

the following directors chosen : Messrs. F. B. Leys (President), Thomas H. Purdom (Treasurer), E. J. Parke and Frank Love. A fifth director will be named as soon as Mayor Beattie's stock is transferred, which will be done in all probability to day or to-morrow.

The capital stock of the company is \$80,000, and the new syndicate, with the \$48,000 just secured, now controls over \$61,000 of the total amount. The lodges hold stock of a little over \$10,000, the Widows' and Orphans' Fund amounts to \$4,000, and the balance is held by outside parties.

STILL THEY WORRY.

The Cynosure which prefixes the word Christian, is alarmed. It has this time discovered that Masonry is "not only a system of false religion, but a system thoroughly organized," and it is horrified to know that its "members are bound to fearful penalties." Then it has more pains and finds relief in saying that Masonry "is intensely selfish and more sectarian than any religious denomination." By way of illustration it states that it is proposed to raise \$800,000 to build and equip a Masonic university at Beaver, Pa., and further says: "It is expected that most Masons would send their sons to the University, while the children of dead Masons who could not afford to pay would be educated in it free of charge."

A correspondent of this same "Christian Cynosure" is shocked when he discovers that the Masonic Home of Ohio "is an imposing structure; it must have cost a great deal of money." The most amusing of all is when, evidently after mature deliberation, he gravely remarks, "As to checking the influence of these institutions we find it a hard problem to solve."

Too bad, too bad! Check the influence of these institutions? No wonder it is a hard problem to solve. Who, you poor, dear misguided people! Don't you know that that has been tried? It has been tried, too,

by those who had the power to follow the wish. Philip the Fair tried it and so did others. Where is even the memory of those who tried to "check" its influence? Preserved, doubtless, in the minds of the "Christian-Cynosure" people and their dupes; that is, if their minds are not too narrow to admit such a shrine, but nowhere else.

A false religion, forsooth! A religion which teaches the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, the resurrection of the body and the immortality of the soul. A religion which teaches men to so walk in life that they are better husbands, better citizens, better fathers, more patriotic and loyal to government and the up-building of free institutions. Such is the religion of Masonry and such are its results when its seeds are planted in good soil. A false religion, indeed!

"By their fruits ye shall know them." No words of the Great Teacher are more applicable. The Ohio Masonic Home is golden fruit of the tree of Masonic "religion" if you please. The tree has recently borne other fruit equally as golden and blessed, and the Kansas Masonic Home takes its place as one of the brightest jewels in the crown of Masonic benevolence, and is another exemplification of the beneficent results of this "false religion."

When the "Christian Cynosure" has passed from existence, and its editors, long forgotten, have gone to their punishment, the influence of Masonry will be still unchecked. Along the pathway of its history, made golden by the building of homes for its aged, its widows and orphans, and schools for its children's education, will grow the lilies and roses, baby-faced pansies and ox-eyed daisies of the world's approbation.—*Kansas Freemason.*

THE DISTINGUISHING MARK OF FREEMASONRY.

The one distinguishing mark of Freemasonry is the fact that no man