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A FORSAKEN IDOL.

Jacob buried his gods at Shechem—
Cast off idols of stone and wood.
Well he wot they would ne'er bespeak him
Further evil nor further good.
Nevertheless he would not treat them
Just like pieces of wood and stone
When he thought how he'd tried to seat them
Up aloft on an altar throne.

Once an idol I fondly cherished,
Which was known by the name you bear,
But my faith in its virtues perished
When I found it was false as fair.
Nevertheless I could not break it,
Like an image of worthless clay,
When I thought how I'd tried to make it
All I ever could hope or pray.

In my heart, down a shady hollow,
Where the willow of weeping waves
Hide false gods, I was wont to follow,
Out of sight in forgotten graves.
There you lie with no name above you—
With no epitaph false or true,
Save the fact that I used to love you
Ere at Shechem I buried you.

—[*Pall Mall Magazine.*]

MASONRY IN MAINE.

Lodge Elections.

Jefferson, 100, Bryant's Pond. Arthur C Ricker, m; James L Bowker, sw; Walter H Small, jw; Alden Chase, sec.

Dayspring, 107, W Newfield. Frank P W Colby, m; Geo E Mitchell, sw; Everett E Ham, jw; Geo O Hannaford, sec.

Vassalboro, 54, No. Vassalboro. Abel Wall, m; Albert S Priest, sw; Joseph Jewett, jw; Henry A Ewer, sec. Officers publicly installed Sept. 28th.

Blue Mountain, 67, Phillips. Charles E Smith, m; Arthur W McLeary, sw; Mason Parker, jw; Wm A D Cragin, sec.

Amity, 6, Camden. Henry L Maker, m; Will V Farnsworth, sw; Fred K Shaw, jw; Leander M Kenniston, sec.

Morning Star, 41, Litchfield Corner. Chapin Lydston, m; William E Tarr, sw; John Purinton, jw; Irving W Gilbert, sec. Installed Sept. 24th by W. J. Landers, D. D. G. M.

St. Aspinquid, 198, York Village. Wilton L Hawkes, m; Edward W Baker, sw; Chas L Bowden, jw; George N Thompson, sec.

Molunkus, 165, Sherman Mills. Isaac Cushman, m; Freeman C Harris, sw; Edward H. Townsend, jw; John Gosnell, sec.

Nezincot, 101, Turner. Wm B Bradford,

m; Wm H Downing, sw; Wm H French, jw; Seth D Andrews, sec.

Oriental, 13, Bridgton. David P Chaplin, m; Norman H Libbey, sw; John B Bray, jw; D Eugene Chaplin, sec.

Excelsior, 151, Northport. Martin G Black, m; Geo W Whitcher, sw; Isaac Hills, jw; Rodel A Packard, sec.

Plymouth, 75, Plymouth. Frank H Pickard, m; Dana N Gray, sw; L Howard Gray, jw; Walter G Loud, sec.

Piscataquis, 44, Milo. Abiel E Leonard, m; Frank E Monroe, sw; Thomas F Hodgdon, jw; Albert W Murray, sec.

Liberty, 111, Liberty. John C Sherman, m; Oren W Ripley, So. Montville, sw; Winfield W Lunt, jw; Ambrose P Cargill, sec.

Chapter Elections.

King Hiram, 9, Lewiston. Charles A Jumper, nr; R Ellis Hathaway, κ; T Lloyd Pratt, sc; Geo A Callahan, sec.

St. George's, 45, Liberty. Edwin A Porter, nr; Oren W Ripley, So. Montville, κ; Charles S Adams, So. Montville, sc; Ambrose P Cargill, sec.

Council Elections.

Dunlap, 8, Lewiston. Lavator O Morse, tm; Samuel Hibbert, dm; W Freeman Lord, rcw; John F Putnam, rec. Installed by P. G. M. Algernon M Roak.

Commandery Elections.

Portland, 2, Portland. Edwin F Vose, c; Harry R Virgin, c; Augustus F Moulton, cc; John S Russell, rec.

A Past Commander's gold jewel was presented to the retiring Commander, Geo. E. Whitney, who entertained the Past Commanders with an elegant dinner, served in courses, at Union Station Café, on the evening of Sept. 25th. Chandler's orchestra furnished music, and the tables were profusely decorated with flowers. All the living Past Commanders were present except Wm. P. Preble, now resident at Staten Island.

Constitutions.

A special convocation of the Grand Chapter of Maine, was held at Boothbay Harbor, Oct. 3d, the following Grand Officers being present:

M. E. Henry S. Webster,	G. H. P.
R. E. Frederic W. Plaisted,	as D. G. H. P.
" John W. David,	as G. King.
" Albert H. Hunter,	as G. Scribe.
" Alex. S. Teague,	as G. Treasurer.
" Chas. W. Stetson,	as G. Secretary.
" Clarence A. Peasley,	as G. Chaplain.
" Thos. A. Jewell,	as G. C. of H.
" Asa H. Snow,	as G. R. A. C.
" Eugene F. Tukey,	as G. M. 3d V.
" Stephen N. Hall,	as G. M. 2d V.
" Henry A. Sidelinger,	as G. M. 1st V.
" C. Woodbury Hatch,	as G. Prin. Soj.
" Warren O. Carney,	G. Sentinel.

Pentecost R. A. Chapter, No. 55, was constituted in ancient form, and its officers were installed, as follows:

W. T. Marr,	H. Priest.
J. R. McDougall,	King.
J. Ross Kenniston,	Scribe.
H. G. Stevens,	C. of H.
F. H. Albee,	P. S.
F. H. Harris,	R. A. C.
L. A. Dunton,	M. 3d V.
T. L. Montgomery,	M. 2d V.
G. A. Gregory,	M. 1st V.
C. E. Kendrick,	Treas.
H. S. Perkins,	Sec'y.
W. F. Buker,	Sentinel.
D. H. Moody,	Chap.
J. H. Blair,	Marshal.

A banquet followed immediately after the installation, a very pleasant affair, and remarks were made full of interest to the craft.

Books, Papers, etc.

—The Philadelphia "Keystone," weekly, has reduced its price from three dollars to two dollars a year. It is now in its 28th volume, having been started the same year as the *Token*, 1867, but a little later in the year.

—The "Pacific Mason" is a new monthly octavo magazine of thirty-six pages, from the Pacific Coast, published by E. B. Wishaar, Seattle, Washington, at \$1 a year. We welcome it to our exchange list, and shall be pleased to receive No. 1. No. 2, for September has reached us. It gives us a portrait of dear old Rob Morris, and a sketch of his life. The Eastern Star department is a strong specialty.

—"The Freemason's Repository," of Providence, R. I., commences its 25th volume this month. It is not so old as the "Token," but is a veteran, and well worth the subscription price, \$2 a year. Under the editorial charge of Rev. Henry W. Rugg, the distinguished Templar, it is always original and always entertaining.

—Bro. Edgar B. Marchant retires from the editorial chair of the "Kansas Freemason," Wichita, and Bro. William M. Shaver takes his place.

—*Official Souvenir of the 26th Triennial.* We have received from Grand Recorder Benj. W. Rowell, Boston, a copy of the official souvenir, which not only gives much valuable information worth preserving, but is a thing of beauty of itself. The engravings are fine.

—*History of Granite Lodge, No. 182, West Paris, Maine.* Bro. Geo. W. Hammond, of Snow's Falls, the first Master and first char-

ter member, has completed an excellent history, of this lodge which is published by the lodge and printed by Stephen Berry. Maine is far ahead of all other states in printed lodge histories, and we cannot too often commend the custom, which is a source of pride to the lodge and to the fraternity.

—*The Open Court Publishing Co.*, of Chicago, announces for publication early in October, a highly unique collection of popular sketches of the religious and secular history of Israel, by Prof. C. H. Cornill, one of the foremost orthodox authorities on Old Testament history in Europe. This book will embody all the results of the new higher criticism, and will be written in a spirit of the highest and most enthusiastic reverence for the religious aspects of its subject. Its method is to sketch, in short articles, vigorous and lifelike pictures of the prophets and the other intellectual heroes of the Jewish nation, such as they really existed, and to show the development of the prophetic religion in its organic connection with the rest of the history of the world—especially Egypt, Assyria, Babylonia, and Greece. Professor Cornill is thoroughly steeped, not only in the scientific bearings of his subject, but also in its literary, æsthetical, and romantic aspects. The book will be called *The Prophets of Israel, or Popular Sketches of Old Testament History*, and will have as its frontispiece a reproduction of an engraving of Michael Angelo's *Moses*. (Pp. 200. Price, \$1.00.)

—*Washington, or the Revolution*, a drama by Ethan Allen: illustrated; small octavo, paper covers, 212 pages, published by F. Tennyson Neely, 254 Franklin St., Chicago; 50 cts. If this were by the original Ethan Allen we should welcome it, as he was an actor in the revolution, but this author is a New York lawyer. We have only the first part, and it is apparent that the author is in earnest when he says he did not intend to prepare it for the stage. It is, however, very good reading for those who like their history in dramatic form, and those who read it diligently cannot fail to take an interest in Revolutionary subjects.

—*Kidnapped*, by Robert Louis Stevenson, is one of the best of that author's works, and is one of the earlier. It is published in paper covers, small octavo, 262 pages, 50 cents, by F. Tennyson Neely, 254 Franklin St., Chicago. It is a simple, straight-forward story of a youth who was kidnapped by his uncle to get rid of him, cast away, and who finally journeys back through the Highlands of Scotland and gets among the Jacobites. It is a charming book, and is the best of literature.

—*Mysteria*, History of the Secret Doctrines and Mystic Rites of Ancient Religious and Medieval and Modern Secret Orders, by Dr. Otto Henne Am Rhynn, State Archivist of St. Gall, Switzerland. Small octavo, 240 pages, paper, 50 cts, J. Fitzgerald & Co.,

28 Lafayette St., New York. For a concise and satisfactory account of all the ancient and modern mysteries, nothing could be more satisfactory; and the author's position that there is nothing really hidden will be approved. But his assumption that the Christian religion is but a myth like those of Orisis, Orpheus and Dionysos, will not commend itself to a fraternity which accepts the Bible as the rule and guide of its faith.

He accepts the accusations against the Templar Order, that they had a secret faith of their own differing from that of the Catholic church, but we cannot believe that to be true as a whole, any more than we can believe that all clergymen are hypocrites, or all temperance advocates secret drinkers, because some are proved to be so. As we believe that the Catholic church, at its worst, improved the world; that society at its worst is always growing purer, so we believe that the Templar Order, as a whole, was pure in the faith, and in the observance of its vows, despite the many examples of vice which it contained.

His statement that Freemasonry spread from Boston to Philadelphia may be questioned by the "Keystone," to whom we leave it.

—*The Open Court*, 324 Dearborn St., Chicago, weekly, \$1, is a champion of free thought, and has the ablest writers among its contributors. This valuable paper has reduced its subscription from \$2 to \$1, to bring it more largely before the public.

—*The Monist*, a quarterly, \$2, is published by the Open Court Publishing Co., and takes the more ponderous articles on kindred subjects.

Twelfth District.

Bro. Samuel S. Lightbody, finding himself unable to accept the office of D. D. Grand Master of the Twelfth District, Grand Master Farnham, on Sept. 26th, appointed Bro. Franklin Walker, of Waterville, a Past Master of Waterville Lodge, to fill the vacancy.

MYSTIC SHRINE.—The Imperial Council Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine met in annual session at Nantasket, Mass., Sept. 2d. The meeting was largely attended, and following so close after the triennial hundreds of Sir Knights were present as Mystic Shriners. The first session of the council opened at 10 o'clock Monday forenoon in the parlors of the North American Hotel, with Imperial Potentate Melish presiding. In the evening the annual election took place, resulting as follows: Imperial potentate, Charles L. Fields, San Francisco, Cal.; deputy imperial potentate, John T. Brush, Indianapolis; Chief rabban, Harrison Dingman, Washington, D. C.; assistant rabban, E. R. Harris, Detroit; high priest and prophet, A. B. McGaffey, Denver; oriental guide, E. F. Allen, Kansas City;

treasurer, W. S. Brown, Pittsburg; recorder, Benjamin W. Rowell, Boston; first ceremonial master, W. H. S. Wright, St. Paul; second ceremonial master, T. J. Bishop, Albany; outer guard, H. K. Blanchard, Providence. Aleppo Temple of Boston, which is the largest in the United States, having nearly 3,000 members, was the host of the gathering, and gave an elaborate banquet at the Rockland House Tuesday evening.

Imperial Potentate Wm. B. Melish has favored us with his annual address. He gives the total membership at 37,548, being a gain during the year of 6,107.

He protests in vigorous language against the introduction of coarse and improper language in some of the shrine notices, also against intemperance at some of the meetings.

LAYING CORNER STONES.—Deposits under corner stones are not of modern origin. Mr. Petrie, in 1886, found masonic deposits under the four corners of a Temple at Naukratis, placed there by Ptolemy Philadelphus 275 B. C. or earlier. They consisted of small models of various building implements, and other interesting objects. Among them were a model mortar, corn-rubbers, a pair of libation-vases, and four model libation-vases, with four model cups in glazed pottery, evidently alluding to corn, wine and oil.

He also found similar deposits at Tell Nebesheh under a temple built by Amasis II about 550 B. C.

Mr. Griffith found them at Tell Gemayemi, and Mr. Naville at Tell Quarumus of the time of Philip Arrhidaeus, about 330 B. C.

Explorers now make diligent search for these deposits and almost invariably find them.

Thus for at least 2,500 years the custom of making deposits under corner stones is shown to have prevailed, and it is fair to conclude that Amasis only followed an ancient custom.

It is impossible that these deposits could have been made without imposing ceremonies, for the building of a temple was the great lifework of a Pharaoh, and the deity to whose worship it was to be dedicated must have been especially honored at the inception as at the dedication of the edifice. The corn, wine and oil evidently typified the offerings made to that deity on the occasion, and the Pharaoh was the celebrant. Indeed, it was demanded that the monarch should be especially versed in the ritual of the sacrifices, lest any unfavorable omens should occur. We can, therefore, assume the attendance of the Pharaoh and his Court, the Priesthood in great numbers, the Chief Architect, his assistants and a band of workmen, a large detachment of guards, and as great an attendance of citizens as such a pageant would attract in a big city, among a population given to sight-seeing, anxious

to meet the nobility, and blindly devoted to the worship of the deity under whose especial ward their city was supposed to be placed. As temples lasted more than a thousand years, it was a great event, and must have inspired the people as the building of Solomon's Temple did the Jews, for the Egyptians, as a whole, were more devoted to their religion than the Jews ever were. Instead of rebelling against their religious teachers, we only find them rebelling against their kings who attempted to change their faith.

When masonic deposits were found under the obelisk upon its removal to New York, we were inclined to question the statement, but in the light of recent discoveries it seems perfectly natural.

We cannot infer that the working masons, as a guild, had any part in these ceremonies, save that which the Chief Architect took, nor, indeed, that the workmen had a guild; yet a guild seems more natural to those days when a trade descended from father to son for many generations, than even in the middle ages, when we know they existed; but it is evident that when guilds of masons assumed the control of erecting buildings, they adopted the form of laying corner stones which they had inherited from their predecessors, and which we now know had been in use for at least 2,000 years, and perhaps we shall soon find back to the time of the earliest temples of Egypt.

Franklin R. Barrett, Esq., has presented to the Portland Masonic Library, The Freemason's Magazine, in two volumes, published in Philadelphia in 1811. It is complete, and was the earliest masonic periodical published in this country. It came from the library of his father-in-law, John P. Boyd, who was Master of Ancient Landmark Lodge in 1821-1823.

Bro. James C. Ayer, of Cornish, favored us with a complimentary ticket to the Osipee Valley Fair at Cornish in August.

Mrs. Geo. C. Connor has presented her late husband's library of 2,000 volumes, to Lookout Commandery of Chattanooga.

A PITTSBURG '98 CLUB.—Judge Willis T. Emmons, Supt. Royal E. Gould and other enthusiastic members of Bradford Commandery, K. T., of Biddeford, are talking up a "Pittsburg '98" club. The plan is to get up a crowd of as many as possible to subscribe a dollar a month toward defraying their expenses at the next triennial convocation. This plan will net \$36 a man, which will be pretty nearly enough to cover the expenses. If there is any shortage as the time draws near the months can very easily be cut in halves or an extra assessment ordered.

Members of Bradford Commandery are taking hold of the scheme in good numbers and its general adoption throughout the state is expected.

The wife of Grand Secretary Gilbert W. Barnard, of Chicago, died Aug. 11th, after a brief illness. His many friends will deeply sympathize in his loss.

New Brunswick.

The Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood, for the Province of New Brunswick, elected

Robert Marshall, President.

John V. Ellis, Senior Vice-President.

J. E. Masters (Moncton), Junior Vice-President.

E. J. Everett, Chaplain.

John D. Short, Treasurer.

F. W. Wisdom, Secretary.

John A. Watson, M. of C.

W. B. Wallace, Conductor.

Donald Munro (Woodstock), Steward.

A. H. Hiltz (Milltown), Warder.

The Grand Council of New Brunswick, at its annual assembly August 19th, elected William B. Wallace, St. John, Gr. Master, and Robert Marshall, St. John, Grand Recorder. Addresses were made by Past Grand Masters of Maine, Denison E. Seymour and John S. Derby, and the former installed the Grand Officers. A Council was chartered at St. Stephen. The proceedings from 1892 to 1895 are to be soon published. The Order is prosperous and advancing in the province.

EASTERN STAR.—The Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star for Maine held its annual session in Biddeford, Sept. 12th. Thirty chapters were represented by 100 delegates. Twelve chapters had been organized during the year. Membership 2,070. Elected:

Grand Matron—Mrs. Annie M. Eaton, Harmony.

Grand Patron—R. H. Burnham, Rockland.

Assoc. G. P.—A. M. Roak, Auburn.

Gr. Sec.—Mrs. Annette H. Hooper, Biddeford.

Gr. Treas.—Mrs. Rose B. Emery, Augusta.

G. Conductress—Mrs. E. B. Douglass, Lisbon Falls.

Assoc. Gr. Con.—Mrs. Fannie M. Jones, Waterville.

Next annual session at Lisbon Falls.

Grand Matron U. S., Mrs. Mary E. Partidge, of California, and Gr. Sec. U. S. Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, of Chicago, were present and made addresses.

From the report of Masonry in Malta a note is gathered relating to the Institution among the Moors in Tunis, showing that Masonry has about died out there, and is a thing of the past not likely to be again revived, and a good thing, too. It consisted of a miscellaneous lot of people of all countries—English, French, Italians, Greeks, Tunisians, Arabs and a sprinkling of Jews. As French influence increased here the English left, and it is believed there is only one English Mason left at Tunis. All the warrants of the craft lodges, R. A. Chapter and Mark Lodges have been withdrawn and cancelled.—[E.]

Capt. General Campos has prohibited masonic meetings in Cuba.

CURVES IN ANCIENT MASONRY.—At the joint meeting of the archeological societies held in Philadelphia Dec. 27, 29, Professor William H. Goodyear announced his discovery of Greek horizontal curves in the Maison Carree at Nimes. This is the first observation ever made of this optical refinement in a temple of the Roman art. The measurements, facts and theories connected with them will appear in the next issue of the American Journal of Archeology. It is Professor Goodyear's view that all curves of architectural surfaces, whether concave or convex to the point of vision, produce an effect of dimension conditioned by the laws of curvilinear perspective and that the curves of the Maison Carree have been hitherto overlooked for this reason. At all events, the measurements proving the curves to exist in the masonry construction are attested by the official architect of the city of Nimes, with whose co-operation and assistance the measurements were made. The curves differ from those of the Parthenon, being curves in plain (not in elevation) and are convex to the point of vision. The measurements also attest a perspective scheme in the intercolumnar spacings.

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
King Solomon's, Waldoboro,	22
What lodge shall be next added?	

REFRESHMENTS.—The Grand Master's second point is, that the lodges should be allowed to spend funds for refreshments in order to cultivate sociability, more intimate acquaintance and consequent fraternity. We agree, except that we hold it unlawful for a lodge to encroach upon an established Charity Fund for that purpose. We know of no law, and we don't believe there should be any law, against a lodge's including in its dues a sum to be devoted to procuring refreshments for the lodge according to the old custom.—[Drummond.]

DEATH OF PETITIONING CANDIDATE.—A candidate died while his petition was in the hands of the committee. He decided that no ballot should be had and the deposit be returned to his estate. If the committee learned of his death before they made their report, they should have reported the fact, and, therefore, that no further proceedings could be had and a record made accordingly; if the fact of the death was learned after the report had been made, the Master should have directed the Secretary to enter upon his record that the candidate having died, no further proceedings could be had, and the fee to be returned. The moment a lodge finds that it has no jurisdiction over a candidate, or that he is ineligible, it should stop, and record the fact. This law controls all laws requiring a ballot.—[Drummond.]

MAINE MASONIC TEXT BOOK.

The fourth edition of Drummond's Text Book is now corrected to agree with the monitorial reported by the committee in 1894, and every lodge *must* have one to work correctly. The changes occur from page 24 to page 53, inclusive, so that thirty-six pages have been substituted.

It is also important that each lodge should have the new edition on account of the new constitution issued in 1893.

Of course young officers studying the work will want the *correct* monitorial.

Grand Master BURBANK said in his address:

"A fourth edition of the 'Maine Masonic Text Book' (Drummond) has recently been issued. I cannot too strongly urge upon the lodges and officers the importance, yes, the *necessity*, of having this work for familiar use.

"Not only would frequent reading of the 'Ancient Charges and Regulations' afford profit and promote masonic intelligence, but those brethren who are directly responsible for the government and growth of lodges could by reference to this work familiarize themselves and less informed members with the Constitution and law of our Order, thereby imparting light and knowledge to those entitled to the benefits of Masonry. Such study should run on lines parallel with correct ritualism."

Blue cloth, library style, by mail, \$1.40
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It is impossible to open accounts for these, and cash must be enclosed if to be sent by mail. They can be sent C. O. D. by express, but that increases the cost.

Secretaries should instantly report the election of Officers, if they have not done so, that communications, &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.

Boston Triennial.

The Boston Triennial was a decided success. About 25,000 Templars attended it, and they were admirably entertained and well housed.

Maine sent about 1,100 Templars, 267 musicians in the various bands, and a great number of ladies. The following are the numbers reported from Maine commanderies in the procession:

	Knights.	Bands.
Maine, 1, Gardiner,	40	23
Portland, 2, Portland,	160	35
St. John's, 3, Bangor,	150	26
Bradford, 4, Biddeford,	100	25
Dunlap, 5, Bath,	105	24
Lewiston, 6, Lewiston,	101	26
Trinity, 7, Augusta,	100	25
St. Alban, 8, Portland,	130	35
Claremont, 9, Rockland,	60	23

De Valois, 16, Vinalhaven,	34
Pilgrim, 19, Farmington,	65
	1,645
	267

In addition there were the Grand Commander and staff, members of the Grand Commandery, members of Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17 and 18, which did not go as commanderies, and Maine was evidently well represented.

Past Commanders Clayton J. Farrington, of Portland, and Wm. H. Fogler, of Rockland, were on the staff of the Chief Marshal. The Boston Journal said:

The Maine Grand Commandery consisted as a whole of the finest specimens of men in the entire procession. Rt. Em. Sir Frederick L. Walls led the state delegation, and seemed especially popular from the cheers with which he was greeted, and the handsome bunch of summer flowers which he carried. He was on horseback, and it is not too much to say that he looked every letter of his title.

Here was one of the most noticeable devices of the day. The Portland delegation marched eight abreast, and the word Portland was spelled directly across the platoon—each man carrying a letter. The letters were about 18 inches by ten, and made of gold and green. The wearers of them were very large men, and with the badges and cockades, made a brilliant spectacle, which was loudly cheered.

The Lewiston Commandery was gayly decorated with asters, which were in lively contrast with the usual severity of the uniform. The Augusta men marched three abreast—tall, manly fellows, all of them, who wheeled and evolved most ingeniously and orderly to the enjoyment of all beholders. One Sir Knight, who had finished his march and come back to look on, said there were no more loyal men in the whole army of Templars than the men from Maine.

Very noteworthy, also, were the Portland men, who seemed to have exhausted every device in the way of a badge which human ingenuity could suggest and human muscle support. Dunlap Commandery marched in splendid order. They were with the others from their state in the seventh division, and therefore kept waiting for a considerable time before they could begin the line of march.

But as they passed there was not the slightest wavering apparent to attest that they had been standing about from ten in the morning until nearly three in the afternoon, when they took up the line of march.

"Various people in the stand had wondered what the Maine delegation would look like when it passed. When it came along they all cheered. One old Sir Knight who was looking on, said: 'I remember seeing a regiment of men from Maine who were going to the war. I remember them as they passed through Boston, and I have always thought them the finest looking set of men I ever saw. To-day I could not help wondering whether the men I was to see would equal them. And I think they do.'"

Bradford Commandery, No. 4, from Biddeford, Me., was a general surprise by reason of its size. The men marched, stood and appeared very well, and have to their credit one of the handsomest banners.

The Maine delegation apparently have good ears for music, as their bands were many and played finely.

Trinity Commandery of Augusta, Me., looked worthy of coming from the capital of the state. They marched evenly and well.

All of the men from Maine had, appar-

ently, a good many friends among the spectators. Directly opposite the benches were, of course, the houses on the side of the street, and the men as they marched along were exchanging salutations, first with one side and then with the other. Take them all in all, Maine Knights were as popular as any who marched; but their superb appearance and style were enough to have won them any amount of well deserved applause.

Another feature of these Sir Knights was the prevalence of young men in their ranks. The general average of age seemed to be about thirty-five or six. This was in sharp distinction to many of the states, whose delegates seemed in many cases to be tottering on the shady side of fifty or sixty.

To Claremont Commandery of Rockland, Me., is due the credit of having the richest banner in the procession. It consisted of a large red cross embroidered on a white ground. On either side were embroidered garlands of pink roses. The whole was finished off in gold, and was most effective. Altogether the Maine Sir Knights can be well content with their day's work and duly enjoy their rest to-day, which is the last day they are to be in town.

The Farmington Chronicle names Portland Commandery first in mentioning the most attractive receptions.

The expenses of the Triennial are estimated at \$75,000 for the entertainers, and probably the guests spent ten times that amount in the city, while their whole expenses could not have been less than \$2,500,000.

PROCEEDINGS.—The object of the Triennial was supposed to be legislation, but there appears have been little of that, and it was scarcely referred to in the reports, save the election of officers.

The address of Grand Master McCurdy was fine, like everything from his pen. We are indebted to him for an advance copy.

The proposition to have the Triennial in Washington was not carried, save that it is said that Washington will be the place when no other city invites them.

The proposition to give the larger Grand Commanderies more representatives was overwhelmingly defeated.

The fund of the Grand Encampment has increased from \$23,226, to \$30,302.

The following officers were elected and appointed:

- G. M.—W. La Rue Thomas, Maysville, Ky.
- D. G. M.—Reuben Hedly Lloyd, San Francisco, Cal.
- G. G.—Henry B. Stoddard, Bryan, Texas.
- G. C. G.—George M. Moulton, Chicago, Ill.
- G. P.—Cornelius L. Twing, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- G. S. W.—Henry W. Rugg, Providence, R. I.
- G. J. W.—William B. Melish, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- G. T.—H. Wales Lines, Meriden, Conn.
- G. R.—William H. Mayo, St. Louis, Mo.
- G. St. B.—Thos. O. Morris, Nashville, Tenn.
- G. S. B.—Edgar S. Dudley, San Antonio, Texas.
- G. W.—Joseph A. Locke, Portland, Me.
- G. C. of G.—Frank H. Thomas, Washington, D. C.

The next Triennial Conclave will be held at Pittsburgh, Penn., October 13, 1898.

Col. Carl A. Woodruff, (P. G. Commander of No. Carolina,) has been ordered to Boston to command Fort Warren.

Obituaries.

JOHN HODGE, Past Grand Master of New York, died suddenly at Lockport, N. Y., Aug. 7th, aged 58. He was a leading citizen of Lockport and interested in all benevolent enterprises.

LAURENCE H. HENDERSON, Past Grand Chancellor of the Great Priory of Canada, died suddenly of heart disease, at Belleville, Ontario, July 19th. He had been city solicitor for twenty-five years, city treasurer for three, and was about 77 years of age.

GEN. ELY S. PARKER died at his home in Fairfield, near Bridgeport, Conn., Aug. 31st, aged 69 years. He was a full-blooded Seneca Indian, and chief of the six nations. During the war he was on Gen. Grant's staff. In 1867 he was appointed General in the U. S. army, and in 1869 was made Commissioner of Indian affairs. For a number of years past he had been purchasing agent for the New York police department. He married Miss Minnie Sackett, a beautiful Washington girl, who survives him with one daughter. He was an eloquent speaker, which gift he inherited from his famous grandfather, Red Jacket, along with the masonic medal presented to that chief by Gen. Washington. He was himself a mason and had received the 32d degree. His Indian name was Do-ne-ho-ga-wa, Keeper of the Western Gate, which must have seemed a coincidence to him when he took the chapter degrees. It seems to strangely suggest the name of the Great Sphinx, "Horus on the horizon."

CAPT. WILLIAM E. DENNISON, commander of the steamer Frank Jones, died of pneumonia at his home in Machiasport, Sept. 3d, aged 66 years. He was a native of Portland. Capt. Dennison had sailed in thirty-nine different ships. He had been an indigo planter in Central America, commanded a trading schooner on Lake Nicaragua, was at Sebastopol during the Crimean war and commanded the gunboat Cherokee during the rebellion, capturing the Circassian and the Emma Henly, the largest prizes taken in that war. He obtained his naval command by saving the U. S. S. Wyoming, which had been run ashore in Lower California. He left a wife and three children. He was a member of Portland Lodge and Portland Commandery. He was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, 7th, Portland Lodge performing masonic services at his house in Portland, and Portland Commandery escorting the funeral train.

F. A. REED, past Grand Commander of Virginia, shot himself at his home in Alexandria, August 23d. The cause of the suicide was mental depression induced by ill-health.

MARSHALL B. HAMMOND, of Dover, N. H., a prominent business man, and member of the firm of Converse & Hammond, dealers in Eastern lumber, died suddenly of heart disease Oct. 15th, on the train, while on his way to Portland. He had a valuable ma-

sonic library, and was much interested in the fraternity, being High Priest of Belknap Chapter and Secretary of Dover Lodge of Perfection. His age was 41.

H. B. ADAMS, of San Antonio, Texas, lately died leaving \$1,000 to Alamo Lodge Charity Fund, \$1,000 to San Antonio Commandery and \$25,000 to a public library which is to be entirely under the management of Alamo Lodge. He was not an active blue lodge or chapter mason but was an active Templar. Of course, if he had lived in some of the other states he would have been turned out of the commandery for non-affiliation in lodge and chapter. Would he have left his money differently, in that case? and would it have helped the fraternity to lose it in that way?

Past Grand Master Benjamin Dean made a yacht trip down our coast, touching at Portland August 19th. We are happy to see, that although unable to walk, Bro. Dean is well enough to enjoy his oldtime pastime. No face is more welcome among us than his, and he leaves kindly memories wherever he goes.

The Connecticut Masonic Home and Orphanage, at Wallingford, was dedicated Sept. 25th with very interesting ceremonies. It was first suggested by Rev. Ashbel Baldwin in a sermon in 1797, recommended by Grand Master Lockwood in 1873, purchased in 1894 and dedicated in 1895.

After the Boston Triennial, we had the pleasure of a visit from that distinguished Templar, William P. Bowen, Grand Recorder and Past Grand Commander of Nebraska, who ran down to Portland with his charming wife. We have known Bro. Bowen so long by correspondence, that it was a great satisfaction to meet them.

Bro. Edwin C. Webster, of Hastings, chairman of the Triennial Committee, also dropped in upon us.

Notice is received from the General Grand Recorder that a new Grand Council was formed for Indian Territory May 16th, with Robert W. Hill, Muskogee, as Grand Master, and Joseph S. Murrow, Atoka, as Grand Recorder. The Masters of the five councils which formed an independent Grand Council in Colorado have been suspended, and the Deputy Masters ordered to take charge of those councils.

Mrs. Geo. Cooper Connor has published a very beautiful memorial book to the memory of her beloved husband. It contains a selection of the many tributes to him by masonic bodies, officers and journals.

The tenth annual assembly of the Veteran Freemasons will meet at the residence of Gen. John Corson Smith in Chicago, October 23d, and we wish them a merry evening.

Answers to Correspondents.

"Oblong square" is probably a correct expression, for Rawlinson uses it in notes to his Herodotus.

Who is holden for the debts of a lodge or chapter?

A lodge is like a partnership, and all the members are liable for all debts contracted within the scope of the constitution and by-laws. It therefore behooves each member to see that the debts are promptly paid. If a debt were contracted without proper authority, and one clearly unwarranted by the regulations, a court would probably hold that the individual who contracted it was liable. If a lodge were incorporated the property of the corporation would be holden for the debts, and under Maine laws, the members would not be individually liable; but as the Grand Lodge forbids the incorporation of lodges and only authorizes the incorporation of the Charity Fund, that body is liable only for its own debts, and the members of the lodge are holden for all other indebtedness.

Purple signified shining or gorgeous, and was anciently used both for red and for violet, but Sir Gardner Wilkinson says: "Ancient paintings show that the imperial purple was of a violet color."

In Maine dues are not charged to one under suspension. On re-instatement he only pays dues accrued up to the time of sentence.

The "American Tyler" endorses our comment on the parades of masons in England in 1808 and their criticism of our parades now.

The Grand Lodge of Idaho, Sept. 10th, elected Isidore S. Weiler, Boise, Gr. Master, and Charles C. Stevenson, Boise, Gr. Sec. and correspondent.

NORTHERN SUPREME COUNCIL.—This body met in Buffalo, Sept. 17th. Maine was represented by Bro. J. H. Drummond, E. P. Burnham, M. F. King, A. B. Farnham, Wm. C. Mason and Moses Hastings. No new members were made from Maine. The next annual meeting will be held at Pittsburgh, Penn. A resolution was adopted disapproving meetings in masonic halls, of non-masonic bodies, specially referring to the Mystic Shrine. The visitors were very pleasantly entertained by the Buffalo brethren.

GRAND MASTER'S SEAL.—He had introduced what seems to us an innovation, a Grand Master's seal. We have always understood that when any official document requires a seal, the Grand Master should affix the seal of the Grand Lodge. We know that in a few instances Grand Masters have had what they called a "Grand Master's Seal," but we had always taken it for granted that it was a "particular vanity" of the individual and not of the Officer.

[Drummond.]

IN AUTUMN.

I like, the first cold day of fall,
To have my study windows down,
Although the robins cheery call
Comes from the tree-tops dull and brown.
The golden butterflies have fled;
No sweet buds rouse the bee's glad song!
For all the flowers are closed and dead,
And winter's heralds round us throng.

And then before the open fire,
Where great logs burn and snap and blaze,
Come gentle dreams of high desire—
Not dreams of past, but future days.
We build not of the whitened ash
Which mark the steps of days of yore,
But by the oak log's ruddy flash
Discern the path which lies before.

—[Flavel Scott Mines.]

TRULY, THE MASONIC WORLD MOVES.—The wife of T. W. Parvin, the daughter of a Past Grand Master, and the daughter-in-law of Most Worshipful Bro. Theodore Sutton Parvin, of Iowa, Past Grand Master; Past Grand Commander; Past High Priest, and an active member of the Southern Supreme Council, 33d and last degree, is a 14th degree mason. Lodge of Perfection, and was the Worshipful Master of "Martha Washington Lodge of Master Masons" in Mexico.

Bro. Theodore Sutton Parvin was himself knighted in Apollo Commandery, No. 1, of Chicago, January 10, 1855. He never expected then to live to see the day when his son and son's wife would meet in the same Master Mason's Lodge, and the son's wife would be the Worshipful Master. [Chicago Legal News.]

Bro. Parvin writes the St. Paul Masonic Record, regarding this, as follows:

CEDAR RAPIDS, July 25, 1895.

DEAR SIR AND BRO:

Your favor with slip from Chicago Legal News duly received.

Yes, "Truly the masonic world moves," as did the physical in Gallileo's day, so fast that I can't keep up with its movement. You ask, "What does it (the statement) mean?" Just what it says, strange as it may seem. I spent two months, February and March this year, in the City of Mexico and several state capitals and learned these facts: That the Supreme Council of Mexico admits women to seats in its Lodge of Perfection, 4th to 14th degree,—"no further," said the Sovereign Commander, Dr. Pombo. The "Grand Dieta Symbolico" did by its legislation of 1890 authorize the making of women Master Masons, and under that law some five of its constituent Grand Lodges did make women masons. In a few years later that law was repealed, and they do not now make masons of women, but those previously made are recognized and visit lodges and Grand Lodges as I learned.

Masonry in the Republic is badly mixed up and from our standpoint is deserving of much censure upon the Grand Officers—yet from a Mexican standpoint Masonry has been a grand factor in the government and progress of her people, as I had ample opportunity to see during my visit.

Fraternally and truly,
T. S. PARVIN.

The publication of the condition of Mexican Masonry in the United States has resulted in the Grand Dieta ordering on Aug. 24th, that all charters to the so-called female lodges should be withdrawn, that no woman should be recognized as a mason, and that the Holy Bible, square and compasses should be placed on the altars of all symbolic lodges.

BOSTON MASONIC Temple caught fire on Saturday forenoon, Sept. 7th, and the three upper stories were destroyed, while the two lower were drenched with water. Fortun-

ately the contents of the latter were promptly covered with water proof cloth, so that the libraries, records and valuable relics, portraits, &c., were saved, although possibly somewhat damaged.

The building was damaged about \$60,000, the furnishings \$200,000, and the uniforms \$38,000, all well insured. The subordinate lodges lose about \$1,000 each.

A new roof will be put on, and the question of building a new hall elsewhere considered.

PUBLIC SERVICES.—Grand Lodges lay corner stones in public *while open as such*, as well as perform other ceremonies; if our brother will read the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada for 1894, he will find three instances of this; lodges, *open as such*, bury the dead; this is lawful everywhere save in Pennsylvania, and we hold that the usage in that state has been changed very recently, for it is absolutely certain from history, that a hundred years ago or thereabouts, lodges, *open as such*, appeared in public lawfully, as the law was then understood. Our brother's belief, or want of belief, does not change the fact, and in Masonry his proposition that "common usage does not always make a thing right and lawful" is not true; for the ancient usages of the craft make the law of Masonry.

That public installations are among the ancient usages, it is entirely useless for any one to deny. Preston was the authority in England, upon which our American system was based. In his edition of 1781, treating of the "Masonic Regulations, 1718 to 1721," he says:

"The necessity of fixing the original constitutions, as the standard by which all the future laws in the society are to be regulated, was so clearly understood and defined by the whole fraternity at the time, that it was established as an unerring rule, at every INSTALLATION, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, for many years afterwards, to make the Grand Master and Masters and Wardens of every lodge, engage to support the original constitutions; to the observance of which, also, every mason was bound at his initiation."

This was a foot-note to the edition of 1781, and was published in the subsequent English edition, and in the American edition of 1804. Webb based his work on Preston, when he arranged the American system. Preston had followed Anderson. This settles, beyond peradventure, the law and usage of the old Grand Lodge.

[Drummond.]

MASONRY OLDER THAN 1717.—We reiterate what we have heretofore contended, that the secrets of the degrees, whether conveyed in one, two or three steps, go back to remote antiquity, that they not only embraced the essentials which we now have, but many more that have been lost. We strenuously deny the assumption that Masonry had but one degree or grade in 1717, to which the other two were added. We

challenge proof that the Grand Lodge of England or Anderson, or any other ritualist, ever formulated a new degree which was added to or become a part of Ancient Craft Masonry. Whether the esotery which had come down to us from remote times was divided for convenience of working or for other reasons, remains to be more fully determined.—[Greenleaf of Colorado.]

CALLING OFF.—The Grand Master decided that a Master is not allowed to call off to another evening, to finish the business, but the proper thing is to call the meeting early enough in the afternoon to be able to finish the business the same night! To check an abuse, somewhere about 1856, our Grand Lodge declared that it is improper to call off from one stated communication to another, and that the lodge should be closed at the end of every communication. There was a custom, also, that when the business was not finished, the Master closed the lodge, to stand closed until another evening, unless convened on some special emergency of which due notice would be given. This was business-like and in accord with the methods in all other associations: but apparently some crank took it up and it has been carried to the ridiculous extent as to compel Grand Master Orme to make the puerile decision we have quoted. We once had our attention called to the law of one jurisdiction, under which, if a trial lasted till midnight, it must proceed continuously after that without calling off for refreshment or sleep! And there could be no complete trial except upon those conditions!—[Drummond.]

In a very complimentary notice of The Trestle Board, the *Masonic Token*, of Maine, conveys a wrong impression, when it says it advocates the recognition of negro lodges. We hold that negroes who have been made in the *irregular* negro lodges of the United States should be individually examined, and if duly qualified, be healed and granted dispensations or charters to form lodges under our *regular* organizations. While we are opposed to class lodges, such as national, racial, professional or other restrictions, if we must have these distinctive lodges, we say allow the black man a choice of affiliations, and all under the universal banner of regular organized Masonry. The negroes of this country obtained their Masonry from the Grand Lodge of England, the same source from which came the Masonry of the bodies we call "regular," but they were denied the privilege of participation in forming the early Grand Bodies, and of necessity were compelled, as they increased in numbers, to form their own distinctive Grand Bodies. Masonry in America has been a series of schisms and compromises, and as the negro division was the first schism, we suppose it will be about the last one to be healed. The negroes have sought, time and again, recognition, and individual instances are known of negro masons gaining membership in "regular" bodies, and there are individuals of that race that would readily be accepted in our bodies, but the old racial prejudice is not extinct in this country, nor will it be until the present generation has passed away.—[Trestle Board.]

TOOLS OF THE PYRAMID BUILDERS.—A two years' study at Gizeh has convinced Flinders Petrie that Egyptian stoneworkers of 6,000 years ago had a surprising acquaintance with what had been considered modern tools. Among the many tools used by the pyramid builders were both solid and tubular drills and straight and circular saws. The drills, like those of to-day, were set with jewels (probably corundum, as the diamond was very scarce), and even lathe tools had such cutting edges. So remarkable was the quality of the tubular drills and the skill of the workmen that the cutting marks in hard granite give no indication or wear of the tools, while a cut of a tenth of an inch was made in the hardest rock at each revolution, and a hole through both the hardest and softest material was bored, perfectly smooth and uniform throughout. Of the material and method of making the tools nothing is known.

Our Thanks.

CONNECTICUT.—Masonic Veterans, June 27, 1895, from Wm. Wallace Lee, Meriden, Ven. Master. 100 members were present.

GEORGIA.—Grand Chapter, April 24, 1895, from Andrew M. Wolihin, Macon, Gr. Sec. Chas. Wessolowsky, Albany, Gr. H. P. 90 chapters, 3,073 members, (loss 327) 178 exaltations.

KENTUCKY.—Grand Commandery, May 15, 16, 1895, from Lorenzo D. Croninger, Covington, Gr. Rec. Samuel H. Stone, Richmond, Gr. Com. 25 commanderies, 1,913 members, 108 knighted.

NORTH DAKOTA.—Grand Lodge, June 18, 1895, from Frank J. Thompson, Fargo, Gr. Secretary. Wm. H. Best, Fargo, Gr. Master. 44 lodges, 2,312 members, 207 initiates.

Grand Chapter, June 14, 1895, from Frank L. Thompson, Fargo, Grand Secretary. Theo. F. Branch, Jamestown, Grand High Priest. 13 chapters, 765 members, 89 exaltations.

Grand Commandery, June 21, 1895, from Frank J. Thompson, Fargo, Gr. Recorder. Clarence A. Hale, Grand Forks, Gr. Com. 7 commanderies, 406 members, 47 knighted.

WEST VIRGINIA.—Grand Commandery, May 8, 1895, from Robert C. Dunnington, Fairmont, Gr. Rec., W. H. H. Holswade, Huntington, Gr. Com. 11 commanderies, 781 members, 88 knighted.

WASHINGTON.—Grand Lodge, June 11, 1895, from Thomas M. Reed, Olympia, Gr. Secretary Wm. W. Witherspoon, Spokane, Gr. Master, 97 lodges, 4,959 members, 274 initiates.

Grand Chapter, June 5 and 6, 1895, from Yancey C. Blalock, Walla Walla, Gr. Sec. Edward R. Hare, Tacoma, G. H. P. 18 chapters, 1,141 members, 61 exaltations.

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DIED.

JEDIAH C. CATES, in Belfast, July 17, aged 59. Past Master of Phoenix Lodge and King Solomon's Council.

HORACE MAXFIELD, in Waterford, July 21, aged 55. Master of Mt. Tire'm Lodge. He was the popular stage driver between Waterford and Bridgton.

PLINY CROWELL, in Portland, Aug. 6, aged 54 y., 10 m. He was a master mariner, and a member of Portland Lodge and Greenleaf Chapter.

HENRY HOMER HAY, in Portland, August 9, aged 74 y., 9 m., 14 d. He was born in Waterford, Oct. 26, 1820. He had been a leading druggist in Portland since 1841. He joined Atlantic Lodge in 1860.

ELLISON L. CRAWFORD, in Georgetown, California, June 22, aged 62 y., 5 m., 1 d. He was a native of Castine, Maine. He was Grand High Priest of California in 1894.

ABEL H. JELLISON, in Biddeford, Aug. 15, aged 74. He had been municipal judge for twelve years, and left a wife and two children. He was a member of Bradford Commandery and other masonic bodies.

BERTHA HOBART CRAMER, in Thomasville, No. Carolina, August 21, of typho-malarial fever, wife of Stuart W. Cramer, of Charlotte, N. C., and daughter of Stephen Berry, of Portland, Maine. She left two young children.

DANIEL BRAZIER, in Portland, Aug. 29, of pneumonia, aged 43 y., 11 m., 24 d. A member of Atlantic Lodge, Greenleaf Chapter and Portland Commandery. He was Assistant Treasurer in the Maine Savings Bank. He left a wife and young daughter.

WILLIAM E. DENNISON, in Machiasport, Sept. 3d, aged 66, (see obituaries.)

J. A. WHITEMORE, of Brunswick, at Augusta, Sept. 3d, aged 42. A 32° mason.

FRANCIS A. SEVENO, in Skowhegan, Sept. 7, aged 83. He was born in France; was a member of Somerset Lodge and Chapter and DeMolay Commandery.

GEORGE S. WINN, in Portland, Sept. 13, aged 51 y., 8 m., 9 d.

GEORGE H. STARR, British Vice Consul, in Portland, Sept. 19, aged 63 y., 9 m.

JOHN HARPER, in Mechanic Falls, Sept. 19, aged 78 y., 8 m. A member of Tyrian Lodge, also a Royal Arch Mason and Templar. Buried at Welchville with masonic services by Tyrian Lodge.

ELIZA DAVIS, widow of Bro. Nathan J. Davis, in Deering, Sept. 26, aged 73 y., 1 m., 19 d. She was the daughter of Caleb Chase, who was Secretary of Ancient Landmark Lodge, from 1829 to 1849, which included most of the "Morgan times."

DANIEL ALLEN, in Boston, Oct. 2, aged 60. He was master of the steam yacht Comanche.

MILLARD K. PAGE, in Denver, Sept., aged 40. He was private Secretary to ex-senator Tabor, belonged in Houlton, and was buried there Sept. 27th, by Monument Lodge.

GEORGE S. FARNSWORTH, in North Bridgton, Oct. 7, aged 74. He was long the Secretary of Oriental Chapter.

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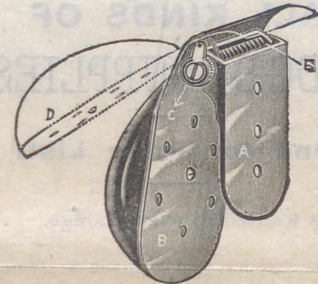
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