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The Passing of Summer.

Woods russet red—
Full fruited orchards and the golden haze,
That round the edges of the short'ning days;
And fresher grows the sultry air at night,
And sharper gleam the starry spears of light
In the blue vault o'erhead—
The year has pass'd its noon, and summer's sped.

Green glades are crossed
With fairy gossamers, dew drench'd and fine,
And in the he g'erows barried jewels shine—
Deep purpling sloes, and scarlet of the brier,
While the great beeches, flame to sudden fire
At the first touch of frost—
An added glow for every glory lost.

No songsters fill
The air with music; in gay companies
Feather'd explorers hurry toward the seas;
The falling leaves in elfin dances fly,
And fragrant pine cones drop in hollows dry;
But yet on moor and hill
The heather wears its royal vesture still.

Autumn is here—
A sun brown'd reaper—strong of arm and fleet,
The ripen'd corn in sheaves about his feet;
The last flower summer left is on his breast;
"Be still, O, patient Earth," he cries, "and rest—
Sleep through dark days and drear
Till spring shall whisper in thy dreaming ear!"
—[Christian Burke in Blackwood's Magazine.]

MASONRY IN MAINE.

Lodge Elections.

Naval, 184, Kittery. Henry I Durgin, m;
Fred N Cross, sw; Granville O Berry, jw;
Levi L Goodrich, sec.

Rural, 53, Sidney. William P Marble,
m; J Emery Nash, sw; Herman A Faught,
jw; James F Warren, sec.

Blue Mountain, 67, Phillips. Burton A
Davenport, m; Albert F Earnshaw, sw;
Eugene I Herrick, jw; Daniel L. Dennison,
sec.

Lebanon, 116, So. Norridgewock. Eben
S Miller, m; Ernest W Gilman, sw; Chas
R Miller, jw; Chas A Ward, sec.

Morning Star, 41, Litchfield Corners. Geo
E Ring, m; Frank E Lane, sw; Herbert M
Starbird, jw; Irving W Gilbert, sec.

Installed Sept. 18th by Grand Master
Winfield S. Choate. The Aeolian Quartette
of Lewiston and Mrs. Lillian Gove of Auburn,
furnished a pleasing entertainment,
and a banquet was served to 125 brethren
and guests.

Liberty, 111, Liberty. Percy Leman, Lib-
ertyville, m; Albert D Ramsey, Center

Montville, sw; Willis J Greely, jw; Am-
brose P Cargill, sec.

Blazing Star, 30, Rumford Falls. Virgil
A Linnell, m; Gerald A Peabody, sw;
Frank R Reed, jw; Fred A. Porter, sec.

Molunkus, 165, Sherman Mills. John Gos-
nell, m; Daniel H Perry, sw; Geo W Up-
ton, jw; Freeman C. Harris, sec.

Unity, 58, Thorndike. Alden J Whitney,
m; Edwin Cornforth, sw; Lincoln G Mon-
roe, jw; Albert W Ward, sec.

Installed Oct. 4th by Past D D G M Albert
W Ward.

Mount Olivet, 203, Washington. Thomas
Sukeforth, m; Luther A Law, sw; Sylva-
nus C Pierpont, jw; William M Staples, sec.
Installed in public, Oct 4, by Past Master
L M Staples. Picnic supper, and large at-
tendance.

Ancient York, 155, Lisbon Falls. Irving
L Philbrook, m; William H Douglass, sw;
L H Moulton, jw; William Parkin, sec.

Installed Oct. 6th by D D G Master Perez
L Burr.

Piscataquis, 44, Milo. Albert C Cushman,
m; George W Daggett, sw; Will S Owen,
jw; Albert W Murray, sec.

Wilton, 156, Wilton. Leon A Bump, m;
Edgar C Bump, sw; Charles H Smart, jw;
Fred E Trefethen, sec.

Lodge Notes.

Hiram Lodge, of South Portland, made its
annual excursion to Long Island, Aug. 15th,
100 attending.

Atlantic Lodge, of Portland, had its an-
nual excursion and clam bake at Spurwink
August 25th, 100 being present.

Portland Lodge has voted to have a public
installation of officers in November after the
annual election.

Commandery Notes.

Dunlap Commandery, of Bath, visited St.
Johnsbury, Vermont, Aug. 29th and 30th,
where they were entertained by Palestine
Commandery, who took them on the 30th to
Newport for a day on Lake Memphremag-
og.

Bethany Commandery, of Lawrence,
Mass., 95 strong, passed through Portland,
Sept. 1st, on its way to the Bay of Naples
Inn on Lake Sebago. They returned 3d.

Bangor, September 26th.—The most novel
event in the history of Masonry in Maine
and probably in the country took place here
to-night when Rising Virtue Lodge, No. 10,
F. & A. M., worked the third degree on Col.
Israel B. Norcross, of Bay City, Mich., who
is 84 years of age. Col. Norcross formerly
resided in Bangor, and came here last sum-
mer for a visit. He took the first degrees
when a resident of Bangor 43 years ago, but
for personal reasons his progress in Mason-

ry ceased. Major Jere Fenno, who was act-
ing Master when Mr. Norcross took his sec-
ond degree, acted as Master to-night. Past
Grand Master C. I. Collamore was Senior
Warden, and all who assisted in the work
were Past Masters. Grand Master W. S.
Choate was present.

Grand Chapter Assignments.

The Council of the Grand Chapter met in
Bath, July 28th, all of the members being
present, with the Grand Lecturer and D. D.
G. H. Priests. The meeting was a very en-
joyable and useful one. The following as-
signments were made:

To M. E. Winfield S. Hinckley, Grand
High Priest, Lisbon: Acadia, No. 31, Ells-
worth; Crescent, No. 26, Pembroke; East-
ern, No. 10, Eastport; Keystone, No. 24,
Camden; Oriental, No. 30, Bridgton; Pis-
cataquis, No. 21, Foxcroft; St. Andrew's,
No. 51, Mechanic Falls; Searsport, No. 58,
Searsport.

To R. E. Frederick W. Plaisted, Deputy
Grand High Priest, Augusta: Ezra B.
French, No. 42, Damariscotta; Hancock,
No. 19, Bucksport; Mount Horeb, No. 49,
Mattawamkeag; Mount Kebo, No. 50, Bar
Harbor; Murray, No. 33, Kennebunk; Ox-
ford, No. 29, Norway; Saint Croix, No. 17,
Calais; Saint Paul's, No. 14, Brunswick.

To R. E. Howard D. Smith, Grand King
Norway: Cushnoc, No. 43, Augusta; Hen-
ry Knox, No. 47, Thomaston; Ira Berry,
No. 57, Pittsfield; Mount Vernon, No. 1,
Portland; Pentecost, No. 55, Boothbay Har-
bor; Saint John's, No. 25, Dexter; Tecon-
net, No. 52, Waterville; York, No. 5, Saco.

To R. E. William N. Howe, Grand Scribe,
Portland: Androscoggin, No. 34, Liver-
more Falls; Bradford, No. 33, Auburn;
Cumberland, No. 35, Yarmouth; Dirigo, No.
39, Cherryfield; King Solomon's Temple,
No. 8, Rockland; New Jerusalem, No. 3,
Wiscasset; Warren, No. 53, East Machias;
Washington, No. 16, Machias.

To R. E. Charles E. Meserve, District
Deputy Grand High Priest, Rockland: Co-
rinthian, No. 7, Belfast; Dunlap, No. 12,
China; Franklin, No. 44, Farmington; Mont-
gomery and Saint Bernard, No. 2, Bath;
Rumford, No. 56, Rumford Falls; Stevens,
No. 28, Newport; Turner, No. 41, Turner;
Winthrop, No. 37, Winthrop.

To R. E. Charles W. Jones, District Dep-
uty Grand High Priest, China: Atlantic,
No. 40, Vinalhaven; Drummond, No. 27,
Oakland; Jerusalem, No. 4, Hallowell;
King Hiram, No. 9, Lewiston; Mount Mo-

riah, No. 6, Bangor; Pine Tree, No. 59, Deer Isle; St. George's, No. 45, Liberty; White Rose, No. 54, Sanford.

To R. E. Walter S. Glidden, District Deputy Grand High Priest, Bath: Aroostook, No. 20, Houlton; Aurora, No. 22, Cornish; Eagle, No. 11, Westbrook; Garfield, No. 48, Caribou; Greenleaf, No. 13, Portland; Lebanon, No. 18, Gardiner; Somerset, No. 15, Skowhegan; Unity, No. 32, South Berwick.

FARMINGTON.—Among the celebrations of Old Home week the Farmington *Chronicle* gives the following;

Masonic hall was very prettily decorated with flowers, and many people visited it during the afternoon. A pleasant incident of the afternoon was the recitation of Mrs. E. Darwin Prescott, of Phillips (84 years of age) who with her husband (88 years) visited the hall; it was an ancient rhyme written by a lady who urged the young men to become masons. In the evening a goodly company gathered therein at the reunion, and a dainty lunch was served in the banquet hall. Preliminary exercises included an address of welcome by Past Master and D. D. G. M. Enoch O. Greenleaf, which was of great interest to the craft; followed by a cordial response by R. W. Archie Lee Talbot, of Lewiston, Master of Maine Lodge in 1871, and Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maine in 1880. Past Master S. Clifford Belcher as toastmaster called upon numerous visiting brethren as well as home members, all of whom had a good word to say.

One of the best band concerts of the season was that given on the common in the evening by Wheeler's band.

The public buildings, churches and halls were open each day, and numerous visitors entered them. J. E. McKeown, tyler of Maine Lodge, F. and A. M., says that over three hundred people inspected masonic hall.

Books, Papers, etc.

—*Maine Register*, State Year Book and Legislative Manual, No. 31, June, 1900. This valuable compendium has reached 960 pages of fine type. It is of great benefit to the State to have such a complete publication, and of greater benefit to the fortunate possessor in or out of the State, to have a book which answers so many questions. The mason can find from it if any masonic body is located in any town in the State, and the name and character of the body. It is especially good for verifying names, as the publishers are very careful to get them exact, which the generality of people are not. It does not have the name of everybody in the State, but it is a complete business directory for the whole Commonwealth, and is brought up to date. \$2 postpaid. G. M. Donham, 390 Congress St., Portland, Publisher.

—*Notes and Queries* thinks Masonry and the Theosophical Society are in possession of the Ancient Mysteries.

—*Commissioner of Labor*, 14th Annual Report 1899, subject, Water, Gas, and Electric Light Plants under Private and Municipal ownership. The returns represent 56¼ per cent. of the products and are therefore

reliable to formulate conclusions from. It is shown that gas can be manufactured as low as 20 cents a 1000 cubic foot, and at 40 to 45c. including depreciation and every item of expense. That shows that competition with electricity is going to cheapen light, as there is a good margin for profit. Carroll D. Wright, Commissioner.

Bulletin 29, for July, 1900, treats of Industrial Combinations and the Yukon and Nome Gold Regions. There is also an excellent article on Labor Day, by Miss M. C. DeGraffenried, of the Department of Labor.

—*The Flower of Knighthood*, a sermon delivered before St. Omer Commandery, of South Boston, Mass., and Pilgrim Commandery of Laconia, N. H., June 24, 1900, from Rev. Bro. Heber Rice, of Laconia.

—*Special Catalogue of Library Oriental Consistory of Chicago*, with Tableau of members, from Gil W. Barnard, Gr. Sec.

—*The Cosmopolitan* for October has illustrated articles on the Russian Army, the American Colony in Paris, the Inspection of a Railway, Some New Members of the Comédie Française, Offshore Whaling in the Bay of Monterey, etc., with some good stories. \$1 a year, Irvington, N. Y.

Father and Daughter Re-united.

A romance in real life has been developed right here in our midst.

During the Civil War Mr. James Gideon Meserve served with credit with Company G, 39th Wisconsin. He returned from the war and moved his family, which consisted of his wife and daughter, to California, where in the intricacies of life, he became separated from them and lost sight of them altogether. Years went by, and his efforts to get track of them failed, and having then got to be an old man, he came to Maine, to make his home with his nephew, Mr. E. J. Thompson, of 841 Congress street. Here he remained until a few weeks since, when he went to board with Mr. Vail, on Gilman street. He was a fine old gentleman, 78 years of age, and made a host of friends, among whom he was affectionately known as "Uncle Gid." He joined Bosworth Post, and made many friends in the fraternity.

Some weeks since, Mrs. Cora E. Ruggles, of Alameda, Cal., wrote to Mr. Stephen Berry, of this city, to find out about the standing of her father in the masonic fraternity. She supposed that he was dead but thought Mr. Berry could find out if he was in good standing at the time of his death, as she desired to become a member of the Eastern Star. Her father was Jas. G. Meserve, and he was born in Machias, so that she thought it more than likely that he was a member of a masonic lodge there. Mr. Berry wrote to Machias, and was much surprised to learn that Mr. Meserve was living in Portland with Mr. Thompson. He at once communicated the facts which had come to his knowledge to them, and the result was that Mr. Meserve, who was thought to be dead, and his daughter, whom he feared was dead, were put into communication.

Mrs. Ruggles wrote, urging her father to come to her California home to end his days with her. It was a long and costly trip, but kind friends intervened in his behalf. Several members of Bosworth Post, among them Captain H. R. Sargent and Charles H. Fabyan, and a Mr. Shepherd interested themselves, and got General John Marshall

Brown, who is a Governor of the Soldiers' Homes, interested as well. Through the efforts of General Brown, special reduced rates were obtained for the old veteran, and yesterday he left for California.

A crowd of interested friends were at the station to see him off, and one, to cheer the beginning of his journey, went as far as Biddeford with him. She left him in good spirits and with a promise to write and let his Portland friends know of his arrival in his new home.—[*Express*, Sept. 21.]

DEPENDENT MEMBERSHIP.—"Our authority is of two kinds, historical and etymological. During ninety-three years of masonic teaching in this jurisdiction no such lesson has been learned or taught. We are loyal to the old charges—all of them—and seek not, by 'pains and penalties,' to enforce what should be a matter of free will. Masons held by such a tie are of small value to the craft, and do not deserve the name of 'free.' But not only in our own jurisdiction has this been law, but in some of the oldest lodges in our land, and in all the early lodges of England and Scotland, masons were made without any regard to future membership anywhere. Membership was a matter for after consideration.

"Undoubtedly this grew to be an evil, and the 'ancient charge' was approved as a wholesome corrective, but the custom of making unaffiliated masons was older than the charge, otherwise no such charge would have been made. In view of this we call the notion 'modern.' We call it a 'fad' because we regard it as a 'passing fancy' a 'capricious hobby,' a 'whim'—See Standard Dictionary. The argument and illustration given seems to us inappropriate. Filial devotion enforced by statute would be a paltry affair, not worthy of the name. Forty-six years of continued membership in the dear old lodge where we were made, and to which we owe more than tongue can tell, protest against any compulsion.

"Furthermore, having served our day and generation and gone on step to step, we expect to hear the reasonable question, 'What part of the work are you willing to undertake?' and our answer is ready, 'that part that needs us most, without the hope of fee or reward.' Furthermore, we do not believe that Masonry is better taught, or better learned, under such compulsory rules, nor that we in this Grand Jurisdiction have a larger proportion of idlers than elsewhere. Reduced to its lowest terms, it is a mere matter of dollars and cents for the benefit of those who, with one exception, have never asked for it. It savors of 'commercialism,' the foulest blot on our civic life today. We didn't write the above with a view to convince Companion Harrison, for he says he is 'unalterably in favor,' etc., but because we rather love to give a reason for the faith we have held for many years: but we find so much of interest in this report and so many points of agreement that we close with regret."—[*John M. Pearson's Illinois Chapter Report, 1899.*]

Nawawis, the Ruin of the Ancient Eridu.

The Committee of the Ur Expedition have recently made application to the Turkish Government for permission to open excavations in Lower Mesopotamia, at Mugheir and the surrounding tract of land embracing ten square kilometers. This is the extent of space which according to the Turkish law may be excavated at one time by a single expedition. A recent number of *BIBLIA* described the mound Mugheir, on the site of the Biblical Ur of the Chaldees, one of the most important of the Babylonian ruins.

Standing on top of Mugheir and looking a little to the west of south, one may see the summit of another mound, still within the space to be excavated, containing the ruins of the ancient city of Eridu. The mound is now known as Nawawis, but half a century ago the travelers called it Abu Sharein. It is situated on the edge of the Arabian plateau just where the alluvial deposit of Babylonia ends and the higher rocky desert plain begins. In ancient times when the Persian Gulf extended far inland, Eridu was a seaport town, and an Arab tradition still asserts that it was once the landing place for ships. Its location on the edge of the plateau may point to a great antiquity, for here it was possible for a city to have stood long before the alluvial plain was habitable, while the waters of the Persian Gulf were still rolling over the ground upon which Ur, Erech, Telloh and Nippur were later built. Eridu may therefore have been the most ancient city of Babylonia.

Up to the present time probably no American traveler has visited the ruin, for the Turkish soldiers are unwilling to accompany a stranger into the country which just now is controlled by a hostile Arab tribe. Three or four only have viewed it from the summit of Mugheir. However, in 1854, Mr. Taylor, the English consul at Busreh, explored the ruin. His report is found in the *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society of London* that year.

The mound, which is small in comparison with Mugheir, is nearly square, its corners turned to the cardinal points, and its longer sides are less than 800 feet in length. About the mound is a wall now about twenty feet in height, pierced by three openings, the remains of gateways. Nearly the entire enclosure is filled with a brick platform, equal in height with the surrounding wall. The southern part of the mound contains a few unimposing ruins, but on the northern edge stands the temple, a pyramidal shaped building, reaching seventy feet above the platform. Two of its stories are still to be seen. A peculiar feature of the temple is a marble stairway fifteen feet broad and seventy feet in length leading up to the exterior. The polished marble slabs, which served as steps, are still scattered among the ruins, attesting to the extreme richness of the building, and along the two edges of the stairway are balustrades; at the foot of the stairway the bases of two large pillars remain, the object of which is uncertain. The peculiar shapes of the bricks, plain cones, cylinders, innumerable fragment of pottery, pure gold leaf and stone implements abounding in great profusion, are the distinguishing features of this ruin. Unlike most other Babylonian temples, that at Eridu was built partly of stone, for the architects here had access to the neighboring sandstone ridges, and the plain to the south abounds in great boulders of black granite. The statement frequently made that the huge stones from which the Telloh statues were hewn, were quarried at Sinai, must now be modified, for the quarries about Eridu supplied the material. Mr. Taylor, speaking of the mound, says, that as one approaches it he will see "blocks and pieces of marble, rough and polished, of

different colors of the most beautiful hues; fragments of bowls, vases, and coffins, in crystal, marble and alabaster; gilt-headed nails, curious bricks, and tiles of original shape and composition; and lastly, and the most curious and interesting, the clay hatchets and hammers, the flint knives and styles, stone and clay nails, and a hundred other objects, so palpably denoting a remote period, and one of the earliest stages of civilization." One may imagine the desire which the excavator has to reveal the treasures buried in this ruin.

Although the knowledge of the present condition of the ruin is confined largely to Taylor's description, the Babylonian inscriptions frequently allude to the ancient city of Eridu. In the Babylonian story of the creation Eridu is mentioned as one of the earliest cities erected soon after the creation of the world, and Gudea, whose date was not far from 4000 B. C., could pay no greater tribute to the importance of the city as a religious center than he did by saying that he built a Temple in Telloh as sacred as one at Eridu. Eridu was sacred to Ea the god of the deep, one of the most ancient and important deities of the Babylonian pantheon, and Ur-Bau, King of Ur, calls him King of Eridu. However, the city was prominent only in the earliest period of Babylonian history, for about the time of Hammurabi, 2400 B. C., it declined and the temple gradually fell into ruins, burying its treasures for future generations. The city passed away, but its glory continued to be celebrated in the many hymns and magical texts of the ritual to the end of the Babylonian Empire. Probably no excavations in Babylonia will ever throw more light on the extremely early history of Mesopotamia than those about to begin in the ruins of this ancient temple.

[*Edgar James Banks in Biblia.*]

EXTRA BALLOTS.—"A very curious case came before him, in which it was absolutely certain that some member of a chapter, instead of throwing the cubes in the box for rejecting a candidate, brought with him one or more cubes of a different description from those in the box, so that there were four in the ballot box when the ballot had been taken. It is claimed that these were thrown by the same party, and the question was raised whether the rejection was valid. The decision was that it was valid, but that if the allegations could be proved they would subject the offender to discipline.—[*Drummond's Chapter Corr., 1900.*]

Supreme Council, N. M. J.

At the 88th annual meeting of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite Masons for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction in Boston, Sept. 18th to 20th, the Thirty-Third degree was conferred upon Hugh Ross Chaplin, of Bangor, and Frank Eugene Sleeper, of Sabattus, both having been elected to the honor last year. At the banquet held on Tuesday evening, the following were present from Portland: Marquis F. King, Deputy for Maine; Josiah H. Drummond, Millard F. Hicks, Chas. I. Riggs, Leander W. Fobes, Geo. E. Raymond, Samuel F. Bearce, John S. Russell, George R. Shaw, J. Ambrose Merrill, as well as about fifteen others from the eastern part of the State.

The next annual meeting will be held at Milwaukee on the third Tuesday of Septem-

ber, 1901. A proposition to meet annually in Boston was defeated. Henry L. Palmer, of Milwaukee, was re-elected Sov. G. Com.; Gen. Sam'l C. Lawrence, of Medford, Mass., Lieut. G. Com.; Gen. John C. Smith, of Chicago, G. Minister of State; W. J. Burnham, Lewiston, Maine, Grand Almoner; Marquis F. King, Portland, Deputy for Maine. James Belknap, of New York, was appointed Assistant Grand Secretary.

PETITIONS RECEIVED WITHOUT FEES.—

"One interesting question was decided by him, and the Grand Chapter concurred in the decision. The by-laws of a chapter required that the fee should accompany the petition. Three petitions were received by the chapter without the fees, and through somebody's neglect they took the usual course, and the candidates were all rejected. The question was then raised whether, inasmuch as the fee did not accompany the petitions, the rejections were valid. The decision was that they were. The Grand High Priest stated that if the degree had been conferred it could not be properly claimed that the candidates did not thereby become Royal Arch Masons. We agree in this conclusion, although this reason has not been held a valid one in all class of cases, but erroneously so held, we think. We believe that when the acceptance of the petition and conferring the degrees make the party a regular Royal Arch Mason, a rejection of his petition under the same circumstances is a valid rejection."—[*Drummond's Chapter Corr., 1900.*]

Dr. S. C. Gordon entertained a party of friends from Portland Commandery at the Oxford Home, Fryeburg, Sept. 14th.

ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND.—The 23d annual session was held in Boston, September 17th, Provincial Grand Master Josiah H. Drummond, of Portland, Me., presiding. The annual dinner was attended by 150 members and ladies and was a very pleasant affair.

"Once a Mason Always a Mason"

It is not the taking of an obligation that makes the mason, but the keeping of that obligation. When a member knowingly and continuously violates his obligation, technically, he ceases to be a mason. When a member violates any of the by-laws, rules and regulations of his lodge, one of which requires him to pay dues, he may be suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, which certainly puts him outside the pale of the institution. If expelled, he is as dead to Masonry as a profane, his only advantage being that, like the burglar who has the combination of your safe, he may rob you if you are not continuously on guard. A profane may be a good man and true to whose application for full membership no objection can be made, but one who has been expelled, may only approach the "wailing place by the outer wall." He is an enemy of Freemasonry, infinitely less entitled to consideration by masons, than one who never stood at a masonic altar. It is worse than absurd to make use of the expression "once a mason, always a mason;" it is wrong.—[*Missouri Freemason.*]

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Secretaries should instantly report the election of Officers, if they have not done so, that communications, &c., may be sent to the proper addresses

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

Any member of the Grand Chapter can obtain the Constitution of that body in the same way.

Grand Secretary Thomas H. R. Redway, of New Jersey, had a narrow escape from drowning August 10th, by an upset into the canal.

A circular from Joseph W. Pomfrey, Grand Master of Ancient York Grand Lodge, of Kentucky, proclaims the legitimate Grand Lodge of Kentucky to be clandestine and forbids all intercourse with its lodges. Grand Master Pomfrey's picture is given and he appears to be a white man, although the circular otherwise looks as if it were from a colored Grand Lodge. J. G. Brice is Grand Secretary.

The Brown Memorial Library building at Clinton, of which the corner-stone was laid by the Grand Lodge, Sept. 25, 1899, was dedicated Aug. 15th. Grand Master Choate was among the speakers at the banquet which followed.

MODEL BY-LAWS.—The addition to Section 117 of the Grand Lodge Constitution, page 46, Proceedings 1900, necessitates a change in the model by-laws in the Article of Membership, Section 41, and any lodge desiring a corrected copy can obtain one by applying to the Grand Secretary.

MANITOBA.—Bro. Wm. G. Scott, for twenty years the efficient Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba has resigned his office on account of exacting public duties. He has our good wishes, with many thanks for his unfailing courtesy during all his term of office. His successor is James A. Ovas, of Winnipeg. The newly-elected Gr. Master, Robert S. Thornton, is the Grand Representative of Maine.

Bro. George M. Moore sends us from London a Daily Graphic, giving a picture of the remains of the round nave of the church of the Knights of St. John, recently unearthed at Clerkenwell. It was built 800 years ago.

The summer brought us some masonic callers, among them Bro. Walter H. Young, of Brooklyn, N. Y., July 24th; Bro. Edward B. James, Boston, Aug. 6th; Bro. Edward P. Capen, Minneapolis, Aug. 6th; Bro. Albert Maxfield, New York, Sept. 5th.

We have received the wedding announcement of the Hon. Robert Marshall, and Sarah Besnard, at Saint Peter's Church, Springhill, N. B., August 11th, and beg that they will accept our congratulations. Bro. Marshall has filled so many of the highest offices in New Brunswick that he is known far and wide. Miss Besnard is the youngest daughter of the late Peter Besnard, of St. John.

COSTA RICA.—A new Grand Lodge, composed of four lodges, was organized in San Juan de Costa Rica, Dec. 7, 1899. It recognizes only craft lodges and appears to be like English and American Grand Lodges. G. Rucavado is Grand Master, and Edmund A. Osborne, Grand Sec. The Constitution is printed in English.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The Grand Council for the Maritime Provinces met at St. John Aug. 20th, Hon. Robert Marshall, G. M., presiding. William Marshall Black, of Wolfville, N. S., was elected Grand Master.

The Grand Chapter met August 29th and elected John A. Watson, of St. John, G. H. Priest, and W. B. Wallace, of St. John, Gr. Sec. Ten chapters and 458 members.

The Council of High Priesthood elected Robert Marshall, President, and John A. Watson, Recorder.

We were favored with a call Aug. 4th from Comp. Charles Cary, Gr. Sec. of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, who, with a friend, had run down for a short sea voyage.

And on Sept. 21st, we were delighted to receive a call from Gen. John C. Smith and Grand Recorder Gilbert W. Barnard, of Chicago, who came around by Portland on their way home from Supreme Council.

Bro. Gil. W. Barnard favors us with the addresses at the celebration St. John's Day of Van Rensselaer G. L. of Perfection, Chicago.

VALUE OF LODGE HISTORIES.—A brother in the West who was made in Maine in 1865 recently wrote for evidence of his making, having lost his diploma. In the meantime the lodge records had been burned. In the Grand Lodge the returns only run back to 1867, and his name did not appear, as he never affiliated. Fortunately his lodge history, which had been filed with the Grand Lodge, contained a list of candidates in 1865, and thus he was able to get a certificate.

The New Grand Lodge of Western Australia has 43 lodges and 2,000 members. Sir Gerard Smith is Grand Master, and J. D. Stevenson, of Perth, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Chapter of Illinois will celebrate its semi-centennial anniversary at Chicago, Oct. 25th and 26th, and the *Token* acknowledges an invitation, with thanks.

The excavations in Egypt and Babylonia are wonderfully increasing our knowledge of those ancient kingdoms, but although they throw light on almost every other subject, they give us no traces of organized Masonry. The workmen were a class something like the mine laborers of to-day, while the architects were influential and powerful but the craftsmen seem to have had no influence with their superiors. The bulk of the workmen were slaves or pressed laborers. The skilled sculptors and stone-cutters may have been more favored, but no signs of it appear. Foundation stones were laid by monarchs acting as High Priests, but not as Masters of the Craft.

Traces of Masonry among the Druses point to an early existence of something similar to it in Palestine, but it may not be older than the crusades.

But if we cannot look for organized masonry in the ancient world, the history of ancient architecture is wonderfully interesting to the craftsman of to-day, and the evidence of ancient cities existing in Babylonia seven or eight thousand years ago cannot but excite our wonder, especially when we find that instead of showing a gradual growth from small beginnings, the most ancient is the most remarkable.

GALVESTON SUFFERERS.—A telegram from Grand Master Lloyd, calling for contributions for Galveston Templars, was received by Grand Commander Spear, Sept. 18th, and was immediately telegraphed to all the commanderies in Maine, requesting them to send their contributions directly to Deputy Grand Master Stoddard, at Galveston. We have no doubt it was liberally complied with.

We have received from W. H. Gerrish, Music Publisher, 43 West St., Boston, No. 536, Templar Music, 30 cts., No. 537, Funeral Music, 18 cts., and No. 538, for either degree, 18 cts.

Past Grand Commanders.

The members of the New England Association of Past Grand Commanders, Knights Templar, were the guests of Hon. Joseph A. Locke, president of this association, at an elegant banquet at Riverton Park, Sept 13. This association is composed of the present and past Grand Commanders, Knights Templar, of the New England States, and is for the purpose of promoting the best interests of the Masonic fraternity and the orders of Knighthood. Among others the following distinguished Sir Knights from different sections of New England were present: Rev. Henry W. Rugg, D. D., of Providence, R. I., V. E. Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment; R. E. Sirs Herbert F. Morse, Grand Commander of Massachusetts and Rhode Island; Geo. H. Burnham, Providence, R. I.; Caleb Saunders, Lowell, Mass.; George H. Allen, Lynn, Mass.; Wm. H. H. Soule, Boston; Charles C. Frye, Lynn, Mass.; James Swords, Boston, Mass.; William R. Walker, Pawtucket, R. I.; Chas. A. Stott, Lowell, Mass.; Benjamin W. Rowell, of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island; Charles C. Danforth, Concord, N. H.; Hon. M. F. King, Portland; Dr. Seth C. Gordon, Portland; Albion E. Chase, Portland; Hon. A. M. Spear, of Gardiner, Grand Commander of Maine; Frank E. Sleeper, Sabattus; Eminent Sirs F. C. Thayer, Stephen Berry, E. F. Vose and William N. Prince of the Grand Commandery of Maine.

The members of the association were met on the arrival of the noon trains at the Union Station and taken in the car Bramhall through the city, and different points of interest were shown them, a stop being made at Fort Allen Park.

Many letters of regret were received from members who could not be present, including R. E. Sirs Marsh O. Perkins, of Windsor, Vt.; Robert J. Wright, of Newport, Vt.; Silas W. Cummings, of St. Albans, Vt.; H. Wales Lines, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment of Meriden, Conn.; Henry Woodward, of Middletown, Conn.; Fred A. Spencer, of Waterbury, Conn.; Ira A. Gardiner, of Middletown; William E. Withey, of New London, Conn.; Fred H. Parmelee, New London, Conn.; E. S. Davis, Middletown, Conn.; George W. Currier and H. A. Marsh, Nashua, N. H.; E. G. Garfield, Boston, Mass., Past Grand Commander of Michigan; Augustus B. Farnham and Herbert Harris, Bangor, Me.; John W. Ballou, Bath, Me., and others.

ILLINOIS.—The Grand Masonic bodies of Illinois hold their annual meetings in Chicago October 23d, 24th and 25th.

THE MASONIC CHRONICLE is a new eight page small folio paper started in Chicago, in October, at \$1 a year, published monthly by Geo. M. Abbott, 350 Dearborn street. We gladly add it to our list of exchanges, and bid it welcome.

Obituaries.

LESLIE OREAR, Grand Commander of Missouri in 1895, died at Colorado Springs, June 26th, aged 46 years, 6 months. He was a lawyer.

ERWIN ELLIS, Grand High Priest of Missouri in 1882, died at Lebanon, June 26th, aged 59. He was an insurance adjuster.

THOMAS B. LONG, died at Terre Haute, Indiana, July 2, aged 64. He was born near Mansfield, Ohio, Oct. 25, 1836. He was a lawyer and judge. He was Grand Master in 1889, Grand H. Priest in 1879, Gr. Master Gr. Council in 1894, and President of High Priesthood at the time of his death. He was the Indiana correspondent in Lodge and Chapter and had made a reputation in it.

DAVID BOVEE, Grand Master of the Gr. Council of Michigan in 1865, died in Branch County, July 19th, aged 81.

ALANSON PARTRIDGE, Grand Master of Michigan in 1882, died at Birmingham, Michigan, July 7th, aged 73.

J. SIMPSON AFRICA, Grand Master of Pennsylvania in 1891 and 1892, died at Huntingdon, August 8th, aged 68. He was Chairman of Masonic Trustees, and one of the Chapter Correspondents.

GEORGE J. HOBE, died in San Francisco July 21st of pneumonia, aged 75. He was Secretary of the Council of Deliberation and other masonic organizations, and a native of Hamburg, Germany.

HENRY BERNARD SMITH, 33°, of Nashua, N. H., died at Lockport, N. Y., Aug. 21st, and was buried at Portland, Me., Aug. 24th. He was an honorary member of the Northern Supreme Council, and was a son-in-law of the late Sullivan C. Andrews of Portland.

THOMAS TROUNCE, Grand Master of British Columbia in 1875, died at Victoria, June 30th, aged 78. He was born in Devonport, England, in 1822.

DAVID F. DAY, Past General Grand High Priest, died at his home in Buffalo, N. Y., August 21st, aged 71. He was a prominent lawyer.

JOHN F. MCCORMICK, Grand Master of Mississippi, in 1881, died at Biloxi, April 10th. He was Grand Representative of Maine.

JOHN W. LAFLIN, Grand Secretary of all the Grand Bodies in Wisconsin, died at Madeline Island, Lake Superior, whither he had gone for his health, August 30th. He had been Grand Secretary for seventeen years, and was a most accomplished and efficient officer, always obliging, and always prompt. His funeral was attended by 2,000 masons.

ROBERT M. SMITH, Gr. Master and Grand Commander of Arkansas, with his wife and five children, were at Galveston, Texas, in the great September storm, and all perished. Their cottage was close by the shore, and nothing has been heard from them since.

He was born in Delhi, N. Y., Jan. 27, 1860, and was the General Passenger Agent of the Iron Mountain Railway.

GEORGE H. MORGAN, Grand Master of Tennessee in 1865, died July 27th. He was born near Gainesboro, Sept. 5, 1841. He was correspondent of the Grand Lodge for four years, and Templar correspondent in 1900. He was commander of the escort of Jefferson Davis when Davis was captured.

HORACE H. MUNSON, Grand Recorder and Past Grand Commander of North Carolina, died in Wilmington, Sept. 9th, in his seventy-fourth year. He was born in Cazenovia, N. Y., March 1, 1827. He was Grand High Priest in 1874 and '75, was the first Grand Commander 1881 and '82. Was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter in 1892, and Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery in 1886. James C. Munds, of Wilmington is appointed Grand Recorder *pro tem.* of the Grand Commandery, and Grand Secretary, *p. t.* of the Grand Chapter.

JOHN P. SHANNON, Past Grand Master of Georgia, died at Elberton, Sept. 16th, aged 50. He was a prominent lawyer.

DAVID P. CHAMBERLIN, Past Gr. Master of the Grand Council of Ohio, died at Toledo, Aug. 23d, in his seventy-fifth year. He was a surgeon in the 4th Michigan infantry in the civil war.

The fifteenth annual assembly of the Veteran Freemasons of Illinois meets at the hospitable home of General John Corson Smith, 65 Sibley Street, Chicago, Oct. 24th, and those who cannot go will think of it with longing from "early candle light until low twelve."

LIFE MEMBERSHIP is not safe for a lodge to grant when it puts the fee too low or when it uses the money for expenses, but if the fee is placed high enough, and the amount is judiciously invested so that only the interest is used it is profitable for the lodge. The interest may not amount to so much as the assessments, but it goes on forever, while the assessments may stop quickly by removal, death or disability, and must stop at an average of seventy years of age. It is ungenerous to sneer at those who avail themselves of the privilege to purchase life membership, for instead of saving money they are paying more to insure themselves against possible lower means in the future. If you think they are paying too little, raise the fee.

Past Grand Master J. P. S. Gobin has come to the front again this Fall, as General, commanding the Pennsylvania troops in the coal regions.

Thanksgiving Cookery.

Cartloads of pumpkins as yellow as gold,
Onions in silvery strings,
Shining red apples and clusters of grapes,
Nuts and a host of good things,
Chickens, and Turkeys, and fat little pigs—
These are what Thanksgiving brings.

AUTUMN.

Now gently falls the fading light,
The Autumn's sunset veil,
While dusky grows the wavering flight
Of whippoorwill and quail.
The grain is bound, the nuts are brown
On every wooded hill;
The light is softened on the down,
And silvered on the rill.
The partridge drums; the plover's call
Salutes the sportsman's ear,
And just above the waterfall
The fisher sets his weir.
The reddened leaves, with withered wings,
Sweep lightly to the sod,
And autumn walks the land, and sings
With rustling sandals shod.

—[Woman's Home Companion.]

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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What lodge shall be next added?

MAINE COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION.—The proceedings for 1896, 1897, 1898 and 1900, from the press of Thomas W. Burr, Bangor, are received from Marquis F. King, Deputy for Maine. Portraits are published of A. B. Thompson, Silas Alden, Moses Dodge, Chas. W. Belknap, David Cowan, Henry L. Paine, Aurin L. Dresser, Henry H. Dickey, Rufus Stanley, Gordon R. Garden, Geo. E. Taylor, T. J. Murray, Warren Phillips, Chas. Sampson, Chris. C. Hayes, A. B. Marston, Rufus H. Hinkley, Geo. Joss, John Garner, Amos E. Howell, William O. Fox, Geo. C. Mountfort and David Bugbee, and biographical sketches given of deceased brethren. Valuable records of the early meetings of the rite in Maine are also published in the address of the Deputy for 1900.

WISCONSIN.—William W. Perry, of Milwaukee, has been appointed Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, and George H. Francis, of Milwaukee, has been appointed Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery.

Reviewing the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Washington, the New York *Masonic Standard* says:

Bro. William Henry Upton for the Committee on Jurisprudence made a report on the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, and the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington in repealing the edict of non-intercourse, which occupies ten pages of the transactions. It goes into the matter fully and winds up, as was to be expected from Bro. Upton, by recommending that the edict of non-intercourse be not re-enacted. The Grand Lodge postponed action on the report until next year, thus leaving the masonic world still in ignorance as to the position of the Grand Lodge of Washington on the subject of

Grand Lodge sovereignty. As "actions speak louder than words," all the expressions of belief in the doctrine of exclusive territorial jurisdiction which have been made by the Grand Lodge of Washington are nullified by the failure on its part to instantly make reparation for the wrong done the Grand Lodge of New York. There should be no need for discussion of the matter, but as soon as the wrong was discovered it should have been corrected. The report of the committee shows clearly a settled prejudice against the Grand Lodge of New York.

The Report on Correspondence, also from the pen of Bro. Upton, is full of vituperation, and shows a spirit foreign to that of true Masonry. It criticises the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, the Committee on Correspondence, and everybody connected with the Grand Lodge of New York, in a flippant, undignified manner. The tirade cannot be dignified by the name of a "review." Bro. Upton closes his screed with the quotation, "I'd rather be a pagan, suckled in a creed out worn, than such a mason." From the spirit exhibited by the "reviewer" in his "review" the quotation may be reversed.

We hope the time may come when justice will take the place of prejudice, and brotherly love supersede superciliousness; when cool, calm judgment will supplant impetuosity among the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Washington.

A FABLE.—A story is told about a certain Rabbi whose congregation undertook to make him a present of a barrel of wine. Each person was to bring a bottle and empty it into a barrel, and it was calculated that there were members enough so that a bottle apiece would fill the barrel. But, the story goes, each one thought that he might take a bottle of water and it would not be noticed in a barrel full. The result was that when the Rabbi prepared to enjoy his barrel of wine he found he had only a barrel of water.

This story is a lie, at least we don't know any Hebrews that would treat their Rabbi in that way. But we want our members to keep it in mind until the next time a Masonic funeral is announced to be conducted by this lodge. Apparently about 500 of them think each that he will be the only one absent and that therefore his absence won't be noticed. The result is sometimes painful.

When Palestine Lodge conducts a funeral every member is bound to attend if possible—not only those that were intimate with the dead brother, and not only those that can attend just as well as not. It is a matter of duty and of respect to the lodge, not of inclination or of convenience.—*Palestine Bulletin*.

CARMELITES.—Monks of an order established on Mount Carmel, in Syria, during the twelfth century. They wore a brown scapular passing over the shoulder and diagonally across the back and body, thus crossing the gown from right to left.—[*Encyclopædia of Freemasonry*—McClenachan.]

Masonic Club Craze.

Grand Master Crom. Bowen, in his address to the Grand Lodge of Iowa, at their annual meeting last June, says the American Tyler, has this to say:

"I received during the year a request from one of our lodges asking my approval of the action of the lodge in giving permission to its members to organize a masonic club, to be composed exclusively of members of the lodge, and to occupy the ante-room and banquet-room of the masonic hall, jointly with the lodge, and to place

therein billiard and pool tables, also card tables and other like forms of amusement. "I am not insensible to the advantages of the social side of our Order. We ought, as lodges, to make it more and more prominent both in our meetings, by having more sociability among its members, and also by making more of our masonic festive days. These should, however, be conducted purely for the benefit and enjoyment of our membership, and not as a means of advertising for new members.

"Nor can I give my assent to the idea that a billiard or pool table in a masonic hall will attract to our Order, a class of people, young or old, that will be of any great benefit to Masonry. The initiate who is led to seek admission by this means will soon be among the non-affiliates. The young man attracted to the Order by the click of the billiard ball or the charms of club life, is not liable to become the most useful or valuable member when the lodge is called upon in cases of charity and the treasury is empty."

For pure, unadulterated cheek, displaying a total ignorance of the tenets of Masonry, the above request "takes the cake." In their modest request, these would-be club members, omitted a very important adjunct to club life—without which their scheme must be a rank failure—that of a thoroughly equipped bar with the necessary attendants in white aprons to answer bell calls, etc. Who says Masonry is not "catching on" to the ways of the world in grand shape? Think, for a moment, of the Master trying to confer a degree in the lodge room, while the ante-room and banquet room are full of brothers (?), some sitting behind "two pair," a "dog," a "bob-tail flush" or a "sneak" while others are "punching the ivory" or playing "pin pool" at "a dollar a cue" with their enthusiasm all aroused by the "repeaters" they have taken to keep their courage up, and you have the ridiculousness of the situation. In one room the Master is teaching everything calculated to improve the morals of the man, and in the room adjoining, through which the newly made brother must pass, they are casting grist into the devil's mill and sowing seed which will ultimately wreck the life of the members and blast the happiness of many homes. Surely these brothers had not thought of the heinousness of their request, or they would never have made it. Should any Grand Master so far forget himself as to permit such a thing, it will not be long before they will turn the top of their temple into a "roof garden," where the Master would either have to hold his meetings in the presence of ballet girls, or summon enough of the members downstairs to help do the work.

O, but you say "this picture is overdrawn and the author stretched his imagination almost out of shape to 'do' us." Not so. Everything must have a beginning. You may be perfectly honest in the start, and hold the thing down to a Christian association basis (barring cards), but you will soon find that club life run on any other than club lines, will be a very tame affair. Then club lines will go, and so will the members thereof—to any place but the lodge. The experiment is exceedingly dangerous, and we advise lodges to let it alone.

For some time past we have noticed with great interest the formation of several different clubs by the various officers of the lodges in New York, an account of which appears regularly in "The Masonic Standard," and we have involuntarily asked ourselves the question, "Have these brothers no homes to go to after the close of their lodge?" And we have wondered, if they were married men, if their homes were happy, and if they were single men, why they did not attend some other lodge meeting in that great city, where they would be exempt

from the pitfalls of club life and meet the entire brotherhood instead of the chosen few at the club. We have also wondered if they set aside special nights for club meetings so as not to interfere with their lodge duties, and if so, what time they devote to their families and children, or if young men, are they not neglecting their mother or sisters? These reflections, together with many others, have fully convinced us that "Masonic clubs" are wrong, and if persisted in will sap the life-blood of the fraternity, and in a great measure wreck the craft.

We believe in cultivating the social side of Masonry, but we believe that it should be done differently than through the medium of club life. Have your social features in your temple frequently, to which invite your family, and there keep alive friendships of the past and form new ones for the future, and you will find that Masonry will prosper and become much more popular with the masses, than you could possibly hope for under the influence of clubs.

Masonry, in our humble opinion, is somewhat degenerating now, and has greatly departed from the "good old way," but there is no reason why we should push it along by the addition of devil traps and windfalls simply to keep abreast of the fast age in which we live. Our Master has said "by their acts ye shall know them." Think you that the guardian angel of our sacred tenets will give you a credit mark in the ledger of life, if he finds you prostituting your Masonry within the tyled door of a masonic club? Think you that he would stop at the entrance and arouse you from your reveries by the wail of the widow or the cry of the orphan? Think you that at the grave of your brother, whose life you have blasted and sent to an untimely end by the well-directed shafts of club influence, he will "rise up and call you blessed?" Think you that when it comes your time to enter the home stretch of life, closely chased by the "pale horse and his rider, death," that it will be your portion to pass into eternity, through the paradise of God, amid the plaudits of the angelic hosts singing, "Enter"—through the door of our masonic club—"and receive your reward for the deeds done in the body?" We ween not.

We tell you, brothers, there can no good come of this "masonic club" business, especially so if run on the club lines of the present day.

Grand Master Bowen was right.—[Memphis Appeal.]

Our Thanks.

ALABAMA.—Grand Commandery, May 9, 1900, from H. Clay Armstrong, Montgomery, Gr. Rec. Russell M. Cunningham, Ensley, Grand Commander. 6 commanderies, 351 members, 72 knighted.

CALIFORNIA.—Gr. Commandery, April 24, 1900, from Wm. A. Davies, San Francisco, Gr. Rec. Frederick M. Miller, Fresno, Gr. Com. 37 commanderies, 3310 members, 267 knighted.

KENTUCKY.—Gr. Commandery May 16, 1900, from Alfred H. Bryant, Covington, Gr. Rec. John G. Orndorff, Russellville, Gr. Com. 25 commanderies, 2188 members, 162 knighted.

MANITOBA.—Grand Lodge, June 13, 1900, from James A. Ovas, Winnipeg, Gr. Sec. R. S. Thornton, Deloraine, Gr. Master. 74 lodges, 3091 members, 235 initiates.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Gr. Lodge quarterly, June 13, 1900, and special April 24, from Sereno D. Nickerson, Boston, Gr. Sec.

MISSISSIPPI.—Gr. Lodge, Feb. 21, 1900, from John L. Power, Jackson, Gr. Sec. B. V. White, Meridian, G. M. 270 lodges, 9580 members, 743 initiates.

Gr. Chapter, Feb. 20, 1900, from John L. Power, Jackson Gr. Sec. Nolan Stewart, Jackson, G. H. P. 1621 members, 208 exalted.

Grand Commandery, Feb. 19, 1900, from John L. Power, Jackson, Gr. Rec. John A. B. Jones, Brandon, Gr. Com. 16 commanderies, 575 members, 52 knighted.

MISSOURI.—Grand Chapter, April 25, 26, 1900, from Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis, Gr. Sec. Arthur M. Hough, Jefferson City, G. H. P. 98 chapters, 7157 members, 489 exalted.

Gr. Council, April 25, 1900, from Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis, Gr. Rec. John H. Murphy, Kansas City, Gr. Master. 13 councils, 813 members, 92 candidates.

Gr. Commandery, April 24, 1900, from W. H. Mayo, St. Louis, Gr. Recorder. Reuben Barney, Chillicothe, G. Com. 56 commanderies, 4,497 members, 324 knighted.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Annual report of Gourgas Lodge of Perfection, from John Edgar Haines, Gr. Sec., Pittsburg.

NEBRASKA.—G. Com., April 26, 1900, from Francis E. White, Omaha, Gr. Rec. Thomas G. Rees, Farnam, G. Com. 24 commanderies, 1,640 members, 67 knighted.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—Grand Lodge, June 25, 1900, from Neil MacKelvie, Summerside, Gr. Sec. Ronald McMillan, Charlottetown, G. M. 13 lodges, 535 members, 32 initiates.

RHODE ISLAND.—History and By-Laws of St. John's Commandery, No. 1, Providence, from Geo. H. Burnham, P. G. Com. and historian.

SOUTH CAROLINA.—Gr. Chapter, Feb. 13, 1900, from Jacob T. Barron, Columbia, Gr. Sec. John R. Bellinger, Bamberg, G. H. P. 19 chapters, 649 members, 64 exalted.

SOUTH DAKOTA.—Grand Lodge, June 12, 1900, from George A. Pettigrew, Flandreau, Gr. Sec. John A. Cleaves, Huron, Gr. M. 131 lodges, 4,677 members, 349 initiates.

Gr. Chapter, June 14, 1900, from Geo. A. Pettigrew, Flandreau, G. Sec. Martin G. Carlisle, DeSmet, G. H. P. 35 chapters, 1,565 members, 106 exalted.

Gr. Commandery, June 15, 1900, from George A. Pettigrew, Flandreau, Gr. Rec. Eugene W. Coughran, Sioux Falls, Gr. Com. 12 commanderies, 755 members, 34 knighted.

WASHINGTON.—Gr. Lodge, June 12, 1900, from Thomas M. Reed, Olympia, Gr. Sec. Stephen J. Chadwick, Colfax, Gr. M. 104 lodges, 5,399 members, 415 initiates.

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.

GEORGE B. LANE, in Portland, Aug. 3, aged 54 yrs. 5 mos. 11 days. He was a member of Atlantic Lodge, Greenleaf Chapter, Portland Council, Portland Commandery and of the Scottish Rite. He had been for thirty years book keeper in the Star Match Factory. He left a wife and two sons.

ALVERTINA B. STEVENS, wife of Bro. Frank G. Stevens, in Portland, Aug. 14.

JOSIAH G. SEVERANCE, in San Francisco, Aug. 3, aged 67 yrs. 10 mos. 2 days. A native of Dover, Maine, and late a member of a Bangor lodge.

BENJAMIN OAKES, in Yarmouth, Aug. 25, aged 80 yrs. 11 mos.

WILLIAM E. NUTT, in Fairfield, Aug. 30, a member of Siloam Lodge and of St. Omer Commandery.

WILLIAM TUCKER, in Waterbury, Conn., Sept. 4, of paralysis, aged 64. He was born in Norway, Maine, March 25, 1836, and long in business in Skowhegan, where he was Past Master of the lodge and council, Past High Priest and Past Commander. He was a Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council, and a member of the Order of High Priesthood. He was a man of fine character and disposition, and much esteemed and beloved.

ARTHUR SEWALL, in Bath, Sept. 5, aged 64. He was an eminent Shipbuilder, and was Democratic candidate for the Vice Presidency in 1896. He was a member of lodge, chapter and commandery.

STEPHEN SCAMMAN, in South Portland, Sept. 17th, of heart disease, aged 68 yrs. 11 mos. 12 days. He was Secretary of Hiram Lodge, and a member of Greenleaf Chapter, Portland Council and St. Alban Commandery. He was a prominent official in South Portland.

CHARLES S. HAMILTON, in Biddeford, Sept. 30, aged 45, a member of Dunlap Lodge.

WILLIAM C. TOWLE, M. D., in Fryeburg, Oct. 1, aged 70. A member of Pythagorean Lodge and a Templar.

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