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THANKSGIVING.

A few late roses linger and smilingly deek the sod,
And the world is like a picture where the harvests smile to God;
There's a greater joy in living—for no blessing he He denies,
And the soul's divine thanksgiving drifts in incense to the skies!

Through the darkness and the danger—through the peril of the past,
To the starred and stormless haven He has led our ships at last,
And with richest treasures laden we have furl'd the flags above,
For the garlands of His glory and the banners of His love!

Sing sweet thy sweet thanksgiving, O Soul! and ring ye bells,
Till the world shall catch the chorus and the anthem heavenward swells;
For His love and for His mercy—for His cross and chastening rod,
For His tender benedictions let the whole world thank its God.

—[Atlanta Constitution.

MASONRY IN MAINE.

Lodge Elections.

Naval, 184, Kittery. Frederick W Cross, m; C Clifford Muchmore, sw; Frank E Donnell, jw; Levi L Goodrich, sec.

Asylum, 133, Wayne. Fred'k L Cheney m; B Frank Bradford, sw; Arthur W Manner, jw; Charles S Haynes, sec.

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

Morning Star, 41, Litchfield Corner. Chapin Lydston, m; William E Farr, sw; Thos T Jenkins, jw; Irving W Gilbert, sec.

Chapter Elections.

King Hiram, 9, Lewiston. R Ellis Hathaway, HP; T Lloyd Pratt, K; Ralph W Crockett, sc; George A Callahan, sec.

Commandery Elections.

Portland, 1, Portland. Harry R Virgin, EC; Augustus F Moulton, GEN; C Fred Berry, CC; John S Russell, REC.

A gold jewel was presented to Past Commander Edwin F. Vose.

Constitution.

Columbia Lodge, No. 200, at Greenville, was constituted under its charter and its

officers installed, Sept. 15th, by Grand Master Aug. B. Farnham, assisted by

Chas. I. Collamore,	as Dep. G. Master.
Daniel W. Maxfield,	as Sen. G. Warden.
Benj. L. Hadley,	as Jun. G. Warden.
John M. Oak,	as Gr. Sec.
Thomas W. Burr,	as Gr. Marshal.
Elmer F. Pember,	as Gr. Chaplain.
Warren O. Carney,	as Gr. Tyler.

and others supplied from the vicinity.

Mt. Kineo Lodge of Guilford, and Doric Lodge of Monson, each exemplified the Third degree upon a candidate.

After the services the ladies of Greenville served a collation.

On Thursday an excursion was made to Kineo and then they dined at "Crow's Nest," the guests of Fred. D Bigney, a charter member of the lodge.

Lodge Notes.

Buxton Lodge held its annual picnic at Peaks Island, Portland Harbor, August 5th.

Harmony Lodge, of Gorham, held its annual holiday at Peaks Island, in Portland Harbor, August 13th.

Atlantic Lodge, of Portland, held its annual holiday at Spurwink, August 12th. 200 were present.

Chapter Notes.

The officers of King Hiram Chapter, of Lewiston, went to Rumford Falls August 24th, and conferred the Royal Arch on nine candidates in Rumford Chapter, v. d. The new chapter was established by a dispensation granted by the Grand Chapter in May and dated May 6th. The officers are Diman B. Perry, H. P.; Waldo Pettengill, K.; John M. Holland, Sc.; David W. Brown, C. H.; Frank M. Gay, P. S.; Wm. H. Decker, R. A. C.; E. L. Lovejoy, 3d V.; Ralph A. Kidder, 1st V.; Frank A. Danforth, Treas.; Hiram A. Ellis, Sec.; Chas. Lane, Sent.

Books, Papers, etc.

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

—*Imperial Council Mystic Shrine*, June, 1896, at Cleveland, Ohio, received from Benj. W. Rowell, Boston, Imperial Recorder. Harrison Dingman, Washington, D. C., Imperial Potentate; William S. Brown, Pittsburgh, Penn., Imperial Treasurer. Very good pictures of these two officers are published. The statistics show a total membership of 41,515, a gain of 4,163 during the year.

We notice among the names of Temples, those of Osiris, Isis and Rameses. Although we are not qualified to speak authoritatively on the subject, we gather that the Mystic Shrine must antedate Rameses, and have flourished among the Shepherd Kings, whom Rameses held in utter abhorrence. Therefore we are surprised to see Egyptian names chosen. It is a good thing to play horse consistently.

—*The Freemason's Repository*, of Providence, R. I., passes into the hands of its long-time editor, Rev. Henry W. Rugg, and commences its 26th volume this October, with promise of improvement, although that does not seem possible. Terms \$2 a year.

—*Won't You Give Your Love to Me?* a new song and chorus, by Paul L. Woirol. 40c. Our readers will receive a copy by sending 20c. to the Union Mutual Music Co. 265 Sixth Avenue, New York.

—*The Great Pyramid*, by John Chapman of Torquay, England. London: J. S. Virtue & Co. Notwithstanding our declining to accept the prophetic character of the Great Pyramid, the author sends us his articles (elegantly issued in book form, octavo, blue cloth, gilt edged, 64 pages, 2s. 6d, 62 cents, postpaid), with his fraternal regards, and we return our thanks, for it is a delightful book to have. Even if one cannot believe it prophetic, the description upon which the theory is founded is instructive and entertaining. We cannot accept all the statements as correct: for instance, the date of its construction is placed at 2,170 B. C., while Brugsch places it at 3,733 B. C. This is a wide difference, and yet Brugsch is undoubtedly very nearly correct. Probably the author can make that date harmonize with his views, but we are not qualified to discuss them. Still we can imagine a prophetic idea that Khufu may have had in mind. The long tunnel was built in order to see the pole star in the daytime. That star was then Thuban in the Dragon. For a thousand years it has been Polaris. In 9,000 years more it will be Alpha Cygni, and in 13,000 years it will be Vega. In the course of time it will be back to Thuban again. The Egyptians believed that after many thousands of years the soul would return to the earth and commence a new existence. In the meantime its Ka, or spiritual body, remained watching the mummy, or its statue placed in the tomb for the Ka in

case the mummy was destroyed. Was the return of Thuban to be the pole star the end of the period? And did Khufu imagine his Ka looking out through the tunnel for over 200 centuries watching for his star to come once again to announce the time for his return to a new life on earth? But the fixed stars themselves move, and will Thuban be in the same place in 23,000 years? Perhaps not. The astronomers do not yet know. Probably the pyramid will be there, for it has stood 6,000 years in spite of barbarous attacks, while in the future every exertion will be made to preserve it. Perhaps the Ka will still be there. We should regret to have Khufu disappointed, but the chances are against him. His mummy has disappeared and his statues are gone, but statues of the time of Khaf-Ra, his grandson, are extant, and perhaps his will yet turn up and give the Ka a chance. The return of the pole star is not prophecy, it is science. The return of Khufu is prophecy, and the chances are against him.

—*History of York Lodge*, No. 22, Kennebunk, from March 1, 1871, to March 1, 1896, Part 2. An excellent history of this old lodge was written by Seth E. Bryant and published in 1871. The continuation, now issued, brings it up to 1896, and contains 28 pages. Printed by Stephen Berry. For copies apply to the lodge.

—*The Cosmopolitan* magazine is edited by John Brisben Walker, and published at Irvington, N. Y., monthly. Although it is as elegantly illustrated as the four dollar magazines, and employs the ablest writers, it is only \$1 a year, or 10c. a number. The paper and presswork costs more than they charge for it, but by obtaining an enormous circulation they evidently count on making up their loss by the profit on the advertising. However that may be, the reader will get a charming magazine for the price of a newspaper.

SUPREMACY OF GRAND LODGES.—In his "Conclusion," Bro. Clarke discusses this question at length. The fundamental basis of his argument is "Within its territorial bounds every Grand Lodge is Supreme": as this proposition is utterly at variance with masonic law, his argument based upon it must be erroneous. But it is the foundation upon which all, who think as he does, build their defence. The rightful powers of Grand Lodges are limited by the landmarks, and inter-Grand Lodge law. His proposition that "What is legally done where done, is legal every where," is true or false according to the meaning given to the word "legally"; if that means, that what is done according to the laws of the place which are in *harmony* with the higher law is legal every where, it is true; but if it means that what is done according to the laws of the place, which are in *conflict* with the higher law, is legal every where, it is false. Let the brethren who are discussing this ques-

tion get rid of the idea, that any Grand Lodge is trying to "project its laws into another jurisdiction," but meet the real claim squarely and fairly, that the initiation of a candidate rejected in another jurisdiction, while the rejection is in force, is a violation of the law, by which all Grand Lodges are bound, precisely as the initiation or restoration of a mason suspended or expelled in another jurisdiction would be. So far as we have seen, none of the "Supreme power" brethren have gone so far as to claim that a Grand Lodge is "Supreme" enough to initiate or restore a mason legally suspended or expelled in another jurisdiction.

[*Drummond's Corr.*]

Grand Lodge of the Eastern Star.

Lisbon Falls, Sept. 10.—The Grand Lodge of the Eastern Star met at Masonic Hall at 10 A. M. with eleven Grand Officers, three Past Grand Officers and sixty-three representatives present. The forenoon was devoted to reports and unfinished business. The afternoon was devoted to installation of officers and the good of the order. These Grand Officers were elected: Annie Eaton, of Hermon, Grand Matron; A. M. Roak, of Auburn, Grand Patron; Mrs. N. V. Talbot, of Lewiston, Associate Grand Matron; Wilmont S. Ames, of Augusta, Associate Grand Patron; Annette H. Hooper, of Biddeford, Grand Secretary; Rose B. Emery, of Augusta, Grand Treasurer; Mrs. E. B. Douglass, of Lisbon Falls, Conductress; Miss Franceuna Sheban, of Cumberland Mills, Associate Conductress.

Number of chapters at the close of last year, twenty-nine; organized this year eight; membership at close of last year 1,286; admitted during year 1,078; number of members of chapters under dispensation 216; membership to date, 2,580; total cash in treasury, \$1,318.10, making a gain of \$872.67 this year.

NON-AFFILIATED TEMPLARS.—"We have nothing to take back, Sir Gerow, in reference to the non-affiliate. It is that class of 'bums' (of which we have many, I am sorry to say,) who never miss a meal, pay a cent or even give thanks. We think we are as sociable as the average Templar, but do not wish nor intend to be imposed upon, and if a year is not long enough to 'cast one's eye around' this evergreen state of ours and secure a location, we think they should have left their membership at home where they belonged until settled."

It is painful to think that a "true and courteous Knight," "a valuable acquisition to our noble Order," etc., may go west and in one short year become such as he describes. There must be carelessness in the reception of candidates in the east, or else the Order is not kept up to that standard of nobleness of which we fondly dream. If this is a growing evil, will it not result in making each visitor pay his share of the reckoning? Such was the custom in the olden time, and such it is in England to this day: while in America it continued so long as lodges continued to serve out liquors. We can understand it in regard to liquors, for an appetite for drink is apt to get the better of gentle instincts, but the appetite for food does not often so betray. We can see that there are objections to charging the reckoning from a remark of an

Englishman at a recent English lodge banquet: he said that being a water-drinker he failed to get his guinea's worth. It would not be agreeable to be obliged to give up the theory that hospitality is one of the grand characteristics of our Order. It is pleasant to look down the long line of tables in the banquet hall, and think, more than half of these are guests, and it would be sad to have to add the thought, "but there are many who never miss a meal, never pay a cent nor even give thanks." Of course we must expect some of mercenary nature to intrude everywhere. There were some base Knights at Arthur's Court, and we may be assured there were corrupt Knights among the Ancient Templars, but when we know that even they rode bridle-rein to bridle-rein with the noblest, into the carnage whence none returned, we feel that they were not wholly bad.—[*Berry's Templar Corr., 1896.*]

PAST MASTER'S DEGREE.—"We must be allowed to express our entire dissent from his statement that this degree 'never had a right to even a place in the Capitular system.' When the Capitular system was organized, the P. M. degree was as much a part of it as any other degree. Indeed, the Past Master's degree has been a pre-requisite to the Royal Arch degree ever since the earliest time at which it is now known the Royal Arch degree existed. In the chapter it is symbolic wholly, and is no more the craft degree of that name than any other degree that might be mentioned, and we very greatly regret that the Grand Chapter of Canada should not either have continued to practice the English system, or, having adopted the American system, should not have adopted it in its entirety. We regret it all the more, because companions coming from that jurisdiction to the United States, cannot visit without first receiving that degree. It places the visiting companion and the chapter visited, both in a very awkward position, and we believe that for false reasons the Grand Chapter of Canada has made a false step in striking it from its curriculum."—[*Drummond's Chapter Corr., 1896.*]

RE-INSTALLATION.—But after all that may be said, there is just as much need of the re-installation of an officer as there is of his re-election. If there is no election he holds over by virtue of his former one. If there is no installation, he holds over by virtue of his former one. It is simply a case in which, if he is not installed, the office does not become vacant. "Hold over" continues to fill it. In the case of a Treasurer, who is required to give a bond, the question might be quite an interesting one to his sureties. If, upon his second election, he goes on without installation, and gives a new bond with new sureties, if a defalcation should occur during the second year, we are rather inclined to think that the sureties on the bond for the first year would come to the

conclusion that a re-installation is necessary.

He inquires in another place why, when a King succeeds to the office of High Priest, he should not be regularly installed, and he adds, in secular office this was always done. We think that the law should be that he should be installed and be the *actual* officer, but it has been decided time and again, that such is not the case, *except when provision to that effect is made by law*, as we think it should be. We have lost two General Grand High Priests while in office. The Deputy succeeded to the powers, but was only "Acting General Grand High Priest." Nor is it *universally* true that the officer is sworn again in secular offices. That depends upon the law and in different states, and as to some offices in the same state, the law is different. In some the officer is sworn in and becomes the actual officer, as in case of the President of the United States; whereas, in others he succeeds to the duties and powers only, and is not even sworn again.—[*Drummond's Chapter Corr. 1896.*]

Three-quarters of the masons of the world are in North America, and yet the statistics of the General American Relief Association show that more than half the relief extended the past year, has been to foreign masons. Would it be possible to persuade the Grand Lodges of Great Britain to become responsible for all relief afforded to their members, if that plan were adopted?

☛ 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?

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Sept. 5.—The Michigan Masonic Mutual Life Association, organized in 1875 for the benefit of the masonic fraternity, has applied to the court for a receiver.

In 1887 it had a surplus of nearly \$50,000 with many old and comparatively few new and younger members. In 1895 the surplus had changed to a deficit of \$13,592. Last October the association reorganized with higher rates, but the deficit has increased to over \$25,000. The directors have transferred the policies outstanding to the Home Life Assurance Company, of Detroit, and will go out of business as soon as the court will allow.

Founder of the Mystic Shrine.

Albert Leighton Rawson, author, was born in Chester, Vt., October 15, 1819. After studying law, he made four visits to the Orient, and in 1851-2, made a pilgrimage from Cairo to Mecca with the annual caravan, disguised as a Mohammedan student

of medicine. He also explored the Indian mounds of the Mississippi Valley, and visited Central America in 1854-5, publishing "The Crania of the Mound Builders of the United States and Central America."

He traveled in the Hudson Bay territories in 1862.

Mr. Rawson has been adopted as a brother by the Adwan Bedouins of Moab, and initiated by the Druses of Mount Lebanon; is a founder of the Theosophical Society in the United States, and is a member of various literary, scientific and geographical societies.

He has received various honorary degrees, including that of LL.D., from Oxford, in 1870. He has published many maps and illustrated books from original sketches, including "The Life of Christ, by Beecher, and has executed more than 6,000 engravings, contributed to magazines, and is the author of "Bible Dictionaries," "History of All Religions," "Statistics of Protestantisms," "Antiquities of the Orient," "Vocabulary of the Bedouin Languages of Syria and Egypt," "Dictionaries of Arabic, German and English," "Vocabulary of Turkish and Persian Languages," "Chorography of Palestine," "A Translation of the Symposium of Basra," "Historical and Archaeological Introduction to the Holy Bible," and "The Unseen World," and is now busy on a series of fifteen volumes of ancient classics, "The Altaic Library."

But there is much to fascinate not included in the prosaic catalogue of his doings. His father was a hotel keeper in New York. He was instructed by a private tutor, who came from the famous Oxford University. So well versed was he in the classics, that Howard made him an M. A., after attending but a few lectures. He went to Egypt, and sat with boys only ten and twelve in the College of Azhar, in Cairo, that he might learn the correct tones of the Arabic. His pilgrimage to Mecca was one of the most romantic exploits of his youth. He joined the Dervishes in Cairo, that he might study their tenets, and from this episode results actually the Mystic Shrine. Though he is an archaeologist, an author, he calls himself an artist.

He was once Professor of Ancient History in the University of Pennsylvania, and lectured in Arabic at Oxford, England. He now lives at Woodcliff, N. J., but his workshop is in New York, where he is yet engaged in illustrating leading Bible publications. He has just completed a "History of the Mystic Shrine."

Besides his four trips to the Orient to obtain original engravings, he was cabled by General di Cesnola to come to Cyprus and sketch the famous antiquities found there, that if destroyed upon their transit some descriptions could be preserved. This learned man is an LL. D., M. D. and D. D.

Mr. Rawson tells the story of how Billy Florence started the Order, in a few words. The lamented actor was a frequent caller at the home of the great Orientalist, for Mr. Rawson married the daughter of Laura Keane, the noted actress. At dinner one day, in 1870, Dr. Walter M. Fleming, who was also an honored guest, visited in Cincinnati during the week, and Mr. Florence was present. The actor suddenly said:

"I wish I could do something to make myself famous."

"But you are already famous," attested Mr. Rawson.

"But I want to do something outside of the drama," responded the inimitable member from Cohosh.

Dr. Fleming suggested the founding of the Mystic Shrine as an Order in America. Mr. Rawson had, in 1853, been initiated into the Order of Bektash Dervishes, and from him came the inspiration of the incantations, the Oriental symbolism and mystic

allegory, which makes the texture of this great Fraternity's ritual. Dr. Fleming was the active worker and promoter of the Shrine, without whose noble and fine qualities of head and heart the Shrine would have remained a hidden mystery in this country.—[*The Canadian Craftsman.*]

A STRANGE CHARACTER.—The following from the Rochester (N. Y.) *Post Express* tells a tale that is more than a romance. We question if it has a parallel for atrocity in the history of the world:

Is the man who has been charged with being the chief instigator of the recent assassination of the Shah, the one who has written articles for the "North American Review," the "Fortnightly" and the "Nineteenth Century"?

T. R. O.

He is. Of Djemel-ed-Dheen Khan, the New York *Tribune* recently said: "The facility of his prolific pen is on a par with his skill as an intriguer, and he has been more or less directly concerned in all the important conspiracies that have taken place in the Orient in the last twenty years. An Afghan by birth, he was compelled to flee for his life from Cabul for plotting against the Ameer. It was not long before the British authorities in India found him intriguing with the native princes and inciting them to insurrection. Expelled from India he made his way to Egypt, which he reached shortly before the deposition of Khedive Ismail, and immediately set to work to combat British influence by means of the masonic lodges, which are very numerous on the banks of the Nile, he himself holding high rank in the craft. Turned out of Egypt, he next appeared in Paris in the guise of an intimate friend of Henri Rochefort: and it was in concert with the latter that he persuaded the late Maharajah Dhu-leep Singh, the ex-king of the Punjab, to renounce his allegiance to Queen Victoria, as well as the Christian faith, which he had adopted, and to proceed to India for the purpose of heading a revolt on the part of his former subjects against the English. Maharajah, it may be remembered, did not get further than Aden, whence he was shipped back by the English to Europe, and deprived of his allowance until compelled by want to recant his errors. The khan's next intrigue was a plot to depose the Shah, the discovery of which forced him to flee for his life from Teheran. Making his escape to Moscow, he was promptly requested by the Russian police to leave the country, and next turned up at Constantinople, where the Sultan, not from feelings of confidence and regard, but solely with the object of keeping so dangerous a man under strict surveillance, appointed him to an office which involved his taking up his residence within the precincts of the palace. It is there that he is supposed to have hatched the conspiracy for the assassination of the Shah, and it is with the object of disassociating the Turkish government from any suspicion of complicity or connection with the crime that the Sultan has now given orders for the surrender of the khan to the Persian authorities. It will doubtless afford a feeling of relief to the ruler of Turkey to learn that this arch plotter has met at length with his deserts and been put to death. For he has stood in great fear of him, not alone on account of the man's influence with the more fanatical portion of the Mohammedan clergy and population, but likewise in consequence of his connection with the masonic craft, the deposed Sultan Murad (whose alleged insanity and confinement as a lunatic constitutes the only reason for Abdul Hamed's actual occupancy of the throne), being likewise a Freemason, and as such entitled to the assistance and sympathy of Sheik Djemel-ed-Dheen, the Afghan."

[*Masonic Review.*]

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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Of all the changes which Time has looked upon, none is more remarkable than the postal service, and we thought of it the other day when we sent off a flight of five hundred books at once to light all the way from Edinburgh in Scotland to Melbourne in Australia, at an expense of six cents each. Each book weighed twelve ounces, but if Chedorlaomer (Kudur-Lagarmer) had wished to send a present of a similar book to Apepi, the Egyptian Pharaoh, it would have been written, as Jeremiah says, "with a pen of iron" upon clay tablets, and would have been a camel-load. This he would have had to send by special messenger, with a large escort, one thousand miles across the deserts and through Palestine, a fifty days' journey each way, and the postage would have been quite an item even for a king. To be sure, labor was cheaper at that time, and our six cents in copper would have bought a cow then, and have paid a single messenger for traveling a long way with a letter, but sending a letter was a se-

rious job in those days, and sending five hundred books on five hundred camels to hundreds of cities covering a space of fifteen thousand miles, would have tasked the treasury of the greatest of kings.

Yet if book-making and the postal service have advanced so much in 4,000 years, we may well wonder that Masonry was as wonderful then as now, for they had architects two thousand years earlier than that, and the most wonderful erection of that art, which exists to the present day, looked as venerable and ancient to Abraham in those days, as it does to us now, and the Sphinx, beside it, was as thoroughly buried in the desert sands, if not quite so battered, as it is to-day. Certainly its origin was as much forgotten.

They had dreams of rapid service, for the Genie took Bedreddin from Cairo to Damascus, nearly half way to Balsora, in one night, a journey which took his uncle twenty days to achieve at a later period, but that was a dream of the supernatural.

Will the world see as wonderful an improvement in rapid transit 4,000 years hence, and will the pyramids still look down upon them as still the greatest achievement of the human race in the art of Masonry?

AN INJUSTICE.—Our Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter have made five years the limit to jurisdiction after rejection. But this rule is of no avail to a candidate who remains in the jurisdiction of the rejecting body, because a waiver requires a unanimous vote, and a candidate rejected through prejudice must either leave his home and reside elsewhere, or he may be forever kept out. Justice requires that in such cases more than one vote should be required to refuse the waiver, and we commend it to those grand bodies, with the suggestion that justice should be tempered with mercy to our own citizens, as well as to those who leave us to seek other homes. If a man has waited five years under the scrutiny of the members of the lodge, and all but one deem him worthy, the chance is that they are right, and that the one objecting misjudges him.

TEMPLAR CROSS.—Again we come across the Templar Cross used in ancient times. This time it is the central ornament of a large bowl which is a relic of the cliff dwellers of Arizona, as shown on page 545 of Harpers' Monthly for September, 1896. Having found it used by the earliest Egyptians, it is not surprising to find it among Indians who were akin to those of Yucatan, for that race had many things Egyptian, as if they had come from common ancestors.

Northern Supreme Council.

The Supreme Council met in Pittsburgh, Penn., Sept. 15th, its 84th annual session. The *Argus* gives the following description, probably from the pen of Bro. M. F. Hicks: Of the forty-four active members living,

forty were present. Five have died during the past year. The attendance of honorary members was unusually large, and distinguished visitors were present from the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction, and from Canada. Cordial addresses of welcome were made by the local members, James I. Buchanan and George W. Guthrie, and responded to by Judge Henry L. Palmer of Wisconsin, the Grand Commander. Maine was represented by Messrs. Drummond, King, Locke, Harris, and Hicks. In addition to the routine business about 50 S. P. R. S. were promoted to be Inspectors General of the 33d degree. To fill vacancies in the council, Messrs. Charles C. Hutchinson of Lowell, Mass., George H. Kenyon of Providence, R. I., Jacob W. Smith of Indianapolis, Ind., and Amos Pettibone of Chicago, Ill., were elected active members *ad vitam*.

Nominations for the Honorarium were made from several districts, and Maine having two to its credit nominated Thomas W. Burr of Bangor and Treby Johnson of Augusta. The business of the session closed on Thursday afternoon to meet in Boston, on the third Tuesday of September, 1897.

The masons of Pittsburgh were indefatigable in their efforts to make this visit a memorable one. How they could spare the time is a mystery, for their city is a veritable bee hive, and has more business to the square foot than any place in the world, but they had the assistance of the ladies, and their programme was perfectly carried out with extras interleaved. Many of the visitors were accompanied by ladies and these received special attention. On Tuesday they were taken on a drive through Highland and Schenley Parks and served with a dinner at "Grandview," the residence of Mrs. S. Jarvis Adams. Handsome decorations were scattered throughout the house and guests to the number of 120 were served at small tables in the dining room. Mrs. Adams received in the drawing room, and was assisted by Bishop and Mrs. Whitehead. In the evening a reception was given at Carnegie Hall, the music being furnished by the Mozart Club of 200 voices, assisted by the orchestra of 32 pieces. On Wednesday there was an excursion on the Steamer Elizabeth and barge Dacotah, down the Ohio river and up the Monongahela. A lunch was served on board, and the evening was spent at the Monongahela Hotel in feasting and speech making. The floral decorations in the parlors of the hotel and in the banquet hall were very extensive, and the walls were artistically draped with American flags and masonic emblems. Upwards of 300 were seated at the tables, and all joined in singing "America" in response to the first toast, "The Flag our Country." The small hours had commenced before the last toast, "Our Ladies," was called.

On Thursday afternoon, by invitation of President Leishman of the Carnegie Steel Company, a visit was made to the Home-

stead works to witness the manufacture of armor plate, &c. The party went by special train on the Pennsylvania Railroad, and three hours were greatly enjoyed in visiting the different sections. We were informed that upward of three million dollars were annually required of these works, for renewals of machinery and improvements. The return was through Braddock in view of the site of the famous battle in the French war, where the general for whom the place is named, was so distressfully defeated.

The annual meeting of the Grand Chapter of Knights of the Grand Cross of Constantine was held Tuesday, and the officers of last year were re-elected, Gen. John C. Smith of Chicago, G. S., Charles K. Francis of Philadelphia, G. Registrar.

Friday was fully taken up by the Prov. Grand Chapter of the Royal Order of Scotland; the forenoon in the transaction of business, the afternoon in conferring the Order upon 18 candidates, and the evening at a banquet at the Monongahela, which surpassed in the elegance of its appointments and furnishings, the banquet of the evening before. The souvenir of the occasion was an artistic Fort Pitt spoon. There were present from Maine, Hon. Josiah H. Drummond, who is the head of the Order in the United States, and Messrs. Locke, Hicks and Harris.

The next session of this order will be in Washington, D. C., in 1897.

Obituaries.

JOSEPH M. ANDERSON, M. D., Grand Master of Tennessee, 1866-7, and G. H. P., 1873, died in Lebanon, July 14, aged 81.

OWEN A. BASSETT, Grand Master of Kansas in 1873 and '74, Grand Commander in 1877, Grand Master Grand Council in 1878, and three times Grand High Priest, died at Ellsworth, Kansas, July 19th, aged 62. He was born at Troy, Penn., July 16, 1834, and removed to Kansas in 1856. He was Lieut.-Col. of the second Kansas Cavalry. He was a distinguished masonic jurist, and widely known and esteemed.

VINCENT LOMBARD HURLBUT died in Chicago, July 24th, of Bright's disease, aged 67. He was a physician, and had practiced forty years in Chicago. He had been Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.

ROBERT BREWSTER, Grand Recorder of Texas, died at Houston, July 25th, aged 84 yrs. 4 mos. 18 days. He was born near the Giant's Causeway, Ireland, March 7, 1812, and came to Texas in 1839. He was the first mason made in the first lodge in Texas, and had been an honored and distinguished figure in Texas Masonry. As he gradually failed with age, his place was filled in the other bodies, but in the Grand Commandery he was still retained, and Bro. Kidd, the Grand Treasurer, saw that nothing was neglected, so that he died "with harness on his back," like knight of old. His aged

wife still survives. On the 8th of July they had celebrated their golden wedding.

GEORGE M. CARPENTER, Justice U. S. Supreme Court, died in Holland, July 31st. He was born in Portsmouth, R. I., April 22, 1844. He was prominent in Masonry, having been Deputy Grand Master, and a 33°. He was on a foreign tour at the time of his death.

ROBERT DINGWELL, Grand Commander of New Jersey, died at Newark, August 6th. John E. Rowe, Newark, Deputy Grand Commander, succeeded him as Acting Grand Commander.

THOMAS MILLSAUGH, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania, died at Williamsport, July 31st, aged 57. He was a captain in the Federal army in the late war.

ALEXANDER MCGREGOR died in Detroit, Michigan, Aug. 2d, aged 66. He was Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge and Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery, and was universally beloved. "He possessed a wonderful memory for faces, and never said an unkind or disparaging word.

JOHN HAIGH died in Somerville, Mass., August 20th. He was born in Dunkinfield, Cheshire, England, Dec. 31, 1832, and came to America in 1855, where he worked first in the Pacific Mills, at Lawrence, and then became a proprietor in the Middlesex Bleachery. He took much interest in Masonry, presided over lodge, chapter, council and mandery, and held office in the Grand Chapter. He was also Sovereign Grand Commander of the United States Supreme Council for one year. He collected a large masonic library.

BENJAMIN WILSON HIGGS, the former Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island, died at Charlottetown, August 16th. He was born in Bermuda in 1820.

FREDERICK KRAMER, Grand Treasurer of the masonic bodies of Arkansas, died at Colorado Springs, Sept. 8th, aged 67. He was a native of Saxony, served five years in the U. S. Army, then became a citizen of Little Rock, and was for eight years mayor of that city. He left five children.

LUCIUS R. PAIGE, D. D., the veteran Templar, who was especially honored by the Gr. Encampment at the Boston Triennial as the eldest Past Commander, died at his home in Cambridge, Mass., Sept. 2d, aged 94 years, 6 months. He was elected Commander of Village Encampment in Greenwich, Sept. 12, 1826.

JAMES WRIGLY died at Alvarado, Texas, May 16th, in his 74th year. He was Junior Gr. Warden of the Grand Lodge in 1868, Deputy Grand High Priest in 1871 and Grand Generalissimo in 1865. He was a native of New York and went to Texas in 1844. His wife and four children survive him.

MAINE PROCEEDINGS.—A brother offers for sale, volumes 2 to 9 of the Grand Lodge, eight volumes bound in blue roan. Vols. 2 and 3 are originals. Vol. 1 can be supplied in reprint and all after 9 in originals, while Vol 3 cannot otherwise be had until it is reprinted. This is the only set of originals in the market. Any bids received will be sent to the owner.

The Grand Lodge of Maine desires to purchase a copy of its proceedings for 1857 to complete the file of the Grand Lodge of England. Will any brother having one for sale please communicate with the Grand Secretary, Stephen Berry, Portland, Me.

Any lodge officer or member of the Grand Lodge can obtain a copy of the Constitution by remitting the postage, a three cent stamp, to the Grand Secretary.

W. La Rue Thomas, of Maysville, Kentucky, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, is running for Congress in his district, and is very busy making two speeches a day and riding twenty-five or thirty miles over mountain roads. We wish him success.

Garrett A. Hobart, Republican nominee for Vice-President, is a Knight Templar and the present Generalissimo of his commandery.

In celebration of the 1300th anniversary of the baptism of Ethelbert, the first Christian English King, the Freemasons of Kent, England, have determined to present the Chapter House of Canterbury with an east window, at a cost of \$600.

EDWARD D. BLACKWELL, Junior Warden of Mount Zion Commandery, of Montpelier, Vermont, has been missing since Sept. 9th, having been last seen in Boston, and it is feared he is insane. His commandery asks that this description may be read in every commandery and intelligence sent to them if he is found. Age, 44; height, 5 feet, 8½ inches; weight, 130 pounds; long face, prominent cheek bones, sharp features, pale, erect, thin, spare; brown hair, dark blue eyes, brown mustache and chin whiskers. One upper tooth conspicuously filled with gold. Chest measure 30½ inches, waist 30 inches; was dressed in suit fine gray mixture, sack coat, light overcoat of darker material, tan-colored shoes, standing collar. Wore gold bowed eye glasses, and had square seal ring ring on third finger of left hand, green seal cuff buttons, gold hunting case watch with white face.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—Albert Edward Lodge of Perfection was instituted at Charlottetown, Sept. 23d, under authority of the Supreme Council of Canada, by John A. Watson, 32°. Donald Darrach is Master, and Charles Masters, Sec.

Augustus P. Fuller and Amos E. Howell of Portland, were initiated in Ancient Landmark Lodge fifty years ago.

LITTLE BOY BLUE.

The little toy dog is covered with dust,
But sturdy and stanch he stands;
And the little toy soldier is red with rust,
And his musket moulds in his hand.
Time was when the little toy dog was new
And the soldier was passing fair,
And that was the time when our Little Boy Blue
Kissed them and put them there.
"Now, don't you go till I come," he said,
"And don't you make any noise!"
So, toddling off to his trundle bed,
He dreamt of the pretty toys.
And as he was dreaming, an angel song
Awakened our Little Boy Blue—
Oh, the years are many, the years are long,
But the little toy friends are true,
Ay, faithful to Little Boy Blue they stand,
Each in the same old place,
Awaiting the touch of a little hand,
The smile of a little face.
And they wonder, as waiting these long years
through,
In the dust of that little chair,
What has become of our Little Boy Blue
Since he kissed them and put them there.

—[Eugene Field.]

Editorial Chips.

—We are pleased to learn that Bro. Eugene Hubert, formerly editor of the *Chaine d'Union*, is restored to health, and once more back at his old address, No. 4, Rue Grenéta. Although he long ago retired from the editorial field, we cherish Bro. Hubert as a faithful craftsman who would not help to lead the craft astray.

—Bro. Garra B. Noble, of Detroit, Michigan, celebrated the eightieth anniversary of his birth, August 12th. He has two sons living. He is still Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Michigan.

—David B. Fuller, P. G. M. and President of the Directors of the Kansas Masonic Home, is a native of Albion, Kennebec County, Maine, and graduated at Bowdoin College. He went to Eureka, Kansas, in 1881. He was made a mason in Central Lodge, China, and was knighted in St. Omer Commandery, Waterville.

—Grand Master Claude E. Sawyer has taken the editorial chair of the "Tidings from the Craft," of Aiken, S. C.

—The Masonic Home of Kansas, at Wichita, was dedicated September 10th, by Chiles C. Coleman, Grand Master.

—Bro. Chas. P. Bean, M. D., 590 Tremont St., Boston, has a watch charm, found in Boston, evidently belonging to some member of a Maine Commandery, which he will be glad to restore to the owner.

—Capt. Edgar S. Dudley, U. S. A., has been transferred from Columbus, Ohio, to St. Paul, Minnesota, and we congratulate the brethren of St. Paul on this very pleasant acquisition. He is a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska, and a member of the Southern Supreme Council.

—The Veterans of Illinois meet at the home of their chief, Gen. John Corson Smith, 65 Sibley St., Chicago, to keep their eleventh anniversary, on October 28th, evening. Thanks for an invitation.

—We are indebted to Bro. James C. Ayer, the Secretary, for a complimentary ticket

to the Ossipee Valley Union Agricultural Association's 19th annual fair at Cornish.

—Bro. Rufus Hinkley, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, has sufficiently recovered from his broken leg as to attend to his usual avocations, but is still obliged to use crutches.

—Bro. Ira Berry, Jr., has removed to No. 4 Exchange Street, near the foot, where he will repair and deal in watches, clocks, and nautical instruments as heretofore.

—Bro. John Ross Robertson, of Toronto, has furnished and equipped the new hospital erected by public subscription at Stornoway in the island of Lewis, in memory of of his mother, Margaret Sinclair, who was born at Boathill in 1800 and lived there until 1822. A condition of the gift is that two beds, one for a boy and one for a girl, shall be free to the children of members of the Scottish Masonic Lodge, No. 108.

—The Masonic Constellation tells of an old mason in Missouri, aged eighty, blind, deaf and feeble, whose son keeps him in a smokehouse, unventilated and filled with flies, where he has to crawl about unattended. He has five sons and one daughter, all well-to-do, but one. They wish to get him in the masonic home. The masons will, of course, take care of him. It will be like a fairy story. The good fairy will come and take him to a comfortable home, where he will live in peace and comfort, but the fairy cannot change the unkind children into hogs, though perhaps there is no need of that, but they will go on prospering.

—Bro. R. C. Hathaway, Past Grand Master of Michigan, is seriously ill at his home in Grand Rapids, and there is little hope of his recovery.

—The program of the reception of the Grand Commandery of Ohio at its annual conclave, at Dayton, Oct. 14th, by Reed Commandery, is a daintily got up book with exquisite views of points of interest in Dayton. We are indebted to Grand Recorder John N. Bell, for a copy, and to our Grand Representative, Past Grand Commander Huntington Brown, for an earnest invitation to attend, which is very tempting.

—Bro. Gil. W. Barnard sends us an illustrated program of the 41st semi-annual reunion of the Scottish Rite in Chicago, Nov. 17, 18 and 19.

—The Grand Lodge of England has decided to appoint no more Grand Representatives. The Grand Lodges which have no representatives now are,

England,	Pennsylvania.
Iowa,	Tennessee.
Kentucky,	Virginia.
Massachusetts,	Washington.
Oklahoma,	Wyoming.

The "Mason" is a brand of cigarettes in Buenos Ayres, on the boxes of which are printed the symbols of the order, and in each package is a copy of the "Masonic Code" of that jurisdiction, all of which should kill the sale of them.—[*Memphis Appeal*.]

ALBERT PIKE AND THE LUCIFERIAN.—

A few weeks ago an article appeared in one of the New York papers, containing extracts from *The Devil of the Nineteenth Century*, a large volume in French, filled with pictures of devil worship. They are said to be the revelations of one Diana Vaughan, an ex-high priestess of the Luciferians or Devil Worshipers. She claimed that she was initiated into the Order by Albert Pike in Charleston, S. C., in April, 1889. Miss Lillian Pike, daughter of General Albert Pike, in an article in the *Washington Post*, says:

"The slander is so absurd and monstrous to all who knew him (Albert Pike) that it would be unnecessary to notice it if it were not that credulous persons who did not know him might believe that it had some foundation in fact. My father was wont to say that 'a lie has as many legs as a millipede and can run as fast, and Truth would need seven-leagued boots to overtake it.' Also, 'Human credulity is equal to any demand that knavery may make upon it, and always honors the draft.'

"She asserts that Albert Pike was in Charleston from Friday, April 5, to Monday, April 8, 1889, inclusive, and was present at meetings of the Luciferians, and took part in her initiation on Monday, April 8, 1889, and gave her instructions. I aver that he was not in Charleston in April, 1889, nor was he absent from Washington City during that year. As I resided with him I am a competent witness, though my statement can be verified without the least difficulty.

"She evidently seeks to discredit Scottish Rite Masonry by connecting it with her diabolical imaginary sect, and by attacking the character of its great law giver, the Moses who led its hosts from out the land of bondage through the desert to the Promised Land. I leave it to masons better qualified than I am, and whose province it is to defend their order; but my father's name is my sacred trust, and will never lack a defender while I live.

"If this woman had broken God's commandment, 'Thou shalt not bear false witness,' only against the living she would have merited condemnation; but what punishment would be too severe for one who maligns the dead, for this ghoul who desecrated the grave?

"There is scarcely an article written by my father that does not contain some evidence of his belief in the Creator of the universe, in the immortality of the soul, and in the necessity for a righteous life; and his practice conformed to his precepts. He had charity for all true religious beliefs, but no tolerance for atheists, and as to such devil worshipers as this Diana Vaughan, he would have abhorred them. A man so honorable, so noble, so benevolent, of such strict integrity that his word was indeed his bond, and that not even his enemies could point to any mean or base action in all his life, is not to be maligned with impunity by such a disciple of the Father of Lies."

Miss Pike then selects from her father's writings during a number of years, many passages which prove his belief in God, and his abhorrence of any such doctrines as would be found in the teachings of a sect of devil worshipers.

No one who ever had the good fortune to know Albert Pike personally, or who ever enjoyed his profound discourses, or read his able dissertations on Masonry, morality, religion and every kindred subject, needs to be told that such a story as that told by the ex-high priestess, is a sheer fabrication. Other prominent members of the Scottish Rite in the Southern jurisdiction are also named in the book as members of the Luciferians, but we have personal letters from them, in which they say, "an alibi can easily be proven."—[*N. Y. Dispatch*.]

OLD HISTORICAL TABLETS.—A London despatch says:—The expedition to the ancient mound at Nippur has made wonderful discoveries, throwing a flood of light upon the history of Babylon. The most astonishing of all is the unearthing of ancient inscriptions and other records which carry back written human history no less than 2,250 years further than anything before known. Prof. Hilprecht, who is in charge of the excavations in behalf of the University of Pennsylvania, has just deciphered cuneiform records upon tablets of Babylonian history dating back at least 7,000 years before Christ. This is 2,250 years earlier than any other record. He is confident that some tablets upon which he is now working date back still another thousand years, or about ten thousand years earlier than the present day. He is not ready fully to commit himself yet on this point. These latest discoveries came about in an interesting way. His predecessor, Dr. Peters, worked down to a certain floor or platform, which he and others had taken to be the ground level of the ancient city. One of the party suggested that this level should be penetrated, and the digging continued until rock or virgin soil should be reached. The suggestion was adopted, and, to the delight of all concerned, it was found that what was supposed to be the level of the ancient city was only the level of a comparatively modern city built over the ruins of an older one or a succession of older ones. The excavations above the level had gone through 36 feet of debris. They were now continued to a depth of 30 feet below. The excavations above the platform discovered remains which covered a period of 4,000 years of Babylonian history. Below the platform to the virgin soil was an accumulation of drains, preserved and broken pottery and various other objects of interest. Twenty-three feet below the platform Prof. Haines came upon the most ancient keystone arch known, an arch which Prof. Hilprecht thinks cannot be later than 5,000 before Christ. Haines excavated the lower part of the marvelous wall of the city. Its foundation were found to be sixteen feet below the level of the desert wall itself. It is seventeen feet high and 45 feet wide upon the top. This wall stands upon another of unknown height. These walls were built of bricks twenty inches square, probably the largest bricks ever used. The most valuable finds were the inscriptions upon the broken vases, bricks and tablets. From these it is confidently predicted by Prof. Hilprecht that a continuous history of Babylonism will be written.

Walter Besant, the famous novelist, is one of the founders of the Lodge Coronati, the English literary lodge.

Our Thanks.

CALIFORNIA.—Grand Consistory, Jan. 1896, from Geo. J. Hobe, San Francisco, Gr. Registrar. Chas. L. J. W. Pierce, San Francisco, Gr. Commander.

CANADA.—Grand Lodge, June 26, 1896, from J. J. Mason, Hamilton, Gr. Sec. Wm. Gibson, Beamsville, G. Master. 351 lodges, 23,351 members, 1,350 initiates.

ILLINOIS.—Council Deliberation, 1896, from Gil W. Barnard, Chicago, Gr. Sec. John C. Smith, Chicago, Deputy.

IOWA.—Gr. Lodge, June 2, 1896, from Theo. S. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, Gr. Sec. Geo. W. Ball, Iowa City, G. M. 468 lodges, 26,890 members, 1,559 initiates.

KENTUCKY.—Grand Commandery, May 27, 1896, from Lorenzo D. Croninger, Covington, Grand Recorder. Reginald H. Thomp-

son, Louisville, Grand Commander. 25 commanderies, 1,931 members, 145 knighted, 38 died.

MANITOBA.—Grand Lodge, June 10, 1896, from Wm. G. Scott, Winnipeg, Grand Secretary. Corbet Locke, Morden, Grand Master. 54 lodges, 2,413 members, 176 initiates.

MISSISSIPPI.—Grand Chapter, February 19, 1896, from John L. Power, Jackson, Grand Secretary. James T. Harrison, Columbus, Grand High Priest. 43 chapters, 1,388 members, 96 exalted.

Grand Commandery, February 18, 1896, from John L. Power, Jackson, Grand Recorder. J. M. Buchanan, Meridian, Grand Commander. 12 commanderies, 441 members, 34 knighted.

MISSOURI.—Constitution Grand Council, 1896, from Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis, Grand Recorder.

Grand Council, April 22, 1896, from W. H. Mayo, St. Louis, Grand Recorder. Emanuel F. Hartzell, St. Joseph, Grand Master. 10 councils, 704 members, 55 candidates.

Grand Commandery, April 21, 1896, from Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis, Grand Recorder. Ira V. McMillan, Maryville, Grand Commander. 57 commanderies, 4,234 members. 332 knighted, 48 died.

NORTH DAKOTA.—Grand Lodge, June 9, 1896, from Frank J. Thompson, Fargo, Gr. Secretary. Wm. T. Perkins, Bismarck, Gr. Master. 46 lodges, 2,535 members, 308 initiates.

Grand Commandery, June 12, 1896, from Frank J. Thompson, Fargo, Grand Recorder. Wm. T. Perkins, Bismarck, Grand Commander. 7 commanderies, 427 members, 31 knighted.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—Grand Lodge, June 24, 1896, from Neil MacKelvie, Summerside, Grand Secretary. John L. Thomson, Charlottetown, Grand Master. 12 lodges, 515 members, 34 initiates.

SOUTH DAKOTA.—Grand Lodge, June 9, 1896, from Geo. A. Pettigrew, Flandreau, Grand Secretary. James Lewis, Canton, Grand Master. 90 lodges, 4,243 members, 302 initiates, 32 deaths.

Grand Chapter, June 11, 1896, from Geo. A. Pettigrew, Grand Secretary. George V. Ayres, Deadwood, Grand High Priest. 26 chapters, 1,491 members, 104 exaltations.

Grand Commandery, June 12, 1896, from Geo. A. Pettigrew, Grand Recorder. James J. Casselman, Huron, Grand Commander. 11 commanderies, 650 members, 56 knighted.

WASHINGTON.—Grand Lodge, June 9, 1896, from Thomas M. Reed, Olympia, Gr. Secretary. Yancey C. Blalock, Walla Walla, Grand Master. 101 lodges, 4,991 members, 252 initiates.

Grand Council, June 8, 1896, from Edward R. Hare, Tacoma, Grand Recorder. Wm. V. Rinehart, Seattle, Grand Master. 7 councils, 215 members, 33 candidates.

Grand Commandery, June 3, 1896, from Yancey C. Blalock, Walla Walla, Grand Recorder. Geo. E. Dickson, Ellensburg, Gr. Commander. 9 commanderies, 592 members, 51 knighted.

WEST VIRGINIA.—Grand Commandery, May 13, 1896, from Robert C. Dunnington, Grand Recorder, Fairmont. John C. Riheldaffer, Wheeling, Grand Commander. 11 commanderies, 878 members, 123 knighted.

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DIED.

GEORGE B. LORING, of Portland, in Rockland, suddenly, of heart disease, aged 62. He was of the firm of Loring, Short & Harmon, booksellers, and was a member of Ancient Landmark Lodge, Mt. Vernon Chapter and Portland Commandery. He left a wife and two children.

WILLIAM E. DRUMMOND, in Winslow, July 30, aged 86 y. 2 m. 13 d. He was an honorary member of Waterville Lodge.

WILLIAM C. HOW, in Portland, July 31, aged 75 y. 3 m. A member of Atlantic Lodge, Greenleaf Chapter and St. Alban Commandery.

JEREMIAH D. PARKER, in Belfast, Aug. 24, aged 63. He was Register of Probate, and had been High Priest of Corinthian R. A. Chapter.

THOMAS J. SOUTHARD, in Richmond, Sept. 15, aged 88 y. 4 m. He was a shipbuilder and engaged in many important enterprises. Buried 19th with house services by Richmond Lodge and committal ceremonies at grave by Maine Commandery.

RICHARD W. UNDERWOOD, in Portland, Sept. 22, aged 41 y. 6 m. 17 d. He was a native of North Vassalboro, a member of Vassalboro Lodge, Greenleaf Chapter, Portland Council and St. Alban Commandery.

JOHN W. ROWE, in Augusta, Sept. 28, aged 69. He was a Past Master of Bethlehem Lodge, a charter member and Past High Priest of Cushnoc Chapter, Past T. I. Master of Alpha Council, and a prominent member of Trinity Commandery, which escorted his funeral procession Oct. 1st.

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