, has appointed Ill. Bro. Robert Ramsay, 33°, Grand Representative Deputy-at-large for the Dominion, with power to confer the grade and open and establish temples of the same. This Order claims to be allied with the celebrated *Bitasky* of the East, and like it, to have its centre in Mecca. Originally it was Mohomedan in character, but upon being introduced a few years ago on this continent it became identified with the Christian branches of Masonry, so much so that every applicant for its mysteries must as a pre-requisite be either in possession of the Templar Grade, or have received the thirty-second degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. This renders it very exclusive, although Sir Knight Fleming assured Fratre Ramsay in a letter that we have seen, that the Order is spreading rapidly amongst the best classes of Masons in the Republic. The ritual is said to abound in Masonic tradition. We may have something further to say regarding this Order on some future occasion. Its Diplomas are very elaborate and were prepared in Oriental Europe.

At the fifth annual Communication of the M. W. G. L. of Wyoming, held at Laramie City, on the 14th Oct. last, the following were elected principal officers for the ensuing Masonic year:—

G. M.—M. W. Jas. H. Hayford.
D. G. M.—R. W. Frank M. Foote.
S. G. W.—R. W. Isaac Bergman.
J. G. W.—R. W. Robt. Wilson.
G. Treas.—R. W. Jos. S. Taylor.
G. Sec'y—R. W. Wm. G. Tonn.

ROSIERUCIANISM.—There is a Rosierucian College in Philadelphia, with a membership of twelve. It is very exclusive and its members are Masons of the highest rank in the city. This is the only College in the United States.