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AT THE TURNING POINT.

The rust is over, the red of the clover,
The green is under the gray;
And down the hollow the fleet-winged swallow
Is flying away and away.

Fled are the roses, dead are the roses,
The glow and the glory done,
And down the hollow the steel-winged swallow
Flying the way o' the sun.

In place of Summer, a dread new comer
His solemn state renews;
A crimson splendor, instead of the tender
Daisy, and the darling dews.

But oh! the sweetness, the full completeness
That under his reign are born!
Russet and yellow in apples mellow,
And wheat and millet and corn.

His frosts so hoary, touch with glory
Maple and oak and thorn;
And rising and falling, his winds are calling
Like a hunter through his horn.

No thrifty sower, but just a mower,
That comes when he is done,
With warmth a-beaming and gold a-gleaming
Like sunset after the sun.

And while fair weather and frost together
Color the woods so gay,
We must remember that chill December
Has turned his steps this way.

And say, as gather the house together,
And pile the logs on the hearth,
Help us to follow the light little swallow
E'en to the ends of the earth.

—[Alice Cary.]

MASONRY IN MAINE.

Lodge Elections.

Temple, 25, Winthrop. Edward R Jones, m; Charles F Kilbreth, sw; J E McIlroy, jw; Levi E Jones, sec.

Rural, 53, Sidney. J Emery Nash, m; Herman A Faught, sw; Charles B Blaisdell, jw; James F Warren, R F D No 3, Augusta, sec.

Central, 45, China. Charles W Abbott, m; Willis E Ward, sw; Geo L Gilman, jw; Willis W Washburn, sec.

Mt. Bigelow, 202, Flagstaff. Fred T Blackwell, m; Forrest C Durrell, sw; Fremont Lincoln, jw; Walter E Hinds, sec.

Liberty, 121, Liberty. Willis J Greely, m; Arthur H Norton, sw; Warren A Moody, jw; Ambrose P Cargill, sec.

Installed by E D Chase, D D G M.

Blazing Star, 30, Rumford Falls. Fred

O Eaton, m; Goodwill Douglass, sw; Ralph M Woodsum, jw; Fred A Porter, sec.

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

Installed September 29th, by Horace C Bent, D D G M. Musical entertainment by Aeolian Quartet, of Lewiston, with readings by M Dennett, of Lewiston. Refreshments to masons and families.

Casco, 36, Yarmouth. Wallace O Stoddard, m; Alfred B Small, sw; George S York, jw; Aug H. Humphrey, sec.

Neguemkeag, 166, Vassalboro. Geo S Perkins, m; Mathew E Hodges, sw; James S Emery, jw; Charles A Stilson, sec.

Maine, 20, Farmington. Newell R Knowlton, m; J Clinton Metcalf, sw; Samuel O Tarbox, Jr., jw; George B Cragin, sec.

Pine Tree, 172, Mattawamkeag. Fred A Martin, m; Norman E Webster, sw; Albert Dennis, jw; George W Smith, sec.

Warren Phillips, 186, Cumberland Mills. Frank H Swan, m; Wm M Lamb, sw; W T Anderson, jw; Almon N Waterhouse, sec.

Nollesemic, 205, Millinocket. William J Heebner, m; LeBaron Dibblee, sw; Ingleton Schenck, jw; Chas J MacNutt, sec.

Chapter Elections.

Rumford, 56, Rumford Falls. Ira J Parlin, m; Frank R Reed, k; Gerald A Peabody, sc; Frank P Savage, sec.

Mt. Katahdin, 60, Millinocket. Chas J MacNutt, m; Geo W Stearns, k; Peter W Cady, sc; Herbert S Lee, sec.

St. Georges, 45, Liberty. Albert D Ramsey, Center Montville, m; Oren W Ripley, So Montville, k; Lucien C Morse, sc; Ambrose P Cargill, sec.

Washington, 16, Machias. Loring B Wilder, m; Isaac S Heaton, k; Frank T Crane, sc; Thomas G Albee, sec.

Dunlap, 12, China. Lot J Randall, m; Gustavus J Nelson, k; Charles W Jones, sc; Willis W Washburn, sec.

Teconnet, 52, Waterville. Chas P Davis, m; Eugene H Emery, k; J Geo Harris, sc; Anson O Libby, sec.

Constitutions.

Mount Katahdin Chapter, No. 60, at Millinocket, was constituted July 24th, by Walter S. Glidden, acting G. H. P., assisted by P. G. H. P. John W. Ballou, James E. Blanchard, D. D. G. H. P., George W. McClain, as Grand Secretary, Grand Sentinel Warren O. Carney, and local brethren. The officers of the new chapter are:

Charles J. MacNutt, H. P.

George W. Steasns, K.

Peter W. Cody, Scribe.

Herbert S. Lee, Sec.

Abner Wade Lodge, No. 207, at Sangerville, was constituted Sept. 30th by Fessenden I. Day, acting Grand Master, assisted by Charles F. Paine, J. G. Warden; F. Ernest Harvey, D. D. G. M.; George W. McClain, D. D. G. M.; Rev. Elmer F. Pember, G. Chaplain; W. O. Carney, G. Tyler, and local brethren.

New Lodge.

Grand Master Burnham granted a dispensation Sept. 2d for a new lodge to be called North East Harbor Lodge, at N. E. Harbor, on Mount Desert Island. Isaac T. Moore, m; Joseph W. Small, sw; George E. Turner, jw.

Oriental Lodge, of Bridgton, has recently purchased and refitted an addition to their masonic hall in order to have the increased room necessary for the commandery, and it is now one of the best in the state. The banquet hall will seat nearly one hundred.

Dunlap Commandery, of Bath, and Claremont Commandery, of Rockland, visited Farmington Sept. 18th and 19th, and were entertained by Pilgrim Commandery. Dunlap had 117 men with a band, Claremont 57 with a band, and Pilgrim 65 with a band. After a parade and a dinner on Friday they went to Phillips, where they paraded and lunched, and then went to Rangeley, where they spent the night. On Saturday they sailed on the lake, had dinner at the Mountain View House, and then returned home.

NEW CHAPTER.—Grand High Priest Howard D. Smith, issued a dispensation Sept. 16th, to thirteen R. A. Masons in Sedgwick and vicinity for a new chapter to be called Minnewaukon Chapter. The officers are: High Priest—Owen L. Flye, Brooklin. King—Ithamar E. Stanley, Bluehill. Scribe—Fred S. Herrick.

Books, Papers, etc.

—*Western Freemason* Los Angeles, California. No. 1, Vol. 1, of a new eight-page quarto received, dated August 22, 1903. We like its appearance very much and welcome it to our list. Ben B. Cartwright is manager and A. H. S. Perkins, editor. It will be published weekly at \$1 a year.

—*Southern Freemason*, Atlanta, Ga., a new monthly octavo magazine, 32 pages, published by E. W. Allen & Co., \$1 a year,

Rev. A. C. Ward, D. D., editor. The first number was issued in September, and we welcome it as an exchange and wish it prosperity.

—*Garden City Lodge, Chicago.* The souvenir of the 50th anniversary is received from Gil. W. Barnard, Secretary, and is a bound octavo volume of 100 pages, full of fine illustrations. It contains the history, biographies and portraits, and is a valuable book.

—*The Maine Register* for 1903, is received, now over 1,000 pages thick, 18 pages of statistics having been added. Several improvements have been made, such as tabulating the justices and notaries in the larger towns; also classifying the business in the same. The map has been revised and it is now the latest and best map of Maine. This book is of great value to Maine as a state, and is very useful as a home reference and in schools. Price \$2.00. Grenville M. Donham, 390 Congress St., Portland, Publisher.

—*Bureau of Labor*, Carroll D. Wright, Commissioner, No. 48, for September, treats of Farm Colonies of Salvation Army; Negroes of Xenia, Ohio.

—The history of Casco Lodge, No. 36, F. and A. M., of Yarmouth, from 1870 to 1900, has been printed by Stephen Berry. It forms a volume of sixty-two pages. The first part of the work is an abridgement of a historical sketch read by P. M. Charles G. Woodman, at the exercises celebrating the seventy-fifth anniversary of the charter. This is illustrated by the annals of the lodge for the last thirty years, and an alphabetical list of the names of all brethren raised by the lodge or affiliated with it, from 1821 to 1900, together with their masonic biographies. The committee on history was A. H. Humphrey, C. G. Woodman, H. M. Moore and W. B. Allen.

—*The Cosmopolitan*, for October, has a very interesting article on the Future of Yacht Racing by Sir Thomas Lipton. He can speak intelligently on the subject, and everybody wishes to hear what he says. Barlasch of the Guard is concluded, and admirably done. The *Cosmopolitan* offers a \$5,000 International Cup for yacht racing. Irvington, N. Y., \$1 a year.

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM.

Evidence That Counts for Much Toward Confirming the Biblical Story.
(Chicago Inter Ocean.)

Nearly three hundred years ago the great astronomer, Kepler, a devout as well as a learned man, sought mathematically to demonstrate the truth of the story of the Star of Bethlehem. Applying the laws of the motion of the stars, he had discovered, he calculated, that on the night of December 25-26, 6 B. C., there occurred, visible in Palestine, a maximum conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn.

That is, on that night, the two planets, as seen from that part of the earth, were directly in line and for a time would be seen as one star, combining the brilliancy of both. Kepler thought the conjunction explained the appearance of the unusually bright strange star which amazed the shepherds and which the Wise Men saw as they came from the East.

Then scholars working on New Testament chronology became satisfied that the dates of Dionysius, then generally received, were incorrect. They found evidence that Herod the Great, said in the Gospels to have been living at the time of the Nativity, died in the fifth year before that then accepted as the first of the Christian era. In fact, it is generally admitted, now, though convenience prevents a change, that this is not the 1903d year since the birth of Jesus, but at least the 1907th, and probably the 1909th.

This discovery of the error in the traditional chronology, though it confirmed Kepler's calculations indirectly, did not cause his suggestion about the Star of Bethlehem to be wholly accepted. That the conjunction of the two planets occurred about that time, was admitted, but it was not considered proved that Jesus was born on exactly that night. In fact, the tendency was to regard the story of the star as a wonder tale, produced by the universal human habit of associating remarkable natural events with the births or deaths of conspicuous personages.

But now Baron F. von Aefele, in a pamphlet published at Berlin, points out that this maximum conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn is described in a list of the positions of the planets from 17 B. C. to 10 A. D., lately discovered in Egypt. Furthermore, the old Egyptian star gazer gives a number of details that correspond closely with those set down in the second chapter of Matthew. Yet again, the Greek word translated "stood," in Matthew's account, which most commentators have declared to be a poetical expression, turns out to be the technical term used by the Egyptian astronomer to describe the conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn, which he records as occurring at a date corresponding to Dec. 26, 6 B. C., of our calendar.

Baron von Aefele draws from this confirmation of Kepler's computations and Matthew's narrative the conclusion that the Christmas festival was fixed on December 25, not because it was the time of the Roman Saturnalia or the festival of some popular pagan god, but because the early Christians knew exactly when the Founder of their faith appeared as a child among men.

The main interest of the matter to Christians is that this old Egyptian record, taken with Kepler's calculations, confirms the Gospel narrative. It shows that the Founder of their faith was attended by an exceptional aspect of the heavens. It shows that the writer of Matthew's Gospel did not fabricate this incident of the nativity, though it was one that the human mind in all ages has tended to associate with the births of great leaders, as the Buddhist birth stories show. And by thus confirming the careful veracity of the Gospel narrative in that particular, it strengthens belief in its truth in all others.

COLONEL CARLE A. WOODRUFF, Artillery Corps, U. S. A., is on the list of those colonels whose service dates back to the Civil War, and who are to be promoted to the grade of Brigadier General and retired, following the policy inaugurated by Mr. McKinley and most properly continued by

President Roosevelt. This promotion seems the only way, under existing legislation, by which the exceptional military service of men who fought through the Civil War and have remained continuously in active service to this time can be recognized even in a small degree. All of them have had forty years of army work; Colonel Woodruff has had over forty-two years. When the importance of the Civil War and its results is considered, I often wonder that Congress has not thought fit to reward in some substantial manner these old heroes, now nearing the close of life. Any other government in the world would have given not only the honor and emoluments of high grade to these men, but would have made special appropriations of funds for their benefit. There are but few survivors now on the active list whose service dates back to the Civil War. Each of them is approaching the age of retirement. I shall be glad if the President finds it possible to retire them all with the greatest increased rank that he can give them, securing for their few remaining years a fair competency.

On the list of heroes of the Civil War belonging to our Regular Army there are few with so satisfactory a record as Colonel Woodruff. He was thrice brevetted, first as captain, July 3, 1863, "for gallant and meritorious service at the Battle of Gettysburg." He was then second to Lieutenant A. C. M. Pennington, in command of Horse Battery M, Second Artillery, serving with the Cavalry Corps in that notable cavalry fight. It was my fortune to be present and to bear personal witness to the remarkable work done by the battery. I doubt if in the whole war there was an example of clear-headed direction, skillful handling and gallant bearing of officers and men more brilliant than that of Battery M in this action. The commanding officer, A. C. M. Pennington, was made Brigadier General last year and retired with a record enviable among the military men of the age. He, too, received several brevets. Woodruff was again brevetted June 11, 1864, "for gallant and meritorious services at Trevilian Station, Va.," and finally as lieutenant-colonel, March 13, 1865, "for good conduct and gallant services during the war." A medal of honor was accorded Colonel Woodruff "for distinguished gallantry in action at Newby's Cross Roads, Va., July 24, 1863, while serving as first lieutenant, commanding a section (platoon) of Horse Battery M, Second Artillery, saving his guns when twice ordered to abandon them." Shall such heroes go unrewarded, or be rewarded meagrely?—[*Town Topics.*]

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

	Copies.
St. Andrew's, Bangor,	22
Temple, Westbrook,	11
Hancock, Castine,	11
Ira Berry, Bluehill,	22
Rising Virtue, Bangor,	22
Kenduskeag Lodge, Kenduskeag,	11
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?

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.

The "Magic Flute" of Mozart is said to be an allegorical defence of Freemasonry.

Don't forget to send in your election of officers in time to be published in the January Token.

Berry's Templar Statistics, 1903.

Grand Commanderies.	Subordinates.	Members.	Knights.	Deceased.
Alabama,	9	516	38	6
Arizona,	3	216	36	4
Arkansas,	12	574	86	7
California,	38	4,106	378	84
Colorado,	25	1,760	67	22
Connecticut,	11	2,874	197	53
Dist. Columbia,	5	1,633	108	30
Florida,	8	412	93	4
Georgia,	14	1,131	123	20
Illinois,	66	10,239	740	153
Indiana,	45	4,323	396	71
Indian Territory,	5	242	17	0
Iowa,	58	5,121	405	62
Kansas,	49	3,615	246	48
Kentucky,	25	2,791	277	41
Louisiana,	8	448	67	4
Maine,	21	4,071	313	62
Maryland,	13	1,354	115	22
Mass. and R. I.,	46	13,692	717	205
Michigan,	46	6,381	450	112
Minnesota,	29	2,997	160	38
Mississippi,	20	869	99	17
Missouri,	57	5,043	430	86
Montana,	10	542	53	6
Nebraska,	25	1,821	113	26
New Hampshire,	11	2,333	109	44
New Jersey,	17	2,132	205	27
New Mexico,	7	319	27	6
New York,	60	13,578	1,256	233
North Carolina,	10	438	55	4
North Dakota,	8	690	83	4
Ohio,	59	9,918	706	170
Oklahoma,	9	448	63	3
Oregon,	7	561	67	10
Pennsylvania,	77	14,896	1,268	232
South Dakota,	14	922	101	11
Tennessee,	15	1,008	66	24
Texas,	36	2,587	282	45
Vermont,	12	1,965	156	33
Virginia,	21	1,762	125	34
Washington,	10	841	84	12
West Virginia,	14	1,748	245	23
Wisconsin,	28	3,319	177	55
Wyoming,	8	411	27	7
Gr. Encamp. Sub.,	14	1,329	143	9
Total in U. S.,	1,085	137,976	10,969	2,169
Canada,	39	2,273	230	30
Eng. and Wales,	126	3,345
Ireland,	44	1,100
Scotland,	12	300
Total in World,	1,306	144,994

The gain in the United States is 7,370, or 5 3/4 per cent., against 4 2/3 per cent. in 1902, 3 3/4 per cent. in 1901, 1 2/3 per cent. in 1900, and 2 per cent. in 1899.

Comparison of North American Statistics.

Date.	Templars.	Royal Arch.	M. Masons.	Percentage of Templars to M. M's.
1870	25,844	96,275	483,535	5
1880	50,681	127,025	573,317	8.84
1890	84,923	157,898	651,028	13
1900	122,185	225,151	854,209	14.303
1901	126,771	233,694	881,531	14.38
1902	132,710	245,763	915,973	14.49
1903	140,249	257,384	962,438	14.57

The percentage of Templars to Master Masons has increased equally with the percentage of gain, and one-seventh of the Masons are Templars. The percentage of Royal Arch Masons is 26.74, that is, a little more than one-quarter of the Masons are members of the chapter, while the percentage of Royal Arch Masons who are Templars is 54 1/2, that is, more than half.

Egyptian Architecture.

At the meeting of the Royal Institute of British Architects, held a few weeks ago in London, says the *Paris Messenger*, Sir Martin Conway read a paper on "The Beginning of the Egyptian Style of Architecture." The lecturer said the Egyptian style appeared to have arisen about the time of the fourth dynasty and to have rapidly developed during the fifth. Until recently it was commonly believed that the early dynastic Egyptians employed wood for small and costly edifices. In fact, however, no such Egyptian wooden architecture ever existed. The earlier Egyptian stone buildings had no architectural feature whatever. It was mere building, not architecture. Down to the middle of the fourth dynasty the craft of building in stone had been carried to a high degree of perfection, but it had developed no architectural art.

The lecturer described the characteristic features of a stone building in the developed Egyptian style. Discussing the question as to when the translation of all the features and principles of Egyptian architecture invented by the mud builders, into stone took place, the lecturer said that the well known sarcophagus of Khufuankh at Cairo threw a welcome light on that problem. The fifth dynasty had left them several actual examples of stone architecture containing decorative features. Throughout the period when true stone architecture was arising Egypt pyramid building steadily lost its charm for the kings, the reason evidently being that, as time advanced, less of the mass of human energy under the command of the king was devoted to pyramid building and more to building of some other sort.

The lecturer next considered the character of divine temples of the old empire, and referred to the evolution brought about in temple building by changes in religious ceremonial and by the gradual ousting of the priestly caste. Finally, he considered the character of the sculptured decoration applied to old empire temples and the system of its distribution.

Concluding, he said that Egypt had impressed the prestige of its mighty name as a

country of great buildings and noble art on the imagination of the succeeding generations. They were only now beginning to realize that the reputation of Egypt as an ancient artistic nation, so far from being exaggerated did not attain the level it deserved.

Plucky American Girl Defied Wild Beasts.

The bravery and enterprise of the American girl is made evident every time she finds herself in a perilous position. Miss Alma Parvin, daughter of Newton R. Parvin, Grand Secretary of Iowa, is no exception.

Lost in the mountains of New Mexico, with no companion save a burro and a dog, she pluckily made the best of a bad situation, found a deserted cabin and for ten days defied the howling mountain lions and ravenous wolves, that made night hideous.

At last a party of tourists found her calmly preparing a meal of provisions she had luckily discovered in the cabin. They guided her to her friends, from whom she had become separated.

Miss Parvin is planning to become a trained nurse. Recently, while the big fire was raging at Cedar Rapids, she was among the volunteers who helped care for the victims. She never expects to find a more trying profession than the one she recently occupied.—[Exchange.]

Swedish Freemasonry.

The enthusiastic defender of the separation of the two Scandinavian kingdoms, Bro. Bjornson has published in the Norwegian and Swedish papers several aggressive articles against the masonic power of kings of Sweden. He contends that Swedish Freemasonry is a Jesuitical institution, a State within a State, and advises the citizens no longer to submit to such slavery as this kind of Freemasonry, which exerts its influence over all officers, dignitaries and producers of the country. He expressed the desire that Norway, by the enactment of a law should interdict Swedish Freemasonry and deprive of citizenship those who are received into that fraternity. Bro. Bjornson is a hot headed republican, and crazed with the idea of liberty.

The Swedish system of Freemasonry differs from that of any other country. It is a mixture of English and French Masonry, with additions of their own. It is composed of nine degrees, viz:

1. The St. John's Lodge, of three degrees.
2. The St Andrews' or Scotch Lodge, of two degrees.
3. The Chapter, a system of four Templar degrees.

Besides these nine degrees there is another section as a tenth degree, consisting of nine members, to which the highest regency is entrusted. The two highest officers are the Vicarious Salomonis and the Grand Master. The first superintends the internal or spiritual affairs of the Order, while the latter attends to matters of administration. The first office is peculiar to the system, and as the institution is strictly sectarian, that is, Christian, and Solomon emblematically represents Christ, his vicar, consequently is a kind of Protestant pope. This office is always held by the king, the protector of the Order, while the Crown Prince holds that of Grand Master. Often both offices have been united in the king.—[Freemasons' Journal.]

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CONVENTIONS. — The Grand Lecturer, M. W. Frank E. Sleeper, announces conventions as follows:

At Castine, Wednesday, Oct. 28, at 10 A. M.

At Portland, Friday, Nov. 6, at 10 A. M.

At Waterville, Friday, Nov. 20, at 10 A. M.

Professor Brander Matthews thinks that whenever we adopt a foreign word into English we should Anglicize the plural, which is reasonable. But it is hard to do it until we get familiar with it. We cannot exactly tell when it is adopted as an English word. Take *frater* for instance. Grand Master McLeod Moore used to be severe on those who knew so little of Latin as to use the plural *fraters*, yet more than half the Templar proceedings use it now, and all use the word without putting it in italics, thus practically, claiming it as English. Perhaps some who spell it *fratres* pronounce it *fraters*, just as we pronounce theatre and sabre theater and saber. The French and Spaniards are wiser than we and conform their spelling to their pronunciation, which we should imitate as fast as possible. Yet custom must govern, for some old forms will not change. Housen is so obsolete that few can recognize it, yet oxen will not out and oxes would be unintelligible. The use of the verb *be* for *are* is ascribed to ignorance, yet we recognize it with delight in poetical form, and realize that it was once allowable, and so natural that the vernacular preserves it. On the whole, we must follow slowly, and be thankful for

such improvement as is allowed us by general assent.

We were much pleased on August 7th, to greet Past Grand Master of Templars Hugh McCurdy, of Corunna, Michigan, and his wife, who were stopping at the Oceanic House, Peak's Island, in Portland Harbor, opposite our summer cottage.

Geo. A. Pettigrew, June 9th, 10th and 11th, was elected Secretary of the Grand Lodge, Chapter and Commandery of South Dakota, and has removed his office from Flandreau to Sioux Falls. Byron P. Dague, of Deadwood, was elected G. Master, Samuel H. Jumper, of Aberdeen, G. H. Priest, and Fred A. Spafford, of Flandreau, Grand Commander.

Warren C. Bickford, of Washington, a native of Maine, has been appointed Grand Representatives of Maine to the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia to succeed the late Wm. A. Gatley.

General Grand Chapter.

The General Grand Chapter met in Little Rock, Arkansas, October 6th to 9th. Maine was represented by Howard D. Smith, Gr. H. P., Herbert Harris, Gr. K., Wm. Freeman Lord, proxy for Gr. Scribe.

The Gen. G. H. P., James W. Taylor, reported that he had declined to issue dispensations for chapters in Manila and Havana, and had referred the applicants to the G. G. Chapter.

The ritual was discussed and some points settled.

The election resulted as follows:

Arthur G. Pollard, Lowell, Mass., Gen. G. H. Priest.
Joseph E. Dyas, Paris, Ill., Dep. G. G. H. Priest.
William C. Swain, Milwaukee, Wis., G. G. King.
Nathan Kingsley, Austin, Minn., G. G. Scribe.
John M. Carter, Baltimore, Md., G. G. Treas.
Chris. G. Fox, Buffalo, N. Y., G. G. Sec.
Bernard G. Witt, Henderson, Ky., G. G. C. of Host.
Geo. E. Corson, Washington, D. C., G. G. P. Soj.
Frederick W. Craig, Des Moines, Iowa, G. G. R. A. C.
William F. Kuhn, Kansas City, Mo., G. G. M. 3d Vail.
Bester G. Brown, Topeka, Kansas, G. G. M. 2d Vail.
Charles N. Rix, Hot Springs, Ark., G. G. M. 1st Vail.

The entertainments were generous and hospitable, and were much enjoyed, especially the exhibition of cotton fields, the Tally-Ho ride at Hot Springs, and the Barbacue at Scott's Plantation.

General Grand Council.

The General Grand Council met in Little Rock, Arkansas, October 5th and 6th. Maine was represented by Wm. Freeman Lord, Grand Master, and Howard D. Smith, Proxy.

The following were elected:

Andrew P. Swannstrom, St. Paul, Minn., Gen. G. Master.
Henry C. Larrabee, Baltimore, Md., Gen. G. Dep. Master.
Edward W. Wellington, Ellsworth, Kansas, Gen. G. P. Con.
Charles H. Heaton, Montpelier, Vt., Gen. G. Treas.
Henry W. Mordhurst, Fort Wayne, Ind., Gen. G. Rec.
J. Albert Blake, Boston, Mass., Gen. G. Capt. Guard.
Geo. A. Newell, Medina, N. Y., Gen. G. Con. Council.
William F. Cleveland, Harlan, Iowa, Gen. G. Steward.

St. John's Lodge, of Boston, entertained Fitzroy Lodge, of London, England, Oct. 3d, during the visit of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery. The London lodge exemplified the third degree in English fashion after witnessing the ceremony in American style.

Obituaries.

CHARLES H. GOULD, Grand Master of Montana in 1896, died at Lincoln, Nebraska, June 5th. He was born in La Porte Co., Indiana, October 5, 1837. His parents were natives of Maine. He was a Union soldier in the Civil War.

REUBEN BARNEY, Grand Commander of Missouri, in 1900, died at Chillicothe, July 15th. He was born at Arlington, Vt., April 20, 1844. He was a physician and served as surgeon in the Union Army throughout the Civil War. He was Grand High Priest in 1887 and Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1901.

J. H. HOBART WARD, a prominent member of the Northern Supreme Council, was killed by a railroad train at Monroe, Orange Co., N. Y., July 24th. He was born in New York City, June 17, 1823, was a soldier in the Mexican and Civil Wars, and attained the rank of Brigadier General. Although 80 years old, he was considered one of the most valuable clerks in the Supreme Court.

ROGER WILLIAMS WOODBURY, Gr. Master of Colorado in 1878, died suddenly from heart trouble, at a ranch near Sedalia, July 11th. He was born at Francetown, N. H., March 3, 1841. In the Civil War he was Chief of Ordnance on the staff of General Terry, and participated in nearly fifty engagements. He was President of the Order of High Priesthood, Grand High Priest in 1881 and '82, General G. P. Sojourner of

the U. S., Grand Commander in 1883, and it was he who laid out the plan for the Washington Centennial of 1899.

GEO. WASHINGTON CREEL, Deputy Grand Commander of West Virginia, was killed in a railroad accident near Arden, June 22d. He was born in Grafton, Feb. 22, 1856.

JOHN Y. T. SMITH, Past Deputy Grand Master of Arizona, died at Los Angeles, California, July 15th. He was born near Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 16, 1831. He was a veteran officer of the Civil war, and afterwards in the milling business.

JAMES E. COBB, Grand High Priest of Alabama in 1875-76 and '77, died at Las Vegas, N. Mexico, June 2d. He was born in Thomaston, Georgia, Oct. 5, 1835. He was an officer in the Confederate army in the Civil War and afterwards a lawyer and judge, and was ten years in Congress.

PETER JOHN FRELING, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Kansas, died in Leavenworth, June 10th. He was born in Bouzonville, Lorraine, France, Dec. 2, 1838. Aaron H. Connett, of Great Bend, P. G. H. P., was appointed as his successor.

HENRY HART BROWN, Grand Master of Alabama in 1888, died at East Lake, Jan. 9th, aged 66. He was a lawyer and was a Confederate soldier in the Civil War.

GEORGE W. CHEYNEY, Grand Master of Arizona in 1890, and Grand High Priest in 1891, died in San Francisco, August 14th, aged 49.

JAMES O'KEEFE, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Virginia, and G. Principal Sojourner of the Grand Chapter, died suddenly at Pulaski, July 24th, aged 60.

W. T. DALBY, M. D., Grand Master of Arizona in 1896, died at his home in Salt Lake City, Utah, Sept. 7th, aged 44.

SAMUEL CLARKE PERKINS, Grand Master of Pennsylvania in 1872, and Grand High Priest in 1866, died in Philadelphia, July 16th. He was born Nov. 14, 1828. He had been very prominent in masonic work in Pennsylvania for half a century.

JOHN J. RICHARDS, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Indiana in 1901, died in New Albany, Sept. 13th, in his 61st year. He was a leading citizen and had been mayor for three terms.

WILLIAM WALLACE LEE, Grand Master of Connecticut in 1874 and '75, Gr. High Priest in 1872 and '73, and Grand Master of G. Council in 1867, died in Meriden, Sept. 14th. He was born in Barkhamsted July 20, 1828. He was President of the Order of High Priesthood for three years, and President of Masonic Veterans for 26 years until his death. He was a masonic historian, and was correspondent of the Grand Council.

WILLIAM A. GATLEY, assistant Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, and Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maine, died at El Paso, Texas, of tuberculosis, July 14, 1903. He was born Sept. 2, 1844. In 1894, he was appointed assistant G. Sec., and filled the position until the death of Bro. Singleton, Gr. Secretary, Feb. 23, 1901.

GEORGE H. DURAND, Grand Master of Michigan in 1875, died at Flint, June 8, 1903, aged 65. He was born at Cobeskill, Schoharie Co., N. Y., Feb. 21, 1838, and was a Justice of the Supreme Court.

SAMUEL WELLS, Grand Master of Massachusetts from 1889 to 1894, died in Boston, Oct. 3, aged 67, of heart disease. He was born in Hallowell, Me., Sept. 9, 1836, and was a son of Samuel Wells, who was Judge of the Supreme Court, and was Governor of Maine in 1855. Bro. Wells was of the firm of Bangs and Wells in real estate business. He was a leading citizen, and active in many movements and societies.

SAMUEL WORD, Grand Master of Montana in 1868, died in Helena, Sept. 24th. He was born Jan. 19, 1837, in Barboursville, Ky. He was a lawyer.

George B. Sawyer.

George B. Sawyer, one of the best known citizens of Wiscasset, died Sept. 20th, aged 69 years. He was clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court of Lincoln county from 1862 to 1878, Collector of Customs from 1881 to 1884, and from 1890 to 1894, President of Wiscasset Savings Bank from 1885 to 1898, and for several years was chairman of the Board of Selectmen and Secretary of the Maine State Pomological Society. As a practicing lawyer and a 32d degree mason he was widely known. He is survived by a widow and three daughters. He had always been active in the masonic bodies in Wiscasset, and was a valued member of the craft.

Northern Supreme Council.

The Northern Supreme Council held its triennial session at Boston, Sept. 15-17th. The Grand Commander of the Southern Supreme Council and other distinguished guests were present.

Millard F. Hicks, of Portland, was elected an active member to fill Bro. Drummond's place.

The following were elected:

Henry L. Palmer, of Milwaukee, Wis., M. P. Sovereign Grand Commander.

Samuel Crocker Lawrence, of Medford, P. G. and Lieutenant Commander.

John Corson Smith, of Chicago, Grand Minister of State.

Newton D. Arnold, of Providence, R. I., Grand Treasurer General.

James H. Coddington, of New York Grand Secretary General.

Charles C. Hutchinson, of Lowell, Grand Keeper of the Archives.

Thomas E. Balding, of Milwaukee, Grand Master General of Ceremonies.

Robert E. Patterson, of Philadelphia, Grand Marshal General.

William Geake, of Fort Wayne, Ind., Grand Standard Bearer.

George O. Tyler, of Burlington, Vt., Grand Captain of the Guard.

The State Deputies were all re-elected, including Hon. Marquis F. King for Maine.

Among the appointments made by Sovereign Grand Commander Palmer was William J. Burnham, of Lewiston, Me., Grand Almoner.

The proposed trolley ride through the suburbs and parks of Boston by visitors and their ladies, which was to have taken place, was abandoned because of the unsettled weather conditions.

Atlantic Lodge, of Portland, had its annual clambake at Spurwink, August 15th, 150 in the party.

Hiram Lodge, of South Portland, held its annual clambake at Long Island, Aug. 13th.

Warren Phillips Lodge, of Cumberland Mills, had its annual clambake at Spurwink Aug. 29th, eighty strong.

The lodge membership of American Odd Fellows is 1,069,906.

Bro. Benjamin L. Hadley, of Bar Harbor, is reported to have received a bequest of \$10,000 from a Boston lady.

Oriental Lodge, No. 13, of Bridgton, will observe its centennial March 13, 1904, and Solar Lodge, No. 14, of Bath, Sept. 10, 1904.

The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia adopted the following May 14, 1902:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary notify all Grand Lodges with which this Grand Lodge is in fraternal relations that there are in the District of Columbia several lodges composed of persons of African descent claiming to be masonic, and that these several lodges have formed a Grand Lodge; that these lodges are all clandestine and that the Grand Lodge formed by them is also clandestine; and further, that there are no persons of African descent members at this time, of any of the constituent lodges of our Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Texas denounces the Grand Lodge of the Federal District of Mexico for instituting lodges in Texas. The names given are:

Riva Palacio, No. 19, San Antonio.

Mentana, B. D., San Antonio.

Degallado, No. 22, Del Rio.

Also lodges at Sanderson, Barston and San Marcos.

These may be added to the list of clandestine lodges.

OCTOBER DAYS.

What is more dear than calm October days,
When Nature, pausing, seems to stand and gaze
In love with Peace as she would fain give o'er
The winter's strife, and battle wage no more?
How soft the sky, where not a cloud doth move!
And softer than the tender blue above,
That other sky, deep in the waveless lake,
Upon whose shore nor birds nor bees awake—
A spirit-touch the meanest thing makes fair,
And spicy odors rove the amber air—
The drowsy light, pallid with languor, falls
On crimson tree and cedar's outspread palls
A mellow radiance through the woodland gleams,
And wraps the fields in atmosphere of dreams!

So long the tryst between the earth and sky,
Unanchored ships at willing anchor lie;
For all things, great and small, enamoured are
Of quietness—the breezes rest afar,
And gadding insects that delight to roam,
Furl their bright sails, content to stay at home—
Soon Twilight wins all to her pensive mood,
The stillness deepens in the lonely wood,
As though Silence were dead, and her wan ghost
Haunted the charmed spot she loved the most,
But Memory wakes, for she can never die
To breaking hearts, who list her furtive sigh,
As she gives back to Thought the golden haze
Of long-departed, dear October days!

—[*Youth's Companion.*]

Harris' Chapter Statistics, 1903.

Grand Chapters.	Members.	Exaltations.	Died.
Alabama,	1,444	217	18
Arizona,	368	40	9
Arkansas,	2,203	174	39
California,	7,280	730	138
Canada,	6,938	748	80
Colorado,	2,906	191	39
Connecticut,	6,247	372	113
Delaware,	780	62	10
District of Columbia,	2,841	234	51
Florida,	824	79	13
Georgia,	4,179	237	57
Illinois,	18,959	1,532	261
Indiana,	7,873	622	143
Indian Territory,	1,536	211	8
Iowa,	8,626	584	117
Kansas,	5,620	422	67
Kentucky,	4,187	408	67
Louisiana,	1,511	175	25
Maine,	7,287	493	114
Maryland,	2,244	240	29
Massachusetts,	16,029	917	259
Michigan,	14,984	964	202
Minnesota,	5,606	373	69
Mississippi,	2,443	248	57
Missouri,	7,939	677	118
Montana,	888	65	12
Nebraska,	3,143	198	41
Nevada,	309	15	6
New Brunswick,	473	26	6
New Hampshire,	3,678	115	60
New Jersey,	3,739	307	50
New Mexico,	501	49	7
New York,	24,915	2,307	379
North Carolina,	767	124	13
North Dakota,	1,103	99	6
Nova Scotia,	744	68	8
Ohio,	18,212	1,534	263
Oregon,	1,799	210	27
Pennsylvania,	20,141	1,400	363
Quebec,	745	107	10
Rhode Island,	2,809	157	57
South Carolina,	818	98	12
South Dakota,	1,723	134	17
Tennessee,	2,919	230	56
Texas,	7,868	207	118
Vermont,	3,332	209	54
Virginia,	3,398	311	57
Washington,	1,797	199	26
West Virginia,	2,533	330	27
Wisconsin,	6,842	475	82
Gen. Gr. Chapter,	1,334	66	19
	257,384	19,990	3,879

Horeb Lodge, at Lincoln, proposes to build a new masonic hall.

Order of the Temple in Pennsylvania.

The honor of having formed the first grand encampment is claimed by Pennsylvania. According to the oldest record in the possession of the grand encampment of Pennsylvania, Templarism existed in this state in 1794. The first grand encampment was instituted in Philadelphia, May 12, 1797, and a constitution was adopted May 19, 1797. Creigh, in his "History of the Knights Templar of the State of Pennsylvania," says: "Prior to the year 1797, four encampments were instituted in Pennsylvania, two in Philadelphia, the third in Harrisburg, and the fourth in Carlisle. The right worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania from its organization until the 16th day of February, 1857, believed that the general regulations of Ancient York Masons authorized the conferring of the orders of Christian Knighthood, under the sanction of a charter or warrant of a lodge. But at the grand communication referred to they resolved "that Ancient Masonry consists of but three degrees, and this Grand Lodge claims no jurisdiction beyond the limits of Ancient Masonry." By this action Templarism, as a component part of Masonry and in accordance with masonic usage in Pennsylvania, were forever divorced, which happily eventuated in the union of all the subordinate commanderies in Pennsylvania, under the right eminent grand commandery of Pennsylvania, which acknowledged as its supreme head the grand encampment of Knights Templar of the United States.

The convention, however, which met on the 12th day of May, 1797, was composed of sixteen representatives, four from each of the encampments, who met to deliberate upon the expediency of organizing a grand encampment, as none had previously existed in America. After mature deliberation, and anticipating the glorious results which would necessarily ensue from having a controlling head, whereby a more perfect union could be effected, on the nineteenth of May, 1797, was adopted a constitution to govern the Knights Templar of Pennsylvania. Thus in the very infancy of our republic, Pennsylvania inaugurated the system of each state having within its limits a grand encampment, and thereby demonstrating to the world the undeniable fact that as civilization advances and new states are formed Masonry and Templarism go hand in hand with the early settlers, and amid their trials, privations and dangers, prove to them a guardian angel.

Pennsylvania, at the date of the organization of the grand encampment (1797) could only boast of a constitutional existence of ten years, yet she had already established besides her many lodges and chapters, two encampments in Philadelphia, one in Harrisburg and one in Carlisle. It is a matter of deep regret to the fraternity that in the destruction of the Masonic Hall, in Philadelphia, by fire, in 1803, all our Templar records were destroyed and no vestige remained except the rolls of the members of the encampments Nos. 1 and 2.

Prior to the 12th day of April, 1854, the Knights Templar of Pennsylvania were governed by subordinate encampments, their charters emanating respectively either from the general grand encampment of the United States or existing by the authority of the right worshipful grand lodge of Pennsylvania. The state was considered open territory, no grand encampments having existed since June, 1824, although St. John's, No. 4 (of Philadelphia), preserved her organization.

Under the general grand encampment there existed by charter Pittsburg encampment, No. 1; Jacques De Molay (of Wash-

ington), No. 2, and St. Omer's (of Uniontown, but now of Brownville), No. 3, and under dispensation Hubbard commandery (of Wanesburg).

Under the right Worshipful grand lodge there were St. John's encampment, No. 4, deriving her charter from the grand encampment of 1814; Philadelphia encampment, No. 5; Union encampment, No. 6 (of Philadelphia), and De Molay (of Reading), No. 7.

The difficulties arose on a question of jurisdiction, the former claiming that the general grand encampment of the United States took possession of the state of Pennsylvania as early as 1826, when it organized Holy and Undivided Trinity encampment at Harrisburg, Nov. 22, 1826, while the latter believed that the right worshipful grand lodge of Pennsylvania is the source of all masonic authority within her geographical limits. Those encampments acting under the authority of the right worshipful grand lodge were sustained by the following facts: That until of very late years Templar encampments were held under Blue lodge warrants. In Ireland, although the grand encampment was formed about 1818, yet several encampments continued to work under their old lodge warrants. This was also the case in Scotland, Canada, etc., etc. All encampments thus constituted in Europe were considered legal. Hence arose the difficulties between the Templars of Pennsylvania.

Thus believing, those under the general grand encampment of the United States applied to the Most Eminent Sir William B. Hubbard, general grand master, who issued a warrant authorizing the formation of a grand encampment of Pennsylvania. Under this authority a convention assembled at Brownsville, Fayette county, on the 12th day of April, 1854, and organized the present grand commandery of Pennsylvania, subordinate to the grand encampment of the United States.

On the other hand, the subordinate encampments recognizing the authority of the grand lodge, met in Philadelphia, in convention, by delegates, on May 10, 1854, and organized a grand encampment. After the adoption of a constitution and the election and installation of grand officers, the grand recorder was instructed to inform the right worshipful grand lodge of Pennsylvania that the Pennsylvania grand encampment of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders was regularly organized.

The grand commandery now consists of 77 subordinate commanderies and upwards of 15,000 Knights Templar, and is the largest grand commandery in the world.

WILLIAM W. ALLEN,

Grand Recorder and Past Grand Commander.

—[*American Tyler.*]

The question of uniform for the Order was also promulgated at this time by Grand Master Sir Thomas Dunckerly in a letter dated January, 1792, in which he states "that he had established a uniform button and pattern of the cloth for a frock to be worn in the several conclaves. The coat will take 14 buttons, ten in front and four for the hips and skirt, with two very small gilt buttons at the opening of each sleeve. A white Kerseymere waistcoat and white French casket buttons with black breeches. In all the chapters cock'd hats and cockades are worn with swords and black velvet stocks. The stocks, cockades and swords to be kept in a box at each chapter." This clearly demonstrates that the question of uniform is not a modern idea, but one over a century old.—[*Gr. Chancellor Will H. Whyte in Masonic Sun.*]

We have received an invitation to the annual assembly of the Veteran Freemasons, of Illinois, at the home of Gen. John Corson Smith, in Chicago, Oct. 29th, and return our acknowledgements.

GRAVELOT.—The name of the second of the three conspirators in the Masters degree, according to the Adonhiramite Rite. The others are Rromvel and Abiram. The etymology of Gravelot is unknown.—[*Encyclopaedia of Freemasonry—McClenachan.*]

Our Thanks.

ALABAMA.—Gr. Commandery, May 13, 1903, from Geo. A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, G. Rec. Lewis W. Hubbard, Selma, G. Com. 9 commanderies, 516 members, 38 knighted.

ILLINOIS.—Illinois Council Deliberation, 1903, from Gil W. Barnard, Chicago, G. S. Amos Pettibone, Chicago, Ill. Deputy. 3682 members, 1128 initiates.

Sixth annual report Ill. Masonic Home, from Franklin Hulburd, Chicago, Sec. Geo. W. Warvelle, Chicago, Pres. This is the closing report, as the fund is to be transferred to the Grand Lodge.

IOWA.—Grand Lodge, June 2, 1903, from Newton R. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, G. Sec. Charles C. Clark, Burlington, G. M. 503 lodges, 33,181 members, 2,375 initiates.

KENTUCKY.—Gr. Commandery, May 20, 1903, from Alfred H. Bryant, Covington, G. Rec. George Alexander Lewis, Frankfort, Grand Com. 25 commanderies, 2,791 members, 277 knighted.

MANITOBA.—Gr. Lodge, June 10, 1903, from James A. Ovas, Winnipeg, G. Sec. E. A. Braithwaite, Edmonton, Alberta, G. M. 3,811 members, 347 initiates.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Grand Lodge, March, April and May, 1903, from Sereno D. Nickerson, Boston, G. Sec. Baalis Sanford, Boston, Grand Master.

Gr. Chapter, Dec. 9, 1902, from J. Gilman Waite, Boston, G. Sec. Samuel F. Hubbard, Boston, G. H. P. 16,541 members, 919 exalted.

MISSOURI.—Gr. Council, April 22, 1903, from Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis, G. Rec. Robert F. Stevenson, Kansas City, G. M. 14 councils, 976 members, 159 candidates.

MONTANA.—Gr. Chapter, Sept. 16, 1902, from Cornelius Hedges, Helena, G. Sec'y. Emil H. Renisch, Butte, G. H. P. 16 chapters, 957 members, 91 exalted.

NEBRASKA.—Gr. Lodge, June 3, 1903, from Francis E. White, Omaha, G. Sec. Frank E. Bullard, North Platte, G. M. 13,624 members, 916 initiates.

Gr. Commandery, April 23, 1903, from Francis E. White, Omaha, G. Rec. Fred W. Vaughan, Fremont, G. Com. 25 commanderies, 1,821 members, 113 knighted.

NEW JERSEY.—Council of Deliberation, 1903, from Robert A. Shirrefs, Elizabeth, Com-in-Chief. Chas. Bechtel, Trenton, G. Sec. 4 lodges, 1,399 members.

NEW YORK.—Council of Deliberation, June 24, 1903, from Wm. Homan, N. York, Deputy. James Belknap, N. York, G. Sec. 19 lodges, 6,166 members, 754 initiates.

NEW ZEALAND.—Grand Lodge, May 6, 1903, from Malcolm Niccol, Wellington, G. Sec. Herbert James Williams, Wellington, G. M. 124 lodges, 6,199 members, 666 initiates.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Gr. Chapter, June

16, 1903, from James C. Munds, Wilmington, G. Sec. Henry G. Smallbones, Wilmington, G. H. P. 21 chapters, 978 members, 91 exalted.

Gr. Council, June 18, 1903, from James C. Munds, Wilmington, G. Rec. Alexander B. Andrews, Jr., Raleigh, G. M. 5 councils, 161 members, 20 candidates.

Gr. Commandery, June 17, 1903, from James C. Munds, Wilmington, G. Rec. James K. Norfleet, Winston, G. Com. 12 commanderies, 513 members, 71 knighted.

NORTH DAKOTA.—Gr. Lodge, June 23, 1903, from Frank J. Thompson, Fargo, G. Sec. James T. Blacklock, Wahalla, G. M. 67 lodges, 4,397 members, 496 initiates.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Received a very elegant "In Memoriam" pamphlet to Michael Arnold, with portrait, from Geo. P. Rupp, Librarian, Philadelphia. It contains the addresses at a special communication of the Grand Lodge.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—Gr. Lodge, June 24, 1903, from Neil MacKellvie, G. Sec., Summerside. Benjamin Rogers, Charlottetown, G. M. 14 lodges, 607 members, 55 initiates.

QUEBEC.—Grand Chapter, Mch. 24, 1903, from Will H. Whyte, Montreal, G. Scribe E. J. Bruce Payne, Granby, G. Z. 11 chapters, 745 members, 107 exalted.

SOUTH DAKOTA.—Gr. Lodge, June 9, 1903, from Geo. A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, G. Sec. Byron P. Dague, Deadwood, G. M. 5,444 members, 463 initiates.

Gr. Commandery, June 12, 1903, from Geo. A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, G. Rec. Fred A. Spafford, Flandreau, G. Com. 14 commanderies, 922 members, 101 knighted.

TEXAS.—Fifteenth annual report of Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Masonic Home, from B. F. Frymier, G. Treasurer, Waco, M. F. Mott, Pres.

Gr. Commandery, April 15, 1903, from John C. Kidd, Houston, G. Rec. Wm. H. Bell, Austin, G. Com. 36 Commanderies, 2,587 members, 282 knighted.

VERMONT.—Grand Lodge, June 10, 1903, from Henry H. Ross, Burlington, G. Sec. Olin W. Daley, White River Junction, G. M. 103 lodges, 10,983 members, 592 initiates.

WASHINGTON.—Gr. Lodge, June 9, 1903, from Thomas M. Reed, Olympia, G. Sec. Charles D. Atkins, Tacoma, G. M. 120 lodges, 7,056 members, 773 initiates.

WEST VIRGINIA.—G. Commandery, May 13, 1903, from Rob't C. Dunnington, Fairmont, G. Rec. Charles H. Ahrens, Wheeling, Grand Com. 14 commanderies, 1748 members, 245 knighted.

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.

CHA'S F. CHAPMAN, of Biddeford, at Harpswell, July 21, aged 61. A member of Dunlap Lodge.

EDWARD H. SMITH, in Westbrook, August 1, aged 36; a member of Temple Lodge.

DAVID F. ROLFE, in Gorham, Aug. 16th, aged 86 yrs. 21 days. A member of Harmony Lodge.

GEO. H. CUMMINGS, M. D., at Christmas Cove,

Aug. 22, of acute indigestion, aged 53 yrs. 4 mos. 16 days. A member of Ancient Land-Mark Lodge of Portland.

J. C. HACKETT, in Mechanic Falls, Aug. 27. A member of Tyrian Lodge.

ALBERT F. ANDREWS, in Norway, Aug. 28, aged 68. A member of Oxford Lodge.

JOHN E. BURNHAM, in Portland, Sept. 7, aged 60. A member of Atlantic Lodge.

SUMNER C. MAXFIELD, in South Windham, Sept. 10, aged 70. A member of Presumpscot Lodge and Eagle Chapter. Past Master of Presumpscot Lodge.

JAMES BRADBURY CURTIS, of Freeport, accidentally drowned in Charleston, S. C., by the capsizing of a boat Sept. 11, aged 37.

GEORGE B. SAWYER, in Wiscasset, Sept. 20, aged 69. (See editorial.)

CHAUNCEY R. BERRY, in Portland, Sept. 26, aged 63 yrs. 6 mos. A native of Denmark, Me., and a member of Mt. Moriah Lodge and St. Alban Commandery.

HERBERT H. MOODY, in Portland, Sept. 28, aged 39. A member of Casco Lodge, Yarmouth.

FRANK W. HASKELL, in Kalispel, Montana, Oct. 9, of pneumonia, aged 60. A member of Waterville Lodge and an officer in the civil war.

CHARLES H. STUART, in Chelsea, Mass., Oct. 11. A former resident of Portland and a member of Portland Commandery.

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