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From the Chronicle.

The Departing Guest.

Along Presumpscot's river bank
The twilight falls so drear and dank
That shadows fall upon my heart.
Frozen, Sebago's waters lie,
And 'cross the bleak and wintry sky
The cold, unwelcome snow-flakes dart.

An aged friend beside me stands
While burdens fill his wrinkled hands—
Burdens that I myself have laid,
And 'though the snow-flak is crown his way
I dare not bid my guest to stay;
His sorrows make my soul afraid.

Only a short twelve month ago
We welcomed him with gleam and glow,
And decked his brow with brightest flowers.
Why is it that he thus has changed?
Why are we thus from him estranged?
Why grudge his few, short, weary hours?

No pledge he gave will he revoke.
What vow of honor has he broke?
Has he on us no rightful claim?
We gave him promises of rest,
We said with us thou shalt be blest,
And now, we scorn to own his name.

We bid him go, while night winds blow,
And high is heaped the bitter snow—
The broken, sorry, sad, Old Year.
Then with fresh pledge and vow we turn,
And high we heap the festal urn,
To usher in the glad New Year.

And when another twelve month's past,
Shall he go laden as the last,
With heavy burdens from our door?
Or shall each good resolve mature,
Each thought be gracious, chaste and pure,
Thus crowning him, forevermore?
—[Florence M. Varney.]

MASONRY IN MAINE.

Lodge Elections.

Village, 26, Bowdoinham. Henry E Cornish, m; Geo D Pratt, sw; Wm R Frost, jw; Benj L Higgins, sec.

Lebanon, 116, Norridgewock. R Alonzo Davis, m; Herbert E Hale, sw; Geo E Porter, jw; Henry C Powers, So. Norridgewock, sec.

Oriental, 13, Bridgton. Wm H Foster, m; D Eugene Chaplin, sw; Lewis H Corliss, jw; Richard T Bailey, sec.

Maine, 20, Farmington. Levi G Brown, m; Geo L Stevens, sw; Geo McL Presson, jw; Geo B Cragin, sec.

Carrabassett, 161, Canaan. Samuel W Moore, m; Walter H Smith, sw; Thomas B Gleason, jw; Geo W Johnson, sec.

Sebasticook, 146, Clinton. David S

Wardwell, m; Geo P Billings, sw; Isaac Bingham, jw; Ruel W Gerald, sec.

Central, 45, China. James O Fish, m; Carroll W Abbott, sw; John A Woodsum, jw; Willis W Washburn, sec.

Nezinscot, 101, Turner. Edwin P Ramsdell, m; Frank S French, sw; Albion W Roberts, jw; Seth D Andrews, sec.

Keystone, 80, Solon. Alonzo Moore, m; Fred Drury, sw; Leslie W McIntire, jw; Geo W Gower, sec.

Amity, 6, Camden. Orris I Gould, m; Charles A Wilson, sw; Wallace E Easton, jw; Leander M Kenniston, sec.

Star in the East, 60, Oldtown. Everett W Chesley, m; John E Haynes, sw; Orren Bussell, jw; Geo T Sewall, sec.

St George, 16, Warren. Chester Hall, m; John W Dunbar, sw; Chas E Blackington, jw; Alvin V Hinkley, sec.

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Tyrian, 73, Mechanic Falls. Hollis E Dennin, m; Orin H Guptill, sw; Frank O Purington, jw; Lewin Jeffreys, sec.

Molunkus, 165, Sherman Mills. Alfred Cushman, Jr, m; John C Hussey, sw; Isaac T Maddocks, jw; John Gosnell, sec.

Vernon Valley, 99, Mount Vernon. William T Morrill, m; Irving R Bradley, sw; Wm M Tyler, jw; Silas Burbank, sec.

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Asylum, 133, Wayne. J M Gordon, No. Wayne, m; B H J Ridley, sw; H J Bamford, jw; J M Moulton, sec.

Piscataquis, 44, Milo. Edwin C Moores, m; Louis C Ford, sw; Justus C Crockett, jw; Albert W Murray, sec.

Quantabacook, 129, Searsmont. Adelbert Millett, m; Llewellyn L Cross, sw; Chas S Adams, jw; Loima C Poor, sec.

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Solar, 14, Bath. Albert A Robinson, m; Seth T Snipe, sw; John Eagle, jw; J Lufkin Douglas, sec.

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Kenduskeag, 137, Kenduskeag. Geo N

Carter, m; John H Tuttle, sw; Fred W Perkins, jw; Wm C Spratt, sec.

Pythagorean, 11, Fryeburg. Frank Sawtelle, m; Frank L Mark, sw; Frank A Hill, jw; E E Hastings, sec.

Atlantic, 81, Portland. Franklin D Rogers, m; Andrew M Haseltine, sw; Geo C Ricker, jw; Charles D Smith, sec.

Penobscot, 39, Dexter. Owen W Bridges, m; Alberto P Bement, sw; Lafayette B Waldron, jw; Andrew H Knight, sec.

Lynde, 174, Hermon. West D Eaton, m; Thurston Hunt, sw; Frank P Whitaker, jw; Edgar S Smith, sec.

Union, 31, Union. Fred M Lucas, m; Frank H Pratt, sw; Peter C Robbins, jw; Benj Burton, sec.

Tuscan, 106, Addison. Fred A Chandler, m; Uriah W Curtis, sw; Oscar A Curtis, jw; Amasa D Tracy, sec.

Casco, 36, Yarmouth. Charles A Collins, Jr, m; Walter B Allen, sw; Alvinza D Doble, jw; Monroe Stoddard, sec.

Mosaic, 52, Dover. Wm W Thayer, m; Warren L Stoddard, sw; E D Merrill, jw; James T Roberts, sec.

Arion, 162, Goodwin's Mills. J Burton Roberts, m; Frank S Day, sw; James A Roberts, jw; Leonard C Walker, sec.

Meridian Splendor, 49, Newport. S Earnest Plummer, m; Wilson M Stuart, sw; Cyrus W French, jw; William H Mitchell, sec.

Tremont, 77, Tremont. Gilbert L Lurvey, m; James S Fernald, sw; Wm R Keene, jw; Cyrus H Lurvey, sec.

Mt Kineo, 109, Guilford. John Houston, m; James B Greenleaf, sw; Angus O Campbell, jw; David Pearson, sec.

Pine Tree, 172, Mattawamkeag. James H Chadbourne, m; Edson P Reynolds, sw; John E Clark, jw; Geo W. Smith, sec.

King David's, 62, Lincolnville. Robert W Perry, m; William Bragg, sw; Stanton H Freeman, jw; Wm L Howe, sec.

Harwood, 91, Machias. Eldredge H Bryant, m; Amos L Heaton, sw; Stephen Hadley, jw; Cyrus W Beverly, sec.

Chapter Elections.

Union, 36, Norway. Vivian W Hills, hr; Lewis I Gilbert, k; Charles F Ridlon, s; Howard D. Smith, sec.

Franklin, 44, Farmington. Enoch O Greenleaf, hr; Arthur D Parsons, k; Geo M Currier, s; Geo B Cragin, sec.

Dunlap, 12, China. Chas W Jones, hr; Edwin A Ward, k; Chas A Drake, s; Willis W Washburn, sec.

St John's, 25, Dexter. Stephen C Fletcher, hr; Henry S Dole, k; John Martin, s; Newell H Bates, sec.

Siloam, 92, Fairfield. Herman W S Lovejoy, m; C H Maxfield, sw; Geo C Eaton, jw; Henry F Arnold, sec.

Timothy Chase, 123, Belfast. Francis H Welch, m; Frank L Field, sw; Evander L French, jw; Emery Robbins, sec.

Greenleaf, 13, Portland. Wm N Howe, HP; Henry B Bennett, K; Chas E Snow, S; Francis E Chase, SEC.

Oriental, 30, Bridgton. James P Lown, HP; William H Foster, K; Isaiah S Webb, S; Richard T Bailey, SEC.

Dirigo, 39, Cherryfield. W H Dresser, HP; D W Campbell, K; E R Wingate, S; G R Campbell, SEC.

E B French, 42, Damariscotta. Chas W Stetson, HP; Abraham T Gamage, K; S N Hall, S; Wm A Jones, SEC.

Mt Vernon, 1, Portland. Charles S. Harmon, HP; Edwin F Vose, K; Wm E Willard, S; John S Russell, SEC.

Eagle, 11, Westbrook. Stephen H Skillings, HP; Everett E. Reade, K; Jetson, D Gilbert, S; David W Babb, SEC.

Piscataquis, 21, Dover. Crowell C Hall, HP; Frank D Folsom, K; H A Robinson, S; James T Roberts, SEC.

Council Elections.

Portland, 4, Portland. Charles E Snow, TIM; Edwin F Vose, DM; Stephen O Shaw, PCW; Chas D Smith, REC.

Commandery Elections.

Pilgrim, 19, Farmington. George M Currier, EC; Arthur D Parsons, G; Newell P Noble, CG; George B Cragin, REC.

St. Alban, 8, Portland. John H Fogg, EC; Ermon D Eastman, G; Henry B Bennett, CG; William N Howe, REC.

Scottish Rite.

Portland Council Princes of Jerusalem. Almon C Waite, m; A D Pearson, dm; M A Dillingham, sw; Millard F Hicks, jw; Wm N Howe, sec.

Constitutions.

Grand Master Denison E. Seymour constituted Aroostook Council, No. 16, at Presque Isle, on November 10th and installed their officers, several companions from Calais and other places accompanying him.

On November 18th he constituted Westbrook Council, No. 15, at Cumberland Mills, Westbrook, and installed their officers. A large number of companions were present from Portland.

New Hall.

Riverside Lodge at Jefferson is to build a new hall, W. H. Weeks having presented a fine building lot.

Dedications.

Grand Master Henry R. Taylor dedicated the new hall of Winter Harbor Lodge, No. 192, at Winter Harbor, on Nov. 10th, and the new hall of Mt. Desert Lodge, No. 140, at Mt. Desert, on Nov. 11th. On both occasions there was a full attendance of masons and ladies, and supper and entertainment followed.

Consolidation of Lodges.

Oriental Star Lodge, No. 21, of Livermore, and Reuel Washburn Lodge, No. 181, of Livermore Falls, have voted to consolidate under the name and charter of Oriental Star Lodge, No. 21, and the consolidated lodge will be located at Livermore Falls. On the fourth of January the endorsed charters were signed, and would be delivered and the officers elected and installed by P. G. M. David Cargill on the 13th.

Dispensation.

On Oct. 22d, Grand Master Denison E Seymour issued a dispensation for a new Council at Farmington, Maine, with the following officers:

Benj. M. Hardy, T. I. M.;
Seth E. Beedy, D. I. M.;
Roswell C. Boothby, P. C. W.

Lodge Notes.

Portland Lodge, No. 1, presented its retiring Master, Wm. N. Howe, with a Past Master's jewel.

Chapter Notes.

Greenleaf Chapter, of Portland, presented its retiring High Priest, Charles W. Pierce, with a P. H. P.'s jewel.

Mount Vernon Chapter, of Portland, presented a P. H. P.'s jewel to Convers O. Leach, its retiring High Priest.

Conventions.

A convention for teaching work was held at Calais, November 10th, but was not very fully attended, owing to the dedications at Winter Harbor and Mt. Desert, 10th and 11th. The convention at Belfast, Nov. 17th, was postponed to a future date not yet fixed. That at Auburn, November 24th, was well attended, and both Grand Lecturers were present, Bro. Raymond having recovered from his illness.

Princes of Jerusalem.

A petition has been forwarded for a charter for the formation of a new council of Princes of Jerusalem, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, to be formed at Machias, and to be named George W. Deering Council, after the late George W. Deering, of Portland and Berlin Falls.

The first temple of the Mystic Shrine in Maine has been organized in Lewiston under the name of Cora Temple, W. F. Lord, Recorder. To the shivering dwellers in this northland there is something very attractive in the idea of camels, sand and the glowing yellow sunshine of the desert, and many are ready to bow down to the Crescent. Some may doubt if camels can be successfully reared in this climate, but Kennan records that they are used in Siberia, and we are confident that in Lewiston there is plenty of sand.

The following lodges pay \$1 or \$2 a year, receiving 11 and 22 copies of the *Token*, respectively, to distribute to the members who are promptest in attendance:

	Copies.
St. Andrew's, Bangor,	22
Temple, Saccarappa,	11
Hancock, Castine,	11
Ira Berry, Bluehill,	22
Cumberland, New Gloucester,	11
Rising Virtue, Bangor,	22
Kenduskeag Lodge, Kenduskeag,	11
What lodge shall be next added?	

For Lists of Subscribers,

We are indebted to Bro. C. H. Kingston, Vanceboro, Me.

The *Masonic Constellation* announces the death early in December of our old friend Wm. R. Penick, of St. Joseph, Mo. He was Grand Master in 1861, and was then very active and influential in the fraternity.

MAINE MASONIC TEXT BOOK.—Grand Master Albion E. Chase said in his annual address:

I desire to call the especial attention of the craft to the fact that this is the authorized work in this jurisdiction. In conferring the degrees and in the performance of masonic work, so far as the work is monitory, there is no authority for the use of any other book than this. This Grand Lodge has by a vote so made it, and from it the craft can gain the required information.

Contributions to Portland Masonic Library.

Stephen Berry—Freemasons' Repository, V. 20.

There is now in the Bangor Union Lodge a mallet which is probably without an equal in the world. It was presented to Lord Clanmorris by the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava in 1883, and the following letter, which accompanied it, tells the story of the find. The mallet is laid in the lodge room in a glass case and bears evidence of good usage, the edges being completely rounded. The letter is as follows: "Clandebye, 3d September, 1883, My dear Clanmorris: At last I have found the mallet, which I have much pleasure in sending you. Its great merit is its genuineness. On that you may rely, for I myself dug it out of a temple tomb erected by King Mentu Hotep of the 11th Dynasty, a personage who certainly flourished before Moses. The mallet was buried beneath the sand and ruins with a number of articles of the same date. Its handle still shines with the sweat of the old Egyptian masons, and I have great pleasure in presenting it to your lodge. Yours sincerely, Dufferin."

—[London Freemason.

During the recent celebration of St. John's Day at New Orleans, a mason gave his life to save others. In the evening, while the fireworks exhibition was in progress, a team of horses ran frantically into the crowd, fatally injuring two and hurting several others less seriously. Mr. Harry Russell, fifty-eight years old, a member of Louisiana Lodge, No. 102, in an effort to stop the frightened animals and thus protect others from injury, was knocked down and trampled upon. Shortly after he died. He was buried with masonic honors. Thus another hero's name is added to the Masonry's long list.

Edwin Booth has been a mason twenty-one years. The Masonic Veterans of the State of New York made him a member a week or two ago. Jerome Buck was elected most venerable President. Mr. Booth belongs to New York Lodge, No. 330, which is composed largely of actors. Nat C. Goodwin is another member. He doesn't bother with paying dues quarterly. He shows up once a year to settle his bill.

HOUSTON, Dec. 10. At the annual session of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Texas, Grand Master Rosenbom, of Mexico, was introduced. The legitimacy of the masonic order of Mexico was then recognized by the Masonry of the United States for the first time. It is expected that this will result in a benefit to commerce as well as Masonry.

Past Grand Master W. T. Boyd kindly favors us with the constitutions of the colored Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Madame Blavatsky's steady refusal of late years to work signs before an unbelieving generation was in one instance set aside (asserts the London correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian*). She would absolutely refuse to admit into the class studying occultism under her any who wished to enter it simply to master the marvelous for its own sake. The first condition imposed was the proof given that reverence, not idle curiosity, was the note of the student. On one occasion one came who was deeply interested in Indian philosophies, and had devoted himself to the service of his fellow-creatures, but who doubted the power of "wonder-working" in adepts. To her visitor Madame Blavatsky, it is said, did give a sign. In a ray of astral light projected on the centre of the table, he saw the sign of the degree he held in freemasonry. No one, he believed, but a freemason of his own degree knew that sign, and there before him it appeared in a ray of unearthly splendour. Such at any rate is the story.—[*Pall Mall Gazette*.

Original Formation of Chapters.

Every chapter formed since 1798, has been created by a Grand Chapter or the General Grand Chapter: for the purposes of this discussion we shall limit our inquiry to chapters under the General Grand Chapter system.

The chapters formed previously to 1798 were few in number. All of them assumed that they must have authority—originally from a higher source than themselves—and so they worked under warrants from a Grand Lodge: they assumed that all the authority they possessed came, not by grant from themselves or the craft, but by grant from a Grand Lodge; later, notable in Connecticut, some chapters acted under a warrant from another chapter established under a Grand Lodge warrant. If there ever was a chapter in this jurisdiction, which was not avowedly held under a lodge charter, a charter from another chapter, a Grand Chapter, or the General Grand Chapter, it has escaped our notice after as full examination as we have been able to give: if Comp. Wait knows of a case, we hope he will name it. No one of them ever claimed to be formed *except by authority from some other source* than the power inherent in themselves, or the craft in their individual or collective capacity. It was soon understood that a warrant for a lodge gave no authority for a chapter, and that a chapter, even if legally organized, could give no authority to create another chapter; but an organization was necessary, and as necessity knows no law, they maintained their existence without law.

Such was the state of Royal Arch Masonry in 1797: the Grand Lodge system was in full existence as the supreme, legislative, judicial and executive power in Symbolic Masonry. A movement was set on foot to organize *not create*, a supreme governing body upon the same plan as the Grand Lodge system.

In the circular calling for a convention, it is said:

"It is an opinion generally received and we think well authenticated that no Grand Lodge of Master Masons can claim or exercise authority over any convention or chapter of Royal Arch Masons: nor can any chapter, though of standing immemorial, exercise the authority of a Grand Chapter."

In the preamble to the constitution of the Grand Chapter (now General Grand Chapter), express reference is made to the Grand Lodge system; the paragraph quoted from

the circular is repeated; and it is declared that it is expedient to establish a Grand Chapter "for the regular government of all chapters." It starts out with the statement that the chapters are "destitute of a *supreme head* or superintending power."

Now it is a universal fact from the very nature of the case, that when a body with *granted* powers is created, the powers granted are described in some manner in the instrument by which they are granted: if no statement of the powers granted is made, it is because the body is to possess the powers growing out of the previously existing law, without reference to any powers coming to it from the instrument by which, under the law, the body was organized. Marriage is a perfect illustration: the parties find their rights and duties *in the law*, and do not derive the one, or become subject to the other, by any grant from the clergyman who solemnized the marriage.

In the constitution of the [General] Grand Chapter are found no enumeration of its powers, no grant of any powers, and no limitation upon the powers assumed to be inherent in a supreme body.

It is also provided that "there shall be" in each of the states, a [Deputy] Grand Chapter; fixed their membership; and prescribed the manner of their organization, viz:

"The High Priests, Kings and Scribes of the several chapters within the states aforesaid shall meet in the manner following, to wit: * * * who shall elect by ballot their [Deputy] Grand Officers as hereinbefore enumerated."

Thus were Grand Chapters to be formed, and thus were the Grand Chapters of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York formed immediately afterwards.

In 1806, the General Grand Chapter extended its jurisdiction over the United States, and provision was made for the formation of new Grand Chapters "by the High Priests, Kings and Scribes of the said chapters, who shall be authorized to elect the Grand Officers." Several Grand Chapters were formed accordingly; an attempt was made to form one in Alabama, but another provision of the constitution of the General Grand Chapter was violated, and the organization was declared to be illegal, and was abandoned, and a new organization effected according to the provisions of the constitution of the General Grand Chapter.

In 1829, the constitution was revised, and the following provision was incorporated into it:

"Sec. 9. Whenever there shall have been three chapters regularly instituted and consecrated in any state, country, Republic or Territory, by virtue of authority derived from this constitution, a Grand Chapter shall be established as soon as convenience and propriety may dictate, provided the approbation of one of the first four officers of the General Grand Chapter shall be first obtained. And said chapters, by their regular officers, shall assemble at some suitable place, elect their officers, and make such rules and regulations for their government as may be necessary, not inconsistent with the regulations of the General Grand Chapter."

The practical construction of this clause was precisely the same as of the previous provision, and the former practice continued.

In 1850 and 1853, the constitution, as amended at the convocations of those respective years, was published; section nine, quoted above, was retained, except that the words "*Grand Chapters*" was substituted for "*chapters*" in the last sentence.

This provision, as found in the constitution of 1850, was continued till 1880, when the last sentence was dropped. The com-

position of a Grand Chapter, however, was prescribed; its membership was limited to Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and the High Priests, Kings and Scribes, or their proxies, of the chapters; but by constitutional enactment, Past High Priests may be made members; also a chapter may elect a representative, but to act only in case no one of the officers or their proxies is present.

Through all these years the old practice in the formation of Grand Chapters has prevailed. Referring to our review of Montana, it will be found that the High Priests, Kings and Scribes or their proxies were summoned to assemble and organize the Grand Chapter. The first Grand Chapter and the last one was formed in the same manner.

It will be seen that in the formation of Grand Chapters, the chapter cuts no figure whatever. In practice, the chapters have signified their desire that a Grand Chapter should be formed, and after that they have nothing to do. The law steps in and prescribes what shall be done, who shall do it, and the effect of what is done: and the chapter has no voice in the matter.

This sketch will not be complete without special mention of two Grand Chapters, Maryland and Texas.

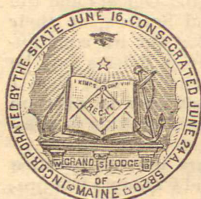
A Grand Chapter was formed in Maryland without the authority of the General Grand Chapter. The time and manner of its formation are not certainly known: but there was an organization antedating that of the General Grand Chapter. In 1816, the General Grand Chapter found a Grand Chapter existing in Maryland, exercising supreme power in that jurisdiction: by mutual consent that Grand Chapter came under the authority of the General Grand Chapter, upon an equality with the other Grand Chapters, except a possible reservation of a privilege in relation to the work.

In Texas, in 1844, chapters were formed under charters from the Grand Lodge: and they organized a Grand Chapter; application was made to the General Grand Chapter in 1847, for recognition, which was denied. In the papers it is stated that the chapters were voluntary associations without charters. It is a matter of record that the Grand Lodge did grant dispensations or charters or both; and whether the chapters were formed by virtue of these charters or by voluntary associations is not material, as the General Grand Chapter decided that Royal Arch Masons could not form a chapter without a warrant granted by authority of a Grand Chapter duly organized or the General Grand Chapter. The consequence was that the organization was abandoned; charters were taken from the General Grand Chapter, and a Grand Chapter organized in the regular manner. In later times, our Texas companions felt deeply aggrieved by this action of the General Grand Chapter, but we have never seen a just reason therefor; for conceding that they had the same right to organize a system as the General Grand Chapter had, still they certainly had no right to demand recognition by a body, which had agreed for nearly fifty years that the Texas method was contrary to masonic law, and forbidden its recognition: in other words, if the old law did justify the course our Texas companions pursued, they certainly had no ground of complaint that they were not recognized by a body which held, and had held for nearly fifty years, that the law was otherwise, and whose position in that respect was well known to them when they applied for recognition.

This illustrates our proposition, that a course justified by necessity in the first organization of an Institution ceases to be lawful after the organization and the necessity has ceased to exist.

[*Drummond's Chapter Cor.* 1891

GRAND LODGE OF MAINE.



ANNUAL MEETINGS.

The Masonic Grand Bodies in Maine will hold their Annual Sessions for 1892 at Masonic Hall in Portland, as follows :

Grand Lodge, Tuesday, May 3, at 9 o'clock A. M.
Grand Chapter, " 3, at 7 o'clock P. M.
Grand Council, Wed'sdy, " 4, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Gr. Com'dery, Thursday, " 5, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Lodge officers, in making applications to the Charity Fund for Relief, must be particularly careful to comply with all the directions required in filling out blanks. See pp. 299 and 300, proceedings 1891.

To Secretaries: Blanks for Returns of Lodges will be sent first of February. If not received by the 11th, notify me, and give the proper address. If there has been a change in the office of Secretary, call on the former one before writing me.

STEPHEN BERRY,
Acting Gr. Sec.

Portland, Jan. 15, 1892.

Secretaries should instantly report the election of officers, if they have not done so, that the returns, &c., may be sent to the proper addresses.

Every Master who has served a full year, is entitled to a Past Master's diploma, and his District Deputy will furnish one on application.

The friends of Bro. Robert Freke Gould, of London, the eminent masonic historian, are endeavoring to raise money enough to purchase him a small annuity. We are about to remit a small contribution for that purpose, and should be glad to add anything that may be sent us for that purpose, immediately, either from lodges or brethren. Can you not spare a dollar for that worthy purpose? His eminent services to the craft are certainly worthy of the recognition.

Bro. John H. Brown, Grand Secretary of Kansas, was recently severely injured in a railway wreck. He is now recovering.

The lodges in Ohio who lost their charters on account of Cerneauism have formed an independent Grand Lodge at Worthington. This is denounced by Grand Master Levi C. Goodale, and regular masons will accordingly hold no intercourse with any hailing from that body.

We are indebted to Grand Secretary J. C. Corbin, of Pine Bluff, for the proceedings of the Colored Grand Lodge of Arkansas, for Aug. 11, 1891. M. A. Clark, of Mariana, Grand Master. Ninety-eight lodges return 1,618 members and 211 initiates. It will be seen that the average membership is only 17; one lodge reports only 6!

P. Gr. Master W. T. Boyd, of Cleveland, sends in the proceedings of the Colored Grand Lodge of Ohio for August 19, 1891. Jere A. Brown, Cleveland, Grand Master. C. L. Maxwell, Xenia, Gr. Sec. 46 lodges, 1,185 members, 75 initiates.

In Ancient Egypt there were two classes of masons. The masons of the priestly order, the sacred sculptors and draughtsmen, who belonged to the first class, and common masons and sculptors, who belonged to the third class of people. There were several lower classes.

An invitation was received from the Acacia Club of Chicago to its reception of the Illinois Veteran Masonic Association, Nov. 25th, which we should have been pleased to have attended if we could have annihilated the distance.

Bro. Charles Bartlett, U. S. Consul at Guadeloupe, favors us with a tableau of membership of Lodge La Paix of Point-a-Pitre, which shows that it has twenty-eight members. It meets on the first Monday and third Sunday of each month. Meeting on Sundays seems unusual to us, but the lodge is under the Grand Orient of France, which has eliminated Sunday from its observances.

The Comenius Society has decided to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the birth of John Amos Comenius on March 28, 1892. Any one interested can address Dr. W. T. Harris, U. S. Commissioner Education, Washington, D. C.

We are indebted to Bro. John C. Smith of Chicago for proceedings of the sixth annual meeting of the Masonic Veteran Association of Illinois, which are very interesting and valuable. They contain a number of portraits and other plates.

The irregular Grand Lodge of Ontario has now existed for sixteen years, and the Grand Master, at its late annual meeting, July 15th, suggested the possibility of a future union with the regular Grand Lodge by referring to the union of the two Grand Lodges of England.

We have had occasion to refer lodges who wished to buy furniture for their lodge rooms to W. W. Stratton & Co., of Ashley, Ohio, who make a specialty of it. Their advertisement will now be found in the *Token*.

Reports come from all quarters of extravagant rates charged at Denver for rooms during the Triennial. One commandery has contracted to pay \$6 a day for board, and \$500 a day for headquarters room. It is also said that hotels promptly break contracts when offered higher prices. It is not too late to change the place of meeting.

The *Masonic Advocate* thinks Masonic Homes an expensive method of providing for beneficiaries, and says Grand Lodges should consider well before embarking in such an enterprise.

FINANCIAL STANDING.—Bro. J. Ferd. King, District Deputy G. M. of the 16th District, made the following excellent comments in his report for 1891, to the Grand Lodge of Maine :

I have examined the records and found little to criticise, except that in several of the lodges the annual reports do not show such a clear and full statement of the finances of the lodge as they should. In one or two instances it was difficult to ascertain the exact financial standing of the lodge. A report should be made and spread upon the records, at least once a year, containing a statement of all the resources and liabilities of the lodge, including arrearages of dues.

* * * * * Lodge, owing to the negligence (or worse) of former Secretaries, has about six hundred dollars of arrearages. The present Secretary is striving to lessen the amount outstanding, but is not meeting with so good success as could be wished. This state of affairs is very injurious to the prosperity of the lodge, as of course no man can keep up an interest in the order when he is feeling all the time that his dues amount to more than he wishes to pay. It is easy to say that it is the duty of every member to see that his dues are paid without being reminded by the Secretary, but we know that many good men will not do it, and it is necessary that the Secretary of a lodge should possess that which our Deputy Grand Master once so graphically described as "collective ability," and possessing it, should not suffer it to rust for want of use. I believe that the lodge would be actually better off if the whole amount of outstanding dues could be cancelled and a new set of books started, taking care in the future to carry no dead wood.

REV. HENRY R. HOWARD.—The Pythian Journal of Memphis says of our old townsman, now a resident of Tullahoma, Tenn :

The honorary degree of S. T. D. was conferred upon Dr. Howard by Avondale College, N. Y. Dr. Howard is a ripe scholar of large and cultivated reading and owns a large and valuable library. He has resided in Tullahoma for the past ten years and is Rector of St. Barnabas (Episcopal) Church, and his people are devoted to him and his most estimable and lovable wife.

Dr. Howard is not only a Knight of Pythias, but is high in honors in other fraternal orders. As a Mason he has been repeatedly re-elected to and is now W. M. of his lodge, H. P. of the Chapter, T. I. M. of the Council, E. C. of the Commandery, I. D. G. M. of the Grand Council, Noble of the Mystic Shrine, Vice-President of the High Priesthood and a 33° Scottish (Pike) Rite Mason.

Dr. Howard is a recognized authority of fraternal Jurisprudence and a master of the liturgical, monitorial and secret work.

Dr. Howard is, in short and in full rounded sense, a man, priest and scholar.

Bro. John Lane, of England, in reviewing the new history, quotes Hughan to show that the earliest reference to the Royal Arch is in Dr. Dassigny's "Serious and Impartial Enquiry," published at Dublin in 1744, and consequently it was not invented by the "Ancients."

FEES FOR DEGREES.—In Massachusetts a motion has been made to raise the minimum fee for degrees from \$25 to \$40. It is found that 46 lodges charge \$50

3	"	"	45
29	"	"	40
52	"	"	35
72	"	"	30
29	"	"	25

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so that only 29 or $\frac{1}{8}$ of the lodges are willing to work so cheaply. It is a matter worth looking into in other states. When a majority of lodges raise their fees above the minimum, it is time to raise the bar.

It seems natural to masons to speak of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, but when they see it imitated and the Creator spoken of as the Supreme Commander, the Supreme Dictator, the Supreme Inchoonee, etc., it almost seems as if it would be better to confine oneself simply to the terms of Scripture.

The London *Freemason* gives a copy of a warrant dated Dec. 1768, from the Provincial Gr. Master of Quebec, for a lodge on board H. M. S. the *Canceaux*. This must have been the Sloop of War *Canceau*, 16 guns, the flag ship of Mowatt's squadron, when he burned Portland in 1775, and probably the lodge still existed on board at the time of the bombardment.

Bro. H. O. Nickerson, of Readfield, died September 17, 1891, at the age of 58 years, 7 months. The funeral was conducted by Lafayette Lodge and was one of the largest ever held there. He was beloved and respected by all, and had been an active and valued member of the Grand Lodge in former years.

George O. Mitchell, of Bucksport, Master of Felicity Lodge, No. 19, has prepared a full and excellent history of that lodge, from its foundation in 1809 to the close of 1890. It is now in press by Stephen Berry, and will be soon issued. It will be a valuable contribution to masonic history.

A lecture before Royal Clarence Lodge, Bristol, Eng., by F. H. Fulford, on Dunkerley, states that his son, who was a mason, became dissipated and an outcast. He besieged lodges and individuals for aid, became a hod-carrier, and finally *this grandson of a King died in a cellar in St. Giles's*.

Amity Lodge, of Hackett, Arkansas, proposes to build a hall by contribution of stones, inviting Grand Lodges, subordinate lodges and individuals to contribute a stone each, the stone to be inscribed with the donor's name. This building is styled novel and unique, and the plan reminds one of the way Mark Twain's hero whitewashed his fence. Stones may be sent to G. P. Hackett, Secretary, Hackett, Arkansas.

The Oldest Mason.

The death of John B. Hollenbeck, May 24th, left the position of oldest mason to Hon. Samuel Chipman, of Halifax, N. S., who was 101 years old October 18th, and initiated Dec. 23, 1813. He died Nov. 10th. David McDaniel, of Johnson, Vt., who followed Bro. Hollenbeck on our list, died Feb. 29, 1888, aged 95. Hon. Bonum Nye, died at North Brookfield, Mass., Nov. 12th. He was born Sept. 18, 1795, and initiated Oct. 1, 1816, but there were older masons than he, so that he did not rank first. We have not heard of the deaths of Wilkinson Dean, Belleville, Mich., Theodore Barton, Barton Hill, N. Y., and Robert J. Chester, of Jackson, Tenn., all initiated in 1814, but as they have not been mentioned for many years we suppose they are dead, and that Connecticut has the oldest mason in the person of *Israel Coe, of Waterbury*, initiated in 1815. There are a large number of initiates of 1816, but they must wait.

The Odd Fellows of Chicago propose to build a temple thirty-four stories and 556 feet in height; thirteen stories higher than the Masonic Temple. If there is a deep layer of soft mud under the city as affirmed, there will sometime come a slump.

Editorial Chips.

—A beautiful gold jewel was recently presented to Grand Secretary A. M. Wolihin, by the Grand Chapter of Georgia, in acknowledgment of his faithful services as Grand High Priest.

—The masons of Chicago have appointed a committee of entertainment to greet all visiting masons during the world's fair. Gen. John C. Smith and Gil. W. Barnard will be of the committee.

—Bro. Thomas R. Patton, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, has added \$25,000 more to the \$25,000 he gave in 1890 for a charity fund in memory of his wife.

—In Melbourne, Victoria, Bro. Thomas Smith criticized the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund in Grand Lodge. Bro. Philip Blashki, President of Trustees, replied sharply. Bro. Smith pursued the matter in the Australasian Keystone. Bro. Blashki sued him for libel and was defeated. Charges were then brought against Blashki for carrying masonry into court, and he was expelled.

—Canada has about the same number of members as Maine, but almost twice as many lodges and twice as many initiates.

—Bro. Richard Vaux, of Philadelphia, was seventy-five years old, Dec. 19th. He was made a mason at sight Dec. 20, 1842, forty-nine years ago.

—Rudyard Kipling, the author, is a mason.

—California writes the date of initiation under the flap of the apron given to the candidate. It is a good thing to adopt.

—The Grand Council of Illinois elected

Samuel J. Le Fevre, Gibson City, G. M., Gil. W. Barnard, Chicago, Gr. Rec., L. R. Jerome, La Grange, Correspondent.

—The Grand Lodge of Wyoming elected Dec. 1st, Perry L. Smith, of Rawlins, Grand Master, W. L. Kuykendall, of Saratoga, Gr. Sec. and Correspondent. It will be noticed that the Grand Secretary's headquarters are removed to Saratoga.

—Benjamin M. Rowell, of Lynn, has been elected Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

—Chicago placed the copestone of the new Masonic Temple, Nov. 6th in the presence of a great concourse. Past Gr. Master John C. Smith officiated. It has been one year in building.

—John D. Jennings was the first to propose the Michigan Masonic Home, the first contributor, the first inmate (having been stricken with disease, and lost his property) and the first to die (Nov. 2d) and be buried from it.

—Samuel H. Jumper, of Aberdeen, South Dakota, President of the First National Bank there, and Grand Commander of South Dakota, was a New Gloucester boy.

—W. J. Florence, the actor, who died in Philadelphia in November, was a mason, and much interested in the Mystic Shrine.

—Grand High Priest Charles H. Fisk, of Covington, Ky., and wife celebrated their silver wedding Oct. 23d; 150 guests were present.

—Wm. Parkman, P. G. M., of Massachusetts, died Dec. 26th, aged 80 years.

—Notice has been received of the death of Frelon J. Babcock, of Salem, Oregon, and the appointment of Seth L. Pope, of Portland, O., as Grand Recorder of the Grand Council, in his place.

A modern order of Christian Chivalry, called the Warriors of Sahara, has been organized in France. Its headquarters are to be at Biskra, on the Algerian borders of the Great Sahara Desert, and it will combat slavery, and oppose the Arab traders. The first group of postulants were twelve members of the French aristocracy.

A story by Herbert D. Ward, in the August Century, called the White Crown, figures the end of war by a league into which soldiers of all nations enter, pledging themselves not to kill each other. The idea is masonic, but although we know that the masonic tie will save the individual in battle, it never prevents the mason from attacking the mass. The end of war must come from

"The Parliament of man, the Federation of the world."

Now that Tom Thumb is dead, Robt. H. Huzza, of Zeredatha Lodge, No. 483, Brooklyn, N. Y., is said to be the smallest mason. His height is thirty-three inches.

THE HARVEST MOON.

The harvest moon stands on the sea,
Her shining rim's a-drip;
She gilds the sheaves on many a lea,
The sails on many a ship;
Glitter, sweet queen, upon the spray,
And glimmer on the heather;
Right fair thy ray to show the way
Where lovers walk together.

The red wheat rustles, and the vines
Are purple to the root,
And true love, waiting patient wins
Its blessed time of fruit;
Lamp of all lovers, lady-moon,
Light these glad lips together,
Which reap alone a harvest sown
Long ere September weather.

—[Sir Edwin Arnold.]

Books, Papers, etc.

I. O. O. F., Gr. Encampment Maine, proc. 1891 from Benjamin C. Stone, Grand Scribe.

Pocket Chart of Co-operative Fraternal Associations, by F. H. Leavenworth Publishing Co., Detroit, Mich. 25c.

The Maine Farmers' Almanac for 1892 is received from Charles E. Nash, the publisher, and also from Loring, Short & Harmon, Portland. It is as homelike and interesting as ever.

Robert B. Thomas' *Old Farmers' Almanac*, for 1892 is received from Loring, Short & Harmon, Portland. This is the centennial number.

Bro. Carroll D. Wright, Commissioner of Labor, sends in his *Sixth Annual Report*, which covers the cost of Production of iron, steel, &c. Bro. Wright is making a great reputation for himself, at home and abroad, in his chosen field. It is not a showy kind of literary work, but the fellows who want to know things have to go to him.

Notes and Queries, by S. C. & L. M. Gould, Manchester, N. H., commences its 9th volume with the January number. Monthly \$1. For those who are interested in History, Folk-lore, Mathematics, Mysticism, Art, Science, etc., this magazine is extremely interesting.

Lippincott's Magazine for January contains "The Passing of Major Kilgore, a novel by Young E. Allison, complete, and among other interesting articles, a series of journalistic sketches from editors-in-chief, giving their personal experiences. The opening article is by Col. Alex. K. McClure, with a portrait. J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia, \$3.

The Smugglers of Chestnut, is a charming story of boyish adventure in the Aroostook forests, by Clarence B. Burleigh, editor of the *Kennebec Journal*. While it is interesting to the grown folks, it also meets the hearty commendation of the young people, who look forward with pleased anticipation to the future adventures of the hero. We congratulate Mr. Burleigh upon opening up so excellent a field of fiction, which he cannot fail to follow with success. It is handsomely printed and bound, and issued by E. E. Knowles & Co., publishers, Augusta.

The illustrations are numerous and good, and signed L. J. Bridgman.

Scribner's Magazine. An exceptional year. The year 1891 has been marked by a greater advance than any similar period since the Magazine was established. Not only has the literary and artistic excellence been maintained and increased, but a corresponding gain has been made in the sale and influence of the Magazine. At the end of 1891 the circulation has risen to more than 140,000. It may justly be promised that the further improvements for the coming year will be proportionate to these largely increased opportunities. For next year, it is not possible to give, in a brief space, an account of all the features in preparation, but the material is deficient in neither importance nor range of subject. Among the subjects treated: *The Poor in the World's Great Cities*. It is proposed to publish a series of articles, upon a scale not attempted, giving the results of special study and work among the poor of the great cities. The plan will include an account of the conditions of life in those cities (in many lands) where the results of research will be helpful for purposes of comparison as well as for their own intrinsic interest. While, from a scientific point of view, the articles will be a contribution of great importance, the treatment will be thoroughly popular, and the elaborate illustrations will serve to make the presentation of the subject vivid as well as picturesque. *Washington Allston*. Unpublished Reminiscences and Letters of this foremost among early American painters. A number of illustrations will lend additional interest to the articles. *Important Moments*. The aim of this series of very short articles is to describe the signal occasions when some decisive event took place, or when some great experiment was first shown to be successful—such moments as that of the first use of the Atlantic cable, the first use of the telegraph and telephone, the first successful experiment with ether, the night of the Chicago fire, the scene at the moment of the vote on the impeachment of Andrew Johnson, etc., etc. *Out of Door Papers*. In the early spring will be begun a number of seasonable articles, among them being: *Small Country Places*, how to lay out and beautify them, by Samuel Parsons, Jr. *Fishing Lore* from an Angler's Note-Book, by Dr. Leroy M. Yale. *Mountain Station Life in New Zealand*, by Sidney Dickinson. *Racing in Australia*, by Sidney Dickinson, with illustrations by Birge Harrison. The illustrations are made from original material. A full prospectus appears in the Holiday Number, now ready. Price, 25 cents. \$3.00 a year. Charles Scribner's Sons, Publishers, 743 and 745 Broadway, New York.

Open Court, 169 LaSalle Street, Chicago, weekly, \$2. A liberal paper which discusses all subjects without bigotry.

January Wide Awake, D. Lothrop & Co., Publishers, Boston, \$2.40, comes full of good things which the young people thoroughly appreciate.

A new masonic monthly comes from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, called "Iowa Masonry," published monthly by Sidney Smith, at \$1. Bro. Smith is a practiced journalist, and if the magazine is like Iowa Masonry it will be grand and earnest.

The historian George A. Wheeler has written Part 3, of *Hancock Lodge*, No. 4, of Castine, 1881-1890, in his usual elegant and accurate manner, which is just issued by Stephen Berry, Portland. This completes the work from 1794 to January, 1891.

Our Thanks.

COLORADO.—Grand Lodge, Sept. 15, 1891, from Ed. C. Parmelee, Denver, Gr. Sec. John M. Maxwell, Leadville, G. M. 89 lodges, 5,719 members, 499 initiates.

Grand Chapter, Sept. 17, 1891, from Ed. C. Parmelee, Denver, Gr. Sec. Wm. W. Roller, Salida, G. H. P. 26 chapters, 1,946 members, 285 exalted.

IDAHO.—Grand Lodge, Sept. 8, 1891, from James H. Wickersham, Boise City, G. Sec. John H. Meyer, Placerville, G. M. 23 lodges, 825 members, 60 initiates.

ILLINOIS.—Grand Lodge Oct. 6, 1891, from Loyal L. Munn, Freeport, Gr. Sec. Monroe C. Crawford, Jonesboro, Gr. M. 43,930 members, 2997 initiates.

Grand Chapter, Oct. 29, 1891, from Gil. W. Barnard, Chicago, Gr. Sec. Jacob Krohn, Freeport, G. H. P. 176 chapters, 14,046 members, 928 exaltations.

Grand Council, Oct. 28, 1891, from Gil. W. Barnard, Chicago, G. Rec. Samuel J. Le Fevre, Gibson City, G. Master. 28 councils, 1861 members, 187 candidates.

Grand Commandery, Oct. 29, 1891, from Gil. W. Barnard, Chicago, G. Rec. Sylvester O. Spring, Peoria, Gr. Com. 58 commanderies, 7978 members, 566 knighted.

Report on Correspondence 1891, from Gen. J. C. Smith, Chicago, chairman.

INDIAN TERRITORY.—Grand Lodge, Aug. 18, 1891, from Joseph S. Murrow, Atoka, Gr. Sec. Leo E. Bennett, Muskogee, G. M. 43 lodges, 1570 members, 196 initiates.

IOWA.—Grand Lodge, June 1891, from Theo. S. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, Gr. Sec. Ralph G. Phelps, Atlantic, G. M. 509 lodges 22,525 members, 1,288 initiates.

Memorandum Book, with the compliments of the Grand Lodge, from Theo. S. Parvin, Gr. Sec.

Grand Commandery, July 14-17, 1891, from Alf Wingate, Des Moines, Gr. Rec. W. F. Cleveland, Harlan, Gr. Com. 54 commanderies, 3,763 members, 232 knighted.

KENTUCKY.—Grand Council, Oct. 1891, from Lorenzo D. Croninger, Covington, G. Rec. Thomas P. Grant, Louisville, G. M. 18 councils, 553 members, 40 candidates.

Grand Commandery, May 27, 1891, from Lorenzo D. Croninger, Covington, G. Rec. John W. Pruett, Franfort, G. C. 24 commanderies, 1,639 members, 103 knighted.

MANITOBA.—Grand Lodge, June 10, 1891, from Wm. G. Scott, Winnipeg, Gr. Sec. Wm. G. Bell, Winnipeg, G. Master. 45 lodges, 1,878 members, 160 initiates.

MARYLAND.—Grand Chapter, Nov. 10, 1891, from Geo. L. McCahan, Baltimore, Gr. Sec. Wm. H. Clark, Baltimore, G. H. P. 16 chapters, 1420 members, 127 exaltations.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Grand Lodge quarterly, June 10, 1891, from Sereno D. Nickerson, Boston, Gr. Sec.

Council of Deliberation, from Benj. Dean, 33°, Com-in-Chief. John L. Stevenson G. Sec. 14 bodies, 5,922 members, 751 initiates, 63 deaths.

MICHIGAN—Council of Deliberation, May 18, 1891, from Hugh A. Holmes, Detroit, Gr. Sec. Hugh McCurdy, Corunna, Com-in-chief. Same from Hugh McCurdy, Com-in-chief.

MISSISSIPPI.—Grand Chapter, Feb. 11, 1891, from John L. Power, Jackson, G. Sec. P. M. Savery, Tupelo, Gr. H. P. 36 chapters, 1040 members, 129 exaltations.

Grand Commandery, Feb. 10, 1891, from John L. Power, Jackson, Gr. Rec. J. E. Leigh, Columbus, Gr. Com. 9 commanderies, 297 members, 36 knighted. Also sermon preached before Grand Commandery, by Rev. William Cross, Gr. Prelate.

MISSOURI.—Grand Lodge, Oct. 13, 1891, from John S. Vincil, St. Louis, Gr. Sec. B. H. Ingram, Sedalia, Gr. M. 555 lodges, 28,816 members, 1876 initiates.

Grand Commandery, April 21, 1891, from Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis, Gr. Rec. Neah M. Givan, Harrisonville, Gr. Com. 55 commanderies, 3435 members, 278 knighted.

NEBRASKA.—Grand Lodge, June 17, 1891, from Wm. R. Bowen, Omaha, Gr. Sec. Bradner D. Slaughter, Fullerton, Gr. Mas. 127 lodges, 9,282 members, 781 initiates.

Grand Commandery, April 7, 1891, from Wm. R. Bowen, Omaha, Gr. Rec. Lewis H. Korty, Omaha, Gr. Com. 22 Commanderies, 1,315 members, 85 knighted.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Grand Lodge May 20, 1891, from Geo. P. Cleaves, Concord, Grand Sec. Frank D. Woodbury, Concord, Grand Master. 78 lodges, 8,542 members, 348 initiates. Excellent steel portrait of John Christie.

NEW MEXICO.—Grand Lodge, Jan., 1891, from Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Gr. Sec. Chas. H. Dane, Deming, Gr. Master. 17 lodge, 606 member, 59 initiates.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Grand Chapter, June 9, 1891, from Donald W. Bain, Raleigh, Gr. Sec. Benj. F. Briggs, Wilson, G. H. P. 18 chapters, 685 members, 105 exaltations.

OHIO.—Grand Commandery, Sept. 23, 1891, from John H. Bell, Dayton, Gr. Rec. Huntington Brown, Mansfield, Gr. Com. 51 commanderies, 6,714 members, 484 knighted.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Grand Chapter, Dec. 27, 1890, from Chas. E. Meyer, Phila. Gr. Sec. Alex. H. Morgan, Phila. G. H. P. 114 chapters, 12,939 members, 900 candidates. Steel portraits of Alex. H. Morgan, G. H. P., and Thos. R. Patton, Gr. Treas.

Grand Commandery, May 26, 1891, from Chas. E. Meyer, Phila., Gr. Recorder. Joseph S. Wright, Phila., Gr. Com. 66 commanderies, 9,270 members, 765 knighted.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Grand Chapter, June 11, 1891, from Park Davis, Sioux Falls, G. H. P. 24 chapters, 1,200 members, 136 exalted.

Grand Commandery, June 8, 1891, from Bruce M. Rowley, Huron, Gr. Rec. Samuel H. Jumper, Aberdeen, Gr. Com. 8 commanderies, 550 members, 72 knighted.

TEXAS.—Grand Commandery, Report on Correspondence 1891, from Robt. M. Elgin, Houston, chairman.

WEST VIRGINIA.—Grand Commandery, May 13, 1891, from R. C. Dunnington, Fairmont, Gr. Rec. John W. Morris, Wheeling, Gr. Com. 10 commanderies, 572 members, 81 knighted.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.—July 21, 1891, at Minneapolis, from Henry W. Mordhurst, Fort Wayne, Ind., Gen. Gr. Recorder. Orestes A. B. Senter, Columbus, Ohio, Gen. Gr. Master. 291 councils, 19,638 members, 1,707 candidates.

DIED.

In Deering, Oct. 31, Moses G. Dow, aged 80 yrs. 5 mos. He was made a mason in Portland Lodge in 1855.

In Portland, Dec. 26, Capt. Charles Merrill, aged 70 y. 5 m. He was made a mason in Ancient Landmark Lodge January 3, 1855.

In Detroit, Mich., Jan. 1, James H. Richardson, aged 49. He was a resident of Yarmouth, and a member of Casco Lodge and Cumberland Chapter.

In Portland, Jan. 2, Francis E. Cummings, aged 59 y. 2 m. 13 d. He was a master mariner, and initiated in Portland Lodge in 1878.

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