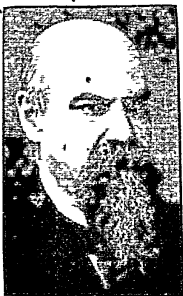


# GATHERED AGAIN AT LIBERTY BELL

Brotherhood of the Union Welcomes Newly Admitted Members in Independence Hall, Where the First Band Was Organized Half a Century Ago



SAMUEL DODD,

of Camden, N. J., who will probably be chosen Supreme Washington.



O. W. C. WHINNA,  
Supreme Exemplifier.

The Brotherhood of the Union opened its fiftieth annual session in Odd Fellows' Temple, yesterday, there being present over one hundred members of the Supreme Circle from five States of the Union and the District of Columbia. The business session, which was held in secret, was called to order at 10 A. M., and the Supreme Washington, Henry E. Davis, the highest officer, presented a report showing a gain in membership of 1870 during the past year and a total membership of 29,124 in 234 subordinate "Circles" and "Homes." The circles are for males and the homes for females. One of each was formed in the District of Columbia during the past year. During his term of office he had traveled 8000 miles and visited 137 circles and homes. The Supreme Scroll Keeper, H. B. Walter, reported a total expenditure of \$3643.85, balance of \$1160, and the "total worth of circles and homes," \$221,842.86. The Funeral Benefit Fund amounts to \$102,909.62. The Supreme Trustees, Henry I. Yohn, G. W. Fenner, L. E. Sheppard, also presented a report.

The principal business yesterday was the conferring of degrees upon the following newly-admitted members of the Supreme Council: From Pennsylvania: Jacob H. Mace, Joseph Kramer, Samuel Harris, George Dickson, Charles M. Bacon, Henry C. Shaw, David C. Sickel, Andrew W. Walter, George A. Beiswinger, W. J.

Kerns, Charles F. Augustine, E. W. Teaney, George W. Dannenhauer, Charles A. Staier, W. H. Benner, Fred Leber, William Clarence, Charles C. Mathes, Jacob Shuck, William Reimenscheimer, Jr., T. M. Mathes, L. L. Swartz, J. H. W. Thruish; from New Jersey: D. B. Thompson, Jr., Jacob K. Milne, W. A. Dobbins, Henry B. Garrison, John Southcott; from Delaware: H. L. Moore, C. W. Kenney; from Connecticut: M. A. Kenney. These degrees were conferred by the Supreme Exemplifier, O. W. C. Whinna.

The members rode in carriages to Liberty Hall and stood in a circle around the bell, as their predecessors stood fifty years ago, when the first band was organized. In this position they were formally welcomed to the city by J. Hampton Moore, secretary to the Mayor. The welcome was responded to on behalf of the order by John L. Bowers, Past Supreme Washington and an employee of the Tax Office.

The proposed flag raising at the Boys' Central High School was postponed until Saturday. The Supreme Circle visited the tomb of the founder of the order, George Lippard, in Odd Fellows' Cemetery. Last evening they were entertained at a "Night in Bohemia" by the Kensington Circle, No. 14, at Columbia Hall. The election of ex-Chief of Police Dodd, of Camden, to be the Supreme Washington was announced yesterday to be a foregone conclusion. The installation services and entertainment will be held at the Academy of Music on Thursday evening, when George S. Graham will deliver an oration.