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No advertisement received unless the advertiser, or some member of the firm, is a Freemason in good standing. at 3 o'clock the following Grand Officers were elected:

Gr. Master-Waldo Pettengill, Rumford.

D. G. M. - Silas B. Adams, Portland. S. G. W.-Ralph W. Moore, Hampden.

J. G. W.-Albert H. Newbert, Rockland.

Treas.-Albro E. Chase, Portland. Gr. Gr. Sec.-Stephen Berry, Portland.

Trustees Charity Fund for Three Years-

Frank E. Sleeper, Sabattus; Howard D. Smith, Norway.

Committee of Finance-Hugh R. Chaplin, Bangor; Edmund B. Mallet, Freeport; Elmer A. Doten, Portland.

At 4:40 the Grand Lodge was called off until 2 o'clock Wednesday Afternoon.

Wednesday Afternoon, Mag 3d.

The Grand Lodge spent the afternoon in witnessing the conferring of the Third degree by Atlantic Lodge of Portland, W. K. Herrmann, Master.

#### Thursday Morning, May 4th.

The Grand Lodge resumed work at 9 A. M. Reports of Committees were received. A dispensation was voted to the appli-

cants for a new lodge at Old Orchard. The new officers were installed by Grand Master Bodge, the following appointments

being made:

Corresponding Grand Secretary-Convers E. Leach, Portland.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

- Districts.
  - 1 Joseph W. Porter, Caribou. 2 Winfield F. Packard, Princeton.
- George E. Parsons, Castine.
- Erwin G. Ryder, Brownville Junction. 5

Frank D. Weymouth, Charleston. 6

- Charles L. Jones, China.
- Wilmer J. Dorman, Belfast.
- Emil Whitten, Rockland.
- 10 Victor K. Montgomery, Ea. Boothbay.
- 11 John H. McElroy, Winthrop. 12 Sanger S. Annis, Waterville.
- 13 James M. Spence, Madison. 14 Fred E. Ward, Freeport.

- J. Blaine Morrison, Phillips.
   Ernest J. Record, South Paris.
   Edgar F. Caswell, Gorham.
   Fred R. Bradbury, East Brownfield.

19 George M. Stevens, Kennebunk.

- 20 Daniel W. Ballantyne, Lincoln.
- 21 George Harmon, Southwest Harbor.
- 22 Augustus Dinsmore, Newport.
- 23 Frank D. Fenderson, Limerick.
- 24 George R. Hall, Lewiston.
- 25 Samuel R. Crabtree, Island Falls.
- 26 John M. Holland, Dixfield. Gr. Chaplains-Revs. W. H. Fultz, Port-Tuesday Afternoon, May 2d. The Grand Lodge resumed work at 2 P. M., Reports of Committees were received and gor; Ashley A. Smith, Bangor.

Gr. Mar.—Frederick O. Eaton, Rumford.G. S. D.—Ernest C. Butler, Skowhegan.G. J. D.—David E. Moulton, Portland.

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Gr. Stewards-Elmer A. Doten, Portland; Charles B. Davis, Waterville; Ralph H. Bur-bank, Biddeford; Arthur H. Baker, Kittery. Gr. Sw. Br.-Elmer F. Richardson, So.

- West Harbor.
- Gr. St. Br.—John N. Foye, Canton. Gr. Pursuivants—Warren C. King, Port-
- land; James B. Stevenson, Rumford.
- Gr. Lec.—Frank E. Sleeper, Sabattus Gr. Org.—Walter S. Smith, Portland.
- Gr. Tyler-Winslow E. Howell, Portland. At 11:30 the Grand Lodge was closed.

## Grand Chapter.

Tuesday Evening, May 2d. The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine met at 7 o'clock P. M., Grand High Priest Wallace N. Price of Richmond, presiding.

The attendance was very large.

General Grand High Priest George E. Corson, of Washington, D. C., attended by his Grand Master of the Third Vail, Hamilton, of New York, made an official visit and was received with due honors.

Grand High Priest Price presented an able and interesting address, and the other Grand Officers made their annual reports.

Members 10,577, exalted 454, gain 39, deaths 190.

The following Grand Officers were elected:

G. H. P.-James A. Richan, Rockland,

D. G. H. P.-Frederic O. Eaton, Rumford.

- Gr. King-Franklin P. Clark, Portland. Gr. Sc.-John H. Lancaster, Skowhegan.
- Gr. Treas.-Albro E. Chase, Portland.
- Gr. Sec .- Stephen Berry, Portland.
- Finance Committee-Franklin R. Redlon,

William N. Howe, Herbert W. Robinson, all of Portland.

At 10:10 the Grand Chapter called off until 9 A. M. Wednesday.

#### Wednesday Morning, May 3d.

The Grand Chapter resumed work at 9 A. M.

Charters were granted to Bingham Chapter at Bingham and Old Town Chapter at Old Town.

The officers were installed by George E. Corson, General Grand High Priest U.IS., the following appointments being made:

D. D. G. H. Priests-Clifford J. Pattee. Befast; Samuel B. Furbish, Brunswick; Fred C. Chalmers, Bangor.

May.

The fair fields are smiling in garments of green Where wander the feet of our magical queen; And all nature wakens in chorus to sing A glad song of praise to the fairy of spring

She calls to the sunbeams and gentle-voiced breeze To unfold the leaf-buds, bring joy to the trees, That soon will be coming in gorgeous array Their offerings to bring to our sweet, sunny May.

Bright visions of beauty ! on each shining tress The warm sunlight lingers with loving caress; Thou bringest the fragrance from under the snow Of blossoms we loved in the long, long ago.

Sweet friend, ever faithful and loving and true The same happy face that in childhood we knew. While eyes have grown dim and locks have grown

Thou still art our golden-haired laughing-eyed

-[S. J. Stevens.]

# MASONRY IN MAINE.

#### Grand Lodge.

Portland, May 2, 1916.

The Grand Lodge of Maine met in Masonic Temple, Portland, May 2d, at 9 A. M., Grand Master Thomas H. Bodge of Augusta, presiding.

George E. Corson, Gen. Gr. High Priest of the Gen. Gr. Chapter U. S., was present as a visitor. He is a native of Lebanon,

York County, Maine. There was an average attendance at the

opening. Grand Master Bodge presented an able

and interesting address, detailing his labors for the past year, a fitting close to two years of most efficient administration.

The other Grand Officers presented their reports.

The Report on Retarns showed 31,328, a gain of 444; 1,354 initiated, 654 deaths.

At 11:50 the Grand Lodge was called off until 2 P. M.

Gr. Chaplains—Revs. Ashley A. Smith, Bangor; Pliny A. Allen, Rockland; David L. Wilson, Bath.

Gr. Capt. Host-Thomas E. McDonald, Portland.

Gr. Prin. Sojourner-Wilson D. Barron, Camden.

Gr. R. A. Capt.-Lee M. Smith, Norway. Gr. Master 3d Vail-Lincoln M. Harris, Boothbay Harbor.

Gr. Master 2d Vail—Albert M. Pingree, Augusta.

Gr. Master 1st Vail—Floyd A. Smith, Caribou.

Gr. Stewards-Silas B. Adams, Portland; Virgil E. Tucker, Old Town.

Gr. Lec.—Frank E. Sleeper, Sabattus. Gr. Sent.—Winslow E. Howell, Portland.

At 1:05 the Grand Chapter was closed.

#### Order of High Priesthood.

Wednesday Evening, May 3d.

Maine Council of the Order of High Priesthood met at 7 P. M., the President Albert M. Penley of Auburn, presiding.

Twenty-one High Priests from all parts of the state received the Order.

The following officers were elected:

President—Albert M. Penley, Auburn. Sen. Vice Pres.—James E. Parsons, Lubec. J. Vice Pres.—Jas. H. Witherell, Oakland. Treas.—Convers E. Leach, Portland. Rec.—Stephen Berry, Portland. Mas. of Cer.—Wilbur A. Patten, Portland. Conductor—Lester M. Andrews, Oakland. Steward—Frank J. Cole, Bangor. Warder—Warren C. King, Portland. Chaplain—Rev. Ashley A. Smith, Bangor.

#### Grand Council.

Wednesday Afternoon, May 3d.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for Maine met at 2 P. M., Grand Master Charles B. Davis of Waterville, presiding.

General Grand High Priest Corson was a visitor and was received with proper honors.

The Grand Master presented an excellent address and the reports of the other Grand Officers were received and referred to committees.

It was voted to restore its charter to St. Croix Council at Calais.

The following Grand Officers were elected:

Gr. Master—Wilmer J. Dorman, Belfast. Dep. Gr. Mas.—Franklin P. Clark, Portland. Gr. P. C. W.—Thomas H. Bodge, Augusta. Gr. Treas.—Albro E. Chase, Portland. Gr. Rec.—Stephen Berry, Portland.

The officers were installed by P. G. M. Albert M. Penley of Auburn, with the exception of the Grand Master who is ill at a hospital in Waterville. On account of his absence the appointed officers could not be announced.

The Council was closed.

Grand Master Wilmer J. Dorman was installed May 5th, by retiring Grand Master Charles B. Davis, who reports Comp. Dorman to be recovering rapidly. He will soon return home and take up his duties.

#### Grand Commandery.

# Thursday Afternoon, May 4th.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar for Maine met at 2 F. M., Grand Commander Arthur S. Littlefield of Rockland, presiding.

Garvin R. Magoon of Lancaster, Grand Commander of New Hampshire, as official visitor from the Grand Encampment U. S., was received with full military honors.

Frederick C. Thayer of Waterville, Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Encampment U. S., was received in similar form.

George E. Corson, General Grand High Priest U. S., was also present as a visitor.

Twenty-two of the 23 commanderies were represented.

Grand Commander Littlefield presented an able and interesting address which was received with applause.

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

The Report on Returns showed 5,767 members, 329 knighted, 116 deaths.

The following Grand Officers were elected:

Gr. Com.—Edmund B. Mallet, Freeport. D. G. C.—Franklin R. Redlon, Portland. Gr. Geno.—J. Frederic Hill, Waterville. Gr. Capt Gen.—Wilmer J. Dorman, Belfast.

Gr. S. War.—Edward W. Wheeler, Brunswick.
Gr. J. War.—Frank W. Bucknam, Skow-

hegan.

Gr. Prel.—Rev. James F. Albion, Portland. Gr. Treas.—Albro E. Chase, Portland.

Gr. Rec.-Stephen Berry, Portland.

The officers were installed by Past Grand Commander Thomas P. Shaw of Portland, the following appointments being made:

Gr. St. Br.—Frank P. Denaco, Bangor. Gr. Sw. Br.—Chas. W. Lucas, Kennebunk. Gr. Warder—Frank C. Allen, Portland. Gr. C. Gd.—Winslow E. Howell, Portland. Mil. Inst.—Geo. McL. Presson, Farmington.

The Grand Commandery adjourned and proceeded to supper in the banquet hall, after which they attended the semi-centennial celebration of St. Alban Commandery of Portland.

#### Saint Alban Commandery

celebrated its 50th anniversary Thursday evening, May 4th, by a brilliant reception at the Exposition Building. The Grand Commandery members were escorted thither after the closing and supper by Saint Alban Commandery. Tables with refreshments were spread during the whole evening, and dancing completed the entertainment.

BOSTON, MASS., February 21, 1916. WOR. BRO. STEPHEN BERRY,

Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Masons of Maine.

Dear Brother:

At the Annual Communication of Pacific Lodge, No. 64, A. F. and A. M., Exeter, Maine, the following named officers were elected to serve the lodge for the ensuing masonic year:

Freeman Clark Hersey, M. D.,	W. M.
Carl R. Smith,	S. W.
Arthur J. Trefethen,	J. W.
Alton Stillings,	Treas.
Daniel B. Packard,	Sec.
Joseph P. Eaton,	Chap.
Frank C. Barker,	Mar.
George G. Grinnell,	S. D.
Sylvester E. Prescott,	J. S.
Charles B. Leathers,	S. S.
Walter A. Flanders,	J. S
Fred E. Avery,	Tyler

At the regular communication of the lodge February 16, 1916, the above named officers were installed into their respective stations by Wor. Bro. Daniel B. Packard, Past Master of the lodge. After the installation of the officers, except the Secretary, the newly elected and installed Worshipful Master, Freeman C. Hersey, installed Daniel B. Packard, Secretary, complimenting him upon his long and faithful service as Worshipful Master, after having filled nearly all of the subordinate offices in the lodge, and for the fourth year in succession, entering upon his official duties as Secretary.

Following the proclamation and charge to the officers, the Worshipful Master called Wor. Bro. George G. Grinnell to the East, and after complimenting him upon the dignity and marked ability in which he had conducted the affairs of the lodge for the past year, presented him with a Past Master's Apron. Worshipful Master Hersey then addressed the members of the lodge and their guests in attendance at this public installation, in part as follows:

"My Brothers of Pacific Lodge: In building this beautiful, commodious and substantial masonic structure, you, like the wise Solomon of Old, have, indeed, erected a Temple to the 'Most High God' and to Freemasonry.

"To God as the Grand Architect of the Universe, to whom we look for aid in all of our laudable undertakings, and to Freemasonry as having subsisted from time immemorial, and by its excellent rules and useful maxims, it has induced the greatest and best men in all ages to take an active part in its promotion, never deeming it derogatory from their dignity, to level themselves with the fraternity; patronize their assemblies and not infrequently taking an active part in the work.

"This new Masonic Temple, that you

have just completed, is also a splendid monument to the past, the present and the future attainments of Pacific Lodge, and to the energy, perseverance and enterprise of its present members.

"I congratulate you, my brothers, upon your success and am pleased to be able to assist in the furnishing of this new lodgeroom and again serve my old lodge in an official capacity.

"As Master of this lodge, it is not my intention to introduce any special measures or make any marked changes in the usual custom of conducting the affairs of Pacific Lodge during my term of office. It is my earnest desire, however, to do all I can to promote the best interests of this lodge, and with this new hall and these new surroundings let us strive to create a renewed interest among our members, that our conclaves may be largely attended and that the work, prosperity and growth of this lodge may be such as to merit the highest commendation of our sister lodges and receive the fullest recognition by the Grand Lodge of Masons of Maine; that the Grand Lodge may realize that Pacific Lodge is indeed one of the very important lodges in its Grand Jurisdiction."

FIRE. A fire at Caribou Jan. 19th in the early morning destroyed the hall and masonic property of Caribou Lodge and Garfield Chapter. The charters were lost, but the Secretary had the records of both lodge and chapter at his home and they were saved.

THOMASTON, ME., Feb. 20, 1916. DEAR BROTHER:

I enclose a clipping from the Courier-Gazette, Rockland, which will interest you a moment. There have been several reported as the oldest mason in the County. The oldest is a man in Hope, Me., Payson I think his name is, and belongs to Union Lodge I think. Al Mather bobbed up as fifty years a mason, then Freeman Smith of North Haven as fifty-nine years as record and called for one better, so I wrote the attached and went him two better.

Hoping you are as usual, I am,

### Fraternally yours,

ED. G. WESTON, P. J. G. W.

#### OLD THOMASTON MASONS.

THOMASTON, Feb. 6th.

Editor of The Courier-Gazette: I read with much interest in one of your issues of the past week, an article on the oldest mason in the county. Bro. Freeman Smith wants to know who will go him one better. Orient Lodge will do so, with two members, Charles P. Redman, a mason 61 years last July; Thomas S. Andrews, 60 years last May; both raised in Orient Lodge, Thomaston. The officers at that time were: Rev. O. J. Fernald, W. M.; E. B. Hinckley, S. W.; George F. Carr, J. W.; and R. A. Lowell, Sec. Orient also has two more

will have been a mason 57 years in July and A. C. Strout will have belonged to the lodge 55 years this month. Mason.

## Books, Papers, etc.

We are indebted to Bro. Edwin C. Burleigh, U. S. Senator, for two volumes of Messages and Documents 197.

#### Our Masonic Exchanges.

Builder, The, Anamosa, Iowa, mo.. \$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. Illinois Masonic Review, Arcola, Ill., mo., \$1.00

Interstate Freemason, Kansas City, Mo., monthly, \$1.50

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.

#### Stand For The Highest.

Bro. Elrick C. Cole, G. M., Kansas.

The tendency of the age is progressive, and Freemasonry must ever stand for the highest thought of the time and place. In every walk of life a higher individual standard is demanded than in the past, and in members well along in years. Gen. Cilley no jurisdiction is this more evident than in

our own. The commonwealth which banishes the saloon and the brewery; that fosters the church, the various institutions of learning and beneficence, creates a citizenship best adapted to an intelligent understanding of the fundamental principles of Masonry, and most likely to seek membership in an order whose cornerstone is the upbuilding of humanity. More and more do men appreciate that the homely virtues of truth, integrity and justice taught by the Master while He walked beside the Sea of Galilee are the sum total of life; and that the life and character of that Teacher made His name imperishable whether He be deemed human or divine.

Mankind has placed many laws upon the statute books to suppress crime. They deter crime, but do not raise the standard of humanity. Mankind has sought by altruism to upraise humanity, but in vain. The only grip by which man can be raised to a living perpendicular is the strong grip of the lion of the tribe of Judah. No society, sect or creed has so great an opportunity in this regard as Freemasonry. About her altars the devotees of all societies, sects and creeds, the follower of Mahomet, of Confucius or the most orthodox Jew can join hands with the believer in the Divinity of the Master, meeting upon the common level of man's duty towards his God, his country and his fellow man.

Freemasonry raises no issue and seeks no conflict with any sect or creed. Through all the centuries past since the Master Builder stood beside the trestle board, the strength of this Order has been the dignity of its bearing when assaulted by ignorance, the freedom of creed of its membership and the cornerstone of love for our fellow man. So long as these continue to be the essentials required, this Order will continue to thrive in spite of anathema or prejudice.

German masonic authorities declare that even after the war fraternal relations with England, France and Italy Masonry will never be resumed. -[The Masonic Sun.]

#### Dreaming.

- Maiden of the dark blue eyes, In whose trustful depth are dwelling Golden dreams of by-and-by, Blissful years to thee foretelling, Oft the minstrel's lute would wake Strains that lure to realms of gladness, Did not pensive thought partake Of the twilight gloom of sadness.

- Though the skies are bright to-day, Canst thou tell me of the morrow; If the heart will still be gay, Or shall weep alone in sorrow? All in vain we strive to know Where these hopes of ours are tending, Ere the sunset colors glow In the blue above us bending.

- In the blue actions of the second sec

# MASONIC . TOKEN,

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Secretaries should instantly report the election of officers, if they have not done so, that communications, &c., may be sent to the proper addresses.

#### Annual Meetings.

Three pleasant days were granted for the annual meetings, and they were well attended.

The returns and reports showed a prosperous year in all the branches, and the presiding officers had been diligent and able.

The newly-elected principals are all experienced and skillful masons and may be expected to do equally well.

The Old Orchard masons will be well pleased to receive their long delayed dispensation, and the cryptic masons of Calais equally well pleased to have their charter restored.

The visit of General Grand High Priest Corson was very gratifying to the Royal Arch Masons, and Grand Commander Magoon of New Hampshire made a fine impression upon the Knights Templar as the visiting officers.

The coming year is promising despite of war's alarms.

DELAWARE. Harry J. Guthrie has been appointed Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Delaware to succeed Virginius V. Harrison, deceased.

Bro. Herbert Harris has resigned his places as Grand Representative in Lodge, Chapter and Commandery on account of absence from Maine, and he will probably make his home in Chicago with his kindred. He has been an efficient worker in Masonry in Maine and we have missed him and shall miss him in the future both on that account and as an old friend.

A Grand Council has been instituted in North Dakota under the General Grand Council, E. George Guthrie of Fargo as Grand Master and Walter L. Stockwell of Fargo as Grand Recorder.

EASTER. For two years the weather has been unfavorable for Easter. Last year it was snow (on April 4th) and this year rain on April 23d, and it was a vigorous rain. Portland and Saint Alban Commanderies attended afternoon services at Williston Church, turning out 96 men despite the storm.

It would have astonished the old Puritans to have seen a Puritan Church preaching to Knights Templar on Easter Sunday, but Time brings changes.

#### William R. G. Estes,

Senior Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine, died at his home in Skowhegan late Sunday night, Feb. 20th, aged 85, having been born in Durham in November, 1830. He was Grand Master in 1883 and 1884, and has been a faithful attendant, active on committees ever since.

He was not a member of the Grand Chapter, but was Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1892, and was Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery in 1871 and 1872.

He was Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, of the Grand Council of Kansas, and of the Grand Commandery of South Dakota.

He is survived by his wife with whom he had lived for 50 years, and by a daughter of a former marriage.

At his funeral Feb. 23d, the Grand Lodge met, Grand Master Bodge officiating.

#### John Edward Sawyer

died suddenly at his home in Melrose, Mass., Jan. 31st, aged 73. He was a former resident and Mayor of Deering before that city united with Portland, and was a member of the firm of Charles E. Jose & Co., afterwards Moxcey & Sawyer, in the crockery business under the Preble House. Closing business here he went to Boston and had his residence at Melrose. He was

the New England Agent of a Pittsburg Glass Firm.

He was a Past Master of Deering Lodge, Past High Priest of Mt. Vernon Chapter, and was Commander of Portland Commandery in 1886 and 1887. Twelve officers of the commandery attended his funeral here Feb. 2d, and performed the Templar burial service.

Long association and friendship has shown us the value of his sterling and fine character and we join those who mourn his loss and shall miss him from our ranks.

#### Augustus H. Humphrey,

The veteran Secretary, died on Easter Sunday, April 23d, at his home in Yarmouth, aged 69 years. He was born April 25, 1847. He was a member of Casco Lodge, Cumberland Chapter and Portland Council of R. & S. M. He was an excellent secretary for many years until stricken by paralysis. He had presided in lodge and chapter.

PACIFIC LODGE. Dr. Freeman C. Hersey of Boston, who has been Grand Commander of Mass. and R. I., has been elected Master of Pacific Lodge at Exeter, where he was made a mason 50 years ago and served as an officer up to Senior Warden, and has accepted. The lodge has recently had its lodge room refurnished, and we suspect that he contributed largely to the expense. Professional duties prevented his taking the mastership in former days, and we applaud his decision to complete the service now.

I feel a special interest in Exeter because my grandfather, Stephen Berry, lived there when I was born in 1833.

PARALYTICS. We recently had an application from a brother made in a Maine lodge 40 years ago, and who is now helplessly paralyzed, for admission to our Masonic Home. We had to notify him that two points prevented: first that we have no Masonic Home, secondly that Masonic Homes do not take helpless invalids. Even hospitals reject them, so that they have no hopes until hospitals are established especially for such cases.

#### Obituaries.

VIRGINIUS V. HARRISON, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, died in Wilmington Dec. 28th, aged 64. He was Grand Master in 1894, and Grand High Priest in 1896 and 1897.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER WOLIHIN, Grand Secretary and Grand Recorder of Georgia, died at Macon Feb. 9th, after a brief illness, aged 53 years, 5 months. Like his father he was an excellent officer and we shall miss him from the roll.

WILLIAM F. CLEVELAND, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, died at his home in Hurlam Feb. 19th, aged 71. He was Principal Conductor of the Gen. Gr. Council and had presided in all the Grand Bodies of Iowa. He was Chapter Correspondent, and Grand Recorder and Correspondent of the Council.

STOCKTON BATES, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, died in Philadelphia March 12th.

SIR SAMUEL J. WAY, Lieut-Governor and Chief Justice of South Australia, and Grand Master from 1884 to 1889, and from 1896 to 1916, died in Adelaide Jan. 8th.

MARSH O. PERKINS, P. G. M., P. G. H. P. and P. Com. of Vermont, died Feb. 10th, at Windsor, after a long illness, aged 67. He was a distinguished reviewer and a highly valued mason.

THEOPHILUS W. RANDALL, Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Idaho, died April 6th, aged 82.

#### Magazine Subscription Fakirs.

For several months magazine subscription fakirs have been operating in sections of Maine, particularly in Penobscot and Somerset Counties. These men usually claim that they are college students who are compelled to work their way through college. A small deposit to bind the agreement is made by the subscriber and the agent leaves a receipt for the same. Quite often it is the case that neither the magazine nor agent are heard from.

In their willingness to assist a worthy boy or girl who is striving for an education the public should make sure that he or she is a bona fide student in some institution. If the subscriber would insist on the agent showing a letter from the president of the institution in which the student claims to be enrolled such fakirs would soon do no business.

Do not be an accessory to a fraud. If the agent states that he is a student in some institution insist on his showing a statement verifying that fact.

#### Franklin's Creed.

Benjamin Franklin endured many insults owing to his religious views and sectarians often abused this great patriot, philosopher and Freemason. On March 9, 1790, he wrote in a Philadelphia (Pa.) letter he wrote Dr. Stiles as follows:

"Here's my creed: I believe in one God, the Creator of the Universe, that he governs it by His Providence, that he ought to be worshipped. That the most acceptable service we can render Him is doing good to His other children. That the soul of man is immortal and will be treated with justice in another life, respecting its conduct in this."

Bro. Thomas Jefferson stood likewise insult from many soft-headed sectarians. -[Masonic Monthly.]

### George E. Corson.

While never having filled the position of Grand Master, Bro. Corson has been for many years one of the most active, best known, and deservedly popular Masons in the District of Columbia, with a record of varied and distinguished service perhaps unequaled in the history of the jurisdiction.

Possessed of a dignified yet pleasing presence, a genial, affable, and courteous disposition, a broad, intellectual and judicial mind, and an unflagging interest and energy in all the activities of local masonic circles, he has filled the many offices of trust to which he has been called with conspicuous ability.

Bro. Corson was born at Lebanon, Me., July 30, 1842. He was raised in Harmony Lodge, No. 38, Gorham, Me., Feb. 9, 1871, and was Master of the lodge in 1877 and 1878

He received the Capitular degrees in Potomac Chapter, No. 8, Georgetown, D. C., June 20 to July 25, 1871, and the same year became Captain of the Host, and after filling the intervening stations was elected High Priest for the year 1875, and was re-elected in 1876. In 1886 he was elected Grand High Priest, and was Chairman of the Committee on Work in 1887, and has served in that capacity to the present time.

In 1891 he was elected General Grand Master First Vail of the General Grand Chapter, and General Grand High Priest in 1915, which position he now occupies.

He received the Cryptic degrees in Washington Council, No. 1, of Washington, D. C., in July, 1883; was elected Recorder in 1886, and served in that capacity for 23 successive years.

He was Knighted in Potomac Commandery, No. 3, Georgetown, D. C., Nov. 10, 1871, and was elected Eminent Commander in 1879, 1880 and 1881, and Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery in 1902. He has served as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence since May, 1907.

He is an Inspector-General in the Scottish Rite.

He received the degrees of the Royal Order of Scotland, Dec. 12, 1887, at Washington, D. C., under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Grand Lodge; was appointed First Grand Marshal by Bro. Josiah H. Drummond, the Provincial Grand Master, July 1, 1894, and has been annually reappointed to that office to date.

He was appointed to a Clerkship in the War Department at Washington, where he has continued in various positions of trust up to the present time, 1915. In the early seventies, while Chief of the Endorsement Subdivision of the Board and Pension Division, Surgeon-General's Office, he originated a system which was at once adopted and put into practice, of recording requests for information from the records and of filing

all transcriptions and correspondence in connection therewith, now known as the "Record Card File." In 1894, upon the recommendation of the "Dockery Commission "-a commission created by Congress "to inquire into the business methods of the several Executive Departments "-this system was put into force, by the orders of the Secretary of War, in the several bureaus of the War Department, and made to apply to nearly all their correspondence, which, by simplifying the work and substituting the "Record Card File" for the former numerous and expensive record books, has resulted in the saving of much clerical work. and many thousands of dollars to the Government of the United States.

He is an alumnus of the George Washington University, having been graduated from the Columbian Law School in June, 1871, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, and was at once admitted to the bar and to practice in the courts of the District of Columbia.

-[Washington National Tribune.] .

### The Standard of Freemasoury.

"Men do not fix the standard of the rose by the dwarfed and worm-eaten bud; they do not value the fruit by the immature and unsightly scrub; nor should they measure the dignity and high calling of the ancient and honorable Fraternity of Freemasons by the unproductive and unprofitable lives of unworthy members, even though they call themselves by its name. But just as the excellence and the perfume of the matured flowers mark the standard of quality for the whole species, just as the perfect and fully ripened fruit displays the possibility of the power that lies within every kindred germ, so the lives of the many great men in every generation, who have traveled the same road that Freemasons know so well, give to the world some of the light and power that radiate from and are enfolded within the principles that the fraternity holds as its great and eternal secrets."-[Thomas J. Turner Lodge.]

#### Fraternity.

If I could write one little word

If I could write one httle word Upon the hearts of men, I'd dip into the fount of love And write with golden pen One little word, and only one, And feel life's work on earth well done; v heart would speak to me The children of Fraternity.

The angel throng would sing a song

The sweetest ever heard. If they could read in human heart That precious little word, For kindly thoughts and kindly deeds Are treasures more than crowns and creeds In these the angel hosts would see The children of Fraternity.

A man will need no other creed

To guide him on life's sea If he embarks upon the ark

Of true Fraternity. For love divine will clasp his hand And lead him to the promised land; Love to his fellowman shall be

Love to his fellowing. His passport to eternity. —[Oriental Consistory.]

#### Castle Yesterday.

In the Valley of Contentment, just beyond the Hills of Old, Where the streams are always silver and the sun-

shine always gold. Where the hour is ever morning and the skies are

never gray. In the yellow haze of springtime stands the Castle Yesterday.

Oh, the seasons that we spent there when the whole wide world was young; The friends we've had as maid and lad, the songs that we have sung!

The echoes of their music cannot quite have died awav

But still must thrill the rooftree of the Castle Yesterday.

And the loving hearts we knew there in the time of trust and truth Surely still they wait behind us in the Pantheon of youth! But the angel of the valley at the portal bars our our way, And a flaming sword forbids us from the Castle Yesterday.

When the pilgrimage is ended, may we turn then, may we change To the vanished and familiar from the present

and the strange; Who so chooses to his heaven—I shall be content to stay

Where the ghosts of dead years wander through the halls of Yesterday. -[Saturday Evening Post.]

PREMIUMS.-Any brother who will procure subscribers for us, remitting not less than \$1 at a time, may retain one-fourth of the money for his services. Those who wish to assist us, without caring for the premium, can gratify some indigent brother by sending him a paper free. It is better to take subscriptions for two years.

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

	Oopre
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
McKinley Lodge, McKinley,	11

What lodge shall be next added?

#### A Word of Caution.

"I do not know of any quality which is more needed in our public life-than an absolute refusal to repeat unproved tales to the detriment of others. Many a man who would be ashamed to start gossip or slander is willing to repeat it. Many a man who would scorn to strike his neighbor behind his back is content to stab his neighbor's reputation by the utterance of half truths which are worse than lies in their effect. straightforward enough to think no ill of their neighbor, sound of judgment to value men and things for what they really are, strong of principle to sink the idea of self in the ideal of duty.-[Missouri Freemason.]

### Live Up To To-day.

Be the noblest man that your present faith, poor and weak and imperfect as it is, can make you be. Live up to your present growth, your present faith. So, and so only, do you take the next straight step forward, as you stand strong where you are now; so only can you think the curtain will be drawn back and there be revealed to you what lies beyond .- [Phillips Brooks.]

The proceedings of the Grand Lodges of Ohio state that the degree of Past Master was restored and a ritual provided for the conferring of this degree prior to the installation of the Worshipful Master. Several years ago the Grand Lodge considered that the conferring of this degree was no part of Symbolic Masonry and ordered it discontinued. But continued agitation for its restoration was kept up by several aggressive and persistent members and as a result at the last annual communication it was restored by a handsome majority .- [ The Masonic Sun.

To comfort misfortune, to popularize knowledge, to teach whatever is true and pure in religion and philosophy, to accustom men to respect order and the proprieties of life, to point out the way to genuine happiness, to prepare for that fortunate period when all the factions of the human family, united by the bonds of Toleration and Fraternity, shall be but one household -these are labors that may well excite zeal and even enthusiasm.-[Albert Pike.]

#### Masonic Charity.

What story can be told of masonic charity which daily and hourly, in every city, village and hamlet of our state, enters the abode of the poor, hears the wail of a child in hunger, regards the sob of a mother in distress, sees the anguish of a strong man in his hour of desperation, and feeds the starving, succors the afflicted, helps, sustains and strengthens the despairing. It is such Masonry that makes the arid waste of desolation bloom into a garden of joy and yet leaves no record except for him who, refreshed by the fragrance and beauty of the roses, feels that a mason has been there. - [Edwin S. Kriffiths.]

#### The Attendance Problem.

When will this question be solved? Not until a larger per cent. of lodge membership begins to attend regularly.

The New York Standard devotes a whole editorial column to this discussion. It is not new to the craft in New York, nor in Kansas City. The Standard hints that only 10 per cent. of the membership show up at ago by the Persian invaders, who overran meetings. It quotes a good old mason as follows:

attends lodge irregularly) should I go to a also the faith and customs of the Zoroastrian

meeting unless it is worth my while. Most certainly it is not worth my while if the business is only the conferring of a degree. I have heard this scores of times, and have too much to do in my own affairs to listen to it again unless there is some special reason.

There you are, says the Standard! And all the arguments will not have much effect, unless, as the brother says, there is "some special reason."

The one great fact that sticks out and minimizes the just worriment over extra benches is that the submerged 75 per cent. will turn out almost en masse if there is a "special reason" for them to do so. Let word be sent that a full attendance is desired to consider some worthy masonic relief, or a matter affecting the Utica Home, or the consideration of an important by-law change, or anything else specially worth while, and the benches are always filled, and the man that cannot attend is sure to signify his attitude or offer his assistance if it is needed.

There is probably no other organization that will respond so generously and instantly to a call for help. This is always so-and of course it minimizes the importance of increased attendance at meetings where nothing out of the ordinary is to be done.

But Masters like to see a big crowd always -and they will keep on exciting their wits to get it.

The social features of some lodges are a help to increasing attendance, and it helps very materially if the Master can possibly give some work to every member. Men are interested in things they have a hand in.-[The Kansas City Freemason.]

#### Was Buddha A Persian?

An American explorer, in the employ of the Archeological Department of the government of India, propounds the theory that the Buddha, who is worshiped by 138,-031,000 persons in all parts of the world, was a Persian, and not a Hindu, as is the prevailing belief. The savant in question, Dr. David Brainard Spooner, is a New Englander, who already has to his credit the unearthing of Buddha's bones from a mound near Peshawur, in Northwestern India. He has arrived at this conclusion as the result of the extensive excavation work that he has been carrying on in the province of Behar, where the founder of Buddhism passed the greater part of his life. We quote from a report of Dr. Spooner's recent lecture at Simla, contained in "New India" (Madras):

"Dr. Spooner's lecture \* \* \* proves that Pataliputra (Behar) was built 2,400 years all Northern and Western India and founded the Mauryan dynasty, bringing with them Why (said an old and good mason, who from Persia not only the architecture but fire worshipers of Persepolis. Dr. Spooner tells the fascinating story of how he traced out the remains of the ancient Patna Palace of Chandragupta, built upon the precise plan of the great palace of Darius Hystaspes at Persepolis, and with ceilings supported upon the upraised hands of collossal stone figures of Persian sculpture. Dr. Spooner goes on to point out Zoroastrian associations not only in connection with Chandragupta and his grandson, Asoka, who followed the matriarchal system in the court, where women were used as royal guards in accordance with Magian customs, but also with the Buddha, whose ancestors practiced the Magian rite of sister marriage, which explains the Ceylonese tradition that Asoka and the Buddha were of the same race. Buddha, Dr. Spooner thinks, was not 'a renegade from Hindu teaching, as the modern world has thought, but rather a renegade from Zoroastrianism,' which also explains a reference to Buddha in the ancient Parsee scriptures as a heretic, a term which could not have been used had he not been connected originally with Zoroastrianism. A similar argument applies to Asoka, of whom it is said in the Avesta (Bible of Zoroastrianism) that 'those who do the worst things are called beloved of the Devas (Hindu gods)' a phrase which Dr. Spooner explains as due to the interesting fact that Asoka was an apostate from the Parsee faith."-[Literary Digest.]

Our Thanks.

ALABAMA-To George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Gr. Sec., for Gr. Lodge, Gr. Chapter and Gr. Council Proceedings for 1915.

ALBERTA.-Gr. Chapter, Organization and 1915, from M. M. Downey, Calgary, Gr. Scribe E. Also document explaining condition of R. A. Masonry in Alberta and court decisions on same.

Gr. Chapter March 8, 1916, from Melvin M. Downey, Gr. Scribe E. Frederick S. Watson, Edmonton, G. H. P. 7 chapters, 801 members, 36 exalted.

CONNECTICUT.-Gr. Commandery March 21, 1916, from Eli C. Birdsey, Meriden, Gr. Rec. Albert W. Mattoon, New Haven, Gr. Com. 11 commanderies, 4,267 members, 197 knighted.

DELAWARE,-Gr. Lodge Oct. 6, 1915, from Virginius V. Harrison, Wilmington, Gr. Sec. Walter W. Bacon, Wilmington, Gr. Master. 22 lodges, 3,541 members, 188 initiates.

ILLINOIS.-Gr. Chapter Oct. 28, 1915, from George W. Warvelle, Chicago, Gr. Sec. Harry W. Harvey, Chicago, G. H. P. 211 chapters, 41,214 members, 3,077 exalted.

KANSAS.-Gr. Lodge Feb. 16, 1916, from

Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, Gr. Sec. Giles H. Lamb, Yates Center, Gr. Master. 412 lodges, 42,412 members, 2,948 initiates.

LOUISIANA.-Gr. Lodge Feb. 8, 1916, from John A. Davilla, New Orleans, Gr. Sec. Brittan B. Purser, Amite, G. M.

Gr. Chapter Feb. 8, 1916, from John A. Davilla, Gr. Sec. Solomon Levy, G. H. P.

Gr. Council Feb. 10, 1916, from John A. Davilla, Gr. Rec. H. F. Grimm, New Orleans, Gr. Master.

MINNESOTA.-Gr. Lodge Jan. 19, 1916, from John Fishel, St. Paul, Gr. Sec. Alfred G. Pinkham, St. Paul, Gr. Master. 260 lodges, 31,903 members, 2,173 raised.

Gr. Chapter Oct. 12, 1915, from John Fishel, St. Paul, Gr. Sec. James R. Morton, Winona, G. H. P. 84 chapters, 9,496 members, 549 exaltations.

MISSISSIPPI.-Gr. Lodge Feb. 15, 1916, from Fred G. Speed, Vicksburg, Gr. Sec. George B. Power, Jackson, Gr. Master.

Gr. Chapter Feb. 17, 1916, from Fred G. Speed, Vicksburg, Gr. Sec. John J. Mc-Intosh, Miss Point, G. H. P. 73 chapters, 4,272 members, 235 exalted.

NEBRASKA-Gr. Chapter Dec. 15, 1915, from Francis E. White, Omaha, Gr. Sec. Chauncey L. Wattles, Neligh, G. H. P. 56 chapters, 5,105 members, 339 exalted.

OKLAHOMA.-Gr. Lodge Feb. 14, 1916, from Wm. M. Anderson, Oklahoma City, Gr. Sec. Almer E. Monroney, Oklahoma City, Gr. Master.

PENNSYLVANIA.-Grand Lodge Dec. 27, 1915, from Julius F. Sachse, Philadelphia, Gr. Librarian. Louis A. Waters, Philadelphia, Gr. Mas. 497 lodges, 120,576 members, 7,337 initiates.

TENNESSEE.-Gr. Lodge Jan. 26, 1916, from Stith M. Cain, Nashville, Gr. Sec. Charles Barham, Nashville, Gr. Mas. 28,-300 members, 546 initiates.

Gr. Chapter Jan. 24, 1916, from Stith M. Cain, Nashville, Gr. Sec. Philip N. Matlock, Union City, G. H. P. 86 chapters, 5,745 members, 372 exalted.

#### DIED.

- JAMES EDWARD FICKETT in Portland Feb. 6, aged 76. A member of St. Alban Commandery. FRANK E. ALLEN in Portland March 13, aged 73. A Past Commander of Portland Commandery.
- SILAS H. MCALPINE in Portland March 13, aged 77. A member of Portland Commandery.
- CAPT. OSCAR CHARLESON in Portland March 25, aged 67. A member of Atlantic Lodge.
- IRA P. BOOKER in Brunswick March. He was Treasurer of Bowdoin College and long a Masonic Secretary.
- JAMES F. DOUGHTY in Portland March 30, aged 65. A member of Ancient Land-Mark Lodge.

AUGUSTUS H. HUMPHREY in Yarmouth April 23, aged 69. (See editorial.)

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