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The Land of Yesterday.

Would you seek the country town
Amid green meadows nestled down
If you could only find the way
Into the Land of Yesterday?

How you would thrust the miles aside,
Rush up the dear old lane, and then,
Just where her roses laughed in pride,
Find her among the flowers again!
You'd slip in quietly and wait
Until she saw you by the gate,
And then * * * read through a blur of tears
Quick pardon for the selfish years.

This time, this time, you would not wait
For that brief wire that said, "Too late!"—
If you could only find the way
Into the Land of Yesterday.

You wonder if her roses yet
Lift up their heads and laugh with pride,
And if her phlox and mignonette
Have heart to blossom by their side;
You wonder if the dear old lane
Still chirps with robins after rain,
And if the birds and banded bees
Still rob her early cherry trees.

You wonder if you went back now
How everything would seem, and how—
But no! not now; there is no way
Back to the Land of Yesterday.

—[Don Marquis, in Putnam's Magazine.]

MASONRY IN MAINE.

Lodge Elections.

Hiram, 180, South Portland. Fred S Woods, Portland, m; William O Verrill, sw; Wm H Tanner, jw; Josiah F Cobb, sec.

Commandery Elections.

St. Alban, 8, Portland. Herbert W Robinson, com; Joseph H Ewing, geno; Frank Richardson, cgen; Wm N Howe, rec.

Council Elections.

Portland, 4, Portland. Frank W Richardson, tim; J Arthur Jackson, dm; Will H Adams, pew; Albro E Chase, rec.

CONSISTORY. — The Consistory meeting June 11th was largely attended and a class of 93 received the degrees, and 400 received the supper.

Maine Conclave of Red Cross of Constantine held its annual meeting in Portland May 27th, and elected Elmer A. Doten,

Portland, Sovereign; Albert W. Meserve of Kennebunk, Viceroy; Senior Gen. Llewellyn Carleton; Junior Gen., Frank C. Allen of Portland; High Priest, George D. Loring of Portland; Treasurer, Fred C. Tolman of Portland; Recorder, Convers E. Leach of Portland.

Lodges.

Temple, Westbrook, had 200 present at Past Master's night at the stated June meeting. The Past Masters conferred the Third degree with Oliver A. Cobb in the East.

Visiting Commanderies.

Cambridge Commandery of Cambridge, Mass., and Bethlehem of Gloucester, celebrated their 25th anniversary by visiting Portland, with their ladies, May 28th, and were received by Portland Commandery, which escorted them to their quarters, having a photograph of the whole force grouped in front of City Hall taken on the way.

On the evening of the 29th, Portland Commandery had a reception at Masonic Temple for them, and on the 30th they returned home in the evening.

St. John's Day.

1 Maine Commandery of Gardiner, entertained by Trinity.

2 Portland Commandery entertained Trinity of Manchester, N. H., and Lewiston, No. 6, of Maine, with a clambake at Long Island, and a banquet at Masonic Temple in the evening.

3 St. John's of Bangor, spent the 26th and 27th at Kineo, with Blanquefort of Ellsworth as their guests.

4 Bradford of Biddeford, no report.

5 Dunlap of Bath, no report.

6 Lewiston, entertained by Portland.

7 Trinity of Augusta, celebrated its 50th anniversary by entertaining Maine, St. Alban, Claremont, De Molay, St. Omer and Palestine, six commanderies, with a parade to the music of seven bands, an excursion to Island Park, a supper at the Augusta House, Commemorative Exercises at the Opera House and a special vaudeville. The visitors departed at 10 o'clock.

8 St. Alban, Portland, entertained by Trinity.

9 Claremont, Rockland, entertained by Trinity.

10 De Molay, Skowhegan, entertained by Trinity.

11 St. Bernard, Eastport, entertained by Camden.

12 St. Omer, Waterville, entertained by Trinity.

13 Blanquefort, Ellsworth, entertained at Kineo by St. John's of Bangor.

14 Palestine, Belfast, entertained by Trinity.

15 Hugh de Payens, Calais, no report.

16 De Valois, Vinalhaven, entertained by Camden.

17 St. Aldemar, Houlton, no report.

18 St. Elmo, Machias, no report.

19 Pilgrim, Farmington, no report.

20 St. Amand, Kennebunk, entertained Oriental of Bridgton.

21 Strathglass, Rumford, made an excursion to Gorham, N. H., stopping at Bethel for dinner, and returning 25th.

22 Oriental, Bridgton, entertained by St. Amand of Kennebunk.

23 Camden, Camden, entertained St. Bernard and De Valois.

Books, Papers, etc.

The proceedings of Maine Council of De liberation for 1913 and 1914 are received from Grand Secretary Harry W. Libbey of Bangor, a handsome volume of 193 pages, well illustrated. There are 1,935 members in 6 lodges, and 1,532 members in the Consistory.

Masonic Jingles is a little pamphlet of verses sold for 25 cents, the proceeds to go towards buying the corner-stone of the new Masonic Temple in Evanston, Illinois.

Ethics of Freemasonry is a little cloth bound book with presentation certificate and interesting selections, intended to be presented to candidates who are raised. Published by Charles F. Whaley, 110 Olympic Place, Seattle, Wash., and sold for 50 cents, with liberal discounts to Gr. Lodges in lots of 100.

Attention is called to the danger of receiving visitors from illicit lodges in other states. As each lodge is supplied with a List of Regular Lodges there is no excuse for a master admitting a visitor from a lodge not to be found in that list unless it be a new lodge instituted since its publication, and that should be definitely shown by the visitors.

Three Kings Hold Peace Conference.

Scandinavian Monarchs and Grand Masters Preserve Neutrality.

At Malmoe, Sweden, December 18 and 19, upon the call of King Gustave V., an important peace conference was held by that Monarch in conjunction with King Haakon of Norway, and King Christian of Denmark. The protection and prosperity of their countries were discussed, and evidence given the rest of Europe that Scandinavia represents a military and economic entity, ready to resist outside pressure to take sides with any belligerent, and able to defend its own neutrality or resist violations of international law. In other words, notice is given that Scandinavia is "prepared" as distinguished from being governed by "militarism."

It is interesting to note that most of the American peace efforts directed toward the European war situation, have included King Gustave among the endorsers thought necessary to success. He is much loved by all his people, and is, besides, the Grand Master of the masonic fraternity in his kingdom.

King Christian X. is likewise Grand Master of Denmark. King Haakon of Norway, which until 1905 was united to Sweden, did not become the Grand Master of his country, though most favorable to the order which has kept the three northern kingdoms in peace and prosperity so long.

The Grand Master of Norway is Dr. J. G. Conradi, who presides over sixteen lodges, with a membership of 4,300. The seat of the Grand Lodge is at Christiania, and only New York, Washington, North Dakota and Louisiana, of all the American Grand Lodges, are in fraternal correspondence with it.

The little Danish Grand Lodge at Copenhagen consists of twelve lodges, with about 6,000 members. It is in fraternal relations only with New York and North Dakota among American lodges.

The Grand Lodge of Sweden at Stockholm has jurisdiction over forty-three lodges and a membership of 13,600, and holds fraternal relations with New York, Arkansas, North Carolina, District of Columbia and Louisiana.—[*Masonic Home Journal*.]

Gen. French a Mason.

The general commanding the British army in France and Belgium, Brother Sir John French, who has been a Freemason for many years, is said to be of a quiet and retiring disposition. On his father's side, he comes of a famous old Galway family, of which Lord de Freyne is now the head. His mother was a Glasgow woman, and if we might venture, says Cecil Chisholm, General French's biographer, to attribute to race more, perhaps, than is properly its due, we might say that the mingling of Irish and

Scotch blood is responsible for the curious mixture of characteristics—caution and dash—which have signally marked Sir John French's career.—[*Voice-Review*.]

Death of Prominent English Mason.

There comes to hand the announcement of the death of R. W. Bro. Clement E. Stretton, of Leicester, England, he having died on February 20th last. He was an honorary member of the Past Masters' Association of the Toronto Masonic District.

The Freemason's Chronicle of February 27th says: "Deceased succumbed to pneumonia at the age of sixty-four. The interment took place on Wednesday, 24th, at Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester, following a Service at St. Peter's Church. He was Worshipful Master of the St. John's Lodge, No. 279, Leicester, in 1877 and 1887; and was appointed to the rank of Provincial Senior Grand Warden in 1882. He was M. E. Z. of the Chapter of Fortitude, No. 279, in 1883, and was Provincial Grand J. in 1889. He was very actively associated with the 'Worshipful Society of Operative Freemasons, etc.' and was a frequent contributor to this and other masonic papers on special matters of research and routine. He has been the means of entertaining very many members of the craft, by arranging excursions to different quarries, mines and manufactories in the Leicester district, his aim and idea being to endeavor to teach Speculative Masonry by actual contact with the Operative side."—[*Masonic Sun*.]

A Blind Man As Master.

A case which we believe unparalleled, of a blind man serving as Master of a Masonic Lodge, and performing of all the duties of the office, is furnished in that of Brother W. W. Drake, of Kileen, Bell county, Texas.

While serving his Lodge as Master about three years ago, he was stricken blind, but continued in the full discharge of his duties, repeatedly conferring all the three degrees in a manner that would lead few to suspect his physical disability. He was re-elected Master and served until last June.

Bro. Drake is a farmer and was born in Tennessee 63 years ago, and has been a Mason 38 years, all these years he has been an active and zealous member of the Masonic Fraternity.—*Texas Freemason*.

The total membership of the Craft under the Grand Lodge of England is 234,333. There are 2,578 lodges actively at work, with an average membership of ninety-two. Dual membership is practiced in England so the above really exceeds the actual number of individual Freemasons in that jurisdiction. It is noteworthy that their direct annual contributions to the Grand Lodge charities in England alone aggregate more than \$750,000 every year.—[*Toronto Freemason*.]

In London, Eng., the Royal Warrant Holders Lodge, No. 2789, had two German members, both naturalised; they were asked to resign; one did so. The other—who, by the way, was the first Master of the Lodge—refused. The Lodge excluded him. He appealed to the Grand Master. The Lodge was ordered to re-instate him. The Lodge refused. The Grand Master ordered the suspension of the Lodge.—[*Toronto Freemason*.]

Some Firsts of Masonry.

The First and oldest known book of lodge minutes in existence is one of "The Lodge of Edinburgh" (Mary's Chapel) No. 1—it does not indicate the commencement of the lodge, but is evidently a continuation of previous records.

The First or oldest known minute book of any regular lodge constituted by the Grand Lodge of England, is one belonging to the "Swan and Rummer" Lodge, Finch Lane, London, 1725-6. In this minute book under date of April 27, 1727:

The First minute recording the calling of a "Lodge of Masters" is to be found, and mentions: "John Dixon Hammond, Esq., Edwd Burton, Esq.; John Vernon, Capt. Ignatus Molley, were admitted Masters April 29, 1727."

The First known minutes referring to the Master Mason's degree dates back to 1725-7.

The First mention of the term "Raised" in respect to the Master Mason degree is found in the by-laws of Lodge 66, London, viz: "That no member shall be 'Raised' to the degree of Master Mason without he pay three shillings."

The First two degree only and not three were recognized by the Grand Lodge of England in 1723.

The First degree only was worked in the subordinate lodges of that period.

The First regulation permitting the lodges to assume the prerogative vested in the Grand Lodge of conferring the second and third degrees was adopted November, 1725.

The First recorded procession of Freemasons after the formation of the first Grand Lodge was in 1721, on St. John's Day, June 24—when the "Grand Master, officers past and present of the Grand Lodge, together with the Masters and Wardens of the lodges, walked in proper clothing and due form."

The First mention of the words, "Great Lights" as distinctive expressions in masonic terminology was in 1760, and was an invention of the Masonic Ritualist of that period.

The First Grand Master of the First Grand Lodge of the world, the Mother Grand Lodge of England, was Anthony Sayre, Esq., elected in 1717.

The First time the motto "Audi, Vide, Tace," was adopted by the United Grand Lodge of England was in 1814.

The First Papal Bull thundered at the doors of Freemasonry and denouncing the order as "a secret and dangerous society" was that of Pope Clement XII, 24 April, 1738.

The First procurable proceedings of any Grand Lodge in Ireland are the "Munster Records," being the minutes of the Grand Lodge of Munster meeting at the residence of Herbert Phaire, in Cork, on the 27 December, 1726.

The First Naval or Sea Lodge was that warranted on 16 January, 1760, to be held on board His Majesty's ship of war "Vanguard."

The First warrant or constitution ever granted by a Grand Lodge was given to Lodge No. 1, Cork, 1st February, 1731, by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, it was the First existing document of the Grand Lodge in Dublin, and actually the First document of its kind ever issued by any jurisdiction in the world. It was originally issued to Mitchellstown Lodge, which met in the mansion of Lord Kingston, then G. M. of Ireland, this lodge being none other than the fallen Grand Lodge of Munster, which was still working without any charter from the Grand Lodge of Ireland in Dublin.

The First military, army, or traveling warrant ever issued was to the "1st Battalion Royals," or Royal Scotch Regiment, by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, 7 November, 1732.

The First regulations dealing with Army Lodges, and also the First attempt at limiting the jurisdiction of each Grand Lodge to its own territory are to be found in the Irish Code of 1768.

The First Volunteer Lodge was founded 1783, No. 620, by forty officers of the 1st Regiment of Irish Volunteers. In lodge the brethren were "properly clothed" only when in their regimental uniform.

The First English charter that ever crossed the Atlantic Ocean and did so six times, was that of No. 63, "The Minden Lodge," warranted to that famous old regiment, the "20th Fut," (as it was called), under this warrant men were made Masons in Europe, America, Africa and Asia. This lodge celebrated its centenary in Hamilton, Bermuda.

The First known minutes of the Royal Arch degree are dated 1758. Typographical notices of the Royal Arch date back to 1743 in Ireland, 1744 in England, and to Scotland, 1743 in minutes now missing. "Faulkner's Dublin Journal" of 10-14 January, 1743, mentions "The Royal Arch" being carried by two "Excellent Masons" in a procession at Youghal. The Royal Arch is referred to in the "Ancient" Grand Lodge records as early as 1753.

The First and oldest preserved records of Mark Masonry date from the year 1769, and it is recorded that Thomas Dunckerley conferred the Mark Man, and Mark Master, on the brethren at Portsmouth that year.

The First and only lady that received the first two degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry was Miss Elizabeth St. Leger, afterwards the Honorable Mrs. Elizabeth Aldworth. She was the daughter of Lord Doneraile of Doneraile House, County Cork, Ireland, and the degrees were conferred by a lodge held in the family mansion. The story of her initiation is one of the romances of Freemasonry.—[*Jos. L. Carson, in Square and Compass.*]

Grand Lodge of England.

The Empire's Enemies to Abstain from Attendance at Lodge Meetings

The quarterly communication of the Gr. Lodge of England was held on Wednesday, June 2nd, in Kingsway Hall, London. The hall, which has a seating capacity of 2,000, was crowded by qualified members of Grand Lodge. Bro. the Rt. Hon. T. F. Halsey, the Deputy Grand Master, was in the chair.

The main subject to come before Grand Lodge was the following motion which was submitted by the Board of General Purposes:—"That in order to prevent the peace and harmony of the Craft being disturbed it

is necessary that all brethren of German, Austrian, Hungarian, or Turkish birth, should not during the continuance of the war attend any meeting of Grand Lodge, or of a Provincial or District Grand Lodge, or of a private lodge, or any other Masonic meeting, and that such brethren be and they are hereby required by Grand Lodge to abstain from such attendance, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the secretary of every lodge."

Considerable discussion occurred in connection with the motion, but finally the proposition of the Board was agreed to, with the proviso that no fees or dues should accrue during the period any alien brethren were required to absent themselves from Masonic meetings.—[*Masonic Sun.*]

Extra Big Crowd at Seattle.

More than 150 special trains, each containing from eight to ten Pullman cars, have already been scheduled via different transcontinental railroads to take the special delegations from eastern and middle western Shrine temples to the annual session to be held in Seattle, July 13, 14 and 15.

The majority of these have arranged tours, taking in Spokane, Tacoma, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego and other points on the coast, besides Seattle, the imperial council meeting being only a portion of the contemplated trips.

Just what the presence of this body of Masons will mean to the west is indicated by the fact that wherever they have gone, the bank clearings have jumped from \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000 during their sojourn. More than 100,000 nobles and wives are expected to come west for the trip.

—[*Tyler-Keystone.*]

In 1736 a few Englishmen residing at Geneva established there an organization which they called The Society of Freemasons of Perfect Consent. This was the beginning of Freemasonry in Switzerland.—[*Masonic Sun.*]

The following lodges pay \$1, \$2 or \$4 a year, receiving 11, 22 and 44 copies of the *Token* respectively, to distribute to the members who are promptest in attendance:

| | Copies |
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| St. Andrew's, Bangor, | 22 |
| Temple, Westbrook, | 11 |
| Hancock, Castine, | 11 |
| Ira Berry, Bluehill, | 22 |
| Rising Virtue, Bangor, | 22 |
| Kenduskeag, Kenduskeag, | 11 |
| Ira Berry Chapter, Pittsfield, | 22 |
| Pioneer Lodge, Ashland, | 11 |
| Lincoln Lodge, Wiscasset, | 44 |
| St. Aspinquid Lodge, York Village, | 11 |
| Olive Branch Lodge, Charleston, | 11 |
| Hiram Lodge, South Portland, | 11 |
| Casco Lodge, Yarmouth, | 11 |
| Somerset Lodge, Skowhegan, | 11 |
| McKinley Lodge, McKinley, | 11 |

What lodge shall be next added?

Our Masonic Exchanges.

- 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.
- Illinois Masonic Review, Arcola, Ill., mo., \$1.00
- Kansas City Freemason, weekly, \$1.
- Long Island Masonic News, Brooklyn, N. York, semi-monthly, \$1.
- Masonic Chronicler, Chicago, Ill., weekly, \$1.50.
- Masonic Home Journal, Louisville, Ky., bi-monthly, \$1.
- Masonic Journal, Richmond, Va., mo. \$1.
- Masonic Monthly, Philadelphia, Pa., \$1.
- Masonic News, Peoria, Ill., monthly, \$1.
- Masonic Observer, Minneapolis, w'kly, \$1.
- Masonic Review, Tacoma, Wash., quarterly.
- Masonic Standard, New York, N. Y., wky, \$2.
- Masonic Sun, Toronto, Ont., monthly, \$1.
- Masonic Tidings, Milwaukee, Wis., mo. \$1.
- Masonic Voice-Review, Chicago, Ill., mo., \$1.50.
- Masonic World, Kansas City, Mo., mo., \$1.
- New England Craftsman, Boston, Mass., monthly, \$2.
- Scottish Rite Bulletin, Louisville, Kentucky, monthly, 50 cents.
- Scottish Rite Herald, Dallas, Tex., mo. 50c.
- South Western Freemason, Los Angeles, Cal., monthly, \$1.
- 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, Owosso, Mich., mo., \$1.
- Virginia Masonic Journal, Richmond, Virginia, monthly, \$1.
- What Cheer Trestleboard, Providence, R. I., monthly, 50 cents.

The Last Rose of Summer.

'Tis the last rose of summer,
Left blooming alone;
All her lovely companions
Are faded and gone;
No flower of her kindred
No rosebud is nigh,
To reflect back her blushes
Or give sigh for sigh.

I'll not leave thee, thou lone one,
To pine on the stem;
Since the lovely are sleeping,
Go sleep thou with them,
Thus kindly I scatter
Thy leaves o'er the bed
Where thy mates of the garden
Lie scentless and dead.

So soon may I follow,
When friendships decay
And from love's shining circle
The gems drop away!
When true hearts lie withered
And fond ones are flown,
Oh, who would inhabit
This bleak world alone.

—[*Thomas Moore.*]

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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. F. E. Boothby celebrated the 44th anniversary of Knighting June 30th.

In the Argentine republic a struggle is going on in Masonry, the Grand Orient having split into factions which have expelled each other.

J. S. MURROW.—The masons celebrated the 80th birthday of Bro. J. S. Murrow at Atoka, Oklahoma, June 7th, by a surprise supper to him and his wife. They are greatly beloved there, and the celebration was enthusiastic.

A Grand Chapter of Ontario has been organized by the Eastern Stars. This is a good beginning, for the name of Canada has been a drawback to lodge and chapter Masonry there since it no longer represented anything but the province.

In the percentage of masons to the population is found Maine No. 1, Vermont 2, New

Hampshire 3, Michigan 4, and Kansas 5. Utah is last, but if the Grand Lodge of Illinois had not prevented the Mormons from adopting Masonry it would have stood first.

The International Bureau (Ed Quartier-la-Tente, Neuchatel, Switzerland) makes an appeal for assistance for prisoners of war, two-thirds of whom are masons or sons of masons, (a much larger proportion than in Maine, where is found the largest percentage of masons in this country.)

Among the applications for aid from the war zone the last appeal is from the French White Cross, which seeks to send comforts to the convalescing colonial soldiers who have no families to look out for them. Contributions may be sent to A. Kirchmann, Architecte, 11 Bis Rue Hégésippe Moreau, Paris, France.

While we belong to the Peace Society we do not favor submitting to the Yaqui Indians, to the Mexican Brigands, or indeed to any other brigands. The "Yeggs" who visit our city would dictate too hard terms if we had no police, and submitted like true christians. Even the Quakers have found it necessary to use force at times.

The rural free delivery is raising ructions with post office addresses of our lodges. Many secretaries date from the town in which the lodge is chartered, but expect us to remember that their post office address is in another town. The most marked case we have is the D. D. G. M. of the 11th District, who lives in Bowdoin, whence he dates, belongs to the lodge in Litchfield, and has his mail from Sabattus.

May 15th, James B. Merritt, 33°, of Oakland, California, conferred the M. M. degree upon his grandson, Ralph Ensign Merritt, assisted by four sons-in-law as wardens and deacons. He also presented his grandson with a masonic apron, 140 years old, which had been worn by an ancestor in lodge with Gen. Washington, later by another ancestor in lodge with Lafayette, and by Bro. Merritt himself at masonic meetings in Europe, Asia and Canada, and in 28 jurisdictions in the United States.

People have frequently wondered where Purgatory was situated. We have come to the conclusion that this world is Purgatory, and that where fighting is going on it is Hell. We are sent here from brighter and better planets to be purged of minor sins. As the millions of stars in the firmament must have attendant planets, because they are governed by the same laws as our Sun, there are ample planets to come from. Those who die young are thereby released from Purgatory, and that is why the Good die young.

Obituaries.

DAVID BLIN FULLER, P. G. Master and P. G. Commander of Kansas, died May 17th. Born Jan. 18, 1853. Gr. Representative of Gr. Lodge and Gr. Commandery of Maine.

ERASMUS T. CARR, P. G. Secretary of Gr. Lodge, P. G. H. Priest, and P. G. Recorder of Gr. Commandery of Kansas, died May 12th. Born Oct. 25, 1825.

NELSON W. ALDRICH, P. G. Commander of Mass. and R. I., died in New York April 16th. Born in Foster, R. I., Nov. 6, 1841. Representative in Congress and U. S. Senator.

CHARLES C. HUTCHINSON, P. G. Commander of Mass. and R. I., died in Lowell April 29th. Born in Andover June 9, 1832.

JOHN MERRIKEN CARTER, Past Gr. High Priest and Past G. Master of the G. Council of Maryland, died at Mayside, Mt. Washington, July 3d. Born in Baltimore Feb. 5, 1843; aged 72 yrs., 5 mos. He had been Gen. Gr. Treasurer of the Gen. Gr. Chapter since 1900.

J. Burton Roberts.

District Deputy Grand Master of the 19th District, died at Goodwin's Mills in Dayton June 17th, suddenly of indigestion, aged 56. He was first Selectman, and had been Town Clerk for 32 years. He was also a Justice of the Peace and a land surveyor. He had long been the Secretary of Arion Lodge, and was an all round useful man. He had been a member of the Legislature and was interested in historical studies, having recently completed the published history of Arion Lodge. He is succeeded as Secretary of the lodge by Arthur L. Roberts of West Kennebunk, R. F. D. 1.

James Edward Donahue,

One of the Directors of the Co. which publishes this paper, died June 20th, aged 72, having been born in Portland March 6, 1843. He made the unusual record of serving 62 years in one employ, having entered the Bain telegraph office as a messenger in 1853 at the age of 10, and following Mr. Berry into the printing business when that line closed. He was a skilful compositor, and having as a boy been entirely truthful and reliable he enjoyed the full confidence and the affection of his employer, which made his position a pleasant one.

Giles O. Bailey,

the former editor and publisher of the Sunday Times of Portland, died at Togus Soldiers Home July 3d, aged 75. He was a civil war veteran, a mason, and his father the Rev. Giles Bailey, was a member of Maine Commandery. His wife was a sister of the wife of P. G. M. Kimball of Norway.

Eastern Star.

The Grand Chapter of Eastern Star for Maine held a two days session in Masonic Temple, Portland, May 25th and 26th, and Mrs. Lillian M. Paine of Farmington was elected Grand Matron; James A. Archibald of Houlton, Grand Patron; Mrs. Emma C. Dickens of Camden, Associate Grand Matron; Dr. Orris S. Vickery of Belfast, Associate Grand Patron; and Annette H. Hooper of Biddeford, Grand Secretary. The latter reported 19,810 members, a slight increase, and three new chapters instituted.

A Past Grand Association was formed with Mrs. Nina V. A. Talbot of Lewiston as President.

The Grand Lodge of England has ordered that masons of nations at war with England, who have been accepted as members of lodges, shall be excluded from lodges while the war lasts. This will not be approved in this country, for in our civil war prisoners who were masons, were accepted as visitors in lodges, though not then members thereof.

The Masonic War Relief Association of the United States.

The work of this organization, which is the relief of masonic war sufferers and their families in the nations at war with each other in Europe, is steadily growing.

The Association has its headquarters in Cincinnati, Ohio, and is officered by B. G. Witt, General Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons of the United States, as President, and Colonel Wm. B. Melish, of Cincinnati, a Past Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States, as Chairman of the Executive Committee.

The work is carried on with the co-operation of eighty-two of the Grand Bodies of Masonry in the United States, consisting of twenty-four Grand Lodges, twenty Grand Chapters, and thirty-five Grand Commanderies.

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and the Imperial Council of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine are also actively engaged in raising funds for the Association. The amount collected to June 11, 1915, is over \$55,000, and was contributed as follows:

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| Grand Lodges, | \$24,751.53 |
| Grand Commanderies, | 9,906.84 |
| Grand Chapters, | 8,660.25 |
| Temples of the Shriners, | 8,655.91 |
| Scottish Rite Bodies, | 1,625.00 |
| From Sundry Sources, | 2,253.42 |
| | <hr/> \$55,852.95 |

The Masonic War Relief Association is in direct communication with each Grand Body of Masonry in the warring nations. Every Masonic War Relief Association of Europe is being helped in its work by the United

States Relief Committee. Contributions have been sent to Masonic War Relief funds of the Grand Bodies of Masonry in Europe as follows:

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| Great Priory Knights Templar | |
| England and Wales, | \$ 2,500 |
| Grand Lodge of Masons in Ireland, | 2,500 |
| Masonic Relief fund representing the Supreme Council, Grand Chapter, Great Priory K. T., and Royal Order of Scotland, | 1,000 |
| Branch in London of Masonic War Relief Association U. S. A., | 1,000 |
| Grand Lodge of Masons in Germany, | 2,500 |
| Supreme Council Scottish Rite in Luxembourg, | 500 |
| Grand Lodge of Masons in Switzerland, | 500 |
| Grand Lodge and Supreme Council of Belgium, | 2,500 |
| | <hr/> \$13,000 |

All of these Grand Bodies have made reports regarding the work carried on by them, and some make very pressing appeals, all of which are having the attention of the Masonic War Relief Executive Committee.

It is apparent that the greatest need for relief will be when the war is ended. The work of collecting funds from American Bodies is progressing steadily, and it is the expectation of the American Association that \$100,000 will be raised before the end of this year. All contributions are to be sent to the Association at Cincinnati.

June 15, 1915.

Bright Summer Mornings

Can only be enjoyed by the early riser. Bro. Drummond used to quote with pleasure the saying of the little Bowery boy, "The time to get cakes is when they're passin'."

Beautiful summer mornings are passing now, and will be gone ere our next issue in October.

"The morning sits and swings
In her hammock of rose and gold
Her feet just touch the sea
And the hem of her garments fold;
She wafts a breath to me
Of the blossoms of hope and love,
As swinging to and fro
She croons like the brooding dove.
Sing soft, swing low,
Oh, rosy morn,
Clasp to thy breast
The day, new-born.

J. Putnam Stevens to Become Head of U. S. Shriners.

SEATTLE, WN., JULY 12.—On the eve of the forty-first annual imperial council of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, which opens here to-morrow, visiting delegates participated to-day in parades and receptions that lasted well into the night. It was estimated that full 50,000 visitors were in Seattle for the festivities. To-morrow sixty temples

and forty bands will march through gaily decorated streets to the convention hall.

J. Putnam Stevens of Portland, Maine, imperial deputy potentate, will automatically succeed to the position of imperial potentate.

On Tuesday, 13th, a big procession escorted the officers to the Council hall. There are six candidates for the office of Outer Guard, which is important as being the entering wedge for office.

One of Shakespeare's Pall-bearers a Mason.

In the old masonic graveyard at Fredericksburg, Va., an admirer of Julia Marlowe lately made an astonishing discovery. This friend found that there was buried there, Edward Heldon, who was one of Shakespeare's pall-bearers. The following is the inscription on the grave-stone:

HERE LIES THE BODY OF
EDWARD HELDON,

Practitioner in Physics and Chirurgery. Born in Bedfordshire, England, in the year of our Lord 1542. Was contemporary with and one of the pall-bearers of William Shakespeare, of the Avon. After a brief illness his spirit ascended in the year of our Lord 1618, aged 76.

This grave-stone was discovered lying flat on the ground under a tangle of weeds and creepers with the upper corner clipped off and the old English letters dim but traceable. Miss Marlowe's friend discovered in the Fredericksburg Gazette, published in 1784, a tribute to Edward Heldon. One of the verses runs as follows:

"For in the churchyard at Fredericksburg
Juliet seemed to love,
Hamlet mused, and old Lear fell,
Beatrice laughed, and Ariel
Gleamed through the skies above—
As here, beneath this stone,
Lay in his narrow hall,
He who before had borne the pall
At mighty Shakespeare's funeral."

Miss Marlowe is so interested in this find that it is her purpose to supply a necessary fence or other protection for this rare old grave-stone.—[*Masonic Sun.*]

In Illinois a committee is revising the Royal Arch ritual in order to shorten it. The question of adopting the revision will come up at the autumn annual meeting.

Vacation Horticulture.

The tiger lily in his den
An angry noise did make
The dandy lion roared aloud
Until the earth did quake.
The daisy, scared and trembling
Ne'er daring to look up
Faltered, shook, then she stumbled
An' spilled the buttercup.
The violets all sook with fear
And each one bowed her head.
The thought, though, was so awesome,
They near fell out of bed.
For there the climbing columbine,
A very naughty lad!
Watched from his point of vantage
The modest lily pad.

—[*Boston Transcript.*]

A Chanted Calendar.

First came the primrose,
On the bank high.
Like a maiden looking forth
From the window of a tower
When the battle rolls below,
So looked she,
And saw the storms go by,

Then came the wind flower
In the valley left behind,
As a wounded maiden, pale
With purple streaks of woe,
When the battle has rolled by,
Wanders to and fro.
So tottered she,
Disheveled in the wind.

Then came the daisies
On the first of May,
Like a bannered show's advance,
While the crowd runs by the way,
With ten thousand flowers about them,
They came trooping through the fields,
As a happy people come,
So come they,
As a happy people come
When the war has rolled away,
With dance and tabor, pipe and drum,
And all make holiday.

Then came the cowslip,
Like a dancer in the fair;
She spread her little coat of green,
And on it danced she,
With a fillet bound about her brow,
A fillet round her happy brow,
A golden fillet round her brow,
And rubies in her hair.

—[Sidney Dobell.]

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.

A good many Illinois lodges are giving what they call Good Fellowship or Good Cheer banquets. There is no work of any kind. The brethren come together at the supper hour and after a good dinner spend the balance of the evening in music, speeches, and reminiscences. It is one of the best things that any lodge can do and the benefits derived will be worth ten fold what it costs.

—[Illinois Freemason.]

Knight Templar in Scotland—Historical.

In 1836 the Scottish Gr. Conclave Knights Templar changed its name, and became the Chapter General, and elected Admiral Milne as Grand Master. It was resolved that it was no longer necessary that candidates for the Order should be Freemasons; and the Duke of Leeds and the Bishop of Edinburgh, who were not Masons, were created Knights of the Temple and Malta. In 1856 the resolution was repealed and since that year only Freemasons have been admitted to the Order of the Temple in Scotland.

In 1745 Prince Charles Edward was in Scotland and some kind of a Knight Templar Order was in existence—probably introduced from France. It is denied that this Order was associated with Freemasonry, but it was conferred upon the Pretender's partizans, for it is historically proven that

many of the officers who came with the Pretender to Scotland were Knights.

Reference to the Chivalric degrees are found in the minute book and by-laws of Stirling Lodge. The Lodge dates from 1741, and its by-laws were passed in 1745.—[Tyler-Keystone.]

The Tyler's Toast.

The Tyler's Toast is never omitted in a lodge of the Scotch, English or Irish constitutions in any quarter of the globe: "To all poor, distressed brethren, wherever they be, on land or sea, wishing them a speedy release to their own native land, if they so desire it." "So mote it be."—[The Trestle Board.]

The Royal Arch Lodge of 1769 in Boston.

Not the Lodge of Saint Andrew.

It is a pleasure to note a growing interest in the literature of Freemasonry, partly due to the numerous masonic periodicals and largely to the personal work of masonic scholars who come to the front as officers of Grand Bodies. One prominent in this class is at the present time Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. In addition to valuable educational work already done he has recently arranged a course of free lectures to be delivered in Masonic Temple, Boston, that promise to be of extraordinary interest.

Grand educational work has been done, and is still being done by the library of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, under the direction of Grand Secretary Parvin, who is also librarian. Likewise a great educational work is done by the Grand Lodge Library of Pennsylvania, under the direction of Librarian Julius F. Sachse. It is safe to say that Bro. Sachse has set more thought in motion than any other brother librarian now living. We do not intend to enumerate masonic libraries at this time or even mention the possibilities of the great library collected by the late Past Grand Master, Samuel C. Lawrence, which is not yet open for public use. In this connection, however, we would urge on lodges the importance of preserving a record of their history; whenever possible they should be printed, so as to be available when wanted. Masonry is relatively young in the United States but when another century shall have gone by many facts which now seem of little moment may then be of great interest. Occasionally a masonic body does more for the brethren than simply printing its own history; it gives them the story of Freemasonry from its beginning. Tells what it is doing for the uplift of humanity and what it means for us every day in our life associations.

We have recently been reminded of what a lodge may do in this direction by a little booklet published by Orient Chapter, No. 102, Royal Arch Masons of Kansas City, Missouri. It is styled "Book of Information," it gives a brief history of the chapter, and, what we esteem highly, "A His-

tory of the Degrees of the Chapter." We notice that the name of Past Grand High Priest Wm. F. Kuhn stands at the head of the committee that prepared the histories; this is an assurance of conscientious and thorough work. The special value of the history of the degree is the emphasis given to "The necessity of the Royal Arch Degree to the Master Mason." This fact is scarcely comprehended by most masons; we have therefore taken the liberty of printing "The History of the Chapter Degrees" in another place in this issue of the New England Craftsman.

We do not agree with a statement in the history that the Royal Arch degree was first conferred in Massachusetts by St. Andrew's Lodge. This statement has often been made but is not supported by the facts. It is true that of the ten brethren concerned in the forming of the Royal Arch Lodge, four, and probably six, were members of the Lodge of St. Andrew. We would have been surprised if they had come from any other lodge as the Royal Arch degree was a degree of the "Ancients" and all Massachusetts lodges, other than St. Andrew, were chartered by St. John's Lodge which derived its authority from the so-called Modern Grand Lodge of England. The Lodge of St. Andrew received its charter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland; which like the Grand Lodge of Ireland formerly recognized the Grand Lodge of the "Ancients." The four brethren of the army lodges that assisted in forming the Royal Arch Lodge were all members of "Ancient" lodges, three of them, viz: James Brown, William MacMullan and Charles Chambers, were active members of the Irish Army Lodge No. 322.

The Army brethren had the Royal Degree as they also had the Knights Templar degree—it was treated as something of which they were lawful custodians to be conferred on others as opportunity presented. There is no evidence that the brethren doubted their right to meet at a Royal Arch lodge while the British brethren were associated with them, but, when the Army brethren were compelled to leave Boston in consequence of their engagement in the Boston Massacre, March 5, 1770, the brethren of the Royal Arch Lodge realized the need of some authority for their continuance. They did not in their dilemma turn to the Lodge of St. Andrew for protection, but to Grand Master Joseph Warren of the new Grand Lodge, who under date of June 29, 1770, advised them to wait until he should be instructed from Scotland when he would give them a charter.

No instruction in this matter appears to have been received and on July 25, 1771, the lodge voted that a "committee be chosen (to) write home to England. This action is clear evidence that the Royal Arch Lodge considered itself an independent lodge and not the Lodge of St. Andrew, otherwise the letter would have been written by the lodge. Nothing came from this letter if it was written. The members of the Royal Arch Lodge were uneasy. They knew they were existing in an irregular way. The brethren of the army lodges, who were regular masons and who in forming the Royal Arch did what was then considered proper, left them without charter or authority to continue. They did not even have a place to assemble or accessories for work. The record of July 10th, 1770, states it was "voted that St. Andrews Lodge be requested to indulge us with the use of their hall and jewels." If St. Andrews Lodge had been the whole thing there would have been no need of the request. With a better reason the chapter later could have claimed to be "Knights of the Red Cross" for we find this record of

February 8, 1797, "Voted that the Knights of the Red Cross by Benjamin Hurd, Junior, be and they hereby are permitted to make their records in the books of the Chapter." It must be remembered that the records of St. Andrews Lodge and the Royal Arch Lodge were as separate from each other as at the present day. They show conclusively that the work and business of each was entirely distinct and unaffected by the other.

During the Revolutionary period so many important matters occupied the attention of the brethren that masonic activity ceased and for several years we have no record of meeting.

When the meetings were resumed, in 1789, the lodge still lacked the authority of a charter. The brethren were even more unsettled then when first deserted by the brethren of the army, for Freemasonry had become sufficiently established in New England to cast suspicion on any body acting without admitted authority, so we find the Royal Arch Lodge, November 25, 1790, thanking "St. Andrews Lodge for their politeness in granting us the use of their charter."

We cannot look on this act of the lodge in loaning its charter to the Royal Arch Lodge in any light other than as a certificate of integrity or assurance of confidence, for the brethren continued to look with unabated interest for some legitimate authority to formally warrant their undertaking. In April, 1797, a committee was appointed to send a petition to the "Grand Holy Arch Lodge of England," as in their opinion that was the only proper place to apply for a charter.

Nothing come from this letter. On October 24 of the same year, the question of authority was settled for all time. The Royal Arch Lodge, which previous to this date had assumed the name of St. Andrews Chapter, in conjunction with Temple Chapter of Albany and King Cyrus Chapter of Newburyport, laid the foundation for a Grand Chapter that culminated in a General Grand Chapter and State Grand Chapters that are still pursuing their useful career.—[*New England Craftsman.*]

Our Thanks.

ALABAMA.—Grand Commandery May 12, 1915, from George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Gr. Rec. Hartsford L. Ison, Gadsden, Gr. Com. 23 commanderies, 1808 members, 195 knighted.

MISSISSIPPI.—Grand Commander May 4, 1915, from Oliver L. McKay, Meridian, Gr. Rec. William H. Seavey, Brookhaven, Gr. Com. 27 commanderies, 2054 members, 147 knighted.

MISSOURI.—Grand Chapter April 27, 1915, from Robert F. Stevenson, St. Louis, Gr. Sec. Olaf A. Lucas, Kansas City, G. H. P. 107 chapters, 14,703 members, 1060 exalted.

Grand Council April 27, 1915, from Robert F. Stevenson, Gr. Rec. Victor H. Falkenhaener, St. Louis, G. M. 13 councils, 3000 members, 371 candidates.

Grand Commandery May 25, 1915, from Robert F. Stevenson, Gr. Rec. Ernest Fowkes, Hannibal, Gr. Com. 66 commanderies, 7137 members, 368 knighted.

NEBRASKA.—Grand Commandery April 15, 1915, from Francis E. White, Omaha,

Gr. Rec. George Willetts, Jr., McCook, Gr. Com. 29 commanderies, 2828 members, 187 knighted.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Grand Lodge 1914 from Julius F. Sachse, Librarian, Philadelphia. J. Henry Williams, Philadelphia, Gr. Mas. John A. Perry, Philadelphia, Gr. Sec. 492 lodge, 115,505 members, 7135 initiates.

DIED.

ZENAS THOMPSON in Portland May 23, aged 79. A member of Ancient Landmark Lodge and Mt. Vernon Chapter.

JOHN K. MARTIN in Portland May 24, aged 68. Long the landlord of the Falmouth Hotel. A member of St. Alban Commandery and other bodies.

WILLIAM B. ANDREWS in Portland May 24. A member of Portland Commandery.

J. BURTON ROBERTS in Goodwin's Mills June 17, aged 56. (See editorial.)

CHARLES E. F. STETSON in Houlton June 9, aged 60. Secretary of Monument Lodge and an excellent officer. Was a civil engineer.

H. MERRIMAN ANGIER in Topsham June 25 aged 76. The oldest member of Portland Lodge, which he joined in 1863.

JOHN A. LIDBACK in Portland June 29, aged 78. A member of Ancient Landmark Lodge.

GILES O. BAILEY in Augusta July 3, aged 75. (See editorial.)

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