

SOCIETIES.

Flourishing Condition of the Masons, Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias.

FREEMASONRY.

On the 11th day of February, 1865, a number of Master Masons assembled in Odd Fellows' Hall, in Salt Lake City, and concluded to organize a lodge. From the assembled Brethren only four are now in the Territory, viz: Louis Oohu, Charles Popper, William G. Higbey and Oliver Durant. They petitioned the Grand Lodge of Nevada for a dispensation, and Grand Master De Bell of that Grand Lodge gave his dispensation. Under this dispensation the first meeting was held February 5th, 1866. The name given the Lodge was Mt. Moriah. Owing to a misunderstanding between the Grand Lodge of Nevada and the members of Mt. Moriah Lodge, they did not receive a charter on application for one, having been twice refused, and the Lodge disbanded.

In the spring of 1867, a number of Masons petitioned the Grand Master of Montana for a dispensation, which was granted, and the Lodge organized under the name of Wasatch. They received a charter from Montana October 7, 1867. R. H. Robertson was the first Master.

December 18th, 1867, the Brethren of the defunct Mt. Moriah Lodge received a dispensation from the Grand Master of Kansas, and a charter was granted the Lodge by the Grand Lodge of Kansas on October 21st, 1868. The first Master was Joseph F. Nounuan.

Argenta Lodge received a dispensation from the Grand Master of Colorado, and a charter from the Grand Lodge on September 26th, 1871, E. H. Shaw being the first Master.

THE GRAND LODGE.

These three Lodges met on the 16th of January, 1872, for the purpose of organizing a Grand Lodge, and the following day, January, 17th, the Grand Lodge of Utah was declared regularly constituted. O. F. Strickland was elected Grand Master and Joseph F. Nounuan, Grand Secretary. The Lodges were numbered according to the date of their charters, as follows: Wasatch Lodge No. 1, Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 2, Argenta Lodge No. 3. There were 165 members on the roll at the time of the organization of the Grand Lodge.

Story Lodge No. 4, at Provo, was chartered October 8th, 1872.

Corinne Lodge No. 5, at Corinne, was chartered November 11, 1873.

Weber Lodge No. 6, at Ogden, was chartered November 12, 1871.

These six Lodges reported on the 15th of October, 1876, a membership of 311 Master Masons. They have in their treasuries the amount of \$6,921 50 and have expended for charitable purposes during the year, \$1,259.75.

During the year \$1,050 was expended by the Masonic Board of Relief of Salt Lake City, for charitable purposes.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE:—Joseph M. Orr, Grand Master; Christopher Diehl, Grand Secretary.

OFFICERS OF LODGES.—Wasatch No. 1, Samuel Kahn, Master; Emanuel Kahn, Secretary.

Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 2.—Christopher Diehl, Master; Hugh Anderson, Secretary.

Argenta Lodge No. 3.—Frank Tilford, Master; W. H. Bird, Secretary.

Story Lodge No. 4.—Charles Redfield, Master; Ben. Bachman, Secretary.

Corinne Lodge No. 5.—George Butterbaugh, Master.

Weber Lodge No. 6.—James Forbes, Master.

There are also here two higher Masonic bodies, namely, Utah Royal Arch Chapter No. 1, of which R. H. Robertson is the M. E. H. P., and Josiah Barnett, secretary, and Utah Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, of which Thomas E. Clohcy is the E. C., and John Cunningham, Recorder.

THE GRAND LODGE LIBRARY

was organized in January, 1873. There are to-day 306 bound volumes on the shelves, twenty-seven volumes of which are on Utah and Utah affairs. No doubt it is the largest and best collection of its kind in Utah. The balance of the books are on Masonry; this is also an excellent collection, many of them are very rare and valuable works a few having been published during the middle of the last century, and over twenty in the early part of this century. Only a few Grand Lodges in the United States and Canada, (there are fifty-three Grand Lodges) have a larger and better library than the Grand Lodge of Utah. Christopher Diehl is the Grand Librarian.