

SOCIETIES.

We have organized three societies among the children:

A literary society among the girls, known as "The Pearl Band," which meets every Friday evening in the library. A debating society among the boys, which meets every Saturday in the school-room. And a missionary society, organized for the purpose of teaching the children the grace of giving. At one meeting their contributions amounted to one dollar, and at a lawn party given by this society they made seventeen dollars. This fund is collected for foreign missionary societies.

We commend the efforts of Mrs. Boggs, the wife of our teacher, in the behalf of these organizations; she obtaining many donations for the lawn party.

These societies prove quite beneficial in encouraging diligence, reading, and independent thinking.

Commanderies, 20; members, 1481; increase, 24.

E. H. Miller, (Danville,) G. C.

James B. Blanks, (Richmond,) G. R.

WASHINGTON.

Tenth Conclave, Tacoma, June 2, 1897.

George E. Dickson, G. C.

The growth of the Order exceeded the expectations of the Grand Commander and harmony prevails.

It was ordered that after the present year, the report on Correspondence should be reduced to sixty pages.

The business transacted was entirely local in interest and calls for no special comment.

The report on Correspondence is by the Grand Recorder and reviews the Proceedings of the Great Priory of Canada for 1896.

In his review of Ohio, we find the following:—

Yes, Sir Carson, we are willing to refer to the Holy Bible and also to acknowledge that did we practice more of its teachings we would be all the better for it, and would suggest that had you read the first twelve verses of the second chapter of First Kings, and heeded the lesson taught therein, during your younger days, you might not be saying, as did one of old in your reference—Ecclesiastes, first chapter, verse 2—"All is vanity, etc." The "Masonry which you have practiced for more than fifty years" seems to have little effect in teaching you to "subdue your passions," the result of which, from your writings on certain subjects, we must judge your condition to be at present. It is not the fault of the Order of the Eastern Star that you regard all things as vanity, and you should not