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O CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN.

O captain, my captain, our fearful trip is done;
The ship has weathered every rock; the prize we
sought is won;
The port is near, the bells I hear, the people all
exulting,
While follow eyes the steady keel, the vessel grim
and daring.

But, O heart, heart, heart!
Oh, the bleeding drops of red,
Where on the deck my captain lies,
Fallen cold and dead.

O captain, my captain, rise up and hear the
bells;
Rise up, for you the flag is flung, for you the
bugle trills,
For you bouquets and ribboned wreaths, for you
the shores a-crowding,
For you they call, the swaying mass, the eager
faces turning.

Here, captain, dear father,
This arm beneath your head!
It is some dream that on the deck
You've fallen cold and dead.

My captain does not answer. His lips are pale
and still.

My father does not feel my arm. He has no
pulse nor will.

The ship is anchored safe and sound, its voyage
closed and done.

From a fearful trip the victor ship comes in, its
object won.

Exult, O shores, and ring, O bells,
But I with mournful tread
Walk the deck where my captain lies,
Fallen cold and dead.

—[Walt Whitman.]

MASONRY IN MAINE.

Lodge Elections.

Central, 45, China. John A Woodsum, m;
Gustavus J Nelson, sw; Everett B Besse,
jw; Willis W Washburn, sec.

Sebasticook, 146, Clinton. Geo P Billings,
m; Willard W Eastman, sw; Charles F
Baker, jw; Ruel W Gerald, sec.

Davis, 191, Strong. Nelson Walker, m;
Charles F Thompson, sw; Charles B Rich-
ardson, jw; Andrew J Norton, sec.

Baskahegan, 175, Danforth. David C. Par-
ker, m; Leo H Tuck, sw; Daniel J Floyd,
jw; Martin L Porter, sec.

Oxford, 18, Norway. Bial F Bradbury, m;
Eugene E Andrews, sw; Merton L Kimball,
jw; Howard D Smith, sec.

Dresden, 103, Dresden. John H Mayers,
m; L W Carlton, sw; George H Colby, jw;
Nathaniel F Leeman, sec.

Forest, 148, Springfield. Jasper L Lewis,
m; Charles D Chase, sw; Herbert E Mur-
dock, jw; Lysander W Trask, sec.

Monmouth, 110, Monmouth. Otis K Pres-
cott, m; John M Prescott, sw; Everett F
Heath, jw; Horace S Bent, sec.

Bethlehem, 35, Augusta. John G Rowe,
m; Charles A Price, sw; Charles B Adams,
jw; James E Blanchard, sec.

Saint Paul's, 82, Rockport. Everett E
Fales, m; George L Wentworth, sw; Frank
E Achorn, jw; Charles W Jenkins, sec. In-
stalled Nov. 4th, by D D G M Fred M Rich-
ards.

Bethel, 97, Bethel. Eben S Kilborn, m;
Albert W Grover, sw; James H Barrows,
jw; Jarvis C Billings, sec.

St George, 16, Warren. Warren Morse,
m; Edgar C Crawford, sw; Edwin S Car-
roll, jw; A M Wetherbee, sec. Installed
Nov 18th by D D G M Fred M Richards, of
Camden, in the presence of the members,
their ladies, and the Chapter of the Eastern
Star. A banquet followed, with addresses.

Vernon Valley, 99, Mt Vernon. Wm M
Tyler, m; Wm A French, sw; George H
Poole, jw; Silas Burbank, sec.

Pleasant River, 163, Brownville. Geo W
McClain, m; Edgar C Smith, sw; John Lev-
ensaler, jw; Edwin M Johnston, sec. In-
stalled Nov. 11th by Edwin M Johnston, D
D G M.

Blazing Star, 30, Rumford Centre. Jos
W Simpson, m; Edwin P Smith, sw; Cyrus
P Eaton, jw; Henry M Colby, sec.

Cumberland, 12, New Gloucester. Elisha
A McCollister, Gray, m; Ozias M Goff, East
Gray, sw; John W Rideout, Intervale, jw;
Geo H Goding, Lewiston Junction, sec.

Kennebec, 5, Hallowell. Geo A Safford,
m; Lorenzo D Merchant, sw; John M Rob-
inson, jw; William Hosken, sec.

Moses Webster, 145, Vinalhaven. Fred
A Grindle, m; Freeman S Hamilton, sw;
W Frank Pierce, jw; Winfield S Carver,
sec.

Bingham, 199, Bingham. Arthur N Burke,
m; Benj F Smith, sw; Edwin O Vittum,
jw; Elmer H Dunton, sec.

Ancient Land-Mark, 17, Portland. Chas
P Costello, m; George H Owen, sw; Wins-
low E Howell, jw; John S Russell, sec.
The retiring Master, Frank R Redlon, was
presented with a chain and Templar charm
by the 36 candidates raised under his ad-
ministration.

Doric, 149, Monson. Ambrose H Hard-
ing, m; Harold E Morrill, sw; George W
Morrill, jw; Edwin R Haynes, sec.

Wilton, 156, Wilton. Fred J Ward, m;
Cyrus N Blanchard, sw; Maurice E Allen,
jw; Fred E Trefethen, sec.

Rural, 53, Sidney. Nathan A Benson, m;
Sewall A Clark, sw; Wm A Shaw, jw; Jas
F Warren, sec.

Felicity, 19, Bucksport. A Frank Ben-
nett, m; Wm A Remick, sw; Howard F
Gilley, jw; Geo O Mitchell, sec.

Hancock, 4, Castine. Frank V Grindle,
m; Walter S Brown, sw; C Fred Jones, jw;
Charles H Hooper, sec.

Temple, 86, Westbrook. Albert H Bur-

roughs, m; Frank O Mariner, sw; Ernest
A Bodge, jw; Oliver A Cobb, sec.

Alna, 43, Damariscotta. Lincoln H Chap-
man, m; Isaac C Stetson, sw; Frank L
Smithwick, jw; Edward E Philbrook, sec.
Installed Jan. 1st, in connection with E B
French Chapter.

Atlantic, 81, Portland. Edwin G Jackson,
m; Fred H York, sw; James E Leighton,
jw; Charles D Smith, sec.

York, 22, Kennebunk. Edwin Parsons,
m; Paul I Andrews, sw; Geo E Cousins,
jw; Geo A Gilpatric, sec.

Bar Harbor, 185, Bar Harbor. Frank E
Whitmore, m; Chas F Paine, sw; Frank O
Alley, jw; Benj C Hadley, sec.

Pine Tree, 172, Mattawamkeag. John E
Clark, m; Thorndike A Ranney, sw; Josiah
F Shedd, jw; Geo W Smith, sec. Installed
Dec. 28th.

Archon, 139, East Dixmont. C Hale
Thurlough, East Dixmont, m; Porter Luf-
kin, So Newburgh, sw; Andrew J Mudget,
East Jackson, jw; Benj F Porter, sec.

Harwood, 91, Machias. Amos L Heaton,
m; Stephen Hadley, sw; Willis H Allen,
jw; Cyrus W Beverley, sec.

Benevolent, 87, Carmel. Frank E Stevens,
m; George D Pinkham, sw; John E Wins-
low, jw; Camillus K Johnson, sec.

King David's, 62, Lincolnville. Nathan
D Ross, m; Leslie D Ames, sw; Alton E
Andrews, jw; Henry Crehore, sec. Officers
publicly installed by Rodel A Packard, D D
G M, and a very pleasant evening was en-
joyed by a large number. The lodge has
prospered during the past year.

Asylum, 133, Wayne. Clarence M Stev-
ens, m; B Frank Bradford, sw; Arthur W
Manter, jw; Charles S Haynes, sec.

Kenduskeag, 137, Kenduskeag. Wallace
W Patterson, m; Peter Barker, sw; Hosea
B Emery, jw; Wm C Spratt, sec.

Whitney, 167, Canton. Cyrus T Bonney,
Jr., m; George H Strout, sw; Charles H
Randall, jw; Herbert J DeShon, sec.

Greenleaf, 117, Cornish. Harry B Ayer, m;
James C Ayer, sw; Ellsworth Ordway, jw;
George H Parker, sec.

Naskeag, 171, Brooklin. Fred S Herrick,
m; Eldorus H Bridges, sw; Charles John-
ston, jw; Augustus G Blake, sec.

Pownal, 119, Stockton Springs. Albert
M Ames, m; Clifford N Fletcher, sw; Chas
C Heath, jw; Frank H Cousins, sec.

Webster Lodge, 164, Sabattus. Edwin
Woodside, m; George W Jordan, sw; Chas
A Bagnall, jw; Judson Bangs, sec.

Bristol, 74, Bristol. Oscar S Yates, m;
Calvin V Robbins, sw; Norris A Miller,
jw; Edwin J Ervine, sec.

Tremont, 77, South West Harbor. Frank-
lin S Doliver, m; William L Gilley, sw;
William W King, jw; William R Keene,
sec.

Saco, 9, Saco. Abram T. Lord, m; Her-
bert H. Dame, sw; Fred B. Wiggin, jw;
George A. Emery, sec.

Chapter Elections.

Dunlap, 12, China. Charles A Drake, HP; Josiah C Evans, K; Lot J Randall, sc; Willis W Washburn, sec.

Union, 36, Norway. William H Knowland, HP; Bial F Bradbury, K; James O Crooker, sc; Howard D Smith, sec.

Greenleaf, 13, Portland. Edwin G Jackson, HP; Frank R Redlon, K; Warren C King, sc; Francis E Chase, Woodfords, sec. The retiring High Priest, Millard F Hicks, was presented with a gold jewel.

Hancock, 19, Bucksport. Parker Spofford, HP; George H Emerson, K; Isaac Britton, sc; George O Mitchell, sec.

Mount Vernon, 1, Portland. Frederick H Thompson, HP; Ermon D Eastman, K; Fred E Bickford, sc; John S Russell, sec.

Somerset, 15, Skowhegan. Harry A Dinsmore, HP; George E Sampson, K; Alvirus Osborn, sc; C Milton Lambert, sec.

Aurora, 22, Cornish. Howard Brackett, HP; John Bradley, K; Gilbert Chase, sc; George H Parker, sec.

King Solomon's, 8, Rockland. Erastus P Rollins, HP; Charles E Meservey, K; Frank A Peterson, sc; Asa P StClair, sec.

Council Elections.

Westbrook, 15, Westbrook. Harlan P Babb, M; Charles J McLellan, DM; George H Knowlton, PCW; Oliver A Cobb, REC.

Portland, 4, Portland. Joseph S Gilliatt, M; Warren C King, DM; George W Pennell, PCW; Chas D Smith, REC.

Commandery Elections.

St. Omer, 12, Waterville. Arthur H Totman, Fairfield, C; John Phillips, G; Herbert M Fuller, CG; Thomas E Ransted, REC.

Claremont, 9, Rockland. Everett A Jones, C; Frank Keizer, G; Benj S Whitehouse, CG; Chas E Meservey, REC.

Palestine, 14, Belfast. James H Howes, C; Frank E Crowley, G; Elmer Small, CG; Frank L Field, REC.

St. Alban, 8, Portland. Henry B Bennett, C; Frank R Redlon, G; Chas E Snow, CG; Wm N Howe, REC.

Pilgrim, 19, Farmington. Geo C Purington, C; Charles E Marr, G; Seth E Beedy, CG; Frank W Butler, REC.

Scottish Rite.

Portland Council Princes of Jerusalem, Portland:

G. Master—Millard I. Hicks.
D. G. M.—Algernon D. Pearson.
Sen. G. W.—Frank D. Rogers.
J. G. W.—Albert H. Burroughs.
G. Secretary—William N. Howe.

Maine Sovereign Consistory:

Commander in Chief—Albro E. Chase, Portland.

First Lt. Commander—Wm. J. Burnham, Lewiston.

Second Lt. Commander—Edwin F. Vose, Portland.

Min. of State and G. O.—Hugh R. Chaplin, Bangor.

Grand Chancellor—Wm. M. Nash, Cherryfield.

Grand Treasurer—Albion Keith, Portland.

Grand Secretary—Samuel F. Bearce, Portland.

Lodge Notes.

Buckfield, Dec. 3.—Whitney Lodge, F. & A. M., of Canton, made a visit to Evening Star Lodge of this place last evening, coming by a special train. Several other lodges were also represented among the visitors

The lodge exercises were followed by a banquet and sociable, and the occasion was one of great enjoyment to all present.

The officers of Portland Lodge were publicly installed Dec. 3d by Deputy Grand Master Joseph A. Locke. A banquet followed, at which 300 were seated.

New Hall.

The plans for the new masonic building at Biddeford show a hall in the third story 35x66 feet, with anterooms. In the back is a library, and an armory 33x35 feet. The building is to be of brick with granite trimmings.

CONVENTIONS FOR WORK.—Five conventions have been held for teaching work.

At Farmington, Nov. 26th, 1 D. D. G. M. was present, and 7 lodges were represented by about 40 brethren.

At Augusta, Dec. 3d, there were 5 D. D. G. M.'s, and 11 lodges were represented by 50 brethren.

At Houlton, Dec. 10th, there was 1 D. D. G. M. and 9 lodges were represented by 50 brethren.

At Bangor, Dec. 12th, there were 7 D. D. G. M.'s, and 15 lodges were represented by 75 brethren.

At Rockland, Dec. 17th, there were 3 D. D. G. M.'s, and 12 lodges were represented by 80 brethren.

The working officers of the lodges were present and they went very carefully through all the work.

Books, Papers, etc.

—*The Maine Farmer's Almanac* for 1896 comes in with the new cider, yellow pumpkins, winter apples, and other good things of harvest time, and is as good and welcome as it has been for seventy-seven years agone. For sale by all booksellers, or send 10c. to the publisher, Charles E. Nash, Augusta.

—Bro. Geo. W. Warvelle P. G. M., of Chicago, favors us with an address delivered before the fifth Mass Convention of R. and S. Masters, of Illinois, at Galesburg, Sept. 5, 1895, entitled "*A Review of Cryptic Masonry in the United States.*"

—*Bulletin of the Department of Labor*, No. 1, Nov. 1895, received from Bro. Carroll D. Wright, Washington, D. C., Commissioner. These bulletins are to be issued as often as once in two months, and will thus be well up to date.

—*New England's Rural Winter*: a poem by John Chick Murray, North Berwick, Me. Transcript Co. Print, Portland. Small octavo, 32 pages. This is not equal to Whittier's *Snow Bound*, but is a very pleasant and faithful description of New England scenes. It has four illustrations which are equally meritorious.

—*Proceedings Grand Encampment Odd Fellows*, Maine, Oct. 1895, received from B. C. Stone, Grand Scribe. 51 Encampments, 5230 members, 195 initiates.

—*United States Life Saving Service.*

The annual report of this noble service for 1894 is received. It shows a constant gain in efficiency and work accomplished. The details of good deeds are long and interesting, and the appeal for still greater facilities should be generously responded to. As "Many-harbored Maine" has an unusual number of her sons upon the sea, our people should take especial interest in the promotion of this service.

—*The Open Court*, 324 Dearborn St., Chicago, weekly, \$1, is a champion of free thought, and has the ablest writers among its contributors.

Answers to Correspondents.

LAWFUL AGE.—"The application of a candidate, less than twenty-one years of age, should not be received."

[*Maine Masonic Text Book*, p. 259.]

We do not agree with this decision, which was made in 1871, but it is law until changed by the Grand Lodge. We do not agree with it, because the ritual does not require it; because the old custom of initiating sons of masons at eighteen shows that there was nothing but expediency in fixing the age at twenty-one; and because nothing would be more desirable than for a young man to apply earlier and to remain under the watchful eye of the committee until he was of lawful age. We hope to see it changed.

DEDICATION OF HALLS.—Although new halls should be dedicated as early as possible, it is not improper to occupy a new hall while awaiting dedication, as is shown by the permission given to occupy halls of other societies in case of necessity. (See page 349, Me. Mas. Text Book.)

SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.—One *suspended* from membership for non-payment of dues, re-instates himself by payment of dues to date of *suspension*, (see decision 9, page 20, Gr. Lo. Proc. 1894.) Dues cannot be exacted for the time while he was under suspension.

Unfair advantage might be taken of this by dropping out in hard times and returning at pleasure. But the same thing could be done by dimitting, and the lodge can *deprive of membership*, instead of suspending in doubtful cases. Practically it works well, as no complaints are made of such advantage being taken.

NOTICES.—Notifications of meetings are for the convenience of members, and are not indispensable to the legal election of officers at the annual meeting held in strict conformity with the by-laws. While a member may reasonably expect proper notice, he cannot claim that the election is null because he did not receive it. Even in case of candidates elected at a special meeting, under authority of a dispensation which directed every member to be notified, the initiation of the candidate would not be annulled on account of a member having

failed to receive his notice, if no evidence of bad faith in sending the notices was found.

But in cases of trial, the failure of the accused to receive a summons, provided his residence is known, is a reason for granting a new hearing.

ROBES.—It is not permissible for officers of a lodge to wear robes, (see decision 1, p. 176, Maine, 1895.)

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, NOV. 15, 1895.

My dear Sir Knight:—In the Masonic Token of Oct. 15th, you have a review of a History of the Secret Doctrines and Mystic Rites of Ancient Religious and Medieval Secret Orders, 240 pages, paper, 50 cts.; this seems to be a small price, but the question is, is it worth even that sum?

Is it not a fact that the enmity of the Church of Rome towards the Templars, grew out of a difference in their religious faith? Some historian says, Sir Sidney Smith was of opinion, that it was a battle between the followers of St. Peter and St. John. A war between the church of the west and the east, Rome and Jerusalem. That the Templars approached nearer to the primitive Christians, than any sect then in existence. The Gospel of St. John was the ground work of their faith, the Patriarch of Jerusalem their spiritual chief. That their large representation in the councils of the church, by their bold dissent from Romish dogmas, almost paralyzed the councils of the Vatican. He was in a position to be advised on the subject.

Courteously,
J. K. MARLAY.

SOUTHERN SUPREME COUNCIL.—At the biennial session held in Washington, Oct. 21-25, there were elected:

Grand Commander—Thomas H. Caswell, San Francisco.

Lt. G. Com.—Odel S. Long, Charleston, W. Va.

Gr. Prior—Erasmus T. Carr, Leavenworth, Kan.

Gr. Chancellor—Samuel E. Adams, Minneapolis, Minn.

G. Min. State—Martin Collins, St Louis, Mo.

Sec. Gen.—Fred Webber, Washington, D. C.

Treas. Gen.—Gilmore Meredith, Baltimore, Md.

Gr. Almoner—R. C. Jordan, Omaha, Neb.

Gr. Auditor—S. M. Todd, N. Orleans, La.

Every member, twenty-seven in number, was present for the first time in its history. A committee was appointed to prepare for the Centennial in 1901, also one to prepare and publish the official bulletins which have been suspended since Bro. Pike's death. The 33d degree was conferred upon fifteen honoraries; a large class was elected.

The Grand Commandery of Illinois, Oct. 22d, elected Augustus L. Webster, of Danville, Gr. Com., Gil. W. Barnard, of Chicago, Gr. Rec. Gen. John Corson Smith is correspondent.

Boston masons have decided to sell the Masonic Temple and build elsewhere. The loss on the building proved to be large, \$89,000, while that on personal property was \$21,300. The fine organ in Corinthian hall was a total loss, the pillars were warped, the frescoes ruined, and great holes were cut in the floors. Egyptian hall was in a still worse condition. The lot is considered too expensive for a masonic building as it is assessed at \$561,000. This is a hint for masons elsewhere. Since this was built in 1867, it has proved to be an elephant on the hands of the fraternity.

New Brunswick.

Union DeMolay Preceptory of Knights Templar, No. 11, of St. John, N. B., under special authority, opened a conclave of Knights Templar, at the masonic hall, Charlottetown, P. E. I., Nov. 12, when the Orders were conferred upon twelve leading companions of P. E. Island. Subsequently Prince Edward Island Preceptory of Knights Templar was duly instituted under dispensation from the Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada. Right Eminent Sir Knight James B. Nixon, of Toronto, Ont., acting as special deputy of the Supreme Grand Master, M. E. Wm. H. Whyte, of Montreal. P. E. Preceptor James H. Pullen represented the Union DeMolay Preceptory on the occasion. Prince Edward Preceptory will not be formally consecrated until after the issue of the warrant, at the next annual assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, which takes place in London, Ont., in August, 1896. The officers the Prince Edward Preceptory were duly appointed, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of P. E. I., Roderick Macneill, M. D., being the first presiding preceptor.

The new preceptory starts under splendid auspices, and will shortly rank as the peer of any Eneampment of Knights Templar in the maritime provinces. Wednesday evening the visiting Sir Knights were entertained at a sumptuous dinner at the Hotel Davies, Charlottetown.

Ivanhoe Preceptory of Knights Templar was instituted in Masonic Hall, Moncton on November 26th, by Sir Knight James B. Nixon and Sir Knight Robert Marshall, K. C. T., Provincial Prior. The officers were duly installed as follows: H. B. Fleming, Presiding Preceptor; Geo. Ackman, Constable; Geo. M. Jarvis, Marshal; G. R. Sangster, Chaplain; Edward Tweedle, Treasurer; J. E. Masters, Sub-Marshal; L. B. Archibald, Registrar; J. B. Sangster, E. S. White, Standard Bearers; W. A. Davis, Sword Bearer; A. Y. Clarke, Almoner; W. A. Metzler, Capt. of Guard; F. C. Barker, Organist; J. Jonyce, Guard. The other fratres of the new preceptory, which starts under most auspicious circumstances, are: John L. Harris, Chris. P. Harris, T. V. Cooke, F. N. Hall, James Barnes, L. T. Jou-

dry, Frank L. Thompson, F. C. Barker, Fred. W. Givan, George W. Willett, E. W. Givan, J. S. Benedict, S. E. Wilson, Alfred Bishop, R. A. Borden. After the preceptory had concluded its organization about forty-five members of the order sat down to a splendid supper.

The following were the principal toasts; all of which were enthusiastically responded to, viz.:

The Queen and the Craft.

The President of United States and the Grand Encampment, responded to by American Consul, Sir Knight J. S. Benedict.

The Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, and the Grand Chancellor, M. E. Sir Knight Daniel Spry, G. C. T.

R. E. Sir Jas. B. Nixon, Special Deputy of the Grand Master.

R. E. Sir Knight Hon Robert Marshall, K. C. T., Provincial Prior, Province of New Brunswick.

The City of Moncton, coupled with the name of Eminent Sir Knight Hendry Blair Fleming.

The Ivanhoe Preceptory and Sister Preceptories.

The occasion was one long to be remembered, and from it will surely date a new era of prosperity in Masonry in the prosperous city of Moncton.

The regular monthly meeting of St. John Council of Royal and Select Masters, was held on Nov. 19th, at St. John, N. B., at which the following officers were elected and installed by M. P. Robert Marshall, Past Grand Master for New Brunswick: John A. Watson, T. I. M.; Andrew Mc Nichol, R. I. M.; F. W. Wisdom, I. M.; G. Gordon Boyne, Recorder.

EXPULSION.—That the expulsion of a mason is the undoing of what the lodge did in making him, is a proposition which we never before saw or heard. If that is so, an expelled mason can be restored *only by being remade*; and we never heard that one was ever thus restored. Moreover, we have always understood that it is universally held that an *expelled* mason is still bound by his obligations. Comp. Wait's theory leads inevitably to the conclusion, that an expelled mason, *restored by vote*, comes in unbound by any obligations!

One reason which he gives is, that Masonry recognizes two punishments, expulsion and indefinite suspension; if he had added that, formerly almost everywhere, to restore an expelled mason a *unanimous* vote is required and to restore a suspended mason requires only a *two-thirds* vote, he would have shown that his reason is no reason at all. It is true that in some jurisdictions the same vote is required in both cases by recent enactments, part (as in Maine) requiring a unanimous vote, and part only a two-thirds vote: this change makes the two punishments precisely the same to all intents and purposes.

[Drummond's Chapter Corr., 1895.]

GRAND LODGE OF MAINE.



ANNUAL MEETINGS.

The Masonic Grand Bodies in Maine will hold their Annual Sessions for 1896 at Masonic Hall in Portland, as follows:

Grand Lodge, Tuesday, May 5, at 9 o'clock A. M.
Grand Chapter, " 5, at 7 o'clock P. M.
Grand Council, Wed'sdy, " 6, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Gr. Com'dery, Thursday, " 7, 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. 323, 324 and 325, proceedings 1895.

To Secretaries: Blanks for Returns of Lodges will be sent first of February. If not received by the 15th, 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,
Gr. Secretary.

Portland, Jan. 15, 1896.

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."

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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.

CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE.—Christmas was very generally observed by the Templars throughout the country. Most of the Grand Commanderies issued general orders for the observance, and the commanderies responded cheerfully. The numbers must have been larger than ever. In Maine the commanderies nearly all assembled, and in many towns where there are no commanderies, the resident Templars had meetings for the purpose. This last is one of the pleasantest features of the occasion, because a Templar, though in the remotest ocean, feels that he is assembled with all the great fraternity when the exact minute comes, and he rises with the rest.

The Encampment of St. John, at St. John, N. B., preceded the toast by one to the Grand Master and Chapter General of Scotland, and followed it by one to the Supreme Grand Master and Great Priory of Canada. The latter point is significant and gratifying, as it indicates that no personal feeling prevents the long desired union between them and that body.

The most elegant program of ceremonies which has reached us is one from Cataract Commandery, Spokane, Washington, sent by its Comuander John Henry Shaw.

From Houston, Texas, comes from Bro. J. C. Kidd, Grand Treasurer, an elaborate report of the meeting of Ruthven Commandery, which we wish we could publish. It contains the list of those present, (including B. F. Cragin, of St. John, N. B.) and a list of all the toasts and responses. It will go on file, and be bound with the other letters of the occasion in some great masonic library. Bro. Kidd enclosed a bunch of violets, fresh from the garden. They come pressed but fragrant still.

Masonic messages of peace and good will have been sent from England and Canada to this country, and we have no doubt the masons of America will do everything in their power to foster the same kind feeling towards our British brethren. Every kindly word spoken will bear a message of mercy, and kind words are never regretted, nor wasted.

The Boston Triennial Committee received \$81,357.37; expended \$69,296.54; and refunded \$12,060.83 to the contributing commanderies.

A Grand Council under the General Grand Council has been formed in Washington, and Henry L. Kennan, of Spokane, is the Grand Master, Edward R. Hare, Tacoma, Gr. Recorder.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT.—Grand Master Thomas has assigned as visiting officer to the Grand Commanderies of New Hampshire and Vermont, Grand Warden Joseph A. Locke, of Portland, Me.

As visitor to Maine, Connecticut and Delaware, Grand Sen. Warden Henry W. Rugg, Providence, R. I.

Grand Recorder Mayo notifies that he has leased offices in the Security Building, cor. 4th and Locust Sts., St. Louis, where visiting brethren are invited to make their headquarters. The Grand Encampment would be issued by Dec. 28th.

A second edition of the Order of Malta was ordered and will soon be ready.

Proceedings from 1816 to 1868, reprint, will be sold at \$3.50, and each year later at \$1.65 by mail.

The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania re-elected Dec. 5th and installed 27th, Ezra S. Bartlett, G. H. P., and Charles Cary, G. Sec., both of Philadelphia.

Grand Secretary Parvin sends to his friends a New Year's greeting which is very tender and thoughtful.

We notice by the *Keystone*, that our old friend William Ross, formerly of Portland, is Secretary of Lu Lu Temple in Philadelphia, and that he is so well appreciated that his brethren presented him with \$100 in gold at its last meeting.

CRYPTIC RITE.—General Grand Recorder Mordhurst's statistics for 1894 show in the United States, 537 councils, 38,653 members, 2,998 candidates. Increase in membership during the year, 1646.

We are grieved to learn that Dr. Denison E. Seymour, of Calais, P. G. M. of the Grand Council of Maine, is seriously ill from the effects of a hemlock splinter in the palm of his hand, which wounded the nerves.

Our friend J. C. Kidd, who was elected Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Texas, Dec. 4th, was born in Cecil Co., Md., but has resided in Houston since 1868. He is Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery. For twenty-five years he was on the Houston and Texas Central Railroad, latterly as auditor.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts installed officers in Sutton Hall, Dec. 27th, despite the fire, and had their annual banquet, but the latter was given at the Exchange Club on Battery-march St.

We are indebted to Grand Prelate Cornelius L. Twing, of Brooklyn, N. Y., for a copy of his admirable report on necrology to the Grand Commandery of New York.

SALINA, KANSAS.—The corner stone of the new masonic temple was laid Oct. 31st and a very interesting address was given by Prof. W. M. Jay.

The *Masonic Advocate* enters its 29th year with the January number, and Bro. Martin H. Rice, the editor, felicitates himself that he has occupied the editorial chair twenty-six of these years, which exceeds the similar service of any mason now living, and that only Cornelius Moore, who edited the *Masonic Review* thirty-one years, had exceeded it.

Will he not except the editor of the *Masonic Token*, who has occupied the tripod since March, 1867? The *Token* is a few months older than the *Advocate*.

We congratulate Bro. Rice, and we cannot speak too highly of his magazine, which is published monthly in Indianapolis at \$1 a year.

Detroit had a great Masonic Fair commencing Dec. 2d.

We acknowledge with thanks an invitation to attend the public installation of Garden City Lodge of Chicago, January 8th, at the Preceptory of Oriental Consistory, on the 18th floor of Masonic Temple.

A lady in Cornish possesses a large white pitcher covered with masonic emblems and inscribed "Bro. Marsh, sworn measurer of timber, &c. in Liverpool, presents these trifles to Lincoln Lodge at Wiscasset, David Silvester, Esq., W. M., 1793."

Henry Clay Armstrong, Grand Secretary and Grand Recorder of Alabama, was confirmed as Secretary of Legation to Madrid, Spain, in the U. S. Senate, Dec. 18th. We congratulate Bro. Armstrong, but shall miss him from his masonic posts.

Obituaries.

WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER, Grand Commander of California in 1864, died at San Francisco, Sept. 1st. He was Grand Master in 1862-3-4, and was an eminent lawyer.

JOHN CLARK HAZLETT, Grand Master of Nevada, died at his home in Dayton, October 3d. He was born in Lewiston, Penn., May 19, 1828, and was a physician. D. W. Virgin, of Geneva, becomes acting Grand Master.

DR. WILLIAM A. ALBEE, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Commandery of Maine, died at his home in Rockland, Nov. 2d, aged 57. He was chairman of the Board of Health, contracted the diphtheria in his efforts to suppress that disease, and after an illness of six days succumbed to it. He was a native of Knox County, educated at Colby University, graduated at Bowdoin Medical College in 1866, at the age of 28, practiced sixteen years in Union, later in Camden, and for the past two years in Rockland. He was first Vice President of the Maine Medical Association, a member of the board of medical examiners, and a leading physician of the state.

In Masonry he was a member of Union

Lodge, King Solomon's Chapter, Claremont Commandery and King Hiram Council. He had been Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Commandery, and was elected Senior Grand Warden in May last.

As a hasty burial was requisite, a memorial service was held in the Congregational Church, on Sunday, Nov. 24th, which was attended by the masonic bodies of which he had been a member, by many from neighboring towns, and by a large concourse of citizens.

Rev. John Pettengill of the Free Baptist Church, read the Scriptures, Rev. C. A. Moore, of the Congregational Church, offered prayer. Rev. L. D. Evans, pastor of the Congregational Church, Camden, preached a very appropriate and impressive sermon, which was the more fitting as he had been the especial friend and former pastor of the doctor and his family during their residence in Camden. Rev. C. W. Bradlee pronounced the benediction. The music was by the Congregational quartette choir. It had been intended to have masonic services at the doctor's grave and the masons proceeded to the cemetery for that purpose, but it was so late when they arrived there and the darkness hastening on, a fervent prayer only was offered by Rev. John Pettengill.

IVORY H. ROBINSON, Principal of Washington Academy, died at East Machias, of typhoid fever, Nov. 4th, at the age of 36 years, 8 months and 1 day, leaving a wife and two children. He was born in Augusta, March 3, 1859, graduated at Bowdoin College in 1887, and was a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Society. He was appointed Principal of Washington Academy in 1887, the year of his graduation, and successfully conducted it until his death.

He was raised in Warren Lodge, Aug. 2, 1887, was Master in 1892, 1893 and a part of 1894, when he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Third Masonic District. He was High Priest of Warren Chapter at the time of his death, having been a charter member and the first Scribe under the charter. (He took the chapter degrees in Washington Chapter, at Machias.) In January, 1895, he was elected High Priest. He was also a member of St. Elmo Commandery, at Machias and was an enthusiastic and valued member of the fraternity. He was an active member of the Congregational Church.

CHARLES P. HUNT, Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, died at Jackson, Mich., Oct. 24th, aged 37. He was a native of Livingston Co., N. Y., and was Recorder of the City of Jackson at the time of his death.

MICHAEL SHOEMAKER, Grand High Priest of Michigan, in 1853, 1854 and 1856, and Grand Master in 1886, died at Jackson, Mich., Nov. 10th, aged 77. He was Colonel of the 13th Mich. Infantry during the late war.

FRANKLIN REX, P. G. H. P., and P. G. Commander of West Virginia, died at Parkersburg, Oct. 18th, aged 58. He was a native of Pennsylvania.

GEORGE W. BLOUNT, Past Grand Master and Past Grand High Priest of North Carolina, died at Wilson, Nov. 29th.

REV. TIMOTHY O. PAINE, D. D., of East Bridgewater, Mass., one of the most renowned linguists and Egyptian scholars in this country, died at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Dec. 6th.

Dr. Paine was born in Winslow, Me., and his education was received in the public schools of his native state and Colby University, in the face of obstacles which would have discouraged less earnest students. He was brought up in the Orthodox faith, but finding this belief distasteful, very early embraced the teachings of Swedenborg. He married Agnes, daughter of Rev. Adonis Howard, one of the founders and early ministers of the New Church. During his entire life he was a zealous and devoted student, especially of Hebrew and the ancient languages. His entire leisure time was spent in unravelling the mysteries of hieroglyphics and ancient lore. His life work is a book which will be long remembered. It is "Solomon's Temple," and involved 25 years of study. In it he reconstructs completely this temple. This book is especially prized in masonic circles.

He was authority on Egyptian hieroglyphics and translated several, over which learned men had labored in vain.

CHARLES V. S. LEVY, Grand High Priest of Maryland, in 1882, died at Frederick, Dec. 8th, aged 51.

REES G. WILLIAMS, Grand High Priest of New York, in 1871 and 1872, died at Utica, Dec. 23d, aged 67. He was a native of Wales.

We have received cards from Bro. Wm. B. Melish, of Cincinnati, Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Encampment U. S. A., announcing the marriage of his daughter May to Mr. Benjamin F. Harris, Jr., of Champaign, Illinois, at Cincinnati, Dec. 5th. The *Token* offers its congratulations. The wedding was very brilliant.

The masonic temple at Purcell, Indian Territory, was destroyed by fire Nov. 20th, with most of the paraphernalia. The insurance will nearly cover the loss.

HERMAN G. CARTER, long Librarian of the Grand Lodge of New York, recently died.

We are happy to hear from Grand Secretary John L. Power, of Jackson, Miss., that he has recovered from his late severe illness. He was prostrated while canvassing for the nomination as Secretary of State, but his eldest daughter took up the work so successfully, that in the convention August 17th he was nominated enthusiastically on the first ballot.

Not in vain the distant beacons,
Forward, forward let us range,
Let the great world spin forever
Down the ringing grooves of change.
Through the shadow of the globe
We sweep into the younger day;
Better fifty years of Europe
Than a cycle of Cathay.

—[Tennyson.]

The masonic temple in Duluth, Minnesota, was burned Oct. 13th. The loss was heavy.

MEXICAN CAPITULAR MASONRY.—The Committee on Dispensations and Charters recommended that a charter be issued, and their recommendation was adopted. The *status* of the "*Gran Dieta*" was not discussed by the committee, and apparently not in the General Grand Chapter. Considering that very few of our Grand Lodges have recognized the "*Gran Dieta*" as a regular masonic body and especially that quite a number have absolutely refused to do so, and that others are holding the matter under advisement, because they are not willing to recognize the *Gran Dieta* upon the evidence thus far submitted as to its regularity, we are disposed to regret this action. To be sure, the statement of Comp. Chism, as to the reformation of the *Gran Dieta*, is now, for the first time, so far as we have seen, made public; but inasmuch as the General Grand Chapter accepts the *status* of bodies of the Symbolic Rite as determined by the Grand Lodges, it seems to us that action in establishing Royal Arch Masonry in Mexico, and authorizing the conferring of the degrees upon members of the obedience of *Gran Dieta*, should have been postponed until, to say the least, there should be a more general *consensus* of decision that that body is a regular body of Symbolic Masonry. We do not perceive how a member of Chapultepec Chapter can be admitted as a visitor in a Maine chapter, inasmuch as our Grand Chapter follows the decision of our Grand Lodge in relation to the *status* of persons claiming to be Matter Masons, and our Grand Lodge has declined to recognize the *Gran Dieta* as a masonic body, or the members of its obedience as regular masons. However, the technical law of the situation is, that a Maine Royal Arch Mason could sit in the chapter with a person with whom he could not sit in a Maine lodge; the consequence would undoubtedly be, that the Maine mason would object to the admission of the party into the chapter as a visitor. What is true of Maine, is true of the large majority of the other Grand Lodges.

[Drummond's R. A. Corr., 1895.]

PHYSICAL PERFECTION:—We have never subscribed to the doctrine that the physical perfection rule applies to Royal Arch Masonry. But it does not follow that there is no rule. It is a necessary consequence of conferring a degree under an established ritual, that the candidate *must be able to receive the degree* according to the terms of that ritual. This ability must be the *actual* ability of the candidate. It follows that if

he is actually able thus to receive the degree there is no room for question as to whether his ability rests upon his natural powers or artificial aids. Comp. Long's suggestion that the degrees may be conferred on "the mere remnant of a man," is without force; for if there is enough of a man to perform, at his own will, the work of Royal Arch Masonry, there is enough of a man to make a Royal Arch Mason.

[Drummond's Chapter Corr. 1895.]

MARKS.—"We might add to the foregoing that the mark of a Mark Master Mason should be composed of straight lines, and should contain an *odd* number of 'points.' The ends of lines and intersections of lines are 'points.' Thus the Gothic letter A has five points and is a 'proper' mark, while the Gothic letter N has four points and would be the mark of an apprentice, and not of a master workman nor of a Mark Master."—[Henry Robertson.]

USE OF CIPHERS.—"We would fain add a word on the subject of writing the ritual in cipher. There was once a man, who we are taught was one of three ancient Grand Masters, whose integrity is exhibited to us as the model for all masons, an integrity by which they should seek to live and in which they should be ready to die. This man, the same masonic tradition informs us, committed to writing the most important 'secret' of a mason—even the word. He did it for the good of the fraternity, that future generations yet unborn might find it, recognize it and use it. He did not do it in such manner that the profane might become cognizant of it—this his obligation forbade. He did not do it in such manner that the secrets of Masonry might thereby be unlawfully obtained. He did it in cipher; he did it in such manner that those entitled to the knowledge might thereby obtain it. In this, Solomon and Hiram, of Tyre, joined and united with him, and became equal participants in his acts. Unless our three ancient Grand Masters had done what they did, write the pivotal secret of Masonry, the fear of the King of Israel would have found its fruition, and the word would have been forever lost, and even if found in the future, could not have been recognized for what it was, and is, without the other marks and indications which proclaimed it masonic. The deposit was made in such manner that the secrets could lawfully, and could not unlawfully, be obtained."

[Herman C. Duncan, of Louisiana.]

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:

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Rising Virtue, Bangor,	22
Kenduskeag Lodge, Kenduskeag,	11
King Solomon's, Waldoboro,	22

What lodge shall be next added?

The chapters chartered in Victoria, Australia, by the Grand Chapter of Canada have united with the Grand Chapter of Victoria, and happily settled a vexed question.

THE OHIO "CERNEAU" CASE DECIDED.—The celebrated case of William A. Hershisser and others vs. S. Stacker Williams and others, having passed through all the lower courts, finally reached the Supreme Court of Ohio, and by that body has been decided in favor of the defendants. It is a decision of much importance, not alone to Freemasonry, but to all fraternal organizations, as it settles that the courts will not interfere with the internal working, quarrels and management of secret benevolent organizations so long as they do not involve property rights. The substance of the case is about as follows:

Some years ago, during the term of Bro. Williams as M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of Ohio, the defendant, Bro. Williams, as Grand Master, ordered the expulsion of all members of the Order who belonged to what was known as the Cerneau Jurisdiction of Scottish Rite. His order was made under a law passed by the Grand Lodge of Ohio. In compliance with this order Mt. Vernon Commandery, K. T., expelled about twenty-five members, and one of the Blue Lodges took the matter up and expelled a number of members. William A. Hershisser and others of those who fell under the ban of the Grand Lodge brought injunction proceedings to overthrow this effort. In the Court of Common Pleas Judge Evans passed on the questions raised and in a general way held that the courts would not interfere with the laws of secret societies where they did not conflict with the laws of the state; that unless it could be shown that property rights were involved the equity court would not interfere. He laid down the principle that the members of a lodge had no individual property rights, that their right in property was as a body and declined to grant a perpetual injunction.

The case passed through the Circuit Court, which sustained Judge Evans' decision, and the decision of the lower court is now affirmed by the Supreme Court of Ohio. The question which was of most importance to secret societies was the property question, wherein Judge Evans held that the individual member of a lodge held no property rights in the lodge except such as the lodge itself might give him under its laws. Another feature of Judge Evans' decision in the lower court was, that it held that all of the remedies which could be applied in the lodge itself must be exhausted before the controversy could be carried into the courts. This latter point has been passed upon by courts in different portions of the country, and all have given the same judgment—that all the remedies of the lodge and order must be exhausted before the courts will interfere.—[Masonic Chronicle, Columbus.]

Juarez Funeral.

An idea of what a mason's funeral is in Mexico may be obtained from the description of the services in honor of ex-President Juarez of that country on the night of July 18th. The ceremonies closed with the holding of a white lodge in the cemetery of San Fernando, the scene being especially picturesque. Four hundred masons were present and two hundred ladies of their families. A square was formed around the great marble tomb surmounted by an immense symbol of a female figure, representing Mexico supporting Juarez. Electric lamps in pale blue globes threw a cold fantastic light on the scene. The masons were formed in military order, while several of their companies, wearing broad-brimmed black hats and carrying naked swords, guarded the tomb. The masons were in full regalia and bore fourteen standards embroidered with gold. Several bands of music were stationed in the cemetery. The impressive ceremonies lasted until midnight.

[Square and Compass, Denver.]

Here in New Orleans there are ten Blue Lodges and Chapters and three commanderies among the colored race, all of whom seemingly are in a promising condition, there are about 600 in good standing in Louisiana, at last report with their W. Grand Master, E. A. Williams and Em. Grand Com. James Lewis, are very intelligent, courtly and affable. Candidly we express the opinion that it is a question of time only, when the Colored Mason of Louisiana will and must be recognized. They obtained their original charter from England and not France. Our Grand hailing sign of distress shows no distinction which we must not overlook.

—[New Orleans Square and Compass.

Our Thanks.

CANADA.—Grand Chapter, July 16, 1895, from Thomas Sargent, Toronto, Gr. Scribe E. J. Ross Robertson, Toronto, Grand Z. 98 chapters, 4,977 members, 680 exalted.

COLORADO.—Grand Lodge, Sept. 17, 18, 1895, from Ed. C. Parmelee, Denver, Grand Sec. Wm. D. Peirce, Denver, Gr. M. 87 lodges, 7,023 members, 394 initiates.

DELAWARE.—Grand Lodge, Oct. 2 and 3, 1895, from Benj. F. Bartram, Wilmington, Gr. Sec. Joseph L. Cahall, Georgetown, Gr. M. 21 lodges, 2,039 members, 86 initiates.

FLORIDA.—Grand Council, May 23, 1895, from John Carlovitz, Milton, Gr. Rec. Geo. S. Hallmark, Pensacola, Grand Master. 4 councils, 103 members, 14 candidates.

ILLINOIS.—Gr. Chapter, Oct. 24, 25, 1895, from Gil. W. Barnard, Chicago, Gr. Sec. George M. Moulton, Chicago, G. H. P. 186 chapters, 16,414 members, 1,251 exaltations.

Gr. Council, Oct. 23, 1895, from Gil. W. Barnard, Chicago, Gr. Recorder. Marcus M. Lord, Chenoa, Gr. Master. 39 councils, 2,659 members, 237 candidates.

Gr. Commandery, Oct. 22, 23, 1895, from Gil. W. Barnard, Chicago, Gr. Rec. Aug. L. Webster, Danville, Gr. Com. 65 commanderies, 9,355 members, 598 knighted.

Gr. Coun. High Priesthood, Oct. 24, 1895, from Gil. W. Barnard, G. Steward. Loyal L. Munn, Freeport, President. A beautifully illustrated sketch of the Order by Gen. John C. Smith, is given.

INDIANA.—Gr. Chapter, Oct. 23, 24, 1895, from Wm. H. Smythe, Indianapolis, Gr. Sec. Henry W. Mordhurst, Fort Wayne, G. H. P. 56 chapters, 6,479 members, 406 exaltations.

Gr. Council, Oct. 22, 23, 1895, from William H. Smythe, Indianapolis, Gr. Rec. Thomas R. Marshall, Columbia City, Gr. M. 46 councils, 2,457 members.

MANITOBA.—Gr. Lodge, June 12, 1895, from Wm. G. Scott, Winnipeg, Gr. Sec. Chas. N. Bell, Winnipeg, Gr. M. 55 lodges, 2,334 members, 154 initiates.

MONTANA.—Gr. Lodge, Oct. 9, 1895, from Cornelius Hedges, Helena, Gr. Sec. James H. Mills, Helena, Gr. M. 39 lodges, 2,491 members, 189 initiates.

OHIO.—Gr. Lodge, Oct. 23-4, 1895, from J. H. Bromwell, Cincinnati, Gr. Sec. Wm. B. Melish, Cincinnati, Gr. M. 493 lodges, 39,906 members, 2,373 raised.

Grand Chapter, Sept. 11, 1895, from Chas. C. Kiefer, Urbana, Gr. Sec. Jacob H. Bromwell, Cincinnati, G. H. P. S. Stacker Williams, Correspondent. 146 chapters, 13,764 members, 920 exalted.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Ceremonies in Commemoration of the Dead, A. & A. S. R. from Frank M. Highley, Phila., Gr. Sec.

WASHINGTON.—Gr. Commandery, June 7, 1895, from Yancey C. Blalock, Walla Walla, Gr. Rec. Horace W. Tyler, Spokane, Gr. Com. 9 commanderies, 585 members, 20 knighted.

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DIED.

ABNER T. WADE, in Sangerville, Oct. 29, aged 78. He was a shipmaster, was initiated in Mt. Kineo Lodge, of Abbot, June 22, 1861, and was the first candidate. He was almost immediately appointed Secretary, the lodge being then under dispensation, and in 1864-5-8-9 and '72, was Master. He was born in Woolwich, Nov. 1, 1817. He was author of the lodge history, published in 1889, and it shows marked literary ability.

WILLIAM A. ALBEE, in Rockland, Nov. 2, aged 57, (see obituaries.)

IVORY H. ROBINSON, in East Machias, Nov. 4, aged 36 y., 8 m., 1 d., (see obituaries.)

ISAAC G. WILLIAMSON, in Wiscasset, Nov. 5. He was County Treasurer and a member of Lincoln Lodge.

ALBERT N. SNOW, in Bangor, Nov. 11, aged 45. Freight Cashier Maine Central Railroad.

CHARLES H. KENISTON, in Rockland, Nov. 12, aged 66.

GEORGE E. WALKER, killed at Boston, in accident on B. & M. R. R., was buried at Kennebunkport, Dec. 22. Member Arundel Lodge.

JAMES C. RUNDLETT, in South Portland, Dec. 31, aged 57 y., 8 m. Captain 128th Colored Reg't in rebellion. Past Master of Hiram Lodge.

OTIS HOWARD, in Lewiston, Dec. 30, aged 31 y., 10 m., 12 d. A dearly loved member of Asylum Lodge, Wayne. Buried at North Wayne with masonic rites.

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