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AIR—*Auld Lang Syne.*

Hail brethren of the mystic tie,  
Assembled here to-day,  
Beneath the great Omniscent eye,  
In Virtue's proud array,  
All hail ye worthy sons of Light,  
Accepted, true and Free,  
Whose hearts fraternal cords unite  
In bonds of harmony.

All Hail! our officers elect,  
Who now before us stand;  
Hail to our Master Architect,  
We bow to his command,  
May Wisdom, Strength and Beauty lend  
Assistance to his reign,  
And Harmony and kindness blend  
To gild our mystic chain.

May love fraternal ever dwell  
In each masonic breast,  
And Charity, with soothing spell,  
Relieve each heart distressed;  
And may that Architect Divine,  
Whose mandates we obey,  
By his unerring Rule and Line  
Guide and direct our way.

And when aside our tools we lay,  
And death asserts his might,  
O, may we Pass from mortal clay,  
Be Raised in Glorious Light;  
Where standing at His own right hand,  
Our hearts and works to prove,  
May we receive, at his command,  
Eternal rest above.

## Masonry in Maine.

### Grand Annual Meetings.

THE GRAND LODGE met in this city at 9  
o'clock Tuesday morning, May 4, Grand Mas-  
ter Timothy J. Murray, presiding. The repre-  
sentation of Lodges was very full. The Grand  
Master delivered his annual address reporting the  
craft in excellent condition throughout the State.  
The Committee on Returns reported returns  
from every Lodge in the State. There are 148  
Lodges, with 10,042 members, and 437 non-  
affiliated. There have been 1,341 initiated during  
the year. The Grand Lodge called off until 2  
o'clock P. M.

In the afternoon the Grand Lodge proceeded  
to the election of officers, as follows:

John H. Lynde, Bangor, Grand Master.  
David Cargill, Augusta, Deputy Grand Mas-  
ter.

T. R. Simonton, Camden, Senior Grand  
Warden.

John W. Ballou, Bath, Junior Grand War-  
den.

Moses Dodge, Grand Treasurer.

Ira Berry, Grand Secretary.

Oliver Gerrish, A. B. Thompson, William  
P. Preble, Committee of Finance.

T. J. Murray, Charles Cobb, H. H. Dickey,  
Trustees of Charity Fund.

Called off until 2 o'clock Wednesday P. M.

*Wednesday.*—Grand Lodge met at 2 o'clock  
P. M. The following lodges were chartered:  
Doric Lodge, at Monson; Forest Lodge, at  
Springfield; Evening Star Lodge, at Buckfield;  
Excelsior Lodge, at Northport; Rabboni Lodge,  
at Lewiston.

A Dispensation was granted for a Lodge at  
Lovell village, to be called Delta Lodge, and the  
Dispensation was continued to Crooked River  
Lodge at Bolster's Mills.

Called off until 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

*Thursday.*—The Grand Lodge met at 9 o'clock  
in the morning. The Grand Master appointed:  
Edward P. Burnham, of Saco, Cor. Grand Sec-  
retary.

### DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

J. J. Swanton, of Houlton, 1st District.  
John C. Walker, of Pembroke, 2d.  
Austin F. Kingsley, of East Machias, 3d.  
H. C. Bartlett, of Ellsworth, 4th.  
Jason Huckins, of East Corinth, 5th.  
Edwin F. Dillingham, of Bangor, 6th.  
Samuel S. Collier, of Unity 7th.  
William O. Poor, of Belfast, 8th.  
S. W. Jones, of Union, 9th.  
Daniel A. Campbell, of Damariscotta, 10th.  
Augustus Bailey, of Gardiner, 11th.  
Wm. Macartney, of West Waterville, 12th.  
Albert Moore, of North Anson, 13th.  
Stephen J. Young, of Brunswick, 14th.  
Isaac G. Curtis, of Lewiston, 15th.  
A. C. T. King, of South Paris, 16th.  
Geo. A. Wright, of Portland, 17th.  
John H. Kimball, of Bridgton, 18th.  
A. W. Mendum, of Kennebunk, 19th.  
Rev. J. E. C. Sawyer, Bath, G. Chaplain.  
Rev. B. A. Chase, Bangor, " "  
Rev. Chas. G. Porter, " " "  
Rev. C. C. Mason, Saco, " "  
Rev. E. W. Hutchinson, Bucksport, "  
Henry H. Dickey, Lewiston, Grand Marshal.  
Wm. Curtis, Portland, Senior Grand Deacon.  
N. B. Nutt, Eastport, J. G. Deacon.  
W. R. G. Estes, Skowhegan, Grand Steward.  
Sidney M. Bird, Rockland, " "  
Silvanus Hayward, S. Berwick, " "  
D. R. Hastings, Fryeburg, " "  
J. Atkins, Jr., Hallowell, G. Sword Bearer.  
E. E. Wiggan, China, Grand Standard Bearer.  
E. A. Thompson, Dover, Grand Pursuivant.  
H. R. Downey, Presque Isle, "  
Warren Phillips, Portland, Grand Tyler.

The grand officers were installed by Grand  
Master Murray.

The Grand Lodge voted to celebrate its semi-

centennial anniversary, June, 1870, and the  
Grand Master was empowered to make suita-  
ble arrangements.

The Grand Secretary reported that the Library  
consists of 160 bound volumes, and proceedings  
in pamphlets enough for about 40 volumes more,  
which may be bound immediately. This is prob-  
ably the most complete collection of proceedings  
in the United States.

THE GRAND CHAPTER met at 7 o'clock  
Tuesday Evening, James M. Larrabee, G. H.  
P., presiding, every Chapter but one represented.  
The following officers were chosen for the en-  
suing year:

Jos. Pearson Gill, Lewiston, Grand High  
Priest.

Nathan Woodbury, Skowhegan, Deputy Grand  
High Priest.

Lemuel Bradford, Bangor, Grand King.  
Stephen J. Young, Brunswick, Grand Scribe.  
A. M. Burton, Portland, Grand Treasurer.

Ira Berry, Portland, Grand Secretary.  
Moses Dodge, J. H. Drummond, A. J. Ful-  
ler, Committee of Finance.

The hour of 10 Wednesday morning was as-  
signed for installation of officers.

The Grand Chapter then called off until 9  
o'clock Wednesday morning.

*Wednesday.*—Met at 9 o'clock in the morning.

The Grand officers were installed, the follow-  
ing appointments being made:

Rev. J. E. C. Sawyer, of Bath, Grand Chap-  
lain.

Rev. C. C. Mason, of Saco, Grand Chaplain.

Rev. G. W. Bicknell, of Skowhegan, Grand  
Chaplain.

Charles G. Porter, of Houlton Grand Chap-  
lain.

John W. Ballou, of Bath, Grand Captain of  
the Host.

Augustus Bailey, of Gardiner, Grand Principal  
Sojourner.

J. W. Toward, of Augusta, Grand R. A.  
Captain.

B. M. Flint, of Calais, G. M. 3d Vail.

E. W. McFadden, of Kendall's Mills, G. M.  
2d Vail.

George H. Freeman, of Presque Isle, G. M.  
1st Vail.

T. M. Varney, Lewiston, Grand Steward.

Austin F. Kingsley, East Machias, "

George A. Head, Portland, "

Leander Weeks, Rockland, "

Warren Phillips, Portland, Grand Sentinel.

Charters were granted to Acadia Chapter at  
Ellsworth, and Unity Chapter at South Berwick.

The Grand Chapter having completed its busi-  
ness closed at 12 1-2 o'clock.

THE GRAND COUNCIL of Royal and Select  
Masters met at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon,  
J. H. Drummond, M. P. Grand Master, pre-



siding. The following officers were elected and installed:

Gordon R. Garden, Portland, M. P. G. M.  
Benj. M. Flint, Calais, D. P. G. M.  
Augustus Bailey, Gardiner, R. I. G. M.  
T. M. Varney, Lewiston, P. G. M.  
Chas. Fobes, Portland, G. Treas.  
Ira Berry, Portland, G. Recorder.  
Rev. James E. C. Sawyer, Bath, G. Chap.  
Charles Taylor, Unity, G. M. of Ceremonies.  
Elijah Smith, Saco, G. Capt. of Guards.  
A. I. Mather, Rockland, G. Conductor.  
A. B. Mathews, Belfast, G. Steward.  
Warren Phillips, Portland, G. Sentinel.

A tax of 50 cents on each member of subordinate councils, was ordered, to be paid in to the Grand Treasurer within six months, for the purchase of jewels &c., for the Grand Council.

A charter was granted to Adoniram Council at Gardiner, and the Grand Council closed.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar met at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening, Grand Commander Moses Dodge presiding. The following officers were elected:

Chas. H. McClellan, Bath, Grand Commander.  
William P. Preble, Portland, Deputy Grand Commander.  
H. H. Dickey, Lewiston, Grand Generalissimo.  
Silas Ahlen, Bangor, Grand Capt. General.  
Rev. James E. C. Sawyer, Bath, Grand Prelate.  
Charles Fobes, Portland, Grand Treasurer.  
Ira Berry, Portland, Grand Recorder.

Grand Commander McClellan has made the following appointments; John W. Ballou, of Bath, Grand Senior Warden; Edward Parker, Jr., Saco, Grand Junior Warden; D. E. Seymour, Calais, Grand Standard Bearer; George M. Holmes, Gardiner, Grand Sword Bearer; R. W. Black, Augusta, Grand Warder; Warren Phillips, Portland, Grand Capt. of Guards.

The officers were installed.

The subject of an Encampment for drill and exercise was referred to the Subordinate Commanderies.

The Grand Commandery closed on Thursday.

In Council of High Priesthood the officers of last year were re-elected.

#### Lodge Elections.

Pacific, 64, Exeter. Artemas Merriam, Garland, m; Wm H Carr, s w; Freeman C Hersey, j w; John Whitney, sec.

#### Chapter Elections

Aurora, 22, Cornish. H H Burbank, h p; Horace A Pike, k; Walter F Watson, s; R G Smith, sec.

#### Scotch Rite.

Yates G Lodge of Perfection, Portland. C M Rice, g m; Oliver Gerrish, d g m; A L Fox, sec. Portland Council Princes Jerusalem. A L Dresser, g m; A L Fox, sec.  
Dunlap Chapter, Rose Croix, Portland. M F King, m; James Freeman, s w; James R Lunt, j w; J B Fickett, sec.

Maine Consistory, Portland. Geo W Deering, com'r; W P Preble, 1st lt com'r; T J Murray, 2d lt com'r; J B Fickett, sec.

St. John the Baptist's day was celebrated at Bowdoinham, by Village Lodge. Rev. J. O. Thompson, of Woodford's Corner, delivered the address.

#### Dispensations.

Delta Lodge, Lovell.—Dispensation dated May 5, 1869. David B Byther, m; Stephen E Wentworth, s w; Joseph Bassett, j w. Stated meeting, Thursday on or after full moon.

Mystic Tie Lodge, Weld.—Dispensation dated June 8, 1869. Frank J Austin, m; Abel D Russell, s w; M Augustine Phillips, j w.

#### New Halls.

The *Dover Observer* says certain parties intend to erect in that town during the season, a large three-story building, the first two stories to be rented for stores, &c., while the third is to be used as a Masonic Hall.

There was a Masonic celebration at Bryant's Pond, July 5th. Hon. Josiah H. Drummond, of Portland, delivered the oration, and laid the corner stone of a new Masonic hall.

ENCAMPMENT.—Most of the Commanderies have reported in favor of an encampment this year, and we estimate that there will be present from four to six hundred Templars.—Every Commandery will undoubtedly be represented, and nearly all have promised to come with full ranks. Cushing's Island in Portland Harbor is fixed upon as the place, and the 14th to the 17th of September will probably be the time. Several other places have been proposed, the most popular one of which proved lacking in space for military evolutions, to have sought which in the vicinity would have necessitated troublesome transportation. The Commanderies in this city preferred to go into the country, but the general wish seems to be to come to the seacoast, and nowhere does there seem to be so attractive a spot, at once "so near and yet so far."

THE DOORS OF SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.—The early Masonic notices of them place them in the East, West and South. Many European bodies place them in the North, South and East. Scotland in East, South and West. Our brethren in the South, West and East. France is silent respecting them. In England their relative position was not mentioned till after 1725. The words then used were simply, "the three entrances to the Temple." The real gates of the Temple were North, South and East. Open or untiled doors cannot be Masonic.

[National Freemason.

The Bangor Whig says it is claimed that Wm. Kendall of Fairfield, a Royal Arch Mason, is the oldest Free Mason in the United States, having been initiated March 5, 1804, at Kennebec Lodge No. 5, of Hallowell, and having consequently been in the order sixty-five years. He is now 87 years old, and during his life has been a noted inventor, having invented steel bells, the circular saw, revolvers, &c.

PREMIUMS. Any brother who will procure subscribers for us, remitting not less than \$1 at a time, may retain one fourth of the money for his services. Those who wish to assist us, without caring for the premium, can gratify some indigent brother by sending him a paper free. It is better to take subscriptions for two years at a time. We will *prepay postage* on all bundles of not less than eight papers sent to one address.

Thanks to brother Geo. A. Dyer of Ellsworth for list of subscribers.

THE SUPREME COUNCIL 33° N. J., met in Boston, June 16; forty-three of the fifty-five active members (every State except New Jersey being represented), and a large number of Emeritus and Honorary members were present.

Much important business was transacted, and the session was harmonious.

Councils of Deliberation were invested with important legislative and judicial powers, in relation to local matters.

Returns were received from nearly all subordinates, showing a growth during the year as great as is desirable. It was determined that the honorary grade of the 33° should be distributed among the states in proportion to the membership of subordinates.

The Committee on Rituals reported progress and were continued to make their final report next year.

Tributes were paid to the memories of Simon W. Robinson 33° Past Grand Commander, Charles H. Platt 33° Grand Prior, Isaac Whittier 33° and T. Bigelow Lawrence 33°, honorary members, who have died during the year.

A Committee on History was appointed.

The relations with the Grand Orient of France were referred to the Grand Commander, with powers.

The next session, at which the triennial election occurs, will be held in Cincinnati, June 15, 1870.

The *Times* says on Tuesday last (April 6th) Dr. Dodge of Portland, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maine, made his annual visitation to Dunlap Commandery of Knights Templar of Bath. He witnessed the conferring of the three orders of knighthood, and expressed himself as being pleased with the work. The exercises of the occasion terminated with a supper at the Sagadahoc House which was a very social and pleasant affair.

#### Donations to Portland Masonic Library.

M. F. King—Masonic Review, Vol. 29; Moore's Magazine, Vol. 6; Proc. Gr. Com'y Missouri, 1860 Aug., to 1867 inc.; Proc. Gr. Chapter Penn., 1865, '66, '67; Proc. Gr. Com'y Maine, 1852, '54, '55, '56, '57, and '61; Const. G. L. of Me., 1854; Const. G. Chap. Me., 1851, '61.

J. H. Drummond—Proc. Gr. Chap. Ohio, 1858, '59, '60; Lot reports Correspondence other States; Proc. G. Lodge Vermont 1860, '61, '63, '64, '65, '66, '67, '68; Proc. G. Lodge California, Aug. 1852; Proc. G. Lodge Louisiana, 1860; Maryland G. Lodge, Report Com. Cor. 1860; proc. special Aug. 1863, Nov. 1864; May 1865; May and Nov. 1866; New Jersey G. Lodge, 1859, 1863; New York, Historical narrative 1849; proc. 1859; Rhode Island, proc. 1862, 2d ed; Sup. Council A. & A. Rite 1863 and 1864, bound.

E. B. Robinson—Masonic tribute to the memory of Washington, 1800.

David W. Babb—Freemason's Magazine, 1811, bound; Masonic Orations, &c.

C. B. Belknap—Philosophical History of Freemasonry.

Joseph Castell, Jr.—Masonic Monthly, vols. I, II, and III, lacking No. 31.

Ira Berry—Iowa Grand Lodge, 2 bound vols., 1844-'58.



John P. Boyd—Beauties of Freemasonry, by Joshua Bradley, Rutland, Vt., 1816. 16mo.; Illustrations of Masonry, by William Preston, edited by Geo. Richards, Portsmouth, 1804. 12mo.; A Brief Inquiry into the Origin and Principles of Freemasonry, by Simon Greenleaf. Portland, Arthur Shirley, 1820. Octavo.

E. M. Patten—Farewell Address, by Major Sewall Lancaster, to his brethren of Ancient Landmark Lodge, 1812.

C. W. Belknap—Keystone of the Masonic Arch, by Charles Scott, A. M. 12 mo. cloth.

Geo Jones—American Freemason, Cincinnati, 1868. Quarto.

M. N. Rich—Masonic Review, Vol. 1, lacks No. 12. Baltimore, 1857; Masonic Review and Keystone, Vol. 2, lacks 19 and 24. Baltimore, 1868; National Freemason, 8 nos.

Stephen Berry—Vermont Grand Lodge, 1862, Masonic Record, Vol. 1; Masonic Monthly, 12 nos.; Files of Kentucky Freemason, Progress, and other papers.

O. F. Ammidon—Discourses by Thaddeus Mason Harris—bound.

Moses Dodge—Grand Lodge Ohio 1808 to 1865 inc. 2 v. bound; duplicates 1858 to 1864. Grand Chapter Ohio 1853 to 1864 inc. Grand Council Ohio 1854 to 1867 lacking 1866; dup. 1865. Grand Commandery Ohio 1856 to 1866. Grand Encampment U. S. 1847 to 1865 lacking 1862. Gen. Gr. Chapter 1856, 1859, 1863; dup. 1865. Supreme Council 1866, 1868. Grand Chapters Penn. 1865, 66, 67; Missouri 1867; New Hampshire 1867. Grand Commanderies Penn. 1863-66 and dup. 66; Louisiana 1867; Michigan 1867; New Jersey 1867; Kentucky 1867; Indiana 1866; Illinois 1867; Missouri 1867; Tennessee 1867; New Hampshire 1867; Mass. and R. I. 1864 and 1865. Grand Lodge Minnesota 1857, 1858, 1861. Grand Council Michigan 1863. Reports For. Corr. Declaration Freemasons of Boston and vicinity 1831. Masonic Journal by G. W. Chase vol. ii; odd nos. v. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

WANTED.—MAINE—Grand Lodge org. to 1856; also 1861, 1862, 1865.

Grand Chapter org. to 1857; also 1861, 1863, 1864, 1865.

Grand Commandery 1853, '62, '63, '64, '65.

#### Books Received.

*The Progress*, New York, Progress Publishing Co., 296 Pearl St. \$2 per year in advance.

*Loomis' Musical Journal*. A 16 page quarto, monthly: C. M. Loomis, 299 Chapel Street, New Haven, Conn. \$1 per year. Each No. contains several pages of excellent music.

*Masonic Record*, Nashville, Tenn., John Frizzell & Co. April, May and June received. \$3 per year.

*Masonic Monthly*, Boston, Theo. G. Wadman, 36 Kilby St. \$2.50 per year. April, May and June received.

*Kentucky Freemason*, Frankfort, Ky., A. G. Hodges. \$1.50 per year. If everybody thought as much of this paper as we do, it would have many readers in Maine.

*Freeport Journal*, James S. McCall, Freeport, Illinois. \$2 per year.

*Sedalia Buzoo*, Sedalia, Mo. J. West Goodwin. \$1 per year.

*Town Talk*. By Br. A. I. Mather, Rockland, Me. Small 4to. No. 1. Gratuitous circulation 5000.

#### Died.

In Portland, April 5, Jabez True, P. G. M., aged 71. Bro. True was born in Poland Nov. 22, 1797; represented that town in legislature in 1826, 27 and 28. In 1829 moved to Moosehead lake, commencing settlement of present town of Shirley; in 1833 married and removed to Bangor, where he was an active merchant ten years; in 1843 was appointed

Sheriff of Penobscot Co., which office he held eight years; was state senator in 1859 and 60; was appointed paymaster in the army in 1861 which ill-health obliged him to resign July 3, 1863. He was an active member of, and assisted in reviving after the dark ages, Rising Virtue lodge; senior warden in 1850, master in 1851 and 52; district deputy grand master for 7th district in 1848 and 49; deputy grand master in 1855, and grand master in 1856. He assisted also in reviving Mount Moriah Chapter, held many important offices in it, being high priest in 1855, 56 and 57. He was a member of St. Johns Commandery of Knights Templar, and grand senior warden of the Grand Commandery in 1861 at the time he entered the army. An honest and diligent man, he was beloved by his brethren and fellow citizens. His body was buried at Bangor, with services by the grand lodge under direction of the deputy grand master, John H. Lynde.

In Bridgton, April 18, Elliott Staples, aged 89 years, 6 months 14 days. Deceased lived, with his wife, who survives him, over 57 years, and was a member of Oriental Lodge, F. & A. Masons, more than 65 years.

#### Proceedings sent Post Paid.

Grand Lodge,	1866, 71c.	1867, 60c.	1868, 62c.
“ Chapter,		1867, 38c.	1868, 40c.
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Written and Sung at the Picnic of The Aged Broth-  
erhood, August 31, 1869. BY IRA BERRY.

At your mandate I advance  
And greet each member as a brother:  
If I don't improve the chance,  
'Tis doubtful if I get another;  
And 'tis wise for every man,  
Whate'er his aim—or work, or pleasure—  
To achieve it while he can;—  
Enjoy, or work—but both in measure.

All of us have doubtless read  
This maxim of the wise man's teaching—  
Glory crowns the hoary head,  
If righteousness have done the bleaching.  
By every race, in every clime,  
Has age been honor'd and respected;  
And in our enlightened time,  
We trust 'twill never be neglected.

All may recollect, how good  
Old Jacob, when his years oppress'd him  
Reverenced and honor'd, stood  
Before great Egypt's King, and bless'd him:  
He, at six score years and ten,  
Pronounc'd his days but "few and evil";  
So they might have reckon'd then—  
But we'd think that age "beat the devil."

Have the years in passing by,  
Of strength or faculties bereft us?  
Mourn them not—but let us try  
To make the best of what they've left us.  
We are passing off—but find  
Youth, freshness, vigor, all about us:  
What a comfort to the mind,  
To feel the world can do without us!

Let us hope when life is o'er  
To meet our kindred, friends and neighbors—  
All we lov'd who've gone before—  
And join in more exalted labors;  
As the stars, which through the night  
In radiant groups so thickly cluster,  
Melt away in morning's light,  
Absorb'd and lost in brighter lustre.

## Masonry in Maine.

### Lodge Elections.

Plymouth, 75, Plymouth. James B. Morse,  
m; J. W. Clark, s w; S. P. Gifford, j w;  
W. S. McNelly, sec.

St. John's, 51, South Berwick. George C.  
Yeaton, m; John H. Plummer, s w; John  
Morrison, j w; Albert Goodwin, sec.

THE CORNER STONE of the Second Uni-  
versalist Church, corner India and Congress  
St., was laid by the Grand Lodge on Monday,  
August 2d. P. G. Master T. J. Murray per-  
formed the ceremony. St. Alban Commandery  
escorted the Grand Lodge. After the cere-  
monies they accepted the invitation of R. W.  
Rufus Stanley, who lives in the neighborhood,  
to a collation at his house.

ENCAMPMENT.—The Grand Commandery  
of Maine, following the excellent example of  
New Hampshire, went into camp at Cushing's  
Island in Portland Harbor, August 21st, re-  
maining four days. Nine Commanderies were  
fully represented, with delegates from the other  
two. There were about 350 Knights in line,  
and the occasion proved not only very delight-  
ful but very useful. Military regulations were  
enforced, and the time devoted to drill. The  
dress parades on Wednesday and Thursday  
were witnessed by crowds of spectators from  
the city, and elicited high compliments from  
military men. After breaking camp on Friday  
the whole force paraded in Portland, Grand  
Commander McLellan and staff being mounted.  
After which the various Commanderies were  
escorted to the cars and boats by the city Com-  
manderies.

St. Alban Commandery accepted an invita-  
tion to go home with Bradford Commandery to  
Biddeford; and after being elegantly entertained  
there returned at ten P. M. and were received  
at the Depot by Portland Commandery and  
escorted to their armory.

The drill adopted was the U. S. regulation  
or Upton drill, which proved entirely accept-  
able.

As we anticipated the nearness to Portland  
resulted in a smaller attendance of the city  
Commanderies than was desirable, but it also  
resulted in a unanimous expression from all the  
Commanderies that a distant spot shall be se-  
lected next year, and that every man will be  
there.

To DeMolay Commandery of Skowhegan,  
we must award the honor of being the best  
drilled.

To Templars in other States we would say  
that the whole thing was an entire success,  
complete in its arrangements, thanks to the  
skillful management of our grand officers, suc-  
cessful in its results, and pleasant and profit-  
able to all who participated.

The attempt to persuade the Grand Com-  
manderies of the country to make the degrees  
of the R. & S. Council pre-requisite to taking  
the Orders, does not seem very successful. We  
suggest that the Grand Councils make the Or-  
ders of Knighthood pre-requisite to taking the  
Council degrees.

Albert G. Mackey has been removed  
from the Collectorship of the port of Charleston.

The Grand Commandery of Massachusetts  
and Rhode Island is taking steps to conform to  
the Constitution of the Grand Encampment in  
regard to names and titles.

FEMALE MASONRY.—The Grand Lodge of  
Ohio have adopted resolutions prohibiting the  
conferring of side degrees or the use of Masonic  
Halls for that purpose. We hope their action  
may be adopted generally.

Hugh de Payens Encampment of Melrose,  
Mass., visited this State the third week in July.  
They were received by Portland Commandery  
at Portland, St. John's at Bangor and Trinity  
at Augusta, and were apparently highly gratified  
with their pilgrimage. At Little Chebeague  
Island a fine photograph was taken of the offi-  
cers of the two Commanderies, in a group with  
Grand Commander McLellan of Maine and P.  
G. C. Dodge in the centre, which will be a  
pleasant memento both to hosts and guests.

R. W. Bro. W. T. Palmer, Grand Secretary  
of Wisconsin, writes us as follows, alluding to  
Bro. Kendall of Fairfield, whom the Whig  
claimed as the oldest mason in the country:  
"Bro. David Stiles a member of Hazel Green  
Lodge, No. 43, of this State, was born in Wood-  
bury, Litchfield County, Conn., May 21, 1766.  
He came west and located at Hazel Green,  
Grant County, Wisconsin, in 1839. He now  
resides at Prescott, Pierce County, Wisconsin.  
Bro. Stiles has been a mason 72 years and is  
no doubt the oldest on the continent. He is  
now 103 years old, visits the lodge frequently,  
and retains his mental faculty to a surprising  
degree. He was made a mason in Lodge No.  
16 at Toronto, C. W., Dec. 27, 1797, when  
Wm. Jervis was Grand Master of Canada. So  
you see Wisconsin claims the oldest mason on  
the continent." We think Bro. Palmer is right.  
By our obituary notice, it will be seen that Port-  
land has recently lost a brother of 61 years ma-  
sonic standing.

BINDING.—Maine proceedings are intended  
to bind as follows:—Grand Lodge, organiza-  
tion 1820 to 1847 vol. 1; 1848 to 1854 vol. 2;  
1855 to 1858 vol. 3; 1859 to 1863 vol. 4; 1864  
to 1866 vol. 5; 1867 to 1869 vol. 6. They  
should be "half bound" in bright azure blue  
(not dark blue) leather with blue cloth sides to  
match.

Grand Chapter, when reprinted, will make



one volume to 1849; 1850 to 1860 vol. 2; 1861 to 1867 vol. 3. Bind in half *bright* red leather with red cloth sides.

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The price of binding as above should be Roan \$1.00; in Turkey \$1.25. To all commencing to bind we would say, insist on the bright matched colors and "you'll be glad on't afterwards."

*Grand Commandery Vermont.* Proceedings 1869, June, from John B. Hollenbeck, G. Recorder. Six Commanderies; all represented; 364 members; 25 created; 81 uniforms. Grand Commander Russel S. Taft was re-elected, as also the veteran and able Grand Recorder, John B. Hollenbeck.

*Grand Commandery Connecticut.* Proceedings May 13, 1869, from Eliphalet Gilman Storer, G. Recorder. Amos S. Treat of Bridgeport re-elected Grand Commander, and E. G. Storer, New Haven, G. Recorder. Nine Commanderies, 1069 members, 100 created. The Committee on tactics recommended Upton's, with the necessary modification to meet the requirements of Templars, and their report is to be printed. We think it will be the exact thing we need, judging from the brief selections given, and trust Sir Knight Storer will send us a copy when out. They held their first annual Encampment and Review Sept. 30, 1868, at Bridgeport, with complete success, and one will be held each year in future in lieu of the Semi-annual Conclave.

**PREMIUMS.** Any brother who will procure subscribers for us, remitting not less than \$1 at a time, may retain one-fourth of the money for his services. Those who wish to assist us, without caring for the premium, can gratify some indigent brother by sending him a paper free. It is better to take subscriptions for two years at a time. We will *prepay postage* on all bundles of not less than eight papers sent to one address.

—A poetic editor speaking of the closing of churches in summer, rhapsodizes thus:

O, when, thou city of my God,  
Shall I thy courts ascend,  
Where congregations ne'er break up,  
And close their churches so that public  
worship in summer comes to an end!

**CURIOUS DISCOVERY.**—Professor Czermak, the inventor of the laryngoscope, and professor of physiology in the University of Jena, while examining the stomach of an Egyptian mummy, found a roll of something which, after careful microscopical scrutiny, he decided to be the skin of the sole of the feet—and of the mummy's own feet! Further investigation has shown that this was a common practice in Egyptian mummification, and it is explained as symbolic of the eternal separation of the dead from the earth he so long trod, and as a sign of his manumission from the thrall of the world.—*[Der Globus.]*

**WAS UNCLE PAUL A MASON?**—"Was Uncle Paul a Mason?" Ike asked of Mrs. Partington, as he stood looking at the rigid profile of the ancient corporal of the "Bloody Eleventh" that hung on the wall.

"No, he was a veteran sergeant, naturally, though he took in gardening afterwards, and raised the most wonderful squashes, that always took the primer at the Agricultural Fair."

"I mean was he a Freemason?" continued Ike.

"Oh, dear, no," replied she, "and I'm glad of it, for they are a great deal too free in throwing their plasterin' round, which is very mortifying, and takes the color out of things so; and when they whitewashed the kitchen didn't they make free with the balmy bud rum which they mistook for a cordial? and I wish to gracious it had been a 'metic, to have taught 'em a lesson to be a little less free next time."

"But Freemasons," said Ike, petulantly, "ain't masons; I mean the fellow that built the temple."

"Oh!" she exclaimed, "them. Well, dear, I have heard of a good many things they did, and then again I have heard of a good many things they didn't, and so between 'em both, I don't believe neither. It is a great mystery!" she whispered, "and if they did kill Morgan, they ought to have done it if they agreed to, tho' 'twas a bad thing for him. But I never believed the story of his sculling up the Niagara Falls in a potash kettle with a crowbar, which is preposterous, and as for the gridiron—thereby hangs a tale, and the Lord knows what they do in their secret cemeteries, when they get on one another's clothes by mistake, and cut up all sorts of capers, to say nothing of the ridiculous aprons which makes 'em look so queer."

The interest of Ike had ceased, and he had turned his attention to anointing the cat with an application of soft soap.—*Skilabar.*

**THE REJECTED STONE.**—The Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, of London, thus appropriates a well known Masonic tradition:

I have heard a story—I cannot tell whether it is true or not—of some of the Jewish rabbis; it is a tale concerning the text: "The stone which the builders refused, the same is become the headstone of the corner." It is said that when Solomon's temple was building, all the stones were brought from the quarry, ready cut and fashioned, and there were marked on all the blocks the places where they were to be put. Amongst the stones was a very curious one: it seemed of no describable shape, it appeared unfit for any portion of the building. They tried it at this wall, but it would not fit; they tried it in another, but it could not be accommodated; so, vexed and angry, they threw it away. The temple was so many years building that this stone became covered with moss, and grass grew around it. Everybody passing by laughed at the stone; they said Solomon was wise, and doubtless all the other stones were right; but for that block, they might as well send it back to the quarry, for they were quite as sure it was meant for nothing. Year after year rolled on, and the poor stone was still despised; the builders constantly refused it. The eventful day came when the temple was to be finished and opened, and the multitude was assembled to see the grand sight. The builders said, "Where is the top-stone? Where is the pinnacle?" They little thought where the crowning marble was, until some one said, "Perhaps that stone which the builders refused is meant to be the top-stone." They then took it, and hoisted it to the top of the house: and as it reached the summit they found it well adapted to the place. Loud hosannas made the welkin ring, as the stone which the builders refused thus became the head-stone of the corner. So it is with Christ Jesus. The builders cast him away. He was a plebeian; he was a man of poor extraction; he was a man acquainted with sinners, who walked in poverty

and meanness; hence the worldly-wise despised him. But when God shall gather together, in one, all things that are in heaven and that are in earth, then Christ shall be the glorious consummation of all things.

"Christ reigns in heaven the top-most stone, And well deserves the praise."

He shall be exalted; he shall be honored; his name shall endure as long as the sun, and all nations shall be blessed in him, yea, all generations shall call him blessed.

**THE USE OF THE GREAT PYRAMID.**—For several thousand years the object for which the "Great Pyramid" was constructed was a mystery to the whole world, and most of the learned savans have exhausted surmise and speculation in their fruitless efforts to solve the riddle. A few years ago a gentleman in London, a Mr. Thomas Maylor, conceived the idea that the structure was inspired by Divine Providence to afford the Egyptians a standard for their weights and measures. This theory found but few proselytes among the scientific men in Europe; but fancied and far-fetched as it is, has recently found an advocate on this side of the water in the person of Prof. Eaton, of New York, who read an elaborate essay on the subject the other day before the University convocation at Albany. In support of this view he said that the Pyramid was perfectly symmetrical, with five sides and five angles. It was originally 762 feet on each side, and is now the highest and largest building erected by man. Sir Isaac Newton had devoted his time in analyzing the ancient cubit, and came to the conclusion that it was 25 inches and a little more. The circle which forms the correlative to the Pyramid consists of 365 1-4 of these cubits, thus corresponding to the year.

The Pyramid was made plane to the meridian, without hieroglyphics or secret inscriptions, as all burial places of antiquity did have, which are found everywhere else. The box which was found in the centre of the body has been commonly supposed to be a sarcophagus, but there is no appearance to bear this theory out. No procession of priests could enter, and indeed it is difficult for any one. The granite of which a portion of the Pyramid is made is not found near at hand, and indeed not closer than Mount Sinai. The structure seems to be built on the most correct principles of geometry. It concludes in pointing with the north star, or that star which, in the precession of the equinoxes, four thousand years ago, was the north star. Prof. Eaton then proceeded to show that the temperature of the central room was uniform throughout, thus affording a place for keeping weights and measures; that the box affords an exact liquid measure; that water was found in the Pyramid itself, thus giving pure material for careful examination; that the opening in the Pyramid looked out on the lower culmination of the north star at the time of its erection, and not the upper, because the Pleiades would interfere with this view; and that it is on the exact spot for the purpose of taking astronomical observations.

*Grand Council of Vermont.* Proceedings June 10th, 1869, from John B. Hollenbeck, Grand Recorder, who is re-elected, as is Edward S. Dana, Grand Master. Fourteen Subordinates, all represented; 700 members. The Grand Master reports the deaths of eight venerable brethren, and says:—

"But few of the venerable Fathers who, seizing the first moment of lull in the storm of fanaticism which for fifteen years raged with strange frenzy over the land, rescued our treasures from the oblivion where they for a time seemed almost hopelessly consigned, are now left to us. Our faithful Grand Recorder, and a few others, still linger; but he alone of all the



rest gladdens us with his presence at all our meetings, and by his unassuming fidelity perpetually reminds us of how much we owe to that devoted band, of which he was one, who have deserved for their Spartan courage and undaunted zeal, a crown that shall never fade away. God grant that the chiefest of Heaven's blessings may be vouchsafed to them, both here and hereafter."

**STATISTICS.** From P. G. M. Drummond's report on Correspondence we learn that there are in the United States about 435,068 returned by 43 Grand Lodges. Probably there are half a million including those not returned as members; and this is an increase of 12 per cent. over last year. In 1859 there were returned 182,873; so that the fraternity has more than doubled in ten years. But the increase of Templars is surprising. In 1865, when Bro. Drummond first estimated them, there were about 10,000; this year from 25,000 to 30,000. It is not likely that the Templars will ever get ahead of the Master Masons, but these figures show the great popularity of the Christian Orders and incline us to the opinion that those who are proposing to do away with the "so-called higher bodies" are wasting their powder.

Remember that 1867, 1868 and 1869 complete volume 6 of Grand Lodge proceedings, and get them bound at once if you would preserve them. We will bind any sent to us at \$1.00 for half Roan and \$1.25 for half Turkey, or furnish a bound volume for \$2.75 in blue Roan, and \$3.00 in blue Turkey.

While the Rev. R. A. Holland was in Egypt he wrote the following as his impression of the Sphinx:

At last we are there. We dismount and wade through the sand right up to the Sphinx. The same Sphinx that was hewn from a single rock chivalds of years ago, that has, without changing its attitude of earnest study, knelt undisturbed by the crash of empires and the uproars of wars, which in the long interval have strewn one world with their wrecks; and frightened others with their groans of torture; here it is to-day, its serene countenance disfigured, but still unwrinkled—its large, passionless, thoughtful eyes gazing as ever into the mysterious Beyond, reading the secrets of Eternity. As I stand before it I think of the setting sun, of which it was formerly worshiped as the image, and I cannot find a fault in the analogy. The huge lion's body joined to the benign face of a woman, is a fine representation of the radiant power of the orb which governs the solar system, and warms the earth into richest luxuriance; and likewise of its matchless beauty, as retiring from its throne for the night, it lingers a moment on the horizon, and bids its happy domain adieu, with a genial smile of twilight and a brief poem of many-tinted clouds.

**NOT THE GIFT, BUT THE MOTIVE.**—A poor Arab traveling in the desert met with a spring of clear, sweet, sparkling water. Accustomed as he was to his brackish wells, to his simple mind it appeared that such water was worthy of a monarch; and filling his leathern bottle from the spring, he determined to go and present it to the caliph himself.

The poor man traveled a great distance before he reached his sovereign, and laid his humble offering at his feet. The caliph did not despise the little gift brought to him with so

much trouble. He ordered some of the water to be poured into a cup, drank it, and thanking the Arab with a smile, ordered him to be presented with a reward. The courtiers around pressed forward, eager to taste of the wonderful water; but, to the surprise of all, the caliph forbade them to touch a single drop.

After the poor Arab had quitted the royal presence with a light and joyful heart, the caliph turned to his courtiers, and thus explained the motives of his conduct: "During the travels of the Arab," said he, "the water in this leathern bottle had become impure and distasteful. But it was an offering of love, and as such I have received it with pleasure. But I well knew that had I suffered another to partake of it, he would not have concealed his disgust; and therefore I forbade you to touch the draught, lest the heart of the poor man would have been wounded." In such love will our Lord receive our poor gifts.

#### Books Received.

*The Progress*, New York, Progress Publishing Co., 296 Pearl St. \$2 per year in advance.

*Masonic Record*, Nashville, Tenn., John Frizzell & Co. July, Aug. and Sept. received. \$3 per year.

*Masonic Monthly*, Boston, Theo. G. Wadman, 36 Kilby St. \$2.50 per year. July received.

*Kentucky Freemason*, Frankfort, Ky., A. G. Hodges. \$1.50 per year.

*Sedalia Buzoo*, Sedalia, Mo. J. West Goodwin. \$1 per year.

*Dixon Telegraph*, by J. D. & W. H. Boardman, Dixon, Illinois.

*Decorah Democrat*, C. S. Rollins, Masonic Editor, Decorah, Winneshiek Co., Iowa.

#### Died.

In Portland, July 25, Alpheus Shaw, aged 85, the oldest member of Ancient Landmark Lodge, having been a member 61 years, buried at Evergreen Cemetery 27th with masonic honors. His funeral was largely attended by the merchants of Portland, who also passed resolutions as a tribute to his memory. He received his third degree in Ancient Landmark Lodge in 1808; was Treasurer from 1816 to 1819, and Junior Warden in 1820; elected honorary member in 1853.

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