

The Brethren of this jurisdiction are about erecting a substantial Masonic Home, and have already received from members of the fraternity and citizens of Springfield, a donation towards this worthy object of a tract of 153 acres of land in the outskirts of the city, and the sum of \$11,000. It is estimated that not less than \$100,000 will be needed to erect the necessary buildings and to lay out the grounds.

Past Grand Master W. M. Cunningham, submits a very excellent report on Foreign Correspondence covering over 200 pages.

He is exceedingly generous in his notice of Quebec for 1891, his three page review thereof being largely composed of extracts from the address of Grand Master Stearns and the report of the present writer. The annual address of Bro. Stearns, he rightly says, is an able summary of official acts. Our criticism of the stand taken by Bro. Robbins in the Crum case is fully approved, and he quotes also approvingly from the address delivered by our Grand Chaplain.

We offer no excuse for reprinting here the following admirable reflections from the conclusion of his report :—

"The decided stand being taken by Masonic writers and Grand Masters in nearly all Grand Jurisdictions against profanity, a crime without excuse, and the very general inculcation of reverence for the name of Deity, respect for his Holy Word, and the Masonic condemnation of all intemperance and excesses, are evidences of the elevating influences pervading the Masonic World, and illustrative of that legitimate "progression" desirable in, and pertinent to, Freemasonry.

The use of music in Lodge "Work" and its "recreations" is becoming more general, and, in nearly all Grand Jurisdictions, the Subordinate Lodges are urged to procure libraries and the current literature of the day, which, with the inauguration of literary exercises, lectures, discussions, etc., and alternating the "Work" with plain banquets, and the frequent entertainment of the families of the Brethren upon proper occasions, will enhance the interest of the Craft in Lodge attendance.

In this connection, also, more attention should be given to the cultivation of the social amenities pertaining to Lodge visitations, and in making the visiting Brother feel that his welcome is not a mere matter of polite suzerainty, but that he is indeed a Brother, and greeted with a Brother's welcome, not only in the Lodge-room, but also in being recognized elsewhere by those whom he may have "met upon the checkered floor," as a Mason and a gentleman, regardless of a

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