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The Day is Done.

The day is done, and the darkness
Falls from the wings of Night,
As a feather is wafted downward
From an eagle in his flight.

I see the lights of the village
Gleam through the rain and the mist,
And a feeling of sadness comes o'er me,
That my soul can not resist.

A feeling of sadness and longing
That is not akin to pain,
And resembles sorrow only
As the mist resembles the rain.

Come, read to me some poem,
Some simple and heartfelt lay,
That shall soothe this restless feeling
And banish the thoughts of day.

Not from the grand old masters,
Not from the bards sublime,
Whose distant footsteps echo
Through the corridors of time;

For like strains of martial music
Their mighty thoughts suggest
Life's endless toil and endeavor;
And to-night I long for rest.

Read from some humble poet,
Whose songs gushed from his heart,
As showers from the clouds of summer,
Or tears from the eyelids start;

Who, through long days of labor,
And nights devoid of ease,
Still heard in his soul the music
Of wonderful melodies.

Such songs have power to quiet
The restless pulse of care
And come like the benediction
That follows after prayer.

Then read from the treasured volume
The poem of thy choice,
And lend to the rhyme of the poet
The beauty of thy voice.

And the nights shall be filled with music,
And the cares that infest the day,
Shall fold their tents, like the Arabs,
And as silently steal away.

—[Longfellow.]

MASONRY IN MAINE.

Lodge Elections.

St. Aspinquid, 198, York Village. Arthur H Baker, m; John W Hodsdon, sw; Everett F Davis, jw; Willie W Cuzner, sec.

Vassalboro, 54, North Vassalboro. Joseph Scott, m; C Maurice Wyman, sw; George L Hunt, jw; Melvin E Hutchinson, sec.

Oriental Star, 21, Livermore Falls. Arthur E Grose, m; John N Sinnett, sw; Thos. R Williams, jw; Fred Raymond, sec.

Rural, 53, Sidney. Edmund P Williams, m; Clyde G Blake, sw; Charles S Taylor, jw; Arthur W Hammond, R F D 7, Augusta, sec.

Mt. Abram, 204, Kingfield. Sumner J Wyman, m; G Dane Vose, sw; Earl L Wing, jw; Arthur C Woodard, sec.

Asylum, 133, Wayne. Horatio G Foss, m; Thurlow B Tarbox, sw; Albert W Riggs, jw; Frederick L Chenery, sec.

Mount Bigelow, 202, Flagstaff. Maurice Sampson, Stratton, m; Edward L Donahue, sw; Edgar S Jones, Stratton, jw; Walter E Hinds, sec.

Nezinscot, 101, Turner. Fred S Irish, m; Edward L Haskell, sw; Royal W Bradford, jw; Donald C Prince, sec.

Day Spring, 107, West Newfield. John Smith, m; Oliver F Hammond, sw; Ray G Davis, jw; Harold C Moulton, sec.

Chapter Elections.

Lebanon, 18, Gardiner. Archie D Buker, hp; Austin L Jenks, k; Arthur E Smith, sc; Harry E Larrabee, sec.

Teconnet, 52, Waterville. Herbert B Holland, hp; Everett C Wardwell, k; Roscoe J Bowler, sc; Charles B Davis, sec.

Commandery Elections.

Portland, 2, Portland. Fred G Hamilton, com; Convers E Leach, gen; David E Moulton, c gen; Frank W. York, rec.

St. Omer, 12, Waterville. John H Burleigh, com; Clarence B Walker, gen; Eugene C Herring, c gen; Chas B Davis, rec.

St. Amand, 20, Kennebunk. Charles H Lucas, com; George H Tarbox, Kennebunkport, gen; Frank E Fleming, Sanford, c gen; John H Cooper, rec.

Lodges of Instruction.

Will be held

At Presque Isle, Wednesday, October 22, 1913, at 10 o'clock A. M.

At Guilford, Wednesday, October 29, 1913, at 10 o'clock A. M.

At Kennebunk, Wednesday, November 5, 1913, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Instruction will be given at forenoon and afternoon sessions, and in the evening work will be performed and the local lodges inspected by their District Deputy Grand Masters.

It is expected of every District Deputy Grand Master that he shall attend at least one of these Lodges of Instruction.

All Master Masons in good standing are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

An additional school will be held at Lewiston, Thursday, November 20th at 10, A. M.

GRAND CHAPTER.—The visiting officers of the Grand Chapter held their annual conference at Riverton October 1st and had an instructive and interesting session as well as a pleasant meeting.

A School of Instruction will be called some time in November to meet in some central locality, probably in the Kennebec Valley.

New Lodge.

On October 6th Grand Master Spofford issued a dispensation to 31 brethren for a new lodge at Rangeley to be called Kemankag Lodge, with the following officers:

Eugene I. Herrick, Master.

Fred B. Colby, Sen. Warden.

Sylvader Hinkley, Jun. Warden.

Charles L. Harnden, Sec.

FIRE.—A fire in North Anson August 19th at 3 A. M., destroyed every store and office building in the village, and some dwellings, 25 buildings in all. Among them was the masonic building owned by Northern Star Lodge, valued at \$7,000 and insured for \$2,500. The hall and contents were burned. The masons lose about \$7,000. The charter was saved in a damaged condition.

Templars.

St. Alban Commandery left for Canada August 29th, and returned September 2d, very happy. There were about 200 in the party.

Portland Commandery left for Atlantic City and Washington August 30th, and returned September 5th.

Shrine in Canal Zone.

J. Putnam Stevens, Imperial Chief Rabbah of the Mystic Shrine, gives in the Express the following items about the August visit of the Shriners to Panama:

At Panama there already exists a Blue Lodge under the name of Colon Lodge, with a very large membership; a Panama Chapter and a Knights Templar Commandery now under dispensation, which, without doubt, will be granted a charter at the Triennial Conclave of Knights Templar at Denver in August.

It was the writer's pleasure to attend the Easter service of the Canal Zone Commandery at Gatun, Panama, this last Easter, at which service out of a membership of 73, there were present and in full Templar costume 53 members.

Now, the order of the Mystic Shrine is

no part of Masonry, but the pre-requisite to become a member is either a Knight Templar, or a Thirty-second Degree Mason.

On August 23d, a special steamer leaves New Orleans for Christobal, Panama, on which will be Osman Temple of St. Paul, Minn., with the Imperial Potentate of the Order and with one or two other Imperial officers, who go to Panama to hold a ceremonial session in Miraflores Lock on Labor Day, September 1st.

At the canal at the present time are about 80 Shriners, members of about 50 different temples in the United States, but Osman Temple expects to have a class of from 75 to 80 at its session, September 1st. This session will be an international affair and one that can never occur again as it is expected that water will be turned into the Canal, October 15, 1913.

To one who has not seen these locks, their magnitude can not be realized, as they are each, all made of cement, 1,000 feet long, 210 feet wide and 90 feet deep, the depth being equal to that of the ordinary seven story building. The gates which swing to make the shut-in, operated by electricity, weigh 700 tons each. The holding of a ceremonial session in a chamber of this kind will be most unique.

Books, Papers, etc.

The Maine Register for 1913-1914 is published and as usual is increased in thickness, having 1064 pages besides about 60 more of advertisements. How Mr. Donham can ever get such an amount of information together is a puzzle even to a diligent worker, and how any business man can do without it is another. It is so accurate that we often refer to it for the spelling of names, and our only regret is that it does not give the names of all residents as well as those of business people; but that would make it too cumbersome.

To appreciate it you have only to look through the Portland list from pages 373 to 446, 74 pages, and you will be surprised to see how many firms you had forgotten about or never known. The list of Grocers takes your breath away and that of Hairdressers makes you smile. You wonder how so many Insurance Agents can make a living, but the list of Investment Securities convinces you that we must be getting rich. The list of Lawyers is a little affrighting, but you can mostly avoid litigation.

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Summer Visitors.

Billy Ross of Philadelphia called upon us July 25th. He seemed in good condition and acknowledged that severe illness had prevented his sending his annual letter to Ancient Land Mark Lodge in December.

Walter H. Young of Brooklyn, N. Y., who is visiting Orr's Island, called on us July 29th, looking as blooming as ever. Having no boys of his own he had found three who needed a vacation and had brought them with him, and they were enjoying the island life so much that they declined to come to town with him, although

the sail up the bay is considered very attractive.

Frederick L. Huntington, K. T., of Meriden, Conn., favored us with a call August 8th.

Oliver A. Roberts, Assistant Grand Secretary of Massachusetts Grand Lodge, made a pleasant call on us Aug. 11th.

We were glad to see the cheerful face of Capt. Charles A. Abbey, of Northport, L. I., N. Y., retired Revenue Captain, who called Aug. 12th.

August 15th, Bro. George W. Chester, Supt. Boston Masonic Temple, with his wife, made a brief call.

On the 19th of August we had a call from the Rev. Bro. T. Griffith of Jacksonville, Florida.

William M. Staples.

Bro. William Marrett Staples, a charter member and the oldest Past Master of Arion Lodge, No. 162, F. & A. M., of Goodwin's Mills, died at his residence in Lyman, Me., September 18, 1913, after a short illness.

Bro. Staples was born in Kennebunk, November 5, 1834. He was made a mason in York Lodge, No. 22, Kennebunk, Me., January 6, 1864, and became a charter member of Arion Lodge at Goodwin's Mills, in 1871, when the lodge was organized. He was the first Senior Warden of the lodge, during the time the lodge was working under dispensation, and became the first Master of the lodge under the charter, after the lodge was constituted, in 1872, serving for two years. He also served as Master in 1884-5-6, and again in 1897 and 1898. He was also Senior Warden in 1883, 1895-6, 1900 and 1901. He also served as Senior Deacon in 1877 and 1880, and Marshal in 1887-8-9.

Bro. Staples was held in high estimation by his fellow citizens, as evidenced by the fact that he was serving his twenty-ninth consecutive year as Town Clerk, having been elected to that office in 1885 and re-elected every year since.

During the Rebellion he served in the United States Army as Sergeant in Co. I, 27th Regiment, Maine Volunteer Infantry, from September 10, 1862, until he was mustered out June 17, 1863. He re-enlisted in Co. L, 2d Maine Cavalry, December 12, 1863, serving as Orderly Sergeant in that Company until his discharge, December 19, 1865.

Bro. Staples was married to Miss Susan Evans of Lyman, who survives him. He is also survived by his two grandchildren, Joseph Murphy and Miss Susan F. Murphy of Sanford.

The funeral services were held at his late residence in Lyman, September 21st, and although it was a stormy day, a large number of the members of the lodge were in attendance and performed the masonic funeral ceremonies.

J. B. R.

Grand Master Melish's Address.

The address of Grand Master Melish to the Grand Encampment is a substantial document of 196 pages. In the opening, he said:

Brother Knights, our Order of Masonic Knighthood is a Christian Order; we stand as defenders of the Christian religion; our ideals and standards are found in the words of Christ. The men who conceived the idea of "The Order of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem" and laid down its principles caught the heroic note in the call of the cross. Living in an age when the religion of Christ was threatened by an aggressive Mohammedanism, they issued a call to arms in the name of Christ; they summoned men to active service not to quiet submission; they challenged men to enlist in the cause and follow it, come what may. Multitudes of heroic men responded to the call of the cross, marked themselves with the sacred emblem, and under it as a banner fought the good fight. Such is our splendid inheritance as an order.

To-day we stand, over two hundred thousand strong, in a new world. Are there no battles to be fought, hardships to be endured, service to be performed as Christian Knights to-day? Is there nothing that stirs the chivalry inherent in every knight? Is there no call for heroism in this modern world? Listen to this principle of our order: "We draw our swords in defence of innocent maidens, destitute widows and helpless orphans." When first written these words referred to crying needs of that ancient day when brigandage, piracy and invasion swept the male population of whole villages into a sea of slaughter and left wives, sons and daughters destitute. The ancient order set itself both to relieve the destitute and to prevent the recurrence of the distress, both to ameliorate and to cure the evils of the day. It put down brigandage and piracy and it resisted invasion. Nor did it forget to succor those who had suffered. Such conditions no longer prevail but innocent maidens, destitute widows and helpless orphans still are with us. Does not our principle call for prevention and cure of these evils to-day, not merely for alleviation but for prevention, up to the full capacity of human foresight and efficiency?

Christian Knights, pledged to heroic service, I would set before you a new crusade for the defence of innocent maidens. The country has been shown, beyond any question of doubt, that there is a traffic in women, a commercializing of vice, a ramified and systematized business in immorality. This traffic must cease. Our pledge to defend innocent maidens summons us to use every means within our power, as individuals and as an order, to destroy this nefarious business, to support the law in prosecuting offenders, to clarify and strengthen public opinion regarding it. Every woman must be as safe from scoundrelism in every part of our country, as in the bosom of her own family.

Widows are not made destitute to-day by conscienceless marauders, but an altogether too large a number are deprived of their natural supporters by industrial accidents in mines and factories and railroads. Accidents there will be in a highly complicated society like ours, but every avoidable accident is a crime. The sword which we must wield on behalf of women is the equipment of our industrial plants with every safeguard against accident, the law which compensates the injured and provides for the family of the killed, the public opinion which values human life above property.

The Christian Knight of to-day has a splendid task of defending the widow, which while less romantic than the knights of old, is none the less chivalric.

By the "helpless orphan" we may well mean to-day every child who is in need of succor. This is the age of the child, and it is receiving more study and service than in any age of the world. Christian Knights may well imitate their leader Christ who took the children into his arms and blessed them. Are boys and girls of tender years sent into the mills by greedy parents or grasping employers, then let the Knights be among the first to prohibit child labor. Are children sent out into society by our educational institutions unfitted for life, then let us do our part to reform our institutions of learning until every child is educated industrially as well as mentally. Every work for childhood which aims to bring up children for American citizenship, and give to the nation men and women of Christian Character, should have the co-operation and support of Christian knighthood in this new day.

In our vows we also stand pledged to defend the Christian religion. If any man would know what is the religion of Christ let him open the pages of the four Gospels and read for himself. The Christian religion is the religion of Christ, nothing more and nothing less. He himself has said, that every man may know what it is; he needs only to do His will and he will know of the doctrine. The Christian religion is the life lived in the spirit of Christ. It is a life rather than a creed. Our Christian order calls upon its members to find the Christian religion expressed in the Lord's Prayer, the Golden Rule, the Beatitudes of the Sermon on the Mount and the simple declaration of faith known as the Apostles' Creed. It is not concerned with speculative theories but with a life and character which is lived by faith in the universal Father, in loyalty to Christ as Captain and elder brother, and in the service of mankind. As it welcomes to its fellowship all men who will enlist under this banner, so it urges its members not to lose sight of these principles but to "Press on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." No defence of the Christian religion is so secure as a Christian life; no one can defend it more heroically than by living it.

As Christ draws all men to him by being lifted up so will His followers defend the Christian religion by obeying the Call of the Cross.

Of the Christmas Observance, he said:

This Christmas Observance has become an established custom and yet it is not recognized in our statutes, nor is the committee that prepares the toasts authorized among the regular Committees of the Grand Encampment. That the Observance is dear to many Commanderies and many Sir Knights is evident. The salutation of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men," comes to the Grand Master and his good wife each Christmas season in the shape of hundreds of telegrams, letters and messages, all very delightful and inspiring as evidences of true affection and loving loyalty, not only from friends of long acquaintance, but from comparative strangers, who are yet Brethren of the Orders and fellow soldiers in the Cause our Immanuel "God with us." It seems to me that there should be an endorsement of the Christmas Observance by the Grand Encampment and the suggestion made that there be a general observance of a Templar Day, once a year, preferably during the Holiday Week, but not necessarily on Christmas Day nor at any special hour of the day.

Suppose the Templars of the United States were to meet between December 20th and December 31st, to celebrate "The Feast of St. John the Almoner or St. John of Jerusalem," to whom, says Mackey, the Masonic Order of the Templars, and their commanderies are dedicated on account of his charity to the poor, whom he called his "Masters," because he owed them all service; and on account of his establishment of hospitals for the succor of pilgrims in the East. "St. John the Almoner," was worthy to become the patron of a society whose great object was Charity, and he exposed his life a thousand times in the cause of virtue.

Neither war, nor pestilence, nor the fury of the infidels could deter him from pursuits of benevolence. He left an example of his virtues to the brethren, who have made it their duty to endeavor to imitate them, and the Masons—whose Temples overthrown by the barbarians, he had caused to be rebuilt—selected him with one accord as their Patron. The English Knights Templar of to-day are known as "Knights of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple, and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta." On this Special Feast Day we might do such acts of charity as a Commandery or as individuals that would be in accordance with our teachings. We could take an Annual "Account of Stock" as Templars, and learn from the experiences of the year whether we have made progress during the year that is passing into history and what advances in Christian warfare it is possible for us to make. I would recommend that the whole subject of the Christmas Observance, or some other Templar Day of special significance be referred to a special committee of five for consideration and report.

In his conclusion, he says:

There was a time when we were looked upon with contempt. When the church warred upon us, and when the vicious element of humanity breathed forth their curses. *That day has passed.* It is possible we have not reached the full tide yet. I trust we have not, but the few decades past have brought the Order to a more permanent position in the world's great fields of beneficence, benevolence and brotherly kindness than it ever occupied before. This is an age which offers to us large incentives. It is for us to prepare for the to-morrow soon to follow.

We are rounding out the first century of our record as the Grand Encampment of the Order in the United States. Let us close up our ranks as we would do when they are riven by death and with faces set toward the Light go on in solid phalanx to greater victories "In His Name."

Louisiana Consistory went to the Canal Zone Aug. 1st, and conferred the Scottish Rite degrees on a class of 100.

September.

Sir Goldenrod stands by and grieves

Where Queen September goeth by;
Her viewless feet disturb the leaves;
And with her south the thrushes fly
Or loiter 'mid the rustling sheaves,
And search and fail, and wonder why.
The burgher cat-tails stiffly bow
Beside the marsh. The asters cast
Their purple coronets, and below
The brown ferns shiver in the blast
And all the fretted pool aglow
Repeats the cold, clear, yellow sky.
The dear, loved summer days are past,
And tranquil goes the Queen to die.

—[S. Weir Mitchell.]

Our Masonic Exchanges.

American Freemason, Storm Lake, Iowa, monthly \$2.
Crescent, The, St. Paul, Minn., mo., \$1.50.
Duluth Masonic Calender, Duluth, Minn., monthly, octavo, 20 pp.
Eastern Star, Indianapolis, Ind., mo., \$1.
Freemason, The, Toronto, Ont., Canada, monthly, 50 cents.
Gavel, The, Portland, Ore., mo. octavo \$1.50
Globe, The, Gravette, Ark., mo., 25 cents.
Long Island Masonic News, Brooklyn, N. York, semi-monthly, \$1.
Masonic Bibliophile, Cincinnati, O., mo. \$1.
Masonic Chronicler, Chicago, Ill., w'kly, \$1
Masonic Herald, Kansas City, Mo., mo., \$1.
Masonic Journal, Richmond, Va., mo. \$1.
Masonic Monthly, Philadelphia, Pa., \$1.
Masonic News, Peoria, Ill., monthly, \$1.
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.
New England Craftsman, Boston, Mass., monthly, \$2.
New Zealand Craftsman, Wellington, New Zealand, monthly, 10s. = \$2.50.
Scottish Rite Bulletin, Louisville, Kentucky, monthly, 50 cents.
Scottish Rite Herald, Dallas, Tex., mo. 50c.
South Western Freemason, Los Angeles, Cal., monthly, \$1.
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What lodge shall be next added?

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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.

Grand Encampment.

Templars began to arrive in large numbers at Denver, Saturday, August 9th. Each body was met at the train and escorted to its hotel. The illuminations were superb, \$50,000 having been expended on them.

On Sunday, 10th, the Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, Bishop John M. Walden of Cincinnati held divine services in the city auditorium.

On Monday, 11th, it was estimated that 45,000 had arrived. A banquet was given in the evening to the Grand Encampment by Denver Commandery in a theater, and later another by Colorado Commandery in El Jebel Temple.

On Tuesday, 12th, the grand parade took place headed by California Commandery, No. 1, of San Francisco, 200 strong, all mounted on black horses. There were 14 divisions with 800 to 1,000 in each, making from 8,000 to 10,000 in all.

In the afternoon the Grand Encampment met and were welcomed by the Governor and Mayor, to whom Gr. Master Melish responded. Later there was a business session.

At night the first of the drills was given by Damascus Commandery of Detroit, as an exhibition. Sixteen commanderies competed in the competitive drills, in which the Michigan commanderies were not included on account of the state regulations. Raper Commandery of Indiana won the first prize, Englewood of Chicago the second, Joliet of Illinois the third, California the fourth, and Chicago the fifth.

Wednesday, 13th, was devoted to competitive drills and Raper of Indianapolis won the popular voice. The evening was given to the official banquet at El Jebel Temple, while the knights and ladies generally visited various Grand Commandery headquarters and receptions.

The officers elected were :

Grand Master—Arthur McArthur, Troy, N. Y.

Deputy Gr. M.—Lee S. Smith, Pittsburg, Penna.

Grand Generalissimo—Joseph K. Orr, Atlanta, Ga.

Grand Capt. Gen.—Jehiel W. Chamberlin, St. Paul, Minn.

Grand Senior Warden—Leonidas P. Newby, Knightstown, Ind.

Grand Junior Warden—William H. Norris, Manchester, Iowa.

Grand Treasurer—H. Wales Lines, Meriden, Conn.

Grand Recorder—Frank H. Johnson, Louisville, Ky.

Trustees Permanent Fund—Wm. La Rue Thomas, Tucson, Arizona, and Wm. B. Melish, Cincinnati, Ohio.

John A. Gerow felt obliged to decline further service as G. Rec. on account of failing strength and was complimented by being chosen G. Rec. Emeritus with the salary of \$1,000 a year continued for life.

Grand Sword Bearer Frederick C. Thayer of Maine had a handsome vote for the office of G. Junior Warden, but there were six against him, and after the first vote he retired and Norris, who led the list, was chosen.

The Grand Master appointed

Grand Prelate—Rev. Henry R. Freeman, Troy, N. Y.

Gr. Standard Bearer—Frederick C. Thayer, Waterville, Me.

G. Sword Bearer—Wm. Leslie Sharp, Chicago, Ill.

Gr. Warder—George W. Vallery, Denver, Col.

G. C. Guard—Alex. B. Andrews, Jr., Raleigh, N. C.

We get hardly any report of the legislation.

The Colorado Peace resolution was adopt-

ed so far as to proclaim that the Order stands for universal peace and good will to man.

Grand Master Melish suggested changes in the Christmas Observance and a committee of five was appointed to report in 1916, consisting of Geo. T. Campbell, Owosso, Michigan, W. W. Burnham, Providence, R. I., Curtiss B. Winn, Albany, Oregon, Edwin C. Hall, Syracuse, N. Y., and I. Layton Register, Ardmore, Penna. The latter has since died. To this committee Gr. M. Melish assigned the duties hitherto discharged by the founder of the Observance.

The next Triennial will be held at Los Angeles, Aug. 8, 1916.

Maine was represented by

Frederick C. Thayer and wife.

Charles W. Jones and wife.

Ralph W. Crockett.

Arthur S. Littlefield and wife.

Edmund B. Mallet.

Clayton J. Farrington and wife.

Warren C. Philbrook and wife.

James P. Hutchinson and wife.

Edwin M. Fuller,

Grand Commander in 1888 and '89, died in Bath of blood poisoning Aug. 8th, aged 63. He was a prominent physician. Two sons and a daughter survive him. His wife (Lizzie E. Cross) died three months before him. He was born in South Paris Jan. 8, 1850. He graduated at Tufts College in 1873. He was surgeon of the second regiment National Guard for 19 years, retiring in 1912 with the rank of Colonel.

He was Grand Representative of the Gr. Commandery of Vermont.

Having been deposed as Toast Master of the Christmas Observance we shall be unable to send invitations to the "Old Guard" who have received them for a third of a century, but we beg of them not to ascribe it to negligence nor waning esteem, for we shall remember them, as always, at Christmas noon.

Obituaries.

REV. ISAAC F. STIDHAM, D. D., G. H. Priest of Connecticut in 1897 and '98, died in Philadelphia June 9th, aged 75 yrs, 6 mos. 12d. He was born in Baltimore, Md., Nov. 28, 1837. He was a Professor of Theology in Baltimore College and then a Baptist clergyman. He was Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1895.

WILLIAM YEOMAN, Grand Commander of Kentucky in 1911, died in Lexington, June 17th, aged 66. He was born in Ontario July 7th, 1847.

JOHN M. OATHOUT, Gr. High Priest of Arkansas in 1911, died at Booneville June 20th. He was born in Sandersville, Georgia,

Nov. 8, 1856. He was State Auditor. He was Gr. Master of the Grand Council at the time of his death.

JOHN F. BARROWS, Grand High Priest of Michigan in 1892, died in Lawrence July 9th, aged 73. He was born at Genesee, N. Y., May 14, 1840.

JAMES J. DUNLOP, Grand Master of Alberta in 1910, and first Grand Secretary in 1905, died in Edmonton June 12th, aged 58. He was born near Sarnia, Ont., Feb. 14, 1855.

ROBERT MORRIS ELGIN, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of Texas since 1897, Grand Commander in 1896, and Gr. Master of Grand Lodge in 1895, born in Smith Co., Tenn., Sept. 24, 1825, died in Houston July 9th, aged nearly 88. He went to Texas in 1841 and served under Taylor in the Mexican war. He was paralyzed in 1905, since which time his work as Templar Correspondent has been done by Gr. Recorder Kidd. He was Gr. Master of the Grand Council in 1864, when the Cryptic degrees were turned over to the Gr. Chapter.

JOHN A. LADD, G. H. Priest of Illinois in 1884, died in Morrison July 13th. Born in Upper Canada May 3, 1836. Served in the civil war as Master Transportation 16th Army Corps.

JOHN F. NASH, Senior Past Grand Commander of Illinois, 1878, died in Ottawa July 6th, aged 88. Born Dec. 16, 1824.

GEN. CARLE A. WOODRUFF, Grand Commander of North Carolina in 1887, died in Raleigh July 20th, aged 72. He was born in Buffalo, N. Y. He was a gallant soldier in the civil war and commanded a battery at Gettysburg. He was a 33d and established the Scottish Rite bodies in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, as also Hancock Lodge at that place. He was kindly and courteous and was much esteemed.

JOHN W. PALMER, Grand High Priest of New York in 1899, died at Flatbush, Brooklyn, June 22d. He was born in Brooklyn May 23, 1857, and was a printer.

CHARLES E. SWEET, Gr. Master of Michigan in 1908, died at Dowagiac July 11th, aged 53. He was born in Keeler March 11, 1860, and was a lawyer.

STYLES T. ROWE, Grand Master of Arkansas in 1894, died at Fort Smith June 2d. He was born at Troy, Ala., May 28, 1861. He was a lawyer and judge.

JOHN V. ELLIS, born in Halifax Feb. 14, 1835, died at St. John, N. B., July 10th, in his 78th year. He was editor of the St. John Globe since 1862 and was long in the Provincial Parliament. He was a Past Gr. Master of New Brunswick and was well known in Portland.

PETER BRICKEY, Grand Commander of

Arkansas in 1906 and Grand Master of the Grand Council in the same year, died in Marianna April 18th. He was born at Brickey's Landing, Missouri, Oct. 6, 1852.

GEORGE EDWARD HILTON, Grand Commander of Mass. and R. I. in 1901, died in Lynn July 14th, aged 72. He served in the 8th Mass. in the Civil War as private and corporal.

WALTER M. FLEMING, one of the founders of the Mystic Shrine and first Potentate for twelve years, died at Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Sept. 9, aged 76. He was born in Portland, Me.

THEOPILUS P. RODGERS, Gr. Commander of Kansas in 1888, died in Washington, D. C., August 11th. Born in Logansport, Indiana, July 4, 1839. He was a soldier in the Union army in the civil war. He was Gr. Master of the Grand Council in 1890.

ETHELBERT F. ALLEN, Grand Master of Missouri 1898, died in New London, Conn., August 26th, aged 57. He was born in Enfield, Conn., December 31, 1855. He was Imperial Potentate of the Mystic Shrine in 1888.

SAMUEL H. BENSON, JR., Gr. High Priest of Delaware in 1912, died in Wilmington July 18th, aged 39.

JOHN McDONALD, Grand High Priest of Texas in 1890, died in Phoenix, Arizona, Sept. 3d.

CLARENCE R. PHILLIPS, Gr. Secretary of the Gr. Chapter of Texas and Grand High Priest in 1901, died at Waco Sept. 10th.

WILLIAM WALLACE SCREWS, Grand High Priest of Alabama in 1885 and 1886, died in Coosada Aug. 7th, aged 74. He was born in Jernigan Aug. 25, 1839. He was a lieutenant in the confederate army and later a publisher. He was Secretary of State for four years.

CYRUS L. BROWN, Gr. Master of the Gr. Council of Arkansas in 1907, died in Indianapolis, Ind., July 13th. Born in Arkadelphia in 1862.

THOMAS COPELAND CASSIDY, G. H. P. of New York in 1873 and 1874, died at Amery, Wis., Aug. 11th. Born in Belfast, Ireland, July 20, 1836.

I. LAYTON REGISTER, Past Grand High Priest in 1881, and P. Gr. Commander of New Jersey in 1880, died at Ardmore, Pa., Sept. 29th, aged 71.

FRANCIS D. CLARKE, Grand Master of Michigan, died suddenly at Flint Sept. 7th, aged 64. He was born at Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 31, 1849. He was a lieutenant in the confederate navy in the civil war.

W. M. CONNOR, Past Grand Master of Mississippi, died at San Antonio, Texas, Aug. 4th. Born near Kosciusco, Miss., Oct. 9, 1855.

The Masonic Chronicler of Chicago copies and endorses the remarks of Grand Master Spofford of Maine objecting to masons petitioning as masons for the pardon of a brother mason under sentence by the courts.

The Grand Lodge of California was to dedicate the new Masonic Temple in San Francisco October 13th.

J. F. Brinkerhoff of Waco has been appointed Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Texas in place of Clarence R. Phillips, deceased.

TEXAS. Will N. Kidd of Houston has been appointed Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of Texas in place of R. M. Elgin, deceased.

A paper from Past Grand Master David H. Wright of Wisconsin gives the death at Paris, France, July 19th, of his son, Dr. A. L. Wright, at the age of 62. Dr. Wright was eminent as a physician and was a Knight Templar. The father is now 93.

Meridian Lodge of Meriden, Conn., gave a reception Oct. 6th, to H. Wales Lines, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment, U. S., on the 50th anniversary of his being made a Master Mason.

The Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada is about to publish in a book its card list of frauds. Price \$5. Boards of Relief will of course want a copy and those lodges which have many applications for relief. It is surprising what an army of imposters have started in to live upon the fraternity, but it probably affords good picking. Subscriptions should be sent in before Nov. 1st, as only sufficient will be published to fill advance orders.

PENNSYLVANIA JUSTICE. Brother Aldro Jenks of Wisconsin thus notices the way in which Pennsylvania smites the innocent candidate and lets the offending lodge go free:

"We seldom have cause to criticize the acts of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Few Grand Lodges have adhered as tenaciously to the ancient usages and customs of the fraternity as has Pennsylvania. We cannot, however, pass over the report of the Grand Master, 'that he had set aside the action of a lodge in approving and initiating a petitioner who had been previously rejected in another lodge.' When a brother has received the degrees in a regularly constituted lodge of masons, the obligation he has taken makes him a mason in fact, and it is beyond the power of any Grand Master to set aside his initiation, and nullify the work. You might as well proclaim that an illegitimate child, because it did not come regularly into the world, is not a human being. There are some facts which even a Grand Master cannot alter, and the fact that one has made his masonic vows in a regular masonic lodge makes him a mason, no matter how irregularly those conferring the degrees may have acted."

The Road to Yesterday.

We dreamed alone, my heart and I,
Of summers lost and vanished springs;
A little wind went singing by,
With breath of roses on its wings;
"Come out!" he beckoned, "come away!
I know the road to Yesterday!"

We ran together down the way,
A pleasant path of sun and shade,
We found the homestead, old and gray,
The garden where the children played
Before their feet had learned to stray
Beyond the realm of Yesterday.

The roses blossomed, white and red;
The plum trees dropped their fragrant snow,
A joyous bird sang overhead
The very song of long ago;
And sunbeams, through the open door,
Wove webs of gold along the floor.

But from the window one should look
With tender longing in her face—
And one, above a holy book,
Sit musing by the fireside place—
Sweet souls! that changed to food divine
Life's bitter bread, and meager wine.

And all the empty rooms should fill
With children's voices, clear and sweet;
And on the silent stairways still
Sound the light tread of children's feet—
"O heart!" I sighed, "what need to stay?
There is no road to Yesterday!"
—[Emily Huntington Miller.]

MICHIGAN. William M. Perrett, Deputy Grand Master, succeeds to the place of Gr. Master Clarke, who died Sept. 7th.

Supreme Council, N. M. J.

The Northern Supreme Council celebrated its centennial at Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, Tuesday, September 16th, Barton Smith, Sov. Grand Commander, presiding. Vice President Thomas R. Marshal was present, and spoke.

Secretary General James H. Coddling delivered the historical address.

Wednesday afternoon 400 brethren with 350 ladies went to Atlantic City and had a banquet. Music was substituted for speeches.

The business was concluded on Thursday, Wm. Freeman Lord of Maine being one of the candidates.

Maine was represented by

Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Mason, Bangor.

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Dr. and Mrs. Fred. C. Thayer, Waterville.

Edmund B. Mallet, Freeport.

Silas B. Adams, Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Freeman Lord, Auburn.

Immortality.

BY WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN.

No fire that can be kindled upon the altar of speech can relume the radiant spark that perished yesterday. No blaze born in all our eulogy can burn beside the sunlight of a useful life. After all, there is nothing grander than noble living.

I have seen the rays that gleamed from the headlight of some giant engine rushing onward through the darkness, heedless of opposition, fearless of danger, and I thought it was grand.

I have seen the light come over the eastern hills in glory, driving the hazy darkness like mist before the sea-born gale, 'till leaf and tree and blade of grass glittered in the

myriad diamonds of the morning ray, and I thought it was grand.

I have seen the light that leaped at midnight athwart the storm-swept sky, shivering over chaotic clouds, mid howling winds, 'till cloud and darkness and the shadow-haunted earth flashed into mid-day splendor, and I knew it was grand. But the grandest thing next to the radiance that flows from the Almighty Throne is the light of a noble and beautiful life wrapping itself in benediction round the destinies of men and finding its home in the blessed bosom of the everlasting God.

If the Father deigns to touch with divine power the cold and pulseless heart of the buried acorn and to make it burst forth from its prison walls, will He leave neglected in the earth the soul of man made in the image of his Creator?

If He stoops to give to the rosebush whose withered blossoms float upon the autumn breeze the sweet assurance of another spring-time, will He refuse the words of hope to the sons of men when the frosts of winter come?

If matter mute and inanimate though changed by the forces of nature into a multitude of forms, can never die, will the spirit of man suffer annihilation when it has paid a brief visit, like a royal guest, to this tenement of clay? No, I am as sure that there is another life as I am that I live to-day.

In Cairo, I secured a few grains of wheat that had slumbered for more than three thousand years in an Egyptian tomb. As I looked upon them this thought came into my mind: If one of those grains had been planted on the banks of the Nile the year after it grew and all its lineal descendants had been planted from that time until now its progeny would to-day be sufficiently numerous to feed the teeming millions of the world.

There is in the grain of wheat an invisible something that has power to discard the body that we see, and from earth and air fashion a new body so much like the old one that we cannot tell the one from the other.

And if the invisible germ of life in the grain of wheat can thus pass unimpaired through three thousand resurrections, I shall not doubt that my soul has power to clothe itself with a body suited to its new existence when this earthly frame has crumbled into dust.—[From *The Trestle Board*, San Francisco, Cal., June, 1913.]

Two Masonic Theories.

Operative Masonry is being very ably exploited by an English brother named Stretton. His theory that the speculative system is an evolution from the operative, and that Anderson "adapted" their ritual and stole their legends, about the Grand Lodge period. This theory is accepted by some masonic students, but a large number are sceptical. Bro. Stretton is asked for "convincing proof," and none forthcoming a Scotch verdict of "not proven" is rendered by the majority. However, Bro. Stretton has, by his writings, opened up an interesting field for investigation.

The late Bro. John Yarker, of Manchester, England, also had a theory that Masonry before Anderson "tinkered with the ritual and moulded the Constitutions," was used by the politicians in support of the Stuart dynasty. He also held that by Anderson's "manipulations," the Protestant ascendancy and the House of Hanover were strengthened in England, and at that period made the "real aim and object" of Speculative Masonry." This theory has been given some color by authenticated changes made in the higher degrees of chivalric

Masonry. The degrees of Knight Templar and Rose Croix, it is claimed, being originally Jacobite in teaching and symbol. This Yarker theory will likely prove attractive to students in all English-speaking countries, and it ought to be easy to get the real truth about the "Protestant ascendancy and House of Hanover" leanings of the Speculative Masons of the first Grand Lodge.—[*Toronto Freemason*.]

The Tik Tok Mason.

The principal character in a musical extravaganza now holding the attention of the public is the Tik Tok man. They find him in an old well apparently a piece of junk. But when they wind him up they find that there are some things which he can do. In fact he can do just what his machinery will cause him to do. This Tik Tok or clock work man is but a type of a good many people in the world who can do only limited things, because they have so trained themselves that their sphere is limited and to get out of it is to be like a lost calf in a cyclone. We have some of the Tik Tok men in Masonry. When wound up, they can tik tok a piece of ritual, a little extract of law, or perhaps something they have learned from some masonic paper, but their masonic functions end there because that is all their machinery will permit them to do. The purpose of Freemasonry is not to limit men's capabilities but to open to them new fields of thought and action and to put within their power the forces with which to make their lives positive factors in human uplift. The tik tok of Masonry is heard around the globe, because it is made up of the heart throbs of the myriad workman engaged with apron and trowel. That brother who is constructing his masonic machinery to do only certain things will soon be outclassed and his tik tok be unheard in the great forward movement which Masonry is shaping for the twentieth century.

—[*Illinois Freemason*.]

Pay as you Enter.

The degrees of Masonry are conferred on the instalment plan in Illinois; that is to say, a fee is charged for each degree and paid as the degree is conferred. That is the law in a number of other jurisdictions, and an injudicious law we believe it to be.

The Masonic Chronicler says that one of the Chicago lodges proposes to change its by-laws so as to collect the entire fee in advance. It points out that many lodges have on their trestleboards candidates who have advanced to various stages in the masonic journey, and stopped. It believes that in the majority of cases "the man who fails to take all of his degrees within a reasonable time is simply hampered by a lack of funds." It questions whether such a man is not apt to be a burden to the fraternity, rather than a desirable acquisition.

—[*Masonic Standard*.]

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Our Thanks.

IOWA.—Gr. Lodge June 10, 1913, from Newton R. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, Gr. Sec.

Frank B. Whitaker, Hillsboro, G. Master. 521 lodges, 47,585 members, 3008 initiates.

KENTUCKY.—Gr. Commandery May 21, 1913, from Alfred H. Bryant, Covington, Gr. Rec. Thomas P. Satterwhite, Jr., Louisville, Grand Com. 33 commanderies, 4823 members, 302 knighted.

LOUISIANA.—Grand Lodge Feb. 10, 1913, from Richard Lambert, N. Orleans, Gr. Sec. Emil Lundberg, Napoleonville, G. M. 214 lodges, 15,152 members, 1193 initiates.

Gr. Chapter Feb. 11, 1913, from Richard Lambert, Gr. Sec. Will Moss, N. Orleans, G. H. P. 34 chapters, 3386 members, 281 exalted.

Gr. Council Feb. 13, 1913, from Richard Lambert, Grand Rec. Simcoe Walmsley, Natchitoches, G. M. 8 councils, 511 members, 63 candidates.

Gr. Commandery Feb. 14, 1913, from Richard Lambert, Gr. Rec. Wm. J. Collins, N. Orleans, Gr. Com. 10 commanderies, 974 members, 77 knighted.

MINNESOTA.—Grand Commandery April 30, 1913, from John Fishel, St. Paul, Gr. Rec. Nelson C. Pike, Lake City, Gr. Commander. 31 commanderies, 4415 members, 225 knighted.

NEBRASKA.—Grand Lodge June 3, 1913, from Francis E. White Omaha, Gr. Sec. Alpha Morgan, Broken Bow, Gr. M. 280 lodges, 20,144 members, 1398 initiates.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Grand Lodge May 21, 1913, from Harry M. Cheney, Concord, Gr. Sec. Holman A. Drew, Berlin, G. M. 79 lodges, 10,620 members, 443 initiates.

Gr. Council May 19, 1913, from Harry M. Cheney, Gr. Rec. Albert R. Junkins, Portsmouth, G. M. 15 councils, 2536 members, 120 candidates.

NEW MEXICO.—Gr. Commandery Oct. 25, 1912, from Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, G. Rec. James W. Willson, Roswell, G. Com. 10 commanderies, 637 members, 48 knighted.

NEW YORK.—Council of Deliberation June 27, 1913, from Wm. Homan, N. Y., Deputy. James Belknap, N. Y., Gr. Sec. 18 lodges, 10,851 members, 750 initiates. A noble volume well illustrated.

NEW ZEALAND.—Grand Lodge May 14, 1913, from Malcolm Niccol, Dunedin, Gr. Sec. Maurice Thompson, Invercargill, Gr. Master. 197 lodges, 12,874 members, 473 initiates.

NORTH DAKOTA.—Grand Lodge June 24, 1913, from Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, Gr. Sec. Walter L. Williamson, Lisbon, Grand Master. 103 lodges, 8666 members, 556 raised.

TENNESSEE.—Gr. Commandery May 21, 1913, from John B. Garrett, Nashville, Gr. Rec. Charles C. Taylor, Memphis, Grand Com. 17 commanderies, 1677 members, 170 knighted.

UNITED STATES.—Imperial Council Mystic Shrine May 13, 1913, with Constitution, from Benj. W. Rowell, Imperial Recorder, Boston. Wm. W. Irwin, Wheeling, West Virginia, Imperial Potentate. 133 Temples, 185,446 members, 16,353 candidates, net gain 12,790.

VERMONT.—Grand Lodge June 11, 1913, from Henry H. Ross, Burlington, Gr. Sec. Eugene S. Weston, New Haven, G. Master. 103 lodges, 13,610 members, 560 initiates.

VICTORIA.—G. Lodge 1912, from Charles James Barrow, Melbourne, Gr. Sec. Rev. Albert T. Holden, Gr. Master. 218 lodges, 12,310 members, 1172 initiates.

VIRGINIA.—Grand Lodge Feb. 11, 1913, from Charles A. Nesbitt, Richmond, Gr. Sec. Wm. L. Andrews, Roanoke, Grand Master. 317 lodges, 23,317 members, 1193 raised.

WASHINGTON.—Gr. Lodge June 10, 1913, from Horace W. Tyler, Tacoma, Gr. Sec. Asa H. Hankerson, Seattle, Grand Master. 189 lodges, 18,407 members, 1259 initiates.

WEST VIRGINIA.—Gr. Commandery May 21, 1913, from Francis E. Nichols, Fairmont, Grand Rec. Henry F. Smith, Fairmont, Gr. Com. 21 commanderies, 3705 members, 328 knighted.

DIED.

ALBERT S. YOUNG in Portland Aug. 3, aged 60. A member of Messalonskee Lodge of Oakland.

EDWIN M. FULLER, M. D., in Bath Aug. 8, aged 63. (See editorial.)

OCTAVIUS C. ELWELL in Portland Aug. 11, aged 57 yrs. 9 mos. 15 d. He was a member of Ancient Landmark Lodge, Mt. Vernon Chapter, Portland Council, St. Alban Commandery and the Scottish Rite.

WILLIAM H. CUSHMAN in Mechanic Falls Aug. 21, of heart failure, aged 63. A member of Saley Lodge, Somerville, Mass. Was a member of Gov. Bates' Staff 4 years.

JARVIS C. BILLINGS in Bethel Aug. 12, aged 73. A member of Bethel Lodge.

GEORGE MELVILLE MOORE in London, England, Sept. 14, aged 65 yrs. 11 mos. He was a life member of Ancient Land-Mark Lodge of Portland, and was formerly President of the Owen, Moore Co.

CAPT. WM. M. OTIS in Brunswick Sept. 23, aged 99 yrs. 8 mos. 19 d. Initiated in United Lodge in 1846.

THOMAS J. MURPHY dropped dead on Grand Trunk train Oct. 6, aged 69. A member of Portland Lodge, Portland Commandery and other bodies.

WILLIAM M. STAPLES in Lyman Sept. 18, aged 78 yrs. 10 mos. 13 d. (See obituary.)

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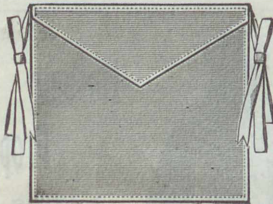
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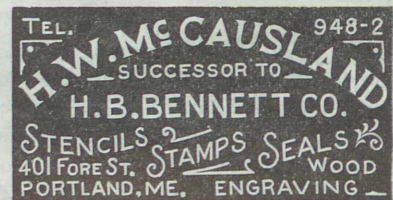
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