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## THE FORTUNATE ISLES.

You sail and you seek for the Fortunate Isles,  
The old Greek Isles of the yellow bird's song;  
Then steer straight on through the watery miles,  
Straight on, straight on, and you can't go wrong.  
Nay, not to the left; nay, not to the right;  
But on, straight on, and the Isles are in sight,  
The Fortunate Isles, where the yellow birds sing,  
And life lies girt with a golden ring.

These Fortunate Isles, they are not so far,  
They lie within reach of the lowliest door;  
You can see them gleam by the twilight star;  
You can hear them sing by the moon's white shore.

Nay, never look back! Those leveled grave-stones  
They were landing steps; they were steps unto  
thrones.

Of glory for souls that have reached the fortunate shore.  
And have set white feet on the fortunate shore.

And what are the names of the Fortunate Isles?

Why, Duty and Love and a large Content.  
Lo! these are the Isles of the watery miles  
That God let down from the firmament.  
Lo, Duty and Love and a true man's trust;  
Your forehead to God and your feet in the dust;  
Lo, Duty and Love and a sweet babe's smiles,  
And these, oh, friend, are the Fortunate Isles.

[Joaquin Miller, in the Current.

## MASONRY IN MAINE.

### Lodge Elections.

Nezinscot, 101, Turner. Charles H Barrell, m; James N Donham, sw; J W Newell, jw; S D Andrews, sec.

### Chapter Elections.

Somerset, 15, Skowhegan. Greenleaf A Wilbur, hr; Frank H Wing, k; George W Nash, s; Charles M Lambert, sec.

Washington, 16, Machias. William G Stone, hr; G Harris Foster, k; Eliphalet S Means, s; Henry R Taylor, sec.

Corinthian, 7, Belfast. Cyrus B Hall, hr; Charles W Haney, k; Henry L Kilgore, s; Waldo B Washburn, sec.

Murray, 33, Kennebunk. Frank Downs, hr; Walter H Cloudman, k; Andrew S Biggar, s; Edward W Morton, sec.

King Hiram, 9, Lewiston. Albert Ring, hr; Benj Jackson, k; F H Johnson, s; A S Plummer, sec.

### Council Elections.

Mount Lebanon, 18, Oakland. Orestes E Crowell, tm; William H Wheeler, dm; H C Winslow, rcw; William Macartney, rec.

St. Croix, 11, Calais. E Howard Vose, tm; S D Morrell, dm; Rev James Vincent, rcw; Denison E Seymour, rec.

### Commandery Elections.

Maine, 1, Gardiner. Henry S Webster, ec; Loring C Ballard, gen; Leroy W Goodspeed, cg; George N Johnson, rec.

Bradford, 4, Bradford. Charles T Reynolds, ec; Royal E Gould, gen; William A Foss, cg; Horace H Burbank, rec.

### Constitutions.

June 17th, Springvale Lodge, No. 190, F. A. M., was regularly constituted by M. W. Fessenden I. Day, Grand Master, assisted by P. S. G. W. Wm. H. Smith, Horace H. Burbank, Grand Marshal, George A. Gilpatric, D. D. G. M., Warren O. Carney, Grand Tyler, and other brethren in various stations.

Large numbers were present from Libanus Lodge, Great Falls, N. H., Fraternal, of Alfred, and Preble, of Sanford, and other lodges in the county.

The ceremonies of constitution were in the afternoon, and in private, at masonic hall.

In the evening at the Free Baptist Church, installed by the Grand Master, aided by the Grand Marshal, and this ceremony was followed by an interesting and excellent address by Bro. William H. Smith, of Portland. The new lodge, with officers of Grand Lodge and other guests, then repaired to the town hall and partook of a bountiful collation, after which those present were entertained by short speeches from several brothers.

The entire programme was a success.

Following are the officers of the new lodge: Wm. Dart, M.; John W. Frost, S. W.; Amos W. Low, J. W.; Rollins A. Kempton, Tr.; Daniel M. Frye, Sec.; Charles H. Ogden, S. D.; Charles W. Lord, J. D.; Chas. Ham, S. S.; William J. Gowen, J. S.; Rev. F. G. Davis, Chap.; Frank H. Peck, Mar.; Fred. N. Whitney, Tyler.

June 24th, Davis Lodge, 191, at Strong, was duly constituted, and their new hall was dedicated. The Grand Lodge was represented by Fessenden I. Day, G. M.; F. E. Sleeper, D. G. M.; A. M. Wetherbee, as S. G. W.; Wm. E. Dresser, as J. G. W.; Walter B. Fletcher, as G. T.; S. Clifford Belcher, as G. Sec.; Rev. L. H. Bean, G. C.; Horace H. Burbank, G. Mar.; Elbridge Gerry as S. G. D.; John C. Seavey, as J. G. D.; C. O. Leach, as G. Tyler; Fred. H. Webster, Frank E. Laughton, as Stewards.

The officers of Davis Lodge are: George Z. Higgins, W. M.; Andrew J. Norton, S. W.; Alfred Hitchcock, J. W.; S. Frank Knowlton, Treas.; Albanus McKeen, Sec.;

George W. Webster, S. D.; H. N. Peterson, J. D.; Nelson Walker, Chaplain; J. Frank Hutchins, Marshal; John M. Soul, Organist; Charles F. Thompson, S. S.; Llewellyn A. Jackman, J. S.; Robert Keef, Tyler.

At 7 p. m. the lodge re-assembled, and headed by the Strong Cornet Band, marched to the M. E. church, where the officers were publicly installed by Grand Master Fessenden I. Day, assisted by the Grand Lodge officers. At the close of the installation R. W. Wm. H. Smith, of Portland, delivered an address in his usual able manner.

### Festivities.

Twenty-seven members of Harwood Lodge, Machias, visited Warren Lodge, East Machias, June 15th. The third degree was given and a collation was served.

Dunlap Commandery of Bath visited Burlington, Vermont, and the White Mountains, starting Wednesday, June 23d, and returning Friday, 25th. On their return they were re-laid, and given by Alban Commandery at Portland.

Bar Harbor, St. John's Day, starting June 23d and returning Thursday night. Commander Pierce and Past Commander Noyes of St. Omer Commandery, of South Boston, and others, were guests. They quartered at the West End Hotel and had a very enjoyable excursion. On their return they were entertained at Bangor by St. John's Commandery, who gave them a dinner at the Windsor.

Oriental Star Lodge celebrated its 75th anniversary June 24th at Livermore.

The masons of Portsmouth, N. H., celebrated the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of masonry in New Hampshire on St. John's Day, and Charles Levi Woodbury was the orator. Fifty years ago, in 1836, when the centennial was celebrated, Portland and Ancient Landmark lodges went up to assist.

That a prophet is not without honor save in his own country and in his own home, is exemplified by our receiving a notice from the Post Master last January that the venerable Bro. Daniel McDaniel, (Token list No. 4 of aged masons) was not a resident of Johnson, Vermont. We made enquiries all through Vermont for the lost brother, and in June hunted him up through the kindness of Bro. Frank W. Baxter, of Highgate, who procured a letter from Bro. C. H. Stearns, Master of



the lodge at Johnson, saying that Brother McDaniels is a resident of Johnson, living with his daughter, Mrs. L. H. Grow. He is afflicted with rheumatism and does not get down to the village very often.

Here is a man known everywhere except in the little town where he lives.

#### Relief.

Grand Treasurer Fox, of Maine, in his annual report said:

"The Charity Fund amounts to some \$23,000 to \$25,000 at the present time if converted into cash; if distributed among the brethren of the Grand Lodge each member would receive about \$1.25, whilst the income of the Charity Fund is from \$1,200 to \$1,500 per annum, a contribution to the relief of the needy of but 6 to 8 cents to each member, yet this small contribution of each does much good to many."

We know how much good this \$1,500 does every year, distributed among those whose needs are not entirely supplied by the lodges, and it is a surprise to note how so small a contribution from each member of the craft can do so much. May it not also suggest how great a work of charity might be done in addition, by each of the 20,000 craftsmen in the State contributing an extra dollar each year to his lodge to be expended in relief to the most needy.

Bro. Diehl, Grand Secretary of Utah reports as follows:

"I wish the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report would take the time and examine the letters received at this office during the past twelve months. It would give them some idea of the letters received. It is astonishing what an opinion some masons have of the duties of a Grand Secretary. They must hold him to be a sort of intelligence office for the whole masonic family, and make all sorts of requests of him. For novelty's sake, I will mention two such letters. A mason in Texas wants me to procure for him in this city a situation as barkeeper. He assures me that as a mixologist he has no superior; that he would work cheap, and he even encloses in the letter his photograph, from which I judge that he is a good looking fellow. He parts his hair in the middle and waxes his moustache, a la Napoleon. Another informs me that his wife has deserted him—gone to Utah and joined the Mormons. He wants me to hunt her up and persuade her to return to a loving husband. Now I am willing to do almost anything for a Brother mason, but I absolutely decline to procure a situation for a barkeeper, or hunt up a runaway wife, who, perhaps long before the letter reached me, had become the second, third or fourth of some Mormon Bishop. I have noticed that other Grand Secretaries make similar complaints. It ought to be stopped for good. Life is too short to even open and read such letters."

Bro. Diehl is so kindly that we feel assured he will hunt up any strayed or stolen wife for a distressed brother if he can be assured that she is worth the finding, notwithstanding his protest.

#### Books, Papers, etc.

—We are indebted to Bro. Fred. H. Gerish, M. D., President of the Maine State Board of Health, for a copy of the first annual

report of the board, a very valuable and interesting document.

—*La Unión Masónica* is a new octavo magazine published in Oaxaca, Mexico, by Bro. I. P. Guzman, and is the official organ of the Grand Lodge of that State.

—*La Gran Logia* is a new octavo magazine published in the City of Mexico by Bro. Carlos K. Ruiz, and is the official organ of the Grand Lodge of the Federal District.

—*Masonic Records 1717-1886*. Bro. John Lane of Torquay, England, will issue this summer a work of 300 pages, containing a list of all the lodges at home and abroad, warranted by the four Grand Lodges and the United Grand Lodge of England, with much valuable information about them. Subscription one guinea, and names of subscribers will be inserted.

—The prospectus of the New England Agricultural Fair, to be held at Bangor, Aug. 31st-Sept. 3d, is received. J. P. Bass of Bangor, President; Ezra L. Sterns, Bangor, Secretary.

—The Official Bulletin of the Supreme Council Southern Jurisdiction, Vol. VII, No. 2, for June, 1886, is as usual a superb book. It contains tributes to the memory of several distinguished members, among them Robert Toombs and Wilmot G. DeSaussure.

—The Master's Mallet, or the Hammer of Thor. Bro. S. C. Gould of Manchester, N. H., has issued in pamphlet form his excellent address on this subject, delivered before the Massachusetts Rosicrucian Society. It is a

—*Maine Register*, 1886, Hoyt, Fogg & Donham, Portland, \$1.25. Notwithstanding the death of Mr. Hoyt, this valuable book comes, as usual, with increased statistics and thickness. New features are added, such as the ancient and Indian names of many towns and localities. It is always so complete that it is indispensable to every business man in the State, and of striking interest to historians. It can answer more questions about Maine in the year of grace, 1886, than any other book or person, and a stranger committing it to memory would instantly become a native.

—Geo. G. Brackett, Gr. Sec., favors us with proceedings of the order of Good Templars of Maine for 1886. The statistics show 310 lodges and nearly 20,000 members.

—The *Mount Desert Herald* at Bar Harbor has started a dainty little daily, 9x13 page, four pages. The daughter looks just like the mother, who was always a beauty. It will be run during the summer months.

—Thomas Gliddon, Recorder, sends us a Directory of Monroe Commandery for 1886.

JOHN HANCOCK.—Within a comparatively short time we have been asked whether John Hancock, of the "Declaration of Independence" fame, was a mason. He was once present at a dinner in Charleston, S. C., when a toast was proposed to Brothers Hancock and Adams, and this was thought to be the principal proof in the affirmative. As a

matter of fact, John Hancock was made a mason in Merchants Lodge, No. 277, in Quebec, prior to February, 1762, for in this latter month he was proposed to be a member in a lodge then and now in Boston, Mass., was admitted, and afterward proposed Thomas Paine to be made a mason. It is also a matter of record that he was a frequent attendant at the meetings of this lodge. Why he came to be in Quebec is an incidental matter. Merchants Lodge was No. 220 in 1770, but its subsequent history is obscured. It is quite likely the records referred to will be made more familiar to the Masonic world within a reasonable time. At present we speak only of the main fact.—[*Liberal Freemason*.]

WILLIAM H. MAYO.—We regret to hear that Brother and Sir Knight Mayo was thrown from a horse-car in St. Louis, by negligence on the part of the conductor, and had his left shoulder dislocated, besides receiving severe and painful bruises. Brother Mayo, who is Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Missouri, and Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery, has secured an assistant, so that very little if any delay will occur in the business he has the care of.—[*Liberal Freemason*.]

#### Public Installations.

BY J. H. DRUMMOND.

Now a word in relation to the propriety of public installations. The whole ceremony (except that which cannot be performed even in a Master's lodge) has been published in our Text Books and Monitors for nearly a century, as Bro. Dove well says. They in no manner whatever, expose or tend to expose, the secret ritual. It will not be pretended that there is any appreciable difference between publishing these ceremonies in the official books of the craft and repeating them. It is said that frequent public displays are injurious to Masonry: we confess we have had fears that such might be the case as we have read the description of the magnificent processions and parades which our Pennsylvania Brethren—more, we think, than in any other jurisdiction—have indulged in during the past few years. But the public installation of the officers of a lodge is a different affair: there is generally no display, not even a procession: the lodge opens in a safe room with its officers and a few members only, and proceeds into the hall where the services are to be held, the officers taking their stations; and there, in the presence of the brethren and their mothers, wives and sisters, with a few invited guests, the new officers take upon themselves their new duties, and listen to the usual charges. We believe that such a service once in a while, is of essential service to the craft. Each mason, in the presence of those who have a stake in Freemasonry scarcely less than himself, is reminded of his duties as a mason, not only to his brother, but to himself, his family, his country and his God, and renews his solemn obligations to perform those duties. Can any one doubt that the presence of such witnesses makes the ceremonies more impressive? Or that all the masons present are not more strongly moved to govern their lives by the principles of the Institution? No one, who has had the actual experience, doubts it.

Again, it gives those who are not masons a more correct and higher idea of masonry and of what they have a right to expect of masons.

It is true that sometimes, but rarely, however, public installations are conducted on a more extensive scale: but the display even then is a secondary matter; we simply call more witnesses to our pledges of fidelity to the Institution and the principles on which it is founded.



We have been present at a good many public installations; at no one have we seen Masonry dragged in the dirt: on the contrary, we never attended one which did not, in our judgment, have a beneficial effect upon the Craft and upon the community in which it happened.—[*Maine Correspondence 1886.*]

**Maine Statistics for 1886.**

BY J. H. DRUMMOND.

Grand Lodges.	Members.	Raised.	Died.
Alabama,.....	7,726	299	145
Arizona,.....	353	11	5
Arkansas,.....	10,452	531	209
British Columbia,....	312	10	6
California,.....	14,260	598	220
Canada,.....	18,983	1,009	183
Colorado,.....	3,756	264	21
Connecticut,.....	14,904	389	207
Dakota,.....	2,644	317	21
Delaware,.....	1,457	66	30
Dist. of Columbia,....	3,032	113	52
Florida,.....	2,302	173	36
Georgia,.....	11,024	602	194
Idaho,.....	495	26	5
Illinois,.....	40,015	1,424	384
Indiana,.....	22,548	989	298
Indian Territory,....	653	89	13
Iowa,.....	21,309	784	104
Kansas,.....	13,277	922	110
Kentucky,.....	14,823	713	218
Louisiana,.....	3,826	118	77
Maine,.....	20,077	662	269
Manitoba,.....	1,350	136	7
Maryland,.....	4,896	82	30
Massachusetts,.....	27,590	1,027	346
Michigan,.....	27,045	1,282	320
Minnesota,.....	8,677	600	76
Mississippi,.....	8,422	208	183
Missouri,.....	25,821	1,000	356
Montana,.....	1,234	73	11
Nevada,.....	5,979	428	41
New Brunswick,....	1,910	115	14
New Hampshire,....	8,144	220	99
New Jersey,.....	12,403	523	192
New Mexico,.....	553	68	1
New York,.....	72,318	2,119	599
North Carolina,....	8,211	345	117
Nova Scotia,.....	2,966	187	41
Ohio,.....	29,345	1,160	365
Oregon,.....	3,261	131	38
Pennsylvania,.....	37,175	1,696	497
P. E. Island,.....	428	35	1
Quebec,.....	2,822	141	30
Rhode Island,.....	3,597	127	56
South Carolina,....	5,477	232	89
Tennessee,.....	14,755	474	266
Texas,.....	18,690	965	354
Utah,.....	474	23	6
Vermont,.....	7,940	334	106
Virginia,.....	9,013	....	161
Washington,.....	1,703	106	17
West Virginia,.....	3,542	156	47
Wisconsin,.....	12,968	646	132
Wyoming,.....	432	37	3
Total,.....	596,464	24,818	7,426

**Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England.**

Bro. J. H. Drummond, in his report on Correspondence to the Grand Chapter of Maine for 1885, says:

We have had occasion to examine with some care the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England. As that Grand Lodge is the original source, or at least the *successor* of the original source of masonry in this country, and has always been a very conservative body, we may well expect to find in its Constitutions the old laws of the craft. We, therefore, have taken pains to ascertain its bearing upon the questions which now agitate masonic circles in this country.

1. The Grand Lodge is the source of all power in masonry. It alone has the inher-

ent power of enacting laws for the government of the craft. The proposition, which some masons are attempting to establish, that the Grand Lodge is the creature of its subordinates, finds no support: on the contrary, under its provisions, lodges are the creatures of the Grand Lodge, and receive all the rights and powers from it.

"2. The Grand Lodge has also the power of investigating, regulating and deciding all matters relative to the craft, or to particular lodges, or to *individual Brothers*, which it may exercise, *either of itself*, or by such delegated authority as, in its wisdom and discretion, it may appoint; but the Grand Lodge above has the power of erasing lodges and expelling brethren from the craft, a power it does not delegate to any subordinate authority in England."

The original jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge to try cases of discipline, is herein expressly declared.

The significance of the words "in England" is, that while *Provincial Grand Lodges* cannot exercise the power of erasure and expulsion, "*District Grand Lodges*," on account of their distance from the Grand East, are given, in their respective Districts, the full powers of the Grand Lodge in relation to discipline, to be exercised "of themselves" or by delegation.

3. No attempt is made to enumerate the powers and privileges of the Grand Master. The idea of *granting* power to the Grand Master is not found in the constitution. It is assumed that his powers and privileges are inherent in the office.

The only reference to them is in the provision, that in the absence of the Grand Master and Pro. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master has "all the powers and privileges of the Grand Master."

4. The powers of Grand Wardens and case of the death of the Grand Master, the Pro. Grand Master, if there is one, completes the term; if there is none, the Junior Past Grand Master, who is willing to act, succeeds to the office: but if none will accept, the Grand Wardens call a meeting of the Grand Lodge to elect a Grand Master for the remainder of the term.

If the Master die, the Senior Warden, and in his absence, the Junior Warden, and in the absence of both, the Immediate Past Master, and in his absence, the Senior Past Master acts in *summoning* the lodge until the next installation of a Master. In the absence of the Master, the Immediate Past Master, or in his absence, the Senior Past Master of the lodge present, or if there is no Past Master of the lodge present, any Past Master, who is a member of the lodge, takes the chair: but if there is none present, the Wardens according to seniority, preside, but cannot take the Master's chair or confer a degree.

5. The Master Mason's degree, "including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch," is expressly declared to be a part of "pure Oriental Masonry."

We commend this to the attention of our Illinois Companions, who are asked to declare that the Royal Arch degree is not a "masonic" degree, and therefore that a Royal Arch Chapter is not a "masonic body."

6. At each quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge, the minutes of the last quarterly and every intervening communication of the Grand Lodge are read and "put for confirmation."

7. While, as before stated, nothing is said in relation to the power of the Grand Master, Provincial and District Grand Masters are expressly authorized to suspend brethren from masonic rights. That the Grand Master is held to have the power, as an incident *inherent in his office*, is well known.

8. With the exception of two old lodges, every lodge must have a warrant, "which is

to be specially entrusted to the Master, for the time being, at his installation, who is responsible for its safe custody and *shall produce it at every meeting of the lodge.*" If a warrant is lost, the lodge must suspend its meetings until a warrant of confirmation has been received by it.

9. Visitors can be admitted only upon voucher, examination or certificate of a Grand Lodge with proof of identity, and as we interpret the provision, producing vouchers that he has been initiated in a regular lodge.

10. A lodge may "exclude" a member, after due trial for non-payment of dues or other cause. If such "excluded" member apply to another lodge for admission, the lodge must be "made acquainted with his former neglects," so that the brethren may use their discretion in admitting him, and any lodge, failing to make due inquiry in such case, is "liable to pay the arrears of such brother, if any, to the lodge from which he was excluded."

Massachusetts, Maine and some other jurisdictions retain this old law, but have added a greater limitation than the Grand Lodge of England, as a brother excluded or deprived of membership, can be received in another lodge only upon payment or remission of all arrears.

But the constitution provides that when a brother has left a lodge in any manner, he is entitled to a certificate, stating the circumstances under which he left the lodge, and this certificate must be produced in any lodge to which he may apply for membership, before the ballot is taken upon his petition.

11. Neither lodges nor brethren can appear in public in masonic clothing, on any occasion, without permission.

12. The ceremony for laying corner stones is given. The Grand Lodge does the ceremony, as a Grand Lodge, thus ap-  
sylvania, that *as a Grand Lodge*, contrary ceremonies.

It is very gratifying to find the law and usage upon all these points under the jurisdiction of the mother Grand Lodge, in accord with them in our own jurisdiction. It is not strange that it is so; the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was almost contemporaneous in origin with the Grand Lodge of England, and yet derived its origin from that Grand Lodge. It would naturally maintain the same usages and laws; and the fifty years during which masonry in Maine was governed by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts would as naturally lead us to maintain the law and usages of our "Mother Grand Lodge."

There is always a tendency among men to endeavor to improve everything; but it is one of the fundamental principles of masonry that we should hand it down to those who come after us, the same as it came to us from the fathers; and in its name, we appeal to those who would accommodate masonry to modern methods to call a halt, lest they "remove the ancient landmarks," and "make innovation in the body of Masonry."

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.

LILIS, or LILITH.—In the popular belief of the Hebrews, a female spectre, in elegant attire, who secretly destroys children. The fabled wife of Adam, before he married Eve, by whom he begat devils.—[*Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*—McClenachan.



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HE Grand Secretary, Ira Berry, had a slight attack of paralysis, Sunday evening, June 27th, which affected his throat and tongue. By Monday morning he had recovered their use, and has since steadily improved, so that it is hoped he may be in a short time entirely restored to his usual health. His advanced age, nearly eighty-five, made his friends much alarmed, but his strong vitality and vigorous general health seem to prevail over the enemy.

**THE TRIENNIAL.**—Before our next issue the Templar Triennial will be held at St. Louis, Sept. 21st-24th. There will not be going may like to know that they can join the New York State Battalion, which escorts Deputy Grand Master Roome. The route is over the Baltimore & Ohio R. R., leaving New York City Sept. 18th, and returning 25th. The cost is \$60, including sleeping cars, meals, hotel accommodations and transfer of ladies and baggage between depot and hotel. Children, under twelve, half fare. Address James McGee, Manager, 64 Duane street.

The *San Francisco Bulletin* reports the recent death at Georgetown, of Capt. John Paul Jones Davison, born in Norwich, Conn., Nov. 8, 1787, and raised in St. John's Lodge, Boston, Nov. 10, 1810. This would make him the oldest mason in America, but Bro. Henry J. Parker, of Boston, has searched the records and finds no mention of his name in either St. John's, Massachusetts, Columbian or Mt. Lebanon lodges. No doubt he was a very old mason. He served in the Algerine war, in 1812 and in the Mexican war, in the navy as warrant officer.

#### Thomas A. Doyle.

The telegraph brought the sad intelligence that Bro. Thomas A. Doyle, Mayor of Providence, R. I., had been stricken with paralysis, and later that he died June 9th. He was born in Providence, March 15, 1827, and was therefore 59 years, 2 months and 25 days old. He left a widow, two brothers and two sisters. He was first a cashier, then stockbroker and

auctioneer, but for eighteen years has been mayor of his native city, a term of service unequalled elsewhere so far as we know. He had been Grand Secretary and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Grand High Priest, active in Templarism and in the Scottish Rite, and was widely known and esteemed throughout the country as a wise and accomplished freemason. His wife was a sister of Governor Sprague. His funeral on the 14th was attended by a great concourse of citizens, officials and masons, and the city was draped in mourning.

#### Luke E. Barber.

A circular brings the sad news of the death of Bro. Luke E. Barber, of Arkansas, at Little Rock, June 13th. He was born in Maryland, Sept. 6, 1806, and was therefore nearly fourscore years of age. He had lived in Arkansas fifty years, and was an honored and influential citizen. In Masonry he had been Grand Master, Grand High Priest, President of the Order of High Priesthood until the end, Grand Commander, and for many years Grand Secretary of the Lodge, Chapter and Council.

#### Thomas M. Reed.

Bro. Thomas M. Reed, of St. John, N. B., died May 26th, at the age of 59 years, having been born in that city June 16, 1827. He was Mayor of St. John 1870-74, and always an active and prominent citizen. He was a member of the masonic fraternity. He left a wife and three sons.

#### Colored Masonry.

From the proceedings of the Colored Grand Lodge of Ohio we gather the following statistics:

Grand Lodges.	Lodges.	Members.
Alabama,	27	443
Arkansas,	45	813
Dis't Columbia,	11	474
Florida,	40	...
Illinois,	36	861
Iowa,	13	290
Kansas,	22	446
Kentucky,	27	789
Louisiana,	18	480
Massachusetts,	10	241
Mississippi,	78	1,137
Missouri,	113	2,189
Ohio,	47	1,120
Tennessee,	45	688
Texas,	13	290
Virginia,	47	1,145
Total,	592	11,406

No figures are given for the Grand Lodges of California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, New Jersey, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, West Virginia, and San Domingo, but if they average the same as the others, there are probably 1,200 lodges of African masons with 25,000 members.

With the proceedings, and also in a separate pamphlet, is given an address entitled, "The Negro Mason in Equity," by Grand Master Samuel W. Clark. It is a strong presentation of their claims to recognition,



He begins by quoting ritual and expressions of distinguished white masons bearing on the question of universal brotherhood. He goes on to give the arguments against them as formulated, and proceeds to argue each point. The principal point, that of irregularity, he meets by showing that many lodges in good standing started as irregularly as the early African lodges. He concludes as follows:

But this is why we demand it: We have always been taught that masonry is universal in its character; that neither race nor creed can debar one from an entrance therein; that the beggar and the prince are alike equals within its its closely tiled doors, and that its "central idea is the 'brotherhood of man because of the Fatherhood of God.'" Because of all these things; because we desire that the stigma of hypocrisy, deceit, and injustice shall be forever blotted out; because we desire that our ancient and noble and grand institution shall have a name honored of all men and all nations, in all countries and in all climes, of all creeds and all faiths; and because we desire that our institution shall be as beauteous and glorious as the noonday sun at meridian height, darting its rays to the North and the South, to the East and the West, bathing all humanity in a glorious flood of the sunshine of peace and goodwill, is why we demand that you bury your prejudices and prove yourselves masons indeed.

We have nothing to gain in your legal recognition of us as masons; the gain is all for you and the institution of Freemasonry. That we are just and legal masons is so well established that it is now beyond the power of man to controvert it. For more than one hundred years we have existed as free and accepted masons; we have now commenced the second century of our existence as such; from the lowest round of humility we have climbed far up the ladder of fame; from the small beginning of fifteen black men, scoffed at, sneered at, insulted, and ridiculed, we have grown to grand proportions, until to-day we command the respect of masons in all parts of the world; what we are to-day has been accomplished by our own exertions, isolated and rejected as we have been; if, by our own exertions alone, we must build our second century, we will make it more illustrious than the first; we will proudly hold aloft our heads, and courageously fighting our battles, we will neither give nor ask quarter.

Bro. Charles Spalding, editor of the *Light* of Topeka, Kansas, proposes a meeting of masonic editors at St. Louis in September, to form a permanent organization. We should be delighted to be present at such a meeting, but fear our usual avocations will prevent.

#### Editorial Chips.

—According to the *Chaine d' Union*, the Grand Orient of France has under its obedience 313 lodges, 35 chapters, 13 councils, in all 361, being a gain of 9 during the year.

—Senator David Davis was a mason.

—Samuel W. E. Beckner, editor of the *New York Corner Stone*, has been again expelled from masonry.

—Grand Master Long of West Virginia proposes a Masonic Congress to discuss the claims of foreign grand lodges for recognition. It is an excellent proposition, for while it would not be binding, it would suggest a rule for general adoption.

—We are indebted to Frank W. Baxter of Highgate, Vt., for Burlington papers giving the proceedings of masonic bodies in June annual session.

—General Logan was present at the semi-annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Mass. and R. L., at Providence, May 21st, and was introduced by Senator Aldrich.

—The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts now requires a Grand Lodge certificate or personal avouchal for visitors.

—Bro. John W. Simons of New York is reported as very ill at the residence of his friend, Dr. Ferguson, on the Hudson.

—The Barron Memorial church at Dexter was dedicated July 7th. We congratulate the Congregational denomination in their faith in Bro. J. W. Barron, which has led them to thus honor his memory. We trust his brother masons are equally staunch.

—DeMolay Commandery of Washington, D. C., was entertained by DeMolay of Boston, June 16th, 17th and 18th.

—Richmond and St. Andrew's Commanderies of Richmond, Va., visited Providence, June 15th, 16th and 17th, and were entertained by St. John's Commandery.

—William Parkman Commandery of East Boston and Cœur de Lion of Charlestown visited Littleton, N. H., June 22d, and were received by St. Gerard Commandery of that place, and most hospitably entertained. Every knight seems to have taken his wife.

—Marvin H. Dana, son of our late brother, Edw. S. Dana, of New Haven, Vt., graduated at Middlebury College, June 30th, with honor, his part being an oration.

—The Grand Lodge of Quebec, on July 5th, issued an edict of non-intercourse with lodges and brethren, holding under the Grand Lodge of England.

In Clémenté Amitié Lodge of Paris, according to the *Chaine d' Union*, it is the rule that each candidate must make an address on some question designated by the Master. This must be very interesting if the candidate is an able man: if dull, it must be wearing. Doubtless this is an outgrowth of the Socialistic tendency of French masonry, for frequently the subject is of socialistic character.

**BUTTONS.**—Grand Recorder Wilbur F. Foster, of Tennessee, is a new hand at the Correspondence quill, but he sticks it in vigorously, as will be observed by the following:

"The learned Teufelsdröckh remarked, 'Society, which the more I think of it astonishes me the more, is founded upon Cloth,' and forthwith proceeded to formulate his well-known, profound 'Philosophy of Clothes,' in which it is conclusively demonstrated that the fate of Nations, as well as the prosperity, happiness and present and future welfare of each individual, depends upon the color, style and texture of the clothes that are worn. Without them we are but a set of 'forked, straddling animals with bandy legs.' With appropriate garments one man is a judge, another a criminal; one man is a general, a duke or a bishop, and another a savage or a peasant, his character and rank depending upon the clothes that he wears, etc., etc.

"Had the learned professor of 'Things in General' enjoyed the privilege, as we have, of a careful study of the Proceedings of thirty-five Grand Commanderies, he might have been still further confirmed in his belief, and added that a Noble and Magnanimous Order is principally engaged in discussing the style of clothes that shall be worn by its members; and the profound problem which disturbs its deep thinkers and consumes the time of its conclaves, is one of 'BUTTONS.' 'Buttons of brass!' cries one faction. 'Buttons of cloth!' cries the other; and the war of the roses will be forgotten in the greater magnitude and importance of this modern battle of the buttons. So momentous are the issues involved, that it is generally anticipated that the great conclave at St. Louis in September will be largely devoted to a display, if not to the discussion of buttons and clothes."

**LET NON-AFFILIATES ALONE.**—It is useless to undertake to legislate them into activity; the time expended upon them is lost. If a mason has not enough of interest in the fraternity to unite with a lodge, let him float; flood-wood is always at a discount.—[*Grand Secretary Deihl, of Utah.*]

Bro. Col. George B. Corkhill of Washington, D. C., whose sudden death occurred at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, on July 7th inst., will be regretted by a large circle of friends and brethren. Bro. Corkhill was well known to a number of the fraternity in Philadelphia. His conviction, while District Attorney, of Guiteau, the assassin of Bro. President Garfield, will be remembered by the entire country.—[*Keystone.*]

**ARAB PROVERB.**—Four men meet. The first is ignorant and knows it not. He is a fool; avoid him.

The second is ignorant and knows it. He is a dunce; instruct him.

The third knows but is not aware of it. He sleeps; awaken him.

The fourth knows and knows that he knows. He is wise; follow him. [*Chaine d' Union.*]

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What lodge shall be next added?

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

**NORTHERN JURISDICTION.**—The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States has the following membership: Members of Lodges of Perfection, 11,164; of Councils of Princes of Jerusalem, 9,045; of Rose Croix Chapters, 9,217; and of Consistories, 9,276. There are 55 active members of the Supreme Council, 6 emeriti, and 355 honorary 33° members.—[*Liberal Freemason.*]

**AMRU.**—The name given to the Phœnician carpenter, who is represented in some legends as one of the Assassins. Fanor and Metusael being the other two.—[*Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*—McClenachan.]



## KNIGHTED.

SARAH D. HOBART.

Because she takes me as her very own,  
 Claiming my fealty while life shall last,  
 My soul renounces all the unworthy past;  
 With ruthless hand its idols I dethrone.  
 I walk life's devious path no more alone;  
 Her eyes' sweet magic binds my fancy fast.  
 All aims ignoble from my heart I cast,  
 For youth's mad follies striving to atone.  
 Because she loves me, firm I take my stand,  
 Unflinchingly to battle for the right;  
 All womanhood is sacred for her sake,  
 For each oppressed a lance I freely break.  
 I walk encased in armor pure and bright,  
 Crowned with honor by her spotless hand.

**REGIMENTAL MILITARY LODGE.**—This was one of twenty military lodges organized by dispensations from the Grand Master of Indiana during the years 1861 and 1862. It was one of the few that after the close of the war made a full report of its work to the Grand Lodge, and closed up its business in a regular and systematic manner. The records of this lodge furnish the early masonic history of Bro. Charles Cruft, of whose death mention was made in our last issue, and they thus become of interest to the craft at this time. The following sketch of this lodge and Brother Cruft's connection with it, has been kindly furnished us by Brother Wm. H. Smythe, Grand Secretary, which we take pleasure in placing before our readers: Military Lodge, Thirty-first Regiment Indiana Volunteers, was granted a dispensation by the Grand Master of Indiana, on September 13, 1861. It first met in the hall of Terre Haute Lodge, No. 19, and its first work was the initiation, passing and raising of Charles Cruft, the Colonel of the regiment. At Calhoun, Ky., for three months the lodge held weekly meetings in the masonic hall at that place. Committees were appointed, by-laws adopted and printed, and a neat set of jewels purchased, together with a sufficient number of lambskin aprons and a "tin-box," with lock and key, in which to keep them. February 9, 1862, the regiment received marching orders and embarked on transports for Fort Donaldson, where it arrived in time to take part in the fight; and it is made a matter of record that "fortunately not one of the brethren was numbered among the slain." From Fort Donaldson the regiment moved to Fort Henry and from thence to "Pittsburg Landing," participating in the ever memorable battle of Shiloh. In this engagement the little band of masons were not so fortunate. Here Brothers James Harvey and Fred Arn were killed, and Brothers Charles Cruft severely, and William P. Osborn mortally wounded. Brother Osborn survived some days, and died at St. Louis. After leaving Calhoun, Ky., the regiment camped in the woods or on the march, and consequently no meetings of the lodge were held for work. After the battle of Shiloh, the lodge met in a tent and passed resolutions on the death of those killed. May 4, 1862, the command again moved, and after taking part in the siege of Corinth, marched with the main army through Alabama to Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tenn. At Murfreesboro, Brother Cruft, not having entirely recovered from his wounds, was appointed Post Commander. "Transportation being scarce, Brother Cruft consented to carry our 'tin box' with his private baggage." The regiment was ordered out on an extended scout, and while gone Brother Cruft received an appointment as Brigadier General, with immediate orders to report to General Nelson, at Lexington, Ky., and in the hurry incident to his departure, "forgot to leave our 'tin box,'" but took it with him. "Brother Cruft was engaged in the fight at Richmond, Ky., and his baggage was captured by the enemy; and with it 'our tin box,' containing our dispensation, jewels, aprons and records."

After this the lodge could not meet, but the regiment did considerable marching and fighting, and on the 31st day of December, 1862, was engaged in a severe action at Stone river, and here the W. M. was captured, given a parole and sent home, when he attended the session of the Grand Lodge, and secured a duplicate dispensation, which reached the regiment at Manchester, Tenn., August, 10, 1863. The regiment was mustered out at Indianapolis, January 9, 1866, but it was not found convenient to hold a meeting of the lodge at that time. The brethren conferred with General Cruft, the Treasurer, and it was decided to call a meeting of the lodge, and accordingly notice was given that a meeting would be held at Terre Haute, May 22, 1866. The meeting was held at the time appointed, Brother Lynden A. Smith as W. M., by special permission of the Grand Master. At this meeting the Secretary and the Treasurer, Brother Charles Cruft submitted their first final reports. Brother Cruft reported a balance of \$268 in his hands, and after paying all just claims, including Grand Lodge dues, the funds remaining were appropriated by the lodge towards erecting a monument over the grave of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Richard M. Waterman. Bro. Charles Cruft was elected the representative of the lodge to attend the next session of the Grand Lodge, and the dispensations and records were placed in his hands to bring to the Grand Lodge, which were duly laid before the Committee on Dispensations, who, after considering the same, submitted a detailed report thereon, showing that this lodge initiated, passed and raised twenty-six members; that the receipts of said lodge for degrees was \$455; that no dues were collected from the members; that upon the close of the war each surviving member was furnished with a diploma and certificate of non-indebtedness. The committee further state that out of this \$455 received for degrees the dues to the Grand Lodge had been paid, and after all other expenses were paid the balance, \$226, was, out of affection, appropriated to erect a monument to the memory of the deceased Worshipful Master. The history of this lodge shows that General Cruft took great pride in it, and that he carefully guarded its interests, even if he did let the enemy capture the "tin box."—[*Masonic Advocate*.]

## English Mark Lodges in Quebec.

Past General Grand High Priest J. H. Drummond, in his report on correspondence to the Grand Chapter of Maine, for 1885, says:

We confess to extreme mortification that a Grand Body, whose cause we have so earnestly advocated, should issue a document so utterly unworthy of it and smacking so strongly of the style and substance of the plea of a pettifogger.

The first point we answered last year, but we will repeat it. The Grand Chapters of the United States can never consent to the adoption of a rule, upon the assurance that the rule will never be acted upon as against them.

The portion of the second point which is included in parenthesis is puerile in the extreme. The law was well known when the recognition was made as now: if the Grand Chapter of Quebec was really illegal under the civil law, the recognition of the Grand Mark Lodge was a blunder so stupid that all connected with it ought to be so ashamed as never to venture to take part again in any similar business. What makes it all the worse, is, that this alleged illegality of the Grand Chapter—now relied on as the main reason for the course of the Grand Mark Lodge—was never suggested or thought of until after all these warrants had been issued

and this controversy had arisen! Indeed, when the Grand Mark Lodge was first put on its defence, it defended its course upon entirely other grounds without the least allusion to this, the discovery of which was reserved for its "Provincial Grand Master" to make. We have already quoted the opinions of others upon the soundness of the law; but we have only to say that masonic bodies are not tribunals to settle controverted questions of civil law, and when they undertake to do so, they are dangerously intermeddling with what is none of their business; when the proper tribunal decides a question, masonic bodies accept the decision without demur; until then, they are governed by masonic law.

As to the "Time Immemorial Mark Lodges," the impression is apparently sought to be produced that they are held by virtue of the charter of a craft lodge: but as for more than seventy years the Mark degree has been repudiated by the Grand Lodge of England, and its degrees expressly limited to "the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Royal Arch," it is apparent that not only no authority is given by that Grand Lodge for a Mark Lodge, as an annex to a Craft Lodge, but that the use of a charter as authority for a Mark Lodge would be in direct violation of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. It follows that these lodges must be sustained, if at all, simply on the ground of prescription. To acquire a right by prescription, the use of that right must have been open, notorious and continuous for a long number of years, and must not have been in violation of the law of the Sovereign. These lodges do not come within the rule in *any one particular*. If a Mark Lodge existed in Canada, in 1760, (of which not the slightest evidence has been furnished, and which we do not believe), it must have been as an annex to a military lodge which never acquired any territorial jurisdiction. That the practice of conferring the Mark degree in Canada has been "open and notorious," nobody claims. That the practice has been *continuous* no one has the hardihood to assert. That the practice would have been in violation of the law of the Grand Chapter of Canada since its organization in 1857, is self-evident.

It has been said that when the Grand Chapter of Canada was formed, "it was found that one or two English lodges retained the right, under their warrants, of conferring the degree of Mark Master," and we believe some of our Quebec Companions have conceded this. That these lodges, when first chartered, may have had such authority, may be true: but when the union of the two Grand Lodges took place in 1813, and the system was expressly limited to the three degrees as above quoted, it is absurd to say that any lodge "retained the right, under its warrant, of conferring the degree of Mark Master," as that would be in direct violation of the Constitution of its Grand Lodge.

The conferring of the Mark degree was in extremely isolated cases, and the right to be a Time Immemorial Lodge has not half the foundation to rest upon which several clandestine lodges in the United States have!

The fact is that the Grand Mark Lodge has been driven to abandon, as indefensible, one position after another, and now rests upon the weakest of them all.

We had not intended, for reasons to be presently stated, to renew the discussion, beyond giving the action and views of other Grand Chapters.

We find that there is an element in this controversy not generally noticed. It is well known that in Quebec there are certain lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of England. There are also one or more Chapters hailing under the Grand Chapter of England. The parties sustaining these bodies have been, and are now, disturbers of the



peace of the masonic world, the almost universal sentiment of which is against them. They naturally seek all possible means of strengthening their position: and they have succeeded in making the Grand Mark Lodge a cat's-paw (this is a homely term, but its accuracy justifies its use) to promote their ends. We marvel much that the Grand Mark Lodge should be willing to place itself in such an undignified position, even if it was willing to be made a party to a contest in which it would array itself against its earliest and warmest friends outside of its own organization.

This, however, being the *real* cause of its action, we have become satisfied that all argument, remonstrance and appeal are in vain, and that the Grand Mark Lodge, with true British obstinacy, will pursue the course marked out, without regard to consequences. With this view, we had intended, as we have said, not to continue the discussion; but we have concluded to state plainly our opinion of the conduct of the Grand Mark Lodge.

Nothing has ever before happened in our whole masonic life, which has given us so much grief as this affair. Nor is our grief wholly of a personal character. The Grand Mark Lodge had before it an apparent career of great usefulness: its officers have taken the immense responsibility of throwing away all its useful future: almost the whole Royal Arch world has recognized it as an ally of the system; in the future, it will be without a single body which will recognize it, or its work: its officers have reduced it from an institution recognized all over the world to one recognized only by members of its obedience. This result will be deplored by all lovers of the craft, but by none more than by us.

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#### The Three Verses.

1. And he set up the pillars, for the porch of the Temple; and he set up the right pillar and called its name Yachins; and he set up the left pillar and called its name Boaz. 1 Kings, VII, 12.

2. Then said they unto him, Do say, Shibboleth; but when he said Sibboleth, and was not able to pronounce it correctly, they laid hold of him and slew him on the passages of the Jordan and there fell at that time of the Ephraimites forty and two thousand. Judges, XII, 6.

3. And Zillah, she also bore Tubalcain, an artificer in every article of copper and iron: and the sister of Tubalcain was Naamah. Gen. IV, 22.

The above rendition is from Isaac Leeser's translation of the Bible, and should interest Brethren in the three degrees.—*Hebrew Leader.*

#### Our Thanks To

Samuel W. Clark, Gr. Master, for proc. Colored Gr. Lodge of Ohio and address "The Negro Mason in Equity."

J. H. Isaacson, Gr. Sec., for proc. Gr. Lodge Quebec 1886.

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#### DIED.

In Farmington, May 22, Judge Samuel Belcher, aged 71. He was twice Speaker of Maine House of Representatives. He was father of S. Clifford Belcher, prominent in our Grand Lodge.

In North Wayne, May 22, J. F. Taylor, aged 81. He was one of the oldest members of Lafayette Lodge of Readfield, and a Royal Arch Mason of 58 years standing. He was a prominent citizen, operating an ax and scythe factory, and active in all good work. He was buried with masonic honors, eighty craftsmen attending.

In St. John, N. B., May 26, Thomas M. Reed, aged 59. (See editorial.)

In Providence, June 9, Thomas A. Doyle, aged 59. (See editorial.)

In Little Rock, Ark., June 13, Luke E. Barber, aged 80. (See editorial.)

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