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# PRETTY SOON.

The butterfly'll catch you if you don't watch out, The linnet and the robin and the whole fine rout; The bumblebee'll bite you, and first thing you know

The dainty, saintly snowdrop will peep through the snow !

All kinds of mysteries moving in the air, Shadows of a golden girl on a bloomy stair; Must be Lady April. with her smile and her rain, Hiding where the wind blows down the likac lane!

Hyacinth'll catch you as you walk through the

dell; Funny kinds of folk about—you never can tell Just when a dandelion's going to make a spring Right across the meadow where the blue-birds sing!

sing! Violet'll see you when you come along the way; Everything is ready just to start in and play, Buds'll soon be bursting, and I'm sure as I can be A daffodill is nodding in the garden bed to me ! [Ballimore Sun.]

### MASONRY IN MAINE.

#### Grand Lodge.

Tuesday, May 4, 1909.

The 90th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Maine was held in Masonic Hall, Portland, commencing at 9 A. M., Edmund B. Mallet, Grand Master, presiding.

Of the 201 chartered lodges, 189 were represented by 249 delegates. Forty-two permanent members were present, including 10 of the 12 Grand Masters. Fortyone Grand Officers were present, and 50 of the 60 Grand Representatives.

The Grand Master in his annual address reported a harmonious and prosperous year. There are 27,864 members, a gain of 508. There have been 1,203 initiated, and 493 have died, a rate of almost 18 to a thousand. His report upon his duties showed that he had been diligent and faithful in the discharge of them, and it was received with applause.

The financial reports showed the usual prosperous condition of the Grand Lodge. At 11.20 the Grand Lodge called off until 2 P. M.

Tuesday Afternoon, May 4th. The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2 o'clock. Routine business was transacted until 3 o'clock, when the election of Grand

Officers took place as follows:

G. Master-Edmund B. Mallet, Freeport. Deputy G. Master-Rev. Ashley A. Smith, Belfast.

Sen. G. Warden-Frank J. Cole, Bangor. Junior G. Warden-Winfield S. Hinckley, Lisbon.

Gr. Treas.-Millard F. Hicks, Portland. Grand Sec.-Stephen Berry, Portland.

Committee of Finance-Albro E. Chase, Portland; George R. Shaw, Portland; Hugh R. Chaplin, Bangor.

Trustees Charity Fund for Three Years

Archie L. Talbot, Lewiston; Leander M. Kenniston, Camden.

Trustee Charity Fund for One Year-Howard D. Smith, Norway.

At 4.05 the Grand Lodge called off until 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

#### Wednesday Afternoon, May 5th.

The afternoon was spent in an exemplification of the third degree by Deering odge, 183, of Portland, Isaac A. Clough Master, under the supervision of Grand Lecturer Frank E. Sleeper, with music by the Temple Quartet of Lewiston. The thanks of the Grand Lodge were voted for the beautiful and impressive rendition of the work.

#### Thursday Morning, May 6th.

The Grand Lodge met at 9 o'clock, and the various committees rendered their reports.

A dispensation was granted for a new lodge at McKinley, Mt. Desert, to be called McKinley Lodge.

The dispensation of Meduncook Lodge at Friendship was continued.

The petition for a new lodge at Surry had leave to withdraw.

The Grand Officers were installed by Past Grand Master Charles I. Collamore of Bangor, Past Grand Master Henry R. Taylor of Machias acting as Grand Marshal.

The following appointments were made: Corresponding G. Sec.-Herbert Harris, Portland.

District Deputy Grand Masters. Districts

- Herbert W. Trafton, Fort Fairfield.
- 2 Isaac N. Jones, Calais.
- 3 Millard H. Wiswell, East Machias. Moses D. Joyce, Deer Isle. 4
- 5 Frank B. Arnold, Dexter.
- 6 John E. Emerson, Hampden.
- 7 Willis J. Greeley, Liberty.

9 Winfield S. Clark, South Thomaston. 10 Lewis A. Dunton, Boothbay Harbor. 11 John M. Prescott, Monmouth.

- Bert K. Meserve, North Vassalboro. 13 David G. Bean, Bingham.

8 Isaac Hills, Northport.

N. Gratz Jackson, Bath. 14

- 15 Cleff Maxwell, Weld.
- 16 Ned I. Swan, Bryant's Pond. 17 Frederick H. Dole, Yarmouth.
- 18 Daniel G. Chaplin, Cornish.19 John M. Burleigh, South Berwick.
- 20 Daniel W. Ballantyne, Lincoln. 21 Edgar J. Trussell, Bar Harbor.

- 22 Melvin W. Knowles, Cambridge.
  23 James H. Littlefield, Alfred.
- 24 Lewis V. Winship, Lewiston.
- 25 George H. Mooers, Ashland.

Gr. Chaplains-Rev. William H. Fultz, Portland, Rev. Robert R. Morson, Yar-mouth; Rev. Harry E. Rouillard, Stockton Springs; Rev. Lewis D. Evans, Camden.

G. Mar.-Freeman M. Grant, Freeport.

- G. S. D.—Silas B. Adams, Portland. G. J. D.—Alfred H. Burroughs, Westbrook.
- G. Stewards—Convers E. Leach, Port-land; Gerald A. Peabody, Rumford Falls; Clifford J. Pattee, Belfast; Charles T. Harris, Detroit.

G. S. B.-Levi C. Emery, Skowhegan.

- G. St. B.—Joseph A. Sprague, 1slesboro. G. Pur.—Warren C. King, Portland;
- Carl T. Wiswell, East Machias.
- G. Lec.-Frank E. Sleeper, Sabattus.
- G. Organist-Walter S. Smith, Portland.
- G. Tyler-Warren O. Carney, Portland.

Other necessary routine business having been transacted, the minutes were read and approved, and at 11 o'clock the Grand Lodge was closed with prayer by the Rev. William H. Fultz, Grand Chaplain.

# Grand Chapter.

Tuesday Evening, May 4th. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine met at 7 o'clock, Grand High Priest Franklin R. Redlon of Portland presiding. Fiftyfive of the 59 chapters were represented by 104 companions. Eighteen of the 30 Permanent members were present, including 13 of the 17 Past Grand High Priests. Twenty of the 25 Grand Officers were present, and 35 of the 48 Grand Representatives.

The address of the Grand High Priest showed the order to be in good condition and that he had diligently discharged his duties. The reports of the other visiting officers were also presented and referred to to the appropriate committee. The following officers were elected:

G. H. P.—Franklin R. Redlon, Portland
D. G. H. P.—Thos. H. Bodge, Augusta.
Gr. King—Wilmer J. Dorman, Belfast.
Gr. Scribe—Alfred S. Kimball, Norway.
G. Treas.—Leander W. Fobes, Portland.
G. Sec.—Stephen Berry, Portland.
Committee of Finance—Millard F. Hicks,

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The Committee on Returns reported 9,204 members, a gain of 240. There were 420 new candidates; deaths, 138.

At 9.20 the Grand Chapter called off until 9 A. M. Wednesday.

# Wednesday Morning, May 5th.

The Grand Chapter met at 9 o'clock.

A charter was granted to Emeth Chapter at Richmond.

A dispensation was granted for a new chapter at Castine.

Petitioners for a new chapter at Islesboro were permitted to withdraw.

A petition for a new chapter at Southwest Harbor was ordered to be returned to the petitioners.

Routine business was transacted and the grand officers were installed by Past Grand High Priest Albro E. Chase of Portland, the following appointments being made:

District Deputy Gr. High Priests—George W. Goss, Lewiston; DeForest H. Perkins, Skowhegan; Frank J. Cole, Bangor; John M. Burleigh, South Berwick.

G. Chaplains-Revs. Joseph B. Shepherd, Portland; Leroy W. Coombs, Augusta; Ashley A. Smith, Belfast.

Gr. Capt. Host—Elroy H. Mitchell, Saco. Grand Principal Sojourner—Albert W. Meserve, Kennebunk.

Gr. R. A. Captain-Jarvis L. Tyler, Farmington.

G. M. 3d Vail—Levi Seavey, Thomaston. Gr. M. 2d Vail—Wm. C. Libby, Belfast. G. Master 1st Vail—Frederick O. Eaton,

Rumford Falls. Gr. Stewards-Hugh R. Chaplin, Bangor;

Silas B. Adams, Portland; John J. Marr, Houlton.

Gr. Lect. - Frank E. Sleeper, Sabattus. Gr. Sent.-Warren O. Carney, Portland.

At 11.40 the Grand Chapter closed.

# Order of High Priesthood.

Wednesday Evening, May 5th.

The Council of the Order of High Priesthood met at 7.30 P. M., the President, Alfred S. Kimball, of Norway, presiding. Fifty-five members were present. Twentytwo High Priests from the different chapters were received into the Order. The following officers were elected:

President—Alfred S. Kimball, Norway. S. V. P.—Albert M. Penley, Auburn. J. V. P.—Henry R. Taylor, Machias. Treasurer—Millard F. Hicks, Portland. Recorder—Stephen Berry, Portland. M. of Cer.—Jas. E. Parsons, Ellsworth. Conductor—Jas. H. Witherell, Oakland. Chaplain—Wm. J. Burnham, Lewiston. Steward—Benj. L. Hadley, Bar Harbor. Warder—Wilbur A. Patten, Portland.

At 9.30 the council closed.

# Grand Council.

Wednesday Afternoon, May 5th.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Maine met at 2 P. M., Grand Master Convers E. Leach of Portland presiding. Fourteen of the 16 councils were represented by 27 companions. Sixteen of the 23 Past Grand Officers were present, including 14 of the 18 Past Grand Masters. All the Grand Officers were present and 28 of the 37 Grand Representatives. There were also present 31 of the other 148 Permanent Members.

The Grand Master in his address reported a prosperous year. He had passed a busy year and evidently had been an efficient official. He reported 4,359 members, an increase of 158.

The other Grand Officers presented their reports, which were referred to the proper committees.

The following officers were elected:

G. Master-Murray B. Watson, Auburn. D. G. M.-James H. Witherell Oakland. Gr. P. C. W.-Daniel B. Belcher, Farmington.

G. Treas.—Leander W. Fobes, Portland. G. Rec.—Stephen Berry, Portland.

These officers were installed by Past Gr. Master A. M. Penley of Auburn, the following appointments being made:

G. Chap.—Rev. Ashley A. Smith, Belfast.
Gr. M. of Cer.—Frank J. Cole, Bangor.
G. C. G.—Harry E. Larrabee, Gardiner.
Grand Conductor—DeForest H. Perksns,
kowhegan.

G. Steward—Elvert E. Parker, Lewiston. G. Sent.—W. C. G. Carney, Portland.

The Grand Council then closed.

#### Grand Commandery.

# Thursday Afternoon, May 6th.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Maine met at 2 o'clock P. M., Grand Commander Hon. Arno W. Kiug of Ellsworth presiding.

Henry W. Rugg of Providence, Gr. Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, was present to visit the Grand Commandery, and was received with due honors. He was accompanied by Past Grand Commander Freeman C. Hersey of Massachusetts, who came to attend to his official inspection, and by Frederic C. Thayer of Waterville, Grand Warder of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Grand Master Rugg spoke of his love for the grand old state of Maine, where he first joined the order and where he long resided.

The attendance was large and 21 of the 23 commanderies were represented by 49 officers. 12 of the 20 Past Gr. Commanders were present, with all but one of the Grand Officers, and a large number of Past Commanders.

Grand Commander King's address was jw; Fred H. Oliver, sec.

eloquent and was received with much appreciation.

The reports of the other Grand Officers were received and referred to committees. The report on returns showed 5,238 members, a gain of 139. There had been knighted, 273. The deaths were 92.

At 4 o'clock the officers of Dunlap Commandery of Bath appeared and exemplified the Order of Malta in full form, Samuel B. Furbish, Past Commander, presiding.

At 5.20 business was resumed.

Resolutions upon the death of Grand Commander George C. Purington of Farmington were adopted, the telegraph having announced his death. A message of condolence from the Grand Commandery was sent to the mourning wife at Monson.

At 6 o'clock the Grand Commandery took a recess for supper, at the close of which nine distinguished Templars made brilliant addresses, namely: Grand Commander King, Grand Master Rugg, P. G. Com. Hersey, Grand Warder Thayer, P. G. Com. John W. Ballou, Rev. Ashley A. Smith, Deputy Grand Master of Grand Lodge, P. G. Com. Seth C. Gordon, Grand Standard Bearer Ralph W. Crockett, and Deputy Grand Com. Harry R. Virgin.

At 8 o'clock the Grand Commandery resumed business. The following Grand Officers were elected:

G. Com.—Harry R. Virgin, Portland. Deputy G. Com.—Warren C. Philbrook, Waterville.

Waterville. G. Gen.—Albert H. Burroughs, Westbrook.

G. Capt. Gen.—Elroy H. Mitchell, Saco.
G. S. War.—Charles W. Jones, Augusta.
G. J. W.—Ralph W. Crockett, Lewiston.

G. Prelate—Rev. Jas. F. Albion, Portland. G. Treas.—Leander W. Fobes, Portland.

G. Recorder-Stephen Berry, Portland.

These officers were installed by Grand Master Rugg, assisted by his Grand Warder, Frederick C. Thayer, the following appointments being made:

G. St. Br.—Chas. F. Johnson, Waterville. G. S. Br.—Charles H. Adams, Bangor. G. War.—Edmund B. Mallet, Freeport. G. Capt. G'ds—W. O. Carney, Portland. Military Instructor—James P. Hutchinson, Auburn.

Grand Master Rugg was elected an honorary member of the Grand Commandery.

A vote of thanks was returned to the retiring Grand Commander, Arno W. King.

It was announced that the funeral of Past Grand Commander Geo. C. Purington would take place at Farmington on Sunday at 2 P. M.

At 9.15 the Grand Commandery was closed.

#### Election.

Yates Lodge of Perfection, Portland. Joseph E. Henley, m; Frank C. Allen, dm; Howard B. Chandler, sw; Fred C. Tolman, iw: Fred H. Oliver, sec.

#### New Lodge.

On February 15th Grand Master Mallet granted a dispensation to twelve brethren in Friendship, in Knox County, for a new iodge to be called Meduncook Lodge.

Robert L. Thompson, Master.

Frank A. Geyer, Senior Warden.

Norman K. Burns, Junior Warden. Herbert C. Barrell, Secretary.

nerbert (). Darren, Secretary.

This is the town where Meduncook Lodge, 120, was chartered in 1864, and whose charter was surrendered in 1884.

#### Mystic Shrine.

Kora Temple at Lewiston was dedicated March 19th with appropriate ceremonies. 1,000 members and ladies were entertained with a banquet and a ball on Thursday evening and on Friday the dedication took place. The building is 136 feet long with 94 feet frontage, of Turkish architecture, of red brick with terra cotta trimmings and cost \$70,000.

On February 1st Bro. William H. Dresser of Ellsworth, the former D. D. G. M. of the 21st district, was re-appointed in place of Andrew P. Havey of Sullivan, who declined on account of legislative duties.

Maine Council of Deliberation held its annual meeting at Lewiston April 6th, and elected the old board of officers.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE. — The annual ladies' night at the Falmouth Hotel March 26th was one of the most successful of its history.

The masons of Bath are making over Columbia Theatre into a masonic building. The main hall on the second floor will have a height of 25 feet, and will be 36x58 feet in size. On the third floor will be a banquet hall 33x40 feet, an armory 22x40 feet, and a large kitchen. There will be two main entrances, one from Front street, and one from Summer street court.

CENTENNIAL.—Maine Lodge, No. 20, at Farmington, will have a centennial June 13th, 1909. Felicity, No. 19, of Bucksport, appears to have passed its centennial March 14th without a celebration. We hope, however, that Maine will observe its 100th anniversary, for it will be a great while before it has another chance, and June is a good time a year to call the wanderers home.

MAINE COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION. The proceedings for 1907 and 1908 have been issued in a portly volume for which we are indebted to Wm. C. Mason, Bangor, Deputy for Maine. It contains pictures of Robert P. Dunlap and Dr. John D. Lincoln from steel engravings, and many half-tones of deceased members with their biographies.

Lafayette Lodge at Readfield has occupied the same hall since 1849.

# Portland Masonic Temple.

The Committee say that the sales of units in the Masonic Temple amount to rising \$90,000, which assures the building of the structure and a beginning this summer. The working plans are being drawn by Architect F. A. Tompson. The edifice will cover the entire lot of land, having a frontage on Congress street of 116 feet, with a depth of 162 on Chestnut street, making an area of nearly 20,000 square feet. Bids will be invited on the completion of the plans and work will begin as soon as the contracts are awarded. The committee feel very well satisfied with the success of its financial plan so far, and have many promises of further purchases of units.

# Books, Papers, etc.

-Gen. John Corson Smith, of Chicago, sends us the report of the 23d annual assembly of Masonic Veterans, of which he is the Chief. It met at Medinah Temple instead of at his homestead in Sibley street, and 250 were present. The many letters of excuses from distinguished members, the biographies of the deceased and the souvenirs of travel are interesting, as are also the numerous illustrations.

-Abraham Lincoln, an address by Hon. Wm. S. Kyle at the Lincoln Memorial exercises, Plymouth, Mass., High School, Feb. 12, 1909, is a fine paper by an old Portland resident and mason, who has risen to distinction in his present home at Plymouth.

-Conference of the Governors of the United States, from U. S. Senator Eugene Hale.

Gen. John Corson Smith has been obliged to give up masonic attendance on account of illness.

#### **Our Thanks**

ALABAMA. Gr. Lodge Dec. 1, 1908, from Geo. A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Gr. Sec. Hugh S. D. Mallory, Selma, Gr. Master. 494 lodges, 21,222 members, 1,939 initiates.

Gr. Chapter Nov. 30, 1908, from Geo. A. Beauchamp, Gr. Sec. Robert W. Southererland, Mobile, G. H. P. 57 chapters, 2,948 members, 366 exalted.

Gr. Council Nov. 30, 1908, from Geo. A. Beauchamp, Gr. Rec. Walter Smith, Tuscaloosa, Gr. Master. 8 councils, 438 members, 35 candidates.

ARKANSAS. Gr. Lodge Nov. 17, 1908, from Fay Hempstead, Little Rock, G. Sec. Edgar A. McCulloch, Little Rock, Gr. M. 532 lodges, 18,187 members, 1,434 initiates.

CONNECTICUT. Gr. Com. March 16, 1909, from Eli C. Birdsey, Meriden, Gr. Rec. Leon M. Woodford, Naugatuck, Gr. Com. 11 commanderies, 3,721 members, 179 knighted.

ILLINOIS. Gr. Com. Oct. 13, 1908, from

Harris A. Wheeler, Chicago, G. R. John D. Cleveland, Chicago, Dep. G. Com., acting. 72 commanderies, 14,512 members, 1,256 knighted.

KANSAS. Gr. Lodge Feb. 17, 1909, from Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, Gr. Sec. Fred Washbon Anthony, Gr. M. 389 lodges, 32,072 members, 2,368 initiates.

MINNESOTA. Gr. Lodge Jan. 20, 1909, from John Fishel, St. Paul, Gr. Sec. Eugene E. Swan, Stewart, Gr. M. 248 lodges, 23,866 members, 1,577 initiates.

Gr. Chapter Oct. 13, 1908, from John Fishel, Gr. Sec. Jerome E. Cooley, Duluth, G. H. P. 75 chapters, 7,319 members, 594 exalted.

Gr. Council Oct. 12, 1908, from John Fishel, Gr. Rec. Albert Bush, Minneapolis, G. M. 8 councils, 1,104 members, 124 candidates.

MISSISSIPPI. Gr. Chapter Feb. 18, 1909, from Frederic Speed, Vickburg, Gr. Sec. Edwin J. Martin, Meridian, G. H. P. 71 chapters, 3,813 members, 444 exalted.

MONTANA. Gr. Lodge Sept. 18, 1907, from Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Helena, G. S. Squire C. Kenyon, Bozeman, Gr. M. 67 lodges, 4,690 members, 396 initiations. The proceedings for 1908 are promised soon.

NEBRASKA. Gr. Chapter Dec. 16, 1908, from Francis E. White, Omaha, Gr. Sec. Oscar R. Allen, Omaha, G. H. P, 56 chapters, 4100 members, 298 exalted.

NEW MEXICO. Gr. Lodge Oct. 19, 1908, from Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Gr. Sec. Chester D. Stevens, Raton, G. M. 36 lodges, 2,128 members, 232 initiates.

New York. Gr. Chapter Feb. 2, 1909, from Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo, Gr. Sec. Charles C. Hunt, New York, G. H. P. 205 chapters, 34,099 members, 2,357 exalted.

NEW ZEALAND. Grand Lodge 1908, from Malcolm Niccol, Auckland, Gr. Sec. Wm. Lee, (Baron Plunket) Canterbury, Gr. M. 156 lodges, 9,238 members, 830 initiates.

Ohio. Gr. Commandery Oct. 13, 1908, from John N. Bell, Dayton, Gr. Rec. Edmund B. King, Sandusky, Gr. Com. 63 commanderies, 13,896 members, 977 knighted.

TENNESSEE. Gr. Chapter Jan. 25, 1909, from Wm. A. Clendening, Nashville, Gr. Sec. Andrew P. Trogden, Quebec, G. H. P. 84 chapters, 4,526 members, 432 exalted.

Gr. Council Jan. 25, 1909, from Wm. A. Clendening, Nashville, Gr. Rec. Charles H. Smart, Nashville, Gr. M. 20 councils, 853 members, 70 candidates.

TEXAS. Gr. Chapter Nov. 30, 1908, from John A. Bryan, Cleburne, Gr. Sec. Ed. R. Bryan, Midland, G. H. P. 228 chapters, 13,916 members, 1,255 exaltations.

UNITED STATES. Northern Supreme Council Sept. 15, 1908, from James H. Codding, N. Y., Sec. Gen. Henry L. Palmer, Milwaukee, Gr. Commander. 91 lodges, 56,907 members, 5,747 initiates. Of these Maine has 6 lodges, 1,591 members, 100 initiates, and was entitled to 1 nomination. Maine paid in dues \$827.

WEST VIRGINIA. Gr. Lodge Nov. 11, 1908, from Hiram R. Howard, Point Pleasant, Gr. Sec. ' Emmett M. Showalter, Fairmont, G. M. 141 lodges, 12,814 members, 957 initiates. Masonic . Token,

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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.

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

#### The Annual Meetings.

The weather was favorable for the annual meetings, although somewhat showery and not over warm. The attendance was average except in the commandery where it was large. The presence of Grand Master Rugg and the fine rendition of the Order of Malta by Dunlap Commandery of Bath being attractive. The nine speakers at the Templar supper proved very interesting and two hours were devoted to that function. Thus Grand Commander King's administration ended brilliantly, and it has been a very prosperous and harmonious year. The same may be said for the council and the administration of Grand Master Leach. In Grand Lodge and Chapter the presiding officers were re-elected.

No contests arose in either body, and the meetings were like family gatherings.

Even the elections were almost all unanimous.

The establishment of one new chapter and two new lodges showed commendable growth, while the rejection of applications for others showed commendable caution.

The Traveling Trowel is now at Los Angeles, California.

Boston proposes to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims in 1920 by holding a World's Fair. We do not know where Plymonth comes in, but as it will cost \$25,000,000 we suppose it must be in Boston if anywhere in New England.

Henry L. Palmer, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Supreme Council for the last thirty years, has resigned on account of illness and age and Samuel L. Lawrence, of Massachusetts, Deputy Grand Commander, takes his place. Bro. Palmer is the Senior Past Grand Master of the Gr. Encampment. He had previously resigned the presidency of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co., which he organized.

The telegraph brings word that Bro. Palmer died May 7th. He was born in Mt. Pleasant, Wayne Co., Penn., Oct. 18, 1819. He was a lawyer and judge until he took charge of the Insurance Company.

PRESIDENT TAFT.—On Feb. 18th William H. Taft, now President of the United States, was made a mason at sight by Charles S. Hoskinson, Grand Master of Ohio. Kilwinning Lodge, of which President Taft's father was a member, and of which his brother now is, was present as a body, with a great number of distinguished masons from all quarters. Our Grand Master was invited. During the evening he witnessed the regular initiation of a candidate by Kilwinning Lodge.

Nearly all the masonic journals have condemned or regretted this action, some as illegal and others as discriminating between candidates which should always be on a level. We are not prepared to absolutely deny the legality of the Grand Master's prerogative, but we think it is very doubtful. As to the discrimination, we should regret to see the President blackballed, which might happen if he applied to a lodge; otherwise we should have preferred to have had him apply like other candidates.

# Andrew Scott Sawyer.

Bro. Sawyer died at his home in South Portland Thursday, Feb. 11th, aged 88 years, 5 months and 20 days. He was born in New Gloucester Aug. 22, 1820. He learned the bookbinder's trade and worked in Boston in early life, where he boarded with the Booth family and was a lifelong friend of Edwin. He gave up his trade to come to South Portland, where he conducted a market garden with one of his brothers who was killed in the Battle of the Wilderness. He married Kate Stanwood, who died some time before him. He was a charter member of Hiram Lodge, (having been made in Ancient Landmark) of Mt. Vernon Chapter, Portland Council, Portland Commandery and the Scottish Rite, and was an active and valued mem-

ber of the craft, as well as a popular citizen and a well beloved friend.

The Grand Lodge of Mississippi has severed intercourse with the Grand Lodge of New Jersey because the latter has a lodge composed of negroes at Newark. This lodge has existed for thirty-eight years without objection having before been made. The Square and Compass of New Orleans says that Louisiana may at any time be similarly cut off, because, like most Grand Lodges, colored men are not prohibited if they are otherwise well-qualified, and it hopes for a reconsideration.

The Fraternal Greetings of Richard Lambert, Gr. Secrelary of Louisiana, went to Portland, Oregon, where they were addressed, but the postmaster there knows us and sent them back. They came too late to acknowledge in the January Token.

Bro. Edwin F. Dillingham of Bangor was on Jan. 22d installed for the 47th con. secutive year treasurer of St. Andrew's Lodge—a long service.

By the death of Grand Commander Gross, John D. Cleveland of Chicago becomes the acting Grand Commander of Illinois.

The Henderson-Ames Co. of Kalamazoo, Mich., are sending out a new catalogue of the Order of Eastern Star, (No. 96) beautifully illustrated in colors, which they will send to all chapters applying.

SCOTLAND. The two Templar grand bodies of Scotland were united April 3d on satisfactory terms, and we congratulate them on the union.

Bro. Joseph Robbins, the Illinois Grand Lodge Correspondent, is in a hospital suffering with a cancer.

A new Grand Chapter was formed in Wyoming April 6th with Adrian J. Parshall, Cheyenne, Gr. H. Priest, and Birney H. Sage, Cheyenne, Gr. Secretary.

We are indebted to Henry W. Rugg, Gr. Master of Templars U. S., for his Circular No. 1, for 1909, which gives a detail of his acts and decisions up to January 1st, 1909. As this anticipates his report to the Grand Encampment in 1910, it is interesting and valuable.

WILLIAM HENRY MESERVEY, who died in Rocdland March 28th at the age of 82 years and 28 days, was the father of Bro. Charles E. Meservey, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council.

He was a charter member of St. George's Chapter, No. 45, at Liberty, and its first High Priest. He was affiliated with Aurora Lodge, and the other masonic bodies of Rockland.

#### Obituaries.

WILLIAM L. GROSS, Gr. Commander of Illinois, died at Springfield Jan. 18th. He was born in Fairfield, N. Y., Feb. 21, 1839, and was therefore nearly 70 years old. In early life he was a telegrapher, and served in the civil war as superintendent of the Telegraph Corps under Grant at Vicksburg and other leading generals. Later he became a lawyer and judge.

JACOB MAYER, Gr. Master of Oregon in 1888, died in Portland Dec. 31st. He was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, May 7, 1826.

SIMEON S. JOHNSON, Grand Master of Indiana in 1898, died in Jeffersonville January 19th. He was born in Athens, Vt., July 27, 1836. He was Grand High Priest in 1878, Grand Master Grand Council in 1893, and Grand Commander in 1893. He was a lawyer.

JOHN S. TAYLOR, Deputy Gr. Matser of the Gr. Lodge of Wyoming, died Dec. 21st at Sheridan. He was born in Berry, Lancashire Co., England, Nov. 8, 1870. He had been five times mayor of Sheridan and held other offices of trust.

EDWIN MORRELL, Grand Master Grand Council Ohio in 1892 and '93, died in Columbus Jan. 18th. He was born in Livermore, Me., Dec. 27, 1830, and went to Ohio in 1856, where he was connected with the Penn. R. R.

PHILEMON H. CLUGSTON, Grand High Priest of Indiana in 1906, died at Scottsdale, Arizona, Jan. 28th. He was born at Larwill May 8, 1864, and was a lawyer.

JOHN H. F. IRVINE, Gr. High Priest of Oregon in 1896, died in Tollman Sept. 22d. He was born near Albany, Mo., Dec. 15, 1849, and was a physician. He was Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1892.

JOSEPH J. COUCH, Grand Master of New York in 1877, died at Brooklyn Feb. 10th. He was born in Newburyport, Mass., in 1828.

JOHN P. FISKE, Grand High Priest of Michigan in 1867, died in Detroit Feb. 17th of pneumonia, after only two days' illness. He was born at Cazenovia, N. Y., Sept. 2, 1830. He was a merchant and bank president.

LORD AMHERST, Pro Grand Master of England, died Jan. 17th of apoplexy. He was born in 1835.

JAMES P. SHERWIN, Grand Commander of Illinois in 1897, died in Chicago Feb. 14th. He was born in Gouverneur, N. Y., Feb. 23, 1847.

REES J. CHESNUTWOOD, Gr. High Priest of Indiana in 1869 and '70, died in South Bend March 15th. He was born in Robinson Township, Penn., May 17, 1816, and was therefore 93 years old.

Arkansas, died in Russellville March 2d. He was born at Dover April 15, 1847. He died from the effects of an old wound received at Pilot Knobb when in the Confederate service.

REUBEN HEDLEY LLOYD, Grand Master of Templars 1898-1900, died in San Francisco March 10th, after an illness of three years. He was born in Ireland in 1835, came to America in boyhood with his widowed mother, and became a lawyer. He was Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, but declined advancement at the last annual communication on account of illness. He left a sister and two brothers. He was a man of commanding influence and of most amiable character.

SAMUEL C. RANDALL, Grand High Priest of Michigan in 1891, died in Flint March 5th. He was born at Oswego, N. Y., Oct. 20, 1837. He was a captain in the 23d Michigan in the civil war. He was Grand Commander in 1876.

JAMES L. GOULD, Grand Master of Connecticut in 1871, died in Norwich Jan. 26th. He was born in Easton Nov. 15, 1830. He was a lawyer, judge and editor. He was Grand High Priest in 1867 and 1868; Gr. Master of the Grand Council in 1865; and President of the Order of High Priesthood for four years. He was also General Grand R. A. Capt. of the General Grand Chapter.

ALERED A. TUFTS, Grand Commander of Arkansas in 1884, died at Camden Feb. 4th aged 62. He was born in Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 3, 1847. He served through the civil war in the 126th Illinois Infantry.

JACOB H. NEFF, Grand Commander of California in 1892, died in San Francisco March 26th. His age is not given, but he had lived 60 years in California.

JOHN C. KENNEDY, Grand Commander of Tennessee, died suddenly in Nashville Mar. 18th of angina pectoris, aged 68. He was a railroad man.

WILLIAM T. CORSON, Gr. Master of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania in 1895, died in Williamsport March 19th. He was born in Williamsport July 13, 1847.

CHARLES RANKIN WOODRUFF, Gr. Commander of Kentucky in 1866 and 1867 and Correspondent since 1874, died in St. Anthony's Hospital, Louisville, April 4th, in his 79th year. He was born in New Albany, Indiana, Jan. 29, 1831. He took the degrees and Orders in Indiana, where he was initiated Jan. 24, 1853, and became master of Jefferson Lodge at New Albany. He affiliated in Louisville in 1857. His 36th report on Templar Correspondence was prepared and ends with the words "We are all going home." Bro. Drummond completed 38 correspondence reports in Grand Lodge, but 36 is a great number and long service. Frater Woodruff was of a genial

REESE B. HOGINS, Grand High Priest of nature and was warmly loved within and without the jurisdiction of Kentucky. We have enjoyed his friendship for over thirty years, and we tender our sympathy to the Kentucky fratres.

> HENRY BROWN, Deputy Grand Master of Nebraska in 1859, died in Nebraska City April 4th. He was born near Goshen, Ohio, Nov. 24, 1824.

> The Grand Lodges of Oklahoma and Indian Territories were united February 10th. The two Grand Secretaries were elected as joint Grand Secretaries of the united body.

> Oriental Consistory of Chicago held its 54th Annual Reunion April 19th to 22d, with a very attractive program.

> The new Masonic Temple at Indianapolis will be dedicated May 24th.

> HISTORY OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF ILLINOIS, vol. 2, in three parts, is received from Harris A. Wheeler, Grand Recorder, on behalf of Grand Commander John D. Cleveland and the Historical Committee, It goes back to the organization, thus covering much of the substance of vol. 1. The first part is devoted to the history of the Grand Commandery. Two and three contain the histories of the seventy-three commanderies up to 1907. These volumes are profusely illustrated with portraits and views They have left a few copies of volume 1 at \$2.50 and these three parts of volume 2 are sold at \$9.00.

> An English writer speaks of the Grand Lodge of England as a huge unwieldy body, consisting of 50,000 members, added to at the rate of 3,000 annually. The Grand Lodge of New York should be thankful that it cut off the membership of Past Masters when it did, although it caused a rebellion which troubled them long.

#### George C. Purington.

The Grand Commandery on meeting Thursday afternoon was startled by a telegram announcing the death of Past Grand Commander George C. Purington. A letter had been received from him at Monson announcing his illness of pneumonia, and asking to be excused for non-attendance. He had been attending the meeting at Dover of the Piscataquis Teachers' Association.

He was born in Embden June 27, 1848, graduated at Bowdoin, and was superintendent of the State Normal School at Farmington.

In the Grand Commandery he was Grand Sword Bearer in 1899, and worked his way up to be Grand Commander in 1905. As Grand Commander he was an accomplished officer, elegant and eloquent. Courteous and kindly, he won the regards of all his associates, and his loss will be long felt.

COME, GENTLE SPRING.	strange. Until a year ago it declined to al-	INDIANA-Lodge-1873, 7, 8, 9, 80, 6, 8,
An and a second to the second s	low the existence of lodges in the dominions	9, 90, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 1900, 1.
Come, gentle spring, or any other kind	of the Mikado, though it not only permitted but actually encouraged its citizens to join	Chapter—1873, 90, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8. Council—1873, 96, 7, 8, 9.
Of spring. In fact we wouldn't mind A rough,	the Craft abroad and to attend foreign	Commandery—1875, 7, 8, 9, 81, 2, 3, 4, 5,
Tough,	lodges. In fact, nearly all Japan's states-	6, 7, 91, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 1900, 2.
Boisterous old thing. Just so it were spring.	men and diplomats are Freemasons.—[The	IOWA.—Lodge—1854-58, one book; 71, 3,
If by a slip We have ever said flip	Freemason's Chronicle.]	5, 7 to 84, 87 to 99, 1901, 2, 3, 4.
And uncomplimentary things about you,	Proceedings for Sale.	Chapter—1879, 81, 2, 4. Council—1875, 8.
We rue Our lack	The following proceedings will be sent	Commandery—1876, 8, 9, 80, 1, 2, 7, 91, 3.
Of good taste and take them all back. Just now, dear spring.	postpaid on receipt of the price, viz:	INDIAN TERRITORYLodge-1891, 3, 4,
We're in a mood to sing		1903.
Your praises in the choicest language at our com- mand	For Grand Lodge proceedings, each 60 cts. " " Chapter " " 50 cts.	KANSAS.—Lodge—1875, 8, 87, 8, 95, 6, 7,
And to hand You out a line	" " Council " " 30 ets.	8, 9, 1900, 1, 2.
Of fine, Artistic, half-tone compliments calculated to curl	" " Commd'y " " 40 cts.	Chapter—1883. Commandery—1874, 6, 85 to 91, 8, 9, 1900.
Your hair and make your brain whirl.	ALABAMALodge-1876, 81 to 85, 89,	KENTUCKY.—Lodge—1878, 98, 9, 02 to 4.
'Tis true at times your mud And flood	90, 91, 1900, 1, 2.	Chapter-1897, 1901.
And slush we have viewed with disgust, But we trust	Chapter—1873, 79 to 84, 91, 1900, 1, 2.	Council—1882, 4, 92, 3, 1900, 1.
You will overlook the time we made childish faces	Council—1874, 5, 7, 8, 9, 80, 82, 3.	Commandery—1871, 7, 80, 1, 3 to 1903. High Priesthood—1875, 6; 7, 8, 9, in one
And take us into your good graces Once more.	Commandery—1874, 5, 6, 9, 82, 3, 4, 5, 8, 93, 4, 7, 1900 to 4.	book; 82, 4.
We are sore On winter, and we don't care who knows it.	ARKANSAS-Lodge-1877, 8, 81, 5 to 82,	LOUISIANALodge-1869, 72, 3, 9, 80, 1,
The season doesn't come within forty miles of	6, 7, 8, 9, 90, 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 1900, 2.	4 to 90, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 1900, 1, 2, 4.
making a hit With us,	Council—1873.	Chapter-1875, 86, 7, 9, 90, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7,
And it can have a fuss Any time it comes around with a chip on its	Commandery—1884, 87 to 94, 6, 1900 to 4,	8, 9, 1900, 1, 2.
shoulder,	A REAL PROPERTY AND A REAL	Council—1878, 92, 3, 1900, 2. Commandery—1872, 6; 77, 8, one book;
And if it gets colder Or in any other ways tries to get gay	ARIZONA,—Lodge—1888 to 90, 2, 4, 7, 8, 1900.	79 to 90, 91 to 99, 1900, 1, 2.
We will meet it more than half way. But you, gentle spring,	Chapter—1893, 1900.	MANITOBA.—Lodge—1888, 9, 90, 1, 2, 3,
Can have anything	Commandery—1893, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 1900.	4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 1900, 1, 2, 3, 4.
We have in the shop. Don't stop	CALIFORNIA.—Lodge—1876.	MARYLAND.—Lodge—1881.
To ask if it is too good to be true. Help yourself. The best is none too good for you	Chapter	Chapter—1880, 3, 5, 7, 8-9, 90 to 1901, 3. Council—92-94, in one book; 95, 6, one
-[Old Colony Memorial.]	Commandery—1874, 80, 2, 4, 9, 91, 3, 4, 5,	book; 97–99, one book.
	1900, 1.	Commandery—1885, 6, 9, 91 to 97.
PREMIUMS.—Any brother who will pro-	Consistory—1887, 90, 3.	MASSACHUSETTSLodge-Annual, Quar-
cure subscribers for us, remitting not less	CANADA.—Lodge—1872, 8, 9, 87, 92, 3,	terly, Special and Stated, 1880, I. Quarterly
than \$1 at a time, may retain one-fourth of	4, 6, 1900 to 3. Chapter—1887, 8, 91 to 5.	and Special, 82. Quarterly, Special and Stated, 88, 9, 90. Quarterly and Special,
the money for his services. Those who	Commandery—1876, 9, 80, 1, 3, 6, 8, 81, 2,	91, 2. Quarterly and Stated, 93, 4, 5, 6.
wish to assist us, without caring for the premium, can gratify some indigent brother	4, 5, 6.	Quarterly and Special, 97 to 1902. Chapter—1885, 8, 92, 94.
by sending him a paper free. It is better	Colorado.—Lodge—1871, 5, 6, 7, 8, 83, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 91, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 1900, 1, 4.	Commandery—1882, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 90, 2, 3.
to take subscriptions for two years.	Chapter—Org. 1875, 6, 9, 80, 1, 3, 4, 6, 7,	Council—1873, 5, 6, 8, 9, 81 to 84, 86, 91.
	9, 91, 8, 9, 1900, 1.	MICHIGANLodge-1873, 81, 4, 5, 6, 7,
The following lodges pay \$1 \$2 or \$2	Commandery—-1876, 7, 8, 9, 81, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 90, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 1900, 2.	8, 9, 90, 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 1900, 2, 4.
The following lodges pay \$1, \$2 or \$3 a year, receiving 11, 22 and 33 copies of the	CONNECTICUT.—Lodge—1874, 83, 5, 92,	Chapter—1848–98, in one book ; 75, 6, 80, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 90, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 1900, 1, 4.
Token respectively, to distribute to the mem-	1901, 2.	Council—1874–5, in one book; 6, 89, 91,
bers who are promptest in attendance:	Chapter—1883, 4, 90, 91.	2, 3, 6, 1900.
Copies	Council—1883, 90, 1, 2.	Commandery— 1874, 5, 6, 7, 9, 80, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 90, 1, 2, 3.
St. Andrew's, Bangor, 22	Commandery—1877, 8, 80, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 90, 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 1900, 1, 2, 4.	Hist. Sketch Early Masonry in Michigan,
Temple, Westbrook, 11	ру, 90, 1, 2, 3, 0, 7, 1900, 1, 2, 4. Dakota.—Lodge—1884.	and Proc. Gr. Lodge, 1826 to '60, originals.
Hancock, Castine, 11 Ira Berry, Bluehill, 22	Chapter—1886, 8.	MINNESOTALodge-1874, 88, 92, 1900,
Ira Berry, Bluehill, 22 Rising Virtue, Bangor, 22	Commandery—1885, 6, 7, 8, 9.	1, 4; Lodge of Sorrow, 79. Chapter—1883, 96, 04.
Kenduskeag, Kenduskeag, 11	DELAWARE.—Lodge—1889, 90, 3, 4, 6, 7,	Council—1900.
Ira Berry Chapter, Pittsfield, 22 Pioneer Lodge, Ashland, 11	8, 9, 1900, 1, 2. Chapter—1880, 1, 2, 91, 4, 5.	Commandery-1875, 76, 3, 87, 8, 9, 92, 7.
Pioneer Lodge, Ashland, 11 Lincoln Lodge, Wiscasset, 33	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—Lodge—1862,	MISSISSIPPI.—Lodge—1873, 5, 80, 3, 5, 6,
St. Aspinquid Lodge, York Corner, 11	93, 5, 7, 8, 9.	9, 90, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 1900, 1, 2, 4, 5. Chapter $20, 1, 4, 5, 0, 04, 6, 7, 8, 1000$
Olive Branch Lodge, Charleston, 11	Commandery—1896.	Chapter—80, 1, 4, 5, 9, 94, 6, 7, 8, 1900, 1, 2.
What lodge shall be next added ?	FLORIDA.—Lodge—1872, 3, 4, 8, 9, 80, 2,	·Council—94, 8, 1901, 2, 4.
	4, 7, 90, I, 7.	Commandery-1857-72, in one book; 5,
Away back in 1864, when M. W. Bro.	Chapter—1872–3, 4, 86, 8, 9. Commandery—1896.	6, 7, 84, 7, 9, 90 to 98, 1900, 1, 2, 4, 5.
William P. Preble, now of Staten Island, was Grand Master of Maine, a lodge in-	GEORGIA.—Lodge—74, 93, 5, 8, 1900, 3.	MISSOURI—Lodge—74, 5, 6, 82, 91. Chapter—1874, 5, 8, 87, 92, 6, 7, 8, 9,
quired whether a certain resolution was	Chapter-1895, 7, 8.	1900, 1, 2.
binding upon them, to which Bro. Preble re-	Commandery—1884, 7, 8.	Council—93, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9.
sponded, with virtuous indignation, "Shade	IDAHO.—Lodge—90, 91, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 1900	Commandery—1885, 8, 88, 9, 91, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 1900, 1, 2.
of Dogberry! On whom are resolutions of the Grand Lodge binding, if not upon sub-	to 3.	MONTANA-Lodge-81, 6, 92, 5, 6, 7, 9,
ordinates?" There have been more mod-	ILLINOIS.—Lodge—1874, 5, 6, 7, 8, 83 to 91, 96 to 1900, 2, 3, 4.	1900, 1, 3, 4.
ern instances where the shade of Dogberry	Chapter—1879 to 84, 6, 7, 8, 9, 91 to 96.	Chapter—96, 7, 8, 1900, 1, 2, 3.
might have been similarly invoked. -[N. Y. Masonic Standard.]	8, 1900, 1, 2, 3.	Commandery—1895, 6, 7, 8.
	Council—1883, 4, 91, 3, 5 to 1902.	NEBRASKA—Lodge—1873, 4, 82, 3, 4, 90, 1, 2, 9, 1900, 1, 2, 3, 4.
The attitude of the Japanese Government	Commandery—1875 to 1903. Council Deliberation—1890, 6. Masonic Vet. Ass'n—1890, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.	Chapter—78, 81, 2, 3, 5, 93, 4, 5, 7, 9, 1900, 1, 2, 3, 4.

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