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## AS THE SHIPS SAIL OVER THE HARBOR-BAR.

Just over the brow of the seaward hill,  
There lieth a city all white and still;

And the air is sweet with a faint perfume,  
As the wind steals over the orchard bloom.

The sailors of many a craft are there,  
And a mother mourneth her girlie fair;

But they start no more at the bugle call,  
Nor the sunrise gun on the fort's grim wall.

O the tides may come and the tides may go,  
And the children play in the cove below,—

Yet never the sound of the breaking swell,  
Nor the warning voice of the buoy bell,

Shall waken the sleepers upon the hill,  
Where lieth the city all white and still.

But the mother watches a twinkling star,  
As the ships sail over the harbor-bar,

And she dreams, dear heart, that her darling's  
eyes  
Are the stars that brighten the evening skies.

—[Robert Rexdale.]

## MASONRY IN MAINE.

### Grand Lodge.

*Tuesday, May 3, 1910.*

The 91st annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held in Masonic Hall, Portland, commencing Tuesday, May 3d, at 9 A. M., Edmund B. Mallet, of Freeport, Grand Master, presiding.

Of the 201 chartered lodges 196 were represented, and of the 12 living Past Grand Masters eight were present, and the attendance was very large. 36 Grand Officers were present, and 44 of the 58 Grand Representatives.

Grand Master Mallet in his address reported a prosperous year, the membership being 28,328, a gain of 464. The initiates had been 1,206 and the deaths 545. The report of the Grand Treasurer showed the finances to be in the usual healthy condition. Memorials of deceased members were read.

At 11.30 the Grand Lodge called off until 2 P. M.

*Tuesday Afternoon, May 3d.*

The Grand Lodge met at 2 P. M.

Various committees reported.

The Grand Master reported at length upon the Philadelphia conference of Grand Masters and the report was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

At 3 o'clock the election took place as follows:

G. Master—Rev. Ashley A. Smith, Belfast.  
Dep. G. M.—Elmer P. Spofford, Deer Isle.  
S. G. Warden—Isaac N. Jones, Calais.

J. G. War.—Sullivan L. Andrews, Clinton.  
Gr. Treasurer—Millard F. Hicks, Portland.  
Gr. Secretary—Stephen Berry, Portland.  
Committee on Finance—Albro E. Chase of Portland, George R. Shaw, of Portland, Hugh R. Chaplin, of Bangor.

Trustees Charity Fund for Three Years—Frank E. Sleeper, of Sabattus, Howard D. Smith, of Norway.

It was voted that secretaries should notify their district deputies of all meetings of the lodges.

At 4.35 meeting adjourned until 2 P. M.

Wednesday.

*Wednesday Afternoon, May 4th.*

The afternoon was spent in witnessing the conferring of the third degree by Portland Lodge, No. 1, Arthur W. Read, Master, with music by the Portland Masonic Quartet, for which a vote of thanks was passed.

The Grand Lodge then called off until Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

*Thursday Morning, May 5th.*

The Grand Lodge met at 9 A. M.

Charters were granted to Meduncook Lodge at Friendship and McKinley Lodge at McKinley.

The petitioners for a lodge at Swan's Island were granted permission to withdraw.

Various committees reported, closing up the business.

The hour for installation having arrived, Past Grand Master Charles I. Collamore was called to the East and the Grand Officers were installed by him, the following appointments being made:

Corresponding G. Sec.—Herbert Harris, Portland.

*District Deputy Grand Masters.*

Districts.

- 1 Howard Pierce, Mars Hill.
- 2 William E. Mann, Calais.
- 3 Edwin Cummings, Jonesport.
- 4 Moses D. Joyce, Deer Isle.
- 5 Frank D. Arnold, Dexter.
- 6 John E. Emerson, Hampden.

7 Willis J. Greeley, Liberty.

8 Isaac Hills, Northport.

9 Winfield S. Clark, South Thomaston.

10 Lewis A. Dunton, Boothbay Harbor.

11 Willis E. Swift, Augusta.

12 Bert K. Meservey, North Vassalboro.

13 Augustine Simmons, North Anson.

14 N. Gratz Jackson, Bath.

15 Cleff Maxwell, Weld.

16 Ned L. Swan, Bryant's Pond.

17 Frederick H. Dole, Yarmouth.

18 Clarence H. Pride, East Waterford.

19 Albert W. Meserve, Kennebunk.

20 Martin L. Porter, Danforth.

21 Edgar J. Trussell, Bar Harbor.

22 L. H. Blanchard, Hartland.

23 James H. Littlefield, Alfred.

24 Henry A. Fletcher, Auburn.

25 George H. Mooers, Ashland.

Gr. Chaplains—Rev. William H. Fultz, Portland; Rev. Robert R. Morson, Yarmouth; Rev. Louis D. Evans, Camden; Rev. Robert B. Mathews, Ellsworth; Rev. John M. Beiler, Machias; Rev. Carl F. Henry, Bangor.

Gr. Marshal—Clifford J. Pattee, Belfast.

G. S. D.—Silas B. Adams, Portland.

G. J. D.—Albert H. Burroughs, Westbrook.

G. Stewards—Convers E. Leach, Portland; Wilmer J. Dorman, Belfast; Daniel W. Ballantyne, Lincoln; William J. Patterson, Castine.

G. S. B.—L. Albert Gardner, Stockton Springs.

G. St. B.—Leslie D. Ames, Lincolnville.

G. Pur.—Warren C. King, Portland; Fred C. Chalmers, Bangor.

G. Lec.—Frank E. Sleeper, Sabattus.

G. Organist—Walter S. Smith, Portland.

G. Tyler—Warren O. Carney, Portland.

At 11 o'clock the Grand Lodge was closed, prayer being offered by Rev. Wm. H. Fultz, Grand Chaplain.

### Grand Chapter.

*Tuesday Evening, May 3d.*

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine met in its 85th annual convocation at Masonic Hall, Portland at 7 P. M., Grand High Priest Franklin R. Redlon of Portland presiding.

The committee on credentials reported 54 of the 60 chartered chapters represented and 12 of the 15 Past Grand High Priests were present.

Grand High Priest Redlon presented an able and interesting address, which showed a diligent discharge of his duties.

The reports of the other Grand Officers were presented and referred to the proper committees.



The following officers were elected:

G. H. P.—Thomas H. Bodge, Augusta.  
D. G. H. P.—Wilmer J. Dorman, Belfast.  
Gr. King—George W. Goss, Lewiston.  
G. Scribe—DeF. H. Perkins, Skowhegan.  
G. Treas.—Leander W. Fobes, Portland.  
Gr. Sec.—Stephen Berry, Portland.  
Committee of Finance—Millard F. Hicks, Portland; Warren C. King, Portland; Herbert W. Robinson, Portland.

At 9 o'clock the Grand Chapter adjourned until 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

*Wednesday Morning, May 4th.*

The Grand Chapter resumed labor at 9 A. M.

The committee on returns reported 9,644 members, a gain of 242. Exaltations, 462, deaths, 149.

A charter was granted to Castine Chapter at Castine.

The Grand Officers were installed by Gr. High Priest Redlon, Past Grand High Priest Albro E. Chase, acting as Grand Captain of Host.

The following appointments were made:

District Dep. Gr. High Priests—Franklin J. Cole, Bangor; Wallace N. Price, Richmond; James A. Richan, Rockland; Chas. G. Briggs, Portland.

Gr. Chaplains—Revs. Leroy W. Coons, Augusta; Ashley A. Smith, Belfast; John M. Beiler, Machias.

G. Capt. Host—Willis E. Swift, Augusta.  
Gr. Prin. Soj.—Wm. C. Libby, Belfast.  
Gr. R. A. Capt.—Fred'k O. Eaton, Rumford Falls.

Gr. M. 3d Vail—Sanger N. Annis, Waterville.

Gr. Master 2d Vail—Samuel B. Furbish, Brunswick.

Gr. Master 1st Vail—Allen H. Winslow, Auburn.

Gr. Stewards—Hugh R. Chaplin, Bangor; Silas B. Adams, Portland; E. Delmont Merrill, Dover.

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

Three district conventions were authorized.

At 11 o'clock the Grand Chapter closed.

### Order of High Priesthood.

*Wednesday Evening, May 4th.*

The Order of High Priesthood for Maine met at 7 P. M., President Alfred S. Kimball of Norway, presiding. Fifty-five members were present. Twenty High Priests from all parts of the state 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 9:15 the council closed.

### Grand Council.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Maine, met at 2 P. M., Grand Master Murray B. Watson of Auburn, presiding.

The Committee on Credentials reported 14 of the 16 councils represented and 11 of the 18 living Past Grand Masters present.

Grand Master Watson presented an interesting address in which he described the triennial assembly of the General Grand Council at Savannah, Ga., last November.

Reports of the other Grand Officers followed. The report on returns showed 4,467 members, a gain of 108. There were 204 candidates and 72 deaths.

The following officers were elected:

G. Master—Jas. H. Witherell, Oakland.  
D. G. M.—Frank J. Cole, Bangor.  
Gr. P. C. W.—Harry E. Larrabee, Gardiner.

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

The officers were installed by P. G. Master Charles I. Collamore of Bangor, the following appointments being made:

G. Chap.—Ashley A. Smith, Belfast.  
G. M. of C.—DeForest H. Perkins, Skowhegan.

G. C. G.—Elvert E. Parker, Lewiston.  
G. Conductor—Charles B. Davis, Waterville.

G. Steward—Jas. A. Richan, Rockland.  
G. Sent.—W. C. G. Carney, Portland.

The Grand Council then closed.

### Grand Commandery.

*Thursday Afternoon, May 5th.*

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Maine met in annual conclave at 2 P. M., Grand Commander Harry R. Virgin of Portland, presiding. Past Grand Commander Freeman C. Hersey of Massachusetts, visiting officer of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and Frederick C. Thayer of Waterville, Grand Warder of the Grand Encampment, were received with due honors.

Grand Commander Virgin presented a very interesting address which showed a year of prosperity.

The reports of the other Grand Officers were received and referred to the proper committees.

The report on returns showed 5,317 members, a gain of 79. There were 214 candidates and 83 deaths.

The report on credentials showed all of the 23 commanderies represented. Ten of the 21 Past Grand Commanders were present.

At this point the officers of Portland Commandery conferred the Templar Order before the Grand Commandery, Frank C. Allen, Commander, officiating.

It being Ascension Day an address appropriate to the occasion was then delivered

by the Grand Prelate, Rev. James F. Albion, D. D. He was eloquent and the address was listened to with great attention and interest.

The following officers were then elected:

Gr. Commander—Warren C. Philbrook, Waterville.

Deputy Gr. Com.—Albert H. Burroughs, Westbrook.

Gr. Gen.—Elroy H. Mitchell, Saco.

Gr. C. Gen.—Chas. W. Jones, Augusta.

G. S. W.—Ralph W. Crockett, Lewiston.

G. J. W.—Chas. F. Johnson, Waterville.  
Grand Prelate—Rev. James F. Albion, Portland.

Gr. Treas.—Leander W. Fobes, Portland.

Gr. Recorder—Stephen Berry, Portland.

At 6 o'clock the Grand Commandery took a recess for supper, at which the following speakers made addresses: Grand Commander Harry R. Virgin, Grand Commander-elect Warren C. Philbrook, Dr. Freeman C. Hersey and Frederick C. Thayer of the Grand Encampment, Ralph W. Crockett of Lewiston, Dr. Albert H. Burroughs of Westbrook, Sanford L. Fogg of Bath and Charles F. Johnson of Waterville.

The Grand Commandery resumed its session at 8:15. The Grand Officers were installed by Grand Warder Thayer of the Grand Encampment of the United States, assisted by Past Grand Commander Clayton J. Farrington.

The following appointments were made:

Gr. Stan'd Bearer—Arthur S. Littlefield, Rockland.

Gr. S. Br.—Charles C. Newell, Houlton.

Gr. War.—Edward W. Wheeler, Brunswick.

Gr. Captain Guards—Warren O. Carney, Portland.

Military Instructor—James P. Hutchinson, Auburn.

At 9 o'clock the Grand Commandery was closed with prayer.

### St. John's Day.

St. Omer Commandery of Waterville will entertain Palestine of Belfast and Lewiston of Lewiston June 24th.

St. Alban and De Molay of Skowhegan visit St. John's at Bangor.

Haverhill Commandery of Massachusetts will make a three days' excursion to Peaks Island.

Claremont of Rockland will entertain one or more commanderies.

**FIRE.**—The masonic hall at Canton was burned February 12th. Part of the paraphernalia was saved. No insurance. The loss was about \$250. The charter and records were saved.

**THE COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION** met in Portland April 11th. A supper was served at 6 o'clock, at which Grand Commander of Templars Virgin, Albro E. Chase, Dr. A. S. Thayer and P. G. Master Alfred S. Kimball spoke. At 7:30 the meeting opened in Corinthian Hall. Edmund B. Mallet was



introduced as Grand Master of the York Rite; and Stephen Berry as the eldest member of the Scottish Rite resident in Maine. Both were welcomed by the Ill. Deputy and both made brief remarks.

Deputy William C. Mason of Bangor presided and presented an able address.

DINGLEY.—Grand Secretary Beauchamp says of Comp. William H. Dingley of Montgomery, Alabama, who has been re-appointed Grand Representative of the Gr. Chapter of Maine:

Companion Dingley celebrated his 85th birthday on 18th December last. He was born in Winslow, near Waterville, Maine, 18th December, 1824. Came to this city in 1851 and has resided here continuously since. He is a near relative of the late Congressman Dingley of your state. Has served our Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter as Grand Treasurer since 1870 and is universally esteemed and beloved by the Craft of his adopted state.

Bro. James H. Witherell called Feb. 28th on David A. Wright, P. G. M., at Madison, Wisconsin, and found him hale and hearty at 90 years, and just re-elected for the 40th time, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter.

#### Books, Papers, etc.

*The Long Island Masonic News* is a new paper started Jan. 15, 1910, at 700 Lexington Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., semi-monthly, \$1, eight pages large quarto. Harry J. Platte, President of Board.

*The New Masonic Musical Manual* is a book of 116 pages quarto, full of excellent lodge music, organ music for interludes, and many favorite songs for social meetings. Price 25 cents in paper covers, 60 cents in cloth, with discounts for quantities. Sold by Macoy Publishing Co., 45 John St., N. York.

*The Masonic Fund* is a four page quarto 10 x 12½ page, published quarterly at Hudson, Mass., in the interest of Jerusalem Temple Association. 10 cents a year.

*In Memoriam Sereno Dwight Nickerson.* We have received from Grand Secretary Thomas W. Davis of Massachusetts a fine memorial of Bro. Nickerson, prepared by Past Grand Master Charles T. Gallagher.

*History of Bar Harbor Lodge*, by Benj. L. Hadley, Past Master, from Jan. 1, 1890, to Jan. 1, 1910. Small octavo, paper, 55 pages. This is the second part of their history, by the same author, in the same excellent and interesting style. His biographical sketches of deceased members are full and valuable.

*Semi-Centennial Celebration of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota*, received from John Fishel, Grand Secretary, St. Paul. An octavo of 108 pages in cloth, full of portraits and biographies, with a historical sketch by T. W. Hugo of Duluth. An interesting and valuable book.

*Notes in the Chivalric Orders*, (Red Cross of Constantine,) by George W. Warvelle of Chicago, from the author.

*The Masonic Chronicle* is a new paper published at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, monthly at \$1 a year. It is a 16 page quarto. No. 2 was issued in March. G. P. Gibbons, editor. An interesting and very neatly printed paper.

*History of Mt. Kebo R. A. Chapter*, No. 50, Bar Harbor, by Benjamin L. Hadley, Past High Priest, small octavo, 51 pages, received from the author. Although it is one of the new chapters which has not had time to accumulate history, it is so well done, with so much comment and biography that it is made very interesting.

*History of Mount Horeb R. A. Chapter*, No. 49, Mattawamkeag, by Geo. W. Smith, Chas. F. Plumley and John E. Clark. Royal octavo 89 pages. Like Pine Tree Lodge history, this is thoroughly done and is made interesting by biographical sketches and acute comment. The history of membership is very complete and valuable.

*Year Book* of the Department of Agriculture, 1909, from Hon. Eugene Hale, Senator.

BIRTHDAY PARTY. Bro. A. G. Schlotterbeck gave a dinner at Riverton on his birthday, Jan. 25th, to the principal officers of all the Portland masonic bodies, which was much appreciated. The principal topic of the after-dinner speeches was the new masonic temple which is erecting under the charge of Bro. Schlotterbeck.

Printed ciphers are not unknown in England, since we have received a price list of them from a firm in Plymouth, England.

R. W. Geo. A. Gilpatric installed the officers of York Lodge, Kennebunk, Jan. 20th for the 25th time. He has long been the secretary of the lodge, of which he was the 25th master in 1880. He has been secretary since 1889.

The funeral of Bro. Fred Barker, at Presque Isle, Sunday, Feb. 13th, was the largest ever held there. Trains brought masonic bodies and there were 225 masons present, including St. Aldemar Commandery of Houlton, 80 strong.

The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, following the lead of Mississippi, has severed intercourse with New Jersey so long as it warrants the negro lodge.

The 33d re union of the Scottish Rite of Colorado was held at Denver April 18th to 21st.

Bro. James B. Blanks and wife of Petersburg, Va., celebrated their golden wedding April 4th. We congratulate them.

NEWPORT, N. H., March 23.—James Bel- lows McGregor, the oldest resident of New Hampshire, and believed to be the oldest Freemason in the world, died at his home here to-day, aged 108 years. He was born at North Newport on Sept. 6, 1801, and had spent most of his long life in the vicinity of his birthplace, although for a short time he conducted a store at Lunenburg, Vt. He was made a Freemason in a lodge at Salisbury, N. H., in 1826.

William H. Marker, Grand Master of Indiana, resigned March 7th, and Dep. Grand Master William Ridley of Corydon succeeded to his place.

We have often heard the expression "Made Rome howl," but never found it so well applied as when Bro. Theodore Roosevelt visited Rome.

Gen. Edward S. Godfrey, (retired,) has removed from Tucson, Arizona, to Phoenix. He chose Arizona for a residence on account of the climate, and he finds the brethren there as agreeable as the weather.

Temple Chapter of Bennington, Vermont, has been given a lot of land by J. H. Norton and wife, and \$20,000 from Col. Olin Scott to build a temple, on its centennial anniversary February 22d.

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.

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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Hancock, Castine,	11
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Kenduskeag, Kenduskeag,	11
Ira Berry Chapter, Pittsfield,	22
Pioneer Lodge, Ashland,	11
Lincoln Lodge, Wiscasset,	33
St. Aspinquid Lodge, York Corner,	11
Olive Branch Lodge, Charleston,	11

What lodge shall be next added?

#### A SONG IN APRIL.

Here's to fickle love or true—  
Hands that clasp to sever;  
Mistress Nell, a health to you—  
Joys be yours forever;  
April-winds are out to-day,  
Blowing blossoms sweet your way.

Here's to fickle love or true,  
And a glad thanksgiving  
For that sky's unshadowed blue  
And the joy of living!  
For that kinder love and sweet  
In the violets at your feet.

Love will come, and love will go  
Like the light on clover;  
It is but a dream, you know:—  
Dreams so soon are over!  
But for roses or for rue,  
Mistress Nell, a health to you!

—[Frank L. Stanton.]



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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.

### The Grand Meetings.

As usual, the meetings were all harmonious and this was one of the pleasantest. The only sad element was the record of deaths, but with a death-roll of 545 we must expect to lose some dearly beloved personal friends. The attendance was large and great interest was exhibited in the excellent work of Portland Lodge on the third degree, Wednesday afternoon, and in that of Portland Commandery on the Order of the Temple, on Thursday, as well as in the rendering of the Cryptic degrees in Portland Council on Monday evening.

The Templar supper on Thursday was the most agreeable that we remember, and was a fitting close to the week's work.

Grand Master Mallet and Grand High Priest Redlon are to be congratulated on the two very successful years in which they have presided, and Grand Master Watson and Grand Commander Virgin on their equally efficient one year terms. Their successors

are able men and we anticipate equally good work from them. The two new lodges and the new chapter have commenced well and promise to be valuable additions to the roll.

The world, especially the masonic world, is in mourning for King Edward 7th, who died Friday, May 6th. He was born Nov. 9, 1841, and was therefore almost three-score and ten. We have his picture as a slender boy, taken about the time he was in Portland in 1860, and a late picture as Grand Master of Templars, hanging in our office. There is quite a difference between them, but always he was a gracious and beloved man and sovereign, and a brother of whom all masons were proud.

### Mystic Shrine.

NEW ORLEANS, April 13. The nobles of the Mystic Shrine in annual conclave yesterday divided pleasure with business and opened the 36th meeting of the imperial council. Last night the registry indicates that upward of \$5,000 visiting shriners are in attendance.

The reports submitted show that during the year there has been a net increase in the membership of 11,021. There is now a total balance in the treasury of \$107,416.

In the report of the imperial potentate comment is made on his order concerning uniformed female patrols. The order was to the effect that no temple of the shriners would be allowed to organize any uniformed body of women and introduce them into any ceremonial session or permit them to appear in any parade. The order grew out of the appearance of patrols of uniformed women in the parades at Louisville, Ky., last year.

The report of the recorder showed that Medinah Temple of Chicago still leads with a membership of 8,183, Mecca of New York coming second with 6,882 members.

The total membership reported by the Grand Recorder was 149,146. The session of 1911 will be held at Rochester, N. Y. The officers in line were all promoted, Fred A. Hines of Los Angeles being Imperial Potentate. Ben. W. Rowell of Boston, Imperial Recorder. J. P. Stevens of Portland, Maine, 1st Ceremonial Master.

The entertainments were sumptuous, a carnival parade and carnival ball being conspicuously so.

We had a call from Bro. John C. Chase, Derry, N. H., April 27th.

### John B. Redman.

Bro. John B. Redman, Senior Gr. Warden of the Grand Lodge in 1881, dropped dead from heart disease in Ellsworth March 9th. He was present at the last annual communication and presented a memorial of P. S. G. W. Curtis R. Foster. He was 62 years old, graduated from Bowdoin College in 1870, and never married. He had been in public service all his life, and was Democratic candidate for governor in 1884.

We were surprised lately to find that a Past High Priest who died suddenly in York

County had not taken the Order of High Priesthood. It is one of the most beautiful of masonic degrees, and is almost free to those qualified to receive it, yet some neglect to apply for it. Perhaps they simply delay, thinking it can be done later; but when so neglected it is usually never done. We thought it a great privilege to receive it and wonder that all do not consider it so.

Christopher Diehl, Grand Secretary of Utah, and his wife were to celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary May 13th, and we regret that we could not accept their invitation to be present.

### Joseph M. Hayes.

Brother Joseph M. Hayes died in Bath March 21st, aged 77. He was Clerk of the Courts for 35 years, retiring in 1899, and was a director of the Marine National Bank for 24 years, and Vice President for many years.

He was Senior Grand Warden of the Gr. Lodge in 1885, and Grand Representative of Cuba at the time of his death.

In the Grand Chapter he was Grand High Priest in 1879 and 1880, and Grand Representative of Quebec.

In the Grand Council he was a permanent member as past Thrice Ill. Master of Mt. Vernon Council, and was Grand Representative of Vermont.

In the Gr. Commandery he was a permanent member as Past Commander of Dunlap Commandery and Grand Representative of Pennsylvania.

His funeral on March 24th, was largely attended by masons.

It was once the custom of our Gr. Lodge to send out blanks and edicts to the lodges through the District Deputy Grand Masters, but it was found more desirable to send them directly to the lodges and that duty was eliminated in 1899 when Section 25 was revised. Charity blanks were sent to the District Deputies until a few years ago, but it was found that they remained in the trunks, and that practice was dropped, also. Experience shows that theory is not always right. Thus the Constitution of the Grand Chapter directs that two copies of the proceedings shall be sent to other Gr. Chapters and mailed on subsequent days, but for over fifty years it has been the practice to send three mailed in one bundle.

The Fraternal Tribunes of Illinois have been obliged to close up business and to re-insure members in the Northern Life Insurance Co. Our old townsman, Robert Rexdale, (the poet,) is elected Secretary of the Northern Life. The Fraternal Co. became insolvent on account of law-suits going against it.

Los Angeles is trying to secure the Templar Triennial for 1913.



The Grand Master of Idaho ruled that a man could not be initiated because he was a stockholder in a railroad which sold liquor on its trains. We should think the man might not care to join a society with such rules.

Walter L. Stockwell of Fargo has been appointed Grand Secretary of the Gr. Lodge and Chapter of North Dakota and elected Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery. He is a Past Grand Master, P. G. H. Priest and Past Commander.

At Alexandria, Va., February 22d, a Memorial Association was formed to erect a million dollar masonic temple in memory of Washington, the money to be contributed by the craft at large. There is to be a Hall of Fame where Grand Lodges can erect tablets to their distinguished members.

CHICAGO TRIENNIAL. The Triennial Committee have arranged for three contests for drill, two of them for Illinois commanderies and one for all commanderies. Competitors must enter on or before July 1st, and not less than 24 knights must belong to the drill corps, with two guides and a commanding officer, all members of the competing commandery. Three beautiful prizes will be awarded for the open first class contest.

Very handsome prizes are also offered for the Illinois contestants.

#### Obituaries.

JACOB KIRKNER, Grand Commander of New Jersey in 1905, died in Plainfield Dec. 14th, aged 70. He was born in Bridgeport, Conn., and was Grand High Priest in 1907.

AUSTIN COOK WOOD, Grand Commander of New York in 1888, died in Syracuse Jan. 22d. He was born in Northampton, Mass., June 29, 1827.

JOHN DUNBAR BAINES, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, died in Charleston Jan. 11th. He was born there June 1, 1844.

LEONARD WARREN GAMMONS, Grand High Priest of North Dakota in 1892, died in Minot Dec. 17th, aged 57. He was born in Middleton, Wisconsin, March 27, 1853, and was a lawyer. He was Grand Jnnior Warden of the Grand Commandery at the time of his death.

JAMES HENRY CUNNINGHAM, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of South Australia, died at Hawthorn, Sept. 19, 1909. He was born in the Tower of London in 1837. He was Grand Secretary from 1884 until his death.

ANDREW JACKSON FISK, Grand Commander of Montana in 1888 and '89, died in Helena Feb. 3d. He was the first Grand Commander. He was born in Cataragus Co., N. Y., Jan. 8, 1849, and served in the

2d Minnesota Cavalry in the civil war. He was a publisher of the Helena Herald from 1866 to 1900.

FRANK JARED THOMPSON, Grand Secretary of all the Grand bodies of North Dakota, died suddenly Feb. 25th, as we learned by a telegram from Mary Schlanser, office clerk. He was born in Rockford, Illinois, Aug. 23, 1855. He was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in 1890. He was a lawyer by profession.

ANTHONY ZELL LEVERING, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Minnesota in 1887 and '88, and Grand Commander in 1890, died in Minneapolis Dec. 15th. He was born in Philadelphia July 2, 1851.

JAMES C. STROUT, Deputy Grand Commander of Minnesota in 1883, died in St. Paul Nov. 12th. He was born in Middletown, N. Jersey, Aug. 25, 1840.

JOHN G. ROOT, Gr. Commander of Connecticut in 1875, died at Hartford Feb. 14th. He was born in Westfield, Mass., April 12, 1835, and was the Senior P. G. C. He was a captain in the civil war and afterwards a banker.

SAMUEL M. BRONSON, Grand Commander of Connecticut in 1897, died at Hartford March 1, 1910. He was born in Waterbury April 1, 1832, and was Treasurer and General Manager of the National Machine Co. He was Grand Representative of our Grand Commandery.

MORRIS S. MCKENZIE, Grand Master of the Grand Council of New York, died at his home in Watervliet March 7th, aged 43. He was born at Bath, Rensselaer Co., Mar. 21, 1867.

THOMAS MARVIN PULESTON, Grand Master of Florida in 1903 and 1904, died in Monticello Feb. 16th in his 54th year. He was born in London, England, June 8, 1856. He was a lawyer.

DANIEL NOYES, Grand Master of Indiana in 1893, died at La Porte March 13th. He was born in Rutland Co., Vermont, June 27, 1830. He was a lawyer and a judge of the Circuit Court.

JOHN A. B. JONES, Grand High Priest of Mississippi in 1898, died at Port Gibson Jan. 13th. He was born near Vicksburg Dec. 9, 1830, and was a Methodist minister. He was Grand Commander in 1900.

CHARLES T. CHAMBERLAIN, Grand High Priest of Mississippi in 1887, died in Natchez Oct. 20th. He was born in Jefferson Co., July 15, 1847, and was a merchant.

JOHN A. RAMSEY, Grand Master of Kentucky in 1899, died at Owingsville March 10th, aged 66.

BENJAMIN PORTER, Grand Commander of Michigan in 1864, died in Jackson March 13th, aged 85. He was born in Batavia, N. Y., April 19, 1825. He was Grand High

Priest in 1862-3-4. His services in Grand Commandery covered half a century.

FREDERICK GEORGE WIESE, Grand High Priest of New Jersey, in 1875, and Grand Treasurer from 1881 until death, died at Bordentown March 7th. He was born in Philadelphia Feb. 9, 1840. He was Grand Commander in 1876 and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery from 1880 until his death.

JOHN HUGH STEVENS, Grand High Priest of Florida in 1895, died in Jacksonville Nov. 13th. He was born at Bennettsville, S. C., Sept. 19, 1842. He was a lieutenant in the confederate army in the civil war, and later a railroad man.

ZIMMERMAN DAVIS, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina and Grand Recorder of the Grand Council, died March 30th. He was born in Fairfield District, S. Carolina, in 1834. He was a gallant confederate soldier.

BLINN CONVERSE, Grand High Priest of Minnesota in 1884, died in St. Paul March 11th. He was born in Riceville, Vt., Sept. 27, 1836, and was an assistant engineer in the U. S. Navy in the civil war.

W. K. RAMSEY, Gr. Master of Arkansas in 1890, Grand High Priest in 1887 and Gr. Commander in 1890, died in Camden March 18th. He was born in Wilcox County, Alabama, and was a confederate private in the civil war, so his age must have been about 70.

WM. BERRY GRIMES, Grand High Priest of Illinois in 1898, died in Pittsfield April 10, 1910. He was born in White County Sept. 25, 1828.

LIEUT.-COL. ALEXANDER A. STEVENSON, Grand Master of Canada in 1869 and '70, died at Montreal April 9th, aged 81. He was very prominent in Masonry for thirty years.

SAMUEL R. PETERS, Grand Master of Kansas in 1905, died at Newton April 21st. He was born in Walnut Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, Aug. 16, 1842, and was captain in the union army in the civil war. He was a lawyer, judge and Representative in Congress.

Major General JOHN P. S. GOBIN, Pennsylvania National Guard, retired, prominent in Pennsylvania affairs for more than a quarter of a century and a former commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, died at his home in Lebanon, Penn., May 1st, of paralysis. He was 73 years old. He was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery in 1879 and Grand Master of the Grand Encampment in 1889-90-91. He was a genial and accomplished gentleman. He was at the general Grand Army meeting in Portland in the 80's, where we had the honor of making his acquaintance.



**THE HOYDEN, MARCH.**

The heedless hoyden, March is here!  
Old Winter kept her, while he could,  
Shut in the schoolroom of the wood  
Throughout the session of the year.

But mark her scatter as she goes  
Her lesson pages, left and right;  
What old December gave so white,  
The rogue hath stained with green and rose.

The rain-drops cling along her dress;  
Her scarlet cheeks and lips are wet;  
And she hath twined a violet,  
Half-opened, in each wayward tress.

The banter of her saucy tongue—  
Like hail against the window pane  
Is scarcely gone, when through the rain  
The echo of a sob is rung.

The sweetness of the maid to be,  
The violets along her hair  
Hint softly. Pray you, leave them there;  
Child-woman March seems best to me!  
—[Putnam's Monthly]

**Freak Masonry.**

The Masonry practiced in the jurisdiction of Massachusetts has a fine reputation for conservatism, dignity and simplicity. A few years ago the Grand Master of Masons in that state called attention to certain departures from the original plan which he deemed objectionable. One of them was the employment of a stereopticon in the explanation of the lectures. Another was the use of ancient and unusual garb, such as Solomon in all his glory was supposed to have been guilty of assuming, to give dramatic verisimilitude to the ceremonies. In support of his objections to these tawdry devices he said:

"The principle involved is that the strength of masonic work and its peculiar characteristic is found in its impressive simplicity, and that our attempt should be to endeavor to inculcate the moral precepts rather than to exhibit our dramatic abilities; to cultivate the substantial rather than the superficial elements and possibilities of our work."

If the trappings of the Fellowcraft and the machinations of the magic lantern man are repugnant to the conservator of Massachusetts Masonry, what will he say to the baloonatic performance of "Aerial Lodge No. 1, F. & A. M.," as recounted in this dispatch sent out from Greenfield a few weeks ago:

"Aerial Lodge No. 1, F. & A. M., was formed yesterday afternoon in the balloon Massachusetts, at an elevation of more than 7,000 feet, this being the first meeting of the kind ever held.

"The lodge was conducted with all the masonic observances possible under the conditions. J. J. Van Valkenburg of South Framingham was Worshipful Master, Jay B. Benton of Winchester was Senior Warden, and Charles J. Glidden of Boston Junior Warden.

"The masonic ceremony was the chief feature of a short and interesting aerial journey, the details of which were recounted when the party reached here this noon, after considerable difficulty in getting the gas bag and its trappings out of the forest. \* \*

"At the highest point recorded by the barograph—7,000 feet—the masonic ceremony took place. Shortly after that a cold and very dense cloud stratum was encountered and the descent began."

Every one who knows anything about Freemasonry will recognize this story as a transparent advertising device. They will realize that no masonic lodge was organized or opened, or could be organized under such circumstances, without the special permis-

sion of the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts. And knowing his conservative character and his reverence for the dignity of the institution, they know that he could not countenance such a travesty. But on the minds of the uninitiated the effect of such a story is to cheapen Freemasonry and place it on a level with those meretricious associations that may be used for advertising purposes.

The skirts of Massachusetts are clear, so far as freak Masonry is concerned. Unfortunately as much cannot be said of certain Western jurisdictions, where within the past few years Grand Masters have used the prerogatives of their high office to license the holding of lodges on an island, in the open air, on mountain tops and in caves under the earth. We have heard of no submarine lodges, but they will doubtless appear in due course, and a recrudescence of "high Masonry" of the Greenfield aerial variety may be expected.

Such exhibitions advertise us to the world as triflers and seekers after novelty and notoriety. They should be sternly condemned by all who respect and venerate our institution and wish to preserve it unimpaired.

—[Masonic Standard.]

CIRCUIT. Fort, in his *Early History and Antiquities of Freemasonry*, says: "Northern kings, immediately upon acceding to the throne, made a 'gait' or procession about their realms. According to the Scandinavian laws, when real property was transferred, possession was incomplete until a circuit was made around the estate by the buyer and vendor."

During the installation ceremonies of the Master of a masonic lodge, a procession of all the craftsman march around the room before the Master, to whom an appropriate salute is tendered. This circuit is designed to signify that the new incumbent reduces the lodge to his possession in this symbolic manner.—[*Encyclopedia of Freemasonry—McClenahan.*]

**Our Masonic Exchanges.**

Ashlar, Detroit, Michigan, monthly, 25 c.  
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**Our Thanks.**

ALABAMA.—Grand Lodge Dec. 7, 1909, from Geo. A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Gr. Sec. Laurence H. Lee, Montgomery, Gr. Master. 515 lodges, 22,319 members, 1747 raised.

Gr. Chapter Dec. 6, 1909, from Geo. A. Beauchamp, Gr. Sec. John B. Christian, Uniontown, Gr. H. P. 140 chapters, 3189 members, 391 exalted,

Gr. Council Dec. 6, 1909, from Geo. A. Beauchamp, Gr. Rec. Laurence H. Lee, Montgomery, G. M. 8 councils, 467 members, 30 candidates.

ARKANSAS.—Grand Lodge Nov. 16, 1909, from Fay Hempstead, Little Rock, Gr. Sec. A. J. Witt, Pocahontas, G. M. 540 lodges, 19,535 members, 1386 initiates.

CONNECTICUT.—Gr. Commandery March 15, 1910, from Eli C. Birdsey, Meriden, G. Rec. Eugene A. Hall, Meriden, G. Com. 11 commanderies, 3797 members, 181 knighted.

MARYLAND.—Gr. Chapter Nov. 18, 1909, from John H. Miller, Baltimore, Gr. Sec. Wm. B. King, Hagerstown, Gr. H. P. 23 chapters, 3138 members, 199 exaltations.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Grand Chapter Dec. 7, 1909, from J. Gilman Davis, Boston, Gr. Sec. Chas. D. Burrage, Needham, G. H. P. 76 chapters, 21,460 members, 1176 exalted.

MINNESOTA.—Gr. Lodge Jan. 19, 1910, from John Fishel, St. Paul, Gr. Sec. Wm. B. Patten, Duluth, Gr. M. 251 lodges, 24,944 members, 1589 initiates.

Grand Chapter Oct. 12, 1909, from John Fishel, Gr. Sec. James Ridler, St. Paul, G. H. P. 78 chapters, 7753 members, 544 exalted.

Grand Council Oct. 11, 1909, from John Fishel, G. Rec. John T. Johnson, Fergus Falls, Gr. M. 8 councils, 1237 members, 150 candidates.

Masonic Veteran Association Jan. 18, 1910, from Giles Wm. Merrill, St. Paul, Secretary.

MONTANA.—Grand Lodge Sept. 15, 1909, from Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Helena, Gr.



Sec. John L. Carroll, Butte, G. M. 63 lodges, 5485 members, 444 initiates.

NEBRASKA.—Gr. Chapter Dec. 15, 1909, from Francis E. White, Omaha, Gr. Sec. Julius J. Wilson, Broken Bow, G. H. P. 56 chapters, 4242 members, 270 exalted.

NEW MEXICO.—Gr. Chapter Oct. 21, 1909, from Alpheus A. Keen., Albuquerque, Gr. Sec. John J. Kelly, Silver City, G. H. P. 14 chapters, 869 members, 52 exalted.

OHIO.—Gr. Commandery Oct. 15, 1909, from John N. Bell, Dayton, G. Rec. Chas. F. Henry, Marietta, Gr. Com. 64 commanderies, 14,414 members, 877 knighted.

TENNESSEE.—Gr. Lodge Jan. 26, 1910, from John B. Garrett, Nashville, Gr. Sec. Charles H. Byrn, Murfreesboro, Grand M. 23,835 members, 1839 initiates.

Grand Chapter Jan. 24, 1910, from Wm. A. Clendening, Nashville, Gr. Sec. Jesse T. Spaulding, Nashville, G. H. P. 4776 members, 385 exalted.

Grand Council Jan. 24, 1910, from Wm. A. Clendening, Nashville, G. Rec. Samuel B. La Rue, Greenville, Gr. M. 18 councils, 859 members, 61 candidates.

UTAH.—Gr. Lodge Jan. 18, 1910, from Christopher Diehl, Salt Lake City, G. Sec. Charles B. Jack, Salt Lake City, G. M. 14 lodges, 1638 members, 133 initiates.

WYOMING.—Gr. Commandery April 6, 1910, from Adrian J. Parshall, Cheyenne, G. Rec. Samuel Corson, Cheyenne, Grand Com. 8 commanderies, 553 members, 45 knighted.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL U. S., Nov. 8, 1909, from Henry W. Mordhurst, Fort Wayne, Indiana, General Grand Recorder. Graff M. Acklin, Toledo, Ohio, Gen. Grand Master.

#### DIED.

ALONZO TOWLE, in Bangor Jan. 16, aged 59. Foreman Maine Central locomotive works in Portland. Member St. John's Commandery and other Bangor bodies.

GEORGE E. MOORE, in Mechanic Falls Jan. 15. A member of Tyrian Lodge.

DR. GEORGE E. BRICKETT, in Augusta Jan. 28, aged 85. A member of Bethlehem Lodge.

IRA S. LOCKE, in Portland Jan. 28, aged 57. A brother of the late Joseph A. Locke and a mason.

JAMES E. TUELL, M. D., in Augusta Feb. 11, aged 56. A member of Trinity Commandery.

STANLEY T. PULLEN, in Portland Feb. 15, aged 66 yrs. 8 mos. 9 d. A Royal Arch Mason.

WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON, of Vinal Haven, at the Hebron Sanitarium Feb. 9, aged 33 yrs. 1 m. 24 d. He was the Secretary of Moses Webster Lodge and Atlantic Chapter at Vinal Haven.

FRED BARKER, in Presque Isle Feb. 10, aged 65. Recorder of Aroostook Council.

CHARLES F. JORDAN, suddenly in Wellington, Mass., aged 50. A member of Deering Lodge, Mt. Vernon Chapter, Portland Commandery and other bodies. He was one of the Eastman Bros. & Bancroft Co.

JOHN B. REDMAN, in Ellsworth March 9, aged 62. (See editorial.)

GILMAN P. LITTLEFIELD, in Biddeford March 14, aged 71. He was twice Mayor of Biddeford and was a past commander of Bradford Commandery.

GEORGE H. WYMAN, at Woodfords March 15, aged 47. A member of Deering Lodge.

FRANK B. WEBBER, in Waterville March 15, aged 62. A member of Waterville Lodge.

ISAAC H. BERRY, in Denmark March 17, aged 53. A member of Mt. Moriah Lodge.

JOSEPH M. HAYES, in Bath March 21, aged 77. (See editorial.)

EDWARD W. GUPTILL, of Gorham, at the Me. General Hospital, March 26, aged 49. He was a member of the insurance firm of Morse & Guptill in Portland, and was a member of Harmony Lodge, Gorham, of which for nine years he was Secretary.

JAMES W. CURTIS, in Brunswick March 29, aged 67. A member of United Lodge and other bodies.

GRENVILLE M. STEVENS, in Springfield, Mass., March 31, aged 73. He was a charter member of Deering Lodge.

JOHN CLIFFORD COBB, in Portland, suddenly, April 2, aged 73. A member of Presumpscot Lodge, North Windham. Eagle Chapter, Westbrook, Portland Council and Portland Commandery. In the civil war he was a lieutenant in the 15th Maine and co'onel of the 2d U. S. Engineers which he organized.

HENRY I. HILL, in Cornish April 4, aged 38. He was a Past High Priest of Aurora Chapter.

GEORGE W. COLE, in Portland April 5, aged 64. A member of Maine Lodge of Farmington. He was Deputy Collector at Lowelltown.

FRED S. THORNE, in Gardiner April 8, aged 54. A member of Bethlehem Lodge, Augusta, and of other bodies.

HIRAM T. COOK, in Portland April 13, aged 69 yrs. 4 mos. 1 day. He was a soldier in the civil war, engineer of the city building, and a member of Village Lodge at Bowdoinham.

DR. BIGELOW T. SANBORN, in Augusta April 18, aged 70. He was Superintendent of the Maine Insane Hospital and a member of Trinity Commandery and other bodies.

J. LOYALIST BROWNE, in Bowdoinham May 7, aged 76. A member of Village Lodge.

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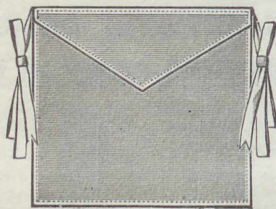
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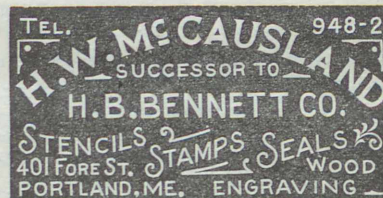
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