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## BLUE HILLS.

Years ago, in the land of my birth,  
When my head was a little above the earth,  
I stood by the side of the grass-blades tall,  
And a quickset hedge was a mighty wall,  
And a measureless forest I often found  
In a swampy acre of rush-clad ground;  
But, when I could see it, the best of the view  
Was a distant circle, the Hills of Blue.

Higher we grow as the long years pass,  
And I now look down on the growing grass;  
I see the top where I saw the side;  
Some beauties are lost as the view grows wide;  
I see over things that I could not see through;  
But my limit is still the Hills of Blue.

As a child I sought them, and found them not,  
Footsore and weary, tired and hot;  
They were still the bulwark of all I could see,  
And still at a fabulous distance from me;  
I wondered if age and strength could teach  
How to traverse the plain, the mountains reach;  
Meanwhile, whatever a child might do,  
They still were far and they still were blue.

Well, I've reached them at last, those distant hills,  
I've reached their base through a world of ills;  
I have toiled and labored and wandered far,  
With my constant eyes on a shifting star,  
And ever, as nearer I came they grew  
Larger and larger, but ah! less blue.

Green I have found them, green and brown,  
Studded with houses, o'erhanging a town;  
Feeding the plain below with streams,  
Dabbled with shadows and brightening with beams,

Image of scenes I had left behind;  
Merely a group of the hilly kind;  
And beyond them a prospect as fair to view  
As the old, and bounded by hills as blue.

But I will not seek for those further hills,  
Nor travel the course of the outward rills;  
I have lost the faith of my childhood's day;  
Let me dream (it's a dream, I know) while I may;  
I will put my belief to no cruel test,  
As I doze on this green deceptive crest;  
I will try to believe, as I used to do,  
There are some Blue Hills which are really blue.  
—[*Pall Mall Gazette.*]

## MASONRY IN MAINE.

### Lodge Elections.

Naval, 184, Kittery. Granville O Berry, m; Amos S Rundlett, sw; Jacob S Drinkwater, jw; Levi L Goodrich, sec.

### Rose Croix Election.

Dunlap Chapter, Portland. Leander W Fobes, m; Charles I Riggs, sw; Francis E Chase, jw; Millard F Hicks, sec.

### Red Cross of Constantine.

Maine Commandery, Portland. Millard

F Hicks, Sovereign; Charles I Riggs, Viceroy; Henry P Merrill, Sen Gen; Albert H Burroughs, Jun Gen; Samuel F Bearce, Recorder.

### Centennial.

Cumberland Lodge, No. 12, of New Gloucester, celebrated its Centennial, June 13th, on which occasion Grand Master Burnham laid the corner stone of a new masonic hall, a substantial brick building costing about \$6,000. There was an oration by B. M. Fernald of Tyrian Lodge, and an historical address by the Master, John I. Sturgis. After the banquet there were speeches by some twenty of the visitors.

### Corner Stone.

Grand Master Burnham laid the corner stone of the new Universalist church, junction of Sabattus and College sts., Lewiston, June 24th. The Grand Lodge was escorted by Tranquil, Ashlar, Rabboni and Ancient Brothers' Lodges, and Lewiston Commandery, with the Brigade Band.

### Constitution.

Rumford Falls, Me., June 12.—Grand Commander Frederick C. Thayer and suite of officers of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Maine, to-night instituted Strathglass Commandery, No. 21, of this town. The customary services occurred at 4.30, followed by a banquet at 6.30. At 8 o'clock there was a public installation of the officers. During a social hour speeches were made by the visitors and prominent members of the new commandery.

### New Commandery.

A dispensation for the new commandery at Bridgton, to be called Oriental Commandery, authorized by the Grand Commandery at the May meeting, was issued May 22d, by Grand Commander Thayer. Luther F. McKinney will be the first Commander, Augustus H. Walker, Generalissimo, and Isaiah S. Webb, Captain General.

### Templars.

The Templar Field Day, at Portland, June 24th, was somewhat marred by rain, but there was a large attendance. Grand Commander Thayer and Suite were on horseback, and the procession made a gallant appearance. They went to the islands and amused themselves as proposed, but the evening at Riverton was given up.

St. John's, of Bangor, went to Lewiston, returning Thursday.

Dunlap, of Bath, and Pilgrim, of Farmington, went to Rockland, where they were entertained by Claremont. There was a ball in the evening.

Beauseant, of Somerville, Mass., went to Naples, Maine, June 26th, and returned home 27th.

Pilgrim Commandery, No. 19, Knights Templar, of Farmington, have extended an invitation to Claremont Commandery, of Rockland, and Dunlap Commandery, of Bath, to become its guests September 15-16 next, which invitation has been accepted. The itinerary will consist of a parade and lunch on the arrival of their train in Farmington; thence over the Sandy River railroad to Phillips, where a short parade will be had; thence to Rangeley, where they will make their headquarters at the Rangeley Lake House. A banquet will be served and the night passed at this house. The next morning they will sail down the lake to Mountain View; thence over Rumford Falls railroad to Chisholm, and thence depart for home over the Maine Central.

One of the most enthusiastic masons in this state is Alden M. Wetherbee, of Warren, who has failed to attend but four sessions of the Maine Grand Lodge since 1855. He has the distinction of belonging to St. George Lodge, No. 16, F. and A. M., which was organized in 1806, and he has been through the chairs. He was Worshipful Master five years, Secretary six years, Treasurer eighteen years, and held the other offices for varying periods.

In 1876 he was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge, but declined to go higher, although most earnestly urged by his brethren. His election as Junior Grand Warden made him a permanent member of the Grand Lodge, and year after year has found him in Portland when the sessions opened. His is a very familiar figure at these gatherings, and his record of having attended 44 Grand Lodge sessions is probably not excelled in Maine, unless by Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary.

When he attended the recent session, Mr. Wetherbee carried with him a photograph album which attracted a great deal of attention among the masons. It contained portraits of nearly every Grand Master since the Grand Lodge was formed, and portraits, also, of a majority of the other Grand Officers. The first portrait in the album is that of William King, first Governor of Maine, and first Grand Master of the Masonic Grand Lodge. "That's almost my Bible," said Mr. Wetherbee to a



Rockland Courier-Gazette reporter, fingering the album caressingly. "Edward P. Burnham, the late Grand Master, once told me that if the book was his he would not part with it for \$1,000."

Mr. Wetherbee's masonic record is briefly given as follows: He was raised in St. George Lodge, F. and A. M., March 1, 1852; joined King Solomon Chapter, R. A. M., January 13, 1853; King Hiram Council, R. S. M., January 5, 1877; Claremont Commandery, K. T., March 12, 1866; received Past Master's diploma in October, 1857. He was a charter member of Ivy Chapter, O. E. S., and served as its first patron. He adheres most rigidly to the precepts of the order and has but little respect for any member who does not regard the obligation as sacred.—[Rockland Courier-Gazette.]

A history of Tuscan Lodge, F. & A. M., of Addison, is being prepared, and will soon be published. This lodge was constituted, June 13, 1861. The archives of this lodge contains many valued relics descended from old Tuscan Lodge of Columbia, constituted in 1798, but which in years after became extinct. The collection consists of the master's gavel, the warden's truncheon, plumb and level, two pillars and a lamb skin apron, besides many valuable papers and records. There is a well authenticated tradition explaining how these relics survived the years that mark the decline and revival of Masonry in these parts, for until comparatively recent times there were but two lodges in that section of the masonic field—Tuscan at Columbia and Ionic at Steuben, the latter like the former having ceased to exist. It was the custom of the fraternity in Columbia to hold their meetings in the houses of the brethren, and the account that tradition gives how the relics were preserved, is told in this way: It so happened that the house in which their paraphernalia was stored was being demolished and the relics were about to be consigned to the rubbish heap. There was, however, one of the craft in the crew, who rescued the archives and other relics and by this means they were preserved until the new Tuscan Lodge became their ark of safety. In the collection is also a master's gavel made from the wood of an olive tree which grew on Mount Olives, a gift from Rolla Floyd, one of the Adams colony that went to Jaffa in 1866. Years since when on a visit to Addison he presented the gavel to Tuscan lodge and also one to Past Master Samuel Bucknam. This lodge which is one of the most flourishing of the order in this masonic district is soon to have the support of the Order of the Eastern Star, as a sufficient number of charter members to institute a chapter there has been obtained.

#### Josiah H. Drummond.

In the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, in 1903, Past Grand Master Frederick Speed said:

"Last year we were inconsolable because of our own great loss in the death of our best beloved, the great hearted and incomparable Power, and stood as it were, in the very presence of the Grim Messenger and could hear the very rustling of his garments. To-day we bewail a world-wide loss in the departure of the greatest mason of his age, to whom death came like a thunder bolt from a clear sky. In the morning, to all appearances, Josiah Hayden Drummond, not of Maine, not of the United States, but of all the Craft universal, was, in the full strength of a hale and hearty old age, which had impaired none of his mental and but little of his physical vigor, but soon

after noon, on the 25th day of October, he was dead—gone like a flash of lightning—gone. And yet, not wholly gone, for his influences and the effects of a good example survive him, and the work of his hands continues and is imperishable. The mightiest pillar of our mystic temple had fallen, and that which was material had ceased to be. His friends stood aghast and appalled as they beheld the ruin which could never again be raised to ornament the mighty fabric and support the noble edifice of Freemasonry. But now that the first rude shock is over, and we can think calmly and reason clearly, we know that it is better so, for there was no wasting away of the physical strength or decay of the mental powers, none of the weakness of a long and agonizing sickness, but simply the ending of a noble career; a passing out into the darkness without ever one word of farewell. His end was, to use the words of Thomas Bailey Aldrich.

"All silently, and soft as sleep,  
The snow fell flake on flake.

Slumber spent earth! and dream of flowers  
Till springtime bid you wake.

"Again the deadened bough shall bend  
With blooms of sweetest breath.  
Oh, miracle of miracles!  
This life that follows death!"

"To me, Brother Drummond's departure comes with a sense of personal bereavement, for from earliest manhood and during all my masonic career. I had known him, honored him, loved him, and had felt and enjoyed his kind and genial nature. He had been to me more than a friend in the ordinary sense. At the first masonic function I attended he presided; and the impression of his greatness and goodness received then never departed. For years we maintained a frequent personal correspondence, and his letters will be to me an invaluable legacy, bearing witness to an unbroken friendship which endured from youth to age.

"To Freemasonry he rendered for more than half a century, services of the highest order, and, to my mind, stood without a peer, as the greatest exponent of its laws, usages and customs. Others there have been, who have rendered invaluable services and died honored and esteemed for their labors, but in his own chosen field as a jurist and interpreter of the fundamental principles upon which the superstructure of Masonry stands, he was without a rival. For this service he was equipped with much and rare learning and to it was added his indomitable industry. He was great in all that he undertook, but especially was he strong and unyielding in his defense of the ancient plan of Masonry and the designs laid down upon the trestle-board by the fathers, and no one has ever written more forcibly or clearly upon the history, growth and development of the masonic idea than he, and as champion of the ways of the fathers he was invincible; and to say that he was first amongst his equals, whenever and wherever there was service in the cause of the craft to be rendered, is not the extravagance of eulogy, but simple and absolute justice to the greatest of all American masons, yea to the greatest of all masons."

"Oh blessed hope, which we believe will end in fruition. That somewhere we shall cease our mournings and lamentations for the dead, and our skies be no longer overcast with clouds and the sun will shine forth in the perfect day. Here, alas, we no sooner put off the habiliments of mourning

ere we are again alarmed at the approach of the messenger of death, who comes stalking out of the darkness and seizes our best beloved and carries them through the door between the seen and the unseen and leaves but a memory, precious and dear, and so forever after there is a void in our lives. We yearn with exquisite pain for those we love and have lost, and would fain follow them into the shadows, and bring them back into the light and sunshine of our lives, as if we ourselves were immortal and not destined to go to them and not they come to us. We cannot look upon the faces of dead friends and philosophize; reason is staggered, and the senses confounded. Bewildered by the awful enigma of death, we stand in his presence as helpless as little children, and the stoutest quail beneath his dread stroke and draw back, as if it were possible to flee from the awful shadow which is always pursuing us.

"We never come up to this general assembly of the craft, but our pleasure at clasping the hands of the living is shocked by the cold hands of the dead, which are extended to us. Must it ever be so? Must there always be sobs intermingled with our laughter? Our feastings turned into mourning and our songs into funeral dirges? Must there always be sackcloth upon our loins and ashes on our heads?

"No, blessed be God, somewhere and at some time death shall be swallowed up in victory and the grave shall have no sting."

#### Mystic Shriners.

SARATOGA, N. Y., July 10.—The Imperial Council, Mystic Shrine, will meet in Atlantic City, in 1904.

George H. Gren, of Dallas, Texas, was elected imperial potentate and B. W. Rowell, of Boston, Mass., imperial recorder.

The other officers elected were:

Imperial Deputy Potentate—George L. Brown, New York.

Imperial Chief Rabbah—Henry A. Collins, Toronto, Canada.

Assistant Rabbah—Alvah P. Clayton, St. Joseph, Mo.

Imperial High Priest and Prophet—Frank C. Baundy, Chicago, Ill.

Imperial Oriental Guide—E. I. Alderman, Marion, Iowa.

Imperial Treasurer—W. S. Brown, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Imperial First Ceremonial Master—Geo. L. Street, Richmond, Va.

Imperial Second Ceremonial Master—Frederick A. Hines, Los Angeles, Cal.

Imperial Marshal—Charles Tonsor.

Imperial Captain of the Guards—J. Frank Treat, Fargo, N. D.

Imperial Outerguard—W. W. Irwin, Wheeling, Va.

#### Books, Papers, etc.

—Department of Labor, from Carroll D. Wright, Commissioner. Bulletin 47 for July, Report on Hawaii, Digests, etc.

—Year Book of the Department of Agriculture, 1902, from U. S. Senator Eugene Hale.

—The Doom of Egypt's Ruins. The whole course of the Nile is of almost mystic beauty, but three views of signal charm stand out above all others—those near the sites of Cairo, Thebes and Philæ. Of all the ruins of Egypt, the latter are probably the fairest, and yet in a little while they



will have become a memory, for the days of the Sacred Island have been numbered, and she will sink beneath the rising waters with her precious crown of sculptured stone when the mighty gates that are now being built to hold in check the river are once firmly closed.

And so will these fair temples pass away. Built two thousand years ago by the Greeks, after Egyptian models, but with some of the lighter features of their own more lovely art, these noble edifices have evoked the enthusiastic admiration of succeeding ages, and the fairy kiosk of Augustus which adjoins them—a tall cluster of tapering columns, lifting their slender beauty between the river and the sky—is perhaps the most widely renowned picture on the Nile. Egypt has lost the lovely island, but she has gained a rich province in its stead; for the pent-up waters have submerged the fair temples of the Greeks, and flow through long canals across the desert, to claim more than a million acres from its splendid wastes.—From the July Cosmopolitan, Irvington, N. Y.

#### The Masonic Club.

The following item is from a letter sent out by the Executive Committee of the Chautauqua Masonic Club. Especial attention is invited to the notice of the meeting soon to be held:

"In the month of August, 1902, a meeting of the members of the masonic fraternity, visiting at Chautauqua, was held for the purpose of forming a masonic club. An organization was perfected, and the following officers were elected: Dr. Julius King, of New York, President; David L. Starr, of Pittsburg, Pa., Secretary; Capt. P. W. Bemis, of Westfield, N. Y., Treasurer. A committee was appointed to secure a suitable cottage for headquarters of the club for 1903. The cottage known as the Salem, at the corner of Miller and Pratt avenues, has been leased, and it is the intention to keep open house for all the members of the fraternity. Arrangements have been made for reading, smoking and consultation rooms. Baths will be provided for the use of the members of the club, and amusements not inconsistent with the rules of the Assembly and of the order. The club now numbers over one hundred members with representation in a majority of the states of the Union. Chautauqua Lake needs no praise as a summer resort, and it is earnestly desired that as many of the brothers as can make it convenient to visit us will do so, and join us in a movement that we believe will be to the interest of all. A meeting to which all members of the fraternity are cordially invited, will be held at the headquarters, Chautauqua, N. Y., Saturday, July 11, at 5 P. M., to adopt rules and regulations for the club."

—[Chautauqua Assembly Herald.]

**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 copy can obtain one by applying to the Grand Secretary.

During the conclave of Knights Templar, held recently in Philadelphia, Lit Brothers made a great hit by extensively advertising the fact that the smallest Sir Knight in the world, Mr. Casper H. Weiss, height three feet, six inches, who has been in their employ for three years, would be at the Lit store to receive his fellow Knights Templar. All Sir Knights, their ladies and friends, were presented with an engraving of Sir Knight President McKinley, in full regalia, and this souvenir, as well as the presence of the smallest of all Knights, made Lit Brothers' store very popular with the visitors.—[Printer's Ink.]

#### A Lodge at Manila.

Bro. Charles H. Burritt, master of Manila Lodge, No. 342, in the Philippines, recently visited Evening Star Lodge of Waterville, N. Y. He delivered an address of which the following is a condensed report, as published in the Troy Budget:

"After the American occupation of the islands a Sojourners' Club was organized in Manila and maintained for two years. It was the purpose and object of this club to secure the institution of a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the Philippine islands which should stand firmly by the principles of pure and undefiled Masonry. A powerful prejudice existed against Masonry in the Spanish days and the state even had some occasion to look with distrust upon the so-called masonic fraternity, because its name had been used for the purposes never contemplated by the ancient and honorable institution of Free Masons. Institutions under the name of Masonry, or with symbols and rites fashioned upon that institution, had been a cause of disturbance and had brought the name of Masonry into disrepute. For these reasons the institution of Manila Lodge was accomplished quietly and without any unnecessary heralding in the press or boasting by the members of the fraternity. The wisdom of this policy became apparent when, after the lodge had been organized and had quietly become a great factor for good in the community, its officers received indirectly from those whom they had naturally assumed would be enemies of the lodge, the assurance: 'We have no objection to American Masonry.'

"Manila Lodge, No. 342, had its official commencement on the fourth day of July, 1901, upon which day it pleased the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in the State of California, to affix his signature to a dispensation authorizing sixteen brothers who had petitioned for that purpose to open Manila Lodge, v. d., at Manila. The officers named in the dispensation included Harry Eugene Stafford, Master; Charles Henry Burritt, Senior Warden, and Wallace Gilman Skidmore, Junior Warden. As soon as the warrant arrived in Manila, the lodge was regularly instituted by Worshipful Henry M. Cronkhite, acting as Grand Master, and his officers were installed on August 28, 1901, at the residence of the Master, H. E. Safford, who had kindly donated the use of the sala in his private residence for the period of one year as a lodge hall.

"The lodge held but one meeting under dispensation and that was on Sept. 2, 1901. The annual session of the Grand Lodge of California was held in San Francisco, October 8, 1901, and a charter was regularly granted to Manila Lodge, No. 342, although not a single petition had been received or any degree conferred by the lodge while under dispensation. This evidences the confidence placed by the Grand Lodge in

the officers of the new lodge. In December, 1901, the first stated meeting of the newly instituted lodge was held and fifteen petitions were received. The officers for 1902 were also elected and Worshipful Charles H. Burritt was chosen as Master.

"As the Grand Lodge fiscal year ended on July 31, the report which Worshipful Chas. H. Burritt presented to his Grand Lodge only covered a working period of seven months. In that time the membership increased from sixteen members to sixty-four, with a large number awaiting advancement.

#### Chase's Lodge Statistics, 1903.

Grand Lodges.	Members.	Raised.	Died.
Alabama,	13,494	1,106	282
Arizona,	1,023	109	16
Arkansas,	12,416	881	423
British Columbia,	2,195	247	26
California,	24,735	2,222	466
Canada,	28,421	1,998	332
Colorado,	9,432	587	138
Connecticut,	18,514	908	332
Delaware,	2,433	127	41
Dist. of Columbia,	6,711	549	102
Florida,	4,905	380	87
Georgia,	21,138	1,681	...
Idaho,	1,532	124	24
Illinois,	63,034	4,739	895
Indiana,	35,107	2,387	634
Indian Territory,	4,549	465	86
Iowa,	31,693	2,116	424
Kansas,	23,567	1,764	361
Kentucky,	21,819	1,841	317
Louisiana,	6,964	794	148
Maine,	23,940	1,224	419
Manitoba,	3,486	273	31
Maryland,	9,122	844	137
Massachusetts,	43,415	2,339	643
Michigan,	47,638	3,049	747
Minnesota,	18,542	1,386	226
Mississippi,	10,531	874	215
Missouri,	36,138	2,303	566
Montana,	3,553	285	49
Nebraska,	13,115	723	167
Nevada,	904	65	22
New Brunswick,	1,994	155	36
New Hampshire,	9,480	389	165
New Jersey,	20,351	1,565	339
New Mexico,	1,133	79	18
New York,	111,365	8,367	1,895
North Carolina,	12,662	950	210
North Dakota,	3,998	322	33
Nova Scotia,	3,720	268	46
Ohio,	51,374	4,025	762
Oklahoma,	4,148	527	48
Oregon,	5,959	453	89
Pennsylvania,	59,826	4,009	1,071
P. E. Island,	574	31	8
Quebec,	4,199	326	51
Rhode Island,	5,685	328	81
South Carolina,	6,926	.....	124
South Dakota,	5,125	316	40
Tennessee,	17,895	1,019	349
Texas,	31,568	2,449	527
Utah,	1,083	86	10
Vermont,	10,674	574	168
Virginia,	14,303	724	247
Washington,	6,205	387	56
West Virginia,	8,022	744	93
Wisconsin,	18,795	1,075	275
Wyoming,	1,308	125	15
Total,	962,438	67,683	15,112

Among the nominees for Brigadier-Generals we see the name of Col. Woodruff of the Artillery, which we hope and believe, although the initials are given wrong, to be that of Bro. Carle A. Woodruff, Past Grand Commander of North Carolina.



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## GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MAINE.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST,  
NORWAY, July 14, 1903.

A Special Convocation of the Grand Chapter will be held at Masonic Hall, Millinocket, on Friday, July 24, 1903, at 7 P. M., for the Constitution of Mount Katahdin Chapter, No. 60.

The Grand High Priest will be pleased to have the assistance of as many of the Grand Officers as may be able to be present, and those intending to come will kindly inform him at their earliest convenience of their intentions. By order of

HOWARD D. SMITH,

Attest: Grand High Priest.

STEPHEN BERRY,

Grand Recorder.

There are five masonic lodges in Japan, three English and two Scotch.

The Rite of Memphis has changed its Constitution, and is now instituting symbolic lodges in the United States.

Maine Consistory held a meeting May 22d and conferred the degrees on a class of eighty.

Comp. Joseph Mason, of Paterson, has been elected Grand High Priest and Charles Belcher, of Newark, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey.

The will of Bro. William G. Davis, of Portland, contained legacies of \$500 each to Ancient Lardmark Lodge, Mount Vernon Chapter and Portland Commandery.

Bro. Hugh Murray, of Hamilton, Ontario, has been appointed Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada in place of Bro. John J. Mason, who died June 15th.

The Post Office at Wadsworth was discontinued July 1st, and the address of Bro. Isaac S. Lowell, D. D. G. Master 18th District, will be Hiram R. F. D. No. 1.

A postal from Gen. John C. Smith, dated Edinburgh, June 5th, says: "We have done Ireland and are now in Bonnie Scotland working our way to London. Am better than when I left home."

### Winfield Scott Choate.

Our Past Grand Master, Winfield S. Choate, died at Augusta, June 27, 1903, aged 53 years, 2 months and 12 days. He had been suffering from kidney complaint for more than a year, but when he came to the annual meetings in May, we felt and hoped that he was in a fair way to recover.

He was born in Whitefield, Me., April 15, 1850, on a farm where three generations of his family, which came from Massachusetts, had lived before him. At 16 he became a school teacher, and at 20 went into a law office at Augusta, finally graduating at Harvard Law School. He practiced law until 1889, when he became Clerk of the Courts for Kennebec County. He was Mayor in 1896 and 1897. He was an officer in the militia for many years, and in 1893 was Inspector General with the rank of Brigadier General.

He served as Master of Bethlehem Lodge, High Priest of Cushnoc Chapter and Commander of Trinity Commandery, and in 1899 and 1900 was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine, where he displayed much ability and endeared himself to his associates and to the craft.

He married Nov. 27, 1877, Charlotte R. Wyman, of Augusta, who survives him with one daughter.

He was buried from St. Mark's Episcopal Church, of which he was a Warden, and the members of the Fraternity attended in large numbers.

PAST MASTER. The term Past Master is often used in literature, and it is natural to think that it is borrowed from Masonry, but it is not so, for Rabelais used it in 1530 and it was probably a familiar phrase in all the trades at that time. He says, "My apprenticeship is out, I am a free man of this

trade. I am Past Master." He was speaking of drinking, but the conclusion is evident.

The *Pacific Mason* of Seattle had its office burned out completely, June 16th, but it appears again in a very neat newspaper form, having found the magazine form less desirable.

WISCONSIN PLAN. The Kansas Grand Lodge proceedings give a summary of the action of Grand Lodges on the Wisconsin proposition to make re-imbursement of charity imperative, from which we find that the following are in favor of it:

Arizona,	Idaho,	Oregon,
California,	Montana,	Wisconsin,
Georgia,	Nebraska,	Wyoming,

The following reject it:

Alabama,	Maine,	Ohio,
Arkansas,	Maryland,	Oklahoma,
Colorado,	Michigan,	Pennsylvania,
Connecticut,	Minnesota,	R. Island,
Delaware,	Mississippi,	S. Carolina,
Dist. Columbia,	Missouri,	S. Dakota,
Florida,	Nevada,	Tennessee,
Illinois,	N. Hampshire,	Texas,
Indiana,	N. Jersey,	Utah,
I. Territory,	N. Mexico,	Vermont,
Iowa,	New York,	Virginia,
Kansas,	N. Carolina,	Wash'gton,
Kentucky,	No. Dakota,	

### Jeremiah Fenno.

Major Jeremiah Fenno, of Bangor, died suddenly in June, from the effects of heart disease, aged 86. He was born in Waldo County in 1817. He married as his first wife, Miss Jewett. They had two children, both of whom are now living, Kendall I. Fenno, of Boston, and Mrs. Charles P. Allen, of Presque Isle. His second wife was Miss Augusta Wiggin, who also is dead. At one time the deceased was in the jewelry business under the firm name of Fenno & Hale. When the war of the rebellion broke out he received an appointment as Paymaster in the army, most of his service being along the lower Mississippi. After the war he was internal revenue collector until the time that the districts were abolished, when he went into the fire and life insurance business. He had remained in this work ever since and was for many years Secretary of the Penobscot Board of Underwriters.

He was devoted to Masonry and was a Past Master of Rising Virtue Lodge. He was a familiar visitor of Grand Lodge and well known and esteemed in masonic circles throughout the state.

### Obituaries.

GEORGE W. BEVER, Grand Commander of Iowa in 1898, died at Ocean Park, Cal., April 8th. He was born in Coshocton, Ohio, March 11, 1842; was a lieutenant in



the civil war and Captain of a battery in the Spanish war. He was a banker.

JOHN LLOYD SPINKS, Grand Master of Mississippi in 1894, and Grand Lecturer in Grand Chapter and Council, died at Meridian, April 25. He was born February 6, 1847.

JAMES C. MCMURTRY, Grand High Priest of Illinois in 1877, died in Henderson, March 31. He was born in Indiana, Feb. 3, 1829.

HENRY B. MCKEAN, Grand Commander of Pennsylvania in 1870, died in Washington, D. C., March 23d. He was born Sept. 13, 1831.

EDWARD C. PACE, Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Commander of Illinois, died at Ashley, May 7th. He was born in Mt. Vernon, Ill., Sept. 25, 1832.

THOMAS BALLANTYNE, Grand Commander of Georgia in 1885 and '86, died in Savannah, April 24th. He was born in Glasgow, Scotland, Aug. 5, 1831.

JAMES M. MOBLEY, Grand Master of Georgia in 1878-79-80, died in Hamilton, May 9th. He was born in Jones Co. in 1828, and was a lawyer.

BERNARD F. PRICE, Grand Master of Tennessee in 1893, died at Memphis, May 4th. He was born in Alexandria, Va., Nov. 30, 1845. He was Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Maine. He was in the insurance business, and also edited the "Shibboleth."

JOHN JAMES MASON, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada since 1874, died in Hamilton, June 15th, aged 61. He was Past Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter, and was an able and obliging Grand Secretary as well as a prominent and popular citizen. Our first acquaintance with him was as editor of The Craftsman, of which he was a founder 37 years ago.

FREDERICK MUNCH, Grand Junior Warden elect of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, died at Philadelphia, May 28th, aged 45.

JAMES W. STATON, P. G. Master of Lodge and Council, P. G. H. Priest, and Correspondent of all three, died at Brooksville, Kentucky, June 27th, from paralysis received at the laying of a corner-stone at Paris, June 10th. He delivered an address in the evening and shortly after became unconscious. He was an able writer and a genial man. He was a great admirer and friend of Bro. Drummond, whom he followed so closely.

DAVID W. WALLACE, Grand Commander of Missouri in 1892, died at Independence, June 17th. He was born at Independence, June 15, 1860.

CHARLES H. GOULD, Grand Master of Montana in 1896, died at Lincoln,

Nebraska, June 5th, aged 66. He was a Union soldier in the civil war.

DE FOREST RICHARDS, Governor of Wyoming, and Past Grand Master of that state, died at Cheyenne, April 28th.

CHARLES W. CARTER, Grand Commander of Connecticut in 1879, died at Norwich, June 13th, aged 65.

SAMUEL CLARKE PERKINS, Grand Master of Pennsylvania in 1872 and '73, and Grand High Priest in 1866 and '67, died in Philadelphia July 14th. He was born there November 14, 1828. He was chairman of the Building Committee when the present Masonic Temple was built, and had the honor of dedicating it.

#### Gen. Isaac Sparrow Bangs.

General Bangs died at Waterville, May 30th, after a brief illness, although he had been breaking in health all the winter.

He was born in Canaan, Me., March 17, 1831, and carried on a granite quarry and other industries.

He was the Captain of Co. A, in the 20th Maine Infantry in the Civil War, was Lieutenant of the 81st U. S. Colored Infantry, and Colonel of the 10th U. S. Colored Artillery, and was brevetted Brigadier General at the close of the war. He belonged to several Military Societies.

He was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery in 1883 and 1884, and was very much beloved and admired by his masonic brethren.

He married Miss Hadassah Jane Milliken, daughter of Hon. Dennis Milliken, of Waterville, who survives him, with one son, Dennis M., a graduate of Bowdoin, who is in the insurance business in Bangor.

Portland will celebrate Old Home Week by public exercises on Wednesday, August 12th. Visitors will have a chance to see the forts which are to defend the coast in the summer war games, and all the other attractive resorts about Portland.

THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER meets at Little Rock, Arkansas, Tuesday, October 6th, and the GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL meets at the same place the day before. Reduced hotel rates are made, and also reduced railway fares. Grand High Priest Howard D. Smith will represent the Grand Chapter of Maine, and Grand Master Wm. Freeman Lord, the Grand Council. Who else will attend we have not yet learned.

Oriental Commandery at Bridgton organized under its dispensation July 16th. The officers of St. Amand, of Kennebunk, went up to help them. The visitors arrived at 11 A. M., and had a drive about the neighborhood. The meeting was in the afternoon and evening, and a banquet followed which closed with speeches.

Grand Generalissimo Henry W. Rugg made a call on us July 18th. He was on his way from his summer home in New Hampshire to Bath.

Past Grand Master Hugh McCurdy proposes to spend a part of the summer on the Maine coast near Portland.

The Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, June 10th, elected Hon. Wm. Ross, M. P., Halifax, G. M.; Thomas Mowbray, Halifax, Gr. Sec.

The Grand Lodge of North Dakota June 23d, elected James T. Blacklock, Hamilton, G. M.; Frank J. Thompson, Fargo, Grand Sec.

The Grand Chapter of North Dakota, June 25th, elected John Holmes of Valley City, G. H. P.; and Frank J. Thompson, Fargo, Grand Sec.

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

	Copies.
St. Andrew's, Bangor,	22
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Hancock, Castine,	11
Ira Berry, Bluehill,	22
Rising Virtue, Bangor,	22
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Ira Berry Chapter, Pittsfield,	22
Amity Lodge, Camden,	11
Mariner's Lodge, Searsport,	11
Pioneer Lodge, Ashland,	11
Lincoln Lodge, Wiscasset,	22

What lodge shall be next added?

#### July.

A rustle of corn leaves, a tinkle of bells on the hills;  
A bevy of bees when the clover hangs heavy,  
A butterfly plundering by—  
And that is July. —[Selected.]

#### Some Shrine Figures.

From the report presented by Imperial Recorder Ben W. Rowell to the Imperial Council of the Mystic Shrine, we learn that there are 88 Temples, with 78,182 members, a net gain for the year of 10,851.

The largest Temple, of course, is Mother Mecca, with 4,923 members. Next comes Medinah of a town called Chicago, with 3,585. Aleppo, of Boston, is third, with 3,551, and the others follow in this order: Lu Lu, Philadelphia, 3,460; Syria, Pittsburgh, 2,414; Moslem, Detroit, 2,136; Syrian, Cincinnati, 1,707; Islam, San Francisco, 1,612; Ismailia, Buffalo, 1,606; Murat, Indianapolis, 1,570; El Kahir, Cedar Rapids, Ia., 1,403; Ararat, Kansas City, 1,336; Kismet, Brooklyn, 1,312; Damascus, Rochester, 1,252; Kaaba, Davenport, Ia., 1,227; Al Koran, Cleveland, 1,176; Kora, Lewiston, Me., 1,168; Almas, Washington, D. C., 1,168; Mount Sinai, Montpelier, Vt., 1,154; Saladin, Grand Rapids, 1,148; Oriental, Troy, 1,115; Zurah, Minneapolis, 1,113; Irem, Wilkesbarre, 1,063; Pyramid, Bridgeport, 1,063; Za-Ga-Zig, Des Moines, 1,039; Rajah, Reading, Pa., 1,036; El Jebel, Denver, 1,033; Aladdin, Columbus, O., 1,022; Palestine, Providence, 1,006.



Fifty-nine Temples have less than 1,000 members. Among them are Kalurah, of Binghamton, with 816; Cyprus, of Albany, with 679; Media, of Watertown, with 668; Ziyara, of Utica, with 652; Salaam, the new Temple, at Newark, N. J., reported 260 members, most of whom came from Mecca. Without this defection Mecca would have reported more than 5,000 members May 1.

The salary of the Imperial Treasurer was raised to \$500, and his bond was raised to \$30,000.

All Imperial officers are to be elected hereafter.

Charters were granted to new Temples at Newark, N. J., Mobile, Ala., Springfield, Mo., Altoona, Pa., and in Vermont, New Brunswick and British Columbia.

A Temple may receive propositions from any territory, state or county that is unoccupied by a temple. A six months' actual residence is necessary in other cases.

The Imperial Recorder shall announce the color of the card and the color of the ink in which it is printed for the next year, so that all cards shall be of the same color.

The minimum fee question was tabled indefinitely.

A quorum shall consist of seven members, one of whom must be capable of opening the Temple.

Mecca Temple had 300 in the illuminated parade, including the Arab Patrol 50 strong, and Crowley's band of 35 pieces.

Nobles George W. Millar and James McGee, of Mecca Temple, and George F. Loder, of Damascus, were elected emeritus members of the Imperial Council, which gives them a voice in the proceedings for life, but no vote, and no mileage and per diem.

The United Agency Company placed a generous supply of Apollinaris on Mecca Temple's special train, which was served cool and sparkling, and did much to mitigate the distress caused by the heat.

The next session will be held at Atlantic City on the second Wednesday in July, 1904.

A pleasing incident took place Wednesday morning, soon after the arrival of the Arab Patrol of Mecca Temple on their special train. A very handsome gold jewel, suitably engraved, was presented by the Patrol to the Chief, Noble William E. Duncan, as a token of appreciation of his arduous labors for the Patrol, and his never failing courtesy. Noble Duncan was surprised, and of course he was pleased. Mecca's Patrol, by the way, made the hit of the parade, with their genuine Arab costumes. The most of the other Patrols were togged out in Turkish style, but the men of Mecca were real Arabs and the crowd appreciated it.

Aladdin Temple, of Columbus, O., gave a great drill on Thursday afternoon, but they didn't get the prize to which they were clearly entitled, because the Captains of the six Patrols participating got together and agreed to cut out the prizes. The \$500 in gold offered by Oriental Temple was given to charity. The Imperial Council passed a resolution doing away with prize drills at future sessions.—[*Masonic Standard*.]

**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.

## EVEN-TIME

BY MAUD MEREDITH.

When fades the sunlight in the western sky,  
When dim the shadows fall on sea and land,  
When breezes whisper of the day gone by,  
And home the black-birds fly, a chattering band;  
Then, lonely heart, faint not, but be thou strong;  
Thy life shall also have its even-song!

Shoreward at dusk the sea gulls take their flight,  
And slowly all the ebbing tide waves break;  
Homeward the skiffs return again at night,  
And fishing dory safest harbor make;  
'Tis evening hours that bring the wanderers home;  
Take courage, heart! thine eve shall also come!

'Tis then the laborer turns from toil and cares,  
And as the busy hum of workers ceases,  
Soft chime the vesper bells for praise and prayers  
And all the earth is hushed in rest and peace.  
Oh! weary soul, thy rest shall surely come  
Some evening time thy God shall lead thee home.

## One, Two or Three Blackballs.

In answer to an inquiry from the American Tyler. Bro. William J. Hughan, the distinguished masonic writer of England, replies as follows regarding the use of the blackball in England, Scotland and Ireland:

From the earliest, the regulations of the Premier Grand Lodge of England provided that candidates for instruction or for membership must be subject to the wishes of the members, and wisely so; besides the voting should be by ballot, because only by such means can the voting, as respects the voters, be kept private. When the voting is not unanimous, no one should reveal his vote. This should not be optional, for if permitted, or usual, the revealing how different members voted would lead to the discovery of those who "blackballed," and consequently the secrecy of the ballot would be abrogated.

The "Book of Constitutions" of A. D. 1723 thus provided for voting:

VI. "But no man can be entered a brother in any particular lodge, or admitted to be a member thereof, without the unanimous consent of all the members of that lodge then present when the candidate is proposed, and their consent is formally asked by the Master, and they are to signify their consent or dissent in their own prudent way, either virtually or in form, but with unanimity."

In the second edition of A. D. 1738, it is stated under date February 19, 1724 (N. S.), that "it was found inconvenient to insist upon unanimity in several cases, and therefore the Grand Masters have always allowed the lodges to admit a member if not above three ballots are against him; though some lodges desire no such allowance."

The usage has continued to this date, three black balls being prohibitive of necessity, but of course lodges can alter the adverse maximum to two, or make it unanimous.

The "United Grand Lodge of England," A. D. 1901, has for its one hundred and ninth rule:

"No person can be made a mason in or admitted a member of a lodge if on the ballot three black balls appear against him, but the by-laws of a lodge may enact that one or two black balls shall exclude a candidate."

The Grand Lodge of Ireland provides (Rule 127) that, "Balloting must in all cases be with beans, one black bean to exclude except in the case of brethren already members of the craft, seeking affiliation, when admission shall be according to the by-laws of the lodge."

Rule 160, "Constitution and Laws of

the Grand Lodge of Scotland" (1896), reads: Three black balls shall exclude a candidate. Lodges in the colonies and in foreign parts may enact that two black balls shall exclude."

I have given the rules as to the ballot according to the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, by which it will be seen that the custom and law of these Grand Lodges formed in 1717, 1725 (or earlier) and 1736 respectively, provide that three black balls must, but a lesser number may, exclude any candidate from initiation. Some lodges require unanimity, in fact many do; but to prevent the disagreeable duty of blackballing, with some lodges I am connected with, we have an unwritten law that the members shall be privately consulted beforehand, and according as the private letters evince unanimity or otherwise, so the candidate is, or is not, proposed at the next lodge. Of course, if any member still wished, notwithstanding the probability of adverse votes, to propose such a candidate, he could, but few would be so foolish as to court the result that would assuredly follow.—[*W. J. Hughan*.]

Says Professor Sayce in the *June Homiletic Review*: "This neolithic population of Primeval Egypt was subjugated by the Pharaonic Egyptians. Their language with its Semetic elements shows that they must have come from Asia. So, too, does the knowledge of copper, which they brought with them. But it is the objects found in their tombs that indicate the particular part of Asia from which they migrated. The Egypt of Menes and his immediate successors made use of the same seal-cylinder as that which characterized Babylonia, and, as in Babylonia also, clay was employed as a writing material. Now in Babylonia this was natural and obvious. There was no stone there, and consequently every pebble was of value. The stone-cutter's art first developed in the Babylonian plain, where the pebbles were cut into the shape of cylinders and engraved with figures and written characters. Clay, too, was literally under the feet of every one, and seemed of itself to suggest that the cylinder should be rolled over it, leaving on its surface a permanent impression of the engraved characters of the seal. In Egypt, however, the contrary of all this held good. There stone was plentiful, and clay, such as could be used for retaining an impression, was scarce. There was no inducement to cut the pebbles, which covered the face of the desert, into a peculiar form and employ them in the Babylonian manner, and only in a few places could clay be found which was not loamy and mixed with sand. It is only from Babylonia that the use of the seal-cylinder could have originally come.

"It is only in the age of the first dynasties that the seal-cylinder was used in Egypt. As time went on it fell more and more into disuse, until finally the scarab took its place. It was unsuited to the valley of the Nile; the conditions which caused it to be invented in the alluvial plain of Babylonia did not prevail there.

"There are other facts besides which point in the same direction and lead to the belief that the culture of Pharaonic Egypt was derived from the banks of the Euphrates. The Pharaonic Egyptians seem to have crossed the straits of Babel-Mandeb, carrying with them the weapons of metal with which they subsequently overcame the aboriginal inhabitants of the Nile valley, and to have reached the Nile itself in the neighborhood of El-Kab and Edfu. That they must have passed along the



southern coast of Arabia was first pointed out by Dr. Schweinforth. Certain of the gods of Egypt were said to have come from thence, like the incense that was burned in their honor, and several of the sacred trees were natives of Yemen, but not of Egypt, where they became extinct as soon as they were deprived of the protection of religion.

"That Babylonia should have been the first home of the civilized Egyptians is a striking verification of the Biblical account, which also makes the plain of Shinar the original home of civilized man. It is the second conclusion that may be drawn from the excavations and researches of the last few years."—[*Biblia.*]

#### STATUETTE OF CHEOPS FOUND.

##### Prof. Petrie Reports on the Excavations at Abydos.

London, July 9.—Prof. Flinders Petrie has given some account of the past season's excavations at Abydos. In the clearing of the old temple site over several acres, there were revealed, in a depth of about twenty feet, ten successive temples, ranging in age from about 500 to 5,000 B. C., thus enabling the changes from age to age through the whole Egyptian history to be seen.

At one spot the separation of these buildings was an affair of anatomy rather than spade work. The mud and brick walls were so commingled with the soil that incessant section cutting with a sharp knife was the only way to discriminate the brickwork. Often only a single course of bricks or a thin bed foundation of sand was all that told of great buildings which had existed for centuries.

The main result as regards religion is the discovery that Osiris was not the original god of Abydos. Jackal, god of Wpuat, and then Khentamenti, god of the west, were honored here till the twelfth dynasty. The most striking change is seen about the fourth dynasty, when the temple was abolished and only a great hearth of burnt offering is found, full of votive clay substitutes for sacrifices. This exactly agrees with the account of Herodotus that Cheops had closed the temples and forbidden sacrifices.

This materializing of history is made more real by the finding of an ivory statuette of Cheops of the finest work, showing for the first time the face and character of the great builder who made Egyptian government and civilization what they were for thousands of years after.

The discovery of civilization of the first dynasty at the beginning of the kingdom throw more light on what is already known from Prof. Petrie's works. In the royal tombs at Abydos, of Menes, the founder, there is a large globular vase of green glaze, with Menes's name inlaid in purple. Thus polychrome glazing is taken back thousands of years before it was previously known to exist. There are also several pieces of this age in the highest art of delicate ivory carving, especially the figure of an aged king, which, for subtlety of character, stands in the first rank of such work, and is comparable to the finest work of Greece and Italy. The earliest monarchy must now be reckoned as equal to that of any later age. Such technical fine art and pottery of forms and material quite unknown in Egypt also belongs to this remote age. It proves to be identical with that in Crete of the late Neolithic age.

This fresh connection illustrates the trade chronology of the period. A camel's head modelled in pottery takes back its relation to Egypt some four thousand years. Hith-

erto no trace of the camel appeared before Greek times. The ivory carving of a bear also extends the fauna of early Egypt. A great fort long known as Shunet Ez Zebib is now connected with the remains of another fort discovered between Shunet and the Coptic Deir, which is in the third fort. These buildings prove to have been the fortified residences of the kings of the second dynasty, whose sealings were found in the dwelling rooms of a later age. There are some decrees of the fifth and sixth dynasties, and also the oldest example of iron yet known, which is of the sixth dynasty.

#### Our Thanks.

ILLINOIS.—Masonic Orphan's Home 18th annual report from Gil. W. Barnard, Chicago.

INDIANA.—Eastern Star April 22, 1903, from Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Indianapolis, Gr. Sec. Mrs. Minnie W. Goltra, Crawfordsville, Gr. Matron. 15,615 members, 1,900 initiates.

KENTUCKY.—Gr. Council, Oct. 20, 1902, from James M. Staton, Maysville, Gr. Rec., (now deceased.) Eusebius S. Mayes, Springfield, G. M. 20 councils, 1,032 members, 52 candidates.

LOUISIANA.—Gr. Lodge Feb. 2, 1903, from Richard Lambert, New Orleans, Gr. Sec. Robert R. Reid, Amite City, G. M. 6,964 members, 883 initiates.

Gr. Council Feb. 5, 1903, from Richard Lambert, G. Rec. John S. Alfred, New Orleans, G. M. 7 Councils, 289 members, 39 candidates.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Gr. Council Dec. 10, 1902, from J. Gilman Waite, Boston, G. Rec. Forrest E. Barker, Worcester, G. M. 6,547 members, 365 candidates.

MICHIGAN.—Council of Deliberation Jan. 1903, from Hugh McCurdy, Deputy. It contains a fine picture of Drummond with a biography.

MISSISSIPPI.—Gr. Lodge Feb. 19, 1903, from Frederic Speed, Vicksburg, G. Sec. Emmet N. Thomas, Greenville, G. M. 293 lodges, 11,959 members, 922 initiated.

Gr. Chapter Feb. 18, 1903, from Frederic Speed, Vicksburg, G. Sec. Oliver L. McKay, Meridian, G. H. P. 70 chapters, 2,388 members, 248 exalted.

Gr. Council Feb. 17, 1903, from Frederic Speed, G. Rec. Phineas M. Savery, Tupelo, G. M. 43 councils, 1,277 members, 148 candidates.

MISSOURI.—Gr. Commandery April 21, 1903, from Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis, Gr. Rec. Emanuel F. Hartzell, St. Joseph, G. Com. 57 commanderies, 5,043 members, 430 knighted.

NEW JERSEY.—Gr. Lodge March 11, 1903, from Thos. H. R. Redway, Trenton, G. Sec. W. Holt Apgar, Trenton, G. M. 20,351 members, 1,565 raised.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Gr. Council Feb. 24, 1903, from Joshua L. Lyte, Lancaster, G.

Rec. Lyman M. Finney, Bradford, G. M. 21 councils, 2,189 members, 245 candidates.

Penn. Council Deliberation Dec. 2, 1902, from Francis M. Highley, Phila., G. Sec. James I. Buchanan, Pittsburgh, Deputy. 10 lodges, 5,792 members, 709 initiates.

VERMONT.—Gr. Commandery June 9, 1903, from Henry H. Ross, Burlington, G. Rec. Silas H. Danforth, St. Albans, Gr. Com. 12 commanderies, 1,965 members, 156 knighted.

#### DIED.

CARLOS S. FOX, in Santiago, Cuba, April 8, aged 55. A former member of Atlantic Lodge, Portland.

EZEKIEL M. KNIGHT, in Hong Kong, China, April 25, of paralysis. He was master of the bark Holliswood, and a member of Casco Lodge of Yarmouth.

FRANK L. COLLINS, in Brighton, Mass., May 16, aged 47. A member of Ancient Landmark Lodge of Portland.

ISAAC S. BANGS, in Waterville, May 30, aged 72 yrs. 2 mos. 13 days. (See editorial.)

ALPHONZO I. EDGEcombe, in Bar Mills, June 4, aged 50. A member of Buxton Lodge,

FRANK H. CROCKER, in Gardiner, June 12. A member of St. Elmo Commandery, of Machias.

MARION F. MARBLE, in Gardiner, June 15, aged 77 yrs. 10 mos. He was a member of Hermon Lodge, Lebanon Chapter and Maine Commandery, and for 12 years had been helpless from paralysis.

NATHANIEL W. COLE, in Augusta, June 18, aged 69. A past master of Bethlehem Lodge. Was captain in 11th Maine in civil war.

OSCAR HILL, in Northport, June 19, aged 66. A past master of Excelsior Lodge.

WINFIELD S. CHOATE, in Augusta, June 27, aged 53 yrs. 2 mos. 12 days. (See editorial.)

JEREMIAH FENNO, in Bangor, June, aged 86. (See editorial.)

WILLIAM L. TRUE, in Portland, suddenly July 1, of heart disease, aged 38. He was a druggist of Waterville, and a member of all the masonic bodies there. He was brother-in-law of Dr. Alfred King, of Portland.

JAMES T. CUSHMAN, in Ellsworth, July 3, aged 72.

EDWIN ILLSEY, in Limerick, suddenly, July 14, a member of Freedom Lodge. He was a graduate of West Point and a Colonel in the civil war.

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
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