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## THE OLD CANOE.

The following poem, which is going the rounds of the newspapers credited to Albert Pike, was really written by Emily R. Page, a native of Bradford, Vermont, who died some years ago in Chelsea, Mass. It is the best and most popular of her poems. The authority for this correction is the following:

WASHINGTON, 6th November, 1876.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I did not write the "Old Canoe," and have published my disclaimer of authorship of it five or six times during ten years. Who its author was or is I do not know, but I should be very glad to make it hereafter impossible for any one to suppose me its author.

With thanks for your kindness,

Truly your friend and Brother,

ALBERT PIKE.

Where the rocks are gray and the shore is steep,  
And the waters below look dark and deep,  
Where the ragged pine, in its lonely pride,  
Leans gloomily over the murky tide;  
Where the reeds and rushes are long and lank,  
And the reeds grow thick on the winding bank;  
Where the shadow is heavy the whole day through,  
There lies at its moorings the old canoe.

The useless paddles are idly dropped,  
Like a sea bird's wings that the storm has lopped,  
And crossed on the railing, one o'er one,  
Like the folded hands when the work is done;  
While busily back and forth between  
The spider stretches his silvery screen,  
And the solemn owl with its dull "too whoo,"  
Settles down on the side of the old canoe.

The stern half sunk in the slimy wave,  
Rots slowly away in its living grave,  
And the green moss creeps o'er its dull decay,  
Hiding its mouldering dust away,  
Like the hand that plants o'er the tomb a flower,  
Or the ivy that mantles the falling tower;  
While many a blossom of loveliest hue  
Springs up o'er the stern of the old canoe.

The currentless waters are dead and still,  
But the twilight wind plays with the boat at will,  
And lazily in and out again  
It floats the length of the rusty chain,  
Like the weary march of the hands of time,  
That meet and part at the noontide chime,  
And the shore is kissed at each turning new,  
By the dripping bow of the old canoe.

Oh, many a time with a careless hand,  
I have pushed it away from the pebbly strand,  
And paddled it down where the stream runs quick,  
Where the whirls are wild and the eddies are thick,  
And laughed as I leaned o'er the rocking side,  
And looked below in the broken tide,  
To see that the faces and boats were two  
That were mirrored back from the old canoe.

But now, as I lean o'er the crumbling side,  
And look below in the sluggish tide,  
The face that I see there is graver grown,  
And the laugh that I hear has a sober tone,  
And the hands that lent to the light skiff wings

Have grown familiar with sterner things;  
But I love to think of the hours that sped  
As I rocked where the whirls their white spray shed,  
Ere the blossom waved or the green grass grew  
O'er the mouldering stern of the old canoe.

## MASONRY IN MAINE.

### Lodge Elections.

Village, 26, Bowdoinham. Samuel Donnell, m; Silas Adams, sw; William H Wood, jw; Benj L Higgins, s.

Moses Webster, 145, Vinalhaven. Charles B. Vinal, m; William L Bowden, sw; Maranel Morman, jw; Charles J. Jay, s.

Bethlehem, 35, Augusta. E F Beal, m; C H Brick, sw; H A B Chandler, jw; J W Clapp, s.

Portland, 1, Portland. Geo L Bailey, m; John H Hall, sw; W N Prince, jw; C O Leach, s.

Oxford, 18, Norway. Freeland Howe, m; John Garey, sw; George A Cole, jw; James O Crooker, s.

Carrabassett, 161, Canaan. George W Johnson, m; Asa H Tozier, sw; Noah Ricker, jw; Henry Ricker, s.

Richmond, 63, Richmond. Geo B Randlette, m; Albion J Drew, sw; William H Whitney, jw; Ambrose P. Jewett, s.

Tyrian, 78, Mechanic Falls. John Richardson, m; Edward F Stevens, sw; John F Briggs, jw; Edward F Edgecomb, s.

Rabboni, 150, Lewiston. George G Hartwell, m; Oscar G Douglass, sw; Fred Kelly, jw; Hernando N Emery, s.

Trojan, 134, Troy. Joseph P Sturgis, m; William F Mitchell, sw; Timothy W Hawes, jw; William E Dorman, s.

Casco, 36, Yarmouth. Albert Gooding, m; Monroe Stoddard, sw; Lorenzo L Shaw, jw; Lewis Gurney, s.

Liberty, 111, Liberty. James Leeman, m; Gustavus H Cargill, sw; Hanson T Gove, jw; Ambrose P Cargill, s.

Maine, 20, Farmington. Geo B Cragin, m; Roliston Woodbury, sw; Hiram C Barnard, jw; David H Knowlton, s.

St. George, 16, Warren. Hilliard W Robinson, m; John R Andrews, sw; Warren Morse, Jr., jw; U L Hovey, s.

Forest, 148, Springfield. Lloyd W Drake, m; Abel A Blanchard, sw; William H Muddock, jw; J A Larrabee, s.

Lebanon, 116, Norridgewock. Seth H Willard, m; Plummer H Butler, sw; Geo H Baston, jw; Edward C Hale, s.

Hiram, 180, Cape Elizabeth. Gordon R Garden, m; Eben N Perry, sw; Hiram Ellis, jw; William Atwood, s.

Oriental Star, 21, Livermore. Ebenezer Humphrey, m; Charles T Moulton, sw; Everett L Philoon, jw; John Larrabee, s.

Molunkus, 165, Sherman Mills. Edward A Cushman, m; James M Emery, sw; James W Washburn, jw; George R. Blodgett, s.

Ancient Brothers', 178, Auburn. Albert

M Penley, m; Milton J Loring, sw; George Parker, jw; Edwin T Stevens, s.

Star in the East, 60, Oldtown. Asa T Wing, m; Edgar B Weeks, sw; Stephen C Morse, jw; Charles A Bailey, s.

Fraternal, 55, Alfred. Alonzo Leavitt, m; Marcus W Towne, sw; Asa L Ricker, jw; Silas Derby, s.

Oriental, 13, Bridgton. Millard M Caswell, m; Albert F Richardson, sw; George H Willard, jw; Micajah Gleason, s.

Messalonskee, 113, West Waterville. Chas Rowell, m; Geo W Goulding, sw; Abraham Bachelder, jw; Louis Belanger, s.

Wilton, 156, Wilton. Justus Webster, m; Alonzo B Adams, sw; Anson Morseman, jw; Ansil Walker, s.

Pythagorean, 11, Fryeburg. Frank Y Bradley, m; Wyman H Jones, sw; Thomas S Pike, jw; Seth W. Fife, s.

Composite, 168, LaGrange. Marcellus Nason, m; Frank G Perkins, sw; Andrew H Dyer, jw; Osmer Kenney, s.

Solar, 14, Bath. W. Scott Shorey, m; John H Stantial, sw; John K Knowlton, jw; J Lurkin Douglas, s.

Atlantic, 81, Portland. G R Shaw, m; R K Gately, sw; A D Pearson, jw; A G Rogers, s.

Union, 31, Union. W A Albee, m; A D Wiley, sw; O A Bartlett, jw; C R Morton, s.

Greenleaf, 117, Cornish. Preston Durgin, m; Chas C O'Brien, sw; Geo F Merrill, jw; Roscoe G Smith, s.

Dirigo, 104, Weeks's Mills. D P Bolster, m; O F Rowe, sw; H S Gray, jw; O F Sproul, s.

Bristol, 574, Bristol. James H Varney, m; John Chamberlain, sw; Moses M Rhodes, jw; Wait K Weston, s.

Northern Star, 23, North Anson. Benj Adams, m; Benj Mantor, sw; Charles C Getchell, jw; Columbus S Mantor, s.

Benevolent, 87, Carmel. Charles H Kimball, m; Charles F Kimball, sw; Stillman H Friend, jw; Israel W Johnson, s.

Mechanics', 66, Orono. H C Powers, m; E E King, sw; W C Taylor, jw; A J Durgin, s.

Riverside, 135, Jefferson. E B Benner, m; L M Staples, sw; Geo C Pitcher, jw; S H Bond, s.

Ionic, 136, Gardiner. Benjamin S Smith, m; Philip H Winslow, sw; Weston Lewis, jw; Barrett A Cox, s.

Rising Sun, 71, Orland. Asa Conary, m; Hudson Saunders, sw; Aaron G Page, jw; James C Saunders, s.

Crescent, 78, Pembroke. Geo K Hatch, m; J A Leighton, sw; D McIntosh, jw; A G Levy, s.

St. Andrew's, 83, Bangor. George Lansil, m; Aug B Farnham, sw; George L Wentworth, jw; A B Marston, s.

Mystic Tie, 154, Weld. S E Perkins, m; E B Lufkin, sw; L L Jones, jw; M A Phillips, s.



Harwood, 91, Machias. Leander H Crane, m; Trescott Lawrence, sw; Wm G Stone, jw; Eliphalet S Means, s.

Ancient York, 155, Lisbon Falls. Samuel J White, m; Wm S Cotton, Jr., jw; George B Shorey, s.

Harmony, 38, Gorham. Kimball Eastman, m; L C Harmon, sw; W Clements, jw; J G Watson, s.

Freeport, 23, Freeport. O H Briggs, m; E S Soule, sw; W F Bennett, jw; G P Soule, s.

Temple, 25, Winthrop. Wm E Whitman, m; C S Kimball, sw; R C McIlroy, jw; W R White, s.

Meridian Splendor, 49, Newport. Nelson C Smith, m; Wilbur H Miles, sw; Charles H Merrill, jw; Hollis J Rowe, s.

Pleasant River, 163, Brownville. E P Fifield, m; M W Brown, sw; E H Pool, jw; J M Morrill, s.

King David's, 62, Lincolnville. Henry A Peirce, m; Robert W Perry, sw; Henry W Duncan, jw; David Howe, s.

Siloam, 92, Fairfield. T B Brown, m; Chas E Ward, sw; Geo L Learned, jw; A H Duren, s.

Vernon Valley, 99, Mount Vernon. Chas H Severy, m; Augustus F Smart, sw; Geo McGaffey, jw; Silas Burbank, s.

Felicity, 19, Bucksport. Guy W McAllister, m; Wesley Lockhart, sw; Adelbert G Webster, jw; Edwin P Hill, s.

Esoteric, 159, Ellsworth. Arthur W Greeley, m; William F Emerson, sw; Francis A Macomber, jw; Edward F Robinson, s.

Timothy Chase, 126, Belfast. Andrew E Chase, m; Joseph C Townsend, sw; Robert P Chase, jw; Jones E Davis, s.

Katahdin, 98, Patten. Jacob Saunders, m; Oliver Cobb, sw; William B Mitchell, jw; Samuel Clark, s.

#### Chapter Elections.

Union, 36, Mechanic Falls. E F Stevens, HP; P R Cobb, κ; J S Merrill, s; J E Adams, sec.

Mount Vernon, 1, Portland. Wm E Gibbs, HP; Leander W Fobes, κ; Jno C Small, s; Jno S Harris, sec.

Greenleaf, 13, Portland. Frank H Swett, HP; Geo R Shaw, κ; A K Paul, s; E E Chase, sec.

Stevens, 28, Newport. Francis M Shaw, HP; Elisha W Devereaux, κ; Hosea B Rackliff, s; Hollis J Rowe, sec.

Somerset, 15, Skowhegan. Albert G Blunt, HP; James H Frost, κ; Orrin A Priest, s; Charles M Lambert, sec.

#### Council Elections.

Portland, 4, Portland. R K Gately, m; J M Caldwell, DM; Geo R Shaw, PCW; Franklin Sawyer, REC.

Alpha, 3, Hallowell. J W Rowe, m; C B Morton, DM; J J Jones, PCW; Orlando Currier, REC.

#### Commandery Elections.

Portland, 1, Portland. John C Small, COM; J Y Hodsdon, GEN; Leander W Fobes, CG; Rev W E Gibbs, P; Frank H Swett, sw; A S Hinds, jw; John S Harris, REC.

St. Alban, 8, Portland. J A Locke, COM; F E Chase, GEN; L A Gray, CG; Franklin Sawyer, REC.

#### Constitutions.

Rising Star Lodge, No. 177, at Penobscot, was constituted November 2d, and the following officers installed: B. H. Cushman, M; E. R. Bowden, SW; F. M. Clement, JW;

Jerome Sellers, Treas; J. P. Grindal, Sec; H. B. Wardwell, Chaplain; Pearl B. Day, Tyler.

#### Installations.

The newly elected officers of Bethlehem Lodge of Masons were publicly installed Nov. 20th, in the presence of an audience that completely filled the enlarged hall. The retiring Master, M. M. Stone, who has served so faithfully, made a graceful and touching closing speech. The services of installation were performed in a most creditable manner by Dist. Deputy George P. Haskell. At the close speeches were made by the Hon. Josiah H. Drummond, of Portland, an illustrious Brother in the Order, who happened to be present in the city, S. L. Boardman, Esq., Dr. Brickett, Hon. S. J. Chadbourn, and A. D. Knight, Esq. A quartette club enlivened the exercises with music. Supper came next in order, and an adjournment was had to the banqueting hall, where two hundred and twenty-five masons and their lady friends sat down to a sumptuous supper. It was a most enjoyable occasion, and the new masonic home may now be considered properly dedicated. [Kennebec Journal.]

The installation of the officers of Union Lodge, No. 81, passed off in grand style at the Methodist chapel. About two hundred sat down to a pic-nic supper, provided by the masonic ladies, and everybody had a good time. A choir of ladies and gentlemen furnished music for the occasion. The officers were installed by Past District Deputy Grand Master S. W. Jones, of Union. The newly installed Master, Dr. W. A. Albee, delivered an excellent address, of which we can give but one or two prominent points. In speaking of the Order, he said: "Masonry teaches us to practice charity, to protect chastity, to respect the ties of blood and friendship, and to adopt the principles and to reverence the sacraments of religion. Its commands are in the still small voice of reason, fearlessly to face the proud in defence of the humble, kindly assist the feeble, guide the blind, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, raise the down trodden, be a father to the orphan, protect the government, encourage wisdom, love man, adore God, implore his mercy and hope for happiness and immortality." Woman, too, as well as masonry, received a gallant tribute from the speaker. "She is indeed the associate and companion of man in his pilgrimage here. Life is but a dreary solitude without her smiles. The allotments of nature have assigned her a sphere of duty in which the silent unisping virtues of the heart can speak the living language of love around the domestic hearth. Then at the sacred family altar she offers her vows and displays her charms. May she continue to erect her proud trophies of conquest, and grace her triumphs with the great and wise on whom her potent charms have riveted the chains of willing slavery. May she be content to enliven the social circle, and light up the smiles of domestic joy, resting assured that although necessarily excluded from sharing its labors, she yet has in the Fraternity a band of warm protectors, whom nothing but a renunciation of its privileges could for a moment influence to do her wrong, nor indeed resembling the vaunted champions of chivalry who would defend her honor in the lists and blast it in the bowers, but bound by the strongest obligations of virtue to undeviating rectitude of life." [Kennebec Journal.]

The officers of Portland Lodge, No. 1, at Portland, were publicly installed Tuesday evening, Dec. 12, by P. M. Joseph A. Locke. Music was furnished by a select quartette, (Stockbridge, Howard, Pearson and Shaw,) and 250 sat down to the supper after the cere-

monies. Joshua Dunn has been a member 55 years, and is the oldest now living. Edward Howe, a member of Ancient Landmark Lodge, was initiated in Portland Lodge, Feb. 4, 1807, and has therefore been a mason 70 years.

The officers of Siloam Lodge, at Fairfield, were publicly installed Jan. 6th, by District Dep. Gr. Master Simon S. Brown, in the presence of a large audience. Rev. C. Purington gave an interesting address.

#### Dedications.

On Monday, 4th instant, a new Masonic Hall was dedicated by Grand Master Moore, in Richmond, and we are informed that the Brethren of Richmond Lodge have provided themselves with a tasteful and commodious home, upon which we congratulate them.

The Hon. E. B. French has presented a valuable set of collars and jewels to the Ezra B. French Royal Arch Chapter of Free and Accepted Masons, at Damariscotta.

GARDINER. Hermon Lodge held a social at their hall, December 19th, attended by ladies and friends.

KNIGHT.—Judge Austin D. Knight, of Hallowell, celebrated his silver wedding November 21st. The Sir Knights of Trinity Commandery, of Augusta, and the brethren of Kennebec Lodge, of Hallowell, decided to commemorate that memorable event in the history of Brother Knight and lady, making it the occasion of a celebration, one which should alike be creditable to the Masonic fraternity and complimentary to the Brother who has the good fortune of ranking among their active members.

The occasion was observed "after the manner of masons" by the members of both organizations with their ladies and other friends, numbering one hundred and sixty, accompanied by the Hallowell Cornet Band, completely surprising the Brother by filling his house.

After partaking of his hospitality, Sir Knight Thompson, in behalf of the members of Trinity Commandery, presented the worthy couple with an elegantly wrought and costly "Ice Pitcher," when Sir Knight Day, in behalf of Kennebec Lodge, presented a splendid and costly "Silver Service." Other friends presented valuable and friendly tokens of their regard.

The occasion was enlivened by stirring speeches by Messrs. Dearborne, Paine, Sanborn, Clary, Jackson, Niles, Clapp, Crocker, Day, Thompson, Currier, and others, with music by the band, singing by the choir of the Universalist Society, with glees by Miss Vickery.

A poem, written for the occasion by Miss Nettie Waltz, was read. [Kennebec Journal.]

MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION.—The association now numbers 648 members. The following officers were elected at the annual meeting last evening:

President—A. M. Burton.  
Vice President—S. R. Leavitt.  
Secretary—A. E. Chase.  
Treasurer—Eben Corey.  
Finance Committee—Henry F. Perry, James F. Hawkes, George L. Bailey.

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CAN ANYBODY FIND AN OLDER ONE?—*Editor North American*:—I see in your paper this date, "Captain Hiram Ferris, of Fond du Lac, Wis., is the oldest mason in the United States. He joined in 1815, and is now 86 years old." Let me give you one that antedates our "Fraternal Brother" from Wisconsin. Colonel Augustus Stone Harmer, of Ohio, was made a mason in American Union Lodge, No. 1, Marietta, Ohio, in 1803, and is a member of the same lodge now, having been a consistent mason over seventy-three years in the oldest lodge west of the Alleghanies.

J. C. MORRISON, 405 Market street. Philadelphia, December 20, 1876.

He goes nearly to the head, but "as we have frequent remarked to Ben Nye," Peter Hammond, Genesee, Illinois, 1799, is the oldest, and Capt. John Knight, Manchester, Mass., 1801, the next. Mr. Harmer comes third. Col Reuben H. Green, Winslow, Me., 1804, whom a *Boston Journal* Correspondent thinks is the oldest, is No. 4. Stephen Trowbridge, Milford, Conn., 1805, is No. 5. Peter Talbot, East Machias, Me., 1806, is No. 6. Edward Howe, Portland, Me., 1806, is No. 7. James Rackliff, Portland, Me., 1808, is No. 8. William Daggett, Warren, Me., 1809, is No. 9. Hon. James Garland, Lynchburg, Va., 1812, is No. 10. After that they get thick, and the 1815 masons are plenty. We have five in Maine that beat that, Nos. 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

KENTUCKY FREEMASON. Bro. Henderson makes a last appeal to his subscribers to pay up old indebtedness. He says since he took the paper he has not received three hundred dollars from subscribers, while he has expended as many thousands. It is his opinion that "a masonic journal cannot be run successfully in this country."

Past Grand High Priest ROBERT F. BOWER, of Iowa, has been presented with an elegant gold jewel by his Masonic Companions, "in remembrance of duty well and faithfully done,"—a most deserving recognition.

Herman Markson, an assignee in bankruptcy, in Leavenworth, has brought suit for libel against the *Times, of that city. Some time ago the proprietor of the *Times*, having a suit in the District Court, Markson was called upon the stand as a witness, and swore that he would not believe the former upon oath, etc. The former then wrote a letter to a Masonic Lodge in this city, of which he was a member, saying he did not wish to sit in the lodge with such a man as Markson, who was also a member, as he had sworn on the witness stand in a Court upon oath to what he knew to be a lie, and withdrawing from the lodge. Upon this letter, therefore, Markson sues and claims damages to character in the sum of \$20,000.*

It is reported that Frederick Burgess, until recently principal owner in the New England Cork Company, of Providence, and a business man of good repute, in his capacity as treasurer of the Providence Royal Arch Chapter of Masons, has wrongfully used moneys of the Chapter, amounting from \$2,500 to \$6,000, and also moneys belonging to the chapel fund of Grace Church. The masonic body has placed attachments upon his property amounting to \$9,000. The church folks, it is said, compelled him to settle.

At the Installation of St. Alban Commandery, Jan. 11, the retiring Commander, B. F. Andrews, was presented with a Past Commander's Jewel.

*The Old Farmers' Almanac* is received from Loring, Short & Harmon, Portland, and from Brewer & Tileston, Boston.

The Grand Lodge of New York laid the corner stone of Hahnemann Hospital at the corner of Tenth Avenue and Sixty-seventh street, New York City, Oct. 25th.

The Providence *Freemason's Repository* has commenced its sixth volume, changed to magazine form, 32 octavo pages. It was always admirable.

*The Pen and Plow* is an elegant monthly agricultural paper, published in New York at \$1 per year. It must be a family favorite.

The Hon. Peleg Sprague, who represented the Kennebec district from 1825 to 1829, and was Senator in Congress from this State from 1829 to 1835, is now afflicted with the entire loss of his eyesight. He resides in Boston, at the greatly advanced age of nearly eighty-four years.

He is Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine, and the only survivor of those who organized the Grand Lodge in 1821.

DR. THOS. J. CORSON, in his Report on Correspondence to the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, says:

As we write, memory takes us back to those pleasant days spent in Portland, when we received so many acts of kindness and courtesy from that dear old man whose heart is ever young, Companion Ira Berry; \* \* \* \* \* from Drummond and Dodge, and everybody-else whom we met. God bless them, one and all.

VICK'S FLORAL GUIDE, No. 1, for 1877, is received. Beautifully illustrated. Price 25c. a year. James Vick, Rochester, N. Y.

MASONIC LECTURES.—This is the season when our readers will be glad to get the address of popular masonic lecturers:—Rev. C. C. Mason, Kent's Hill, Me.; Rev. E. C. Bolles, Salem, Mass.; Rev. James O. Thompson, Cohasset, Mass.

DEATH OF JOHN DOVE.—Bro. John Dove, the oldest male citizen of Richmond, and Grand Secretary of all the Masonic Grand Bodies in Virginia, died in Richmond, Nov. 16th, in the 85th year of his age. His funeral took place Saturday afternoon. Dr. Dove's career as a mason was the most remarkable on record. He was Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge forty-one years, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter fifty-eight years, and Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery thirty-one years, and in all that time he never missed a single session of one of them. Dr. Dove was born in Richmond, Sept. 2, 1792, and belonged to the old school of accomplished Virginia gentlemen. For more than sixty years of his life he was an active and valuable member of the medical profession, and for a long time was President of the City Council. In December, 1813, he

was initiated into St. John's Lodge, No. 36, A. F. and A. M., which then met in an old wooden building on Carey street. On Nov. 18, 1818, he was installed Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, succeeding Mr. Worrack, who was elected in 1808. Dec. 13, 1835, Dr. Dove succeeded John Green Williams as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, and in December, 1845, at the reorganization of the Gr. Encampment Knights Templar, he was elected Grand Recorder. In 1824, Lafayette, while on a visit to Richmond, visited Richmond Lodge, No. 10, in the old Masonic Hall, on Franklin Street, which was dedicated in 1783, and which is still used as a place of meeting by the same Lodge. Dr. Dove, then a Grand Officer, introduced (as the minute book will show) the distinguished Mason to the Craft. Dr. Dove had taken the thirty-two Scottish Rite degrees, and had been offered the honorary thirty-third, but declined. He never held any communication with the bodies of the Scottish Rite, saying that he did not believe in so much "fancy" masonry. In May, 1843, he presided over the Convention held in Baltimore for the purpose of reconciling the "work" in the United States, and in 1845 he published, by authority of this Convention, "Dove's Text Book." This masonic work is universally used in Virginia. It is also popular throughout most of the Southern States, and has run through its fourth edition. Dr. Dove was a fine linguist, and kept up a regular correspondence with all foreign Grand Lodges. On the fiftieth anniversary of his Grand Secretaryship of the Grand Chapter, he was presented with a heavy fob chain, containing fifty rows of links, in token of the honor and esteem in which he was held. Dr. Dove was a vestrymen in the old historic St. John's Church, and up to a few months ago was among the most regular worshippers there. [Philadelphia Chronicle.

SUGGESTION.—If you have an indigent unemployed member in your lodge, set him to canvassing for the *Token*, and his twenty-five per cent. commission will benefit him, while the reading will benefit those whom he induces to subscribe.

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On Thursday evening, Oct. 12, Lewiston Lodge of Perfection was constituted by Ill. H. H. Dickey, 33°, and the following officers elected and installed: W. J. Burnham, T. P. G. M.; F. I. Day, H. T. Dep. G. M.; Aug. Callahan, Ven. S. G. Warden; F. T. Faulkner, Ven. J. G. Warden; H. H. Dickey, G. Orator; Joseph H. Stetson, G. Treas.; Seth D. Wakefield, G. Sec. K. S.; T. M. Varney, G. M. of C.; C. H. Jumper, G. Capt. of G.; David Cowan, G. Hosp. Bro.; John Garner, G. Tyler.

On Tuesday evening, Oct. 17, the annual meeting of Eusebius Conclave of Knights of R. C. of Constantine was held, and the following officers elected and installed: Augustus Callahan, Sovereign; Wm. J. Burnham, Viceroy; F. T. Faulkner, Senior General; David Cowan, Junior General; F. I. Day, High Prelate; J. H. Stetson, Treasurer; Seth D. Wakefield, Recorder.



## PUBLICATIONS

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- Paris Lodge, South Paris,.....40
- Forest Lodge, Springfield,.....25
- Crescent Lodge, Pembroke,.....30
- Cumberland Lodge, No. 12, New Gloucester,.....50
- Greenleaf Lodge, No. 117, Cornish,.....30
- Rising Sun Lodge, No. 7, Orland,.....25
- Alna Lodge, No. 43, Damariscotta,.....30
- Tremont Lodge, No. 77, Tremont,.....20
- Waterville Lodge, No. 33, Waterville,.....90
- Sebastiack Lodge, No. 146, Clinton,.....30
- Howard Lodge, No. 69, Winterport,.....30
- Somerset Lodge, No. 34, Skowhegan,.....50
- Crescent Chapter, No. 26, Pembroke,.....30

## BURNING OF MASONIC HALL IN PORTLAND.

At midnight, on Friday, December 22d, a fire was discovered in the gas office, which quickly spread to Masonic Hall above. The main hall, on account of the French roof, was finished three feet in from the outer walls, which left an open space through which the flames quickly ran up to the roof and through the attic. A dense smoke filled the rooms and poured into the streets in volumes. The firemen attacked the flames below, and in the large hall, and it was at first thought that the fire was checked, but shortly the alarming discovery was made that the whole roof was on fire, and the attack became general. It was difficult to breathe, and but little property could be removed. By plunging into the smoke and emerging quickly, the charters, jewels, and a small portion of the masonic library, was secured. The principal attention was bestowed upon the Grand Lodge prop-

erty below, as the records and library there could not be replaced. As soon as it became evident that the fire could not be checked at the main hall, the removal of the Grand Lodge property was commenced, and the most valuable articles were transported carefully into Centennial Block next above. A fierce storm was raging, with sleet and snow; torrents of water poured from the roof, on which several heavy streams were playing, and the water was knee deep in the street in front of the building, so that those who volunteered in this labor were quickly wet to the skin, but the work was continued until the engineers warned them out of the building, when the door was locked and the remainder of the library left to take its chance, not without a strong hope that the great body of water thrown upon it would protect it from destruction by fire. The flames continued to burn three or four hours, totally destroying the third and fourth stories, and the falling walls broke through into the smaller room occupied by the Grand Lodge, damaging some pamphlets piled up there, but on opening the larger room, the remainder of the library was found but little damaged by water, and was quickly removed to a place of safety. A Grand Lodge room was at once engaged in Fluent Block, at the head of Exchange street (which block narrowly escaped total destruction by fire the same night), and the Grand Secretary at once went to work to sort out and arrange the property. The gratification at saving the large and invaluable library of the Grand Lodge, which is one of the finest masonic libraries in the country, and which contains many rare proceedings that could not be replaced, largely consoles the fraternity for the almost total destruction of their private masonic property. The Portland Masonic Library contained nearly three hundred and fifty bound volumes, and perhaps half as much more material not arranged, and was worth from \$1,200 to \$1,400. It was insured for \$750, and 97 volumes worth about \$300, were saved. As this library was not complete in many series, the increased contributions of books which this misfortune will win from its friends, will doubtless soon place it in as good condition as before, except perhaps some of the Proceedings, which we fear cannot be replaced. The "great fire" of '66 so thoroughly deprived us of time-honored relics, that there is no great loss in that direction to report. A valuable portrait in oil, of Henry H. Boody, by Cole, the property of Ancient Landmark Lodge, will be most deplored. A photographic copy of it is preserved, however, as well as negatives of the pictures of Oliver Gerrish, Freeman Bradford, Charles Fobes and Ira Berry, which hung in Egyptian Hall, and these can all be replaced. The organ will be much lamented, especially by Bro. Wm. W. Ross, who collected the subscription with which it was purchased, but as it was fully insured, we may confidently expect to have a new one exactly like it from the same

builder, which the good Brother can readily persuade himself is the same one which nightly affords him such delightful music in his dreams in his distant home. A committee had just been appointed to apply water to the organ for blowing it. They report that water was successfully applied, and the organ blown all to pieces. It is needless to say that the committee was promptly discharged. Notwithstanding the devastation in the armory, many of the uniforms came out unscathed and damaged only by smoke, and the elegant chest of drawers put in by Blanquefort Commandery would have preserved all their costumes if the falling timbers had not broken into it.

The block was regarded as one of the safest in town. It was lighted with gas and heated by steam, and in the lower story are two watchmen day and night. It is thought that rats caused the fire by igniting matches.

The following list of losses and insurance will tell the rest of the story:

	Loss.	Insurance.
Masonic Trustees,	\$15,598	\$12,524
Grand Lodge,	300	200
Grand Chapter,	350	350
Grand Commandery,	250	00
Grand Council,	250	00
Mount Vernon Chapter,	850	600
Greenleaf Chapter,	860	600
Portland and St. Alban Com- manderies, joint,	3,500	3,000
Portland Commandery,	5,000	4,000
St. Alban "	5,000	4,000
Blanquefort "	250	00
Portland Council R. & S. M.,	300	00
Maine Consistory,	1,300	1,000
Dunlap Chapter Rose Croix,	700	600
Council Princes Jerusalem,	500	00
Yates Lodge of Perfection,	1,300	1,000
	36,308	27,874

The Organ insurance, \$2,000, and Library, \$750, is included in the first item.

The removal of the Odd Fellows to their new rooms in Farrington Block on the first of January, left their old quarters in Jose's Block opportunely vacant, and they were immediately secured as temporary quarters. The first meeting was held there Wednesday evening, January 3d, by Ancient Landmark Lodge, and a large number were present, all of whom looked upon the matter very cheerfully, hopeful of soon being located as pleasantly as before.

A clause in the old lease provided that it should cease if the leased premises should be totally destroyed, and the Trustees are now considering the best arrangement for securing new quarters. A few sanguine members are anxious to build, and the Savings Bank are also willing to sell the old building at \$25,000 less than its original cost, the insurance rebuilding it, but those bodies who have been at work nearly a century, gathering their funds, will hardly be willing to put them in as a nest egg to be added for the gratification of any setting hen. The funds are too small



and their experience too large; and the swamping establishments in Boston, Baltimore, New York and other places are too fair a warning to be disregarded. But if any one laments that this opportunity should pass, let him remember that there is a way to drive the fraternity inevitably to build for themselves. That is, to invest a sum, even as small as \$1,000, in such a way that it will accumulate until applied to the building of a suitable hall. It would be liable to frequent additions, and could be soon invested in a snitable lot with productive buildings on it, to remain until such time as the masons should be ready to gather it in by putting enough with it to build. It would need the condition that the enterprise should not be commenced until funds enough were raised to complete it without mortgaging it for more than one-quarter its value. Whatever we do, we must never ask the masons outside of the city to assess themselves to build for us. It is true that generous and liberal subscriptions would be freely offered for such a purpose, but the fraternity here is not large or rich enough to undertake such a task at present, and a score of years would find us without funds or building, and the generous contributions but have gone into the pockets of the money changers, leaving us only vexation of spirit and a mine of wisdom.

The Chapters and Commanderies will be able to refit immediately. The Council, with its usual ill-fortune, is beggared, and will have to lay an assessment to get started with. The Council of Princes of Jerusalem was equally unfortunate. The Scottish Rite bodies will probably not refit until permanent quarters are prepared, but get along in the old time way for the present. We shall be happy to take charge of all contributions to the Masonic Library, and any masonic publication will be welcomed. Will not enough of our members come forward to subscribe for every masonic publication in the country, and, after reading them, turn them into the library for binding? This will benefit the magazines, the subscriber and the library each more than the other, and be an admirable example. Our printed "List of Exchanges" gives the address of all the valuable publications, and by communicating with us, it can be arranged so as to cover the list.

Some masonic papers have expressed regret at the loss of our valuable Records and the Grand Lodge Library. They are all safe. The records were kept in a fire proof vault in the basement. We learned that in 1866.

#### OUR LIBRARIES.

THE GRAND LODGE LIBRARY was again saved. None of the bound volumes were lost, and but a few damaged by water to the extent of having to be rebound. The files of Proceedings of other Grand Bodies were saved nearly complete: a few pamphlets are missing, and a few are so fully saturated with water as to be spoiled; but these are of recent date and can be easily replaced.

But the unbound sheets of the Grand Lodge Reprint and our reserved Proceedings of recent years suffered badly. Some signatures of the former were entirely destroyed: while the edges of many packages were burned and all were thoroughly soaked, but much of the lot will, by drying, be legible and a good deal better than none.

PORTLAND MASONIC LIBRARY suffered badly. Every volume of Proceedings (save one, those of the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin from 1859 to 1872) and every pamphlet, of which there was a large collection, were destroyed. Among the bound volumes were full sets of the Proceedings of all our own Grand Bodies, those of the General Grand Chapter, the Grand Encampment, the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction since 1863 and the reprint of those before, and the Reprint of the Grand Commandery of New York. Several of these cannot be replaced, and files of other Grand Bodies are in the same category. The set of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge belonging to Ancient Landmark Lodge were in the Library and shared its fate.

The loss in magazines is also much to be regretted. Of Moore's Freemasons' Magazine, Vols. 5 to 8, inclusive; of the Masonic Review, Vols. 3 to 31, inclusive, and many of the subsequent ones; Vols. 1, 2 and 6 of the Ashlar; and volumes of the Signet & Mirror, London Freemason, Masonic Union, a full set of Gouley's Freemason, nearly a full set of the Trowel, a full set of the Evergreen, Mackey's National Freemason and many others, which were the result of ten years' labor and care in collecting, are gone. And the worst of it is, that while our Hall and its furniture and appointments can be made new at their former cost, a book destroyed cannot be.

But the Brethren are not discouraged: renewed and stronger efforts will be made to restore the library. Indeed, if we were disposed to be discouraged, the generous offers of assistance, that came so promptly upon the news of our loss, would revive our courage and re-animate our endeavors.

It should be said that, special efforts were made to save Moore's Magazine, and while they succeeded in a gratifying degree, the blinding smoke prevented full success.

The following is a list of the books saved:

Moore's Magazine, Vols. 9 to 31, inc.,	23
New England Freemason,	2
Masonic Monthly,	7
Voice of Masonry, Vols. 1 to 12, less 4 & 5,	10
Signet & Journal, Vols. 1 to 5,	5
Signet and Mirror, Vols. 3, 4 and 8,	3
American Freemason, 8 vo., Vols. 3 & 4,	2
Ashlar, Vols. 3, 4, 5,	3
Michigan Freemason, Vols. 1 to 4,	4
Western Freemason, 4 Vols. in 3,	3
The Temple,	2
Proc. Gr. Commandery of Wisconsin,	1
Hyneman's Mirror & Keystone, Vols. 1, 2, 3,	3
Chase's Journal, Vols. 2 to 6, inc.,	5

The Keystone, Vols. 1, 2 and 5,	3
Repository, Vols. 1 and 2 in one,	1
Book of Lodge,	1
American Freemason (Ky), Vols. 3, 4, 5, in 2,	2
Hyneman's Home Book,	2
Vol. 32 of Moore's Magazine, Vols. 4 and 5 of the Voice of Masonry, Vol. 3 of the Canadian Freemason, and four volumes of the Mystic Star were at the binder's and escaped.	

J. H. D.

Later. I am very glad to learn that the following volumes have been found among the Grand Lodge books:

Supreme Council S. M. J., 1860-1872,	2
" " N. M. J.,	3
Grand Council Vermont,	1
" " Illinois,	1
" " Commandery Ohio,	1
The following were out of the Library in the hands of brethren:	
Masonic Record, Vol. 1,	1
Ashlar, " 11,	1
American Freemason, 8vo., Vols. 5 and 6 in one,	1
Masonic Review, Vol. x,	1
Grand Lodge Me., Vol. VII,	103-1

The *Pacific Appeal*, an organ of Colored Masonry in San Francisco, has an article by DAN D. LYON, taking the *Token* article "Has Masonry a Mission?" as a text. He replies that "The mission of American Masonry seems to be to oppress the oppressed, to keep a struggling people down, to yet continue to trample under foot a people who have already been most fearfully wronged, outraged beyond conception."

He also alludes to "unkind remarks of the *Token* about the colored masons of Ohio in particular and colored masons in general," in which he probably means some other paper, as the *Token* has had only the kindest language for them. But he must not lose sight of this fact, that while as men they have suffered outrage and wrong, as masons they have nothing to complain of, for Masonry is simply a privilege, and not a right until you get it, when of course you don't complain. The manly attitude taken by many of the leading colored masons on this subject has won our hearty respect, and inspired the wish that in due time they might be successful. To do this they must heal their own internal dissensions and grade up their membership to a higher standard than the white, as we should have to do were the case reversed and in Africa or Dominica. And the recognition must come from the Southern Grand Lodges first; it is not our place to force the African masons upon them.

But, if the recognition is to be claimed as a right to be struggled for, we decidedly oppose it, as we should the recognition of any body who came in that particular way.

Some time ago we received a proposition from a New York Lawyer to advertise "Divorces obtained without publicity." Not wishing to help that kind of business, we







the Cross. He came to this country soon afterwards, and remaining here, dimitted from the Lodge, Chapter, Encampment, &c., in Ireland, and deposited the dimit in Philadelphia. He was, at the time of his death, a member of Trenton Lodge, No. 5, Three Times Three Chapter and Palestine Commandery, of Trenton, N. J.

His dimit from Lodge No. 235, at Colerain, bears date May 29th, 1807, and is a curious looking document, the seal being of wax. The dimit from the Commandery is a peculiarly worded instrument, bearing the same date, and reads as follows:

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By the above it will be seen that the deceased had been a Master Mason seventy-one years and seven months, and a Knight Templar seventy years and eleven months, and was in his 93d year.

The deceased was greatly respected for his many sterling qualities, and died full of years and honors. He was interred Oct. 23d, at two o'clock, with masonic honors, in Riverview Cemetery.

A short time before he died, he requested that a tombstone should be placed over his grave, and that Sir Knight Thos. J. Corson should write the inscription. [Trenton True American.

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## DIED.

In this city, Nov. 24th, Capt. Charles Littlejohn, aged 63 years, 2 months. He was buried at Evergreen Cemetery, 26th, by Portland Lodge.

In Deering, Dec. 6th, Daniel Winslow, aged 77. He carried on the beef packing business in this city up to the year 1857. After that time he went into the machinery business and continued it until a few years before his death. He was a member of the City Council during the first year of Portland's existence as a city, has been President of the Mechanics' Charitable Association, Master of Atlantic Lodge of Masons, and a member of Portland Commandery and of the Aged Brotherhood. While a resident of Portland, Mr. Winslow owned and occupied the house now owned by Col. L. D. M. Sweet. He was married to Miss Jane Smith, of Portland, and leaves six children, four sons and two daughters, all married but two. The funeral took place from his late residence at Deering Point, Saturday afternoon, Dec. 9th. In the dark days of masonry, we find Bro. Winslow's name as present both in the subordinate and in the Grand bodies.

In this city, Jan. 11th, Elizabeth, wife of our venerable brother Jonathan Smith, aged 81.

## Our Masonic Exchanges

*Masonic Eclectic*, Washington, D. C., by G. H. Ramey. Monthly, 48 pp., \$2.

*The Square*, Masonic Publishing Co., 626 Broadway, New York. Monthly, \$1.

*Evening Chronicle*, Philadelphia. Masonic department. Democratic Daily. \$6.

*The Keystone*, weekly, Box 1503, Philadelphia. \$3 per year.

*The Hebrew Leader*, Weekly. 196 Broadway, N. Y. \$5. Masonic department.

*The Craftsman*, Hamilton, Ont., J. J. Mason. Monthly, octavo, \$1.50.

*Masonic Advocate*, Indianapolis, Ind., Martin H. Rice, P. G. Master, Editor and proprietor. Monthly, \$1.25, 16 quarto pp.

*Freemasons' Repository*, Ferrin & Hammond, Providence, R. I. Monthly \$1.50.

*Masonic Jewel*, A. J. Wheeler, Memphis, Tenn. 24 quarto pp., monthly, \$1.

*Loomis' Musical and Masonic Journal*, New Haven, Conn. Monthly, 20 quarto pages, of which four are new music, \$1.

*Masonic Review*, Cincinnati, Ohio, Cornelius Moore. 68 pp. octavo. \$2.50.

*Masonic Chronicle*. D. Sickels, New York. Monthly.

*La Chaîne D'Union de Paris*, Journal de la Maçonnerie Universelle. Paris, France, Rue de la Vieille-Estrapade, 9, M. Hubert, editor. Monthly, 14 francs (\$2.80) per year.

*Kentucky Freemason*, Frankfort, Kentucky, monthly, \$2.00.

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