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The Merry Month of May.

'Tis now the careful housewife,
As busy as a bee.
Sweeps out each nook and corner,
And makes her jubilee!
The floors are bare of carpets,
And there's the deuce to pay;
O, my! I think it's lovely—
The merry month of May.

A mighty smell of soapsuds,
Is wafted on the air;
It's rub and scrub and hub-bub,
There's trouble everywhere!
We eat out in the kitchen,
Cold dinners every day;
O, say! but it's delightful—
The merry month of May.

Sing ho! the little moth-ball,
And eke the turpentine;
You know the worst is over,
When they come into line!
Rolled up in fragrant camphor,
My clothes are packed away;
O, gee! I love the springtime—
The merry month of May.

MASONRY IN MAINE.

Grand Lodge.

Portland, May 1, 1917.

The Grand Lodge of Maine met at Masonic Temple, Portland, May 1st, at 9 A. M., Grand Master Waldo Pettengill of Rumford presiding.

The Grand Master's address was brief and opened with a patriotic appeal to the Craft to heartily sustain the Government in the present as if had always done in the past. He paid a tribute to the memory of three Past Senior Grand Masters, Kenniston, Ames and Boynton, who had died during the year, and gave a concise detail of duties discharged.

The reports of other Grand Officers and of Standing Committees were received and referred.

Reported membership 31,855, a gain for the year of 527. Initiated 1,382, deaths 629.

Memorials to the dead were read and routine business consumed the time until

11:30, when the Grand Lodge called off until 2 P. M.

Tuesday Afternoon, May 1st.

The Grand Lodge resumed business at 2 P. M. 186 of the 205 lodges were reported as represented. At 3 o'clock the following officers were elected:

Gr. Master—Waldo Pettengill, Rumford.
D. Gr. Mas.—Silas B. Adams, Portland.
S. G. W.—James H. Witherell, Oakland.
J. G. W.—Edwin K. Smith, Lewiston.

The election of the other officers was postponed until Thursday Morning.

At 5:20 the Grand Lodge was called off until 2 Wednesday Afternoon.

The Grand Lodge spent Wednesday Afternoon in witnessing the conferring of the Third Degree by Tranquil Lodge of Auburn, Willis P. Atwood, Master.

Thursday Morning, May 3d.

The Grand Lodge met at 9 A. M.

A charter was granted to Orchard Lodge at Old Orchard.

The Grand Secretary, Stephen Berry, after an official service of 61 years, was made Grand Secretary Emeritus with his salary continued for life.

Albro E. Chase of Portland was elected Grand Treasurer and Charles B. Davis of Waterville, Grand Secretary.

Trustee for One Year—Edward G. Weston, Thomaston.

Trustees for Three Years—Edmund B. Mallet, Freeport, and Ashley A. Smith, Bangor.

The Grand Officers were installed by Past Grand Master Frank E. Sleeper of Sabattus, the following appointments being made:

Corresponding Grand Secretary—Convers E. Leach, Portland.

District Deputy Grand Masters

Districts.

- 1 Bernard Archibald, Houlton.
- 2 Robert G. McBride, Lubec.
- 3 Arthur H. Bartlett, Cherryfield.
- 4 Forrest B. Snow, Bluehill.
- 5 Eugene A. Whittridge, Foxcroft.
- 6 Frank D. Weymouth, Charleston.
- 7 Elisha P. Webster, Thorndike.
- 8 Ralph E. Pendleton, Islesboro.
- 9 Emil Witten, Rockland.
- 10 Edward C. Leighton, Wiscasset.
- 11 John H. Melloy, Winthrop.
- 12 Everett S. Coombs, East Vassalboro.
- 13 James M. Spence, Madison.
- 14 Asbury M. Blake, Lisbon Falls.

- 15 J. Blaine Morrison, Phillips.
- 16 Ernest J. Record, South Paris.
- 17 Fanning J. Burbank, Portland.
- 18 Fred W. Bradbury, East Brownfield.
- 19 Arthur H. Baker, Kittery.
- 20 Daniel W. Ballantyne, Linncon.
- 21 George Harmon, Southeast Harbor.
- 22 L. B. Soper, Newport.
- 23 Fred B. Rand, Sanford.
- 24 George R. Hall, Lewiston.
- 25 Howard W. Chase, Millinocket.
- 26 Alphonzo F. Russell, Canton.

G. Chaplains.—Revs. William H. Fultz, Portland; David L. Wilson, Bath; I. James Merry, Kittery; Henry E. Dunnack, Bangor; Ashley A. Smith, Bangor; Arthur F. Stray, Auburn; John M. Bieler, Machias.

G. Mar.—Frederic O. Eaton, Canton.
G. S. D.—Ernest C. Butler, Skowhegan.
J. S. D.—David E. Moulton, Portland.
G. Stewards—Elmer A. Doten, Portland; Ralph H. Burbank, Biddeford; Frank P. Denaco, Bangor.

G. Sw. Br.—Eben F. Richardson, Southwest Harbor.

G. St. Br.—John N. Foye, Canton.
G. Pursuivants—Warren C. King, Portland; James B. Stevenson, Rumford.
G. Lec.—Frank E. Sleeper, Sabattus.
G. Org.—Walter S. Smith, Portland.
G. Tyler—Winslow E. Howell, Portland.

Mount Tir'em Lodge, No. 132, at Waterford, was transferred from the 18th Masonic District to the 16th District.

\$500 was voted to the George Washington Memorial Hall at Alexandria, Va.

The minutes were read and approved and at 11:30 the Grand Lodge was closed.

The address of the new Grand Secretary will be at Masonic Temple, Portland.

Grand Chapter.

Tuesday Evening, May 1st.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine met at 7 P. M., Grand High Priest James A. Richan of Rockland presiding.

54 of the 65 chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest presented an excellent address, which was listened to with great attention.

The other Grand Officers made their reports, which were referred to appropriate committees.

The Report on Returns showed 10,966, being a gain of 249. Exalted 579, deaths 219.

The following Grand Officers were elected:

G. H. P.—Frederic O. Eaton, Rumford.
D. G. H. P.—Clifford J. Pattee, Belfast.

G. King—L. Elwood Jones, Winthrop.
G. Scribe—Millard M. Caswell, Bridgton.

The Grand Chapter then called off until 9 Wednesday Morning, leaving the other officers to be elected then.

Wednesday Morning, May 2d.

The Grand Chapter resumed work at 9 A. M.

It was voted that the aged Grand Secretary, Stephen Berry, be made Emeritus Grand Secretary after 60 years of official service, and that his salary be continued. The election was resumed and the following elected:

G. Treas.—Albro E. Chase, Portland.
G. Sec.—Charles B. Davis, Waterville.
Committee of Finance—Franklin R. Redlon, William N. Howe and Herbert W. Robinson, all of Portland.

The Grand Officers were installed by Past Grand High Priest William N. Howe, the following appointments being made:

D. G. H. Priests—Samuel B. Furbish, Brunswick; Fred C. Chalmers, Bangor; Wilson D. Barron, Camden; I. W. E. McLellan, Caribou.

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

G. Captain Host—Thomas E. McDonald, Portland.

G. Prin. Soj.—Lee M. Smith, Norway.

G. Royal Arch Capt.—Lincoln M. Harris, Boothbay Harbor.

G. Mas. 3d Vail—Albert M. Pingree, Augusta.

G. Mas. 2d Vail—James B. Stevenson, Rumford.

G. M. 1st Vail—Morris L. Slugg, Belfast.

G. Stewards—Silas B. Adams, Portland; Virgil E. Tucker, Old Town.

G. Lect.—Frank E. Sleeper, Sabattus.

G. Sent.—Winslow E. Howell, Portland.

The minutes were read and approved, and at 11 o'clock the Grand Chapter was closed.

Order of High Priesthood.

Wednesday Evening, May 2d.

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

35 High Priests from chapters all over the state received the Order.

The following officers were elected:

President—Albert M. Penley, Auburn.
S. Vice Pres.—James E. Parsons, Lubec.
J. Vice Pres.—James H. Witherell, Oakland.

Treas.—Convers E. Leach, Portland.

Rec.—Charles B. Davis, Waterville.

M. of Cer.—Wilbur A. Patten, Portland.

Cond.—Lester M. Andrews, Oakland.

Chap.—Rev. Ashley A. Smith, Bangor.

Steward—Frank J. Cole, Bangor.

Warder—Warren C. King, Portland.

The veteran Recorder Berry retired after 53 years service.

The Council was closed.

Grand Council.

Wednesday Afternoon, May 2d.

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters met at 2 P. M., Grand Master Wilmer J. Dorman of Belfast presiding.

The address of the Grand Master and the reports of his officers showed a healthy and prosperous condition of the Cryptic Rite in Maine.

The returns show 5,096 members, being a gain of 192. Candidates 346, deaths 96.

15 of the 16 councils were represented.

The following Grand Officers were elected:

G. Master—Franklin P. Clark, Lewiston.
D. G. M.—Thomas H. Bodge, Augusta.

G. P. C. W.—Edward K. Gould, Rockland.

G. Treas.—Albro E. Chase, Portland.

G. Rec.—Charles B. Davis, Waterville.

The retiring Grand Recorder, Stephen Berry, after a service of 60 years, was elected Grand Recorder Emeritus with a continuing salary.

The officers were installed by Past Grand Master Albert M. Penley of Auburn, the following appointments being made:

G. Chap.—Rev. Ashley A. Smith, Bangor.

G. M. of C.—Fred C. Chalmers, Bangor.

G. C. of G.—William N. Howe, Portland.

G. C. of C.—Morris L. Slugg, Belfast.

G. Stew.—John G. Smith, Saco.

G. Sent.—Frank M. Hunnewell, Portland.

Gold jewels were presented to each of the Past Grand Masters.

The Grand Council then closed.

Grand Commandery.

Thursday Afternoon, May 3d.

The Grand Commandery of Maine, K. T., met at 2 o'clock, Grand Commander Edmund B. Mallet of Freeport presiding.

Right Eminent Frederick E. Dana of Providence, R. I., as official inspecting officer of the Grand Encampment of the United States, made an official visit and was received in due form.

Portland Commandery exemplified the opening of a commandery.

20 of the 23 commanderies were represented, and the Grand Commander made an excellent address, which was warmly applauded.

The report on returns showed 5,898 members, a gain of 131 for the year. There were 313 knighted and 126 deaths.

A committee was appointed to make arrangements for the attendance of the Grand Commandery at the Triennial Grand Encampment in Philadelphia in 1919.

Grand Recorder Stephen Berry, after 60 years of service, was made Grand Recorder Emeritus and his salary continued.

The following officers were elected:

G. Com.—Franklin R. Redlon, Portland.

D. G. Com.—J. Frederic Hill, Waterville.

G. Geno.—Wilmer J. Dorman, Belfast.
G. C. Gen.—Edward W. Wheeler, Brunswick.

G. S. W.—Frank W. Bucknam, Skowhegan.

G. J. W.—Frank P. Denaco, Bangor.

G. Prelate.—Rev. Dr. James F. Albion, Portland.

G. Treas.—Albro E. Chase, Portland.

G. Rec.—Charles B. Davis, Waterville.

The following appointments were made:

G. St. Br.—Thomas H. Bodge, Augusta.

G. Sw. Br.—Albert I. Mathews, Rockland.

G. Warder—Thomas E. McDonald, Portland.

G. Capt. Gd.—Winslow E. Howell, Portland.

At 5:30 the Grand Commandery was closed, and a banquet was served at 6 P. M.

Kora Temple of the Mystic Shrine gave its annual ball at the Exposition Building in Portland, March 1st. Twelve hundred ladies were reported present, so that the attendance must have been 2,400. On March 2d 150 candidates were received in the same place.

Oxford Lodge, No. 18, of Norway, had a Past Master's Night March 30th. Howard D. Smith, Master in 1869, was the acting Master.

Bangor Chapter of Rose Croix celebrated its 50th Anniversary, Friday, April 6th.

Books, Papers, etc.

The Legend of the Gospel of St. John, from George W. Warvelle, LL. D., Grand Secretary, Chicago.

America To-Day, the new national song of the hour, from Will Rossiter, Pub., 71 West Randolph St., Chicago. A patriotic song to meet the enthusiasm of the day.

New York Council of Deliberation for 1916, from William Homan, Ill. Dep., an elegant volume as usual.

Maine Council of Deliberation for 1915-1916, received from Harry W. Libbey, Gr. Secretary. It is a handsome book illustrated with many portraits, including several of the prominent dead.

The death of Bro. Ross, who was initiated on his 21st birthday, reminds us of the futility of the regulations which require a man to be of full age before he can apply for the degrees. It would be a good thing to have candidates put in their applications a year or more before becoming of age and remaining under the supervision of the committee of inquiry until attaining their majority. The lodge would be guarded and the applicant restrained from careless conduct and it would be sufficient that he could reply on the affirmative when asked if he was of lawful age on the night of his initiation. We are opposed to restrictions which deprive us of things that are good and desirable.

The present number completes the fiftieth year of this paper, five volumes with ten years in a volume. Of the masonic journals existing when it started, we know of only two which have survived: the Cincinnati Record, which is now published in Chicago, and the Canadian Craftsman of Toronto, which we have not seen for some years. The Philadelphia Keystone started in the same year, but in a later month, and is now united with the Tyler and published at Owosso, Mich., while the London Freemason did the same and still continues business at the old stand. Many others have started and died during the fifty years. George W. Chase published the Masonic Journal in Brunswick in 1855 and 1856, and Smith & Sale published the Masonic Journal in Portland for fifteen years from 1888 to 1902. Both of these ventures were unsuccessful and the papers were stopped. I was fully aware that a paper would not pay for itself when the Token was started, and that I must pay for my fun.

"Mama," said a little girl, "why do they call this South Portland?"

"For fun, my dear."

"What fun is there in calling it South Portland?"

Our readers may ask what fun is there in publishing a paper that does not pay. First, there is the pleasure of doing what others fail in. Secondly, the pleasure of being one of the teachers of the Craft. And thirdly, the satisfaction of being able to express one's opinion on subjects of interest.

Fifty years may be a long time to keep on talking, but we trust we have not tired our readers. In fact, our earlier readers have gone to their reward, and we have paid a tribute to them in our columns.

These five volumes will serve as a convenient index to all important events in Masonry for the past fifty years. Being indexed the date can be readily ascertained, and if the matter belongs to other states it can be found in more extended publications in our Masonic Library, for we have given all of our exchanges to that library, where they have been carefully preserved and bound. These are quite valuable, and although not a profit to ourselves it is a bit of the fun for which we have paid.

Many masonic papers have started and died during the half century. We could have predicted their fate, but contented ourselves with giving them a good send off that they might manfully run their course. It is saddening to see a goodly bark bound down the rapids to certain destruction, but warnings are in vain. Punch once said:

"Collisions four or five she bore;
The signals were in vain!
Grown old and rusted,
Her biler busted,
And smashed the excursion train,
Her end was pieces."

An index and an illuminated title page will be printed, and all who have preserved the volume, which includes ten years, can have a copy for binding by dropping us a postal with the request. Complete volumes will be sold for \$2.25, or if bound for \$3.50. Volumes 2, 3 and 4 can be obtained at the same rates, but Volume 1 is exhausted.

The Rev. Charles R. Joy of the First Parish Church in Portland preached a peace sermon on Easter Sunday, which aroused the indignation of some of his auditors, and an effigy of him was burned in front of his church that evening. Sherman said "War is Hell," so he only preached the gospel of his Master, the Prince of Peace, but the time was illly chosen. It is imprudent to stand by Jesus when there is a war excitement.

"Always shout with the mob!" said Mr. Pickwick.

"But what if there are two mobs?" asked Mr. Winkle.

"Then shout with the biggest," replied Mr. Pickwick.

Owing to the large number of candidates and in order that each boy may have an equal chance, Congressman Louis B. Goodall announces that he will hold a competitive examination for appointments to Annapolis and West Point. The examinations are to take place at the Post Office, Portland, Maine, on May 8th, and candidates must report at 9 A. M. on that date to the Secretary, Board of Civil Service Examiners. All boys must be residents of the district to be eligible; the age for the Navy is between sixteen and twenty years, and for the Army between seventeen and twenty-two years.

The examination for designation to the United States Military Academy consists of the subjects of algebra, geometry and grammar, for which three hours are allowed, and after an intermission of one hour, geography, United States history, and general history, for which three hours are allowed. The examination for the Naval Academy is identically the same as that for the Military Academy, except that the last subject is arithmetic instead of general history. If any persons desire to take both of these examinations they can do so by taking the additional subjects which are not common to both examinations, for which an extra hour will be allowed.

Applicants will please send their names to Louis B. Goodall, M. C., House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

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.
What Cheer Trestleboard, Providence, R I., monthly, 50 cents.

A Song of the Flag.

Oh, sing we the song of the flag
Of the banner that billows and beats
As it rips through the wind on the roofs of the towns
And whips at the top of the fleets.
It tears through the rage of the blast,
In a fury it tugs to be free,
As it swings in the teeth of the storms of the land
And sings in the gales of the sea.
It runs in the winds of the plains,
It steadies and stiffens and thrills,
It streams in the smoke of the scattering clouds
And gleams on the bayonet hilts.
Oh, sing we the song of the flag.
As it bellies and flutters and flings,
As it leaps to a home in the arms of the air
And laughs at the lusts of the kings.
It flames with the red of the dawn
And the white of the breakers that race,
It burns with a beacon of wonderful stars
On a banner of infinite space.
It lifts where battles are blown,
Where the thunders are hurled and hurled,
It lightens the loads of the weak of the earth
And guards at the gates of the world!
—[Perrin Holmes Lowrey, in Leslie's.]

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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 Meetings.

Owing to the backwardness of the Spring this year, Grand Lodge week was bleak and showery. The attendance was good, and we were happy to meet Past Grand Master Henry R. Taylor, who had for a while been kept away by ill health, but is now restored. Inquirers for Grand Chaplain Fultz were grieved to learn that he is still prostrated by paralysis.

The Alexandria, Va., masons will be pleased to hear that the Grand Lodge contributed towards their new hall.

The change of Grand Secretary will interest all. The Grand Secretary is suffering from semi-blindness, owing to inflammation of the retina. He expected that some arrangement would be made to help him with his work, but did not think of the generous plan which the joint committees recommended and which was unanimously adopted in all the bodies. He had confidence in

the brotherly love of his associates, but did not dream that it would go so far as to give him a complete vacation. He has been rather a diligent worker for 60 years, with few vacations. He had a three weeks vacation in 1864, one week in 1885, and none for the 32 years since. He hardly knows what it will seem like, as he cannot venture on long flights as in youth, but he thinks he can enjoy a little of the sunshine in the coming summer.

The new Grand Secretary has been one of the most competent secretaries in the state and we confidently expect that he will be a success in his new place.

Northern Supreme Council.

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Union of the Supreme Councils was celebrated at the Annual Meeting of Maine Consistory April 20th, the Sovereign Grand Commander having delegated Ill. Bros. Harry James Guthrie 33° of Wilmington, Del., and Charles Ernest Rounds 33° of New Haven, Conn., to represent him. A lunch at the Falmouth was given these two delegates, and after working the 21° grade in the afternoon, a banquet was given at 6:30, which lasted until 10 o'clock. Ralph W. Crockett 33° Com. in Chief, presided and addresses were made by distinguished brethren, including the visiting delegates. Senator Charles F. Johnson delivered the last address, which was a ringing speech calling upon the brethren to support the President in the present emergency. It was enthusiastically responded to. The banquet room was decorated with American Flags, and every patriotic allusion was received with hearty applause. But one of the pioneers of 1867 was living and present to welcome the guests in their behalf, and he is writing this notice.

The Lodge Guerrazzi of Tunis, Africa, sends out a Protest against enslaving the Belgians, and asks all lodges in neutral countries to unite with it. They do unite in a protest against the slavery, but not in suspended intercourse with Masons in the enslaving country. Masons there should and probably do endeavor to lighten the lot of their brethren whom they find enslaved. In war time Masons should draw their ties still more closely than in peace and endeavor to relax the rigor and hardships of the war.

The Philippine has taken over twenty-eight of the Spanish Lodges and will drive out sectarianism.

William Ross.

The Senior Past Master of Ancient Landmark Lodge of Portland died in Philadelphia February 23d, aged 78. He was born in Portland April 19, 1839, and was the son of William Ross an old time shipmaster who retired from the sea to open a ship chand-

lery business, first as Ross and Roundy and later as Ross and Sturdivant. Bro. Ross kept his father's books and later went into the same business for himself.

He was initiated on his 21st birthday in 1860, and was Master of the lodge at the time of the great fire in 1866. He was always an active mason and after the fire of 1876 he took up a subscription which purchased the first pipe organ we had owned for the newly furnished halls in the rebuilt Savings Bank Building.

Early in the 80's he went to Philadelphia and was bookkeeper for Peter Wright & Sons, who were agents for steamship lines. After they gave up business he became the Recorder of Lu Lu Temple of the Mystic Shrine, whose large membership gave him plenty of employment so long as his health held out. His witty notices delighted the members of the Shrine. When his health failed he was made Emeritus Recorder and his salary continued.

He was a man of infinite zest and humor, and his genial wit cheered the hearts of his fellow pilgrims on life's journey. He came yearly to Portland when his health permitted and attended the summer meeting of the Venerable Cunner Club of which he was a valued member.

He was a Charter Member of St. Alban Commandery, but was unable to be present at their 30th anniversary in 1916.

In his later years he suffered much from severe illnesses, but he bore them cheerfully. When here last summer he was recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia which, however, seems to have sapped his vitality.

He is survived by a sister, the wife of George W. Woodman, a son Edwin D., who succeeded him as Recorder of Lu Lu Shrine, and by two grandsons.

The funeral was from his sister's house in Portland March 1st, Rev. Dr. Albion officiating and Ancient Landmark Lodge performing the masonic ceremonies.

Henry S. Webster.

Comp. Henry S. Webster died in Gardiner February 16, 1917. He was a lawyer by profession, but was a bank treasurer by occupation. He was Grand High Priest in 1895-96, and was the Grand Representative of South Carolina.

He was born in Augusta September 26, 1845.

Comp. Webster was a scholar witty and brilliant and was in much demand as an after dinner speaker at various masonic and other functions.

Benjamin Ames died in Thorndike February 8, 1917, aged 75 years. He was Jun. Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge in 1886. He was the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of South Australia.

Obituaries.

GRAHAM DUKEHART, Gr. Representative of the Gr. Chapter of Maine near the Gr. Chapter of Maryland, died in Baltimore Dec. 31st. He was born in Baltimore Feb. 3, 1839. He was Gr. Lecturer in the Gr. Council.

WILLIAM E. EVANS, of Chillicothe, Ohio, Gr. Recorder of the Gr. Council, died Mar. 4th. He was born in Philadelphia Sept. 29, 1845. He was Gr. High Priest in 1913.

JOHN W. MORRIS, P. G. Com. of the Gr. Commandery of West Virginia, and Gr. Representative of Maine, died March 4th, aged 64 years. He was a 33° Mason of the Southern Jurisdiction and Treasurer-General of the Supreme Council. He was one of the oldest physicians of the state.

The Grand Master of Illinois has issued a very strong edict against the use of ciphers, and says that not only is the possession of a cipher a masonic offence, but that the knowledge of any one that another possesses such a thing and not giving information of the fact will be construed as evidence of guilt.

The Merchants' Association of New York send out a warning against the common house fly, suggesting that perhaps infant paralysis is due to the pest. Six thousand years of experience in Egypt shows no special mortality of infants, except just before the Exodus, and another reason is given for that. Nevertheless the fly is too plentiful and we recommend his destruction so far as possible.

The Naval Authorities in Boston send out an earnest call to the youth of Maine to join the Naval Reserve. It is a popular service in Maine and we recommend it. One of our apprentices has already gone forward.

Grand Master Armstrong of the Grand Council of Ohio has appointed William T. S. O'Hara of Toledo, March 8, 1917, as Grand Recorder in place of Comp. William E. Evans, deceased.

The Col. W. F. Cody Memorial Association proposes to erect a monument to "Buffalo Bill" on Lookout Mountain west of Denver, and would like to receive 50 cents from every Mason in the country for that purpose. "Barkis is willin."

Moses M. Hastings 33°.

Bro. Moses M. Hastings died in Bethel February 12, 1917. He was an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council and a Past Commander of St. John's Commandery of Bangor. He was a very genial and pleasant man, and we shall miss him from our Scottish Rite gatherings, where he was a frequent attendant. He was born December 2, 1834, in Bethel, and was accordingly of the age of 82 years, 2 months, 10 days.

Daniel P. Boynton of Monmouth, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge in 1890, died in Lewiston February 18, 1917. He was born in the town of Wales January 16, 1838, and was consequently 79 years, 1 month and 2 days of age. He was a devoted Mason and his brethren are much indebted to him for advice and information on the Law and Ritual. He was Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Missouri.

Robert Freke Gould

An earnest appeal is made in behalf of the widow of Gould, the Historian. He received nothing for his great history from the United States, as it was published before the international copyright law was enacted and royalty was paid to him. The Masons of America certainly owe him \$10,000, and contributions can be sent to her bankers, Old Bond Street Branch of The London City and Midland Bank Ltd., London, England. Postal orders are cheap and safe.

The Life Sublime.

There are two ways to live, for the self or for all. There are two kinds of life, the common place and the sublime, and every human being may freely choose. A noble life is not its environments but its method, not its stupendous accomplishments but its sincere endeavors.

Deceived by noisy demonstrations of the superficial, thoughtless and artificial, we are prone to mistake the simulation for fact and overlook that most splendid moral worth is consistent with the most obscure character. We have the bad habit of judging values from quantity instead of quality. We err in believing that the magnitude of an undertaking and not the excellence of the execution determines the ethical value of an act.

We should always remember that all thoughts and acts are parts of some other and in the ultimate abstract there is neither the great nor the small.

No idea, no expressed thought, can be greater or more exalted than the source from which it arises, and its value and importance is determined by the motive, the foundation upon which the structure is destined to rest, and the relation of the purpose, its effect upon others, for good or evil foreshadows its fate.

There is something for each of us to perform and that particular something can be done by us better than by another.

The apparent importance or obscurity of your office is of little consequence, but that which you eventually achieve is what is worth while.

The thing that after all counts, when all other viewpoints have been fully considered is that he shall faithfully act the role he is at the time playing, doing the very best he

knows shall not fall below the standard of his conscience and live and act up to the highest that is in him. This is not easy, no achievement comes to us without its parallel of sacrifice or criticism, and at times derision and abuse of those who cannot see the purpose or the aim.

To continue the effort in the face of opposition and disappointment, to follow without swerving from the path of our conviction develops our noblest qualities and stamps us as soldiers contending under the white flag of conscience; this constitutes the noblest reach of human endeavor.

But why should we take a course beset with such trouble and discomfort, instead of lazily drifting with the majority and enjoying the somnolent, but disappointing, so-called ease, of those who are concerned with self only, who never wake from their lethargy until their comfort is threatened and then act but half-heartedly? Why climb the steep and narrow path when the broad and easy one beckons us? There are two distinct ways of life—the planless, reasonless, soulless, selfish and drifting with the tide plan; the other, the difficult, is the masterful way. It is the upward way to mental and moral supremacy; it means the cultivation of self-reliance, of courage, of compassion, of helpfulness; it means the development of every talent and resource; it means a fuller, richer life, unknown and undreamt of by the drone of humanity. —[Missouri Freemason.]

The Shameless Slackers.

A shameless line of slackers has recently besieged the marriage license office in many cities of the country, and it is asserted that the majority of the males thus seeking to marry were doing so merely to escape military service. Men who will desert their country in time of need will likely also desert their hastily and conveniently acquired wives and following the marriages of these slackers will come a long trail of disrupted homes, divorce courts and abandoned children. It is therefore gratifying to know that the war department has decided not to exempt those males who have married since war was declared. Let it be hoped that there were no masons among the slackers.

The Masonic Chronicler declares that there are also slackers in Masonry. Masons who have no more sense of their obligations to the fraternity, the lodge, or to their brethren than these fellows who show no sense of allegiance, obligation or responsibility to their country. Men who receive all the benefits of the fraternity but who refuse to give anything in return, just as these cowards who would use skirts as shields and prostitute the marriage sacrament to avoid serving their country are claiming the privileges of citizenship but who do not merit that distinction.—[Masonic Voice-Review.]

"To Lift or to Lean."

There are two kinds of people on earth to-day,
Just two kinds of people, no more I say.
Not the saint and the sinner, for it is well under-
stood
The good are half bad and the bad are half good;
Not the rich and the poor, for to count a man's
wealth
You must first know the state of his conscience
and health;
Not the humble and proud, for in life's little span
Who puts on vain airs is not counted a man;
Not the happy and sad, for the swift-flying years
Bring each man his laughter, and each man his
tears.
No! the two kinds of people on earth that I mean,
Are the people who lift and the people who lean.
Where'er you go you will find the world's masses
Are always divided in just these two classes;
And, oddly enough, you find, too, I ween,
There is only one lifter to twenty who lean.
In what class are you? Are you easing the load
Of over-taxed lifters who toil down the road
Or are you a leaner, who lets others bear
Your portion of labor and worry and care?
—[Ella Wheeler Wilcox.]

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What lodge shall be next added?

Freemasonry A Luxury.

The other day a woman called on the writer and asked him to intercede with her husband to the extent that he would provide more liberally for the care and comforts of his family. The wife alleged that she was compelled to deny herself and children many of the comforts of life, which even people in ordinary circumstances enjoy in these modern times. As the husband had recently joined the Masonic Fraternity, there was some surprise at the request made by this particular woman. To make a long story short, an examination of the conditions disclosed the fact that the man had no business joining a Masonic Lodge, for the reason that his income did not warrant nor permit his expending money for this purpose, and that the reason the wife and children were denied that which they should have had, was because the money to pay the masonic fees had been borrowed and

was being returned in weekly stipends. This may be an unusual case, but it clearly illustrates the fact that one of the most important duties of every investigating committee is to ascertain whether or not an applicant for a Masonic Lodge can afford to indulge in this particular luxury, and no Masonic Lodge has a moral right to receive the petition of a man, when it knows that that man is taking from his family, in order that he may satisfy a masonic ambition. Masonry is not a necessity, but on the contrary is very much of a luxury, even to many who can well afford to participate in its mysteries.—[*The Illinois Freemason.*]

Work Together.

Work together if you would work with strength. To separate ourselves from our brethren is to lose power. Why, half dead brands heaped close will kindle one another, and flame will sparkle beneath the film of white ashes on their edges. Fling them apart and they go out. Rake them together and they glow. Let us try not to be little, feeble tapers, stuck in separate sockets, and each twinkling, struggling rays, over some inch or so of space; but draw near to our brethren, that there may rise a glorious flame from our summed and collective brightness which shall be a guide and hospitable call to many a wandering and weary spirit.—[*MacLeran.*]

What Is Masonry?

Freemasonry is a general system of benevolence, good counsel and mutual confidence. Its sick are attended; its dead are buried; its orphans are provided for; and the widow's heart is relieved of sad forebodings and gloomy misapprehensions.

In short, Masonry teaches reverence for God and his laws; love to our neighbors; fidelity to our country; obedience to its laws; a charitable disposition, honesty in business, and a personal honor that admits of no question.

It is tolerant of opinions; charitable in construction of motives; hears first, and then decides; and always allows mercy to prevail when evenly balanced with justice.

It is the friend of religion; the advocate and prompter of universal education; the active co-operator in all good enterprises, and frequently the motive power behind them.—[*Scottish Rite.*]

The Bible.

My brethren, here is a Book whose scene is the sky and the dirt and all that lies between—a Book that has in it the arch of the heavens, the curve of the earth, the ebb and flow of the sea, sunrise and sunset, the peaks of mountains and the glint of sunlight on flowing waters, the shadow of forests on the hills, the song of birds and the color of flowers. But its two great characters are

God and the soul, and the story of their eternal life together is its one everlasting romance. It is the most human of books, telling the old forgotten secrets of the heart, its bitter pessimism and its death-defying hope, its pain, its passion, its sin, its sob of grief, and its shout of joy—telling all without malice, in its grand style, which can do no wrong, while echoing the sweet-toned pathos of the pity and mercy of God. No other book is so honest with us, so mercifully merciful, so austere yet so tender, piercing the heart, yet healing the deep wounds of sin and sorrow.

Take this great and simple Book, white with age, yet new with the dew of each morning, tested by the sorrowful and victorious.—[*The Builder.*]

Masonry Beautiful.

Masonry to us is the most beautiful thing that we know of, because of its universality. It is the great defender of truth; it is always on the side of truth, because it recognizes first and foremost that truth is the defender of justice and is mighty and will prevail. Masonry never will and never can persecute its votaries as some great churches have persecuted men, nor will it ever make a Socrates drink the cup of hemlock. Masonry has a character which it gives to its individuals, and it not only gives character but culture to those who are parties to it. Masonry can play an important part in the policy and life of the nation in this day when all the world is looking towards her. We should be proud that Masonry furnishes the only place where we can meet and forget disability, blueness, and things which often distract, and as a builder of moral manhood, it has no peer; and to be identified with such an order, to realize that a man is not simply a member of the lodge, but a member of a great, growing, moral institution that belts the globe, spreading its light wherever the sons of men are found.—[*Tennessee Mason.*]

Let Your Light Shine.

In the present age when men are talking about Masonry becoming a world power, let us not forget that this can only be accomplished by setting an example of masonic character in each community. Until Masons become Masons outside of the lodge room as well as in it there is no hope that Masonry will influence the world.—[*Illinois Freemason*]

Brotherly Love.

Our chief duty to each other is that of brotherly love. When one is fully inspired with this, all the other duties will be of easy performance, because perfect love will not permit the slightest neglect in either. In the exercise of this virtue, we will delight to regard the whole human race as one family—to look upon the high and low, the

rich and poor, as alike made by the Supreme Being, and the objects of his watchful providence. By this principle it is that Masonry unites those of every class and clime throughout the world—bringing them together in feeling and heart, though widely separated by space. They breathe, however remote, a common atmosphere; they act, though never destined to meet, under the same impulses and to the same ends. There is a communion of spirit among thousands and millions of our fraternity, which works for good to the remotest corners of the world.

Brotherly love inculcates humility. In nothing does a brother show himself so admirably as in the absence of unworthy pride. Its display is at all times annoying, and indicates a weak head if not an unsound heart. Pride cannot exist without arrogance as an accompaniment, and the inclination to insult will not be without the desire to oppress and wrong. A modest and unobtrusive estimate of one's own worth will produce respect; inspire confidence and secure attachment. Let your minds, therefore, brethren, in your intercourse with each other, exhibit the proper subjection, and avoid all that is calculated to excite displeasure or cause pain. "Pride," it has been well said, "is an ingredient that is never found in exalted human nature. It is mixed in the composition of the weak minded. Those who have a mind to employ, and a heart to improve, have no inclination to be proud."

Brotherly love inculcates forbearance. How seldom, if this spirit were exercised at the proper period, would we notice disputes among those who consider themselves rational beings. How rarely would our lodges witness the controversy between brother and brother, if in the outset this virtue had possessed either one or the other of the disputants. "A soft word turneth away wrath," while an angry one kindles the fire that sometimes consumeth. Take care, then, my brethren, in your intercourse with each other and the world to avoid committing yourselves by hasty speech or action. Reason is given for the purpose of enabling you to control the degrading propensities of your nature. It teaches you to command your temper and to keep in check your passions, and if you do not so exercise it, you are little better than the brute which perisheth.

Brotherly love is charity. Comprehensive word—covering all the virtues of which the human heart is susceptible. Through the deeds its observance prompts, Masonry strives to make herself acceptable to the human family, and commends her institution to the favoring smiles of a benignant Providence. Charity prompts the noblest acts of which our nature is capable. It inclines us to think favorably of every man,

and do them good on all fitting occasions. It prompts liberality to the poor, not merely of our own order, but wherever found; and leads us to the abodes of the afflicted and despairing, with the means of consolation and relief. It makes us generous in our gifts for all purposes of general utility, whether to improve the mind, or ameliorate the condition of our fellows. In the masonic fraternity it is the richest jewel of the order, and should ever shine with dazzling lustre. Through its sway, the heart is ever open to the tale of sorrow, and the hand ready to grant relief in a season of calamity. Cold and unfeeling as the outer world may have been to the afflictions and sufferings of a brother, here he can approach unhesitatingly, and find sympathy, kindness and love. It is through this virtue that Masonry acquires her charm, exerts her sway, maintains her strength, and will perpetuate her power and existence.—[O. T. Wingo, Gr. Orator of Arkansas.]

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DIED.

MOSES M. HASTINGS, 33°, in Bethel Feb. 12, aged 82 yrs. 2 mos. 10 days. (See editorial.)

BENJAMIN AMES in Thorndike Feb. 8, aged 75. (See editorial.)

WILLIAM ROSS in Philadelphia Feb. 23, aged 78. (See editorial.)

DANIEL P. BOYNTON of Monmouth died in Lewiston Feb. 18, aged 79. (See editorial.)

EDMUND J. MURCH shot dead in Jacksonville, Fla., March 20. A Bangor physician and a Past Com. of St. John's Commandery.

GEORGE O. K. CRAM in Portland March 23, aged 73. He was a member of Portland Commandery.

HENRY S. WEBSTER in Gardiner Feb. 16, aged 71 yrs. 4 mos. 20 days. (See editorial.)

LORENZO S. ROBINSON in Rockland April For 30 years the Secretary of Aurora Lodge. He was also a Past Master.

WILLARD M. DUNN in Waterville March 23, aged 72. He was for many years Postmaster of Waterville.

ARTHUR W. BEALE in Portland April 21. City Treasurer. Buried by Portland Commandery.

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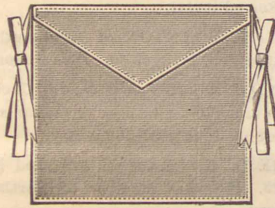
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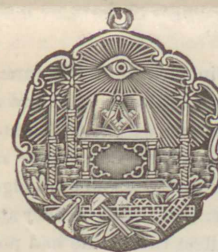
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