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A Song of Summertime.

Oh, the swaying of the branches and the flitting
through the trees,
And the ringing of the voices that come upon
the breeze;
Oh, the singing and the swinging of the birds that
come and go,
And the frisking of the squirrels as they scamper
to and fro;
Oh, the ferns and mossy carpets and the waters
dark and cool,
That go stealing through the shadows from some
clear, unsullied pool.
Oh, the trilling of the songsters,
From the branches and the grass,
And the glancing of the sunlight
On the waters as we pass!

Oh, the glancing of the sunlight as it strikes the
water clear,
And the singing of the thrushes and the other
songs we hear;
Oh, the boating and the floating on the waters of
the lake,
And the ripples and the shadows that go dancing
from our wake;
Oh, the breezy days of pleasure and the pleasant
nights to dream,
When the stars look down and twinkle and the
winged lanterns gleam.
Oh the summer in the country,
Where the sparrows nest and sing,
And the pleasure without measure
That the woods and waters bring!

—[Frank H. Sweet.]

MASONRY IN MAINE.

Dedication of Halls.

Grand Master Ashley A. Smith dedicated the new masonic hall at Rockland on Monday, May 22d, assisted by Deputy Grand Master Elmer P. Spofford, Gr. H. Priest Wilmer J. Dorman as S. G. Warden, Lewis D. Evans, Gr. Chaplain, Clifford J. Pattee, Gr. Marshal, Leslie D. Ames, Gr. Stand'd Bearer, George H. Owen as Gr. Tyler, and the local brethren.

Edward K. Gould gave a very interesting historical abstract.

A reception was given in the evening with addresses.

Grand Master Ashley A. Smith dedicated the new masonic hall at Livermore Falls on Tuesday, June 13th, assisted by Dep. Gr. Master Elmer P. Spofford, District Deputy Bert K. Meserve as Sen. Gr. Warden, Gr.

Jun. Warden Convers E. Leach, Thomas H. Bodge as Gr. Treas., District Deputy James B. Stevenson as Gr. Sec., Gr. Chap. Wm. H. Fultz, Gr. Mar. Clifford J. Pattee, Geo. H. Owen as Gr. Tyler, and local brethren.

Bro. Wm. R. Hughes of Monson has been appointed D. D. G. M. of the 5th District, and Bro. Ernest S. Wing of Searsmont of the 7th District, to fill vacancies occasioned by declinations.

NEW CHAPTER. The new chapter at So. West Harbor, authorized by the Gr. Chapter in May, has received its dispensation dated May 3d. The officers are to be

H. P.—Frank R. Ober, M. D., Northeast Harbor.

King—Seth W. Norwood, Southwest Harbor.

Scribe—Eben F. Richardson, Southwest Harbor.

Secretary—Herbert P. Richardson, McKinley.

The Chapter at Island Falls has chosen, as directed by the Grand Chapter, a new name, that of Daniel Randall Chapter, named after a former City Marshal of Portland.

De Forest H. Perkins of Skowhegan, 3d officer in the Gr. Council, has been elected Superintendent of Schools in Portland, and will hail from Portland hereafter.

Aroostook Lodge of Blaine makes a custom yearly of closing its work in June with a strawberry festival preparatory to the summer vacation.

St. John's Day.

Maine Commandery entertained Lewiston Commandery, Palestine of Belfast and St. Amand of Kennebunk at Popham Beach.

Portland and St. Alban Commanderies made an excursion to Montreal and Quebec.

Bradford Commandery of Biddeford went to the Kineo House at Moosehead Lake for the 24th and 25th.

Dunlap Commandery of Bath entertained Pilgrim of Lowell on the 23d and 24th.

Strathglass Commandery of Rumford went to Jackson, N. H., 24th and 25th.

Oriental Commandery of Bridgton entertained Camden Commandery 24th.

St. Paul's Commandery of Dover, N. H., came to Portland and spent the 24th at Peak's Island, returning the same evening.

Waterville Lodge attended divine service at the Free Baptist Church 25th.

Red Cross of Constantine.

At the annual meeting of the Maine Council of the Red Cross of Constantine the following officers were elected:

M. P. Sovereign—Silas B. Adams; Vice-roy—Harmon C. Crocker; Senior General—Albert W. Meserve; Junior General—Llewellyn Carleton; High Prelate—Joseph B. Shepherd; Treasurer—Fred C. Tolman; Recorder—Samuel F. Bearce; Prefect—Warren C. King; Herald—Samuel S. Boyden; Standard Bearer—Horace A. Massey; Sentinel—George W. Sturgis; Prior—Francis E. Chase; Captain of the Guard—Frank L. R. Gould; First Lieutenant—Herbert W. Robinson; Verger—Charles A. Neal; Harbinger—George D. Loring; War-der—George H. Owen.

Finance Committee—Charles I. Riggs, Elmer A. Doten, Burton Smith.

Masonic Fair.

The Masons have decided to hold a grand fair in their new Temple when completed, which will be about the first of November, and for that purpose have organized by electing the following officers:

Executive Committee—A. G. Schloterbeck, Chairman; Edward W. Cox, Treas.; Will H. Adams, James A. Martin, Joseph B. Reed, Theodore H. Johnson, Howard B. Chandler. C. J. Farrington, Secretary.

General Committee—Morrill H. Ames, W. M., Portland Lodge; Harry S. Boyd, W. M., Ancient Landmark Lodge; A. E. Cornish, W. M., Atlantic Lodge; J. A. Webber, W. M., Deering Lodge; A. E. Cornish, H. P., Mt. Vernon Chapter; F. M. Richardson, H. P., Greenleaf Chapter; C. L. Davis, T. I. M., Portland Council, R. & S. M.; Edward S. Waite, E. C., Portland Commandery, K. T.; T. H. Anderson, E. C., St. Alban Commandery, K. T.; Jos. E. Henley, T. P., Yates Lodge; Silas B. Adams, G. M., Portland Council, P. of J.; A. H. Burroughs, M. W. & P. M., Dunlap Chapter Rose Croix; Alfred S. Kimball, C. in C., Maine Consistory; Agnes N. Keith, W. M., Iona Chapter, O. E. S.

Committee Chairmen—Oscar R. Wish, advertising and publishing; James E. Moore, entertainment; William Wright, hall and decorating; James P. Baxter, loan exhibi-

tion; E. F. Hillman, merchandlse and stock; Elmer A. Doten, program; Oakley C. Curtis, reception; Edward M. Graham, restaurant; Silas B. Adams, soliciting; Fred F. Lord, confectionery.

The Temple will be an ideal place for holding the fair, as the several halls will provide ample room for classification, and the spacious banquet room which will seat 500 will be run as a restaurant during the entire fair, and will be one of its features.

The members and their ladies are actively enlisting their friends here and elsewhere, and there is no doubt of its ending in success.

The corner-stone of the building was laid August 29, 1910, and it is expected that it will be in readiness for occupancy about October 15. The Temple is 116 by 163 feet and is six stories in height.

John W. McGregor of Eastport, appointed D. D. G. M. of the 2d District, has declined the office on account of a change of business, and another will be appointed.

Books, Papers, etc.

Miscellanea Latomorum, or Masonic Notes and Queries. Bro. E. L. Hawkins, Basham House, St. Leonard's-on-Sea, England, has started a new four page quarto bi-monthly, of the above title, at \$1.25 for six numbers or one year. Remittances can be made by postal orders.

We have received from Bro. A. B. Andrews of Raleigh, N. C., a little 27 page booklet entitled *The Story of the Right Worshipful Joseph Montfort*, Provincial Grand Master of Masons of and for America from A. L. 5771 to A. L. 1776, his lodge and Temple, by Harry W. Gowen.

An Irish Utopia, by John H. Edge, K. C., Dublin, Ireland, from the author. An interesting story of Irish society and Irish life and treating of a phase of the land problem. It is of special interest to masons as describing the Round Towers. A special introduction deals with the subject of the Round Towers, which are certainly interesting and mysterious in their origin, as it is impossible to say whether they were built in Christian or in Pagan days.

A Costly Experiment.

The folly, or at least the inutility, of establishing Masonic Homes in small jurisdictions, is demonstrated by the experience of the Grand Lodge of Montana. Inspired by an ecstasy of masonic zeal, and doubtless stimulated by the example of larger jurisdictions, the brethren of that enterprising and energetic commonwealth labored for years to acquire a fund sufficient to establish a Home. Their fond hopes were finally realized, a ranch eight or nine miles from Helena was purchased for \$10,000, and a Home was built and equipped at an expenditure of \$73,526.45. A creditable achievement for a jurisdiction with 71 lodges and 5,485 members. The Home was completed

in 1909, and was opened for guests in November of that year.

When the Grand Lodge met in September, 1910, the reports received regarding the Home were far from rosy. The Grand Master reported that he had received "numerous complaints" from the inmates, but had "made no investigation, being under the impression that a thoroughly competent board had the affairs of that institution in charge." The Superintendent reported that eleven inmates had been cared for, of whom three had died. She expressed the opinion that the Home could be more "profitably" conducted with a large number of members than with a few. A special committee on the report of the Home Trustees made a very drastic report. It found that the expenses were "inordinately high," although conditions the first year were abnormal, and the proceedings "largely experimental." The Nebraska Home, with a per capita expense of \$236, had been taken as a model, but in Montana the per capita mounted up to more than \$1,200.

The committee did not take much stock in the suggestion that a dozen more inmates could be maintained at a slight additional expense, as it found the items for groceries, meat, drugs, etc., very high. And it was "inexplicable" to the committee why, "with only eight inmates to care for, the services of a retinue of employes is required, entailing expenses approximating \$405 a month." This item of help would amount to a yearly cost for each member of over \$600. The committee pointed out these things in a spirit of kindness rather than criticism, but to show the absolute necessity for retrenchment and better business management.

Montana is disillusioned, but not discouraged. It will continue the Masonic Home, but will get the management down to hardpan, and eventually it may be able to keep its charges for about twice as much as it would have cost the lodges to maintain them if there had been no Home. The experiment has been costly, but the brethren of Montana are big souled and generous and are willing to pay a good price for their sentiment.—[*Masonic Standard*.]

From the London Freemason.

Masonic Notes.

By the time these lines are perused Bro. W. B. Melish, Grand Master of the K. T. in the United States, will have commenced his homeward voyage from Liverpool. He speaks most enthusiastically of the overwhelming reception accorded to himself and Mrs. Melish by the English brethren and their lady friends, and more especially by Lord and Lady Amptill. Our readers have been kept informed of the numerous masonic functions at which Bro. Melish was an honored guest. Invitations to many others were unfortunately not accepted, through lack of time and the exigencies of travel, programmes of which had been carefully prepared beforehand. Although the attendance at so many masonic functions necessitated temporary severances from Mrs. Melish in a strange land, it is pleasing to note that that lady's welfare was not overlooked. Visits to the attractive spots on the River Thames, calls at ancestral homes, and motor drives filled the day with pleasuring, and all at the invitation of masonic lady friends. In addition to this, visits to the London theatres and operas were sufficiently numerous to enable Mrs. Melish to adopt the role of dramatic critic. "The thing that impressed me most," said Mrs. Melish, in response to a question, "was my visit to the Girl's School at Clap-

ham. Well might you English masons be proud of your Institutions. The ladies in Ohio are becoming interested in similar Institutions, and we are busily engaged now in planning these special forms of benevolence. I am going back with object-lessons well worth the trouble of coming over here to obtain. Your Girls' School is my model, and is far ahead of anything I would have thought possible had I not seen it all in active operation. And then, to think that these splendid achievements are accomplished by teachers who have themselves been trained as pupils in the Schools!"

Bro. Melish has great faith in the possibilities to be developed by the K. T. Order. He describes it as a solid Order with a powerful mission. As a protection and defender of the Christian religion—its special import—it inculcates the spirit of ancient chivalry in daily life, and intensifies that with the modern interpretation. In masonic matters—including all the Orders—he thinks we cannot be too serious. The epoch of peace is being ushered into the world, and is the forerunner of new universal conditions. He has, therefore, immensely enjoyed his visits to the K. T. meetings. After the English meetings he enjoyed a short trip to Holland, and on his return to London had an audience with H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught at Clarence House.

On this visit he was accompanied by Bro. Lord Amptill, Pro Grand Master, who introduced him. The audience lasted for nearly an hour, the Duke being intensely interested in the message of cordiality and congratulation presented from the Freemasons of the United States, and the personal message from President Taft—himself a Craftsman. Bro. Melish also had the honor of presenting the greetings of the two hundred thousand Templar Masons of America, over whom he presides as Grand Master. Much to his regret, his engagement to be in Edinburgh for the K. T. meetings precluded him accepting a cordial invitation, presented by the Duke, to be present at the Royal Alpha Lodge at the initiation of Prince Arthur of Connaught.

The Edinburgh conferences were held on 24th, 25th and 26th May, and consisted of deputations from England, Scotland and Ireland. The ceremonies included the conferring of the 31st degree of the A. and A. Rite by the Supreme Council of Scotland. On the second day the Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix, 18th degree, conferred several degrees in a magnificent manner, with all the accessories and decorations, at which Australia was represented in addition to the countries previously named. Speeches were delivered by Bros. Robert Cameron, Ireland; J. C. FitzRoy Tower, England; Dunn, Australia; and W. B. Melish, America. On Friday the delegations met in a conference which lasted several hours, afterwards lunched together, and had a social discussion on the conditions of the Order. The next conference was fixed to be held in Dublin, in May next.

The New Massachusetts Home.

BY GILBERT PATTEN BROWN.

In the fraternal arena the state that gave to the cause of freedom, such patriots and masons of the Revolutionary period, as Joseph Warren, Henry Knox, Paul Revere, John Warren, Samuel Tucker, John Glover, Samuel Adams, John Groaton, Edward Preble, Robert Treat Paine, Josiah Bartlett, and John Crane, has now one of the finest

Masonic Homes in the American Commonwealth. Over three hundred acres of choice land is now masonic property. On May 25th, with God's favor and with most impressive ceremonies, and in the presence of 3,000 Freemasons and their families, Grand Master Dana J. Flanders, with the assistance of other members of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Massachusetts, dedicated the Masonic Home at Overlook, Charlton, central Massachusetts.

Many finely dressed and sweet faced ladies were at the home at an early hour to greet the visitors. They were chiefly members of the Order of the Eastern Star and gloried in the work assigned to them upon that august occasion.

Following the dedication ceremonies there was a flag raising at the flagstaff on the grounds, and as the cord was pulled by Miss Ruth Flanders, daughter of Grand Master Flanders, and as the flag's folds spread to the breeze, all joined in singing "America," the Orient Masonic Band of Somerville playing the air.

The 3,000 from all parts of the state made the largest gathering of the craft in recent years.

There were special trains from Boston, three from Springfield, two from Grafton and Oxford, and from various points, including several special cars conveying Union Lodge of Dorchester.

First on the grounds were the members of the general committee, W. H. L. Odell of Boston, Chairman; William M. Belcher of Winchester; Charles S. Proctor of Lowell; Charles A. Harrington, Arthur L. Burton of Worcester; D. E. Miller of Springfield and Hosmer S. Joslin of Oxford.

Promptly at 1 the Grand Lodge convened in the lodge room of the home, and after a short session marched to the platform arranged in the form of a lodge room in front of the building for the dedicatory exercises, around which were massed in solid ranks the brethren and guests.

A double quartet sang a selection.

Most Worshipful J. Albert Blake, relief commissioner, turned over the charge of the exercises to Grand Master Flanders.

Grand Chaplains the Rev. R. Perry Bush and the Rev. Edward A. Horton took part in the religious part of the ritual and delivered the opening and closing prayers.

By order of the Grand Master the proper officers were ordered to examine the building and make report, which they did.

Upon their report the Grand Master pronounced the sentences of dedication, while the vessels of corn, wine and oil were presented respectively by the Junior Grand Warden, the Senior Grand Warden and the Deputy Grand Master.

Grand Master Flanders delivered his charge at the conclusion of the exercises, after which Past Senior Grand Warden

Melvin M. Johnson of Waltham gave a short address.

Grand Marshal Harry P. Ballard of Malden made proclamation that the home was dedicated, closing the dedicatory exercises.

Grand Master Flanders then gave the following figures regarding the cost of the home. Amount paid and pledged, \$179,127.91. Home fund, \$141,352.70. Furnishing, \$6,938. Given by the Grand Lodge, \$10,000. Cost of building, \$50,000. Paid to treasurer, \$68,000. Paid for repairs, \$23,000. For furnishings, \$5,300. Balance, \$10,000.

The amount paid for the establishment of the home was contributed by 30,000 members of the craft, and the amount now in the hands of the treasurer is \$68,082.57.

Was He a Mason?

When informed he was on his deathbed, a man in our town told his wife to look in his pocketbook and find his receipts for dues in the lodge and commandery. This was done. The wife telegraphed the lodge and commandery, and they in return telegraphed our lodge and commandery to give any aid and assistance required, and, in event of death, to give him a masonic burial. This we did and his body now rests in the masonic cemetery, where it was interred with all masonic honors. His family proudly relate the attention and kindness of the masons. All good and proper, for we had only performed a masonic duty.

But, there is more to this story. The deceased brother had lived in our town for twelve years. During that time, he had never made himself known as a mason. Never had he entered the doors of our lodge. Until the telegram from his lodge was received, no one suspected he was a mason. He had been regularly initiated, passed and raised as a Master Mason. He had been dubbed a Knight Templar. But, after all, was he a mason?

If there is nothing in Masonry but ceremonials and forms, then he was a mason. But, if Masonry is really an organization for uplifting and bettering mankind, then the deceased was not a mason, for, during all of the twelve years he lived here, there is no record of any act of masonic charity on his part. There is no record of anything that he had done to show that he even remembered he was a mason. When he came to our town, our lodge was new. Its membership was small. It was burdened with debt. It was impossible at times to get a quorum to transact business. No doubt, the deceased, learning these things, concealed his masonic membership, because of fear of labor and duty that might be imposed upon him. Afterward, when the days of doubt and despair had passed, when Masonry waxed strong, and membership came to be looked upon as a coveted honor he was probably ashamed to make himself known, after having for so long concealed his masonic connections.

In so far as he has been found wanting, we have forgotten it. His grave will be kept green. His family will always be under our eye and will always receive any needed aid and assistance. We hope in our hearts, the brother had a better reason for his course than appears on the surface. It is not ours now to judge.

There should be something for the living in this incident. It is feared that there are too many masons who are content with the ceremonials by which they are received

into the fraternity; that there are too many who, year in and year out, are never seen in the lodge. Such masons are not fulfilling their obligations. Masonry is work and duty. Your duty does not exact of you constant attendance, but it does exact occasional attendance; of at least such frequency that you may be kept informed of the work of your lodge and that you may share in that work.—[Oklahoma Mason.

Our Masonic Exchanges.

American Freemason, Storm Lake, Iowa, monthly \$2.

Ashlar, Detroit, Michigan, monthly, 25 c.

Corner Stone, N. York City, weekly, \$2.

Crescent, The, St. Paul, Minn., mo., \$1.50.

Eastern Star, Indianapolis, Ind., mo., \$1.

Freemason, The, Toronto, Ont., Canada, monthly, 50 cents.

Globe, The, Gravette, Ark., mo., 25 cents.

Hanselmann Beauseant, Cincinnati, O., mo.

Lodge Record, Benson, Minn., mo., 25 c.

Long Island Masonic News, Brooklyn, N. York, semi-monthly, \$1.

Los Angeles Freemason, Los Angeles, Cal., monthly, \$1.

Masonic Advocate, Pendleton, Ind., monthly, \$1.50

Masonic Constellation, St. Louis, Mo., monthly, \$1.

Masonic Chronicle, Saskatoon, Sask., Canada, monthly, \$1.

Masonic Chronicler, Chicago, Ill., w'kly, \$1

Masonic Monthly, Philadelphia, Pa., \$1.

Masonic News, Peoria, Ill., monthly, \$1.

Masonic Observer, Minneapolis, Minnesota, weekly \$1.

Mexican Masonic Journal, Mexico City, Mexico, quarterly, 50 cents gold.

Masonic Review, Tacoma, Wash., quarterly.

Masonic Standard, New York, N. Y., weekly, \$2.

Masonic Sun, Toronto, Ont., monthly, \$1.

Masonic Voice-Review, Chicago, Ill., mo., \$1.50.

Masonic World, Kansas City, Mo., mo., \$1.

Missouri Freemason, St. Louis, weekly, \$1.

New England Craftsman, Boston, Mass., monthly, \$2.

New Zealand Craftsman, Wellington, New Zealand, monthly, 10s.—\$2.50.

Oklahoma Mason, McAlester, Okla., mo. 50 cents.

Palestine Bulletin, Detroit, Mich., monthly, 50 cents.

Scottish Rite Bulletin, Louisville, Kentucky, monthly, 50 cents.

Square and Compass, Denver, Col., mo., \$1.

Square and Compasses, New Orleans, La., monthly, \$1.

Tennessee Mason, Nashville, Tenn., mo., \$1.

Texas Freemason, San Antonio, Texas, monthly, \$1.

Trestle Board, San Francisco, Cal., mo., \$1.

Tyler-Keystone, Ann Arbor, Mich., semi-monthly, \$2.

Virginia Masonic Journal, Richmond, Virginia, monthly, \$1.

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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.

Bro. J. H. Walker, who died in Plainfield, Wisconsin, April 7th, was born in Portland, Maine, Aug. 5, 1819.

Bro. Mellen P. Larrabee, who died at New Auburn, Wisconsin, March 29th, was born in Maine in 1851.

Bro. Austin D. Knight of Hallowell bequeathed to Kennebec Lodge \$5000, less the amount necessary to pay for a tablet to his memory. A bronze tablet is preparing to be placed in the hall.

Difficulties have arisen in Scotland over the union of the Templars and a legal quarrel has ensued and the matter is in the courts.

Bro. H. Wales Lines and wife celebrated their golden wedding June 23d, and had 500 visitors with 150 congratulatory letters from his brethren. There was a fine poem by a son-in-law, Frank L. Hamilton.

The Gr. Lodge of Michigan has expressed regret and the Gr. Master of Canada has withdrawn his edict of non-intercourse.

Prince Arthur of Connaught was initiated as a mason May 25th, in the presence of his father, the Duke of Connaught, Gr. Master.

Grand Master Melish appears to have had a fine time in Europe. He visited the three Great Priories in England, Scotland and Ireland, the Gr. Lodge, the Supreme Council and was received with great honors. He was also present at banquets and receptions and was entertained by many distinguished people, as was also his wife.

Mystic Shrine.

Rochester, N. Y., July 12th.—Spectacles of an especially striking character afforded entertainment to-day and to-night for the Mystic Shriners and throngs of other visitors and Rochester folk. Chief of these were the patrol drills in Genesee Valley Park. Between three and four thousand Shriners in their vari-colored uniforms participated.

Never has this feature of the annual gathering been so effective, said Frederick A. Hines, of Los Angeles, the retiring imperial potentate, at its close. In the massed formation there were 84 patrols, and 74 of these executed individual drills, after the general exhibition, in a hollow square. In the first event, that of circling the field, the column was led by the band of Mecca Temple, New York City, followed by the oldest temple, Damascus, of Rochester. The founder of the order, George F. Loder of Rochester, was major-commanding, and T. C. Hodgson, also of Damascus Temple, was captain and adjutant.

To every Shriner who took part in the individual drills, and their number was given as 3,400, Damascus Temple presented a souvenir silver cup suitably inscribed.

At the session to-day John F. Treat of Fargo, N. D., was elected imperial potentate. Other officers elected follow:

Imperial deputy potentate, Wm. J. Cunningham, Baltimore; imperial chief rabban, W. W. Irwin, Wheeling, W. Va.; imperial assistant rabban, Frederick R. Smith, Rochester, N. Y.; imperial high priest and prophet, J. Putnam Stevens, Portland, Me.; imperial oriental guide, H. F. Neidringhaus, St. Louis; imperial treasurer, W. S. Brown, Pittsburg; imperial recorder, B. W. Rowell, Boston; imperial first ceremonial master, Charles E. Overshire, Minneapolis, Minn.; imperial second ceremonial master, E. J. Jacoby, Indianapolis; imperial marshal, W. F. Kendrick, Philadelphia; imperial captain of guards, Ellie L. Garetson, Tacoma, Wash.; imperial outer guard, William J. Matthews, New York City.

Los Angeles was selected for the next session of the imperial council of Shriners in 1912.

We commend the Maine Corn and Fruit Show at the Auditorium next November to our Maine readers.

Summer Visitors.

We have received pleasant calls from David M. Drury of Brooklyn, N. Y., June 26th.

Harry M. Cheney of Concord, Grand Secretary of New Hampshire, June 28th.

Warren P. Chase.

Warren P. Chase died suddenly at his home 41 Pine Street, Tuesday evening, June 20th, aged 75. He had been a flour merchant and later a commission merchant for 43 years, and was the Secretary of the Wholesale Grocer's Association.

He was initiated in Ancient Land-Mark May 16, 1862, and belonged to Mt. Vernon Chapter and St. Alban Commandery. He was an excellent citizen, a genial friend and an earnest mason.

PERU.—The following letter will give great pleasure to Maine Freemasons because they take much interest in Peruvian Masonry on account of Bro. Francis L. Crosby, their Grand Representative:

LIMA, June 17, 1911.

Stephen Berry, Esq., Grand Secretary of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine, Portland.

Very Dear Sir and Brother:—At the last regular session of the Grand Lodge of Peru, by an unanimous vote, I was again called to the post of Grand Master.

As Grand Representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine I beg to bring this to your knowledge, and trust you will in time kindly inform the Grand Lodge of same.

It will be my pleasant duty to endeavor to bring up our Grand Lodge to its former state of prosperity, and to foment and sustain the most fraternal relations with the M. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

With much respect I remain, W. Sir and Brother,

Very sincerely and fraternally yours,

F. L. CROSBY, Grand Master.

Address—

Calle del Centro, No. 7 Miraflores, Peru.

William James Hughan.

American Freemasons will join with English Freemasons in regretting the untimely death of this distinguished Masonic Historian. He led the band of writers who discarded the mythical inventions which had so long obscured the history of the Craft, and dug up the authentic records of the Fraternity. He was always willing to help the earnest historical student, and even to place at his disposal the valuable material which he had acquired by hard and diligent labor. We had enjoyed his friendship for more than thirty years, and had wondered that he should be so kind until we have found, by the letters to the London Freemason, that most masonic students have had the same experience.

He died at his home in Torquay, England, May 20th, aged 70. He was born in East Stonehouse February 13, 1841, and was in trade until 1883, when he retired.

He was initiated in 1863, and soon interested himself in historical research in which his labor continued until his death. He received universal recognition and many honors, and his loss will be everywhere deplored.

Obituaries.

R. ALLEN HALL, Grand Commander of Michigan in 1885, died at Coldwater April 16th. He was born in 1843.

NATHAN C. GIFFIN, Past Grand Generalissimo and for six years past the Correspondent of the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin, died at Fond du Lac May 10th, aged 77 yrs. 7 mos. He was born in Henvelton, N. Y., October 10, 1833, and was a lawyer and judge. He was Grand Master in 1897, having then been Grand Lecturer for 27 years. He was an able Correspondent.

MELVILLE R. HOPEWELL, Gr. Master of Nebraska in 1905, died in Tekamah May 2d. He was born in Monroe County, Ind., March 27, 1845. He was a lawyer, editor and banker, and had been a judge and Lieutenant-Governor.

EDMUND F. PIERDON, Gr. Representative of the Gr. Chapter of Maine near the Gr. Chapter of N. Y., died May 22d, suddenly of heart disease at a ball game. He was born in London, England, October 27, 1849, and was a gold and silver plater. He presided at the centennial of Columbia Council last year.

REV. WARREN C. HUBBARD, Gr. Prelate of New York, Gr. Lecturer, Gr. Chaplain, etc., died at Brooklyn May 31st, aged 61.

ARTHUR HOWARD HARLEE, Grand Commander of New Mexico in 1905, died in Silver City March 28th, aged 57. He was born at Marion, S. C., in 1854, and was a lawyer.

YOUNG A. WRIGHT, Grand High Priest of Georgia in 1904, died May 12th. He was born in Stewart County Jan. 28, 1855. He was Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council.

BURTON GOULD BRYAN, Gr. Master of the Gr. Council of Connecticut in 1884, died in the Presbyterian Hospital in New York City May 20th. He was born in Watertown, Conn., Sept. 27, 1846, and was a banker.

ARTHUR P. CRANE, Gr. Master of the Gr. Council of Ohio in 1896, died in Toledo April 28th. Age not given.

WILLARD LEE EATON, born in Delhi, Iowa, Oct. 13, 1848, died in Osage June 7th. He was a leading lawyer, had been mayor, and was Grand Master in 1900.

JOSEPH M. GOODSPEED, Gr. Master of the Gr. Council of Ohio in 1880 and '81, died in

Athens June 11th, aged 77. He was Gr. Master of the Gr. Lodge in 1884 and '85.

JAMES FINDLATER, of Detroit, P. G. Commander of Michigan, was found dead in his bed at Saginaw at the recent Gr. Conclave. The parade and social functions were abandoned in consequence.

FRANK M. HIGHLEY, Sec. of Philadelphia Consistory, died in Philadelphia June 26th. He was born in Conshohocken, Pa., Nov. 18, 1846.

AMBROSE P. CARGILL, Secretary of Liberty Lodge for 36 years, and of St. George Chapter for 27 years, died at Liberty July 1st. He was a past master of the lodge and a charter member of the chapter, a valued citizen and much lamented.

George L. Swett

died May 23d, after a long illness with heart trouble, aged 71. He was born in Portland Jan. 15, 1840. He was past master from 1896 till 1900, and had been City Marshal. He had held other public offices.

He was the senior past master of Ancient Land-Mark Lodge and long served as its secretary. He was a member of Mt. Vernon Chapter, Portland Council and Portland Commandery, and was a valued member of the fraternity.

EASTERN STAR.

Meeting of the Grand Chapter in Bangor.

Bangor, May 23—There are now 16,992 members of the Order of the Eastern Star in Maine, as shown by the annual report of the Grand Chapter Secretary Mrs. Annette H. Hooper of Biddeford, at the nineteenth Grand Chapter session, which opened in Bangor City Hall, Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. The gain in membership during the past year has been 871. Five new chapters have been organized, making a total of 156 in the state and one chapter has been constituted. According to the report of the Grand Matron given at the opening of the morning session, the year has been one of the most prosperous and harmonious in the history of the organization.

The receipts of the year have been \$3,658.56, and the balance in the Grand Chapter Treasury at present is \$5,688.10. The charity fund receipts of the year have been \$369.44, and the total amount of this fund is now \$3,108.53.

There are about 300 delegates present at the convention. At the morning session, the reports of the Grand Patron, Charles W. Carl of Cumberland Mills, was given, also the Grand Secretary's, and that of the Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Emma V. Bodge of Augusta.

The remainder of the afternoon was occupied with the election of officers which resulted as follows:

Grand Matron—Bertha M. Crane, Ma-

chias; Grand Patron—Henry B. Bennett, Portland; Associate Grand Matron—Mary A. Sears, Lewiston; Associate Grand Patron—D. W. Maxfield, Bangor; Grand Conductress—Mary B. Price, Richmond; Associate Grand Conductress—Miss Adelaide Meservey, North Vassalboro; Grand Secretary—Mrs. Annette P. Hooper, Biddeford; Grand Treasurer—Miss Emma V. Bodge, Augusta.

The other officers will be appointed Wednesday morning.

The session to-night was devoted to ritualistic work. About 500 were in attendance.

The next annual meeting will be held in Portland, May 28, 1912.

Comp. Henry L. Kennan of Spokane, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Council of Washington, and our Grand Representative, has sent us a lovely little calf-skin card and ticket-case for which we thank him heartily, and we think of him every day, as we keep our island boat tickets in it.

"AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY."—During a search in the vaults of the town hall, at Duns, Scotland, for curios and antiques for the forthcoming Scottish National Exhibition, several boxes were discovered thick with the dust of years. On being opened they were found to contain masonic aprons, batons, and cones belonging to the ancient Masonic Lodge Duns, No. 23, which was instituted 150 years ago. This lodge, after flourishing for some time, fell into decay, and it has always been a matter of wonder in local masonic circles where the property of the lodge had disappeared. Apparently it had been stored in the town hall for safety, and its whereabouts not communicated to succeeding generations. There were also found three boxes containing wands belonging to the Royal Arch Chapter, which was opened in 1802, but which also slumbered for many years until growing Freemasonry had the chapter reopened a few months ago.

—[London Freemason.]

In the Heart of the Hills.

There's a wonderful country lying
Far off from the noisy town,
Where the windflower swings,
And the veery sings,
And the tumbling brooks come down;—
'Tis a land of light and laughter,
Where peace all the woodland fills.
'Tis the land that lies
'Neath the summer skies
In the heart of the happy hills.

The road to that wonderful country
Leads out from the gates of care;
And the tired feet
In the dusty street
Are longing to enter there;
And a voice from that land is calling
In the rush of a thousand rills,—
"Come away, away,
To the woods to-day,
To the heart of the happy hills."

Far away in that wonderful country,
Where the skies are always blue,
In the shadows cool
By the foaming pool
We may put on strength anew.
We may drink from the magic fountains
Where the wine of life distills;
And never a care
Shall find us there,
In the heart of the happy hills.

—[The Boston Transcript.]

The Last Load.

Talk about your automobiles,
And your reckless rides to-day—
Guess you never raced a rain-cloud
On a slashin' load o' hay.

When a youngster, I jest liked it—
Startin' from the farthest side
Of the forty-acre medder
With the last load high and wide.

Pap bareheaded and a drivin'
Like a jockey at the fair—
Horses down to a dead gallop—
Hay-straws flyin' through the air.

And us boys, our bare shins buried
In the middle o' the load,
Holdin' to the pitchfork handles—
Wonderin' if we'll make the road.

Lightnin', flashin', thunder boomin'—
Nancy! how that old load reeled
When we struck the big dead furrow
In the middle o' the field.

Through the gap and down the turnpike,
Horses with their ears laid back—
Pap with one eye on the rain-cloud
And the other on the track.

Mother on the porch a-wavin'
Of her apert' smilin' glad—
Sister scootin' erost the barn-lot,
Op'nin' gates and doors like mad.

And us boys a clingin' breathless,
Git a mighty healthy scare,
When pap drivin' at a gallop
Clears the gate-post by a hair.

Right into the barn we clatter,
And the horses snort and rear,
As a mighty clap o' thunder
Shakes the roof and lifts our hair.

While the rain comes down in rivers,
We ain't carin' a darn,
For our supper's on the table,
And the last load's in the barn.
—[Edmond J. Wilson in the *National Stockman*.]

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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Rising Virtue, Bangor,	22
Kenduskeag, Kenduskeag,	11
Ira Berry Chapter, Pittsfield,	22
Pioneer Lodge, Ashland,	11
Lincoln Lodge, Wiscasset,	33
St. Aspinquid Lodge, York Village,	11
Olive Branch Lodge, Charleston,	11
What lodge shall be next added?	

The Letter "G."

The Grand Orator of Rhode Island said in the course of his remarks:

"When I became a mason, forty-eight years ago, the first sign that engaged my eye was the letter 'G.' I have never lost the impression of it from that hour to this. Its great character and teachings are based on the truth, God is: and because of Him Masonry exists among men. If the real truth were not ours; if our lives were based on theory and human philosophy; if no high purpose, no great underlying principle lay at the foundation of our order, it would

indeed be like Jonah's gourd, it would have begun in a day and perished in a day.

"The iron hand of time sounds the knell of departing years, and points as phantom pictures the shifting scenes of life. Death is so common, so awful, so august in grandeur and display, as to daze us and fill us with wonder and amazement, and oftentimes sadness, leaves us as 'those that dream,' and when we awake we are full awake, we are surprised that we still live while so many of our comrades, whose cheeks were but yesterday flushing with good health, have now fallen in decay at our side. And it is true that ye too must die? Yea, verily, verily; the houses that now hold our immortal spirits are but tenements of clay almost ready for the crumbling and decay. Life is but a stage—the mind in sweetest melody—the air is redolent of incense of noblest love—we enter the scene with high hopes and buoyant prospects—our castles in the air we builded, and bye and bye we go up and live in them. We play our part—we bide our time—the scene ends—the curtain falls. The world passeth away, only he that doeth the will of God abideth forever. And brethren, he only lives who lives nobly, truly, grandly and unselfishly. Such were not born to die, and such, let us hope, were our beloved brethren, who within another brief year have slipped out from us, our sympathies and our help. Impotent and alone we stand in the presence of the great enemy, Death. God help us to reflect. Oh Thou Great Architect of the Universe, so teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

Another Templar Body.

At the recent Great Priory meeting in London the Grand Priory of Helvetia, a Templar body at Geneva existing from 1769, applied for recognition by the Great Priory of England and Wales. The Council of the Grand Master appointed a committee, who thoroughly went into the facts of the case and found the claim to be genuine; that in 1791 one of the lodges in Geneva under this body initiated H. R. H. Prince Edward, afterwards Duke of Kent, into Freemasonry. The report was adopted and recognition ratified.—[*Masonic Constellation*.]

Masons in Peril.

In the anti-masonic times of three-quarters of a century ago Masonry in Vermont, as in some other places, was forced near the verge of destruction, says Past Grand Master Walter E. Ranger of Vermont, on this subject. In no other states were its devotees more relentlessly persecuted. Driven from offices of honor and trust, refused social recognition, cut off from relation or profession or business, denied by relatives and friends, the weak sought safety by renouncing Masonry, while the strong sturdily endured the tempest of popular anger and abuse. Vermont elected two governors on an anti-masonic issue, and was the only state to choose presidential electors for William Wirt, the candidate of the anti-masonic party. Many lodges were disbanded, meetings were held but secretly and rarely, the Grand Lodge did not convene for several years; in truth the voice of the ancient faith seemed to be silenced and the light of the rite dead. Nothing can better evidence the indestructibility of masonic truth and the power of fraternity. The passing winds of violent persecution served to winnow the chaff from the wheat. Through these years the strong and true kept the faith and, however dimly, the flame on

masonic altars here and there failed not to send forth its beams of light. Masonry meant more to its votaries than ever before, and when the storm was past a new and purer Masonry was ready to spring into larger and more beneficent life. Without doubt such hard experience has given to Vermont Masonry something of its serious earnestness, stern loyalty and reserved dignity, which has established it in good repute before the public. To-day Vermont has a mason for every thirty of population, and one in every eighth man of lawful age, a ratio probably unparalleled. From the weakest in Masonry she has become one of the strongest. And the loyal brethren scattered among her hills do not forget zealously to conserve the principles and practices for which the fathers suffered.—[*Masonic Chronicler*.]

A Noteworthy Incident.

A little distance above the town of Warsaw, Ky., occurred, in the year 1868, the most terrible steam-boat disaster that ever was recorded in the history of steamboat navigation on the Ohio river. The most effective in rescuing those who were in deep distress were the masonic brethren of Warsaw, and what made their rescue so perilous, the river was a perfect sheet of flame, thus requiring the most heroic measures to save the people from a horrible death. Among the number of brave men was Robert Russell, the father of two boys now at the home.

When all was thought to be done that could be done, he was returning to his home, when he heard, words known only to the craft. He hastened to the brother's relief and saved his life. Several years after there was held in the neighboring town of Ghent, a masonic celebration, and one of the speakers was the one Bro. Russell rescued. The speaker related the circumstances. He said, "I don't know where the brother is, but I would love to see him once more and again thank him." Bro. Russell arose and said, "I am the man." They met, throwing their arms around each other, which brought tears to all who saw it. The names of the boats were the United States and the America.—[*Masonic Home Journal*.]

A MILITARY GRAND MASTER.—Although still quite a young man, the Marquis of Tullibardine, Grand Master of Scotland, is already a soldier of distinction. Starting his military career at the age of nineteen, he volunteered for service in Egypt, and greatly distinguished himself at Abara and Omdurman, with the net result of two medals, clasps and D. S. O. His special exploit was a gallant dash through the dervishes in an attempt to save a couple of wounded troopers. After the battle he and Mr. Winston Churchill went out to see what they could do for the wounded. Lord Tullibardine carried a large water bottle, which brought relief to not a few. To one badly treated Dervish, who was shot through the knee, he brought more lasting relief by deftly extracting the bullet with the button-hook of a pocket knife.—[*Queensland Freemason*.]

FAULT FINDING.—Past Gr. Master Henry Warren Rugg had some good advice to give "chronic fault finders" when he said some little time before his death: "Do we need to say that the tendency is strong to deprecate the good qualities and the good works of men while living, and to only praise them when they are dead? Men are apt to be cold, critical and uncharitable—often unjust in their expressed estimates of those with whom they are associated, trying,

as it would seem, to magnify faults and to underrate virtues. How poorly we learn the lessons of Freemasonry when we indulge in this sort of censorious speech? Let us be more ready to note the virtues of our brethren, and less willing to call attention to defects which attach to our common human nature. Let us keep in mind the pledges which we have taken as masons, and so be a little more considerate and kind to one another."—[*The Masonic Chronicler*.]

DISCOVERY OF THE ARCH.—The word "arches," in Ezekiel, is without doubt a mistranslation, but some authors think that the arch was known to the Syrians and the Ancient Egyptians. The arch in brick is stated to have existed in the year B. C. 1540, and in stone B. C. 600, from the evidence of the ruins of actual buildings, but that there was evidence in paintings which carry the arch back to B. C. 2020. The architecture of Greece was essential lintel construction, and it was in the time of Tarquin, a native of Etruria, that the improvement of Rome started, and the semi-circular arch became a leading and important feature of Roman architecture; the first recorded date being B. C. 610. There were no arches in the buildings of Babylon.—[*Henry Lovegrove in London Freemason*.]

Our Thanks.

ALABAMA.—Grand Commandery May 10, 1911, from Geo. A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Gr. Rec. Louis J. Wright, Talladega, Gr. Com. 20 commanderies, 1,305 members, 146 knighted.

LOUISIANA.—Grand Chapter Feb. 7, 1911, from Richard Lambert, New Orleans, Gr. Sec. J. B. Adams, Hammond, G. H. P. 83 chapters, 3,109 members, 343 exalted.

Gr. Council Feb. 10, 1911, from Richard Lambert, Gr. Rec. D. B. Gorham, Lake Charles, G. M. 10 councils, 488 members, 15 candidates.

G. Commandery Feb. 9, 1911, from Richard Lambert, Gr. Rec. Wm. A. Briant, N. Orleans, Gr. Com. 10 commanderies, 898 members, 81 knighted.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Gr. Council Dec. 12, 1910, from J. Gilman Waite, Boston, Gr. Rec. Everett C. Benton, Belmont, Gr. M. 28 councils, 8,091 members, 539 admitted.

MICHIGAN.—Grand Lodge May 22, 1911, from Lou B. Winsor, Reed City, Gr. Sec. James E. Dillon, East Tawas, Gr. M. 417 lodges, 65,708 members, 3,912 raised.

MINNESOTA.—Gr. Commandery April 26, 1911, from John Fishel, St. Paul, Gr. Rec. Geo. F. Dix, St. Paul, Gr. Com. 30 commanderies, 4,239 members, 285 knighted.

MISSISSIPPI.—Gr. Chapter Feb. 23, 1911, from Fred. G. Speed, Vicksburg, Gr. Sec. George B. Powell, Jackson, Gr. H. P. 76 chapters, 4,135 members, 352 exalted.

MISSOURI.—Gr. Chapter April 25, 1911, from Robert F. Stevenson, St. Louis, Gr. Sec. Austin L. McRae, Rolla, Gr. H. P. 107 chapters, 12,649 members, 1,175 exalted.

Gr. Council April 25, 1911, from Robert F. Stevenson, G. Rec. Henry Schroederer,

St. Marys, G. M. 16 councils, 2,081 members, 212 candidates.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Grand Commandery Sept. 27, 1910, from Harry M. Cheney, Concord, G. Rec. Stephen S. Jewett, Laconia, Gr. Commander. 11 commanderies, 2,650 members, 136 knighted.

NEW YORK.—Grand Lodge May 2, 1911, from Edward M. L. Ehlers, New York, Gr. Sec. Robert J. Kenworthy, Brooklyn, Gr. M. 803 lodges, 168,714 members, 9,952 initiated.

Grand Chapter Feb. 7, 1911, from Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo, Gr. Sec. Edward F. Hill, Peekskill, G. H. P. 207 chapters, 36,354 members, 2,247 exalted.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Gr. Chapter 1910, from Charles Cary, Philadelphia, Gr. Sec. A. G. Criswell Smith, Media, Gr. H. Priest. 133 chapters, 30,705 members, 1,824 marked.

TEXAS.—Gr. Commandery April 19, 1911, from John C. Kidd, Houston, G. Rec. W. M. Fly, Gonzales, Gr. Com. 55 commanderies, 5,282 members, 498 knighted.

UTAH.—Grand Lodge Jan. 17, 1911, from Christopher Diehl, Salt Lake City, Gr. Sec. Gilbert B. Pfoutz, Salt Lake City, G. Master. 15 lodges, 1,779 members, 142 initiates.

DIED.

GRENVILLE JEFFERDS, in Blanchard May 13 aged 70. A charter member of Deering Lodge, Woodfords, where he long resided.

CHARLES T. OGDEN, in Portland May 28, aged 71 yrs. 7 mos. Canon of St. Luke's Church and past Prelate of Portland Commandery.

WILLIAM H. GREEN, in Portland June 16, aged 78 yrs. 12 days. A member of Portland Lodge.

FRANK H. MORRILL, in Portland June 16, aged 61. A member of Ancient Land-Mark Lodge.

WARREN P. CHASE, in Portland June 20, aged 75. (See editorial.)

JACOB R. STEWART, in Rockland June 16, aged 63. Past Commander of Claremont Commandery.

JAMES W. BRACKETT, in Phillips June 24, by accidental poisoning, aged 45. A member of Blue Mountain Lodge, and the Chairman of the Maine Fish and Game Commission. Pilgrim Commandery, of which he was a member, escorted Blue Mountain Lodge at the funeral.

AUGUSTUS M. HAYES, of Boston, in Newport N. H., June 27, aged 63. A member of Casco Lodge, Yarmouth.

JAMES M. BATES, in Yarmouth July 9, aged 84 yrs. 1 mo. 9 days. Physician, Surgeon in 13th Maine, member of Casco Lodge, Cumberland Chapter and St. Alban Commandery.

AMBROSE P. CARGILL, in Liberty July 1. (See editorial.)

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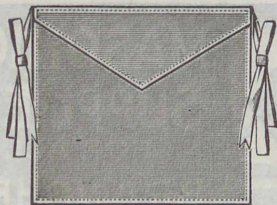
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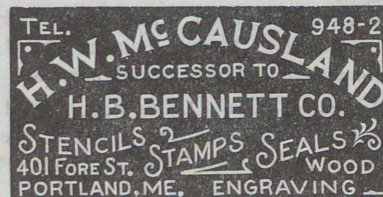
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