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YULETIDE.

BY ROBERT REXDALE.

The skies are dark save for one splendid star, That marks the manger where the Christ child lay. Far off I hear the surging of the sea, The town's dull roar is stealing up to me, Ere breaks the day.

I dream of palm trees swaying in the wind, Of flocks that graze on far Judea's plain. I weave the holly and the mistletoe, And sweet old songs of Yuletide long ago, Sing in my brain.

The cuckoo calls the hour upon the wall. The gates are shut—the lights are burning dim.
Though deep the snows are drifting on the wold,
My tender lambs are safe within the fold,
Beloved of Him.

Dreaming I walk the way the Master trod, E'en I who may not touch his garment's hem. This holy night, beneath the happy stars, I cry to thee from out my casement bars, O Bethlehem.

MASONRY IN MAINE.

Lodge Elections.

St Aspinquid, 198, York Village. Bradford S Woodward, York Corner, m; Wm P Cummings, sw; Augerine W Gowen, jw; Albert E Cuzner, sec.

Blazing Star, 30, Rumford Falls: Ralph M Woodsum, m; James Shea, sw; Rainsford Price, jw; Walter G. Raynes, sec.

Lebanon, 116, Norridgewock. Henry C Hussey, m; Wm B Longley, sw; Henry D Burgess, jw; Charles A Ward, sec.

Composite, 168, La Grange. Harry A Fowler, m; Benj F Crehore, sw; Chauncey A Doble, jw; Fred H Savage, sec.

Mt Abram, 204, Kingfield. Fred Hutchins, m; Lavella A Norton, sw; Frank Hutchins, jw; Arthur C Woodard, sec.

Installed Oct. 12th, by Chas B Richardson, D D G M.

Temple, 25, Winthrop. Charles F Kilbreth, m; Herbert E Foster, sw; Harry E Wilkins, jw; Levi E Jones, sec. Installed Oct. 9th, by John Clair Minot,

DDGM.

Blue Mountain, 67, Phillips. Fred B Davenport, m; Fred N Beal, sw; Elmer W Voter, jw; Newell P Noble, sec.

Installed Oct. 11th, by Daniel F Field, P

Lindsay, m; Augustus V Blaisdell, sw; Ralph E Woodbury, jw; Arthur J Chick,

Nollesemic, 205, Millinocket. Dennis H Buckley, m; John H Stinchfield, sw; Albert W Morrill, jw; Frederick C Bagley, sec.

Euclid, 194, Madison. Dan'l M Nichols, m; Dumont Hilton, sw; Irvin L Russell, jw; Bernard Gibbs, sec.

Corinthian, 95, Hartland. Alexander R Johnston, m; Lewis H Graves, sw; Edward A Webster, jw; Daniel A Packard, sec.

Drummond, 118, Parsonsfield. Francis Milliken, m; Wilbur M Meserve, sw; Alonzo J Moulton, jw; Albert R Leavitt,

Davis, 191, Strong. Charles W Shaw, m; Leslie A Vining, sw; Uley G Weymouth, jw; Percival W Mason, sec.

Pine Tree, 172, Mattawamkeag. Norman E Webster, m; Albert Dennis, sw; Frank J Rich, jw; George W Smith, sec.

Dirigo, 104, Weeks' Mills. William S Jones, m; Geo M Crommett, sw; Herbert L Pinkham, jw; Orren F Sproul, sec.

Sebasticook, 146, Clinton. Sullivan L Andrews, m; Julian M Estes, sw; Arthur F Roundy, jw; Ruel W Gerald, sec.

Amity, 6, Camden. James F Burgess, m; John W Mason, sw; Geo E Allen, jw; Henry L Maker, sec.

Day Spring, 107, West Newfield. Carl E Hannaford, m; Walter W Symes, sw; Thomas Bond, jw; Luther E Sanborn, sec.

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

Village, 26, Bowdoinham, Edward L White, m; Alfred B Small, sw; Rufus A Dickinson, jw; Frank H Purinton, sec.

Installed Oct. 18, by William D Trufant, DDGM.

Quantabacook, 129, Searsmont. Valorus Simmons, m; Lucien H Thomas, sw; John Lane, jw; Allen L Mattocks, sec.

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

Molunkus, 165, Sherman Mills. Lewis E Jackman, m; Thanny S Robinson, sw; Geo T Gosnell, jw; John Gosnell, sec.

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Franklin, 123, New Sharon. George S Russell, m; John M Rowe, sw; Robert Y Swift, jw; James H Howes, sec.

St George, 16, Warren. George J Newcomb, m; Joseph H Stickney, sw; Geo P Holt, jw; A M Wetherbee, sec.

Archon, 139, East Dixmont. Edgar C Newcomb, Hampden, R F D No 1, m; Ste-Installed Oct. 11th, by Daniel F Field, P phen Mudgett, Brooks, R F D No 1, m; Stephen Mundgett, Brooks, R F D No 4, sw; Alonzo Tasker, Dixmont, R F D No 1, jw; Benj F Porter, Dixmont, R F D No 2, sec.

Cumberland, 12, New Gloucester. Frank M Hawkes, Intervale, m; Lemuel S Day, sw; George P Cushman, West Pownal, jw; Geo H Goding, Auburn, R F D No 7, sec.

Hiram, 180, South Portland. William H Ohler, Jr, m; Josiah F Cobb, sw; Sherman G Willard, jw; Geo H Weeks, Knightville,

Arion, 162, Goodwin's Mills. Albert V Wakefield, m; Alonzo E Day, sw; Ralph B Jellerson, jw; J Burton Roberts, sec.

Granite, 182, West Paris. Clester H Lane, Jr, m; Charles F Barden, sw; Will E Pratt, jw; Leonard B Swan, sec.

Vernon Valley, 99, Mt. Vernon. Fred W Foss, m; Joseph W Allen, sw; Wm T Morrill, jw; Chas W Mansur, sec.

Ancient Brothers, 178, Auburn. Harold C Goddard, m; Henry A Fletcher, sw; Jas F Deane, jw; Frank L Lowell, sec.

Ancient Land-Mark, 17, Portland. Fred C Tolman, m; Millard F Hicks, sw; Joseph B Reed, jw; John S Russell, sec.

Harmony, 38, Gorham. Wm M Taylor, m; B Harry Elkins, sw; Charles Calkins, jw; Edward W Guptill, sec.

Crescent, 78, Pembroke, James Abernathy, West Pembroke, m; Fred L Gardner, Dennysville, sw; Harry C Wilder, W Pembroke, jw; Eugene S Wilbur, W Pembroke,

Installed Dec. 15th, by Herbert H Best, DDGM.

Messalonskee, 113, Oakland. George H Foster, m; Thomas E Johnson, sw; Edwin N Foster, jw; Orestes E Crowell, sec.

Lincoln, 3, Wiscasset. James B Clark, m; Wm Farnham, sw; Fessenden M Chase, jw; Wm D Patterson, sec.

Kenduskeag, 137, Kenduskeag. William E Nason, m; Wallace W Patterson, sw; Geo S Cressey, jw; John H Everett, sec.

Anchor, 158, South Bristol. Austin S Thompson, m; Bradford C Redonnett, sw; Miles A Plummer, jw; Walter H McFarland, sec.

Reliance, 195, Stonington. Wm McKen-zie, m; Frank J Smith, sw; Fred E Sawyer, jw; Rollins Y Stinson, sec.

Seaside, 144, Boothbay Harbor. Frederick C Blake, m; Lincoln M Harris, sw; Alfred E Rowe, jw; Henry S Perkins, sec.

Solar, 14, Bath. Sanford L Fogg, m; Henry R White, sw; Arthur B Stearns, jw; Albert L Strout, sec.

St. Paul's, 82, Rockport. Enos E Ingraham, m; Benjamin H Hall, sw; Wm Wellman, jw; L Henry Lovejoy, sec.

Central, 45, China. Irving H Reed, m; Fred H Lewis, sw; Charles R Getchell, jw; Thomas W Washburn, sec.

Temple, 86, Westbrook. Adelbert E. Witham, Portland, m; Harry F G Hay, sw; Frank Spring, jw; Oliver A Cobb, sec.

Waterville, 33, Waterville. Francis M

Wheeler, m; Ralph M Gilmore, sw; Norman K Fuller, jw; Charles B Davis, sec.

Bethel, 97, Bethel. Eben S Kilborn, m; I Henry Wright, sw; Albert C Frost, jw; Herbert C Rowe, sec.

Officers installed Dec. 14th, by Arthur D Fobes, D D G M.

Caribou, 170, Caribou. Chas G Briggs, m; Irving W E McLellan, sw; R N L Brown, jw; Arthur A Garden, sec.

Adoniram, 27, Limington. Harry F Maxim, m; Ernest J Pattee, sw; Allen L Hubbard, jw; Geo M Brackett, sec.

Mosaic, 52, Foxcrott. Jas R Hawkins, m; Lyman K Lee, sw; Eugene S Genthner, jw; James T Roberts, Dover, sec.

Atlantic, 81, Portland. Wm G Newhall, m; Elmer A Doten, sw; Will Horton Adams, jw; Dan'l W Fox, sec.

Horeb, 93, Lincoln. Chas D Blanchard, m; Jerome O Lynch, sw; J Fred Clark, jw; Daniel W Ballantyne, sec.

North East Harbor, 208, N. E. Harbor. George E Turner, m; Edward A Hodgdon, sw; L Elrie Holmes, jw; Alvah L Reed, sec. Installed Dec. 19th, by Eben K Whitaker. D D G M.

Bar Harbor, 185, Bar Harbor. Andrew J Babbidge, m; Charles E Gilley, sw; A Stroud Redick, jw; Benj L Hadley, sec.

Benevolent, 87, Carmel. Edmund L Lamb, m; Everett L Robinson, sw; Albert M Day, jw; Camillus K Johnson, sec.

Mystic, 65, Hampden. Wm H Tribou, m; John C Rollins, sw; Charles H Rogers, jw; Sumner D Greeley, sec.

Felicity, 19, Bucksport. Horace E Buck, m; Fred M Mooney, sw; Horace L Gould, jw; Frederick Wood, sec.

Orient, 15, Thomaston. Edward S Vose, m; Samuel F Miller, sw; Albert S Cole, jw; Alanson O Tobie, sec.

Mount Moriah, 56, Denmark. Daniel B Johnson, m; Albert F Wentworth, sw; Charles E Pingree, jw; Wm C Ordway, sec.

Chapter Elections.

Corinthian, 7, Belfast. Clifford J Pattee, HP; Ashley A Smith, K; Henry J Chaples, sc: Geo I Keating, SEC.

Winthrop, 37, Winthrop. Edward R Jones, HP; Chas W Crosby, Kent's Hill, K; Clarence P Rowell, sc; Levi E Jones, SEC.

Greenleaf, 13, Portland. Geo W Pennell, HP; Fred G. Hamilton, K; Herbert W Robinson, sc; Francis E Chase, SEC.

Teconnet, 52, Waterville. Geo W Townsend, нг; Stephen J Cunningham, к; Chas A Redington, sc; Anson A Libby, sec.

Drummond, 27, Oakland. Horace W Greeley, μp; Geo F Allen, κ; Marshall L Tilton, sc: Orestes E Crowell, sec.

New Jerusalem, 3, Wiscasset. John E Dickinson, HP; Joseph P Tucker, K; Fred'k W Sewall, Sc; Wm D Patterson, SEC.

Pentecost, 55, Boothbay Harbor. Thaddeus L Montgomery, нг; J Edward Knight, к; Wm H Hodgdon, sc; Henry S Perkins, sec.

Mt. Vernon, 1, Portland. Rob't B Low, HP; Charles F Sanborn, K; William W Andrews, Sc; John S Russell, SEC.

arfield, 48, Caribou. Fred L Oak, HP; G C Shaw, κ ; Geo H Howe, sc; Rossell A Shaw, sec.

Piscataquis, 21, Foxcroft. Ralph W Hughes, μρ; Allen P Clark, Dover, κ; Geo T Flanders, East Sangerville, sc; James T Roberts, Dover, sec.

Mount Kebo, 50, Bar Harbor. Eben K Whitaker, HP; Charles W Shea, K; Wm L Pierce, SC; Benj L Hadley, SEC.

Crescent, 26, Pembroke. Stephen W Smith, W Pembroke, нг; Alvra W Leighton, к; James Abernathy, sc; Eugene S Wilbur, West Pembroke, sec.

Somerset, 15, Skowhagan. Rupert E Jackson, HP; John H Lancaster, K; De Forest H Perkins, Sc; Charles Milton Lambert, See.

Hancock, 19, Bucksport. Archie L White, HP; Fred M Mooney, K; Ashur B Hutchins, Orland, Sc; Frederic Wood, Sec.

Acadia, 31, Ellsworth. Arno W King, HP; John F Knowlton, K; John H Brimmer, SC; James E Parsons, SEC.

Council Elections.

Westbrook, 15, Westbrook. Geo B Swett, TIM; Benjamin Horsfall, So Windham, DM; Arthur W Ricker, Pow; Oliver A Cobb, REC.

Commandery Elections.

Saint Aldemar, 17, Houlton. Fred W Mann, com; Geo A Hall, GEN; Chas C Newell, cg; Josiah D Perry, REC.

Claremont, 9, Rockland. Leon'd H Snow, com; Albert I Mather, Gen; Frank C Flint, cg; Charles E Meservey, REC.

Publicly installed Dec. 18th, by Albert H Newbert, Past Commander.

Maine, 1, Gardiner. Frank E Dill, com; James F Bagley, GEN; Frederic D Loring, GG; Edwin S Lincoln, REC.

St. Alban, 8, Portland. Arthur J Floyd, com; King S Raymond, GEN; Arthur B Hodsdon, cg; Win N Howe, REC.

Palestine, 14, Belfast. Marion E Brown, com; Ashley A Smith, GEN; Hal R Eaton, CG; Geo I Keating, REC.

Oriental, 22, Bridgton. John L Meserve, com; Geo K Hamblin, Gen; E Eugene Chaplin, cg; Frank P Bennett, Rec.

St. Amand, 20, Kennebunk. John Watson, com; Wm M Tripp, Gen; Frank N Perkins, cg; Chas W Roberts, Rec.

Blanquefort, 13, Ellsworth. Curtis R Foster, com; Wm H Dresser, Gen; F Carroll Burrill, cg; James E Parsons, REO.

Books, Papers, etc.

-Rureau of Labor. Bulletin No. 60 for-September, treated of Government Industrial Arbitration, Digest of recent reports,

We have received from Bro. Wm. James Hughan, of Torquay, England, the following reprints:

Mark Masonry, 1599–1905. Records back to 1600 show recorded marks. Records of the degree date back to 1769. In Scottish lodges the record of a mark was indispensable on account of their operative character.

Origin of Knight Templary in the United Kingdom. Traces are found in Ireland in 1774, but nothing definite, so that 1769 in Boston still remains the earliest date.

A review of Bro. Ernest A. Ebblewhite's History of the Shakespear Lodge, No. 99.

Address of Frater Ladislas de Malczvich, Preceptor of the Royal Sussex Preceptory at Torquay, 1905.

Review of Gould's New Histary.

Pre-Grand Lodge Masoury.

BY BRO. JOHN YARKER.

The exoteric part of Craft Masonry is its constitutions, minutes, etc. The esoteric portion is its secret ritual, protected in all time by the most stringent oaths. For many years its esoterism has needlessly suffered by the pens of doubters, and as there are very many ancient minute-books in Scotland dealing solely with the exoteric portion of Masonry, the writers who see only the exoteric are Scotchmen. This ought not to greatly trouble a mason who understands the early Craft and keeps in view the stringent obligations which were then administered and which had then a meaning now treated very lightly.

Our most ancient constitutions are what I should designate Brito-Saxon, and enact that "every Master that is a mason must be at the general congregation," and they further state that every freed apprentice must there swear "a good true oath to his Masters and Fellows that be there." These -the most ancient masonic MSS. in existence-are altogether of a Christian character, and clearly had no legend of Solomon's This last series of legends follows Temple. in Anglo-Norman times, and is first found in a preface or commentary to the former constitution about the year 1400, and was a version which led to an abridgement, early in the sixteenth century, of which we have some 70 copies, most of which have been printed by Bro. W. J. Hughan. They are the constitutions of the Journeymen's lodges or Craftsmen, after the Masters had withdrawn into incorporations, chapters, etc., of their own.

It is certainly unfortunate that we have no full and reliable delineation of the Esoteric Rites of the seventeenth century. But what right have we to expect it, and what should we have thought of the mason who had reduced such a subject to writing? Fragments—what we may denominate aids to memory—do exist, and amply prove to us that the present three Craft degrees are the faithful development of the pre-Grand Lodge Rites of the Journeymen's Craft.

But even in Scotland, respecting which so much has been written in depreciation of the Ancient Craft, and that without anything in solid support, there are numerous documents which prove that the Craft was officially divided into Apprentices, Fellows of Craft and Masters of Work, and that before 1600. The minutes deal only with the exoteric nature of these degrees, but there is one lodge in which less reticence is observed, because adminstered by educated men. In 1702 John Pringle of that ilk opened a lodge at Haughfoot and Galashiels. The minute-book has 11 pages torn out, but the 12th has a few lines which show that the missing pages were some sort of a ritual of their two degrees. At the first meeting in 1702 a Craftsman "petitioned" to be a member, and it is specially stated that he was examined in the two degrees of Entered Prentice and Entered Fellow of Craft, found to be such and accepted a member. John Pringle is styled the Master Mason but generally "Preses," that is president. For five years, at the annual meetings in December, they appointed a "Committee of five to receive entrants," into these two degrees at one meeting, but in 1707 it is enacted that in the future there shall be an interval of one year between the two de-The lodge grees, except in special cases. was composed of neighboring lairds, with a sprinkling of lawyers, masons, wrights, doctors and the "servants" of the lairds. It had no operative aims, and met for good fellowship, and to assist the poorer members.

At Kelso a Sir John Pringle opened a similar lodge to meet annually in June in 1701. As the ancient and influential family of Pringle were connected with Melrose, it is possible that these two interesting bodies arose out of that lodge. At any rate the eighteenth century laws of Melrose conferred the degree of Apprentice; after an interval, that of Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason was equally the annually-elected Preses; we also know on the evidence of members of the Grand Lodge, that if their ritual was worked somewhat differently they had all the essentials of our three degrees. Melrose went under the Grand Lodge recently, Kelso in 1758; Haughfoot expired in 1763, unaffiliated. Now we have here a system of secret degrees which admit of no specious argument to explain them away. In 1701, and no doubt ages before, we have certain esoteric rites which accurately conform to similar documents in England, in fact all that the London Grand Lodge had in 1717.

The admission of many gentlemen into the society in England naturally necessitated a revision of the esoteric rites, as well as the exoteric constitutions. The Apprentice Minor ceased to exist; and as all wanted to be at least a Speculative Master Mason, a new Fellowcraft degree was devised and the old became an official Master Mason.

That Master's Fraternities or Chapters had their rites, oaths, presidents, etc., is proved to have been so by the Council of the Church at Rouen, in 1328, and these never ceased entirely to exist in any country in Europe. The Masters met in their own Chapters, ruled by an Old Master, or Elder, and the journeymen held monthly meetings, or lodges, under the presidency of an Old, or Elder-fellow, precisely what continued to exist in Scotland.

The London Company of Masons was founded in 1356, by six Elders of the Masons (Setters-bendi); and six Elders of the Freemasons (hewers-chatzeb); their records are lost prior to 1623; but at that time it is proved by Bro. Condor that they held a Craft Lodge under their wing. of Durham was a County Palatine, and the Bishop had the royal right of granting Charters of Incorporation to the Masters of the Trades, under which they had power to enforce penalties. In 1581 the Newcastle Company of Masons chartered a Craft Lodge to be held of themselves, which met down to the middle of the eighteenth century. The Scottish Kings granted the masters of the Craft similar charters, and the Craft lodges similarly subordinated to them, but not extinguished. In 1598-9 Warden-General Schaw gave to six men of "Ancient Memory," in the Provinces of Edinburgh, Kilwinning and Sterling, the oversight of the Craft under himself, and the minutes of the Kilwinning Lodge, 1656 and 1659, show that these district masters continued to exercise their functions.

No doubt many of the Incorporated Masters abandoned the esoteric ritual, but it certainly was not lost. The 1717-22 action of our Grand Lodge in revising the whole system earned them the titles of 'Moderns,' whilst those who knew more or less of the esoteric rites and exoteric powers took the title of "Ancients." The oldest form of the Masters' Fraternity, or Chapter, is the Harodine, and out of it sprang the Royal Arch, Rose Croix, and various versions of these under other names. The "Ancients" knew that a Grand Lodge Master Mason was a Fellowcraft, and hence they had a higher degree. All this is now simply a question of truth in our history,

The Oldest Mason.

James Bellows McGregor, of North Newport, N. H., has been much written about in the general press of late as the oldest Freemason in the country. That he is entitled to this distinction there seems to be no question. Brother McGregor is a really remarkable man, with wonderful physical and mental vitality at his advanced age of 104. He tells the story of his life thus:

"I was born on September 6, 1801, in a house that is still in existence, about a mile from the center of North Newport.

"I have lived in North Newport at least 90 years of my life, and I think this town is the grandest place on earth. When the summons comes from God I will be ready to be carried to my last resting place in yonder cemetery, which is one of the most beautiful spots in New England.

"I am the last surviving member of a family of seven children. By trade I am a carpenter and joiner, and for a great many years I was proprietor of a saw mill in this town on the banks of the Sugar river.

"1 am sure that I am the oldest Freemason in New Hampshire, if not in the United States. In 1825 I joined a masonic lodge in Salisbury, N. H. The lodge went out of existence after a few years, and in 1866 I became affiliated with Mount Vernon Lodge, of Newport. On my one-hundredth birthday the members of the lodge tendered me a reception at my home.

"I am in good health, my mind is alert, and my memory stands by me pretty well. I sleep well. I go to bed between 5:30 and 6 o'clock. I keep myself busy in pleasant weather receiving callers, walking about my estate, and once in a while I give the boys a lift with the having when we think it's going to rain pretty soon. Of course, I can't pitch hay, but I can rake it up quicker than lightning when I set about it and my granddaughter doesn't catch me. She doesn't like to have me work.

I have ten nieces that are widows. Just think of that! But my granddaughter is the diamond of my old heart. She is with me every day and attends to my every want. How I love her! She is so good to me. With a magnifying glass I can read for a few minutes at a time, but Alice reads to me a great deal. In this way I keep pretty well posted on public affairs. - [Tyler-Key-

Our Thanks

COLORADO. - Grand Lodge Sept. 19, 1905, from Charles H. Jacobson, Denver, G. Sec. Charles F. Painter, Telluride, G. M. 107 lodges, 10,997 members, 611 initiates.

Grand Chapter Sept. 21, 1905, from Chas. H. Jacobson, Gr. Sec. Tyler D. Heiskell, Fort Morgan, G. H. P. 36 chapters, 3325 members, 178 exalted.

Grand Commandery Sept. 22, 1905, from Chas. H. Jacobson, Grand Rec. Arthur E. Jones, Denver, G. Com. 27 commanderies, 1991 members, 102 knighted.

DELAWARE. - Grand Lodge Oct. 4, 1905, from Benj. F. Bartram, Wilmington, Grand Sec. Levin I. Handy, Newark, G. M. 22 lodges, 2668 members, 127 initiates.

IDAHO.—Gr. Lodge Sept. 12, 1905, from Theophilus W. Randall, Boise, Grand Sec. Jeremiah W. Robinson, Boise, G. M. 36 lodges, 2056 members, 155 initiates.

Illinois.—Gr. Lodge Oct. 3, 1905, from [Square and Compass.] J. H. C. Dill, Bloomington, G. Sec. C. E.

Allen, Galesburg, G. M. 74,741 members, 6019 initiates.

Grand Chapter Oct. 26, 1905, from Gil W. Barnard, Chicago, Gr. Sec. Geo. F. Henthorne, Peoria, G. H. P. 190 chapters, 23,-032 members, 2003 exalted.

Grand Commandery Oct. 24, 1905, from Gil W. Barnard, G. Rec. Alfred A. Whipple, Quincy, G. Com. 67 commanderies, 12,037 members, 870 knighted.

KENTUCKY.—Grand Lodge Oct. 17, 1905, from Henry B. Grant, Louisville. Gr. Sec. James Garnett, Columbia, G. Master. 495 lodges, 26,982 members, 2311 initiates.

MONTANA. - Gr. Commandery Sept. 18, 1905, from Cornelius Hedges, Helena, Gr. Rec. Emil Renisch, Butte, G. Com. 12 commanderies, 666 members, 53 knighted.

New Mexico.-Grand Chapter Oct. 18, 1905, from Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, G. Sec. Arthur Everett, Albuquerque, G. H. P. 8 chapters, 586 members, 40 exalted.

Grand Commandery Oct. 19, 1905, from Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Gr. Rec. Arthur H. Harllee, Sllver City, Gr. Com. 8 commanderies, 335 members, 37 knighted.

OHIO. — Grand Chapter Oct. 4, 1905, from Edwin Hagenbach, Urbana, G. Sec. Wm. A. Reiter, Miamisburg, G. H. P. 161 chapters, 22,337 members, 1824 exalted.

RHODE ISLAND. -G. Lodge May 15, 1905, from S. Penrose Williams, Providence, Gr. Sec. Joseph W. Freeman, Central Falls, G. M. 39 lodges, 6429 members, 336 initi-

VERMONT. - Grand Council June 13, 1905, from Henry H. Ross, Burlington, Gr. Rec. Orville C. Baker, Brandon, G. M. 17 councils, 1295 members, 71 candidates.

Washington.-Gr. Lodge June 13, 1905, from Horace W. Tyler, Seattle, acting Gr. Sec. Abraham L. Miller, Vancouver, G. M. 128 lodges, 8997 members. 847 initiates.

Grand Chapter June 19, 1905, from Yancev C. Blalock, Walla Walla, G. Sec. Otis A. Crampton, Tacoma, G. H. P. 26 chapters, 2024 members, 197 exalted.

Grand Commandery June 21, 1905, from Yancey C. Blalock, G. Rec. Cornelius Driscoll, Renton, G. Com. 10 commanderies, 1057 members, 101 knighted.

NORTHERN SUPREME COUNCIL, Sept. 19. 1905, from James H. Codding, New York, Sec.-Gen. Henry L. Palmer, Milwaukee, Sov. G. Com. 86 lodges, 44,964 lodge members, 4765 initiates. Permanent fund \$328,-843.53.

Maine Council of Deliberation. Bro. Warren C. King of Portland having resigned the office of Ill. Gr. Secretary, Ill. Deputy William C. Mason appointed October 19th, Bro. Frederic William Adams of Bangor to that office, to serve until the next annual election.

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ANNUAL MEETINGS.

The Masonic Grand Bodies in Maine will hold their Annual Sessions for 1906 at Masonic Hall in Portland, as follows:

Grand Lodge, Tuesday, May 1, at 9 o'clock A. M. Grand Chapter, " 1, at 7 o'clock P. M. Grand Council, Wed'sdy, " 2, at 2 o'clock P. M. Gr. Com'dery, Thursday, " 3, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Lodge officers, in making applications to the Charity Fund for Relief, must be particularly careful to comply with all the directions required in filling out blanks. See pp. 309 and 310, proceedings 1905.

To Secretaries: Blanks for Returns of Lodges will be sent first of February. If not received by the 15th, notify me, and give the proper address. If there has been a change in the office of Secretary, call on the former one before writing me.

> STEPHEN BERRY, Grand Secretary.

Portland, Jan. 15, 1906.

MAINE MASONIC TEXT BOOK.

By Josiah H. Drummond, P. G. M.

A new edition has been published, bringing the decisions up to 1902.

In leather tuck, \$1.50 In cloth for library, 1.40

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

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

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

In Canada they are moving for the establishment of Provincial Grand Priories, and we think they are wise.

The distinguished actor, Sir Henry Irving, died at Bradford, England, Oct. 13th. He had long been a freemason.

Bro. William Homan of New York has been elected an Emeritus Honorary Member of the Southern Supreme Council.

Chicago Council R. & S. M. celebrated its 50th anniversary Oct. 24th, and we gratefully acknowledge an invitation to be pres-

Our thanks to Bro. John Edgar Haines, Secretary, for an invitation to the 53d annual reunion of the Scottish Rite at Pittsburgh, Nov. 14th to 17th.

Richard W. Choate of Haileyville, Grand Master of Indian Territory, was married Nov. 14th at Atoka, by Rev. J. S. Murrow, Grand Secretary, to Mrs. Ruth M. McNeil, Past Grand Matron of the Eastern Star.

Grand Secretary James S. Hunt of Oklahoma gives notice that the chain letters soliciting aid for an Odd Fellows Home which are sent to many masonic lodges are in no way connected with Masonry.

While the visitors to the Southern Kansas Scottish Rite Convocation were having a photograph taken Nov. 14th, the platform broke and they were thrown in a heap. Of the ninety, seventy-five were bruised but none dangerously injured.

Frater John H. Bonnington, Grand Recorder of New York, was assaulted in his office Dec. 22d, at a late hour, by a burglar, and injured so that he was taken to a hospital. He is now recovering and we congratulate him on his happy escape.

The Grand Lodge of West Virginia, Nov. 16th, elected Geo. W. McClintic, of Charleston, Gr. Master, and Hiram R. Howard, of Point Pleasant, P. G. M., took the Grand Secretaryship and Correspondence, in place of Ex. Gov. George W. Atkinson, who retired.

ALBERTA. A new Grand Lodge was formed at Calgary, in the British Province of Alberta, Oct. 12th, by sixteen lodges. Geo. Macdonald of Calgary was elected Gr. Master, and James J. Dunlop of Edmonton Grand Secretary. The officers were installed by Wm. G. Scott, Grand Master of Manitoba.

The annual report of the Grand Chapter of Eastern Star for Maine was received Nov. 28th, and as usual does credit to the Grand Secretary, Mrs. Annette H. Hooper of Biddeford. There are 114 chapters, with 10,-449 members. The annual meeting was dead lodges; but calling them 1000 with 50

held at Rockland, May 17th and 18th, and the next annual will be at Houlton, May 16 and 17, 1906. Mrs. Lilla M. Niles, of Hallowell, is Gr. Matron, William E. Willard, of Portland, Grand Patron, and Mrs. Annette H. Hooper, of Biddeford, Grand Secretary. The latter is the person to write to about new chapters.

Masons in the World in 1906.

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	Lodges.	Members.
Argentine Republic,	60	3000
Brazil,	247	6000
Belgium,	19	1550
Chili,	10	500
Cuba,	31	1874
Costa Rica,	6	189
Denmark,	27	4243
Dominica,	15	750
Egypt,	19	200
England,	2499	125,000
France,	476	23,800
Germany,	1000	40,000
Greece,	11	1889
Hayti,	40	1000
Holland,		4398
Hungary,		2781
Ireland,		22,750
Italy,		5250
Japan,		250
Luxembourg,		71
Mexico,		22,492
Netherlands,		4269
New South Wales,		10,510
New Zealand,		7227
Norway,		1791
Paraguay,		200
Peru,		550
Portugal,		2850
Puerto Rico,		396
Queensland,		1200
Roumania,		1200
Scotland,		50,000
South Australia,		2833
Spain,		6000
Sweden,		10,985
Switzerland,		3058
Tasmania,		700
Turkey,		250
		1650
Uruguay,		2000
Venezuela,		
Victoria,		9900 3550
Western Australia,		5550
BEST THE STREET	7,731	389,106
British America,		50,878
United States,	12,637	1,011,547
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In accordance with the criticism of Bro. Wm. James Hughan, we have increased the estimate for the United Kingdom. We have counted up the Irish lodges and allow 50 members for each, which we are confident is a large allowance. He says Scotland has 100,000 members at least, but their list of lodges stops at 998 and many must be members each and there would not be more than 50,000, which must be a large allowance. We place Germany at his figures. Allowing for all excesses, and adding the non-affiliates, there are now one and a half millions of Freemasons in the world.

The Pantagraph Printing Co. of Bloomington, Illinois, have issued a revised Tableau of Regular Lodges which includes Can. ada, England, Scotland, Ireland, and Australia. It has also a list of Clandestine lodges. As it gives our new lodge U. D. at Brooksville, it must be up to date. Send 75 cents to the publishers and you can get a copy. It is not only very convenient about tracing visitors, but it also shows what towns have a lodge.

Obituaries.

George W. Patton, Grand Commander of West Virginia in 1875, died August 3d, mortally injured by an explosion of gas in the record vault of the Court House in Kanawha County, six weeks previously. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1840.

James Swords, Gr. Commander of Mass. and R. I. in 1889, died in Dorchester Aug. 29th. He was born in Boston, Nov. 24, 1834, and was in the insurance business.

Thomas Milrurn Reed, Gr. Secretary of Washington, died at Olympia, Oct. 7th. He was born at Sharpsburg, Kentucky, Dec. 8, 1825. He was first Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge at its organization in 1858, was Grand Master in 1862 and 1863, again Grand Secretary in 1865, again Gr. Master in 1866, once more Grand Secretary in 1867 and then continuously until his death, being the eldest in the country and the world.

In the Grand Chapter he was Grand Secretary for the first five years and then Gr. High Priest.

He was Grand Recorder of the Gr. Com Commandery in 1888 and 1889.

He had been Speaker of the House, President of the Senate, and held many other important positions. He left a wife and four children.

He was an able and excellent man and will be much missed and lamented by the craft.

JOHN J. FREEMAN, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, died at Grand Forks, Aug. 21st. He was born at Peoria, Illinois, Nov. 24, 1856. His death was tragic, falling four stories through the elevator way, where he was making some repairs.

Henry C. Loomis, Gr. Master of Kansas, died at Winfield, Oct. 14, 1905. He was born at Otto, N. Y., March 16, 1834, and was a Lieut.-Col. in the Civil War.

John Kidder Fulson, Senior P. G. Commander of Mississippi (1869–1870), died July 10th. He was a veteran of the Mexican war.

NATHANIEL W. HUNTER, Grand Commander of Texas in 1885, died about Oct. 3d. He was born in Huntingdon, No. Carolina, August 23, 1839, and was a Confederate soldier and later a lawyer.

LUKE A. LOCKWOOD, Grand Master of Connecticut in 1872 and '73, died at Riverside, Nov. 20th. He was born at Riverside Dec. 1, 1833. He was a lawyer and was an authority on masonic law. He was President of the Masonic Home at Wallingford and had been from its establishment, which he took the lead in establishing. He was Grand High Priest in 1865 and 1866.

J. LEAVITT LAMBERT, Grand High Priest of New York in 1892 and '93, was killed on the railroad at Hoosick Junction, Sept. 22d. He was born in Salem, N.Y., Nov. 14, 1838, and was an army surgeon in the civil war.

James D. Glenn, Grand High Priest of North Carolina, died in Raleigh Oct. 18th. He was born in Rockingham Co., Oct. 20, 1852. He is succeeded by Lat. Williams, of Wilson, as acting G. H. P.

ALBERT H. BRANCH, Grand Master of Colorado in 1886, died (funeral Dec. 9th.) He was born in Orwell, Vt., Dec. 25, 1855, and had been Dep. Gr. H. P. and Deputy Gr. Commander.

John Kirkpatrick, Grand High Priest of California in 1865, died in San Francisco, (funeral Sept. 21st). He was born in Springfield, Illinois, in 1830.

James W. Underhill, Gr. High Priest of Ohio in 1877 and '778, died at Canton Nov. 13, 1905. He was born in Coxsackie, N.Y., Oct. 6, 1818. He was a past Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery. He was a lawyer and Probate Judge.

We have received holiday greetings from Gr. Sec. Gil W. Barnard of Illinois; John C. Kidd, Houston, Texas, Gr. Recorder; D. C. Agler, Ashland, Oregon, Grand Commander; Dr. Jehiel W. Chamberlin, St. Paul, Minnesota, P. G. C.; Andrew M. Rambo, Harrisburg, Pa.; Dr. Wm. C. Mason, Bangor, Deputy Sup. Council for Maine; Rev. J. C. W. Coxe, Gr. Prelate, Oskaloosa, Iowa; Charles A. Conover, Coldwater, Mich., G. Sec.; Wm. Henry Norris, Manchester, Iowa, P. G. C.; Henry L. Palmer, Milwaukee, Sov. Gr. Com., John L. Bell, Gr. Recorder, Dayton, Ohio; George J. Roskruge, Gr. Recorder, Arizona, (two burros); Palmer H. Taylor, Ionia, Mich.

NEW FIRM. It will be noticed that the publisher of the Token has been incorporated as the Stephen Berry Company. This was done in order to take into the firm two old employees, Messrs. Fred. A. Drinkwater and James E. Donahue. Mr. Donahue has been in the employ of the senior for fifty-three years and Mr. Drinkwater for forty-three years.

Maine Farmers' Almanac. We have received this time-honored publication for 1906, No. 88, from the publishers, Charles E. Nash & Son, Augusta. Price 10 cents. From it we find that there will be a total eclipse of the moon Feb. 9th, visible in Maine between one and five in the morning. There are four other eclipses not visible in Maine.

Lent begins Feb. 28th and Easter Sunday comes April 15th. St. John's day, June 24th, comes on Sunday. Christmas comes on Tuesday.

FULL MOONS.

January 10,	11:58 morning.
February 9,	3:06 morning.
March 10,	3:28 evening.
April 9,	1:33 morning.
May 8,	9:30 morning.
June 6,	4:32 evening.
July 5,	11:48 evening.
August 4,	8:20 morning.
September 2,	6:57 evening.
October 2,	8:09 morning.
November 1,	0:07 morning.
" 30,	6:28 evening.
December 30,	2:05 evening.

The time given is solar time, and to get standard time 21 minutes must be subtracted. There are 13 full moons. If standard time were used, there would be two in October instead of November. Lodges should use this almanac instead of those from other States to find their stated meetings.

THE GANG. I have noticed in many lodges that I visited, a clan or set of brothers, who appear to be more closely attached to each other than the rest of the members. This class bears many names. By some of their brothers they are called "a clique;" by others "the ring;" but most generally they are called "the gang." This 'gang" is the life of the lodge. It is at every meeting of the lodge It confers the degrees. It attends the funerals of the dead brothers. It visits the sick. It is active, pushing, vigorous, zealous and bright in the lectures. It is charitable to almost the extreme. It is not despondent or gloomy. It has no bitterness or venom. Now, strange to say, this "gang" is bitterly opposed in every lodge where it exists. Some oppose every measure it advocates; they seem to see something wrong in every movement it favors. No matter what the gang is for, these others are "agin it." They will not attend the rehearsals of the work and lectures of the "gang," because they want to make changes and innovations, is the excuse. They grumble and growl at the "gang" and think it is dangerous and will bear watching. My observation and experience leads me to wish that these "gangs" may increase in numbers and membership. Brother, are you a member of the "gang"? If not, let me beg of you to stop snarling and grumbling at what it does but go and join the "gang. -[Gr. M. Sloan, Tenn.]

SNOWFLAKES.

Out of the bosom of the air,
Out of the cloud-folds of her garments shaken,
Over the woodlands brown and bare,
Over the harvest fields forsaken,
Silent, and soft, and slow
Descends the snow.

Even as our cloudy fancies take
Suddenly shape in some divine expression,
Even as the troubled heart doth make
In the white countenance confession,
The troubled sky reveals
The grief it feels.

This is the poem of the air,
Slowly in silent syllables recorded;
This is the secret of despair,
Long in its cloudy bosom hoarded.
Now whispered and revealed
To wood and field.
—[Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.]

The following lodges pay \$1, \$2 or \$3 a year, receiving 11, 22 and 33 copies of the Token respectively, to distribute to the members who are promptest in attendance:

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Temple, Westbrook,	11
Hancock, Castine,	11
Ira Berry, Bluehill,	22
Rising Virtue, Bangor,	22
Kenduskeag Lodge, Kenduskeag,	11
Ira Berry Chapter, Pittsfield,	22
Pioneer Lodge, Ashland,	11
Lincoln Lodge, Wiscasset,	33
St. Aspinquid Lodge, York Corne	r, 11
What lodge shall be next added?	

Bro. John H. Shepherd of Rumford Falls has a masonic coin which he describes as follows.

"On one side is the coat-of-arms of the Prince of Wales, and around the outer edge the words 'Prince of Wales elected G. M. 24 Nov. 1790.' On the reverse side is the triangle 'Wisdom, Strength and Beauty'; inside of the triangle, letter 'G,' the Broken Column, etc., and on the outer edge the words 'Sit Lux et Lux Fuit.' The milling on the edge reads 'Masonic Token-J-Cethle -Fecit 1790.' "

Bro. Henry Sadler of London gives the following account of it:

"The masonic token was struck unofficially, ostensibly to commemorate the election of George, Prince of Wales, afterwards King George 4th of England, as Grand Master of English Freemasons, but in reality as a trade speculation, there being at that time (1790) a scarcity of copper coinage in England. They were put in circulation and passed as current coin for several years-I cannot say how long-but I assume as long as people cared to receive them.
"The name on the edge is probably J.

Sketchley, that being the name of the brother who was responsible for their being

put in circulation.

"Yours fraternally, "HENRY SADLER, Sub. Librarian."

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MINNESOTA. - Lodge - 1874, 88, 92, 1900, 1, 4; Lodge of Sorrow, 79. Chapter-1883, 96, 04.

Council—1885, 1900.

MASONIC TOKEN.

Commandery-1875, 76, 3, 87, 8, 9, 92, 7, 1904.

Mississippi.—Lodge—1873, 5, 80, 3, 5, 6, 9, 90, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 1900, 1, 2, 4, 5. Chapter—80, 1, 4, 5, 9, 94, 6, 7, 8, 1900,

Council—93, 4, 8, 1901, 2, 4.

Commandery—1857-72, in one book; 5, 6, 7, 84, 7, 9, 90, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 1900, 1, 2, 4, 5.

Missouri—Lodge—74, 5, 6, 82, 91. Chapter—1872, 3, 4, 5, 8, 87, 92, 6, 7, 8, 9, 1900, 1, 2. Council—93, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 1900, 1, 2.

Commandery-73, 85, 8, 88, 9, 91, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 1900, 1, 2.

MONTANA-Lodge-81, 6, 92, 5, 6, 7, 9, 1900, 1, 3, 4.

Chapter—96, 7, 8, 1900, 1, 2, 3. Commandery-1895, 6, 7, 8.

New Mexico-Lodge-1889, 91, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 1900, 1, 2, 3 4,. Chapter—1904. Commandery-1902, 3, 4.

Nebraska-Lodge-1873, 4, 82, 3, 4, 90,

1, 2, 9, 1900, 1, 2, 3, 4. Chapter—78, 81, 2, 3, 5, 93, 4, 5, 7, 9, 1900, 1, 2, 3, 4. Council—1873.

Commandery—1872, 3, 5, 7, 8, 79, 80, in one book; 1 tn 5, 9, 91 to 6, 1900 to 4.

NEW BRUNSWICK.-Lodge-74, 5, 6, 9, 80, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 97. Chapter-1888 to 93 inc., 96.

Nova Scotia-Lodge-1884, 94, 8, 9, 1900, 1, 2, 3, 4, Chapter—1897, 9, 1900, 1, 3, 4.

NEW ZEALAND-Lodge-1900, 1, 2, 3, 4.

NEW HAMPSHIRE. - Lodge-1891, 8. Chapter-1892. Council—1890, 2, 3.

Commandery-1878, 9, 80, 1, 3, 7, 8, 9, 90,

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. New Jersey.—Lodge—1873, 84, 6, 7, 95,

7, 8, 9, 1900, 1, 2, 3, 4. Chapter—1874, 80, 1, 2, 3, 4. Council-1876 and 7, in one book; 8, 84,

Commandery—1875, 6, 7, 8, 80, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 91, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9.

NEW YORK.—Lodge—1878, 80, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 93, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 1900, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 90, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 90, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 90, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 90, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 1900, 1, 2, 4.

Council—1878, 79, 82, 3, 5.

Commandery—1875, 6, 80, 2, 7, 8, 92, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 1900, 3, 4.

NORTH CAROLINA-Lodge-1898, 9, 1900,

Chapter—1882, 3, 5, 1901, 03, 04. Council-1898, 1900-1, 2. Commandery-1882, 1902, 3.

New So. Wales.-Lodge-1877-80, 87.

NEVADA.—Lodge—1901, 2. Chapter-1901, 2.

NORTH DAKOTA—Lodge—1900, 1, 2, 3, 4. Chapter—1895, 7, 9, 1900, 2. Command'y-90, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 1900. Оню. — Lodge — 1884, 94, 5, 1900, 2, 3. Chapter—82, 9, 95, 6, 8, 1900, 1, 2, 3, 4, Council—1899.

Commandery-1876, 9, 82, 3, 7, 8, 9, 90, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 1900, 1, 2, 3, 4.

OKLAHOMA.-Lodge-1896, 9. Commandery-1897, 9.

ONTARIO.—Lodge—1891, 2, 7, 9, 1901.

OREGON.-Lodge-1872, 85, 6, 7, 8.

PENNSYLVANIA. -- Lodge-1865, 75, 9, 83

7, 8, 9, 1900, 1, 3, 4.
Chapter—Abstract Quarterly and Annual 1865, 6, 7, in one book; 73, 5, 7, 85, 9, 90, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9. Council—1888, 1904.

Commandery-1872, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 81, 4,

7, 8, 9, 91, 2. Council Deliberation—1878, 82, 6, 7, 8, 9, 90, 1, 2, 4.

P. E. ISLAND.—Lodge-1883, 5, 6, 7, 9, 96, 7, 8, 9, 1900, 3, 4.

QUEBEC-Lodge-Emergent and Annual 81, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9. Chapter-1894, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 1901, 2, 3.

RHODE ISLAND. -Lodge-1872, 3, 4, 88,

SOUTH CAROLINA. -Lodge-1872, 5, 82, Chapter—73, 99, 1900, 1, 3, 4,

SOUTH DAKOTA.-Lodge-96, 7, 8, 1900,

Chapter-97, 8, 1900, 1, 2, 4. Commandery-1890, 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 1900, 1, 2, 3, 4.

Tennessee. - Lodge-1889, 90, 2, 3, 5, 6,

Chapter—90, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 1901, 2. Council—90, 2, 3, 5, 9, 1900, 1, 2, 4, 5. Commandery—80, 1, 3, 8, 9, 90, 1, 3, 4 5, 6, 7, 9, 1900, 4.

Texas.-Lodge-1876, 88. Commandery-93, 1901, 2, 3, 4.

UTAH.—Lodge—74, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 80 and 81, in one book; 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 90, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 1900, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

VERMONT.-Lodge-1861, 8, 75, 92, 3, 4, Chapter—1873, 9, 83, 5, 7, 8, 1900, 4. Council—1868, 9, 73, 7, 81, 2. Commandery-1824 to 52, one book; 70,

83, 4, 90, 1, 1904. Council Deliberation—1883, 4, 5, one

book; 86, 92, 94, one book.

Virginia.—Lodge—79, 80, Spec. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 90, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 1900, 3, 5, Chapter-1873, 80, 4, 6, 7, 8, 90, 1, 3, 4,

Commandery—1878, 9, 84, 5, 9, 90, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7.

Washington—Lodge—1874, 83, 6, 7, 8, 90, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 1900, 1,2, 3, 4. Chapter—1885, 7, 8, 92, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,

Council—1896, 9. Commandery—1887, 8, one book; 89, 90, one book; 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 1901, 4.

West Virginia.-Lodge-1869,92, 3, 4,

5, 6, 9, 1900, 4. Chapter—1893, 4, 6, 9, 1901, 3.

Council—1889, 91, 4. 5, 6, 9, 1900. Commandery—1886, 7, one book; 89, 99; 1901, 2, 3, 4.

Wisconsin.—Lodge—1874, 6, 7, 8, 9, 80, Chapter—1876, 82. Commandery—79, 81, 91, 94. WYOMING.-Lodge-1891, 2, 3. Commandery-1896, 9.

LIQUOR SELLERS. While we agree that as a class the liquor sellers should be kept out of the fraternity, it is not the method of Masonry to try men by classes, but as individuals, whether for exclusion or inclusion. The terms of its law do not permit generalizations that shall divide the possible material for Masonry into more than two classes-those who obey the moral law and are of gaod report on the one hand, the "immoral" and "scandalous" men on the other. To determine to which of these two divisions the individual belongs is not under the law of Masonry as interpreted by the unvarying usage of more than one hundred and fifty years, the province of legislation by the Grand Lodge, but is one of the responsibilities attaching to the individual voter in the constituent lodge when he is invested with the ballot possessing the absolute and unquestioned power of veto.

The theory of all this anti-liquor legisla-tion is that the lodges cannot be trusted, or, rather that the best men in the lodges cannot be trusted, to determine the fitness of an applicant for the privileges of the fraternity, for it must be borne in mind that under the law requiring unanimity, a favorable verdict by the lodge is really the verdict of that one of its members who is the most exacting on the score of morality. moral sense cannot be trusted upon this one phase of human conduct, is he fit to be trusted upon moral questions into which this phase does not enter. When we reflect that if Masonry was not born in the tavern it was cradled there, and that in the decadence of convivial excesses and the growing appreciation of the evils of the drink habit, Masonry has more than kept abreast of the communities in which it flourishes, so that it had become prior to the first prohibitory legislation by Grand Lodge, more difficult for any one who lived by pandering to that habit, to get entrance into the fraternity than into any human organization surrounding it, it would seem that its phenomenal success as an ally of temperance might have satisfied even the most impatient that no necessity existed for tampering with its ancient law .- [Joseph Robbins, Ill. Corr.]

DIED.

FRANK S. HAMBLET, M. D., in Gorham. Nov. 6, aged 45. He was Master of Harmony Lodge and was killed by a fall from the roof of his house.

WILLIAM H. THOMPSON, in Brunswick, Nov. 5, aged 40. He was a member of United Lodge. CHARLES HOBSON, in West Buxton, Nov. 25, aged 75. A member of Buxton Lodge and a leading citizen.

J. EDWIN VOSE, in Mechias, Nov. 23. A member of St. Elmo Commandery.

BRACKETT R. ANDROS, in Rockland, Sept. 14, aged 65. A member of Claremont Commandery. ROSA DONATO, in Rockland, November 25. A member of Claremont Commundery.

HENDON W. COUSINS, in Fryeburg, Nov. 29.

A member of Oriental Chapter at Bridgton.

THOMAS HAUGH, in Belfast, Dec. 8, a member of Timothy Chase Lodge.

FRANCIS FESSENDEN, in Portland, Jan. 2, aged 67. Made in Ancient Land-Mark Lodge in 1863. Major General of Volunteers and Brevet Major-General U.S. Army, retired. A son of Senator Wm. P. Fessenden.

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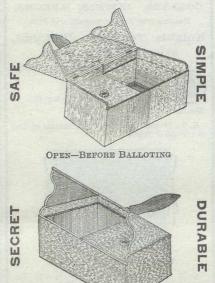
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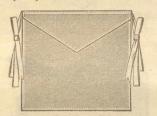
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