

THERE are ninety-seven Chapters and three Mark Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, with a membership of ten thousand.

A BROTHER recently visited the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home in Kentucky, and one of the widows is now a wife and has a home of her own.

BRO. JAMES WARNER, who was made a Mason in St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Providence, R. I., Nov. 9th, 1803, is still living and in good health.

IN the United States and British Provinces there are 9,067 Lodges, with a total membership of nearly 600,000.

THE District Grand Lodge of Japan, according to the *Yokohama Gazette*, held a session on December 30th, 1874, in the Masonic Hall, Tokei, and was well attended.

THE Grand Lodge of Georgia has appropriated altogether, \$18,986.60 to that deserving Masonic Charity, the Southern Masonic Female College.

THE new Masonic Temple at Carbondale, Penn., was dedicated on the 22nd ult. The town was crowded with Masons from all sections of the country.

BRO. ANTHONY SAYRE, the first Grand Master of the Masons of England, in 1717, was a simple stonemason, and he was the last mechanic or artisan that ever held the first position in the Grand Lodge of England.

BRO. JOHN M. TODD, of Louisville has been appointed Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky until its next Annual Communication, in place of Bro. J. M. S. McCorkle, deceased.

BRO. SAMUEL CLOSE, of Greenwich, Conn., was made a Mason in 1809. He is now ninety-two years of age. He is in good health physically, mentally, and *morally*. His son is Master of a lodge in Brooklyn, N. Y.

THE fraternity at Muskegan, Michigan, have just opened a fine new temple by a grand dedication ball, which was very largely attended. The building is pronounced as a great credit to the city.

THE Craft of Norfolk, Virginia, are proud of having a new and beautiful hall of their own, and they deserve it, because they had pluck and energy enough to build one.

THE Lectures of Masonry have owed their origin to the following eminent Craftsmen: (1) Bros. Drs. Anderson and Desaguliers, A. D. 1720; (2) Bro. Martin Clare, 1732; (3) Bro. Lawrence Dermott; (4) Brother Thomas Dunckerly, 1770; (5) Bro. William Hutchison; (6) Bro. William Preston, 1785; (7) Brother Samuel Hemming, D. D., 1813; (8) Brother Thomas Smith Webb (in the U. S.), 1797, and (9) Bro. Jeremy L. Cross, 1819.

THE brethren of Lodge *La Fraternelle*, working under the Orient of Geneva, inaugurated their new Temple on the 15th day of November, 1874. Numberless difficulties had been placed in their way, but by energy and kindly assistance rendered by the Grand Orient of France, had all been overcome, and the ceremonies were not hindered.

THE Knights Templars of Richmond, Va., are making great preparations for a pilgrimage to Boston, Mass., on the 17th June. They will be the guests of De Molay Commandery. This Commandery was the one that took a pilgrimage to Virginia in 1859.

DURING the past winter, the Lodge *Themis*, at the town of Caen, in France, made a distribution of soup from the kitchen attached to its place of meeting, under the supervision of several brethren. Each member of the lodge received, for distribution, six tickets. The holder of one of these was entitled to receive a pint of nourishing and palatable soup every day, for six months. This relief to the suffering poor, which is a custom with the lodge, costs it annually from six to eight thousand francs. The same lodge gives, every year, a theatrical representation for the benefit of the poor of the city, which is always very successful.

‡ IN the city of Rome, Italy, there are about 1,200 Masons, many of them deputies of the Italian Parliament, and senators. The Grand Secretary of the Grand Orient is Luigi Castellazo, a brother who has led a stormy life; having spent the most of it either in the field fighting his country's foes, or in dungeons, on account of his patriotism and his love for the fraternity. This meritorious brother fought in the war in Piedmont, in the "Carbonari," was captured by the French and imprisoned; this was in the year 1848. He escaped from his captors, and in 1859 was again found in the field, fighting with the Piedmontese. In 1866 he fought under Garibaldi, and was wounded in the battle of Volturno. In 1867 he was sent to Rome to prepare an uprising of the people against the Papal authority, but was seized and placed in prison. In 1867 he was liberated by the army of Victor Emanuel. It is safe to presume that no member of the fraternity has ever had an experience such as that of this wonderful man. And it seems as though Jehovah had had him ever in his keeping, bringing him out of so much danger and conflict, out of so stormy a life, to place him in the proud position he now holds.—*The Square*.