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MAY.

Hast felt the thrilling magic, the witchery of May
What time the young leaves glimmer, and the
blossoms wreath the day?
Hast heard the tender crooning of the south wind
in the copse,
And on the roof the silver shower in sudden pattering drops?

Or hast thou, strolling in the lane, seen flowerets
at thy feet,
Shy purple-hooded vestals with fragrance faint
and sweet?
Or, on some happy afternoon, in lonely forest
nook,
Hast found Arbutus waiting for the lover's eager
look?

In pulse and vein is witchery, the blitheness of
the May;
It chimes in every hurrying brook, it fills the
robin's lay;
The lilac keeps its secret in every waving plume;
In bird-note 'tis, in greenening grass, in branch and
bud and bloom.

—[Jean Cathcart in Harper's Bazar.]

MASONRY IN MAINE.

Annual Meetings.

Grand Lodge.

Tuesday Morning, May 3d.

The Grand Lodge of Masons of Maine met at Masonic Hall, at 9 o'clock, Joseph A. Locke, of Portland, Grand Master, presiding, with nearly every officer in his own position. A fair but not large number of representatives were present, and many more arrived by noon trains. The Committee on Credentials reported and the usual standing committees were appointed.

The Grand Master then delivered his annual address. He reports that unusual harmony prevailed, as no complaints had come before him, and no cases of discipline had been presented during the year.

He paid a tribute to the distinguished dead of the fraternity during the year, noting that no Past Grand Officer of Maine had died, excepting Past Grand Warden Marston of Bangor, who died just as the Grand Lodge was closing last May.

He reported 22,191 members, a gain of 106. There had been 774 initiations, a gain of five

per cent. The deaths had been 407, an increase of twenty per cent, and a rate of 18½ to a thousand. There are 192 chartered lodges and three under dispensation.

He reported his action in severing relations with the Grand Lodge of Peru, on account of the removal of the Bible from masonic altars in that country. He made a patriotic allusion to the Spanish war, and closed, with much applause.

Various routine reports were received and the Grand Lodge was called off until 2 p. m.

Tuesday Afternoon, May 3d.

The Grand Lodge met at 2 o'clock. Some routine reports were received.

At three o'clock the election of Grand Officers took place, resulting as follows:

G. Master—Joseph A. Locke, Portland.
D. G. M.—Winfield S. Choate, Augusta.
S. G. W.—Elmer P. Spofford, Deer Isle.
J. G. War.—Millard M. Caswell, Bridgton.
G. Treas.—Marquis F. King, Portland.
Gr. Secretary—Stephen Berry, Portland.
Committee of Finance—Edward P. Burnham, Saco; Albro E. Chase, Portland; Geo. R. Shaw, Portland.

Trustees Charity Fund for three years—Frank E. Sleeper, Sabattus; A. M. Wetherbee, Warren.

Some routine reports were made and at 5 o'clock the Grand Lodge adjourned until 2 p. m., Wednesday.

Wednesday Afternoon, May 4th.

The Grand Lodge met at 2 o'clock. A charter was granted to Mt. Bigelow Lodge, at Flagstaff, a charter to David A. Hooper Lodge, at Sullivan, and a charter to the new lodge at Washington. Their dispensations to be continued until constituted.

The rest of the afternoon was spent in the exemplification of the 3d degree under the direction of District Deputy Franklin R. Redlon, of Portland.

At 5 o'clock the Grand Lodge called off until 9 a. m., Thursday.

Thursday Morning, May 5th.

The Grand Lodge met at 9 a. m. Routine reports were received until 11 o'clock, when the Grand Officers were installed by Past Grand Master Drummond, the following appointments having been made.

Corresponding Grand Secretary—Charles D. Smith, Portland.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

- 1 Herbert E. Sleeper, Washburn.
- 2 Everett H. Fisher, West Pembroke.
- 3 George H. Foster, Machias.
- 4 Edward F. Davies, Castine.
- 5 Fred H. Savage, La Grange.
- 6 Fred C. Barton, Bradley.

- 7 Albert W. Ward, Thorndike.
- 8 James E. Wentworth, Searsport.
- 9 Frank A. Peterson, Rockland.
- 10 Willard T. Marr, Boothbay Harbor.
- 11 Levi E. Jones, Winthrop.
- 12 James H. Witherell, Oakland.
- 13 Herman W. S. Lovejoy, Fairfield.
- 14 Robert W. Carr, Bowdoinham.
- 15 James H. Howes, New Sharon.
- 16 Arthur C. Ricker, Bryant's Pond.
- 17 Harlan P. Babb, Westbrook.
- 18 Isaac F. Jewett, Waterford.
- 19 Isaac P. Gooch, Kennebunkport.
- 20 Edwin A. Reed, North Lee.
- 21 James E. Parsons, Ellsworth.
- 22 George M. Bond, Stetson.
- 23 Frank H. Dexter, Springvale.
- 24 George H. Goding, Lewiston Junc.
- 25 J. Frank Bryson, Houlton.

Grand Chaplains—Revs. Elmer F. Pember, Bangor; John R. Clifford, Deering; Charles A. Hayden, Augusta; John Gibson, Cape Elizabeth; George M. Howe, Lewiston.
G. Marshal—Wm. J. Burnham, Lewiston.
Gr. Senior Deacon—Hugh R. Chaplin, Bangor.

Gr Junior Deacon—Ermon D. Eastman, Portland.

Gr. Stewards—Jacob R. Stewart, Rockland; Charles W. Crosby, Kent's Hill; Edwin A. Porter, Pittsfield; Wm. A. Remick, Bucksport.

Gr. Sw. Bearer—Wm. N. Howe, Portland.
Gr. St. Bearer—Isaac N. Hurd, Kittery.
Gr. Pursuivants—Wm. O. Fox, Portland; Albert M. Ames, Stockton Springs.

Gr. Lecturer—Frank E. Sleeper, Sabattus.
Gr. Organist—Walter S. Smith, Portland.
Gr. Tyler—Warren O. Carney, Portland.

At 11.45 the Grand Lodge was closed.

Grand Chapter.

Tuesday Evening, May 3d.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter met at 7 p. m., Albro E. Chase, of Portland, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The Committee on Credentials reported forty-two chapters represented and nearly all the Grand Officers present, together with twelve Past Grand High Priests.

The Grand High Priest read his annual address, showing a prosperous year. Fifty-five chapters show 6,205 members, 309 candidates, 86 deaths.

The following were elected:

G. H. P.—Albro E. Chase, Portland.
D. G. H. P.—Winfield S. Hinckley, Lisbon.
Gr. K.—Frederick W. Plaisted, Augusta.
Gr. Scribe—Howard D. Smith, Norway.
Gr. Treas.—Leander W. Fobes, Portland.
Gr. Secretary—Stephen Berry, Portland.
Committee of Finance—Joseph A. Locke, Portland; Horace H. Burbank, Saco; Marquis F. King, Portland.

The Grand Chapter at 9:30 adjourned to 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Wednesday Morning, May 4th.

The Grand Chapter met at 9 A. M. Permission was given for the consolidation of Oxford Chapter, at Bethel, with Union Chapter, at Norway, under the name of Oxford Chapter, No. 29, to be stationed at Norway. Dispensations were granted for new chapters at Searsport and at Deer Isle.

The Grand Officers were installed by Past Grand High Priest Joseph A. Locke, of Portland, the following appointments being made:

District Deputy Grand High Priests—William N. Howe, Portland; Hugh R. Chaplin, Bangor; Charles E. Meserve, Rockland.

Grand Chaplains—Revs. Elmer F. Pember, Bangor; Charles A. Hayden, Augusta; Geo. D. Lindsay, Waterville; Chas. S. Cummings, Auburn.

Grand Capt. Host—Leander M. Kenniston, Camden.

G. P. S.—Thomas A. Jewett, Gardiner.
G. R. A. C.—Benj. L. Hadley, Bar Harbor.
G. M. 3d Vail—Orestes E. Crowell, Oakland.

G. M. 2d Vail—Fred'k G. Payne, Lewiston.
G. M. 1st Vail—Walter S. Glidden, Bath.
Grand Stewards—Millard M. Caswell, Bridgton; Charles W. Jones, China; Fred Raymond, Livermore Falls; Waldo Petten-gill, Rumford Falls.

Gr. Lecturer—Frank E. Sleeper, Sabattus.
G. Sent.—Warren O. Carney, Portland.

At 4 o'clock the Grand Chapter closed.

Order of High Priesthood.*Wednesday Evening, May 4th.*

The Council of High Priesthood met at 7.30 P. M. Josiah H. Drummond, of Portland, presiding.

Twenty High Priests from different chapters throughout the state were admitted to the order.

The following officers were elected:

President—Josiah H. Drummond, Portland.

Senior Vice President—Edward P. Burnham, Saco.

Junior Vice President—Alfred S. Kimball, Norway.

Treasurer—Millard F. Hicks, Portland.

Recorder—Stephen Berry, Portland.

Master of Ceremonies—Horace H. Burbank, Saco.

Conductor—Albert M. Penley, Auburn.

Chaplain—Wm. J. Burnham, Lewiston.

Steward—Leander M. Kenniston, Camden.

Warder—James E. Parsons, Ellsworth.

The council closed at 9.45.

Grand Council.*Wednesday Afternoon, May 4th.*

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters met at 2 P. M., Oliver A. Cobb, of Westbrook, Grand Master, presiding.

Thirteen of the sixteen councils were represented, and nine of the fourteen Past Grand Masters were present.

The address of the Grand Master showed a prosperous although quiet year. Sixteen councils show 2,466 members, a gain of 125. Admissions, 168, deaths, 35.

The following were elected:

Gr. Master—Frank E. Sleeper, Sabattus.
D. G. M.—James E. Blanchard, Augusta.
Gr. P. C. of W.—Bial F. Bradbury, Norway.

Gr. Treas.—Leander W. Fobes, Portland.
Gr. Recorder—Stephen Berry, Portland.

The Grand Officers were installed by Past Grand Master Charles I. Collamore of Bangor, the following appointments being made:

G. Chaplain—Wm. J. Burnham, Lewiston.
G. M. Cer.—Enoch O. Greenleaf, Farmington.

G. C. G.—Charles E. Meserve, Rockland.
G. C.—Thomas A. Jewett, Gardiner.

G. Steward—W. Freeman Lord, Auburn.
G. Sent.—Willard C. G. Carney, Portland.

The Grand Council was then closed.

Grand Commandery.*Thursday Afternoon, May 5th.*

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar met at 2 o'clock, Fritz H. Twitchell, of Bath, Grand Commander, presiding.

All of the 19 commanderies were represented, 10 Past Grand Commanders and a large number of permanent members.

The address of the Grand Commander showed a prosperous year and a large increase of membership. The reports of the other Grand Officers confirmed this.

The report on returns showed 3,344 members, a gain of 191; also 261 knighted and 54 died.

The Grand Officers were elected as follows:

Gr. Com.—Frank E. Sleeper, Sabattus.
D. G. C.—Herbert Harris, East Machias.

Gr. Gen.—Albert M. Spear, Gardiner.
Gr. C. G.—C. J. Farrington, Portland.

Gr. Prelate—E. Howard Vose, Calais.
Gr. S. W.—Gilman P. Lombard, Belfast.

Gr. J. W.—Fred'k W. Plaisted, Augusta.
Gr. Treas.—Leander W. Fobes, Portland.

Gr. Recorder—Stephen Berry, Portland.

At six o'clock the Grand Commandery adjourned to the banquet room for supper.

Session resumed at 7.45. Routine business occupied the evening until ten o'clock, when the Grand Officers were installed by Joseph A. Locke, Grand Warder of Grand Encampment, U. S., the following appointments being made:

Gr. St. Bearer—Leander M. Kenniston, Camden.

Gr. Sword Bearer—Newell W. Brainerd, Skowhegan.

Gr. Warder—Charles E. Libby, Auburn.
Gr. C. G.—Warren O. Carney, Portland.

At 10.35 Grand Commandery closed.

Maine Council of Deliberation.

A session of Maine Council of Deliberation was held at Masonic Hall, Wednesday afternoon, at which it was voted to recommend to the Supreme Council, A. A. S. R., that charters be granted to Rockland Lodge of Perfection and Rockland Council Princes of Jerusalem.

The following officers were elected:

Com.-in-Chief—Marquis F. King, Portland.
1st Lieut. Commander—Albert M. Penley, Lewiston.

2d Lieut. Commander—Treby Johnson, Augusta.

Gr. M. of S. and Gr. O.—John C. Levensaler, Thomaston.

Gr. Prior—Rev. Elmer F. Pember, Bangor.
G. Chancellor—Henry R. Taylor, Machias.

Gr. Treas.—Fred C. Tolman, Portland.
Gr. Secretary—Warren C. King, Portland.

Gr. Eng. and Arch.—Chas. K. Tilden, Augusta.

Gr. M. of C.—Thomas A. Jewett, Gardiner.

Gr. C. of G.—Albert W. Butler, Rockland.

Gr. Sent.—Warren O. Carney, Portland.

Grand Imperial Council of Constantine.

At a meeting of the Grand Imperial Council, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, and Appendant Orders for the State of Maine, held at Masonic Hall Wednesday afternoon, the following officers were elected and appointed:

Grand Sovereign—Josiah H. Drummond.
Grand Viceroy—Charles I. Collamore.

Gr. Senior General—William J. Burnham.
Gr. Junior General—Edward P. Burnham.

Grand High Prelate—Elbridge G. Heath.
Gr. H. Chancellor—Francis T. Faulkner.

Grand Treasurer—Rufus H. Hinkley.
Grand Recorder—Millard F. Hicks.

Grand High Almoner—Marquis F. King.
Grand Chamberlain—James Adams.

Grand Orator—Albro E. Chase.
Grand Marshal—Frank H. Drummond.

Gr. Eng. and Architect—George R. Shaw.
Gr. Standard Bearer—Samuel F. Bearce.

Grand Herald—J. Ambrose Merrill.
Grand Sentinel—W. C. G. Carney.

Convention.

The lodges of the eighth district held a convention for instruction at Belfast, Feb. 10th, and all the lodges were represented, besides seven lodges from the neighboring districts. District Deputy J. E. Wentworth, of Searsport, presided. King David's Lodge exemplified the first degree and Mariner's Lodge the third. The local lodges served supper and lunch, and 300 were counted at the table.

The lodges of the third district held a convention at Machias, March 10th. The seven lodges were represented by 120 brethren. Harwood Lodge, of Machias, exemplified the 1st degree, Narraguagus the 2d and Warren the 3d. A banquet closed the session.

Notes.

Bro. William H. Fogler, of Rockland, has been appointed a Justice of the Supreme Court of Maine. He is a past High Priest, past Commander, and is Grand Representative of Tennessee in the Grand Commandery.

Merle Tracy, of South West Harbor, a youth of eighteen, who has been almost blind since birth, gave a very interesting address on Masonry before Bar Harbor Lodge, March 3d.

Walter E. Clark, D. D. G. M. 10th district resigned Feb. 24th, and Willard Marr, of Boothbay Harbor, was appointed 25th to succeed him.

Chapter Notes.

Mt. Kebo R. A. Chapter, of Bar Harbor, presented Benj. L. Hadley with a Past High Priest's jewel on his retirement from the head of the chapter after seven years' service. That is a long service, but Comp. Hadley is a notably earnest and efficient mason.

Fire.

The lodge room of Hermon Lodge, at Gardiner, was damaged by fire April 26th. The lodge, chapter and commandery were well insured. They will have to meet elsewhere while the damage is repairing.

EASTER.—Trinity Commandery of Augusta, attended divine service seventy strong, Rev. Sir Charles S. Cummings officiating.

Books, Papers, etc.

—*History, Proceedings and By-Laws of the Ninth District School of Instruction of Capitular Masonry in Virginia.* The 9th district school is quite an institution and this little volume contains 114 pages. Grand Secretary James B. Blanks is prominent in it.

—*Uncle Sam*, national song and chorus, by Frederick Bellows, music by Charles Baker. This is a \$5,000 prize song selected from 973 mss. Send 25c. to Union Mutual Music Co., 265 Sixth Ave., New York.

—Grand Recorder J. C. Kidd, favors us with a copy of a historical sketch of Ruthven Commandery of Houston, Texas, very handsomely printed. It contains portraits of A. J. Ruthven, for whom it was named in 1848, and of Robert Brewster, Grand Recorder, who died in 1896 at the age of 84.

—*Niagara and Khandalla* is the name of another poem by William Sharpe, M. D., and it treats of nature worship, East and West. Received from Henry A. Copley, Canning Town, London, Eng. Price 25c. Humanity and the Man is still another poem, by the same author and publisher. Price 25c.

—*The Craftsman* is a new 42 page octavo magazine published by the Craftsman Publishing Co., 715 Temple Court, Atlanta, Ga., monthly, at \$1 a year. Edward P. Wood, editor. There is evidently a field for it in that locality, and it looks as if the new magazine would fill it worthily.

—*The Southern Freemason* is another candidate for masonic favor, established March, 1898, issued monthly by John S. Alfred, the editor, Room 5, Masonic Temple, New Orleans, Louisiana. It is a monthly octavo magazine, 24 pp., at \$1 a year.

—*Masonic Standard.* We are pleased to see that New York is to have a masonic paper of its own, the *Masonic Standard*, an eight page large quarto, having been established April 16th, at No. 53, West 24th Street. C. C. Hunt is editor and proprietor, and Bro. Wm. J. Duncan is to be associate editor. It is to be published weekly at \$2 yearly. New York has been singularly backward in this respect, having been supplied by ma-

sonic columns in secular papers, and it seems as if a first-class masonic paper, as this promises to be, should flourish.

—*When we go Marching through Cuba* is a new song for the piano, with pleasing music. Send 25c. to the Union Mutual Music Co., 265 Sixth Avenue, New York City.

—*Bulletin of the Department of Labor*, No. 15, for March, treats of Boarding Homes and Clubs for Working Women, Trade-Union Label, Digest of Recent State Labor Statistics, etc.

—*Report of State Treasurer, of Maine*, F. M. Simpson, for 1897, very neatly printed by the state printer, the Kennebec Journal press, and handsomely bound in cloth by Smith & Reid.

—*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.

—*The Open Court*, 324 Dearborn Street, Chicago, \$1.00, is a champion of free thought, and has the ablest writers among its contributors.

EARL OF ABERDEEN.—The *Richmond Bee* gives a long account of the Sixth Earl of Aberdeen, George Hamilton Gordon, who abandoned his home in Scotland, in 1866, at the age of twenty-three, when he had lately come into possession of an income of \$200,000 a year, and went to sea under the name of George Henry Osborne. He wished to demonstrate that a common sailor could rise to command and so he shipped as a seaman. He visited his uncle, then Lieut.-Governor of New Brunswick. He afterwards came to Richmond, Maine, and commanded the schooner Watson, owned by T. J. Southard & Son. In 1869 he was made a mason in Richmond Lodge, No. 63, and we find him reported in the returns, George H. Osborne, initiated June 15, 1869, and admitted a member June 17, and in 1871 he is reported "Lost at sea as reported in the papers:

While on shore Osborne worked at rigging vessels, on the ice, and for a time owned a small fishing boat. The number of his acquaintances was not large, although he was generally liked. He was a common every day fellow, and being a great reader spent much of his time in the rooms of the Richmond Library Association. No one so far as known ever suspected that he was other than a fellow of good breeding. The lady with whom he last boarded in Richmond informed the writer that he frequently entertained her with stories of what he had seen in his travels, but never referred to his Scotland home.

He was finally induced to ship as mate of the schooner Hera, Captain Kent, bound from Boston to Melbourne, Australia and China. He shipped for the cruise at the

earnest solicitation of the captain, who had taken a strong liking for him, and offered him liberal terms. In reply to this offer, he said that wages were no consideration to him, but that he would like a trip in a vessel of that rig, a four masted schooner, never having sailed in one. Afterwards he expressed regrets at having shipped, remarking that he had sailed about enough, and thought it was time for him to leave the sea, "but," he added, "I have promised to go with Captain Kent and I will go." The vessel sailed and when four days out she encountered a heavy gale, making it necessary to reef. In the haste of executing this order the jib downhaul, fouled and Osborne went forward to clear it. As he ran out on the bowsprit for this purpose the vessel gave a lurch and ran her head into a fearfully heavy sea. As the deluge of water cleared away and the vessel slowly regained her upright position, it was noticed that the mate was gone. It being impossible to put the vessel about in such a storm, she pursued her course to Melbourne and finally to China.

In the meantime the absence of letters from the Earl had awakened the deepest solicitude in the minds of his relatives and friends. Slowly but surely his strange career was developed until he was traced on board the Hera. To make sure of his identity, parties came to Richmond, where was found a photograph which Osborne had given to a young lady with whom he formed an acquaintance at his boarding house. The photograph was immediately recognized as the likeness of the missing Earl, and with this information it at once became manifest that the mate of the Hera was the long-sought nobleman.

Indeed does the story of this brave gentleman read like a romance. His career seems to have been one of the strangest in the annals of English history. Whether the Earl really undertook to demonstrate the practicability of returning to his home master of his own vessel, or whether his strange career was the outcome of an unsuccessful love affair, has been the subject of many witching conjurings. Be that as it may, he was a brave, high-minded gentleman, and the tragic ending of his misguided course has given cause for widespread lament in America, as well as on the continent beyond the sea. His memory is fondly cherished by his masonic brethren, and Richmond Lodge contemplates furnishing its hall with some fitting memorial of him.

BLACKBALLING. — Long experience has shown that there are two sides to this question. Sometimes persistence presses a man in, and time shows that the first objector had good judgment and tried to save the craft from a weak man. A man of excellent character is sometimes of such an uncomfortable disposition that he ought to be kept out, and sometimes a candidate misjudges his ability to afford the expense of the commandery. Nearly always the candidate thinks he can pick out the man who rejected him, and in the cases which we have known about, he was generally mistaken. There was a man who applied to one of our lodges to be healed. He was "made a mason" by Walker in Nicaragua, when that enterprising commander initiated his whole command to ensure their faithfulness. After being refused, he said, "I know just who stopped me. It was that big S * * * He kicked me down stairs out of the lodge room once." His mistake was that the rejection was unanimous.

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Annual Grand Meetings.

The war excitement prevented quite so full an attendance as usual, but there were a goodly number present, and the meetings were very pleasant and satisfactory. The entire absence of business before the Committee on Grievances was gratifying. Three charters for new lodges and two dispensations for new chapters is an evidence of progress. The consolidation of Oxford and Union Chapters will strengthen the Capital craft in Oxford County.

The re-election of Gr. Master and Gr. High Priest continued the organization of those two bodies as last year, while Bro. Frank E. Sleeper took the head of both Grand Council and Grand Commandery. His successful terms in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, over each of which he presided two years, is a guaranty of a successful administration in each of these bodies.

The Grand Lodge confirmed the action of the Grand Master in severing relations with Peru, and a vote of thanks was passed to our Grand Representative in Peru, Bro. Francisco L. Crosby, for his wise and masonic conduct.

The Grand Commandery decided that legislation was inexpedient in regard to the Maltese Cross, while the question of limiting the power of the Grand Encampment, proposed by Mississippi, was left to our Grand Representatives in that body.

Disappointment was felt at the inability of V. Em. Henry W. Rugg to be present, as he had intended, as Representative of the Grand Master, because he was originally a Maine Templar, and is always a favorite with the Maine craftsmen, but he may safely report that the Order here never stood higher than at the present time.

The six o'clock banquet proves a most in-

teresting social meeting, as the Templars of Maine are intimately acquainted, owing to constant interchange of visits of large numbers of officers and members of the several commanderies; and the tone of good humor was carried into the long and earnest debate on uniform, which lasted until a late hour. This long delayed subject was finally satisfactorily settled.

The only disagreeable feature of the week was the accident to Bro. A. C. T. King, of South Paris, who was plunged into a reservoir twenty feet deep, by the sudden dropping from under him of a sidewalk near Masonic Hall. But he was rescued from drowning, by kind assistance, and if the City gives him as excellent a new suit of clothes as we think they will, no doubt he will smile at his narrow, but fortunate escape from serious injury.

ADVICE TO SECRETARIES.—The copy of returns should be very carefully saved, and should be bound, because they are not only very necessary for reference, but are invaluable history if anything happens to the records.

Immediately after election, the Secretary should send the Grand Secretary the list of officers elected, without waiting for installation. If the Secretary retires, he should do it as credentials for his successor, and the new Secretary should carefully ascertain that it is done, doing it himself if it is neglected.

The Index and Title of Volume Three of the Token has been issued and distributed so far as called for, but there are several libraries which we think preserve them, and they should call for the index before binding, as the especial value of the book lies in the fact that the index, covering ten years, affords an easy method of getting at masonic subjects with little labor. With the three volumes any masonic subject from 1867 to 1897 may be found in five minutes, and the date once placed it can be found in the larger masonic journals which give it more fully, but which are divided into thirty or sixty volumes.

Volume three complete can be supplied for \$1.50, and we have still a few copies of volume two for sale at the same price. The price bound is \$2.25.

Volume one is occasionally to be had from book collectors, at from \$3 to \$5. We notice that Bro. William Snyder, of La Fontaine, Indiana, offers the three volumes complete, among his large collection of masonic journals.

We cannot too strongly urge Maine masonic bodies to secure these volumes while it is possible, for much history of Maine Masonry is given in no other way, and when the supply is exhausted they will lament that they did not secure them when they could. We have done all we could towards that end, by sending free to every masonic body in Maine, a copy ever since the paper

was started, but we find that few lodges have saved and bound them.

The Beehive.

The explanation of the beehive is that it is an emblem of industry. It is evidently one of the old emblems, for we find it in the oldest monitors, but it is altogether likely that the emblems are older than the explanations, and they frequently have deeper meaning than the monitorial explanations. It is not well to follow too far in fanciful symbolism, but the ancients were more given to it than the moderns, and sometimes their ideas were interesting. We may wonder why Napoleon adopted golden bees as his family emblem in place of the Bourbon fleur de lys, but when we find that in the tomb of the Frankish King Childeric, at Doornik, a golden bullock's head was found among many hundred golden bees, we can see that he was going back to the earliest emblem of the French race. But why the bullock's head with the bees? For that we have to go back to Egypt, where we find the Apis bee and the Apis bull. The bee was supposed to spring from the decay of a bullock's body, probably because swarms were sometimes found in a carcass, just as Sampson found one in the body of a lion. The Apis bull represented Osiris, and the bee, supposed to spring from it, would be almost as sacred. It had been sacred from the earliest time, for Jacques de Morgan found golden bees in the tomb of the Princess Khumit, daughter of Amenemhat of the 12th dynasty, who lived 500 to 1,000 years before Abraham. The bee was an emblem of the ancient royal family descended from Osiris, and perhaps Napoleon found it in Egypt and was so led to adopt it. Perhaps, like the Scarabeus, it was an emblem of immortality because it was supposed to spring from corruption. Finally, the bee is supposed to have survived from the golden age and to have come from the garden of Eden, accompanying man in his downfall, but bearing God's blessing, for which reason mass cannot be sung without wax.

HISTORY OF AMITY LODGE, No. 6, CAMDEN.—We are pleased to find that this old lodge has had its history ably written by Bro. Reuel Robinson, Past Master, and we are indebted to the author for a copy printed by the Camden Publishing Co. The lodge was chartered in 1801, and has passed through two fires which destroyed almost everything but its records. The author remarks that it may not be so fortunate next time, and those old lodges which have not published histories should lay this to heart. Money was scarce and high in those days, for the lodge borrowed \$100 at twenty per cent. to purchase furniture. The question What is usury? is evidently relative. But it soon became prosperous and remained so until the "Morgan times," when it was only kept alive by the exertions of the "immortal nine." Their biographies are given,

together with those of the charter members and the masters. It is an entertaining and instructive history of over 100 pages of wide measure and small type. We suppose copies may be bought of the lodge secretary, Chas. A. Wilson, Camden, Maine.

LEGAL OR LAWFUL.—Past Grand Master Wm. Bramlette, in the *Texas Freemason*, objects to the substitution of "legal" for "lawful" in the ritual. We agree with him, but cannot go so far as he in saying that legal does not imply the same, for Webster gives as one of the definitions of "LEGAL: Lawful; anything is legal which the laws do not forbid."

NEW BRUNSWICK.—Jan. 27th, Sir Knight Robert Marshall installed the following officers of Union De Molay Preceptory, No. 11, in St. John; L. B. Wilson, Preceptor; Alfred Dodge, Constable; Frank A. Godsoe, Marshal; H. D. McLeod, Registrar. All Canadian Templars are now under the Great Priory, except the St. Stephen Encampment.

Peru.

The following Grand Lodges have severed relations with the Grand Lodge of Peru on account of its removing the Bible from the lodge altars:

Maine, December 9, 1897.
New York, December 24, 1897.
Arkansas, January 10, 1898.
Utah, January 18, 1898.
Louisiana, January 20, 1898.
Connecticut, January 20, 1898.
Wisconsin, January 24, 1898.
Michigan, January 26, 1898.
Nevada, February 9, 1898.
Georgia, February 15, 1898.
Minnesota,
Arizona, February 27, 1898.
Florida, April 22, 1898.

CONVERS O. LEACH, assistant Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Maine, died in Portland, of pneumonia, April 24th, aged 68 years, 8 months and 7 days. He was a native of Portland, and was grandson of John Leach, the Superintendent of Academy Hall in the '30s. Bro. Leach was for many years a dry goods dealer, was Consul at St. Johns, N. F., during the civil war, afterwards in the postal service, and latterly city weigher and gauger.

He had been master of Portland Lodge, High Priest of Mount Vernon Chapter, Master of Portland Council, and was a member of Portland Commandery.

He prepared the list of members of Portland Lodge for Bro. Drummond's history, wrote a valuable sketch of Portland Council, was Librarian of Portland Masonic Library, and did other valuable work for the Fraternity.

He was devoted to the Order, and much valued and beloved by it, in return.

He left a wife and four children, two of whom are masons.

The Grand Chapter of Connecticut celebrated its Centennial May 10th, at Hartford.

Theophilus W. Randall, of Boise, Idaho, has been appointed Grand Secretary to fill the place of Charles C. Stevenson, who died Feb. 28th. (See obituaries.)

Bro. Fay Hempstead, Grand Secretary of Arkansas, has issued a book of poems, published by the Capital Book Co., at Little Rock, price \$2. We have not had the pleasure of seeing any of his poetical work, but have no doubt many will wish to read the writings of a distinguished brother in the craft.

Bro. A. M. Rambo, of Philadelphia, will conduct a Masonic Section of Cook's Tourists to England and Ireland, leaving New York July 2d, and returning August 4th. Fare \$250. An extension to Paris and Switzerland will add \$60. We mention this because we know Bro. Rambo. Address him at Masonic Temple.

The Sprig of Acacia, of St. Louis, Mo., has suspended publication.

The masonic fraternity of Salt Lake City gave its general library to the city for a public library on Christmas day. That was wise, for the fraternity does better to confine its library strictly to masonic publications.

Bro. Chas. E. Billings favors us with a neat little key ring, which opens with a spring. It is manufactured by the Billings & Spencer Co., of Hartford, Conn., at \$1.20 a dozen.

Bro. Parvin has commenced the issue of a Quarterly Bulletin from the Iowa Masonic Library, January being No. 1. Subscriptions will be 50c. a year, and it will contain much lore about masonic books as well as about Masonry.

We are grieved to learn that the wife of Past Grand Master **James W. Staton**, of Brooksville, Kentucky, died suddenly Jan. 8th.

Bro. Harper M. Orahood, of Denver, sends us a very handsome illuminated notice of Colorado Chapter.

We are indebted to Mrs. Nettie Ransford, of Indianapolis, Grand Secretary, for an invitation to the 24th annual session of the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star, at Indianapolis, April 27th and 28th, and return our acknowledgments.

The *Token* returns thanks to Grand Secretary **Wm. H. Mayo** for an invitation to the 52d annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Missouri, at St. Louis, April 28th and 29th.

Obituaries.

WILLIAM ABRAM LOVE, born in Camden, S. C., May 16, 1824, died in Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 22, aged nearly 74 years. He was a physician and latterly president of Atlanta

Medical College. He had been Deputy Grand Master, Deputy Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council, and had held other high positions in the fraternity.

ELWOOD EVANS, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington, died at Tacoma, Jan. 28th, from apoplexy.

CHARLES C. STEVENSON, Grand Secretary and correspondent of the Grand Lodge of Idaho, died at Boise, Feb. 23, 1898. He was born in Red Bluffs, California, Nov. 29, 1862.

THOMAS SEWALL, Grand Commander of Nebraska in 1884, died at Lincoln, Feb. 28, aged 62. He was born at Niagara, Canada, and was a captain in our army in the civil war.

WM. B. TALIAFERRO, Grand Master of Virginia in 1874-6, died at his home in Gloucester County 27th February, at an advanced age. He was a Major-General in the confederate army, a legislator and a judge.

DANIEL STRIKER, Grand Master of Michigan in 1879, died at Hastings, April 11th, aged sixty-three. He was born at Rose, N. Y., April 9, 1835. He was a bank president and held other important trusts. He was Grand High Priest in 1886, and was General Grand Treasurer of the G. G. Chapter U. S. at the time of his death.

WILLIAM PAGET ALLEN, Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Iowa in 1863, died at Dubuque, March 26, aged 74. He was conspicuous as an expert ritualist.

JAMES R. BOYCE, Senior, Grand Master of Montana in 1872, died in Butte, April 23d, aged 81. He was a native of Kentucky.

MENES.—Dr. Borchardt, of the Gizeh museum, has identified a tomb found at Thebes last year, as that of Menes, the first historical King of Egypt. The body was burned, and not embalmed. The bones, his seal and the inscription seem to leave no doubt. Menes appears to have come from the East as a conqueror, bringing grains, domestic animals and letters to the ruder race who occupied the Delta. The conquerors did not adopt embalming at once. That seems to have been the custom of the natives. It is also found in Madagascar, and in South America. Perhaps the three races received it from a primitive race from which all three were descended.

Members of the Grand Lodge of Peru met in a private house before the last meeting of Grand Lodge to approve the action of Grand Master Dam about the Bible, and named the representatives of the lodges outside of Lima, which, without waiting for confirmation of the lodges, they recognized as legal, and said representatives were admitted at the last session, and voted against the petition for a reconsideration, carrying it by only one vote.

WHITCOMB RILEY'S FAVORITE POEM.

He'd nothing but his violin,
I'd nothing but my song,
But we were wed when skies were blue
And summer days were long.
And when we rested by the hedge
The robins came and told
How they had dared to woo and win
When early spring was cold.
We sometimes supped on dewberries
Or slept among the hay,
But oft the farmers' wives at eve
Came out to hear us play
The rare old tunes, the dear old tunes.
We could not starve for long
While my man had his violin
And I my sweet old song.

The world has aye gone well with us,
Old man, since we were one.
Our homeless wandering down the lanes
It long ago was done.
But those who wait for gold or gear,
For houses and for kine,
Till youth's sweet spring grows brown and sere
And love and beauty time,
Will never know the joy of hearts
That met without a fear
When you had but your violin
And I my song, my dear.

—[Voice.]

ARKANSAS.—We very greatly regret to find that the expectations of the Grand Lodge in relation to the Temple have not been fulfilled, and that it has become a very serious burden to the Grand Lodge, whose income has not been sufficient to pay the expenses and the interest upon the debt. Unfortunately the bonds are not held at home by members of the craft, but are held in New York, and immediately upon the default of the payment of interest, proceedings were commenced to foreclose the mortgage, and had it not been that three brethren came forward and advanced the money, the whole property would have been sold, and of course at an enormous sacrifice. We are not quite able to determine whether the members of the Grand Lodge gave up their mileage and per diem at that session or not. The resolution to appropriate \$3,000 for that purpose was rejected, and we trust it means that the \$3,000 was saved in the treasury to be appropriated upon the Temple debt.

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The Grand Lodge owns a scholarship in Galloway College and elected a young lady to it; the committee appointed to notify her, before the Grand Lodge was opened, escorted her into the hall accompanied by her mother and friends, and presented her to the Grand Lodge. She expressed her thanks "in a few well chosen words delivered with deep emotion." Remarks were made by the Grand Master and other brethren, and the Grand Secretary says that the occasion was a touching and interesting one. After the visitors had withdrawn the Grand Lodge resumed labor.

—[Drummond's Me. Corr. 1898.]

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The proposition of the committee that "if one is regularly made in a legally constituted lodge, working under a charter from a recognized Grand Lodge, and in accordance with the law of its jurisdiction, he is not a clandestinely-made mason" has exceptions. In order to

save question as to the meaning of words, we take the affirmative form of the proposition, "he is a lawful mason." We hold, and it is generally admitted, that if a candidate is *absolutely ineligible to be made a mason*, he cannot be a lawful mason, whether or however made. For example, we have found no one, who ventures to hold, that if a Grand Lodge should allow its lodges to make masons of expelled masons, they would be lawful masons. This admitted, necessarily admits exceptions to the rule; that admitted, the next question is, what are the exceptions. We believe that we have correctly stated the principle upon which they are based—ineligibility. An expelled mason has received a *status* which makes him ineligible, save by the action of the lodge or Grand Lodge, which gave him that *status*. Down to within a few years, no question has been made that the *status* received through a rejection, attaches to the party precisely as *expulsion* does, and makes him ineligible, without the action of the rejecting lodge, precisely as *expulsion* does. The argument that the laws of a Grand Lodge can have no operation outside of their own territory, specious as it is, is fallacious and unsound: this is shown by the effect given to suspensions and expulsions; if applied as its supporters would apply it, it becomes a regular boomerang. Let us see; by the laws, say, of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, a man rejected in Maine and made a mason by one of its lodges, without consent of the rejecting lodge, is a lawful mason; but the laws of that Grand Lodge have no extra-territorial force; therefore he is a lawful mason in the District of Columbia, and nowhere else!

There is another exception to the rule stated by the committee, practically prevailing in almost all the jurisdictions in this country, and that is, if a resident in one Grand Jurisdiction goes into another and is made a mason without the proper consent, he will not be recognized at home; and what is curious, and would be laughable were it not so serious a matter, several of the Grand Lodges, which are most rampant to have their own action in relation to the validity of their work in accepting the rejected candidates of other jurisdictions, are most strenuous in enforcing this rule of theirs!

Some of the Grand Lodges, which deny the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction, admit practically, but probably unconsciously (and, therefore, the admission has all the more weight), the correctness of that doctrine: they do not allow a lodge to receive the petition of a man rejected by one of their own lodges without its consent, but do allow the reception of a petition rejected by an outside lodge without any such consent! Some, which had this law several years, upon having their attention called to this have changed the law; but their practical admission had been made.

We regret to find that the committee base an argument upon the statement that worthy candidates are sometimes rejected, endorsing a statement that when a candidate has been proposed by two members and inquiry been made into his character by three others well known, and he has been approved by them, but is rejected. "the chances are five to one, that the candidate is worthy, but there is a personal objection on the part of one member of the lodge to his being made a member of that particular masonic family."

If this is correct, the law of the secret and unanimous ballot is a disgrace to Masonry: and if it is allowed to remain, it will be a disgrace to masons. The argument of the committee, based upon this statement, is more of an argument against the secret ballot, than against evading its effect.

—[Drummond's Gr. Lodge Corr., 1898.]

TRIENNIAL DISPLAY.—Even if the Triennial display does indicate "the desires of the great body of the Order," it is not wise to infer that the Order does not pursue noble aims and ends. Men who expend lavishly on display often give more in charity of their incomes in proportion, than those who are thrifty and economical. Some practice better than others preach. We cannot tell how much the lofty ideal of chivalry inculcated by our rituals influences the lives of the members, but we may reasonably hope that many good deeds blossom from it, that many evil impulses are checked by it, and that it is a leaven always working for good in the community.

—[Berry's Templar Corr., 1898.]

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
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Hancock, Castine,	11
Ira Berry, Bluehill,	22
Cumberland, New Gloucester,	11
Rising Virtue, Bangor,	22
Kenduskeag Lodge, Kenduskeag,	11
King Solomon's, Waldoboro,	22
Ira Berry Chapter, Pittsfield,	22
Amity Lodge, Camden,	11
Mariner's Lodge, Searsport,	11
Winter Harbor Lo., Winter Harbor,	11

What lodge shall be next added?

REJECTING.—We have taken our members for better or for worse. Each has a right to refuse admission to any who would be personally disagreeable to himself, and though the rejected candidate might be the better man and more desirable to us, it is our duty to respect the rights with which our suffrages have invested him, and our privilege to pray that the spirit of magnanimity and chivalry may prevail over the unkind indulgence of personal feeling.

—[Berry's Templar Corr., 1898.]

CHANGES IN TEMPLARY.—Now we cannot see but that Grand Lodge is as harmonious as Templar law, considering that there are one-half more jurisdictions, and seven times as many members. Radical changes are more favored in Templary than in the craft Masonry; for instance, the proposition that each man must affiliate in his own jurisdiction, which we have pointed out, will logically lead to decision-made law, that a man removing from one town to another will vacate his membership in one commandery, and find himself a member in another, despite his own wishes or those of the two interested commanderies.

Notice the revolution in the idea of lodge membership that has taken place within fifty years. Then it was optional to ask for membership when raised, now membership is an enforced result. The commandery has followed step by step; but how is it in religion? The lodge was Christian in fact in 1717, but it has never been christianized in theory, while the commandery has been changed from liberal Unitarian to strict Episcopalian. Even the ritual is almost as close in the different states, and we are confident that it is much closer than the version of the most familiar fairy tale would be found to be, if written down in each jurisdiction.—[*Berry's Templar Corr.*, 1898.]

FAITH.

Faith is a giant, serene and wise,
With starlit brow and an angel's eyes;
Mansions arise where his feet have trod
On the mighty rock of the grace of God.

Dogma, the dwarf, is a stubborn elf,
Who hugs all tenets that please himself;
He only builds for this world—vast deeds—
Frail huts on the sands of unproved creeds.
—[*W. H. Hayne.*]

Bro. E. S. Godfrey, Major 7th Cavalry, has been ordered from Fort Apache, Arizona, to Fort Duchene, Utah, much to his disappointment, as he hoped to have been sent to the front.

"The Spanish fleet you cannot see
Because it is not yet in sight."
—[*Critic.*]

Our Thanks.

ARKANSAS.—Grand Lodge, Nov. 16, 17, 1897, from Fay Hempstead, Little Rock, Gr. Sec. J. B. Baker, Melbourne, Gr. M. 444 lodges, 12,678 members, 576 initiates.

CONNECTICUT.—Masonic Charity Foundation, 1898, from John H. Barlow, Hartford, Sec. Luke A. Lockwood, Riverside, President; 42 beneficiaries. Expense of year \$5,450.

KANSAS.—Grand Lodge, Feb. 16, 17, 1898, from A. K. Wilson, Topeka, Gr. Sec. Maurice L. Stone, Wamego, Gr. M. 357 lodges, 19,888 members, 909 raised.

Grand Council, Feb. 14, 1898, from A. M. Callahan, Topeka, Gr. Rec. Aaron H. Connett, Great Bend, Gr. M. 11 councils, 739 members, 54 candidates.

KENTUCKY.—Grand Chapter, Oct. 19, 20, 1897, from H. B. Grant, Louisville, Gr. Sec. 69 chapters, 3,001 members, 258 candidates.

LOUISIANA.—Gr. Lodge, Feb. 14-16, 1898, from Richard Lambert, New Orleans, Gr.

Sec. A. C. Allen, Franklin, Gr. M. 130 lodges, 5,439 members, 290 initiates.

Gr. Chapter, Feb. 15, 16, 1898, from Richard Lambert, Gr. Sec. George W. Bolton, Pineville, G. H. P. 19 chapters, 1,030 members, 90 exalted.

Grand Council, Feb. 17, 1898, from Richard Lambert, G. Rec. David T. Stafford, Alexandria, G. M. 7 councils, 212 members, 27 candidates.

Grand Commandery, Feb. 18, 1898, from Richard Lambert, Gr. Rec. Robert Strong, N. Orleans, G. Com. 4 commanderies, 324 members, 22 knighted.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Gr. Lodge, 1897, from Sereno D. Nickerson, Boston, G. Sec. Chas. C. Hutchinson, Boston, Gr. Master. 235 lodges, 38,414 members, 1,896 initiates.

MICHIGAN.—Gr. Lodge, Jan. 25, 26, 1898, from Jefferson S. Conover, Coldwater, Gr. Sec. James Bradley, Port Huron, Gr. M. 367 lodges, 39,567 members, 1978 initiates.

NEW MEXICO.—Gr. Lodge, Oct. 4, 5, 1897, from Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Gr. Sec. John W. Poe, Roswell, Gr. M. 20 lodges, 854 members, 48 initiates.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Gr. Lodge, Jan. 11, 12, 13, 1898, from John C. Drewry, Raleigh, Gr. Sec. Walter E. Moore, Webster, Gr. M. 298 lodges, 10,500 members, 651 initiates.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Gr. Chapter, Dec. 27, 1897, from Charles Cary, Phila., Gr. Sec. Richard M. Johnson, Phila., G. H. P. 121 chapters, 17,541 members, 1,009 candidates.

TENNESSEE.—Gr. Lodge, Jan. 26, 1898, from John B. Garrett, Nashville, Gr. Sec. Wm. H. Bumpas, Nashville, G. M. 429 lodges, 17,588 members, 715 raised.

Gr. Council, Jan. 24, 1898, from Wm. A. Clendenen, Nashville, Gr. Rec. Charles Comstock, Chattanooga, G. M. 19 councils, 582 members, 33 candidates.

UNITED STATES.—Rome and Red Cross Constantine, from Thomas Leahy, Rochester, N. Y., G. Registrar Gen. C. L. Stowell, Rochester, N. Y., Sov. G. Master.

Nobles Mystic Shrine, Directory for 1898, from Benj. W. Rowell, Boston, Imperial Recorder.

General Grand Council, Oct. 11, 1897, from Henry W. Mordhurst, Fort Wayne, Ia., G. G. Rec. Bradford Nichol, Nashville, Tenn., G. G. Master. 27,917 members.

UTAH. Grand Lodge, Jan. 18, 19, 1898, from Christopher Diehl, Salt Lake City, Gr. Sec. John F. Hardie, Salt Lake City, G. M. 9 lodges, 790 members, 40 initiates.

VICTORIA.—Grand Lodge, 1897, from John Braim, Melbourne, Gr. Sec. Lord Brassey, Victoria, Gr. Master.

VIRGINIA.—Gr. Lodge, Dec. 7, 8, 9, 1897, from Geo. W. Carrington, Richmond, Gr. Sec. R. T. W. Duke, Jr., Charlottesville, G. M. 260 lodges, 12,803 members.

Gr. Chapter, Dec. 3, 1897, from James B. Blanks, Petersburg, Gr. Sec. Louis Ide, Staunton, G. H. P. 40 chapters, 2,676 members, 290 exaltations.

Gr. Commandery, Dec. 6, 1897, from Jas. B. Blanks, Petersburg, G. Sec. J. H. Capers, Richmond, Gr. Com. 20 commanderies, 1,472 members, 82 knighted.

Masonic Home, 7th annual report, from C. A. Nesbitt, Richmond, Sec. Beverley R. Wellford, Jr., President. Expenses of year \$6,207.73.

PREMIUMS.—Any brother who will procure subscribers for us, remitting not less than \$1 at a time, may retain one-fourth of the money for his services. Those who wish to assist us, without caring for the premium, can gratify some indigent brother by sending him a paper free. It is better to take subscriptions for two years.

DIED.

WILLIAM CHENERY, in Portland, Feb. 18, aged 59. A member of Portland Lodge.

FRANCIS A. WALDRON, in Portland, Feb. 23, aged 81 yrs. 9 mos. He was a grain merchant, and one of the oldest in business, and was a respected and honored citizen. He was initiated in Atlantic Lodge, Sept. 16, 1857.

CHARLES H. DENNETT, in Bangor, March 1. A member of St. John Commandery.

CHARLES E. HARTSHORN, in Portland, March 2. A member of Atlantic Lodge and Portland Commandery.

PELETIAH H. WHITEHOUSE, in Portland, March 4, aged 42 yrs. 5 mos. He was the first candidate in Deering Lodge when it was instituted in 1879, and was also a member of Greenleaf Chapter and Portland Commandery. He was Treasurer of the H. H. Nevens Co., dealers in spices.

JOHN GARNER, in Lewiston, suddenly, of pneumonia, March 4, aged 63. He was a native of Newton, Cheshire, England, and came to America in 1855. He was an active and prominent citizen, and a valued member in all the branches of Masonry.

FREDERICK CONY, in Augusta, March 13, aged 41. A member of Bethlehem Lodge.

EDMUND L. BAILEY, in Mechanic Falls, March 17, aged 71. A member of Tyrian Lodge.

JOHN A. WELCH, in Portland, March 20, aged 35. A member of Atlantic Lodge.

MRS. ALSWITHA EVANS, wife of Bro. Charles G. Littlefield, in Caribou, April 8.

ALMON A. STROUT, in Boston, April 19, aged 63. A native of Limington, a leading lawyer, and a member of Greenleaf Chapter and St. Alban Commandery.

CONVERS O. LEACH, in Portland, April 24, aged 68 yrs. 8 mos. 7 days. (See editorial.)

JOHN LOCKE, in Fryeburg, April 26, aged 69. A member of Portland Commandery.

CHARLES D. HILL, in Calais, April 30, accidentally killed while handling a revolver. He was Commander of Hugh de Payens Commandery, and was a leading merchant.

The Doctor Says:

"You are bilious. Calomel might free your liver, but I don't like to use it. When I was a boy, my mother used to give me '**L. F.**' **Atwood's Bitters**, and it worked better than anything else I know of. Get a bottle and let's try that. I think they have it down at the store for 35c. a bottle. Take only the '**L. F.**' Others will not help you."

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