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Lancelot.

TENNYSON.

A bow-shot from her bower-eaves, He rode between the barley sheaves. The sun came dazzling thro' the leaves, And flamed upon the brazen greaves Of bold Sir Lancelot.

A red-eross knight forever kneeled To a lady in his shield,
That sparkled on the yellow field,
Beside remote Shalott.

The gemmy bridle glittered free,
Like to some branch of stars we see
Hung in the golden Galaxy.
The bridle bells rang merrily
As he rode down to Camelot:
And from his blazoned baldric slung
A mighty silver bugle hung.
And as he rode his armor rung,
Beside remote Shalott,

All in the blue, unclouded weather,
Thick-jeweled shone the saddle-leather.
The helmet and the helmet-feather
Burned like one burning flame together,
As he rode down to Camelot:
As often thro' the purple night,
Below the starry clusters bright,
Some bearded meteor, trailing light,
Moves over still Shalott.

His broad, clear brow in sunlight glowed;
On burnished hooves his war-horse trode;
From underneath his helmet flowed
His coal-black curls as on he rode,
As he rode down to Camelot.
From the bank and from the river
He flashed into the crystal mirror,
"Tirra lirra," by the river

"Tirra lirra," by the river Sang Sir Lancelot.

MASONRY IN MAINE.

Lodge Elections.

Portland, 1, Portland. R B Swift, m; Albro E Chase, sw; Charles L Drummond, jw; CO Leach, sec.

Hiram, 180, Cape Elizabeth. F M Garden, m; Stephen Scamman, sw; W R Anthoine, jw; E N Jordan, sec.

Casco, 36, Yarmouth. John Smith, m; Thomas Ward, sw; Benjamin Chadsey, jw; Josiah Walker, sec.

Installed by P. M. Nicholas Drinkwater, after which a collation was served in the town hall. Seventy-five were present from Freeport Lodge

Ancient Land-Mark, 17, Portland. Emery S Ridlon, m; Geo T Means, sw; Thomas B Merrill, sw; John S Russell, sec.

Cumberland, 12, New Gloucester. John W Sturgis, m; Chas E Robinson, Danville, sw; Chas Megquier, Gray, jw; George H Goding, Danville, sec.

Charles Megquier was J.W. of this lodge in 1826 and 1845, S.W. in 1848 and 1851, and W. Master in 1827, 1849 and 1853.

Pythagorean, 11, Fryeburg. B Walker McKeen, m; Wallace R Tarbox, sw; Frank E Howe, jw; T L Eastman, sec.

Installed by P. M. Samuel O. Wiley. Forty-six members present. Collation-enjoyable occasion.

Pine Tree, 172, Mattawamkeag. Wilbur F Lovejoy, m; Samuel W Moore, sw; Wm H Libbey, jw; George W Smith, sec.

Atlantic, 81, Portland. Geo E Raymond, ; C C Bedlow, sw; W G Norris, jw; Franklin Fox, sec.

Morning Star, 41, Litchfield. Cyrus Kindrick, m; Gardiner Roberts, Jr, sw; Wm H Bosworth, jw; Geo W Springer, sec.

Maine, No. 20, Farmington. S Clifford Belcher, m; William E Dresser, sw; Frederick H Webster, jw; Geo B Cragin, sec.

Day Spring, 107, West Newfield. John T Wentworth, m: A: Q Mitchell. sw: Howard H Doe, jw; John P Wood, sec.

Archon, 139, East Dixmont. A W Knowlton, m; A R Croxford, sw; Alonzo Tasker, jw; Amos Whitney, sec.

Asylum, 133, Wayne. Thomas King, m; Hamilton J Ridley, sw; J Putnam Stevens, jw; Williston Jennings, sec.

Keystone, 80, Solon. Charles B McIntire, m; Oliver B French, sw; Moses Thompson, jw; Turner Buswell, sec.

Trojan, 134, West Troy. Milton Carleton, m; E M Barker, sw; M Bickmore, jw; Aug C Myrick, sec.

Blazing Star, 30, Rumford. Florus H Bartlett, m; E Hopkins Hutchins, sw; Jesse B Howe, jw; Freeman E Small, sec.

Sebasticook, 146, Clinton. David S Wardwell, m; Reuel W Gerald, sw; Simon W Baker, jw; E Hammons, sec.

St. George, 16, Warren. H W Robinson, m; C A Perry, sw; R C Clark, jw; C J McCallum, sec.

Bethlehem, 35, Augusta. Henry F Blanchard, m; Samuel W Lane, sw; John W Rowe, jw; P M Fogler, sec.

Oriental, 13, Bridgton. Micajah Gleason, m; James P Lown, sw; Frank P Bennett, jw; Millard M Caswell, sec.

Star in the East, 60, Oldtown. Rodney C jw; James C Saunders, sec. Penney, m; Cha's F McCulloch, sw; Cha's Mosaic, 52, Foxeroft. T H Gray, jw; George T Sewall, sec.

Forest, 148, Springfield. Cha's R Brown, m; Francis M Johnson, sw; Edwin A Reed, jw; John A Larrabee, sec.

Vernon Valley, 99, Mt. Vernon. Charles H Severy, m; Everett E Lowell, sw; Orman F. French, jw; Silas Burbank, sec.

Rural, 53, Sidney. C T Hamlen, m; A H Bailey, sw; J F Warren, jw; L G Tilley,

Fraternal, 55, Alfred. Asa L Ricker, m;

Luke H Roberts, sw; George W Roberts, jw; Alonzo Leavitt, sec.

Ancient Brothers', 178, Auburn. Nathaniel M Neal, m; Isaac S Robinson, sw; Charles H Parker, jw; Edwin T Stevens, sec.

Central, 45, China. Wm S Hunnewell, m; Marshall B Hammond, sw; Geo B Pray, jw; Willis W Washburn, sec.

Arion, 162, Goodwin's Mills. Cyrus W Murphy, m; Albert V Wakefield, sw; Geo H Moore, jw; James W. Smith, sec.

Solar, 14, Bath. Walter G Webber, m; Oscar F Williams, sw; John O Shaw, jw; J Lufkin Douglas, sec.

Installed Jan. 2d by P. M. H. A. Duncan. Music, speeches and a supper followed.

Alna, 43, Damariscotta. Granville M Sykes, sw; Alexander S Teague, jw; Wm A Jones, sec.

Felicity, 19, Bucksport. John Douglass, m; Elias Bowden, sw; Albert H Genn, jw; Edwin P Hill, sec.

Dirigo, 104, Weeks's Mills. Frank C Plummer, m; Joseph A Banks, sw; A D Miller, jw; Orren F. Sproul, sec.

Dunlap, 47, Biddeford. George H Monroe. m; John Garside, sw; Royal E Gould, jw; Tristram Hanson, sec.

Tyrian, 73, Mechanic Falls. H N Whittle, m; J F Briggs, sw; H C Bray, jw; Edw F Edgecomb, sec.

Trinity, 130, Presque Isle. Frederick G Parker, m; Sidney Graves, sw; L T Manson, jw; William R Piper, sec

Eastern, 7, Eastport. W F Bradish, m; R C Green, sw; J H Rumery, jw; Noel B

Freeport, 23, Freeport. John L Taylor, m; A L Josselyn, sw; J E Davis, jw; Amos Field, sec.

Dorie, 149, Monson. A Gray, m; W H Pullen, sw; W H Jackson, jw; J F Sprague, sec.

Acacia, 121, Durham. Augustus H Parker, m; Cha's S Fenlason, sw; True Tuttle, jw; Lora Newell, sec.

Crescent, 78, Pembroke. John Mincher, m; B A Campbell, sw; I H Leighton, jw; John C Campbell, sec.

York, 22, Kennebunk. m; George L Little, sw; Gustavus E Bucknam, jw; Francis C Simonds, sec.

Rising Sun, 71, Orland. Aaron G Page, m; Fred A Saunders, sw; George Hancock,

Mosaic, 52, Foxeroft. Thomas P Elliott, m; Willis E Parsons, sw; Edwin P Sampson, jw; E B Averill, sec.

Mystic, 65, Hampden. Alonzo M Taylor, m; Henry W Hammond, sw; Lemuel K Stubbs, jw; William E Bogart, sec.

Bristol, 74, Bristol. Charles E Chamberlain, m; E J Ervine, sw; J M Bryant, jw; James H Varney, sec.

Mount Desert, 140, Mount Desert. Thaddeus Somes, m; John J Somes, sw; Mark T Richardson, jw; Lyman H Somes, sec.

Eastern Frontier, 112, Fort Fairfield. Henry O Perry, m; John F Currier, sw; James S Stevens, jw; William C Burpee, sec.

Jefferson, 100, Bryant's Pond. William Day, m; A Mont. Chase, sw; Stephen L Ethridge, jw; Alden Chase, sec.

King David's, 62, Lincolnville. Joseph S Crehore, m; Edward P Hohn, sw; Edward M Coleman, jw; David Howe, sec.

Timothy Chase, 126, Belfast. Charles H Field, m; Robert P Chase, sw; Fred T jw; Waldo B Washburn, sec.

Olive Branch, 124, Charleston. Cassius B Brann, m; Thomas J Peaks, sw; John L Herrick, jw; Oscar L Smith, sec.

St. Croix, 46, Calais. E. C. Goodnow, m; J. F. Oliver, sw; J. E. Collins, jw; S. D. Morrell, sec.

Penobscot, 39, Dexter. Edwin G Libby, m; Joseph H Fitzgerald, sw; Samuel Morrill, jw; Newell H Bates, sec.

Lebanon, 116, Norridgewock. Fred. G Danforth, m; Cha's W Farrand, sw; Fred S Lawton. jw; Wm J Haynes, sec.

Cambridge, 157, Cambridge. Charles C Hale, m; John W Cole, sw; Jacob T Brown, jw; Nathaniel L Hooper, sec.

Monument, 96, Houlton. Henry F Collins, m; David O Floyd, sw; Cha's E Robertson, jw; Charles H Wilson, sec.

Harwood, 91, Machias. Leander H Crane, m; Melville J Allen, sw; Wm G Stone, jw; Eliphalet S Means, sec.

Bro. Crane has served as Master seven successive years. The election was followed by a banquet at the Eastern Hotel, where the waiters were charming young ladies. We trust the *Keystone* and Bro. Hubert of the *Chaine d'Union* will find nothing unmasonic such service.

Warren, 2, East Machias. Geo D Cosseboom, m; Wm Rushton, sw; LS Cary, jw; JFT Greenwood, sec.

Chapter Elections.

Greenleaf, 13, Portland. HINelson, HP; JB Dunbar, K; TP Shaw, S; FE Chase,

Oriental, 30, Lovell. A N French, HP; Thaddeus Cross, K; A P Gordon, s; Geo S Farnsworth, sec.

Eastern, 10, Eastport. Frank S Paine, HP; Benj F Harris, K; A V Bradford, s; L Holitzer, sec.

Union, 36, Mechanic Falls. J F Briggs, HP; William Watters, K; H C Bray, s; Edward F Stevens, sec.

Franklin, 44, Farmington. Archie L Talbot, nr; David H Knowlton, k; John R Eaton, s; George B Cragin, sec.

Dunlap, 12, China. John Taylor, HP; L W Rollins, K; W S Hunnewell, S; W W Washburn, sec.

Lebanon, 18, Gardiner. Geo W Gardiner, HP; Wm J Landers, K; George W Dow, s; Henry S Webster, sec.

Ezra B French, 42, Damariscotta. John W David, HP; Franklin Clark, κ; Samuel Oliver, s; William A Jones, sec.

Hancock, 19, Bucksport. Avery H Whitmore, HP; Joshua P Hooper, K; James W Patterson, S; Edwin P Hill, sec.

t Crescent, 26, Pembroke. John Mincher, нг; David Wilber, к; Duncan McIntosh, s; Joseph Wilder, Jr., sec.

Council Elections.

Portland, 4, Portland. S F Bearce, M; R B King, DM; A E Chase, PCW; Franklin Sawyer, rec.

Commandery Elections.

Portland, 2, Portland. Leander W Fobes, Ec; Sullivan C Andrews, c; Geo L Beal, cc; John S Russell, rec.

St. Alban, 8, Portland. A G Schlotterbeck, Ec; H I Nelson, G; A E Chase, CG; Franklin Sawyer, rec.

St. Bernard, 11, Eastport. Tho's M Bibber, EC; W C Newcomb, G; W Hatheway, CG; Noel B Nutt, Jr., rec.

Festivals.

Ancient Brothers' Lodge, Auburn, had a public installation Nov. 15th, A. M. Roak, Dist. Deputy, officiating. Songs, quartettes and recitations enlivened the evening and a supper followed.

Northern Star Lodge, at North Anson, will have a public installation Jan. 31st, followed by an address by Fred. B. Osgood, of North Conway, N. H. In the evening there will be a masonic ball, with a supper intervening at 5:30 o'clock.

DeMolay Commandery installed its officers Jan. 3d, following it with a picnic supper, music and select readings.

The officers of Gorham Lodge were installed by Grand Master King, January 11th, and a banquet followed at the Gorham House

Dunlap Commanders.—Nov. 15th Dunlap Commandery at Bath gave the new "Malta." A large number of guests were present from Portland, Augusta and Lewiston. A supper at the Sagadahoc followed, and the visitors returned home by the Pullman trains.

Claremont Commandery has assented to the petition for a new Commandery at Belfast.

Old Masons.

Cambridgeport, Mass., Dec. 30, 1881.

My Dear Bro. Berry:—I am indebted to Bro. Ralph Crooker, Jr., of South Boston, who obtained the facts of Wor. Bro. Hosea Kingman, of Bridgewater, Past Master of Fellowship Lodge, for the sketch which I enclose of Wor. Bro. Artemas Hale. If Bro. Hale is not as old in Masonry as other names that you have, he certainly is in years. Please put his name on your list and give him a number. Very fraternally yours,

Z. H. THOMAS.

[Bro. Thomas is Grand Secretary of Massachusetts.]

ARTEMAS HALE, BRIDGEWATER, MASS.

Wor. Bro. Hale was initiated October, 1812, at the age of 29 years, in Charity Lodge, Fitzwilliam, now East Jaffrey, N. H. Crafted November, 1812, and raised January, 1813.

Early in the year 1813 he removed to Hingham, Mass., where he resided about two years, and was connected with Old Colony Lodge. In the fall of 1816 he moved to Bridgewater, Mass., and first visited Fellowship Lodge in September, 1817. In December, 1817, he was appointed Secretary, and in 1818 was elected Wor. Master of that Lodge and served in that canacity five years.

was afterwards Secretary two or three years, and afterwards Treasurer one or more years.

In 1830 he was appointed D. D. Grand Master.

He was born October 20, 1783, and is now over 98 years old, a strong and healthy man, and is able to visit Boston and transact business without company or assistance.

List of Old Masons, January, 1882.

	Init	iated.
1	Col. Nathan Huntoon, Unity, N. H.,	1803
2		1807
3	Capt. Sylvanus Hatch, Chocolate, Calhou	
	County,	1809
4	Wait Garrett. New Hartford, Conn.,	1810
5	Go. Lee Bowe, Agawam, Conn.,	1810
6	- Knight, Dover, Eng., January,	1811
7	Silas Ford, Westville, Conn.,	1811
8	Philip Chetham, Stockport, Eng., Oct.,	1811
9	Hon. James Garland, Lynchburg, Va.,	1812
10	James Scott, Middlebourne,	1812
11	Elijah Pratt, Castleton, N. Y.,	1812
12	Artemas Hale, Bridgewater, Mass.,	1812
13	Noyes, Croyden, Eng.,	1812
14	John B. Hollenbeck, Burlington, Vt.,	1813
15	Elijah Stansbury, Baltimore,	1814
16	Capt. Hiram Ferris, Fond du Lac, Wis.,	1815
	In July 1977 we semashed that if	Duo

In July, 1877, we remarked that if Bro. Huntoon was industrious, he might get to the head. In three years he reached that dangerous elevation, and still holds it.

Golden Wedding.—Three generations of descendants greeted Mr. and Mrs. Ira Berry last night in the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. It was a beautiful episode in their lives, and must have made them very happy. The young people made merry with song and dance, while the elders sat by chatting with each other and enjoying the fun of the youngsters, some of whom were very young, for nobody of the kin was left out of this festivity.

The family chronicles were read by Mr.

The family chronicles were read by Mr. Stephen Berry, and brief and appropriate poems prepared for the occasion were read by Mr. Berry and by his children, Mrs. Beck and Mr. Stephen Berry. The family, including father, mother, children, children-in-law, grand children and great grand children, numbers forty-nine, viz: In the first generation, two; in the second, twelve; in the third, twenty-four; in the fourth, eleven. It is a particularly bright and interesting family, and Mr. and Mrs. Berry may well be filled with satisfaction as their descendants gather around them. Their long, kindly and good lives have brought to them, also, a multitude of friends, who vie with the kindred in cordial wishes for many happy returns of the anniversary of their marriage day.—[Press Dec. 2.

Lieut. Edward E. Preble, who was on the Kearsarge when she captured the Alabama, died in Portland, November 27th. He was a grandson of Commodore Edward Preble, who was a mason, as were also the Commodore's father and uncle. Lieut. Preble was a nephew of Admiral Preble, who is also a member of the fraternity.

Horace H. Burbank, of Saco, Me., will pay \$3 for a copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Maine for 1858.

Silas Alden of Bangor, Me., will give two dollars each for Grand Lodge of Maine 1849– 50-53. One dollar each for Grand Council of Maine, 1855-8-61.

ship Lodge in September, 1817. In December, 1817, he was appointed Secretary, and in 1818 was elected Wor. Master of that Lodge, and served in that capacity five years;

Taxation of Masonic Property.

The question as to the liability of the real and personal property of the Masonic Fraternity in this State to taxation has never been judicially decided. The Fraternity in Bangor propose to obtain the opinion of the Supreme Court upon the subject, so far as their property is concerned. It is well known that in 1869-70, the Masonic Fraternity in Bangor built and furnished in the most complete manner, at an expense of about \$34,-000.00, one of the best halls, with accompanying apartments and conveniences, to be found in this State, dedicating the same free and clear of all incumbrance. The block was built in connection with another party, one taking the upper part for the hall and the other the lower part for stores. The ques-tion of taxation of the hall, or masonic part of the building, has never been raised, inasmuch as no tax has ever been specially assessed upon it, the lower part bearing the tax due upon the whole On the first day of March, 1880, the Fraternity, comprising four bodies, Rising Virtue Lodge, St. Andrew's Lodge, Mt. Moriah R. A. Chapter and St. John's Commandery, owning the upper part, purchased the remaining interest in the property, and became the sole owners of the socalled "Masonic Block." In that year (1880) the newly acquired portion of the block was taxed by the city for "State, County and City taxes," to the several Bodies heretofore enumerated. Those Bodies declined to pay the tax so assessed, claiming exemption from taxation under the provisions of the Revised Statutes of Maine, Chap. 6, Sec. 5, Par. 3, which provides that "the real and personal property of all benevolent, charitable and scientific institutions incorporated under the laws of this State," shall be exempt from taxation. The Masonic Bodies claim to be "benevolent and charitable institutions," and they are all "incorporated under the laws of this State, and so come under the provisions of the section quoted. A friendly suit has been commenced by the city against one of the Bodies (R. V. L.), as a test case. Our distinguished Brother, Hon. Josiah H. Drummond, is counsel for the Fraternity. He submitted his argument to the court at the October Term, 1881. Hon. T. H. Vose, Solicitor for Bangor, appeared for the city. Drummond's argument is conceded to be very clear and conclusive. It is purely to the question in a legal point of view. He avoids discussion as to the "acts" of the Bodies, and only alludes to a few instances (out of many) of charity in cases of great public distress. The hundreds of cases in our own midst which could have been brought forward, the great annual saving to the city resulting from "masonic charity," the unpaid services of our masonic almoners. all unite to largely help those places where masonic lodges are in existence, and might properly be placed before a jury; but they do not affect the only real question at law, and which is now before the court, viz: masonic organization a benevolent and charitable institution under the laws of the State?" We will only say in connection with the subject that the Masonic Fraternity of Bangor will be willing to vote, unanimously we think, to have the law changed, so as to bring in their rented property for taxation, and so relieve the tax payers, as such a change would also affect a large amount of property now exempt from taxation belonging to other organizations; but, while the law stands as it is, we claim all of our rights under it. F.

The above excellent statement is by Bro. Jeremiah Fenno, of Bangor, who is familiar with the case.

Chins.

- -The Earl of Mar succeeds Sir Michael R. S. Stewart as Grand Master of Scotland. and Sir Archibald Campbell is Deputy Grand Master.
- —Hugh McCurdy, S. G. W. of the Grand Encampment, visited the Grand Command-ery of Illinois at its October meeting, and delivered an eloquent address, which is published in the Chicago Tribune.
- -There was a fancy dress masonic ball at Parramatta, New South Wales, September 16th, attended by Grand Officers and described by The Freemason as very brilliant.
- -The London Freemason thinks it is of no use for the Grand Lodge of Quebec to try coercive measures with the three English lodges in their jurisdiction, as the Grand Lodge of England will feel bound to protect The situation would then be, none of the English masons admitted in Quebec, and chusetts is now \$102,420. no Quebec masons admitted to English lodges.
- -The Sultan has ordered the remains of Solomon's Temple to be restored, and the rubbish cleared away. He will find little of Solomon's Temple, as the remains mostly are from Herod's building.
- -" Masonic Student" argues very forcibly in the London Freemason that three degrees existed before 1747, because the well-kept minutes of Mary Chapel Lodge would have mentioned so great a change as the addition of two grades if it had been made.
- -W. J. Hughan counsels forbearance in the Quebec v. England matter.
- -Prof. Maspero finds that the mummy recently discovered at Thebes is the veritable Rameses (II) the Great.
- -Bro. Noble D. Larner has been re-elected Grand Master of the District of Columbia, and Wm. R. Singleton Grand Secretary.
- -Amos Seward died recently at Guilford, Conn, aged 95. He joined a lodge in Washington, N. C., in 1808, and was the oldest mason in Connecticut.
- -It appears from Hancock Lodge history that James Dean Hopkins, the distinguished member of Portland Lodge, was made in that lodge in 1797, the year in which he took membership in Portland Lodge.
- -Joseph Barrett, of Lovell, took the M. Ex. and Royal Arch degrees in Oriental Chapter, December 1st, having taken the Mark and Past degrees in the same Chapter in 1824. He is now 91 years old, and a member of Pythagorean Lodge at Fryeburg.
- —The Sesqui-centennial of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will be celebrated June 24, 1882.
- -Pennsylvania has 371 lodges and 34,836 craftsmen.
- -The Masonic Fraternity, according to the latest figures, has 44,500 members in
- -Grand Master Emerson, of Utah, has been appointed to the Supreme Bench of that Territory.
- -A full-sized bust of the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England, has been presented to the Grand Lodge of New South Wales by Marshall Wood, the eminent sculptor.
- -The Grand Lodge of Indiana prohibits the use of intoxicating liquors, and will not allow degrees to be conferred on those who indulge in them.
- -The jurisdiction of Prince Edward Island reports twelve lodges and 530 masons
- -The Boletin Masónico of Mexico savs that the Commandery of Templars instituted in Mexico is illegal, and cannot be recognized as a Masonic Body; that Templar Bodies cannot be instituted except among English-speaking people. Outside of that, the Scottish Rite prevails.

- -The poem "The Freemason's Greeting," by Bro R. B. Taylor, of Nevada, which we published from the proceedings in July, has gone all over the world. We find it in the Rough Ashlar of Adelaide, N. S. W., for October.
- -Oregon Commandery has presented an elegant gold jewel to Grand Secretary R. P. Earhart, on which we congratulate him, and bear witness that he deserved it.
- -The Chaine d'Union, of Paris, copies our description of the ancient seal of Lafayette Lodge found by Hancock Lodge at Castine, but none of our American journals throw any light upon it yet.
- -John Haigh, of Somerville, has beenelected Grand Master of the Grand Council of Massachusetts, and Alfred Chapman, of Boston, succeeds him as Grand Recorder.
- -The debt of the Grand Lodge of Massa-
- -A lodge in the north of England finds itself without an annual meeting on account of the meetings being regulated by the full moon. This has sometimes occurred in Maine, and the Grand Master gives a dispensation for an election.
- -John Davis died at Lawrence Jan 6th, aged 91 v. 8 m. He was made a mason in Girran, Scotland, in 1813, and it is claimed that he was the oldest mason in the country, but, as will be seen by our list on another page, there were fourteen ahead of him.
- -The Freemason, of Sydney, N. S. W., of Nov. 2d, gives a cut of the new Grand Lodge hall, and a programme of the exercises at the laving of the corner-stone on the 9th. It will be an elegant building.
- -In England, when the Wardens preside, they cannot sit in the Master's chair, but in a lower chair in front of it, on account of not having been installed into that seat.
- —Bro. José Vergara, Minister of the Interior, has been elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Chili.
- -At the banquet of the Scottish Rite in Milwaukee, Dec. 27th, the closing speech was made by Rev. A. F. Mason, late of ton, D. C., but formerly of Portland. He has taken charge of a Baptist Church there.
- -Hiram Sibley & Co., of Rochester, N.Y. are sending out their elegantly illustrated Catalogue of Seeds for 1882.
- -The Grand Lodge of England has refused recognition to the Grand Lodge of New South Wales.
- -The order of Good Templars, a temperance organization, numbers 300 lodges and 20,000 members in Maine, although it was only established in 1860.

A minister down east, who has neglected his dues for eight years, has paid up and sent in his resignation of the Fraternity to his lodge, because he has just struck on Paul's advice to the Corinthians about being unequally yoked, and he cannot abear to be associated with people who ever sin. He prays that he may meet them all in the great grand lodge above.

Austin .- Dr. James McMurray Austin, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, died December 3d. For more than a quarter of a century he had discharged the duties of his office with eminent ability. At his funeral there was an immense attendance, all the bodies of which he was a member being largely represented. Edward M. L. Ehlars has been appointed in his place until the next election.

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Lodge Attendance.

Portland Lodge, No. 1, Drummond, cloth, Hancock Lodge, Supplement to 1880,.... Olive Branch Lodge,

It must be admitted that there is a marked want of attention to lodge meetings, not only all over this country, but in England, We find it frequently alluded to and various remedies suggested. In a western State two wealthy Chapters united so as to get officers enough to work the degrees. Some suggest interesting the members in lectures and literary discussions. This would not go far. It has been tried many times, as we find by the old records. That distinguished and eloquent speaker, Simon Greenleaf, the jurist, gave a series of admirable lectures on the antiquity of Masonry, when he was a deputy of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in the early part of this century, but although they evidently commanded much attention, the custom was not followed up. In the revival after the Morgan times, Benjamin C. Fernald started the idea again, but only two lectures were given. At the present time, when public lecturing is dying out all over the will do much to awaken and preserve interest, possible. Many excellent masons have had

country from having been overdone, we cannot expect to do much at it in Masonry. Others propose making more of social meetings; yet in England that is the constant practice, and there they complain of the same lack of interest, and ascribe it to weariness at hearing the same set of men making the same old speeches over and over again. In France they succeed with their social meetings by inviting ladies, having fine music, an elegant banquet, and declamations in favor of freedom of religious, or rather irreligious ideas.

It is difficult to assign a reason for such a general complaint, but doubtless it is due to a reaction caused by too much attention having been given to meetings of late, in consequence of the great number of similar societies. The healthiest condition will be found in rural lodges with scattered memberships. This is illustrated by a remark of one of our Past Masters. He said that in Ancient Landmark Lodge, in Shanghai, where he was initiated, the lodge was the place where the American residents met each other, and the attendance was always excellent. If a lodge can be thus made a gathering place for friends. nothing more is needed, but in cities this is not practicable, on account of the many social calls upon a man's time. We must therefore look to the other plans. The first, and most important, thing is for the meeting to open promptly and close early. This will attract those who have arrived at that age which makes them desirous to get to their beds at a reasonable hour. To effect it business must be done with celerity, and that in itself is pleasant and attractive, while droning is dreadfully wearing. Occasional festivities will be attractive without growing wearisome. and music and literary exercises can frequently be introduced if they can be made to appear spontaneous and not too labored. All these things which employ Committees are very advantageous, as nothing gives a man so much interest in a Society as to be engaged in working for it. That sagacious philosopher, Franklin, secured the friendship of a haughty and aristocratic member of the first Patriotic Congress by asking the loan of a valuable and rare book which he knew the gentleman to possess. Masonic Libraries may be used to much effect by suggesting interesting topics, and pointing out the periodical or book in the library which discusses it. The necessary thing is to always have something going on which will interest a large number, and a little thoughtful work in each lodge will contrive many interesting things in the course of a year. A celebration of the anniversary of the initiation of an old member will bring out all the membership, and be remembered for years, yet how many of them are passed by without thought. The reminiscences of old times which are then evoked go to fill up the lodge history, and a familiarity with that history will give the younger members a pride in the lodge, a pride which

That is one great motive for publishing lodge histories, and a reason why constant effort should be made to preserve photographs and memoirs of all the former members.

Let us begin this New Year by trying these various methods, not spasmodically, but quietly and persistently, and see if a healthy interest cannot be provoked and maintained. We have the membership, and no lack of love for the Fraternity. Let us "put snuff in the

A Protest.

We have nothing particular against the combination diploma, which gives a man's entire masonic standing on one sheet, except that it costs too much for the sheet, too much to hire it filled up, too much to frame it, and does not fill the place of the diplomas which are official certificates, while anybody can buy these; but we protest against the craft being accused of recreancy to their masonic obligations if they do not buy it. If we wished one, we should rather purchase of our excellent brother Cargill, who has claims on all of us for diligent masonic service of very many years, than of a stranger, and we insist that a vender has no right to say, "Then you refuse to patronize a worthy brother!" If he is in distress he has a right to apply for assistance but not in that way, and we consider that a man who can afford to keep a stylish colored servant is not in distress as contemplated by the usages of masonry.

Washington a Mason.

A writer in the Boston Transcript, October 27th, criticized the ceremonies at Yorktown, and accused the Freemasons of "unblushing effrontery" in claiming Washington as a Freemason. It quotes various anti-masonic authorities of the Morgan days, 1831-2, notably John Quincy Adams. The following ought to be equally as good authority.

"To the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:

"GENTLEMEN .- As I never had the honor to be one of your ancient Fraternity, I feel under the greater obligations to you for the Many of respectful and affectionate address. my best friends have been masons, and two of them—my professional patron, the learned Gridley, and my intimate friend, your immortal Warren, whose life and death were lessons and examples of patriotism and philanthropywere Grand Masters; yet so it has happened that I never had the felicity to be initiated. Such examples as these, and a greater still in my venerable predecessor, would have been sufficient to induce me to hold the Institution and Fraternity in esteem and honor, as favorable to the support of civil authority, if I had not known of their love of the fine arts, their delight in hospitality and devotion to humanity. JOHN ADAMS.

"Philadelphia, June 22, 1798."

The above was in answer to a letter of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, written June 11, 1798, Josiah Bartlett, Grand Master, and Oliver Little, Grand Secretary.

The Transcript writer also says that Washington, one year before his death, wrote two letters to Rev. Dr. Snyder, denying that he was ever Master of a lodge. That is very

other duties which prevented them from presiding in a lodge, among them President Garfield. But that Washington loved and respected the Fraternity there can be no ques-

The records of Alexandria Lodge show that he took the first degree Aug. 21, 1753, and paid fees £2, 3s. 0d. In 1784 he acknowledged the lodge in the following:

"Mount Vernon, June 19, 1784. "Dear Sir :- With pleasure I received the invitation of the Master and members of Lodge No. 39 to dine with them on the approaching anniversary of St. John the Baptist. If nothing unforeseen at present interferes, I will have the honor of doing it. For the polite and flattering terms in which you the pointe and nattering terms in which you have expressed their wishes, you will please accept my thanks. With esteem and respect, "I am, dear sir, "Your most ob't serv't, "GEO. WASHINGTON." WM. HERBERT, ESQ."

The Transcript writer asserts that masonry was not established in Virginia until 1778 or thereabouts. Alexandria Lodge worked under two charters: the first, granted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1753, the second from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, which was organized in 1787.

He claims that there is nothing to prove that Washington was a mason, before, during or after the Revolution. We have shown his initiation in 1753 and his fellowship in 1784.

In the history of Cumberland Lodge, of New Gloucester, by Moses Plummer, occurs the following regarding Capt. Moses Greenleaf, a charter member

"The older brethren have often heard him remark that he had many a time commanded the Commanding General of the armies, in the lodge meetings; for General Washington frequently attended, and always came as a private member, without ceremony.

Moses Greenleaf was the father of Simon Greenleaf, the Harvard Professor and Jurist, and we refer the Transcript to the Maine Historical Society if they wish a reference as to the credibility of either Greenleaf or the historian.

In the Great Fire of 1866 there was burned in Portland Masonic Hall, an autograph letter of Washington to Gen Knox, speaking about some "masonic imposters," showing a lively interest in the society.

Bro. E. C. Farrington, of Fryeburg, has kindly furnished us other evidence:

"On his retirement from office, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to their Most Worshipful Brother George Wash-

"Wishing ever to be foremost in testimonials of respect and admiration of those virtues and services with which you have so long adorned and benefited our common country, and not the last or least to regret the cessation of them in the public councils of the Union: your brethren of this Grand Lodge embrace the earliest opportunity of greeting you in the calm retirement you have contemplated for yourself.

"Though as citizens they lose you in the active labors of political life, they hope, as Masons, to find you in the pleasing sphere of fraternal engagement. From the cares of state and the fatigues of public business, our institution opens a recess, affording all the their late Brother.

Relief of Tranquillity, the Harmony of Peace and the Refreshment of Pleasure. may you partake in all their purity and satisfaction, and we will assure ourselves that your attachment to our social plan will increase; and that under the auspices of your encouragement, assistance and patronage the Craft will attain its highest ornament, perfection and praise. And it'is our earnest prayer that when your light shall be no more visible in this earthly Temple, you may be raised to the All-Perfect Lodge above seated on the right of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and receive the Refreshment your labors have merited!

"In behalf of the Grand Lodge we subscribe ourselves, with the highest esteem, your affectionate brethren,

PAUL REVERE, Grand Master. ISAIAH THOMAS, S. G. Warden. JOSEPH LAUGHTON, J. G. Warden. DANIEL OLIVER, G. Secretary. "Boston, March 21, 5797.

The following answer was received and communicated to the Grand Lodge June 12,

'Io the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the Commonwealth of Massachu-

"BROTHERS :- It was not until within these few days that I have been favored by the receipt of your affectionate address, dated in Boston, the 21st of March. For the favorable sentiments you have been pleased to express. on the occasion of my past services, and for the regrets with which they are accompanied for the cessation of my public functions, I pray you to accept my best acknowledgments and gratitude.

"No pleasure except that which results from a consciousness of having to the utmost of my abilities discharged the trusts which have been reposed in me by my Country, can equal the satisfaction I feel from the un equivocal proofs I continually receive of it approbation of my public conduct; and I beg you to be assured that the evidence thereof which is exhibited by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, is not among the least pleasing or grateful to my feelings

"In that retirement which declining years induced me to seek, and which repose to a mind long employed in public concerns rendered necessary, my wishes that bounteous Providence will continue to bless and preserve our country in peace, and in the prosperity it has enjoyed, will be warm and sincere, and my attachment to the society of which we are members will dispose me always to contribute my best endeavors to promote the honor and interests of the Craft. For the prayer you offered in my behalf, I entreat you to accept the thanks of a grateful heart, with assurances of fraternal regard and best wishes for the honor, happiness and prosperity of all the members of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

GEORGE WASHINGTON."

The book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was dedicated to Washington, and he acknowledged it in an autograph letter.

December 28, 1796, Washington received an address from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and replied to it .- [Creigh's Hist. K. T. Penn.

Dec. 26, 1799, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania attended a funeral oration in honor of Washington; February 3, 1800, voted to walk in procession February 22d, in honor of the Fraternity. His last words were, "My their "late Brother Washington."

December 23, 1799, the Grand Lodge of New York referred to him in resolutions as

January 8, 1800, the Grand Lodge of New Jersey did the same.

To add to these proofs, which seem sufficient, Lafayette, who is acknowledged to be a mason, as he received the attentions of many Masonic Bodies on his last visit, evidently recognized him as a brother mason, for he presented him with a masonic apron embroidered by Madame Lafavette.

We have no doubt that many more proofs exist which we have not time to hunt up, but we doubt not that the Transcript will cheerfully admit that Washington was a mason and esteemed the society. We think he was never Master of a lodge. That report possibly grew out of the fact that one or two Grand Lodges nominated him for Grand Master of the United States. As that would have involved the formation of a Grand Lodge for the Country, which was never formed, it amounted to nothing.

Note. We find it recorded that President Washington, acting as Grand Master, laid the corner-stone of the Capitol at Washington, September 18, 1793.

Mexico .-- The Boletin Masónico corrects our suggestion that it appeared to be founded to carry on a discussion between two lodges. It is the official organ of Lodge Benito Juarez, and simply published the edict which closed the defunct lodge. We are pleased to make the correction, and reciprocate its good wishes. The October number contains an acknowledgment from Bro. Canton, the editor, of a letter from Bro. Josiah H. Drummond, with some valuable documents, for which he returns "las gracias mas expresivas." It adds that the Il. H.: Drummond is one of the most laborious and hard-working members of the Supreme Council, and compliments him on holding the important post of "Vice-presidente de la Comision de Relaciones Exteriores, y la Presidencia de la Comision de Correspondencia de la Gr.: Log.: del Estado Maine."

We may add that he has been Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of Maine, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Supreme Council for many years, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and is now Grand Master of the General Grand Council of R. and S. Masters for the United States.

CHEEVER .- Bro Tracy P. Cheever, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was stricken with apoplexy, and died, at the dedication of the Hall of Paul Dean Lodge, of North Easton, Nov. 23d. His age was 58. He was a man of rare culture and fine abilities, and has done excellent work for record is closed, and it will read all right a hundred years hence."

P. G. Master Sereno D. Nickerson is his successor, an excellent choice.

Horatio Gates.

LINCOLN, ME., Nov. 14, 1881.

Editor Masonic Token:

Bro. Horatio Gates, of Lincoln Centre, a member of Horeb Lodge, No. 93, died at his home September 5, 1881, suddenly, of apoplexy, at the age of 53 years and two months, and was buried with masonic honors the 7th of the same month. Bro. Gates was the first mason made in Horeb Lodge, having been raised September 30, 1858. He was born in Lincoln, Penobscot County, July 9, 1828 (about the time the town was incorporated), and always resided in the same school

During the last twenty-eight years of his life, deceased had been engaged in mercantile business at Lincoln Centre Village, from the first commanding and meriting the esteem, respect and confidence of all. Of him it can truthfully be said, "The spirit of a good man has gone hence, to join the innumerable caravan." Resolutions to his memory were adopted by the lodge.

Bro. Drummond thus states his position on non-affiliation in his report on correspondence to the Grand Chapter of Maine :-

1. Any Grand Chapter has the right and power to determine what penalty shall be in-flicted for non-payment of dues within its jurisdiction.

2. If it prescribes or allows suspension or expulsion from all masonic rights, and that penalty is inflicted, it has the same effect as

if inflicted for any other cause.

 If it limits the punishment to non-affili-ation, and declares that the party thus non-affiliated is in good standing, but limited in his choice of Chapters to which he can apply for membership to the one which non-affiliated him, this disability is the only one he labors under, and his status as fixed by his Grand Chapter is his status everywhere.

Books and Papers.

The Proceedings of the Massachusetts Council of Deliberation for 1881 contain a fine steel portrait of Grand Master Benjamin

Vick's Floral Guide for 1882 is received, and is a beautiful number. Ten cents to James Vick, Rochester, N. Y., will bring it.

The Token would apologize for omitting the Canadian Craftsman from its list of ex changes, if it were not for the fact that it has always been there. Will Bro. Trayes put on his glasses and look again?

GRAND ENCAMPMENT DIGEST .- The Gr. Encampment has published its digest in 16 mo. form, including a Manual of Tactics, etc. The Grand Commander of Kentucky has issued an order protesting against receiving it in that shape, on the ground that the Grand Encampment has not adopted any tactics. It is to be hoped that the Grand Encampment will issue an edition in octavo form, as usual, fit to bind up with its proceedings.

MASONIC CHRONICLE.—This magazine has been resuscitated in New York and started its fourth volume in December, under the editorship of Bro. J. G. Barker. It will be the official organ of the revived Cerneau Supreme Council, an organization which is here considered to be spurious, but Bro. Barker will not fail to make it interesting,

MICHIGAN SUFFERERS. - Sixty-seven cates. Yet an editorial in the same number Maine lodges have forwarded to the Grand Treasurer for the Michigan sufferers \$1054.77, and over \$50 is on the way to him.

The Philadelphia elevated railroad propose to build in front of the magnificent Masonic Temple, and a strong protest from the craft is being made against it.

ROCHESTER, N. H.—Bro. John S. Parsons, Secretary, gives us the following information in a letter, enclosing subscriptions: The Masonic Bodies in Rochester are Humane Lodge, No. 21, dating from February 1, 1810, and Temple Chapter, No. 20, consecrated November 10, 1875. Our lodge numbers 227 members, and is in a healthy condition. James E. Edgerly is its Worshipful Master, and is a young but most efficient officer.

The Australian Freemason, in reporting the proceeding of the District Grand Lodge of N. S. W., says:

A letter dated Thomaston, State of Maine, U. S. America, April 17, 1881, was read from Bro. F. D. Waldo, chief officer of the wrecked barque "Ellsorater," announcing his safe ar-rival, and thanking R. W. Bro. J. Williams for his kindness to him while in Sydney.

A letter was also read from the Orient Lodge, No. 15, of Thomaston, bearing an extract from the records of that Lodge to the following effect: "Resolved, That the thanks of Orient Lodge be extended to R. W. Bro. J. Williams, District Grand Master of New So. Wales, E. C., for extending the right hand of true brotherly love and friendship to our Bro. F. D. Waldo, when in a needy condition through shipwreck upon that coast."

The District Grand Master in the Chair are

The District Grand Master in the Chair expressed his satisfaction at the step taken by the Thomaston Lodge in this matter, as he was personally aware of the trouble taken by the R.W. District Grand Master, not only in procuring a passage for the distressed brother in question, but also in procuring him suitable clothing, as by the shipwreck he had lost everything.

For Lists of Subscribers.

We are indebted to Bros. Charles W. Stetson, Damariscotta, E.J. Parsons, Island Pond, Vt., John S. Parsons, Rochester, N. H., A. M. Penley, Auburn, Roscoe G. Smith, Cornish, W. L. Underwood, Philadelphia, H. D. Smith, Norway.

Myers' Tactics.

Bro. E. B. Myers, of Chicago, sends us a copy of the sixteenth edition of his Tactics. It is a neat little 16mo. in cloth, and contains a vocabulary of Military Terms, Manual and Tactics, Monitorial, Forms, Constitution Gr. Encampment, Code and Digest, with supplement, Form for Trials, Funeral Services, Services Ascension Day, Crosses, etc., almost everything that can be needed

Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar.

Bro. Geo. Kenning, 16 Great Queen St., London, sends us, as usual, the Calendar for 1882, with a full list of British masonic bodies, Grand and Subordinate, and a list of Grand bodies in all other parts of the world. This is the twelfth year of its publication. 2s. and postage will obtain it.

The Masonic Advocate complains that articles are credited to it simply as the Advocate, by which it is confounded with other Advo-

speaks of itself in the same way.

Contributions to Masonic Library.

J. H. Drummond-

Over 200 pamphlet proceedings.

Stephen Berry— Repository, Vols 9 and 10. Liberal Freemason, 1880. Chaine d'Union, 1880.

London Freemason, 12 and 13, 1879-80. Eclectic, Vol. 4.

Kenning's Cosmopolitan Calendar, 1882. Admiral Geo. H. Preble-

Preble Family in America. Memorial John Cox—Henry O. Preble. Chase of Rebel Steamer Oreto.

Ira Berry-

Consecration Asylum Golden Gate Commandery, San Francisco.

Henry J. Parker, Boston, Mass. By-Laws and Hist. Sketch Massachusetts Lodge, 1871.

Wm. P. Preble—25 pamphlet proceedings.

Our Thanks To

Zephaniah H. Thomas, G. Sec., for proc. Mass. Council Deliberation, 188!.

Ed. C. Parmelee, G. Sec., for proc. G. Lodge and G. Commandery Colorado, 1881.

Gilbert W. Barnard, G. Rec., for proc. G. Chapter and G. Commandery Illinois, 1881.

Geo. P. Cleaves, G. Rec., for proc. G. Command-ery New Hampshire, 1881.

John D. Caldwell, G. Rec., for proc. G. Council

Geo. L. McCahan, G. Sec., for proc. G. Chapter Maryland, 1881.

W. B. Langridge, G. Sec., for proc. G. Chapter Iowa, 1881.

John H. Isaacson, G. Sec., for proc. G. Lodge Quebec, 1881.

John W. Woodhull, G. Sec., for proc. G. Lodge Wisconsin, 1881; G. Consistory and Council Delib-eration Wisconsin, 1863-81.

F. S. Fisher, G. Master, for proc. G. Council Vermont, 1881.

Wm. R. Bowen, G. Rec., for proc. G. Command-ery Nebraska, 1881.

J. C. Corbin, G. Sec., for proc. G. Lodge Arkansas. 1881.

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DIED.

In Portland, Oct. 22, Adrian A. Atwood, aged 40 years. He was a son of the former Clerk of the Courts in Androscoggin County, who was a leading mason. The son also was a member of the fraternity, and had been an active merchant here.

In Lincoln Centre, Sept. 5, Horatio Gates, aged 53. [See notice].

In Kennebunk, Nov. 15, suddenly, Eliza R., wife of John C. Baker, gged 72 years.

In Saco, Sept. 17, Peleg H. Tracy, aged 60 years. (a was a member of Deering Lodge, and formerly He was a member of Dec. Master of an eastern lodge.

In Wiscasset, Nov. 25, Thomas B. Johnston, aged about 63 years. He was Master of Lincoln Lodge in 1852, D. D. G. Master same year, and Junior Grand Warden in 1853-54.

The body of Capt. John E. Chase, who died at Angier, Java, July 8, was brought home and buried with masonic honors, Nov. 30.

At Hong Kong, Capt. John Berry, of Portland

In Washington, D. C., Oct. 27, Lieut. Frederick Collins, aged 34 years. Formerly of Ancient Land-Mark Lodge.

In Laconia, N. H., Dec. 19, Harriet W. Covell, widow of Joseph Covell, of Jay Bridge, aged 75 years. She had been an invalid for several years. In Portland, January 12, Daniel M. Tolford, M. D., aged 38 years. A member of Atlantic Lodge, Greenleaf Chapter and St. Alban Commandery.

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.

Our Masonic Exchanges.

Boletin Masonico, Mexico, monthly, \$3.
Masonic Review, Cincinnati, Ohio, \$2.00.
La Acacia, Buenos Aires, Monthly.
Freemason, Sydney, N. S. W., 6s. 6d.
The Kelet, Budapest, Hungary, Monthly.
Buletin Oficial Colon y Cuba, Havana, \$7.
The Freemason, London, Weekly. The Freemason, London, Weekly.
Liberal Freemason, Boston, Mass., \$2.
Masonic Eclectic, Washington, D. C., \$2.
Evening Chronicle, Phila., Dem. Daily, \$6.
Keystone, Philadelphia, Weekly, \$3.
Hebrew Leader, New York, Weekly, \$5.
Canadian Craftsman, Port Hope, Ont., \$1.50.
Masonic Advocate, Indianapolis, \$1.10.
Freemasons' Repository, Prov., R. I., \$1.50.
La Chaine d'Union de Paris, Hubert, editor.
Australian Freemason, Sidney, N. S. W. 68. Australian Freemason, Sidney, N. S. W., 6s. The Freemason, Toronto, Canada, 50c. Loomis' Musical Journal, N. Haven, Ct., \$1. Masonic Chronicle, Columbus, O., \$1.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

The Masonic Grand Bodies in Maine will meet in Annual Session, at Masonic Hall in Portland, as follows:

Grand Lodge, Tuesday, May 2, at 9 o'clock A. M. Grand Chapter, " 2, at 7 o'clock P. M. Grand Council, Wednesday, May 3, at 2 o'clock P. M. Grand Commandery, " " 3. at7 "

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