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THE DEATH OF THE FLOWERS.

BY WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT.

The melancholy days are come, the saddest of the year,
Of wailing winds, and naked woods, and meadows brown and bare,
Heaped in the hollows of the grove, the autumn leaves lie dead;
They rustle to the eddying gust and to the rabbit's tread.

The robin and the wren are flown, and from the shrubs the jay,
And from the wood-top calls the crow through all the dreary day.
Where are the flowers, the fair young flowers, that lately sprang and stood
In brighter light, and softer airs, a beauteous sisterhood?

Alas! they all are in their graves; the gentle race of flowers
Are lying in their lowly beds, with the fair and good of ours.
The rain is falling where they lie, but the cold November rain
Calls not from out the gloomy earth the lovely ones again.

The wind-flower and the violet, they perished long ago,
And the brier-rose and the orchis died amid the summer's glow.
But on the hill the golden-rod, and the aster in the wood,
And the yellow sun flower by the brook, in autumn beauty stood,—

'Till fell the frost from the clear, cold heaven, as falls the plague on men,
And the brightness of their smile was gone, from upland, glade and glen;
And now, when comes the calm, mild day, as still such days will come,
To call the squirrel and the bee from out their winter home;

When the sound of dropping nuts is heard, though all the trees are still,
And twinkle in the smoky light the waters of the rill,
The South wind searches for the flowers whose fragrance late he bore,
And sighs to find them in the wood and by the stream no more.

And then I think of one who in her youthful beauty died,
The fair, meek blossom that grew up and faded by my side;
In the cold, moist earth we laid her when the forest cast the leaf,
And we wept that one so lovely should have a life so brief.
Yet not unmeet it was that one like that young friend of ours,
So gentle and so beautiful, should perish with the flowers!

MASONRY IN MAINE.

Lodge Elections.

Central, 45, China. George B Pray, m; Theron E Doe, sw; Willis R Ward, jw; Willis W Washburn, sec.

Plymouth, 75, Plymouth. William Harris, m; William H Toothaker, sw; William H Condon, jw; L P Toothaker, sec.

Liberty, 111, Liberty. Moses M Johnson, m; Hazen N Dennis, sw; John C Sherman, jw; Ambrose P Cargill, sec.

Monument, 96, Houlton. Samuel W Putnam, m; Hjalmar Edblad, sw; George S Gentle, jw; William F Braden, sec.

Oxford, 18, Norway. J Hibbard Aldrich, m; Frank Seavy, sw; Samuel R Knowland, jw; Howard D Smith, sec.

Moses Webster, 145, Vinalhaven. George R Doak, m; E W Arey, sw; Moses L Young, jw; C E Boman, sec.

Village, 26, Bowdoinham. Converse Purington, m; S Loyelest Browne, sw; George H Blodgett, jw; Benj L Higgins, sec.

Rural, 53, Sidney. G K Hastings, m; A H Bailey, sw; S C Hastings, jw; J F Warren, sec.

Monmouth, 110, Monmouth. John C Kingsbury, m; Timothy F Flaherty, sw; Herbert B Blake, jw; D P Boynton, sec.

Baskahegan, 175, Danforth. V W Putnam, m; Joel Foss, sw; B W Stinchfield, jw; M L Porter, sec.

Archon, 139, East Dixmont. George R Thurlough, m; Jeremiah Smith, sw; Amos Whitney, jw; Benjamin F Porter, sec.

Lebanon, 116, Norridgewock. Charles W Farrand, m; O Fremont Hall, sw; Ansel Holway, jw; William J Haynes, South Norridgewock, sec.

Chapter Elections.

Dunlap, 12, China. Joseph E Crosman, HP; Charles E Dutton, K; Shubael Bumps, S; Willis W Washburn, sec.

St. George's, 45, Liberty. Gustavus H Cargill, HP; Lucius C Morse, K; James Lee-man, S; Ambrose P Cargill, sec.

St. John's, 25, Dexter. William H Dustin, HP; Henry S Dole, K; John Martin, S; Newell H. Bates, sec.

Cushnoc, 43, Augusta. Charles B Morton, HP; F B Smith, K; John E Avery, S; D M Waitt, sec.

Installations.

The officers of Oxford Lodge, at Norway, were installed Sept. 9th, by P. M. Alfred S. Kimball. Large attendance. Supper and social entertainment.

Festivities.

Atlantic Lodge, of Portland, made its annual excursion to Spurwink River, August 1st. They had a clambake and a good time. Ancient Landmark Lodge, of Portland,

made a similar excursion to the same place, October 7th.

New Lodge.—The M. W. Grand Master has issued a dispensation, dated September 6th, for a lodge at South Thomaston, to be called Knox Lodge:—Mark D. Ames, Master; Robert A. Harrington, Senior Warden; William A. Tripp, Junior Warden.

Books, Papers, etc.

We are indebted to Hoyt, Fogg & Donham for the *Maine Register for 1884*. Price, \$1.25. The statistics in this book render it invaluable.

The *Freemason's Journal* of New York has increased its size to eight pages.

Boletim Oficial de Grande Oriente Lusitano Unido Supremo Conselho da Maçonaria, Portugueza, publicação mensal. We have been favored with the number containing proceedings from April to December, 1883.

Bro. William Wallace Lee, of Meriden, Conn., favors us with a copy of the proceedings of the Fourteenth Annual Reunion of the Masonic Veterans of Connecticut, at Norwich, June 25th. Bro. Lee was again elected President. We find in it the statement that Simon Knowles is the oldest living Freemason. We have shown elsewhere that he was mistaken about the year of his initiation.

Col. Carroll D. Wright, chief of Bureau of Statistics of Labor for Massachusetts, favors us with his 15th Annual Report. The value of his work cannot be overestimated.

History of Freemasonry in Maryland, by Edw. T. Schultz. As we go to press we have received the first number of this valuable history, which is published by J. H. Medairy & Co., Baltimore. It is issued in parts of 112 pages each, at 50c. a part. Woodcuts of Lord Baltimore and other worthies illustrate it. We have not time to review it for this issue, but it is needless to point out that Maryland was one of the earliest points in this country to receive Masonry, and that therefore its early history is indispensable to every masonic library.

The first lodge was instituted at Annapolis in 1750 by Grand Master Thomas Oxnard, who was himself of a Portland family.

We have received from Richard A. Saalfeld, 12 Bible House, New York, the following pieces of music: "With Cleveland we shall win the day"; "Cleveland and Hen-

dricks' Grand Victory March;" "You Ask me to Forgive the Past;" "Better Luck To-Morrow," a new Motto Song; "Amatori Waltzes." The publisher offers to send the lot post free on receipt of \$1.00.

Chips.

—There are 9 lodges and 293 masons in British Columbia.

—Gen. Logan is a mason.

—Bro. Robert Burns was "exalted" to the Royal Arch degree by the Chapter at Eyemouth, Scotland, as would appear from the following extract from the records:

"On account of R. Burns' remarkable poetical genius, the members unanimously agreed to admit him gratis, and considered themselves honored by having a man of such shining abilities for one of their companions."

MASONIC CONGRESS.—In the official organ of the United Grand Lodge of Colon and Cuba for October 1st, appears an invitation from that body to all masonic bodies of Spanish nationality, in America and the Peninsula, which govern symbolic lodges, to a Spanish American Masonic Congress, to settle with binding force the landmarks and certain governing laws of Masonry, including jurisdiction. Venezuela is suggested as a central point for assembling.

We cannot but highly approve such an assembly, as it can settle at once many important points which American Grand Lodges have spent half a century in reconciling.

GRAND ORIENT.—The *Chaine d'Union* publishes the text of the new Constitution submitted by the Council of the Order. The preamble states the position of the Grand Orient frankly:

I. Freemasonry, an institution essentially philanthropic, philosophic and progressive, has for its object the pursuit of truth and the practice of solidarity; she labors for the material and social amelioration, and the intellectual and moral perfection of humanity. Her principles are mutual tolerance, respect for others and oneself, and absolute liberty of conscience. Her device is Liberty, Equality, Fraternity.

II. Freemasonry has for her duty, to extend to the members of the human race the fraternal ties which unite Freemasons upon the surface of the globe. She recommends to all Freemasons the propagation of these principles by speech, writings and example. All Freemasons have the right of publishing their opinions upon masonic questions.

III. It is the duty of a Freemason, in all circumstances, to aid, defend and protect a brother, even at the peril of his life, and to defend him against injustice.

IV. Freemasonry considers labor as one of the essential duties of man.

Contributions to Portland Masonic Library.

Stephen Berry—

La Acacia, October, '81, to December, '83. Other Sources—

Reprint Grand Lodge, New Jersey, 1786–1857.

An Old Mason.

All masonic editors are happy to greet Bro. Stephen Berry's spicy little eight page sheet from Portland, Maine. We notice reference made to "First among his Equals," in allusion to the roll of aged craftsmen wherein Bro. J. M. Bickford gives some comments as to Capt. Sylvanus Hatch, of Port Lavacca, Texas, whose certificate of membership in Solomon Lodge, No. 1, Savannah, Georgia, is designated as issued as of June 6th, 1809, thus making him a mason of seventy-five years, standing, and mentioning him as first among his equals. This is well so far as it goes, but should New York State not come in for an older, when we read from the Tribune of this city, thus: Delhi, N. Y.,—Simon Knowles, of Meredith, this county, claims to be the oldest Freemason in New York State, if not in the Union. He joined Columbia Lodge in East Haddam, Conn., in October, 1807, at the age of twenty-one. In 1818 he removed to Meredith, where he has lived ever since, never having been away from the village. He is now in his ninety-ninth year, and is active and sound both physically and mentally. A shoemaker by trade, he half-soled and heeled a pair of shoes for a great-great-grandchild a few days ago, doing the work quickly and well, without using glasses. The old gentleman was married in 1802, at the age of sixteen, to a girl one year his junior. They lived together nearly eighty years, the wife dying at the age of ninety-five. Mr. Knowles served all through the war of 1812, and draws a pension of \$8 a month. He works every day in his garden.—[*Hebrew Leader*.]

No, the following letter will show that Bro. Knowles erred as to his initiation:

EAST HADDAM, CT., Aug. 7, 1884.

Dear Brother:—Yours of the 6th at hand in reply would state that there is a mistake in regard to Bro. Knowles' masonic age, as given in some of the papers. He was initiated November 13, 1811.

Yours fraternally,

HENRY H. SQUIRE,
Sec'y Columbia Lodge, No. 6.

He can come in as No. 5, however.

Grand Secretary Cleaves, of New Hampshire, sends us the following:

CONCORD, October 8, 1884.

Silas Wheeler, born at New Ipswich, N. H., December 19, 1792, was initiated September 12, 1815 (the first day the lodge worked). Passed November 14th; Raised December 27th. Elected a member October 29, 1816—as the custom then was—in Bethel Lodge, No. 24, New Ipswich.

June 9, 1840, the Grand Lodge declared the warrant of the lodge forfeited for failure to make returns since 1833. It was restored in 1849.

Bro. Wheeler made application for restoration to membership August 5th, and was elected a member September 2, 1884. Bro. Wheeler resides at Corry, Erie County, Pennsylvania.

Fraternally yours,

GEO. P. CLEAVES.

We have a long list of masons initiated before 1820, waiting their turn to go upon the list, and it must be some time before any initiated after 1816 can expect to join the list of the "twenty elders."

Editorial Items.

—Grand Master Henry W. Murray, of Virginia, died at Charlottesville, August 15th. He was born at Dublin, Ireland, in 1826. His father, being reduced from affluence to poverty, came to Virginia about 1840. He became a prominent lawyer, and was a captain in the confederate service during the war.

—Irish Lodges, including those chartered abroad, number up to 1014, of which 378 are now working. Irish Chapters number almost as high, viz: up to 935, and 162 are working. The Chapters largely take the numbers of the lodges in the same places.

—Bro. Grove B. Cooley, who died in Minneapolis, August 20th, had been Grand Master of the Grand Lodge and Grand Council of Minnesota, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence in the Grand Council five years, and member of the Committee on Jurisprudence in the General Grand Council. Also Master, High Priest, and presiding officer of the Council. He was born in Attica, N. Y., December 10, 1827; his age was therefore 57.

—We had a pleasant visit August 16th from Judge McCurdy of Michigan, the genial Captain General of the Grand Encampment. He had been stopping with his family at the Alpine House, Gorham, N. H., and ran down here for an afternoon. He had been promising us a longer visit, but his family, who were here, curtailed their visit to the seaside, and went to the mountains before his coming to the east. He promises a longer visit next summer when he comes to the session of the Supreme Council at Boston.

John Haigh, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Massachusetts, who was visiting Old Orchard, called the same afternoon, and unfortunately missed the Judge by leaving half an hour before his arrival.

—The Templars of Missouri are already preparing for the Triennial Conclave of 1886, and have appointed a committee.

—Thomas Gliddon, of Rochester, has been elected Grand Master of the Grand Council of New York, and Geo. Van Vliet, of New York, Grand Recorder.

—John W. Chamberlin, of Tiffin, was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, and James Nesbitt, of Troy, Grand Secretary, at the annual meeting at Tiffin, September 17th.

—A *Chaine d'Union* Correspondent states that there was a serious masonic difficulty early in this year in Hayti. Placards were put up in the streets of Port-au-Prince inscribed: "A bas le Grand Maitre de l'Ordre." They proved to have been put up by a small number of members of the Lodge Star of Hayti. Prompt measures were taken by the Grand Orient of Hayti. The offenders succumbed, and harmony was restored.

—Bro. Eduardo Lavergne, editor of the *Revista Masonica*, of Lima, Peru, mourns the loss of his wife, lately deceased. He will have the sympathy of his brothers in America.

—General Grand High Priest Chapman shows that Webb did not introduce the Mark, Past and M. Ex. degrees into the Chapter, as he was exalted in Pennsylvania, May 18, 1796, while those degrees were conferred in Providence Chapter, Rhode Island, on six brethren, October 5, 1793, the record of which still exists. Thus vanishes another favorite theory.

—Grand High Priest Sumpter, of Arkansas, says that great numbers of poor cripples resort to their Hot Springs, and on account of destitution lie night and day on the hillsides exposed to the weather, naked, hungry and dying. He recommends the building of a free hospital there, and we cannot too highly commend the proposition.

—The colored masons of Boston celebrated the centennial of their first lodge September 29th. There was a procession.

—Lieut. A. W. Greeley, of Arctic fame, is a Knight Templar

—The Prince of Orange had an imposing funeral at the Hague, July 17th. The Prince of Wales, as Grand Master of Freemasons, sent a wreath.

—The corner-stone of the new capitol of Nebraska was laid with masonic ceremonies honors at Lincoln, July 15th.

—Texas has recently erected a monument on the field of San Jacinto.

—Grand Secretary Parvin suggests that visitors be required to exhibit a receipted bill for lodge dues not more than one year old.

—The Grand Lodge of Iowa is building a fireproof building at Cedar Rapids, for its library, to cost \$23,000.

—The corner-stone of the pedestal for Bartholdi's Statute of Liberty enlightening the world, was laid at Bedloe's Island, August 5th, by the Grand Lodge of New York, William A. Brodie, Grand Master, officiating. There was a heavy rain, but several hundred masons and guests were present.

—New York Masonic Temple is to be restored at once. The contracts have been signed.

—Ramon O. Williams, a member of Atlantic Lodge, Portland, has been appointed Consul General of the United States for the Island of Cuba.

—We are indebted to Bro. Roscoe G. Smith, for a complimentary ticket to the Seventh Annual Fair of the Ossipee Valley Union Agricultural Association.

—Sir Erasmus Wilson, the distinguished English Surgeon, who died August 8th, was a leading mason in that country.

—James H. Peabody, Cañon City, has been elected Grand Master, Horace N. Banks, South Pueblo, Grand High Priest, James P. Maxwell, Boulder, Grand Commander, and Ed. C. Parmelee, Georgetown, Grand Secretary, (Lodge, Chapter and Commandery) of Colorado.

—Thomas W. Tilden, Jersey City, is elected Grand Commander, and Charles Bechtel, Trenton, Grand Recorder, of the Grand Commandery of New Jersey.

—The proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska for 1883 contain a fine steel portrait of W. H. Munger, Past G. H. Priest.

—John F. Webster, Concord, was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of New Hampshire, and Geo. P. Cleaves, Grand Recorder, at the annual meeting at Concord, September 30th.

—Samuel W. Langhorne, of Bozeman, was elected Grand Master, and Cornelius Hedges, of Helena, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Montana, October 1st. The Grand Lodge of South Australia was recognized.

—At the annual convocation of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, October 8th, Eli Fasold, of Dayton, was elected Grand Commander, James Nesbitt, Troy, re-elected Grand Recorder. Two new Commanderies were chartered.

—A mourning circular in memory of Judge E. H. English is received from the General Grand Chapter under date of September 22d.

Mint and Cumin.

Bro. Thomas H. B. Anderson, in his report to the Grand Lodge of California, says:

We remember an instance where two lecturers in the ritual disagreed upon the point as to whether the Grand Master, Hiram Abiff, should be characterized as "so good and great a man" or "so great and good a man." Failing to come to any satisfactory conclusion, they submitted the point in dispute to our Grand Secretary, who replied, that "having diligently searched the Ancient Charges and Regulations, and consulted the Constitutions and Edicts of most of the Grand Lodges in existence, he had failed to find any authority upon the subject"; but, in his opinion, any disposition they might choose to make of the adjectives "would not seriously affect the reputation of our Grand Master, Hiram Abiff."

French Masonry.

We may well wonder as to what the new French departure will lead to. Bro. Hubert, of the *Chaine d' Union*, objects to the project of letting all visitors vote on candidates. But the French idea seems to be that masonry is progressive. They have abolished the office of Grand Master, eliminated religion, and allusions to deity, and seem disposed to make their watch-word "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity."

Anglo-Saxon Masonry believes in that idea, but seeks to attain it by the opposite method, and it certainly has not been unsuccessful. If there is any question about it in Europe, there certainly can be none in America.

But, as Walter Besant remarks, France is the country of ideas, and we can only wait and see what will come of it.

A CORRESPONDENT to the Manchester Examiner and Times writes under date of June 2d:

"I notice a paragraph in your paper of Monday in which it is announced that a new Lodge of Freemasons has been founded at 33 Golden Square, London, on 'temperance principles,' and that at its banquets no

wines or intoxicants are to be allowed. As an old Freemason, allow me to say that all masonic lodges are strictly 'temperance' lodges, and I think it is only due to those who have long been members of this ancient and honorable fraternity to point out that it is quite invidious to designate any 'new' lodge as a 'temperance' lodge. Refreshments, after the work of the lodge is done, are generally served, but everyone is left to the freedom of his own will as to whether he takes intoxicants or non-intoxicants—toleration being the rule—everyone being allowed to please himself."

It will be seen that the London lodge, have got exactly to the point reached in Maine, April 20, 1813, when Ancient Landmark Lodge voted to dispense with liquors except at festivals. They are becoming restive under the yoke of King Alcohol, although his sway is gentle and his discipline only persuasive.

DR. AUSTIN'S MONUMENT.—A monument erected in Woodlawn Cemetery in memory of Dr. James M. Austin, who died in December, 1881, was presented Wednesday to his family by the masonic fraternity of the State of New York. The money for the monument, amounting to a large sum, was subscribed by masons in lodges in all parts of the State, who held Dr. Austin in great respect for his long and excellent services as Secretary of the Grand Lodge. The monument is of granite, rough and polished. The design is that of an obelisk rising from a square pedestal, built in the form of three steps, representing the three degrees of the blue lodge in Masonry. Upon one side is the inscription, "Erected by the Masonic Fraternity of New York," and on the other side is inscribed the name of James M. Austin, the dates of his birth and death, and the statement of the length of his services—twenty-seven years—as Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York. There are also Masonic emblems carved in the stone, one of them two pens crossed, being emblematic of the office which Dr. Austin filled in the Order. The presentation took place in the afternoon. About 100 prominent masons assembled in the cemetery, and Dr. Austin's widow and his two daughters were present to receive the gift. Venerable Brother George H. Fish, of a committee appointed consisting of himself, Worshipful C. T. McClenachan, and R. W. Philander Reed first presented the monument to the fraternity, R. W. Frank Lawrence, D. G. M., receiving it in their behalf and in turn presenting it to the family, M. W. General Charles Roome, P. G. M., appearing for them. Among the leading masons present were Grand Secretary Edward M. L. Ehlers, George H. Raymond, Grand Lecturer; Herman G. Carter, Grand Librarian; R. W. Sidney F. Walker, R. W. John Stewart, R. W. Edward F. Hassey, R. W. Theodore H. Tilton, R. W. William Peterkin, Brother Horace H. Brockway, R. W. Robert Roberts and R. W. Edward H. Walker.—[*Chronicle-Herald*.]

Masonic tramps vexed the souls of the Kilwinning (Scotland) brethren in days of yore, as they do the society in these more favored times. In 1717 the members (of Mother Lodge Kilwinning) passed a resolution, that "as the lodges have been imposed upon by begging brethren, both here and at Irvine, it is resolved that no charity be given to traveling brethren with out an order from the Master." After the lapse of more than a century and a half no better regulation has been made to lessen this evil, for indiscriminate and profuse relief to masonic mendicants tends but to widen the area over which their depredations extend.—*Gould's History*.

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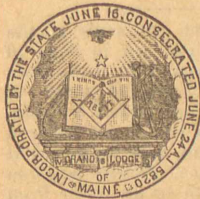
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GRAND LODGE OF MAINE.



Jonesport Lodge, at Jonesport, is to be constituted under its charter, on Thursday evening, the 23d instant

Wednesday the 22d was the day ap-

pointed, and notices were issued to that effect; but the change of time of the trips of the steamers, made it necessary to put it off till the next day.

IRA BERRY, Gr. Sec.

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Early Architects III.

The "Sons of Light" or early Craftsmen are said to have been Sun-Worshippers, but a curious exception is found among the early Chaldeans. Sin or Hurki, the moon-god, presided over buildings and architecture, which were placed under his special protection. He was regarded as a more important deity than the Sun-god, San, and his secondary name Hurki, signifies the Watcher. His chief temple was at Ur, (where Abraham was born,) and was begun by Uruk, the most ancient historical monarch, and completed by his son Ilgi. Hurki's wife was called "the Great Lady," and her ark was placed in the Sanctuary along with his, and while his was called "The Light," hers was called "The Lesser Light." This supremacy of the moon-god shows that the night was considered more favorable to mankind than the day, and his selection to preside over architecture indicates that building may have been largely prosecuted by moonlight, to avoid the exhausting heat of day.

Among the Greeks, Diana, (the moon) was much less powerful than Apollo (the sun), although his sister, but it is significant that her worship was more ancient than that of Apollo. Doubtless the Greeks received it from the Chaldeans through the Tyrians, at an earlier day.

We find also among the Ephesians the moon-worship predominant, their great temple to Diana being among the "Wonders of the World," although we do not know the architect, and Demetrius, a leading silversmith, spoke of her as the great goddess "whom all Asia and the world worshippeth."

The Mohammedans use the Crescent upon their banner as a sacred device. Probably they had it from the early Arabs, who were addicted to star-worship.

Milton says—

"With these in troops
Came Ashtaroth, whom the Phenicians called
Astarte, queen of Heav'n, with crescent horns,
To whose bright image, nightly, by the moon
Sidonian virgins paid their vows and songs."

And again—

"And mooned Ashtaroth,
Heaven's queen and mother both
Now sits not girt with tapers holy shrine."

The best Chaldean scholars of our day say that Astarte was the Chaldean Ishtar or the planetary Venus, who was not the goddess of chastity like the Greek Diana, but these deities come down to us badly confounded, because they originated with different peoples at different times, and each nation who adopted them lent them some new attribute.

The Egyptians received the worship of Astarte from the Sidonians, and representa-

tions of her as a two-horned goddess are found among the ruins on the Nile.

But if the Moon is the tutelary deity of the earliest craftsmen on record, we have the right to accept her as they believed her, and as the Greeks, her last worshipers, also received her, and as Ben Johnson describes her—

Queen and huntress chaste and fair,
Now the sun is laid to sleep;
Seated in thy silver chair
State in wonted manner keep
Hesperus intreats thy light,
Goddess excellently bright!

Earth, let not thy envious shade
Dare itself to interpose;
Cynthia's shining orb was made
Heaven to clear when day did close;
Bless us then with wished sight,
Goddess excellently bright!

Lay thy bow of pearl apart,
And thy crystal shining quiver;
Give unto the flying hart,
Space to breathe, how short soever;
Thou that mak'st a day of night,
Goddess excellently bright!

Grand Encampment.

Grand Master Withers authorizes us to say that his address is Wytheville, Va., and not Alexandria, as had been published. Vexatious delays have been caused by the wrong address.

General Orders, No. 2, issued September 12th, recognize the Supreme Great Priory of Canada, as an independent and sovereign body.

Complaint is made because the Grand Lodges of Texas and Illinois print and send out names of rejected candidates. Is it not possible that the trouble is simply that the Grand Secretaries of those Grand Lodges sent private circulars to editors on account of other information therein contained, trusting to the editorial discretion to refrain from publishing the private portion?

SPAIN.—The Grand Orient of Spain has under its jurisdiction 238 lodges. Many of these are in the colonies. For instance, there are seventy-one in the West Indies, and five in the Philippine Islands. (We gather this from the district list in the *Boletin Oficial*.) These lodges number up to 297. In addition there are forty-seven Chapters of Rose Croix numbering up to fifty-eight.

Ancient Landmarks.

There is not an absolute agreement as to the identity of the Ancient Landmarks, but it is generally agreed that they cannot be changed. If, therefore, we find which have been absolutely unchanged from the first, we can set them down as the real articles.

Some have held that the necessity of the presence of a bible and warrant in a lodge is a landmark, but French lodges dispense with the bible, and the original English lodges, the first lodge in Pennsylvania, the earliest English Commanderies, and the earliest American Commanderies had no warrants.

Others claim that the requirement that a man should be free born and of lawful age is a landmark. But England has changed free-

born to freeman, and there are frequent examples of masons initiated at eighteen in the last and in the present century in English colonies and in Europe.

Physical perfection cannot be a landmark, for the English constitution does not require it.

Debarring women from the degrees was disregarded a century ago in Ireland in the case of Mrs. Aldworth, and ten years ago in Hungary in the case of the Countess Hadick.

The legend of the third degree is claimed strongly as a landmark, but the records of the oldest Scottish lodges indicate that they did not have it in the 17th century.

The password and signs of the first and second degrees have good claims, but they appear to have been transposed about the middle of the 18th century.

The prerogative of the Grand Master to make a mason at sight, looks as if it had originated for the benefit of English Princes, although Masonry regards no man for his worldly honors, and it is certainly being restricted by some Grand Lodges at the present day.

The right to take candidates regardless of residence has been maintained by Scotland and England from time immemorial, but it cannot be a landmark because American Grand Lodges strongly protest against it.

The prohibition against printing and writing the lectures looks like a landmark, but in Mexico they have been printed in a masonic magazine, and in England and other countries they seem to have been written since early in the 18th century.

Mackey stated that an important landmark was that a lodge should be governed by a Master and two Wardens; but the Grand Lodge of England introduced a Deputy Grand Master into the Grand Lodge, and most other Grand Masonic Bodies have copied after it.

It has also been held to be a landmark that only one who has served as Warden can be a Master, but the exceptions in practice prove that it cannot be a landmark.

The duty of helping a brother in distress seems to be admitted by all, and we think that it may be a genuine landmark. We hope it may be set down as number one, for it is certainly a noble landmark. In our civil war it made the slave forget his former wrongs, and the Master forget that black Masonry was illegitimate. It sweeps aside all question of written evidence in the moment of imminent danger and regards only the sacred signal of distress. Let it take its place at the head of the Ancient Landmarks, for time cannot change it.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The centennial of the introduction of Masonry into that province was celebrated at St. John, July 1st. John V. Ellis, Grand Master, made an interesting historical address, in which he showed that it was started there by regimental lodges. The first lodge was instituted at Parr Town. Regimental lodges have done much to spread Masonry throughout the world, and they

deserve more credit than they have received. It may be interesting to inquire if the Roman Colleges of Builders accompanied the march of Roman armies.

Elbert Hartwell English.

Our distinguished brother, Judge English, died at Ashland, N. C., where he had gone for medical treatment, Sept. 1, 1884, aged sixty-eight years. He was born in Alabama in 1816. He entered upon practice of the law at Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1844, at a time when Pike and Prentiss were at the zenith of their fame, and took rank with them, finally becoming Chief Justice. He was Grand Master, Grand High Priest and Grand Commander, and was elected General Grand High Priest in 1874. Masonically he was one of the first men of the country, as in his own profession, and he will be long remembered and mourned.

Organizing Grand Lodges.

In Gurney's Report on Correspondence to the Grand Lodge of Illinois for 1884, is a report of great value, it being the result of his inquiries of all American Grand Lodges in regard to their organization. It establishes the position that a majority of all the lodges, and not less than three, must unite in the formation of a new Grand Lodge.

Royal Arch Statistics for 1884.

Drummond's statistics, reported to the Grand Chapter of Maine for 1884, show in the United States and Canada, 137,617 Royal Arch Masons against 132,737 last year, a creditable gain of 4,880. In 1882 there were 128,557, and in 1881, 127,105. The exaltations were 10,639 against 10,557 in 1883, 7,424 in 1882, and 6,733 in 1881. The other footings continue about the same.

Templar Statistics for 1884.

Berry's statistics, reported to the Grand Commandery of Maine for 1884, show in the United States 612 Commanderies, and 64,635 Templars, against 59,125 last year. There were 6,638 Knighted, against 6,548 last year. The total in the world is 804 Commanderies, and 69,864 members, against 64,005 last year. This includes twenty jurisdictions for 1884, and is therefore much later than anything heretofore published.

For Lists of Subscribers,

We are indebted to Bros. L. L. Jones, Weld, John Gosnell, Sherman Mills.

We now have three lodges on our list who send \$1 and \$2, and have eleven or twenty-two copies to distribute to their members as prizes for punctual attendance. Will not other lodges imitate their example?

Again the gavel is sounding to call the craftsmen to their labors. The summer vacations are over and the lodges are resuming work. The elections are close upon us. Let the brethren remember to choose the best men for the vacancies, but do not pass over the faithful Wardens who have labored for

promotion, even if you have a better worker for Master. Harmony is worth more than superior work. If your Senior Warden is not sufficiently skilled to take the chair, invite him to continue as Warden another year, and select some Past Master who was exceptionally excellent in the place, and ask him to serve an additional term.

When you have installed your officers, support them thoroughly. Show your townsmen that you find the lodge a pleasant place to go to, and they will seek to join you there.

Have as many social meetings as possible. Look up the initiations of your oldest members, and celebrate their anniversaries. Nothing is more delightful to a venerable brother, than to find that the brethren have remembered the fiftieth anniversary of his initiation, and that they have got up a supper to greet him on the occasion. The reminiscences called forth by such an occasion are long remembered, and rejoice the hearts of the members almost as much as that of the venerable recipient of the honor.

If there is no work don't neglect the meetings, but make believe "the Church is full," have social meetings and enjoy yourselves, and you will find your lodge healthy and thriving even in dull times.

Supreme Council N. M. J.

The Northern Supreme Council held its annual session at Detroit, September 23d. Forty Active, three Emeriti and 100 Honorary members were present, representing fifteen States. Commander Palmer reported the increase of the rite at 1069.

The establishment of an Order of Merit and an Order of Service was considered and laid over.

Hon. Joseph A. Locke, of Portland, received the 33°.

The next session will be at Boston on the third Tuesday of September, 1885.—[Abstracted from Hebrew Leader.

GRAND SECRETARY WM. R. BOWEN, OF NEBRASKA.—I cannot close this report without reference to the assistance I have received from Bro. William R. Bowen, Grand Secretary. Only those who have filled the station I now occupy—the Executive of the Fraternity in the State—can appreciate the worth he is to the Grand Master. Alert, efficient, learned, willing and able to assist, with his office and his office work in complete order, and conducted with an almost perfect system, he has at all times been a most efficient help and invaluable in counsel. He works without confusion, and his work is thoroughly done. I have had occasion to visit the offices of several of the Grand Secretaries in the country, and in none of them have I seen as complete system and order. It is not too much to say that to his ideas concerning the printing and issuing of our proceedings, and in other matters pertaining to his office and to the craft at large, more than to all others, are we indebted for the high rank our masonic work has taken in our neighboring jurisdictions and throughout the world. Long occupancy of the office has made him thoroughly familiar with all detail, and he is known abroad, even better than at home, because we are so near him, as the Grand Secretary par excellence.—[G. M. Edwin F. Warren.

Masonic Working Tools.

BY GEO. A. WHEELER, OF CASTINE, P. D. D. G. M.

Oh! the Gauge and the Gavel, the Plumb too, we choose;
With the Square and the Level, the Trowel we use;

All, as emblems expressive of many a need,
Are to each one a lesson we all ought to heed.

How our time to divide tells the Gauge; and how best
In the service of God and a brother distressed

Is allotted one-third, with one-third to repose,
And the rest to our work or whatever we choose.

And to break off our vices the Gavel we wield,
(And our minds and our hearts up to virtue we yield.)

That ourselves we may fit for that mansion above,
Not erected with hands—but devoted to love.

How to walk in uprightness the Plumb doth us teach;
To avoid simulation in act or in speech;

For the cause of Morality ever contrive;
For the path of Immortality ever to strive.

For a lesson in Morals the Square we employ;
(To do justly and right unto us is a joy.)
And forever to strive one and all to assist,
When o'ertook by temptation—too hard to resist.

As the Level evinces, to great and to small,
How one fate is preparing for each and for all,
So it teaches us that elevation of birth
Is of little avail when compared with one's worth.

For the Cement so fine of affection and trust,
Let the Trowel be used: and to scatter the dust
O'er the grave of a brother we love and adore,
As his soul wings its flight to a heavenly shore.

DIED.

In Lubec, July 21, W. H. Hunter, Past Master of Washington Lodge, and former D. D. G. M. 2d district. Funeral 23d, attended by Washington and Eastern Lodges, and Eastern Chapter.

In Boston, July 25, Hon. William Merriam, aged 78 yrs., 10 m. He was made a mason in Amity Lodge, Camden, in 1827, and was Master in 1849-50.

In Forreston, Illinois, July 28, James C. Luckey, Past D. G. H. Priest of Illinois, aged 59.

In Camden, July 30, Paul Stevens, aged 57, a member of Amity Lodge. He was long Assistant Librarian of the Library of the House of Representatives at Washington.

In Compton, R. I., Aug. 9th, Waterman Clapp, aged 97. He was initiated in Mt. Vernon Lodge, Providence, in 1813.

In Portland, Aug. 9, Rev. Eaton Shaw, aged 81 years. Bro. Shaw was born in Paris, Me., Nov. 14, 1803, entered the Methodist ministry in 1836, and retired in 1852, after taking high position in the church. For many years later he was engaged in mercantile pursuits. He was a member of Portland Lodge and Mount Vernon Chapter, and was long a Chaplain for those bodies. He leaves a widow, two sons, and four daughters.

In London, Aug. 9th, Sir Erasmus Wilson, President of the Royal College of Surgeons. He was a leading Freemason, and caused Cleopatra's Needle to be brought to London at a cost of \$50,000.

In Chicago, August 12, Arthur R. H. Atkins, Past Grand High Priest of Illinois, in the 55th year of his age.

In Newburg, N. Y., August 15th, Rev. John Brown, D. D., aged 93. He was initiated June 16, 1817. He delivered an address of welcome to Lafayette, at Newburg, in 1824.

In Charlottesville, Va., Aug. 15th, Henry W. Murray, Grand Master, and P. G. H. P., aged 58. He was a native of Dublin, Ireland.


In Ashland, N. C., Sept. 1, Elbert H. English, of Arkansas, aged 68. (See editorial.)

In Dexter, Sept. 14th, James Dwight Maxfield, aged 46. He was a member of Penobscot Lodge, St. John's Chapter, and St. John's Commandery, and was a soldier of the late war. He was Aide-Camp of Gov. Davis.

In Portland, Sept. 20, Augustine S. Fernald, aged 43. He was a member of Ancient Landmark Lodge, Greenleaf Chapter, and Portland Commandery.

In Fort Smith, Ark., Sept. 24, very suddenly, William A. Woods, formerly of Biddeford, and a member of Palestine Lodge, aged 42.

In Portland, Sept. 27, of cancer on the liver, Gustave Adolphe Susskraut, aged 56 years, 4 mos. He was a member of Portland Lodge.

 We have added Chapter notices to delinquents to our list of blanks. Per hundred 65c.

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James H. Neilson, Dublin, for lists of Irish Lodges and Chapters, with Grand Officers for 1884.

Theo. T. Gurney, for report Corr. Gr. Commandery Ill., 1884.

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