

Bro. Leon Hyneman was seventy-three years old on May 14th.

The second annual convention of the Masonic Relief Association Secretaries was held at Albany, N.Y., on May 29th.

There are 29 R. A. Chapters in the jurisdiction of Louisiana, with an aggregate of 1,428 members.

York Lodge in that old Cathedral town, York, England, will celebrate its centennial in June next.

There are twenty-nine lodges in New South Wales, with 1,262 members and a Freemason's Hall.

At the semi-centennial celebration of Kensington Lodge, No. 211, of Pennsylvania, Bro. Rev. William Cathcart, D. D., stated that the Lodge had spent \$15,000 in works of charity.

Indiana is the most rigid Masonic jurisdiction in the United States, on the temperance question. No one can be initiated who sells or manufactures liquor for drinking purposes.

The G.M. of the Indiana Territory admonishes the Masons of his jurisdiction to quit the habit of profanity. He says he knows by experience that they can quit it and they must.

A brother in Indiana asked to be vouched for and visit a Lodge by means of his photograph, with the seal of his lodge and the Secretary's certificate attached, stating that he was a Master Mason in good standing. The new method did not work.

The first Charitable Masonic Institution established in Great Britain, was the Royal Masonic Institution for girls, the second for boys, the third "The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and widows of Freemasons."

Upon the rolls of the Gr. Lodge of Scotland there are 501 lodges; upon that of the Gr. Lodge of Ireland, there are 1,914; upon that of the Gr. Lodge of Germany, 448. The Gr. Orient of France has jurisdiction over 298 subordinates.

The Masonic Liberal Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will commence early in August the publications of the Grand Lodge of that State from the earliest records up to the year 1876.

The annual record of deaths among the Fraternity of Indiana, during 1876, was 375. The entire membership however numbers 28,000, which made very little more than one per cent. for the year.

The G. L. of North Carolina contributed \$2,000 a year for the support of two Orphan Asylums, which have fed, clothed and instructed 145 orphans taken from the most needy in the State.

The Grand Lodge of British Columbia directs its subordinates to post the names at the entrance of their Lodge rooms, of all non-affiliates who have remained six months in the jurisdiction of their Lodge without applying for membership.

A gold coin, by fair usage will last two thousand years before losing so much of its weight as to be greatly depreciated in value, or so much of its inscriptions as to be absolutely illegible. The analogy between this fact and the durability of Freemasonry is sufficiently exact.

The Masonic Female Orphan School and a Masonic Orphan Boys School of Dublin, are supported by voluntary contributions of the Fraternity throughout Ireland. Belfast also has a Masonic Widow's Fund and a Charity Fund. All are maintained by voluntary subscriptions.