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Pemaquid Point.

Coast of Maine.

I am lost in God's wild country,
Where the blue bent over me,
The twilights and the sunrise,
And the harp-strings of the sea
Are forever, ever chanting,
With the tree-tops, near and far,
In the calm, clear notes of triumph
Like the anthem of a star.

Yes, I'm lost in God's wild country,
Where the thundering waters tread
And the flowery paths are quiet
As the highways of the dead;
But the voice of every ripple
Where the naiads splash and play
Through the splendid vasts of summer,
Bids my spirit-wings away.

O to live in God's wild country,
Far away from noisy strife!
O to dare with Death, a viking,
On the lifting heights of Life!
O to face the stir of being,
Like the laughter of the waves,
Where the wider dawns and sunsets
Hide earth's labyrinth of graves!

Yes, I'm lost in God's wild country,
And I'm garlanded for flight,
With a faith as fair as sunbeams,
And as deathless as the light.
I am garlanded with courage,
And my wings are filled with fire,
Wild and tameless as the ocean,
Or the music of desire.

And I long to make the conquest,
Far above the morning's rim,
Far above the noon and midnight,
And the ocean's lyric hymn;
Far beyond the arching moonlight,
And the jostle of the world,
To those splendid vasts immortal.
Where love's banners are unfurled.
—[Herbert Randall, in *Boston Transcript*.]

MASONRY IN MAINE.

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Minnewaukon, 61, Sedgwick. Alanson H Mayo, bp; Lucius B Bridges, k; William H Pervear, sc; Rodney W Smith, sec.

Atlantic, 40, Vinalhaven. Eugene H Libby, bp; Harry L Sanborn, k; Eugene M Hall, sc; Freeman L Roberts, sec.

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Westbrook, 15, Westbrook. Andrew C Hooper, tm; Lester C Ayer, dm; John C Warren, pcw; Oliver A Cobb, rec.

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Camden, 23, Camden. Allie O Pillsbury, com; Edwin F Burkett, geno; William F Rankin, cgen; Leslie D Ames, rec.

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St. Omer, 12, Waterville. Eugene C Herring, com; Lester M Andrews, geno; Henry W Abbott, cgen; Charles B Davis, rec.

St. Aldermar, 17, Houlton. Orin L Goodridge, com; Isaac H Davis, geno; Bernard Archibald, cgen; Charles A McCanna, rec.

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On January 8, 1917, Bro. George A. Gilpatrick was installed as an Officer of York Lodge of Kennebunk for the 31st time, an excellent record.

OXFORD LODGE. After 27 years of faithful service as Secretary, Bro. Howard D. Smith has resigned and his son Fred E. Smith has been elected in his place.

Royal Arch School of Instruction.

The Royal Arch School of Instruction ordered by the Grand Chapter was held at Waterville, Tuesday, Dec. 19th. A good attendance was present. Supper was served at six o'clock, and in the evening the Mark Master's degree was worked by Teconnet Chapter, the chairs being filled by Past High Priests.

Pacific Lodge.

At the Annual Communication of Pacific Lodge, No. 64, A. F. & A. M., held in its new Masonic Apartments at Exeter, Maine, on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 6, 1916, the Worshipful Master, Dr. Freeman C. Hersey, 33^d, declined a re-election.

To more fully complete the furnishings of the new Hall, Worshipful Brother Francis C. Hersey of Boston, a Past Master of Rabboni Lodge of Dorchester, Mass., generously gave a beautiful Silk American Flag, which was presented to the lodge by his name-sake, Worshipful Freeman C. Hersey. A beautifully embroidered Silk Banner was also presented to the lodge by Worshipful Master Freeman C. Hersey and Worshipful Brother A. Warren Knowlton, Honorary Member of Pacific Lodge and Past Master of Archon Lodge, No. 139, East Dixmont, Maine.

The Flag and Banner were received with much appreciation, and a rising vote of thanks extended to the donors.

Seventy Years A Mason.

GARDINER, Jan. 17.—Philip Gould Sherman is dead at his home in Randolph, aged 93 years, 2 months and 12 days. He was born in the town of Somerville, then Patricktown, the son of Eleazer and Azuba

Gould Sherman. Both parents lived to be 90 years of age. Mr. Sherman came to Randolph, then Pittston, in 1849, and was one of the first to engage in the cooperage business, making the first cask for maple syrup ever made in New England. At the age of 73 years Mr. Sherman retired, his son, Daniel, taking over the business. In 1846, Mr. Sherman first became interested in Masonry. At that time he joined Unity Lodge of Friendship, now Thorndike. In 1865, he received the Royal Arch degree from Lebanon Royal Arch Chapter, and soon after received the Orders of Knighthood. The chapter was conferred upon Mr. Sherman by the late James M. Larrabee, High Priest of Lebanon Chapter and Eminent Commander of Maine Commandery, No. 1. He was always deeply interested in the work and attended the lodge meetings up to three weeks ago. He is survived by two sons, Daniel and George of Randolph, and two daughters, Mrs. Edward McMinnie and Mrs. James Hardy of Boston. Mr. Sherman has passed his winters in Massachusetts and his summers in Maine for several years. He took his daily walk in the business section of the city only a few days ago. Well posted on all affairs of the hour, he was a most wonderful man, with a mind as clear as a bell. Funeral services have not been announced as yet but will be probably with full masonic honors as befitted the rank of the deceased.

Christmas Observance.

Christmas was very generally observed by the commanderies in Maine.

In Portland over 250 attended the joint meeting over the two commanderies and a generous contribution was taken up.

Books, Papers, etc.

Maine Register for 1916-1917, contains 1090 pages of fine print, giving a business directory of every town in Maine, as well as all officials, the societies and other important information about the town. It is so full and complete and so accurate that it has driven out all the county directories. It is indispensable to the business man. We therefore recommend all to send \$2.00 to Grenville M. Donham, 390 Congress Street, opposite City Building, Portland, Maine, to obtain one and to be able to inform himself about the State of Maine.

We have received from the U. S. Geological Survey a copy of a section of their great map, which will cover an acre when completed. It gives Portland and vicinity from the sea to Sebago Lake and as far south as Kennebunk. It contains the elevations and other particulars not given in other maps and is exceedingly interesting and valuable. They can be procured of the Director of the Geological U. S. Survey at Washington at 10 cents a copy.

Report of The Masonic Club of New South Wales, 1916, received from John G. Moon, Sec., 218 Pitt St., Sydney. This is the Twenty-third Annual Report of the Club, which must be one of the oldest in existence.

Maine Farmers' Almanac for 1917, received from the Publishers, Charles E. Nash & Son, Augusta.

There will be seven eclipses of which only two will be visible in Maine, namely, a total eclipse of the moon January 8 at 11 minutes past one in the morning, and a total eclipse of the moon December 28 at 15 minutes past five in the morning.

Lent begins February 21; Good Friday comes April 6 and Easter Sunday April 8; Ascension Day May 17; St. John's Day, June 24, comes on Sunday; Fourth of July comes on Wednesday; Christmas comes on Tuesday.

FULL MOONS.

January 8,	3 h. 3 m. morning
February 6,	10 h. 49 m. evening
March 8,	5 h. 19 m. evening
April 7,	9 h. 10 m. morning
May 6,	10 h. 4 m. evening
June 5,	8 h. 28 m. morning
July 4,	5 h. 1 m. evening
August 3,	0 h. 32 m. morning
September 1,	7 h. 49 m. morning
September 30,	3 h. 52 m. evening
October 30,	1 h. 40 m. morning
November 28,	5 h. 50 m. evening
December 28,	5 h. 13 m. morning

The stated meetings should be reckoned by this Maine Almanac as the August meeting is so near midnight that Almanacs for other states might bring them on a different week. Send 10 cents to the Publishers for a copy.

Parliament to Proscribe Masonry.

An act has been introduced in the English Parliament that has created both surprise and consternation among our brethren in that country and ought to evoke indignation elsewhere, if our understanding of it from the meagre information at hand is not incorrect.

The act, if passed, will bar members of the Irish Constabulary and Dublin Police from joining the Masonic Order. It was supported in the House of Commons by all the Irish Nationalists and at this writing has carried through committee.

Notwithstanding the fact that the House of Commons contains many members who are Masons, only one voice was raised in opposition and he, Bro. Craig, is an Orangeman from Ulster, residing in Belfast, Ireland.

The "London Freemason" calls it an "astounding feature" that only one member should have been heard in Defence of Masonry and says the silence and absence of brethren in high standing in the Order

needs explanation. It also asks: "Is there no Masonic Peer who will defend the Craft when the bill is before the House of Lords?"

And this is the land which is the cradle of organized Freemasonry. A land in which Masons have held the highest distinctions. A number of its kings and other members of the Royal family have been Masons.

The father of the present king was, as Prince of Wales, heir-apparent to the throne and for over twenty-five years also Grand Master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of England. He only resigned that position when he became king. But he evidenced his continued interest in Masonry by taking the title of "Patron" of the Craft. Were he living at this time, he could, after this act becomes a law—if it will—be King of Great Britain and Ireland, but he would be disqualified from becoming a policeman in the City of Dublin in Ireland, notwithstanding the fact that as far back as 1836 the Irish Constabulary and Dublin Police acts specially exempted Freemasonry from being classed as a secret society and permitted members of both bodies to become Freemasons.—[*The Square and Compasses*.]

A Mason 79 Years

Gen. W. A. Hardy of Oklahoma City, 102 years old, and for 79 years a Mason, recently attended a meeting of Scottish Rite Masons at Wichita, Kansas. He was born in Quebec in 1814, and his father was a full blood Blackfoot Indian. He has lived in Oklahoma 60 years, and is the prophet of the Kaw Indians in Kay County. He joined the Blue Lodge in the year Queen Victoria ascended her throne.—[*Kansas City Star*.]

Masonic Works.

The Grand Orator of California presents this gem:

"I became a man; I knocked and the door of Freemasonry was opened unto me. Within the Lodge I met men who called me 'Brother.' I felt that my boyish ambitions were about to be realized; that my dreams were about to come true. As a novice I received instruction. I learned that the three principal tenets of Masonry are Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. I saw men reverently bow their heads and invoke the blessing of God that He would so influence their hearts and minds that they might practice out of the Lodge those great moral duties inculcated in it. In the outer world I saw Masons in high places in political and official life, administering the affairs of the state and nation, with honor and uprightness. I saw justice tempered with mercy and guided by that standard, or boundary of right which enables us to render unto every man his just due, without distinction.' I saw the man of God soften his dogmatic creeds with the doctrine of universal love. I saw men leading little children ten-

derly along the pathways that lead to truth, and fighting valiantly for the rights of universal love. I saw my brethren occupying positions of honor, integrity and trust, and everywhere regarding the volume of the Sacred Law as the great light of their profession—considering it as the unerring standard of truth and justice, and regulating their actions by the divine precepts it contains."

—[*Brotherhood*.]

In Florida a Gr. Lodge Officer re-elected or re-appointed to the same office for another year need not be installed. This we glean from a perusal of the Proceedings of that Gr. Lodge.—[*The Square and Compasses*.]

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 Bulletin, Cleveland, Ohio, mo. \$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.
The Temple Bulletin Co., St. Louis, Mo., weekly, \$1.
Trestle Board, San Francisco, Cal., mo., \$1.
Tyler-Keystone, Owosso, Mich., mo., \$1.
Virginia Masonic Journal, Richmond, Virginia, monthly, \$1.
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GRAND LODGE OF MAINE.



ANNUAL MEETINGS.

The Masonic Grand Bodies in Maine will hold their Annual Sessions for 1917 at the new Masonic Temple, Portland, as follows:

Grand Lodge, Tuesday, May 1, at 9 o'clock A. M.
Grand Chapter, " " 1, at 7 o'clock P. M.
Grand Council, Wed'sdy, " 2, at 2 o'clock P. M.
Gr. Com'dery, Thursday, " 3, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Lodge officers, in making applications to the Charity Fund for Relief, must be particularly careful to comply with all the directions required in filling out blanks. See pp. 66, 67 and 68, proceedings 1916.

To Secretaries: Blanks for Returns of Lodges will be sent first of February. If not received by the 15th, notify me, and give the proper address. If there has been a change in the office of Secretary, call on the former one before writing me.

STEPHEN BERRY,
Grand Secretary.

Portland, Jan. 15, 1917.

Any lodge officer or member of the Grand Lodge can obtain a copy of the Constitution by remitting the postage, a three cent stamp, to the Grand Secretary.

Any member of the Grand Chapter, Council or Commandery can obtain the Constitutions of those bodies in the same way.

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

The Annual Meeting

A mason is apt to consider his own lodge as the best, and when he gets so old that he cannot go out evenings and is obliged to miss the stated meetings he is still anxious to attend the annual. Our lodge has a custom of giving a six o'clock supper at the annual meeting so that the veterans can stay down town and go home early after supper if they wish. There have been sixty-two annual meetings since we joined Ancient Landmark Lodge in May, 1855, and I think I have attended all but that of 1880, which fell on December 1st, which was the golden wedding anniversary of my parents. The veterans turned out in goodly numbers. Among them we met Ebenezer M. Gay, who was made a mason in Blue Mountain Lodge in 1857. He is the father of Elmer F. Gay, the Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana and the present Correspondent.

A large lodge loses quite a number of members by death in each year, and reading a brief biography of each is an interesting feature of the annual meeting. Voting sums of money to the needy is also an interesting feature, for we need to know who has fallen into distress during the year. The re-appointment of the veteran Chaplain is a brotherly act, though he has been paralyzed for several years and cannot leave his room. It expresses hopefulness of his recovery.

At the annual meeting we note the changes. The young men whom we remember to have seen initiated have become middle aged, and we are surprised to find that it was 25 years ago. But time goes steadily on. We have been in our new Masonic Temple four years, although the new has not worn off.

Leone R. Cook,

Secretary of Casco Lodge and Cumberland Chapter, died in Yarmouth, January 14th, after a month's illness at the age of 63. He was a leading citizen and active in all good work. He had been at the head of both lodge and chapter and was a very useful member of the Fraternity. He was a frequent and welcome visitor at the Grand Lodge office. He was born in Craftsbury, Vt. He was town clerk of Yarmouth for 25 years.

Veterans.

Bro. Andrew W. French of Philadelphia, formerly of Eastport, thinks that he should be ranked as a veteran, having been 57 years a mason. We agree with him. In fact, 50 years should entitle a mason to that rank. It would be a good idea for lodges to pre-

sent a button to members on attaining 50 years. We suggest one in the shape of a letter V for veteran with the figure 50 inside the letter.

Holiday Greetings Received From

Isaac Cutter, Gr. Sec., Camp Point, Ill.
Thomas A. Davies, Gr. Sec., San Francisco, Cal.
Edward W. Wellington, Gr. Mas. Gen. Gr. Council, Ellsworth, Kansas.
Edmund B. Mallet, Gr. Com., Freeport, Me.
Perry W. Wricker, Los Angeles, Cal.
John C. Kidd, Gr. Rec., Houston, Texas.
Joseph H. Ewing, Com. St. Alban Commandery, Portland, Me.
Benj. W. Rowell, Gr. Rec., Boston, Mass.
William F. Kuhn, Gen. Gr. King, Kansas City, Mo.
H. H. Ross, Gr. Sec., Burlington, Vt.
Freeman C. Hersey, M. D., Boston Mass.,
P. M. Pacific Lodge, Exeter, Me.
Edward C. Stone, Com. Bradford Commandery, Biddeford, Me.
Charles M. Lucas, Gr. Sword Bearer, Kennebunk, Me.
John H. Cowles, So. Sup. Council, Washington, D. C.
Charles S. Wood, Gr. Rec., Savannah, Ga.
Jarvis L. Tyler, Com. Pilgrim Commandery, Farmington, Me.
William T. Flint, Com. St. Amand Commandery, Kennebunk, Me.
Charles A. Conover, Gr. Sec., Coldwater, Mich.
Peter McGill, Gr. Sec., New Jersey.
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We are indebted to James H. Codding,
Sec. Gen., for a copy of the Proceedings of
the Northern Supreme Council for 1916,
which is as usual a noble volume.

War Captives.

The sending of thousands of Belgians into
Germany to work in the fields is a revival
of the old fashion of enslaving prisoners of
war. When Hector bewailed the probable
fate of his wife

"In Argive blooms our battles to
design

And woes of which so great a
part were thine."

We sympathize with him, but the fate of
a princess was far easier than the fate of a
common slave.

Our Belgian Representative used to write
every year, but we have not heard from him
for two years, and hope he is not toiling in
German fields.

If the Kaiser had succeeded in reducing
the rest of Europe to submission we might
have seen English, French and Russians
doing the drudgery for the dominant race.

Obituaries.

JOHN C. DREWRY, the efficient Grand Sec-
retary of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina,
died in Raleigh October 2, 1916, aged 56.
He had been Grand High Priest and Grand
Commander.

WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, Grand Re-
corder and Grand Secretary of California,
died June 20, 1916, aged 89 yrs. 4 mos. 15
days. He was the oldest in years of all
Grand Secretaries, and had been a very
able and efficient officer.

PANAMA. The three lodges in Panama
have formed a Grand Lodge with Guillermo
Andreve as Grand Master and Jose Oller as
Grand Secretary, both of the City of Pan-
ama.

The Masonic Home at Wichita, Kansas,
was burned in December with a loss of
\$250,000. The two buildings saved were
the hospital and the chapel. Five of the
inmates were burned to death, all women.

George D. Loring

died in Portland Oct. 15th, at the age of
nearly 64. He was a Past Master of Port-
land Lodge, a Past High Priest of Mt. Ver-
non Chapter, and a Past Commander of
Portland Commandery. He was for many
years the Prelate of the commandery and
notably good in the office.

He was buried at Evergreen Cemetery on
Wednesday the 18th, with ceremonies by
Portland Lodge. A delegation from Port-
land Commandery was present.

The latest appeal for aid from the war
zone is from a lady in Paris who asks con-
tributions of underwear, canned goods and
groceries for the Belgians who are prisoners
in Germany and are suffering for want of
them. The contributions can be sent to La
Fraternite des Peuples, 16 Rue Cadet, Paris,
France, who will hand them over to the
committee and the committee will do the
rest.

The First Step.

The first step in Masonry is by far the
most important in the whole chain, and
should be made the most impressive upon
the candidate. Here the first impression is
formed, and, to a greater extent, molds the
mind for the appreciation of the higher de-
grees to be conferred. "It is said to be the
weaker part of Masonry," or at least the
initiate is so informed, but in reality this is
not true; it is the foundation stone that sup-
ports the whole masonic edifice. In the first
step in our noble Order we are to be "good
men and true," loyal and charitable; so
should the same teaching apply in every
step and every advancement, and as the
first impression is made, so will it continue
to the end, and the lessons taught in the
First Degree will never be lost to sight or
fade from the memory of the really good
and true Mason. The Master of the lodge
and every officer and member of the lodge
should make it their duty to see that every
part of the ceremonies and the various lec-
tures are given in full in the most impres-
sive manner; nothing passed over, nothing
curtailed, nothing hurried through; not a
single teaching should be omitted, for there
are no nobler, grander or more pathetic
teachings than are inculcated in this, the
"first step," and as the rough ashlar is
made the perfect ashlar, and squarely set in

the foundation of the building, so will the
building always stand in the estimation of
all good, true and loyal men, and prejudice
and opposition to the institution will lose
its force, and its teachings will stand forth
before the whole world, as pure in princi-
ple, grand in teachings and sublime in all
its moral applications.

One great and important factor in molding
the mind for the several degrees, is teaching
the initiate the several lectures. To him who
is given the duty of teaching the initiate by
word of mouth, the meaning and significance
of the various ceremonies and lectures, it
should be fully understood that this duty is
of the utmost importance, and as he re-
hearses with the learner, every detail, every
minor part should be as fully explained as
possible, for, to the newly-made brother,
there are many things that to him seem
vague and obscure, which, by proper teach-
ing become clear and plain, and will forever
be retained and again communicated to
others in the same thorough and fully ex-
plained manner. The mere matter of "post-
ing" amounts to naught if no attempt at
explanation is made. Too many are hurried
through, can answer the questions and com-
mit to memory enough to pass an examina-
tion, and that is all; the mind is still in
darkness regarding many important por-
tions of the "first step," which, by a little
patience, could be made plain, and after
passing the First Degree, light dawns upon
the candidate, and the teachings afterwards
given are easily grasped and easily under-
stood. Look well to the "first step."

—[Masonic Tidings.]

How Big We Are.

The United States occupies about one-
sixteenth of the globe and has about one-
fifteenth of its population, yet it produces
68 per cent. of the world's corn, 63 per
cent. of its petroleum, 61 per cent. of its
cotton, 65 per cent. of its copper, 42 per
cent. of its iron ore, 40 per cent. of its coal,
35 per cent. of its tobacco, 30 per cent. each
of its lead, silver and live stock, and 20 per
cent. each of its gold, wheat and timothy.
Over 22 per cent. of the world's stock of
gold is in the United States.—[The Young
Man.]

"When as a Lad."

When, as a lad, at break of day,
I watched the fishers sail away,
My thoughts, like flocking birds, would follow
Across the curving sky's blue hollow,
And on and on—
Into the very heart of dawn!

For long I searched the world! Ah, me!
I searched the sky, I searched the sea,
With much of useless grief and ruing,
Those winged thoughts of mine pursuing,
So dear were they,
So lovely and so far away!

I seek them still and always will
Until my laggard heart is still,
And I am free to follow, follow,
Across the curving sky's blue hollow,
Those thoughts too fleet
For any save the soul's swift feet!

—[Isabel Mackay.]

The Bugle Call.

List to the call of the bugle!
Hear the stern call "To Arms!"
See them respond from the cities;
See them respond from the farms.
Blood of their fathers a-tingle,
Quickly they step into line,
Eyes front and shoulder to shoulder,
Each face with courage ashine.

Mothers are silently weeping,
Crushed are the sweethearts and wives;
Dad's face is gleaming, though tear wet,
As sons freely offer their lives.
Backward his thoughts now are turning—
Back to "his" call, as to-day,
Wishing he, too, were but able
To march forth as bravely as they,

God speed the day when it's over,
All of this turmoil and strife;
Bring back the son to his mother;
Bring back the husband to wife;
Prayers now ascend for their safety;
Smiles take the place now of tears.
Give them of courage and solace.
Comfort each heart filled with fears.

—[Carleton Everett Knox, in *Kansas City Journal*.]

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What lodge shall be next added?

Lodges' Activities Uncensored.

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, at its annual communication, remarks of a lecturer of note upon masonic subjects, who had made addresses to some Nevada lodges under the position that any subject which affects the welfare of mankind is proper for discussion in and consideration by a masonic lodge, referring more particularly, we understand, to the duty of Masons to stand for clean politics. The Grand Master appealed to the Grand Lodge to prohibit such discussions.

The Grand Lodge felt, however, that the lodges could be trusted not to deviate from masonic principles, for it adopted the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, where it was said:

"Regarding the propriety of circumscribing, in any way, the subjects which may be

discussed in a masonic lodge, we feel that this matter can safely be left to the good judgment of the different Masters; also, that any question which affects the moral and civic welfare of a whole community is a proper subject for discussion in the lodge room. We hold in veneration the accomplishments of many eminent characters in history, who have been members of the fraternity, attributing the beautiful moral lessons inculcated in our lodges as the motive prompting their actions, and which have been so universally approved."—[*Masonic Home Journal*.]

Duty.

"The symbolic teaching of Masonry may be summed up in a word as an attempted solution of the great problem of Life. It deals with life in its three-fold relationship—duty to one's self, duty to one's fellow man, and duty to one's God. After receiving masonic instruction, we are to go forth into the great world and in the words of the teacher of men 'learn what this meaneth.' The only way by which we can learn the mysteries of masonic symbolism is by living the masonic life symbolized therein. The world is our school, life our teacher, and character the diploma. Gradually we must learn to seek for the substance behind the shadow, for the truth behind the type, and for the reality behind the symbol. Beautiful as our symbols are, they are at best but symbols of the certainties and realities of being. 'Glorious school house, marvelous teacher, unfading diploma, that teaches us that mercy is greater than sacrifice, that truth is more powerful than fiction, that reality surpasses the dream, that goodness is superior to greatness, and that love will outshine brilliance into the day of days.'"
—[*Malcolm A. Campbell, Quebec, Canada*.]

Independent Lodge Activity.

There is a pronounced tendency of the Grand Lodge to curtail the independent activities of the constituted lodges. Wherever it is practicable, I am disposed to think that we should extend the field of activity in the local lodges, granting them a wider discretion and imposing upon them greater responsibilities. I think this will result in the development of a higher standard of citizenship within our Order.—[*Grand Master of New Jersey*.]

The New Master in the Chair.

Many thousands of new Masters are just being fairly seated in the chair in the east, and the experience is still so new they wonder what they can or should do. For it is a lamentable fact that comparatively few enter upon the duties of the office with very clearly conceived ideas of their privilege or opportunity.

There are many standards by which the prosperity of a lodge is judged, in the opin-

ion of the *New England Craftsman*. One Master believes that nothing surpasses the test of ritual perfection and will insist on letter accuracy of language and geometrical precision in every movement about the lodge. A slip in the use of a word or a false movement of the Marshal's baton gives him more anxiety than the distress of an unfortunate brother. Another Master sees little beyond the social attraction of Masonry. He believes in frequent banquets. In his opinion, a good feed and a good cigar are the more important attractions. He will open the lodge early and make any sacrifice so the banquet may not be neglected, apparently forgetting that the Mason drawn to the lodge by the banquet alone will take little interest in the real business of Freemasonry. There are other Masters who add to the banquet numerous accessory attractions like picture exhibitions, vaudeville shows, excursions, clam bakes and other novelties limited only by the measure of his inventive capacity. The only objection to these features is in placing them first.

Social attractions are helpful and desirable and it is up to the Master to provide them in a reasonable measure.

There are some Masters who fail just as much in the opposite direction. They conduct the affairs of the lodge in a methodical, perfunctory manner. Their souls never warm up with interest in the brethren, they are never inspired by the words of the ritual to comprehend the meaning of brotherhood and the idea of happiness out of service to a fellowman never dawns on their minds. They are just cold, calculating examples of honest but selfish manhood.

Another kind of Master is the easy-going example. He never thinks of what he should do in advance of the meetings. He comes to the lodge imperfect in ritual, ignorant of its business, and thoughtless of the consequence of his neglect. He loves his Masonry in an indolent way. He is so good natured that no one offends him and no one cares to inform him of his inefficiency.

These examples are not all; fortunately there is another type of Master that wins our admiration and respect. It is the Master who thinks about his lodge and its field of activity, who keeps in close touch with the members, who believes in cultivating the social qualities as he does in the practice of every masonic virtue. Such a Master sees in the lodge a wonderful power for good in the advancement of human sympathy and helpfulness. He believes in brotherhood as the cure of oppression and the basis of permanent happiness. Such Masters bring to their lodges a spirit of cheering optimism. They are hopeful and happy, their lodges are prosperous and their influence a stimulus that reaches beyond the lodge circle and helps the community in which they are placed to a better degree of

civic service and integrity.—[*The American Tyler-Keystone.*]

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Texas, in its annual convocation of Dec. 4-5, rejected by a large majority the proposal of the General Grand Chapter of the United States that the Grand Chapter become one of its affiliates.—[*The Square and Compasses.*]

In the Olden Days.

Prior to 1717, the only ritual known to Masons was obligation, with a word of recognition. In 1729 a catechism, as a test of membership, was in vogue, of so unmeaning a character that sensible men endeavored successfully to change it to something more reasonable. Hence to the time of Preston continued changes were made, when he revised and added to it men of culture and education. About the middle of the last century Dermott formulated a ritual different from that of Preston, which was adopted by the so-called "Ancient Lodges." At the union of the two English masonic factions early in the present century, a ritual was formulated which is essentially the same as that practiced by the Grand Lodge of England at the present time. Some of the first lodges established in this country were authorized by the Ancient or Dermott branch of the Order, notably Pennsylvania, which still hold the ritual, and call themselves "Ancient York Masons." The ritual in use in England at the present time is greatly different from that in use elsewhere. That generally adopted for the use of the various Grand Lodges of the United States was formulated by Webb, and is used in no other country. The only landmark of Masonry in any way connected with the ritual is the naked and unadorned Hiram legend.—[*Toronto Freemason.*]

Life A Symbol.

This old earth is a Great School of the Soul in which are a multitude of shining symbols training us to discover the beauty about us and the wonder within. Nothing is valueless for our teaching, unless we are willing to close our eyes and ears to its testimony, nothing is merely what it seems. We meet a new friend, we hear a beautiful song, we listen to a bird at dawn, we read a noble book, we look upon a lovely scene of land or sea or sky, and forthwith we are in the presence of the Eternal. Whenever we are thus summoned, if we answer with our hearts, the veil becomes thinner, the symbol more transparent. Often life is terrible and tragic, but let not its dark days deceive you; there would be no shadow without Light. If you want to find God in its shadow, God will find you. Life is a symbol, and its mystery hath in it the secret of unknown revelations.—[*Virginia Masonic Journal.*]

Our Thanks.

ILLINOIS.—Gr. Lodge Oct. 10, 1916, from Isaac Cutter, Camp Point, Gr. Sec. Ralph H. Wheeler, Gr. Master.

Gr. Council Sept. 13, 1916, from George W. Warvelle, Chicago, Gr. Rec. Julius L. Klemme, Gr. Master.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Gr. Commandery Oct. 25, 1916, from Benj. W. Rowell, Boston, Gr. Rec. Samuel D. Sherwood, Springfield, Gr. Com.

MONTANA.—Gr. Lodge August 30, 1916, from Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Helena, Gr. Sec. Dr. W. R. Getty, Gr. Master.

NEW MEXICO.—Gr. Lodge Oct. 9, 1916, from Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, Gr. Sec. Alonzo B. McMillen, Albuquerque, Gr. Master.

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NEW ZEALAND.—Gr. Lodge May 10, 1916, from Malcolm Niccol, Auckland, Gr. Sec. Oliver Nicholson, Gr. Master.

OHIO.—Gr. Commandery Oct. 11, 1916, from John N. Bell, Dayton, Gr. Rec. Geo. H. Knight, Gr. Com.

WASHINGTON.—Grand Council Sept. 27, 1916, from Horace W. Tyler, Tacoma, Gr. Rec. James McCormack, Gr. Master.

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GEORGE D. LORING in Portland Oct. 15, aged 64. (See editorial.)

MUNROE V. CURTIS in Freeport Oct 17, aged 39. Postmaster and Past Master of Freeport Lodge, Cumberland Chapter and Mount Vernon Council.

PRESCOTT R. COBB in Mechanic Falls Nov. aged 78. Past Master of Tyrian Lodge, P. H. P. of St. Andrew's Chapter.

ALBERT J. DURGIN in Orono Oct. 16, aged 75. Secretary of Mechanic's Lodge for 39 years, Past Master, Past D. D. G. M. Member of Chapter, Commandery and Scottish Rite.

LEONE R. COOK in Yarmouth Jan. 14, aged 63, after a month's illness. (See editorial.)

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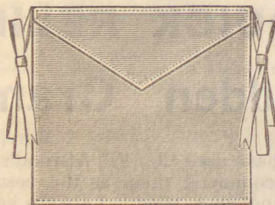
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