

CEMETERIES.

Allusion has already been made in the early history of Terre Haute to the first burial-places.

Woodlawn Cemetery is situated in the northern part of the city, on Sec. 16. The original purchase was made by the city in 1839, and contained about sixteen acres. About as much more was afterward purchased, and nearly the entire tract is included in the present inclosure. The first burial was made here about 1840. When the canal was dug through the old burial-ground at Indian Orchard most of the bodies buried there were removed to the new ground. Mr. H. D. Milns, who came to Terre Haute in 1833, was superintendent of this cemetery for about twenty years, counting from 1842. Mr. Milns says that in the course of the first ten years he buried 1,427 persons, digging every grave himself. Until within a year or two the place was called the "City" cemetery; since then it has borne its present name, "Woodlawn." The methods of reports, etc., devised by Mr. Milns, are still used.

The Catholic graveyard is north of Woodlawn, and in the same inclosure. The Hebrew cemetery is immediately west of Woodlawn.

About two miles out of the city is, or was, a cemetery called the "Lone Tree." These, including those previously mentioned, are believed to be all the burial-places in Harrison township.

The first hearse in Terre Haute was built by Thomas C. Clayton for the city. It cost \$100, which was considered an immense price. It was a unique affair, and when it was no longer used being supplanted by more pretentious affairs, the city authorities endeavored to sell it, but without success. It was then proposed to donate it to Mr. Milns. This "gift" was accomplished by means of a formidable document inclosed in an envelope closed with an immense seal. Mr. Milns removed the body and used the running part as a wagon for several years.

FREEMASONS.

The first lodge in this city was the "Terre Haute Lodge, No. 19." In 1818 a petition was presented to the Grand Lodge of Indiana for a warrant of constitution, signed by Peter Allen, Lucius H. Scott, James Hall, Zebina C. Hovey, Curtis Gilbert, Robert Brasher, Elihu Hovey, Thomas H. Clark, Samuel McQuilkin, Demas Deming, Andrew Brooks, Toussaint Dubois and John T. Chunn. Accordingly, on July 12, 1819, the Terre Haute Lodge was constituted by past master Elihu Stoul. The last meeting of the lodge was held November 22, 1834. The jewels and furniture of the lodge remained in charge of

Elijah Tillotson. When revived, the members numbered seventy-eight. Of these nearly, if not quite, all are dead. In an address, delivered in 1870 by Col. Thomas Dowling, he stated that it is thought that L. H. Scott was the first master of No. 19, and he gives the names of Maj. Chunn, Lieuts. Sturgis and Floyd, surgeons Clark and McCollough, Thomas H. Clark, D. Deming, John F. Cruft and Joseph East as among the earliest Masons here, and adds: "Nearly every one whose name is mentioned in connection with the early history of Terre Haute was a member of this lodge." On November 1, 1845, a dispensation was granted for a reorganization, which was effected January 23, 1846. At the next annual convention of the grand lodge this dispensation was returned and the old charter of 1819 was again conferred upon the lodge. On the reorganization the officers elected were Elijah Tillotson, worshipful master; Macom McFadden, senior warden; William Naylor, junior warden; James S. Freeman, secretary; and Samuel Hagar, tyler.

The following lodges have since been established: Social Lodge, No. 86, constituted October 31, 1849, of which Dayton Topping was first master. Humboldt Lodge, No. 42, constituted June 23, 1869, of which Philip Schloss was first master.

Terre Haute Commandery, No. 16, was organized under the name of the Dowling Commandery. The dispensation was granted January 6, 1866. The first officers were Thomas Dowling, eminent commander; Lyndon A. Smith, generalissimo; and George W. Haberly, captain general. The petition was signed by nine persons. April 8, 1868, a charter was applied for and an organization effected, with Charles Cruft, eminent commander. The organization now numbers 100 members. Gen. Cruft, was eminent commander until 1874. His successors were Alexander Thomas, John B. Hagar, J. B. Armstrong, Henry H. Boudinot, Frank C. Crawford. The present officers are J. G. Williams, eminent commander; Robert Van Valzah, generalissimo; John W. Cruft, captain general; William S. Clift, prelate; George E. Farrington, senior warden; John W. Davis, junior warden.

ODD-FELLOWS.

Fort Harrison Lodge, No. 157, I.O.O.F., was instituted on January 24, 1855, with J. P. Windle, August Nippert, Firman Nippert, James Baird, James B. Edmunds, William Patrick, Samuel K. Allen, John Leach, Solomon Harbert, M. W. Williams, W. M. Slaughter, John Abbott and Asa R. Summers as charter members. The first officers were Firman Nippert, noble grand; Asa R. Summers, vice-grand; James B. Edmunds, recording secretary; M. W. Williams, treasurer;

J. P. Windle, Samuel K. Allen and Solomon Harbert, trustees. The present number of members is 230, and the number of members received since organization, 501.

Prairie City Lodge, No. 107, Degree of Rebecca, was instituted December 10, 1873, with thirty-four members. The first officers were M. J. Wheeler, noble grand; Sister Geo. Hamilton, vice-grand; Wm. F. Moeller, secretary; Sister Moeller, treasurer.

There are also Goethe Lodge, No. 382, Peter Miller, noble grand; Emil Froeb, vice-grand; Enos Strouse, secretary; Terre Haute Lodge, No. 51, Howard Sandison, noble grand; W. W. Parsons, secretary; Vigo Encampment, I.O.O.F., H. A. Wilkes, chief patriarch; and Thomas Lodge (colored), No. 189, Grand United Order of Odd-Fellows.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Castle Hall and Armory. Occidental Lodge, No. 18, K. of P.; Oriental Lodge, No. 18, K. of P.; Section No. 115, E.R., K. of P.; Terre Haute Division, No. 3, U.R., K. of P.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS.

Court Harmony, No. 17; Court Morton, No. 7; Court Sherwood Forest, No. 5; Court Terre Haute, No. 10.

ANCIENT ORDER OF UNITED WORKMEN.

Francis Lodge, No. 60; Friendship Lodge, No. 66; Harrison Lodge, No. 50; Prairie City Lodge, No. 3; Schiller Lodge (German), No. 4; Terre Haute Lodge, No. 2; Vigo Lodge, No. 27; Wabash Lodge, No. 1; Martha Washington Lodge, Degree of Honor.

KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

Delta Lodge, No. 1220; Goodwill Lodge, No. 520; Vigo Lodge, No. 1260; Friendship Lodge, No. 41, K. and L. of H.

OTHER SOCIETIES.

Druids, Freya Lodge, No. 5; Knights of the Golden Rule; Royal Arcanum; Coopers' Union; Improved Order of Red Men, Tammany Tribe, No. 39; I.O.B.B., Gan Eden Lodge, No. 110; Grand Army of the Republic, Morton Post, No. 51; Ancient Order of Hibernians; German Hunting Club; Grocers' Protective Association.

SPIRITUALISM.

Modern Spiritualism in Terre Haute had its advocates as early as 1856. Among the pioneer speakers on the "harmonial philosophy," we note Miss Emma Jay. She delivered, under inspiration, as was

claimed, three public lectures, each to a crowded hall. Miss Jay was followed by Andrew Jackson Davis, "the seer of Poughkeepsie"; with him came Mary Davis, his wife, and their friend G. B. Stebbins. The company remained several days, each in turn occupying the rostrum. The lectures were largely attended and apparently well received.

To Miss Mattie F. Hulett, however, is accorded the credit of establishing in the minds of quite a number of citizens of Terre Haute the genuineness of Spiritualism. Miss Hulett was followed in course by Mrs. A. Sprague, Alcinda Wilkinson, Laura Deforce, Belle Scoville, Emma Hardinge, Mrs. M. S. Townsend, Nellie Wilstie, Hon. Warren Chase, W. A. Hume and others.

Converts to the faith were made, and the Spiritualists organized under the name of "The First Spiritual Society of Terre Haute, Indiana," May, 1867, and elected the following officers: T. A. Madison, president; Whitfield Smith, vice-president; Allen Pence, treasurer; James Hook, secretary. The society obtained thirty-six members. October, 1869, the society wishing to become legalized, reorganized. A constitution, rules and regulations were adopted and subscribed to by fifty-six members. The constitution as then adopted governs the society as a legal body at the date of this report. Pence's hall, located on southwest corner of Second and Ohio streets, was completed and dedicated to Spiritualism, September, 1867.

Dr. Allen Pence, in consideration of his desire to promote the principles of Spiritualism, donated the use of his hall and leased, free of charge, the same to the society, which lease is still in force. The rostrum in Pence's hall since the dedication (1867), has been filled by such speakers as T. R. Whipple, Susie M. Johnson, Mary J. Wilcoxson, Addie L. Ballou, Hon. Robert Dale Owen, Rev. J. M. Peebles, P. B. Randolph, Rev. T. B. Taylor, and others of equal celebrity.

Mrs. Anna M. Stewart gave her first seance at Pence's block, January 1, 1873. She was then, and remains at this writing, under the protection and control of a committee composed of Allen Pence, James Hook and Samuel Conner. Through the materializations claimed for the Stewart medium, Terre Haute has become noted throughout the civilized world as a center for mediums and the investigation of phenomenal Spiritualism.

Among the public buildings, blocks and halls worthy of special mention are: Adelphi Theater, Beach Block, Castle Hall and Armory, Fourth-street Market House, Governor's Guard Hall, Masonic Hall, Opera House, Pence's Hall, Post-office, Armory Hall, Court-house, City Prison, County Jail, State Normal School Building, Odd-Fellows' Hall, Oriental Hall, Turner Hall, Dowling Hall, Union Passenger Depot.

The Opera House Company was organized March 20, 1869, and consisted of about forty stockholders. The first officers were W. B. Warren, president; Charles E. Hosford, secretary; S. S. Early, treasurer. The building is located on the "Old Spinning-wheel" corner, Main and Fourth streets. The building towers far above all other structures on Main street, and is conspicuous from every part of the city. The dome surmounting the front, with its flag-staff, is 135 feet above the pavement.

We have already noticed some of the efforts made by the citizens of Terre Haute in behalf of the temperance movement. These efforts were instituted at a very early date. Various temperance organizations have been established at different times. Among the Catholics these institutions have always flourished, the priests of this church being leaders in this work. Among these organizations existing at present we note the Hibernian Benevolent Society, St. Joseph's Total Abstinence Society, and Knights of Father Matthew.

The Vigo County Medical Society was organized early in the history of the town and county, and embraces in its long roll of members some of the most eminent names in the profession of medicine.

Terre Haute Light Guards was organized under act of legislature of May 11, 1861. The date of organization was April 10, 1877. It numbers seventy-eight members: Capt. M. N. Smith, First Lieut. W. H. Rippeetoo, Second Lieut. Ed. Gilbert. The Light Guards Ringgold band is formed in connection with this company. The Light Guards have the finest armory and drill-hall (on North Sixth street) west of New York. They have also club-rooms, billiard-room, ten-pin alley, and reading-rooms, where are found on file all the leading dailies of the United States, and reviews and periodicals of England and America. The expenses already incurred amount to more than \$10,000. This company has won all the prizes for which they have contested. The membership takes high rank, socially, and their receptions are highly appreciated and are enjoyable affairs. This is the oldest organization now in Terre Haute.

The crack company known as the Governor's Guard was organized February 28, 1878, under the general law of the state, by William P. Hoctor, who was also the first commander. The present officers are Capt. G. A. Schaal, First Lieut. Newton Rogers, Second Lieut. Fred. Apman. It numbers seventy-four members. The armory and drill-room is in Tueller's building on Main street. The Terre Haute drum corps occupy the same quarters.

The favorite company of young men known as McKeen cadets was named in honor of W. R. McKeen, president of the Vandalia line.