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## Signs of Spring.

The snow has left the open field a month or more ago,  
I've found the yellow cowslip where the meadow brook runs slow,  
And all along the intervals the blushing snowdrop twines;  
The crows are shy and silent—they're nestling in the pines—  
But winter'll maybe come again: you're never sure 'twill not  
Till you hear the cuckoo calling in the pasture lot.

"Cuckoo, cuckoo," softly calling you,  
Down behind the pasture bars  
All the warm day through.  
"Cuckoo, cuckoo," shy and sleek of wing,  
He's the low-voiced harbinger  
That makes us sure of spring.

No use to look for orioles, they haven't come as yet,  
Although I've heard a linnet and the quail has cried "More wet."  
Good Uncle Zenas Tompkins has been out and planted pease—  
He "doesn't think 't'll hurt 'em if we have another freeze;  
But don't you put in corn or beans (for if you do they'll rot)  
Till you hear the cuckoo calling in the pasture lot."

'Way over in the scrub-oaks you can hear the partridge drum,  
The girls are playing hop-scotch, and the boys say "tops have come."  
Miss Abigail is making soap—that's pretty nearly sure  
That pleasant weather's right at hand and likely to endure.  
We're only lacking one more sign—and hark, 'tis on the spot!  
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—[Harper's Bazar.]

## MASONRY IN MAINE.

### Annual Meetings.

#### Grand Lodge.

Tuesday, May 1st.

The Grand Lodge of Masons of Maine met in 81st annual communication at Masonic Hall Tuesday morning, Grand Master Winfield S. Choate, of Augusta, presiding. The usual large attendance of delegates was

present, including many veterans and past grand officers. 183 out of 195 lodges were represented.

The Grand Master in his address paid a tribute to the memory of Hiram Chase of Belfast, the Senior Past Grand Master, who died April 5th, and to a long list of distinguished masons who died in other States.

He reports the lodges in a very prosperous condition, there being 22,277 members, a gain of 112, with 829 initiates, an increase of one-sixth over the last year.

There had been 400 deaths against 419 last year, the rate being 18 in 1,000.

His report showed that he had had a busy year and discharged his many duties with diligence and ability.

The reports of other grand officers were presented and referred to appropriate committees.

The Grand Lodge called off until 2 p. m.

Tuesday Afternoon, May 1st.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 2 p. m. Grand Representatives from the Grand Lodges of Peru, Belgium and the State of Washington were received and welcomed.

Routine business occupied the time until 3 o'clock, the hour for election of grand officers. The following were elected:

Grand Master—Winfield S. Choate, Augusta.

Deputy Grand Master—Alfred S. Kimball, Norway.

Senior Grand Warden—Jas. E. Parsons, Ellsworth.

Junior Grand Warden—John H. McGor-rill, Fairfield.

Grand Treasurer—Marquis F. King, Portland.

Grand Secretary—Stephen Berry, Portland.

Committee of Finance—Edward P. Burnham, Saco; Albro E. Chase, Portland; Geo. R. Shaw, Portland.

Trustees for three years—Edward P. Burnham, Saco; Archie L. Talbot, Lewiston.

More routine reports were adopted, and the Grand Lodge called off until 2 p. m. Wednesday.

Wednesday Afternoon, May 2d.

The Grand Lodge met at 2 o'clock and devoted the afternoon to an exemplification of the work by Bethlehem Lodge of Augusta, James E. Kingsley, Master.

Hon. Orville Dewey Baker of Augusta was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason with all the ancient forms and ceremonies and to the complete satisfaction of all of the large number of visitors who were

present, and who were loud in their praise of the work of Bethlehem Lodge.

At 5.25 p. m. the Grand Lodge called off to 9 Thursday morning.

Thursday Morning, May 3d.

The Grand Lodge met at 9 o'clock. A dispensation was granted for a new lodge at Kingfield, to be called Mt. Abram Lodge.

The petition for restoration of the charter of Meduncook Lodge at Friendship, was referred to the Grand Master with power.

The petition of Portland lodges for concurrent jurisdiction was dismissed.

The hour of installation having arrived, Past Grand Master Josiah H. Drummond was called to the East, who installed the Grand Officers, the following appointments being made:

Corresponding Grand Secretary—Charles D. Smith, Portland.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

- 1 Cyrus W. Hendrix, Caribou.
- 2 Alfred Small, Lubec.
- 3 David W. Campbell, Cherryfield.
- 4 Theodore A. Smith, Sedgwick.
- 5 Allen P. Clark, Foxcroft.
- 6 Fred C. Barton, Bradley.
- 7 Adelbert Millett, Searsmont.
- 8 S. Augustus Parker, Belfast.
- 9 G. Dudley Gould, Warren.
- 10 John R. McDougall, Boothbay Harbor.
- 11 Thomas H. Bodge, Augusta.
- 12 James H. Witherell, Oakland.
- 13 Granville D. Perkins, Madison.
- 14 Perez S. Burr, Freeport.
- 15 Fred Raymond, Livermore Falls.
- 16 Joseph W. Simpson, Rumford Falls.
- 17 Albert H. Burroughs, Westbrook.
- 18 Tobias L. Eastman, Fryeburg.
- 19 Everett M. Staples, Biddeford.
- 20 Philip J. Mills, Lincoln.
- 21 Charles F. Paine, Bar Harbor.
- 22 Milton L. Merrill, St. Albans.
- 23 Frank Wilson, Sanford.
- 24 Not yet appointed.
- 25 Geo. A. Gorham, Jr., Houlton.

Gr. Chaplains—Rev. Elmer F. Pember, Bangor; John Gibson, Cape Elizabeth; George M. Howe, Lewiston; George F. De-gan, Augusta; Rob't Codman, Jr., Portland.

Gr. Mar.—Edwin C. Dudley, Augusta.

Grand Senior Deacon—Ermon D. Eastman, Portland.

Grand Junior Deacon—Charles W. Crosby, Kent's Hill.

Grand Stewards—W. A. Remick, Bucksport; James E. Kingsley, Augusta; Robert W. Carr, Bowdoinham; Albert M. Ames, Stockton Springs.

Grand Sword Bearer—William N. Howe, Portland.

Grand Standard Bearer—Levi E. Jones, Winthrop.

Grand Pursuivants—Warren Morse, Warren; William L. Powers, Gardiner.

Gr. Lecturer—Frank E. Sleeper, Sabattus.



Grand Organist—Walter S. Smith, Portland.  
Grand Tyler—Warren O. Carney, Portland.

At 11.40 the Grand Lodge closed with prayer by Rt. Rev. Robert Codman, Jr., Grand Chaplain.

#### Grand Chapter.

*Tuesday Evening, May 1st.*

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine met at 7 p. m., Grand High Priest Winfield S. Hinckley, of Lisbon, presiding. Forty-four of the fifty-six chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest in his address paid a tribute to the memory of Seward S. Stearns, Rufus H. Hinkley and Hiram Chase, past officers who had died during the year, as well as to those reported from other jurisdictions. He reported the chapters in a prosperous condition, and the report of his duties discharged showed a busy year and efficient service.

The following Grand Officers were elected:

Grand High Priest—Winfield S. Hinckley, Lisbon.

Deputy Grand High Priest—Frederick W. Plaisted, Augusta.

Grand King—Howard D. Smith, Norway.  
Grand Scribe—William N. Howe, Portland.

Grand Treasurer—Leander W. Fobes, Portland.

Grand Secretary—Stephen Berry, Portland.

Committee of Finance—Joseph A. Locke, Portland; Horace H. Burbank, Saco; Marquis F. King, Portland.

Grand Representatives from Kansas, Nevada and Victoria were received and welcomed.

At 9.45 the Grand Chapter called off until 9 a. m., Wednesday.

*Wednesday Morning, May 2d.*

The Grand Chapter met at 9 o'clock. The usual routine business was transacted and reports of committees received.

Past General Grand High Priest Josiah H. Drummond was called to the East. He installed the Grand Officers, the following appointments being made:

District Deputy Grand High Priests—Charles E. Meserve, Rockland; Walter S. Glidden, Bath; Charles W. Jones, China.

Grand Chaplains—Revs. Elmer F. Pember, Bangor; Charles A. Hayden, Augusta; J. Stanley Durkee, Auburn; Luther F. McKenney, Bridgton.

Grand Captain Host—Thomas A. Jewett, Gardiner.

Grand Principal Sojourner—Benj. L. Hadley, Bar Harbor.

Grand R. A. Capt.—Orestes E. Crowell, Oakland.

Grand Master 3d Vail—Fred'k G. Payne, Lewiston.

Grand Master 2d Vail—Joseph E. Moore, Thomaston.

Grand Master 1st Vail—Millard M. Caswell, Bridgton.

Grand Stewards—Fred Raymond, Livermore Falls; Waldo Pettengill, Rumford Falls; Enoch O. Greenleaf, Farmington; Convers E. Leach, Portland.

Grand Lecturer—Frank E. Sleeper, Saco.

Grand Sentinel—Warren O. Carney, Portland.

The Grand Chapter then closed.

#### Order of High Priesthood.

*Wednesday Evening, May 2d.*

The Council of High Priesthood met at 7.30 p. m., President Josiah H. Drummond of Portland presiding.

Fourteen High Priests from chapters in all parts of the State were received into 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.

M. of Cer.—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 was closed.

#### Grand Council.

*Wednesday Afternoon, May 2d.*

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Maine met at 2 o'clock p. m., Grand Master James E. Blanchard of Augusta presiding.

The sixteen councils were represented.

The Grand Master's address showed a prosperous year.

The following officers were elected:

Grand Master—Bial F. Bradbury, Norway.

Deputy G. Master—Enoch O. Greenleaf, Farmington.

G. P. C. of Work—Chas. E. Meserve, Rockland.

Gr. Treas.—Leander W. Fobes, Portland.

Gr. Recorder—Stephen Berry, Portland.

G. Chaplain—Elbridge G. Heath, Auburn.

Gr. Master Ceremonies—Thomas A. Jewett, Gardiner.

G. C. G.—W. Freeman Lord, Auburn.

Gr. Conductor—Albro E. Chase, Portland.

Gr. S.—Charles B. Adams, Waterville.

Gr. Sent.—Willard C. G. Carney, Portland.

The Grand Council then closed.

#### Grand Commandery.

*Thursday Afternoon, May 3d.*

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar for Maine met in forty-ninth annual conclave at 2 p. m., Herbert Harris of Brunswick, Grand Commander, presiding.

Eighteen of the nineteen commanderies were represented.

The Grand Commander in his address paid a tribute to the dead of the year. He reported the order in excellent condition.

The following were elected Grand Officers:

Gr. Com.—Albert M. Spear, Gardiner.

Dep. Gr. Com.—Clayton J. Farrington, Auburn.

Gr. Generalo.—Fred'k W. Plaisted, Augusta.

Gr. Capt. General—Frederick C. Thayer, Waterville.

Gr. S. Warden—Ermon D. Eastman, Portland.

Gr. Jun. Warden—Geo. Purinton, Farmington.

Gr. Prel.—Rev. Samuel Worcester, Portland.

Gr. Treas.—Leander W. Fobes, Portland.

Gr. Rec.—Stephen Berry, Portland.

At 5.30 the Grand Commandery adjourned until 7 o'clock.

#### Evening.

The Grand Commandery resumed work at 7 o'clock. Joseph A. Locke, Grand Jr. Warden of the Grand Encampment U. S., was called to the East and installed the officers, the following appointments being made:

Gr. Standard Bearer—James H. Howes, Belfast.

Grand Sword Bearer—Daniel A. Robinson, Bangor.

Grand Warder—Frank Keizer, Rockland.

Grand Captain Guards—Warren O. Carney, Portland.

The petitioners for a new commandery at Kennebunk were granted leave to withdraw.

The report on returns showed 3,471 members, 184 knighted; 57 died.

At 9 o'clock the Grand Commandery closed.

#### Red Cross of Constantine.

The Grand Council of the Red Cross of Constantine for Maine met in annual conclave Wednesday p. m., May 2d. The following officers were elected:

Gr. Sovereign—Josiah H. Drummond, Portland.

Gr. Viceroy—Chas. I. Collamore, Bangor.

Gr. Sen. Genl.—Wm. J. Burnham, Lewiston.

Gr. Jun. Genl.—Edward P. Burnham, Saco.

Gr. H. Priest—Elbridge G. Heath, Auburn.

Gr. H. Chan.—Francis T. Faulkner, Turner.

Gr. Treas.—Marquis F. King, Portland.

Gr. Recorder—Millard F. Hicks, Portland.

Gr. H. Almoner—Joseph A. Locke, Portland.

Gr. Chamberlain—James Adams, Bangor.

Gr. Orator—Albro E. Chase, Portland.

Gr. Marshal—Frank H. Drummond, Bangor.

Gr. Eng. and Arch.—Geo. R. Shaw, Portland.

Gr. Stand. Bear.—Samuel F. Bearce, Portland.

Gr. Herald—J. Ambrose Merrill, Portland.

Gr. Sentinel—W. C. G. Carney, Portland.

#### A. & A. Rite.

#### Maine Council of Deliberation.

Maine Council of Deliberation assembled in annual meeting Wednesday p. m., May 2d, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Com. in Chief—Marquis F. King, Portland.



1st Lieut. Comr.—Albert M. Penley, Auburn.  
2d Lieut. Comr.—Treby Johnson, Augusta.  
M. of S. & G. O.—John C. Levensaler, Thomaston.  
Gr. Prior—Elmer F. Pember, Bangor.  
Gr. Chancellor—Henry R. Taylor, Machias.  
Gr. Treasurer—Fred C. Tolman, Portland.  
Gr. Secretary—Warren C. King, Portland.  
Gr. Eng. and Arch.—Chas. K. Tilden, Augusta.  
Gr. M. of Cer.—Thomas A. Jewett, Gardiner.  
Gr. C. of G.—Albert W. Butler, Rockland.  
Gr. Sentinel—Warren O. Carney, Portland.

#### Yates Lodge of Perfection.

M.—Charles I. Riggs, 33°.  
Deputy M.—Winslow E. Howell.  
Sen. Warden—Charles F. Tobie.  
Jun. Warden—George H. Owen.  
Gr. Orator—Bryce M. Edwards.  
Gr. Treasurer—Millard F. Hicks.  
Gr. Secretary—Joseph E. Henley.

#### Easter.

Portland Commandery attended Easter service at Williston Church, Portland, Rev. Smith Baker officiating. The commandery numbered 125, some knights from St. Alban attending. Grand Commander Harris, Deputy Grand Commander Spear and Grand Generalissimo Farrington were present as guests.

Trinity Commandery of Augusta attended services at Winthrop Street Universalist Church, 75 strong. Rev. C. A. Hayden, Prelate and Pastor, officiated.

Lewiston Commandery, Lewiston, attended services at the High Street Methodist Church. Rev. C. S. Cummings officiated.

DeMolay Commandery, of Skowhegan, gave a grand concert and ball March 9th, at which 200 couples were present.

#### Lodge Notes.

The officers and many members of Portland Lodge went to Brunswick April 24th, and conferred the third degree for United Lodge.

#### Obituaries.

WM. D'ORVILLE DOTY, D. D., Gr. Chaplain Grand Council of New York, since 1888, died at Rochester, Jan. 5th.

ROBERT CLOW died in Junction City, Oregon, Jan. 5th, aged 62 yrs. 5 mos and 25 days. He was born in Perthshire, Scotland, July 10, 1837. He was Grand Master in 1877 and '78, and had been correspondent since 1895. He had held important civil offices, and was a leading man in the community.

JOHN LANE, the author of "Masonic Records," a list of old English lodges, died at Torquay, England, Dec. 30th. He was an accountant at Torquay, and a neighbor and close friend of Wm. James Hughan, the historian, who writes that he was sadly upset by his death and misses him very much.

SAMUEL WRIGHT WILLIAMS died at Little Rock, Arkansas, March 14th, in his 72d year. He was born in York District, South Carolina, Aug. 23, 1828. He was an eminent lawyer. He was Grand Master in 1870; assisted in organizing the Grand Commandery in 1872 and was Grand Commander in 1873. He was Grand High Priest in 1873 and 1874, and Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1881. He was President of the Order of High Priesthood at the time of the death.

CHARLES BUCKINGHAM, Grand Master of Connecticut in 1890, and later superintendent of the Masonic Home, died at Wallingford March 17th, aged 68. He was born in Wallingford August 5, 1831. He served three years as a private in the Union Army in the Civil War.

EDWARD AUGUSTUS GUILBERT, Past Gr. Master of Iowa, and Grand High Priest in 1871 and '72, and Grand Commander in 1874, died in Dubuque March 4, aged 72 yrs. 3 mos. He was born in Watertown, N. Y., June 12, 1827. He was a skillful physician. He was Templar correspondent for a time, and was a brilliant writer. At one time he edited the Evergreen, the first masonic paper published in Iowa.

SILAS E. SHELDON, Grand Master of Kansas in 1886, Gr. H. Priest in 1881, and Gr. Commander in 1876, died in Topeka, April 19th. He was born in Carlisle, Ohio, June 5, 1837. He was surgeon in the Civil War in Ohio Regiments.

JOHN JOYCE, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine, near the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, died at Lyttleton, N. Z., Dec. 1st. His funeral was the largest ever seen in Lyttleton.

SAMUEL B. RICHARDSON, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Indiana 1876, died at Logansport Jan. 27th, in his seventy-sixth year. He was a soldier in the Mexican war.

HARRISON DILLS, Grand Master of Illinois in 1857, and later Grand Treasurer for eleven years, died at Warrensburg, Missouri, Nov. 1, 1899. He was born at Parkersburg, Va., May 13, 1812.

THOMAS LINTON, Grand Tyler of the Gr. Bodies of Colorado since 1873, died at Denver, Jan. 11th. He was born in Northampton, England, July 13, 1828.

HENRY CHAPPLE, Deputy Grand Master of Montana, died at Flagstaff, Arizona, Jan. 10th. He was born at Bowmanville, Co. of West Durham, Ontario, Oct. 1, 1861. He was a physician of high standing in his profession.

CLARK GRAY, Grand Commander of Kansas in 1893, died at Denver, Colorado, Jan. 22d. He was born at South Otselic, N. Y., Jan. 12, 1841. He was a captain in the 93d Illinois Infantry in the Civil War and marched from "Atlanta to the sea."

JACOB DEWITT, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, died at Salina, Jan. 28th. He was born in Montreal, Can-

ada, Jan. 8, 1834. He went to Salina, Kansas in 1867. In 1885 he was Grand High Priest, in the same year Grand Master of the Grand Council, and in 1884 was Grand Commander. He was devoted to the masonic order, and well-known and much appreciated throughout the country.

EUGENE STEVENS, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Rhode Island, died at Providence, Jan. 6th. He was born at Piermont, N. H., Dec. 19, 1843.

ROBERT H. HENRY, Grand High Priest of braska in 1897, died in Columbus, Neb., Feb. 1st. He was born in Schuyler Co., N. Y., May 26, 1842. He was President of the State Board of Agriculture two years, and filled other important stations, and had been First Lieutenant in the 11th Wisconsin Infantry in the civil war.

JOHN SPEED SMITH, Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, died at Richmond, Feb. 8th. He was born there in 1844. He was Grand Master in 1892, Grand High Priest in 1899, and President of the Masonic Veterans in 1899.

HORACE S. WINSLOW, Grand High Priest of Iowa in 1877, and Grand Commander in 1880, died in Newton, Iowa, Dec. 11th. He was born in Rutland Co., Vt., July 18, 1837. He was a judge.

ROBERT L. CLARKE, Grand Capt. General of Iowa in 1878, died at Des Moines, Feb. 7th. He was born in Streetsboro, Ohio, April 2, 1838. For many years he was private Secretary to the Governor and held other stations of dignity and responsibility.

RICHARD P. R. MILLAR, Grand Commander of Nebraska in 1896, died in Lincoln, Feb. 14th. He was born in Weston, Platte Co., Mo., Jan. 14, 1844.

THOMAS G. REAMES, Grand Master of Oregon in 1885, died at Jacksonville, Oregon, Feb. 21st. He was born in Litchfield, Ky., Dec. 15, 1839. He was Mayor of Jacksonville for several years. In early life he was in the service of the Hudson Bay Company, and afterwards was banker, merchant and sheriff.

RICHARD H. HUNTINGTON, Grand High Priest of New York in 1886, died at Watertown, Feb. 8th, aged 65 years, 3 months. He was a bank cashier.

HORACE R. BRADBURY, Grand Commander of Ohio, died at Gallipolis, March 10th. He was born at Kyger, Ohio, Sept. 26, 1847, and was a private in the 141st and in the 29th Ohio Infantry, in the civil war, having enlisted when sixteen years old. He was afterwards a bank president.

WHITEFORD S. RAMSAY, Grand Chaplain and Correspondent of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, died at Dublin, March 16th, aged sixty. He was a Baptist clergyman, and had been a Lieutenant Colonel in a Georgia regiment in the civil war. Six thousand people attended his funeral, of which several hundred were masons.



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### The Grand Meetings.

There was an unusual good attendance at the Grand Lodge this year, all but twelve of the 195 lodges being represented. Grand Master Choate was unanimously re-elected, and his record showed him entitled to the compliment, for he had done a very large amount of work in an excellent manner. It was well known that he was a man of fine executive ability, but he was not so well-known as a masonic orator. Yet his address at the laying of the corner stone of the Brown Memorial Library, at Clinton, attracted considerable attention, and the donor expressed much approval of it.

The proposition to change the time of meeting of Grand Lodge should be given earnest attention by the lodges, so that the delegates may come up next year prepared to vote understandingly upon the subject.

The death of Bro. Hiram Chase left Bro. Edward P. Burnham, of Saco, the eldest attendant at Grand Lodge.

In the Grand Chapter, Grand High Priest Hinckley was also unanimously and deservedly re-elected. His work had been well done and the chapters are prosperous.

In the Grand Council the business was brief, but the reports showed the order in good condition, and that Grand Master Blanchard had looked fully after the interests of the Rite.

In the Grand Commandery, Grand Commander Harris delivered a very interesting and scholarly address, which was listened to with much interest. Past Deputy Grand Commander and Correspondent John C. Chase, of North Carolina, was present as a visitor, and was cordially welcomed. Grand Capt. Genl. Henry W. Rugg, of the Grand Encampment, intended to pay an official visit, but was prevented by illness. His ab-

sence was much regretted, as was that of the Grand Prelate, Edwin Howard Vose, of Calais, to whom the Grand Commandery sent a telegram of sympathy.

The amended Statutes were adopted, and also a partial report on asylum tactics.

### Military Lodges.

Bro. Robert Freke Gould has sent us, through his publishers, Gale & Polden, Limited, 2 Amen Corner, Paternoster Row, E. C., London, his new book on Military Lodges. It is a neat little duodecimo of 223 pages, neatly bound in muslin, handsomely illuminated on the front cover with a square and the 47th problem, pendant, in gold.

He opens with the Legend of the Craft, referring especially to Athelstan, in whose masonic connection he is a believer. He then discusses the decay of operative masonry and the rise of Speculative Art. Then come the distinguished army and naval men who have belonged to the craft, and particulars about military lodges.

We look with interest to see what is said of the 29th Regiment, which is supposed to have introduced the Templar Rite into America in 1769. It is reported in Boston in 1768 and 1769, and joining with St. Andrews, and with the other military lodges in petitioning the Grand Lodge of Scotland to appoint Dr. Joseph Warren Provincial Grand Master. In 1820 its warrant was surrendered, but it was revived in 1855, in Burmah.

The 14th Regiment also had a lodge there at the same time, and on the date when the first record of the Templar Order is found, William Davis of that regiment was the one who received it, foreign soldiers acting as officers. That lodge is again reported at Calcutta in 1809 and 1812, at Meerut in 1826, and in the Crimea in 1855, unless different lodges had existed in the same regiment. But in neither lodge is there further mention of Templary.

A long chapter is given to the influence of Masonry in warfare, and anecdotes illustrating it. We are glad to have these anecdotes collated, for they are valuable as well as interesting.

The list of distinguished military men who have belonged to the craft is surprisingly long. Of those now in leading command we find Lord Wolseley, Com-in-chief, Lord Roberts, Lord Kitchener and Sir Charles Warren.

He opens Chapter V with the verse:  
On Fame's eternal camping ground  
Their silent tents are spread,  
And Glory guards with solemn round  
The bivouac of the dead.

and marks it "Anon." If he had known that the poem from which it was taken was written by a distinguished soldier of the Mexican War, Col. Theodore O'Hara, of Kentucky, he would have been pleased to note it. The whole poem was printed in the *Masonic Token* in January, 1869.

The closing chapter is on American Field Lodges. There is an index which is convenient for references.

The volume may be procured of the publishers for 5 shillings, \$1.25 postpaid. We can recommend it to lodge libraries, and it is likely to attract more readers than the author's great work, both because it is a briefer task, and because it will interest the general reader rather than the student.

We are also indebted to Bro. Gould for a reprint of his memorial of the Chevalier Burnes, from the proceedings of the Lodge Quatuor Coronatorum.

Bro. CHAS. M. MORSE, who retired from the office of freight agent at Jacksonville, Illinois, on a pension, on account of loss of sight, in 1894, was given a farewell reception at Masonic Temple in Jacksonville, April 25th, and a substantial present from his brethren. He was born in Wilton, Me., July 21, 1820, made a mason in Waterville Lodge, March 21, 1853, exalted in Jerusalem Chapter, Gardiner, in 1856, and knighted in St. John's Commandery, Bangor, in 1865. He will spend the summer in Pekin, and go to Philadelphia in the autumn to reside with his son.

PAYSON TUCKER, so long manager of the Maine Central Railroad, died at Hot Springs, Mich., whither he had gone for his health, April 27th, aged 62. He was born in Lowell, Mass., Feb. 14th, 1838. At thirteen he entered the railroad business in the office of Supt. Russell of the P. S. & P. R. R. at Portland and won his way to the head. He was initiated in Ancient Landmark Lodge, Oct. 3, 1860, giving his age then as 22. In 1861 he joined Mt. Vernon Chapter and Portland Commandery. He never had time to become a working officer, but was always a valued member, and was especially charitable and kind in recognizing cases of distress.

HIRAM CHASE. Our senior Past Grand Master Hiram Chase, died at Belfast, April 5th, aged 82 years, 4 months. He was born in Charlestown, Mass. For about fifty years he was a jeweler in Belfast, was Past Master from 1861 to 1865, was on the staff of Governor A. P. Morrill, and had been an alderman. For twenty-seven years he was president of the Masonic Temple Association.

In 1849 he first came to Grand Lodge as Junior Warden of Phoenix Lodge. In 1851 he next appears as Master, and was appointed Grand Pursuivant *pro tem*. Next in 1854 he appeared as proxy of his lodge, and that year his father, Timothy Chase, was elected Grand Master. In 1855 he appeared again as Master, and was appointed Grand Junior Deacon. In 1856 and 1857 he was elected Deputy Grand Master, and in 1858 and 1859, Grand Master. In 1858, on July 5th, he laid the corner stone of the City Hall in Portland, which was the occasion of a great celebration, and his speech



at the City banquet, which followed, won him much credit.

In Grand Chapter he was Grand Steward five years, from 1855 to 1859; Grand Principal Sojourner, 1860-1-2; Grand Scribe, 1864; and Deputy Grand High Priest in 1865.

In the Grand Council he was the fourth officer in 1856, and third officer in 1857 and 1858.

In the Grand Commandery he held no office.

He was the senior member in the Order of High Priesthood, and now Orlando Currier of Hallowell, is the eldest.

As Bro. Chase was the eldest member of Grand Lodge, and was always present, no one can remember attending without seeing him, and he will be missed from its councils, especially by the older members, who had met him for a generation, and had learned to love him for his genial manner and kindly ways.

At the 75th anniversary of the Grand Lodge in 1895, he delivered an address in which he paid a tribute to the masonic associates of his youth, and that published address is an admirable memorial for himself.

Bro. Chas. Milton Lambert was elected Secretary of Somerset Lodge, No. 34, at Skowhegan, in January, 1874, and has been re-elected every year since, twenty-seven years.

Bro. Willard L. Colburn, Secretary of Pioneer Lodge, at Ashland, has presented the lodge with eleven copies of the *Token* for the year 1900. It is a very pretty present to make a lodge, and one which will be brought to the remembrance of the members each time they see a paper.

Wm. R. Singleton, Grand Secretary of the District of Columbia, is reported as very ill, and as he is in his 82d year, serious fears are felt as regards his condition.

ORRIN S. FOGG, the teller of Cumberland National Bank, died in this city, Feb. 6th, of consumption. He was a native of Wales, Me., and was 58 years, 5 months old. He was a valued member of Ancient Landmark Lodge, Mount Vernon Chapter and Portland Commandery, and had always been devoted to Masonry and active in its service. He was a Past Commander of Portland Commandery. He came to Portland in 1858 and entered the employ of W. & C. R. Milliken, which later he gave up on account of delicate lungs and for several years was clerk of the Glen House under Mr. Milliken's management. He afterwards entered the employment of the Cumberland National Bank, in which he continued until his death. He married Ellen J. Barker, who, with a daughter and son, survive him. He was a man of high integrity, genial disposition and excellent ability, and was beloved and esteemed by friends and citizens.

ALDEN CHASE.—The Freemason of New England gives a picture and sketch of Bro. Alden Chase, who for nineteen years has been Secretary of Jefferson Lodge, at Bryant's Pond. He was born in Woodstock, June 5, 1819. He was initiated in Blazing Star Lodge in 1859, of which he was Secretary several years. He afterwards joined Paris Lodge and was Master of it. On returning to Bryant's Pond he joined Jefferson Lodge, served as Treasurer, was Master five years and Secretary nineteen years. He has also been District Deputy Grand Master. He resigned the office of Secretary at the last annual meeting, being over eighty years of age. He has been a diligent and efficient officer in every position which he has occupied, and it was always a pleasure to do business with him.

RUFUS H. HINKLEY, the senior member of the banking firm of Swan & Barrett, died at his home in Portland, of pneumonia, March 5th, aged sixty-nine years, four mos. and twenty-two days. He left a wife, seven daughters and two sons. He was born in the neighboring town of Gorham but came to this city early and spent many years as the confidential manager of St. John Smith. Later he entered the firm of Swan & Barrett. He was a man of high integrity and possessed much influence in business and in church affairs, but never entered into public life. He was initiated in Atlantic Lodge, June 20, 1855, among its earliest candidates, and later joined Mt. Vernon Chapter and St. Alban Commandery. In the York Rite he was not an officer, except to hold for a long time the position of Grand Treasurer in the Grand Chapter, but he was active as Director and Trustee, and on Committees. In the Scottish Rite he was long at the head of Dunlap Chapter of Rose Croix, and received the 33d degree in 1885. In the Board of Directors and its successor the board of Masonic Trustees, he held the office of Secretary and Treasurer for thirty-eight years, until his retirement in January 1898, and rendered most valuable service to the fraternity. As all will acknowledge that he was a model man and citizen, his connection with the craft has been an advantage and an honor to it, and of the many who will long miss him and mourn his loss, his masonic brethren will not be the least in number.

The West Australian Freemason says that the new Grand Lodge of Western Australia was organized Feb. 27th, and the officers installed with great ceremony. Sir Gerard Smith, the Governor, is Grand Master, and J. D. Stevenson, Grand Secretary.

Bro. Dennison E. Seymour, of Calais, met with another unfortunate accident January 20th, by breaking his right hip in consequence of tripping over a board. Under skillful care it is hoped his recovery may be rapid.

The remains of Abraham Lincoln have been transferred to a temporary tomb, while repairs are being made upon his monument. Great precautions are taken to guard against their being stolen. It seems strange that any could be found base enough to attempt the sacrilege, but it has been found that in very early days of Egypt, tomb-robbers were abundant, and probably no age was ever free from them.

At the annual meeting of Montgomery and St. Bernard Chapter, Bath, March 15th, the Secretary, Albert L. Strout, reported all but \$18 of the dues collected, and that eighteen was good. We mention it because we think the prompt collection of the dues helps the prosperity of a masonic body very much.

The Grand Chapter of New York elected Feb. 6th, Joseph A. Crane of Rochester, Gr. H. Priest, and Christopher G. Fox of Buffalo, Gr. Sec. Two charters were granted. The membership was 21,223, a gain of 678.

Mrs. Carrie M. Perkins, Grand Secretary of the Eastern Star in Oklahoma, and the bright correspondent of that body, died February 4th.

Bro. Geo. J. Roskrige, Grand Secretary of Arizona, wrote us from Tucson, March 22d, describing himself as sitting in his library with the doors and windows open, looking out upon the flowers and fruit trees in blossom, the roses in flower and other plants budding. It was quite a contrast to our laggard spring.

John E. Avery, of Boston, was run over by an undertaker's wagon, in Boston, Feb. 22d. He was crossing the street, with his umbrella up to keep off the rain, when the wagon ran against him and knocked him down. Several ribs were broken and the injuries, together with a weak heart, resulted in his death the next day. The driver was arrested for manslaughter.

Bro. Avery was a practicing lawyer at 3 Tremont street, unmarried and 51 years old. He resided ten years in Augusta, where he was Superintendent of the E. C. Allen Publishing House. He was Master of Bethlehem Lodge, Commander of Trinity Commandery, and was Grand Capt. General of the Grand Commandery in 1888 and '89. He was buried in Whitefield, Maine.

The masonic temple at London, Ontario, was burned Feb. 23d. It was insured \$40,000 to 50,000. It was owned by a stock company, and the lodge rooms were fine.

A telegram to Bro. Drummond from Indianapolis, states that Bro. Nicholas R. Ruckle died on the morning of May 4th. He was Past Grand Master, and Correspondent of the Grand Lodge. He was also Past Grand Commander and Templar Correspondent. In the Supreme Council he was third officer.



**May.**

May shall make the world anew;  
Golden sun and silver dew,  
Money minted in the sky  
Shall the earth's new garments buy.  
May shall make the orchards bloom;  
And the blossom's fine perfume  
Shall set all the honey bees  
Murmuring among the trees,  
May shall make the bud appear  
Like a jewel, crystal clear,  
'Mid the leaves upon the limb  
Where the robin lifts his hymn.  
May shall make the wild flowers tell  
Where the shining snowflakes fell;  
Just as though each snowflake's heart,  
By some secret, magic art,  
Were transmuted to a flower  
In the sunlight and the shower.  
Is there such another, pray,  
Wonder-making month as May?

—[Frank Dempster Sherman.]

Casco Lodge, of Yarmouth, presented a silver coffee set and \$50 in money to its Secretary, Monroe Stoddard, April 13th, as a testimonial of regard for his faithful services of over twenty years.

Holy Sepulchre Commandery attended Easter service at the Congregational church in Central Falls, R. I. The Pastor was taken ill, and Past Grand Commander Edward L. Freeman, who is the Superintendent of the Sunday School, took his place and delivered an admirable historical discourse on the Templar Order.

Preacher Sheldon, who managed the Topoka Capital for a week, excluded lodge cards during that time, which indicates his disapproval of secret societies.

We have a copy of the speeches made at the banquet of Oriental Consistory, at Chicago, Nov. 16th, from Bro. Gil. W. Barnard. They were bright and entertaining as usual.

Bro. Barnard also sends us the annual report of Garden City Lodge, which, as usual, is interesting.

Writing from Jerusalem, Frank Dingley, of the Lewiston Journal, tells of a visit of the masons of the party to the quarries of Solomon. The visitors were welcomed by the Senior Warden of Jerusalem Lodge, a Syrian, who speaks English. Judge Emery, of Maine, responded. Mr. Short, of Portland, is one of the masons of the party, and among the others are Messrs. Ingraham and Loring, of Portland.

Bro. Fred R. Harris, formerly of Portland, died in an insane asylum, in New York City, during the month of April. His wife died not long before him, and his only son was killed by a railroad accident some years before. His son's wife and her two daughters are all who are left of his family.

The Home Magazine of New York, in its April number, had an excellent article entitled "A Neglected Land of Plenty," urging the establishment of steamboat lines to Maine and the Provinces, in order to build up trade. The Maine Steamship Co. amply supplies the need of Portland, but certainly steamers running to more eastern points would be gladly welcomed, in Maine and in the Provinces.

**The Proposed New Masonic Temple.**

To the Editor of the Times:

We were much pleased and interested in the article which appeared in the January number of the Masonic Token, suggesting to the members of the fraternity that in making their wills they should add a bequest to the Portland fraternity. Not only should this apply to the more wealthy members of the order, but to every mason in moderate circumstances who has the interest of the craft at heart. Every bequest, no matter how small, will add just so much to the financial strength of the order, and will be just as fully appreciated.

As is well known by many, a most desirable site for a Masonic Temple has been purchased and nearly paid for, and we are only waiting now to secure sufficient funds to warrant the commencement of the building of the Temple. We would go farther than Bro. Berry of the Token and suggest that possibly there are some among us like the Hon. James P. Baxter, who in his lifetime, in common with the citizens of Portland, is now enjoying his munificent gift of the Public Library to the city. What a noble and generous thought and act was this of Mr. Baxter's and how great must be the satisfaction to him, realizing as he does the benefit he has conferred upon the citizens of Portland. So we say to those masons who are abundantly able, why not do during your lifetime that which you may have concluded you will do when life's work is done, and thus enable you with others in their declining years to enjoy the comforts which a new masonic home, when built, will furnish to the fraternity of this city. We in Portland are way behind our brethren in many of the smaller cities, who have built and now own free from debt, substantial masonic homes of their own.

[Sunday Times.]

The masons of Augusta have got a new organ costing \$1,500, which was raised by subscriptions.

Amity Lodge, F. & A. M. of Camden, proposes to have the remains of Gen. George Ulmer, one of its first members, removed from Lincolnville, where they now lie, to the masonic lot in Mountain Cemetery in Camden, and to place at his grave a monument suitably inscribed. It is intended to hold appropriate memorial services to Gen. Ulmer next summer on the 100th anniversary of the lodge. Gen. Ulmer was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and had a brilliant record, serving in Arnold's expedition to Quebec and in subsequent campaigns, including that terminating in the surrender of Burgoyne's army at Saratoga. He enlisted as a private, and during the revolution could not have attained high rank, since there is no record of his promotion. But in the war of 1812, he was commissioned a Brigadier General, and had command of all the American forces on the west side of Penobscot Bay.

Masters should see that Secretaries transmit promptly a list of the new-elected officers to the Grand Secretary. When a new Secretary is elected it sometimes happens that for months every communication goes to the old Secretary and is neglected. The new officers should instantly get in touch with the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Minnesota Jan. 17th, elected Alonzo Brandenburg, of Fergus Falls, Grand Master, and Thomas Montgomery, of St. Paul, Gr. Sec. 16,401 members, 970 initiates. Six new lodges chartered.

**Books, Papers, etc.**

—The *Cosmopolitan* for May has several illustrated articles, When the Novice goes to Sea, American Artists in Paris, Ceremonial Cakes, Kings of the Highways and High Seas, A Soldier's Wife in the Philippines, by Mrs. Funston, The Electric Lady, etc.; stories—A Changed Man, by Thomas Hardy, The Daughter of Reb Avrom Leib, by Abraham Cahan, and A Moabitish Woman, by Francis W. Wharton, a capital Sketch, all for 10 cents. *Cosmopolitan*, Irvington, N. Y.

—*Department of Labor*. Bulletin 26, for January, treats of Protection of workmen in their employment, Foreign Labor Laws, Recent State Statistics, &c. Bi-monthly: Carroll D. Wright, Commissioner, editor, Bulletin 27, for March, treats of Wholesale Prices 1890 to 1899, Foreign Labor Laws, Digests, Decisions, etc.

—*Washington's Bequest to his Fellow-Citizens*, an address delivered at a Centenary of Memorial Services, at Wiscasset, Me., Jan. 1, 1800, by Lincoln Lodge. No. 3, by the Rev. John Gregson, A. M., B. D., rector of St. Phillips Church, Wiscasset, and St. John's Church, Dresden, is received from Lincoln Lodge. This centennial observance was postponed one week on account of a severe storm. The services on Jan. 1, 1800, were said to have been the first public service on the death of Washington observed in the District of Maine, the news of his death not having reached here until the 26th of December. The address is an excellent one, and it is a credit to this venerable lodge to observe the centennial of its first observance, and to publish it in the neat and elegant form in which it is issued by Charles E. Emerson, Printer, Wiscasset.

—The *Kansas Craftsman* is a new 32 page octavo magazine, published monthly at Wichita, Kansas, by Edgar B. Marchant, subscription price \$1 a year. The first number is for May. Bro. Marchant's experience as a masonic editor is a guaranty of its ability.

—*Notes and Queries*, Manchester, N. H., \$1 a year. Considerable space given to masonic matters and curious questions about it.

It is said that the President has decided upon John C. Baird, of Wyoming, as U. S. Attorney at Hawaii. As John C. Baird, of Cheyenne, is Grand Recorder and Correspondent of the Grand Commandery of Wyoming, we suppose we shall lose him for a time.

**BALLOTING.**—Since then we have known of a case in which we think the Grand Master was justified in ordering a new ballot. A lodge had been in the habit of using cubes for negative ballots, but finally concluded to return to the old system of using black and white balls. This change was not known to quite a number of members of the lodge, and the very first night when the



balls only were used, a candidate was rejected on the first ballot. This meant that at least two negative votes had appeared. Everybody was surprised, but nothing was said, and the candidate was declared rejected, and the lodge closed. But in some manner the attention of the members was called to the change in the system, and it was found that several of those who balloted were unaware of the change, and supposed that it required a cube to reject. Upon the facts being made known to the Grand Master, he, as we think rightly, ordered a new ballot, and the candidate was elected. So that we still adhere to our proposition that "if it legally appears" that a mistake was made, or was probably made, the Grand Master has the power, in his discretion, to authorize a new ballot. The case we have referred to, illustrates the fact that it is impossible, in advance, to say that a case may not happen in which that fact may legally appear.—[*Drummond's Lodge Corr., 1900.*]

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

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Rising Virtue, Bangor,	22
Kenduskeag Lodge, Kenduskeag,	11
Ira Berry Chapter, Pittsfield,	22
Amity Lodge, Camden,	11
Mariner's Lodge, Searsport,	11
Winter Harbor Lo., Winter Harbor,	11
Perfect Union Lodge, N. Orleans, La.,	22
Pioneer Lodge, Ashland,	11

What lodge shall be next added?

#### Our Thanks.

COLORADO.—Gr. Chapter, Sept. 21, 1899, from Ed. C. Parmelee, Denver, Gr. Sec. Marshall H. Dean, Glenwood Springs, G. H. P. 32 chapters, 2574 members; 138 exalted.

CONNECTICUT.—Gr. Commandery, March 20, 1900, from Eli C. Birdsey, Meriden, Gr. Rec. Eddie S. Davis, Middletown, Gr. Com. 11 commanderies, 2652 members, 131 knights.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—Grand Lodge Nov. 8, 1899, from Wm. R. Singleton, Washington, Gr. Sec. Wm. G. Henderson, Washington, Gr. Master. 25 lodges, 5579 members, 378 initiated.

ILLINOIS.—Red Cross of Constantine, Oct. 13, 1899, from Geo. W. Warvelle, Chicago. Geo. M. Moulton, Grand Sovereign. Harry W. Stannard, Gr. Recorder.

Annual report of Oriental Consistory for 1899, from Gil. W. Barnard, Chicago, Gr. Sec. E. Raymond Bliss, Com. 1865 members, 161 initiates.

KANSAS.—Grand Lodge Feb. 21, 22, 1900, from Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, Gr. Sec. Charles J. Webb, Topeka, Gr. Master. 362 lodges, 20,103 members, 1486 initiates.

LOUISIANA.—Grand Lodge, Feb. 12, 1900, from Richard Lambert, N. Orleans, Gr. Sec. Robert H. Cage, N. Orleans, Gr. Master. 132 lodges, 5962 members, 453 initiates.

Grand Chapter, Feb. 13, 1900, from Richard Lambert, New Orleans, Gr. Sec. J. F. Pierson, New Orleans, G. H. P. 21 chapters, 1179 members, 131 exalted.

Grand Council, Feb. 16, 1899, and Feb. 15, 1900, from Richard Lambert, Gr. Rec. J. F. Pierson, Gr. Master. 5 councils, 169 members, 13 candidates.

Grand Commandery, Feb. 16, 1900, from Richard Lambert, Gr. Rec. Graham Surghor, Monroe, G. Com. 5 commanderies, 310 members, 11 knighted.

MANITOBA.—Grand Lodge, June 14, 1899, from Wm. G. Scott, Winnipeg, Gr. Sec. John Leslie, Winnipeg, G. M. 60 lodges, 2870 members, 272 initiates.

MARYLAND.—Gr. Chapter Nov. 14, 1899, from Geo. L. McCahan, Baltimore, Gr. Sec. Daniel T. Ordeman, Frederick, G. H. P. 19 chapters, 1924 members, 94 exalted.

MICHIGAN.—Grand Lodge, Jan. 23, 24, 1900, from Jefferson S. Conover, Coldwater, Gr. Sec. Lucian E. Wood, Niles, Gr. Master. 386 lodges, 41,917 members, 2098 candidates.

Gr. Chapter, Jan. 16, 17, 1900, from Jefferson S. Conover, Coldwater, Gr. Sec. Reuben C. Webb, Detroit, G. H. P. 132 chapters, 13,641 members, 517 exalted.

Grand Council, Jan. 15, 16, 1900, from Jefferson S. Conover, Coldwater, Gr. Rec. Richard A. Catton, Detroit, G. M. 59 councils, 4537 members, 223 candidates.

Council of Deliberation, 1900, from Deputy Hugh McCurdy, whose address, as usual, is able and interesting.

MINNESOTA.—Grand Lodge, Jan. 17, 1900, from Thomas Montgomery, St. Paul, Gr. Sec. Alonzo Brandenburg, Fergus Falls, G. M. 16,401 members, 970 initiates.

Masonic Veteran Association, 8th annual reunion Jan. 1900, from Edward P. Capen, Minneapolis.

NEBRASKA.—Gr. Chapter, Dec. 13, 1899, from Francis E. White, Omaha, Grand Sec. James Dinsmore, Hebron, G. H. P. 53 chapters, 2900 members, 129 exalted.

NEW MEXICO.—Grand Lodge, New Mexico, Oct. 3 and 4, 1899, from Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Gr. Sec. Elias E. Day, Las Cruces, G. M. 20 lodges, 922 members, 57 initiates.

NEW YORK.—Gr. Chapter, Feb. 6, 1900, from Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo, Gr. Sec. Joseph A. Crane, Rochester, G. H. P. 190 chapters, 21,223 members, 1442 exalted.

NEW ZEALAND.—Grand Lodge, half year ending 30th Sept., 1899, from Rev. William Ronaldson, Auckland, Gr. Sec. Hon. Richard John Seddon, G. M.

NOVA SCOTIA.—Gr. Lodge June 14, 1899, from Hon. William Ross, Halifax, Gr. Sec. Thomas B. Flint, Yarmouth, G. M. 62 lodges, 3397 members, 242 initiates.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Grand Chapter, Dec. 27, 1899, from Charles Carey, Philadelphia, Gr. Sec. Michael W. Jacobs, Harrisburg, G. H. P. 123 chapters, 18,049 members, 1,176 candidates.

Council of Deliberation, Dec. 5, 1899, from Francis M. Highley, Phila., Gr. Sec. James I. Buchanan, Phila., Com-in-Chief. 3,591 members.

TENNESSEE.—Gr. Council, Jan. 29, 1900, from W. A. Clendening, Nashville, Gr. Rec. R. E. Thomas, Cumberland City, Gr. M. 21 councils, 552 members, 14 candidates.

UTAH.—Gr. Lodge Jan. 16, 1900, from Christopher Diehl, Salt Lake City, Gr. Sec. George V. Schramm, Ogden, G. M. 10 lodges, 867 members, 67 initiates.

VIRGINIA.—Masonic Home, 9th annual report from Chas. A. Nesbitt, Richmond, Sec. Beverley R. Wellford, Jr., President. Inmates, 45.

WEST VIRGINIA.—Grand Lodge, Nov. 15, 1899, from Geo. W. Atkinson, Charleston, G. Sec. Neil Robinson, Charleston, Gr. Master. 119 lodges, 6,567 members, 561 initiates.

Gr Chapter, Dec. 14, 1899, from R. C. Dunnington, Fairmont, Grand Sec. Walling W. VanWinkle, Parkersburg, G. H. P. 26 chapters, 1,826 members, 217 exalted.

#### DIED.

GORHAM S. JOHNSON, in Hallowell, Jan. 18, aged 62. He was master in the navy in the civil war.

JOHN H. LONG, in Portland, Jan. 21, aged 49 y. 9 m. 21 d. He was formerly connected with Dunn's Mercantile Agency.

ROBERT INGALLS, in Portland, Jan. 26, aged 70 yrs. 3 mos. A member of Atlantic Lodge.

ORRIN M. SHAW, in Winthrop, Jan. 30, aged 74. He formerly kept the Falmouth Hotel in Portland, and later, the West End at Bar Harbor.

ORRIN S. FOGG, in Portland, Feb. 6, aged 58 yrs. 5 mos. (See editorial.)

JOHN J. FOY, in San Francisco, Feb. 12, aged 74 y. 1 m. 9 d. A native of Maine.

CAROLYN H. JOYCE, in Portland, Oregon, Feb. 17, aged 67 yrs. 2 mos. 24 days. Widow of Wm. H. D. Joyce, formerly of Ancient Landmark Lodge, of Portland, Maine, and eldest daughter of the late Ira Berry, of Portland, Maine.

EDMUND McMURDIE, in Boston, Feb. 18, aged 60. He was a Past Master of Augusta Lodge, and a Past Commander of Trinity Commandery in Augusta, where he was formerly many years with the E. C. Allen Publishing Co. He was buried at North Anson, his earlier home.

JOHN E. AVERY, in Boston, Feb. 22, aged 51. (See editorial.)

RUFUS H. HINKLEY, in Portland, March 5, aged 69 yrs. 5 mos. (See editorial.)

RICHARD SHEPARD, in Portland, March 9, aged 77. He was initiated in Portland Lodge D. c. 31, 1847, and was its oldest member. He was exalted in Mount Vernon Chapter April 10, 1849, and was the oldest member in that body, where he was a frequent attendant to the last. He was a master mariner.

JAMES G. McFARLAND, in Boston, March 22, aged 54. A member of Atlantic Lodge and St. Alban Commandery of Portland.

EDWARD BRECK, in North Vassalboro, April 4, aged 81. He was made a mason in Central Lodge, China, in 1855. Buried by Vassalboro Lodge, escorted by St. Omer Commandery.

ALBION BLACKSTONE, in Portland, April 5, aged 73. A member of Deering Lodge.

HIRAM CHASE, in Belfast, April 5, aged 82 yrs. 4 mos. (See editorial.)

WILLIAM B. R. HAMILTON, in Portland, April 6, aged 38. A member of Hiram Lodge, South Portland.

FRANK B. REYNOLDS, in St. Helena, Cal., April 7, aged 69. A native of Augusta, Me.

PAYSON TUCKER, at Hot Springs, Michigan, April 27, aged 62. (See editorial.)

LEMUEL T. DAVIS, in Portsmouth, May 5, of heart disease, aged 61. He was born in Portland, Feb. 22, 1839, and was a sailmaker. He was a past master of St. Andrew's Lodge. He left three sons.

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